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## 'Carnaval @ SomerStreets' livens up the city



Somerville residents and visitors were treated to the festive atmosphere and events during the SoerStreets 'Carnavak' celebration this Sunday. Turn to pages 12-13 for more pictures. — Photo by Claudia Ferro

## Accessibility survey for residents

By Jim Clark

The City of Somerville is conducting a survey on accessibility needs, in coordination with the Institute for Human Centered Design. It is asking residents to distribute and take the survey, seeking to collect information that will influence the city's plans for accessibility development.

According to Mayor Joseph Curtatone, "If the city is going to prioritize the accessibility barriers and issues we have identified, we need to hear from those directly impacted by these barriers so we can make a meaningful difference in their daily lives."

Available through June 30, the survey will be available at [www.HumanCenteredDesign.com/IHCD-Studio/Somerville-Survey](http://www.HumanCenteredDesign.com/IHCD-Studio/Somerville-Survey). Designed to be accessible for users with disabilities, it will also be compatible with tablets and iPhones. A hard copy will be available in many places, including elderly housing centers and other locations for those who do not have the possibility of going online. Assistance in completing the survey will also be provided by members of the Somerville Commission for Persons with Disabilities.

"Our aim is the complete integration of persons with disabilities into the very fabric of this city," Somerville ADA

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## Guyanese fashion comes to Somerville

By Nidhi Mathson

Colorful, breezy and flowing dresses, skirts and swimwear adorned models as they sashayed down the aisle to rhythmic Caribbean music. It was the scene inside the Caribbean restaurant Some'Ting Nice in Somerville this past Memorial Day weekend. Outside, the traffic whizzed by on McGrath Highway. The restaurant had been transformed into a runway for models who walked by guests enjoying various selections from the menu. The mix of Caribbean food, fashion and music created a light and carefree mood among the viewers, who applauded and cheered for the models as they came by their tables in various outfits.

Guyanese fashion designer Sonia Noel was in town from the Caribbean exhibiting her new line of beach and resort wear titled "First Resort." The founder and CEO of Guyana Fashion Week said she has been designing for 16 years and is always inspired by her environment. Her designs were bright and airy, appropriate for all shapes and sizes, and included men's wear.

"Today [I'm displaying] my



Guyanese fashion was the focus at Some'Ting Nice in Somerville.

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Christine Barber of Thurston Street is a candidate for State Representative from Ward 4 and Ward 7 here in Somerville and several precincts in South Medford/Hillside and West. She has a fundraiser and kickoff Tuesday (last night ) night at Sabur Restaurant here in Somerville, we wish her the best of luck.

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Congratulations to Somerville High School class of 2014, who graduated this week, we wish them all a very successful future and peace.

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Somerville is pretty lucky to have two people heading up the Somerville High Adult Education classes, they are Principal Sophia Carafotes and Scott Weaver,Vice Principal. Both are very nice and very open to ideas on new classes that can be offered at the high school. If you think you have an idea or business you want to offer the city's residents then call the high school and ask for either Sophia or Scott. Speaking of classes offered, this is a bargain and a half, Drivers Ed Summer session at the High School. The course is 10 days, Monday and Thursday, offered by Pleasant Auto School and SHS Adult Education.

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Well we finally went to Daddy Jones the other night and tried out the various little appetizers, one dish that was so outstanding was the Mac & Cheese. WOW if you haven't tried it yet, get down in Magoun Square and try it out ... you can't get enough of it, its crazy good and a great place to hang out for a little while. We recommend it highly, the Mac & Cheese!

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Happy Birthday this week to some of our fans here and associated with the Ville. Big Happy Birthday to Mike Albano a good guy and Real Estate Broker (his office is downtown on Newbury Street) He grew up here in East Somerville, a well known Ville family and is seen here almost all the time, actually runs a RE license course out of Magoun Square. To Medford City councilor Paul Camuso who is a big fan of our paper is celebrating this week, a top vote in Medford and we are not surprised he's a real good guy. Lawrence "Larry the Floor Guy" Fidalgo another great guy and a business man here in the Ville we salute his birthday

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## TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

### Response to *Refuting myths about undocumented immigrants*

MarketMan says:

Good points, and I agree. Most people don't realize that today's immigration laws do not let average working people into this country legally anymore. Many of the complainers on this site like to complain about gentrification and the elitist snobs/liberals/etc. Well, our immigration system now focuses on allowing the "elite" into our country. How do you feel about that?

Also, the mayor's actions help prevent families from being traumatically separated and possibly destroyed. That can only help \*decrease\* crime.

Frank McSorley says:

Mr Mayor, with all due respect, I understand what you are trying to do. My problem, as it would be with any politician who would do the same, is you seem to think you have inherited some special power to pick and choose which laws you will enforce. Sorry, I don't trust any politician with this power, nor should I. If you don't like the laws, work to change them, but simply ignoring them is not correct and certainly not the American way. Let me ask you Mr Mayor, who do you trust enough to decide which laws are followed and which are ignored? We elected a Mayor, not a ruler.

Dennis G says:

Mr. McSorley: it is a voluntary (and potentially unconstitutional) program, not a law. Municipal Freedom Gives National Strength.

nocab says:

Nice Latino propaganda ,in as much as you think all illegals are Latino , both you and the mayor are wrong . There are plenty of illegals from all over the globe , all should play by the rules , that includes our mayor . The country is built on law and all laws should be obeyed , not just the ones the mayor likes.

Log onto [TheSomervilleTimes.com](http://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 have attended or plan on attending any of the ResiStat meetings for your neighborhood. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto [TheSomervilleTimes.com](http://TheSomervilleTimes.com).

### Have you attended or plan on attending any of the ResiStat meetings for your neighborhood?



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# City's First Source jobs efforts gain momentum

As Somerville residents are gaining employment at Assembly Row and learning job preparation skills through the city's First Source local hiring and workforce development program, an online job and talent bank and a program helping young adults access jobs is readying for launch this coming month.

The city's First Source movement is working to create a streamlined system through which employers can easily find local talent for their job openings, prepare residents for upcoming openings and build relationships with employers to advocate for local hiring and give Somerville residents a first look at open positions. First Source program staff will also work to match local residents to local jobs, and track hiring information to ensure that the program is working well.

Early data indicates that the initial system is working. At Assembly Row, information provided by retailers through April 2014 indicates that Assembly Row is on pace to achieve at least a 40 percent local hire rate, which exceeds the national First Source movement goal of 30 percent. This success has been achieved by the city partnering with Federal Realty (FRIT), developer

of Assembly Row, to ensure that local residents are aware of and prepared for local jobs. FRIT has conducted five job fairs for Assembly Row since March 1, with the first two fairs designed specifically to give Somerville residents a first look at and apply for jobs at the development.

Of the approximately 1,000 people who attended any of the five job fairs, 715 submitted employment applications, with almost half of those applications from Somerville residents. After screening application for age, required experience and tangible skills, between 350 and 400 applications moved forward in the hiring process after screening—with 297 of those applications from Somerville residents, meaning that somewhere between 74 and 85 percent of the screened applications are from Somerville residents.

Additional efforts at Assembly Row include FRIT's online job portal that lists current employment opportunities and allows residents to submit their contact information, so they can be alerted when new job openings come on line. FRIT also sends letters to hiring managers after commercial tenants sign their lease informing them of Somerville's commitment to help resi-

dents access local jobs.

Those letters to Assembly Row tenants now contain contact information for the Somerville Community Corporation (SCC), which has entered a two-year \$100,000 contract with the city to develop a local First Source model and provide workforce development services to residents. SCC has partnered with The Career Place (TCP), the Woburn-based career center that serves Somerville residents and now has a staff person in Somerville with SCC twice each week to better serve Somerville residents.

SCC and TCP reach out to Somerville residents, informing them about the job preparation services available to them, and participating residents go through an extensive process that assesses their existing skills, work history, career interests and financial literacy. SCC and TCP then host a variety of workshops to prepare clients for local employment opportunities, including resume writing, mock interviews and soft-skill training such as group dynamics and conflict resolution. SCC and TCP are also cultivating relationships with local employers to identify job opportunities and so that when opportunities become available, hiring managers



Assembly Row is one of several commercial centers participating in the city's First Source movement, helping young adults to find jobs.

contact SCC directly in order to give SCC's client base a first look at local jobs.

Using funds from the city's Workforce Development grant, the SCC will launch an online Talent Bank and Jobs Bank this June. The Talent Bank will include residents who are looking for employment, including an overview of their skills and employment interests. The Jobs Bank will be a local jobs board of Somerville-specific opportunities, available to SCC clients interested in searching for Somerville-based jobs. SCC and TCP will help to create matches across these online databases.

Applications are also now available for the "Pocket Change"

pilot program, designed to help low-income young adults, aged 18-24, gain full-time employment with local employers, and businesses, residents and community partners are encouraged to participate and help put the city's youth on a path to prosperity. An information session will be held on Tuesday, June 4, from 6-8 p.m. at Somerville Community Corporation, 337 Somerville Ave.

"Pocket Change" is funded by a \$100,000 Working Cities Challenge grant awarded to the city by the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, and is a partnership between the city, Somerville Community Corporation and The Career Place.

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# THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

## Alleged shoplifter well dressed beneath it all

Police were called to Saks Fifth Avenue on 300 Canal St. last Saturday on reports that loss prevention personnel were fighting with an alleged shoplifter in the store's parking lot area.

Upon arrival, police officers assisted in subduing the suspect, Hacene Merzi, 55, back into the store's loss prevention office.

Officers said that they noticed bulging underneath Merzi's

clothing, suggesting to them that he had stuffed stolen clothing into his pants.

Once in the store's loss prevention office, Merzi reportedly removed a blue suit and a pair of jeans from underneath his pants.

Officers noted that Merzi was wearing two pairs of pants, one pair which was tight fitting and another that was looser. Police

report that this is a common technique used by shoplifters, aiding them in concealing items they intend to steal.

The loss prevention personnel reportedly told police that Merzi had been suspected of stealing from this store as well as others and has been the target of an ongoing investigation. Police were shown video footage of Merzi's alleged shoplifting incidents

from many stores in locations as far as Manchester, NH.

Police were told that employees were tipped off that Merzi was in their store on that day because he was wearing the same New England Patriots Jersey that he had worn during a previous incident that was recorded on surveillance video.

Merzi was shown the surveillance video reportedly showing

him stuffing the suit and jeans down his pants. He then said to police, "I don't need to watch this, I know I did it. I'm sorry, I know I took the stuff," according to reports.

Merzi was placed under arrest and charged with larceny over \$250.

Police arranged to receive copies of the surveillance videos for use as evidence.

## Abused police cruiser bites back

Members of the police Gang/Anti-Crime unit observed a group of individuals reportedly smoking marijuana in Edward Leathers Park last week and called for backup as they approached them to investigate.

The plainclothes officers showed their badges as they approached and one of the individuals in the group fled the area.

A short time later, police heard a loud banging noise nearby and upon investigating reportedly found a man, later identified as Jeff Banos, 34, who appeared to be causing damage to a parked police cruiser.

Officers pursued Banos as he left the area. After looking back and seeing that he was being followed he reportedly

began to run, at which time the officers gave chase to apprehend him.

Banos reportedly tripped and fell as he was running. A pursuing officer said that he heard the sound of a metallic object hitting the ground as he fell.

Banos rose from the ground and continued to run, according to reports, and when officers

caught up with him he struggled with them, resisting their efforts to restrain him.

The man was eventually handcuffed and placed under arrest.

Inspection of the damaged cruiser showed that the rear window had been smashed and there were several gouge marks on one of the doors.

A large flashlight was found

near the area where Banos fell.

Blood spots were reportedly found on pieces of the police cruiser's smashed window. During booking, police noted that Banos had cuts and blood on his hands.

He has been charged with resisting arrest, destruction of property over \$250, and disorderly conduct.

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## SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

### Arrests:

**Mark Baxter**, 50, of 37 Jaques St., May 27, 9:03 a.m., arrested at 175 Fellsway on a warrant charge of assault and battery.

**Edson Costa**, 48, of 14 Boston St., May 27, 7:10 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery.

**Melanie Reddy**, 30, of 12 Bickford Rd., Malden, May 27, 7:19 p.m., arrested at 22 McGrath Hwy. on a warrant charge of shoplifting over \$100 by asportation.

**Valerie Baker**, 45, of 105 Chauncy St., Boston, May 27, 7:19 p.m., arrested at 22 McGrath Hwy. on a warrant charge of larceny under \$250.

**Robert O'Leary**, 45, of 24 Henley St., Medford, May 28, 2:48 p.m., arrested at Prescott St. on charges of failure to stop or yield and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

**Kenan Smith**, 34, of 33 Fairland St., Roxbury, May 28, 5:36 p.m., arrested at Assembly Row on multiple warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

**Donna Toussaint**, 50, of 8

Everett Ave., May 28, 5:52 p.m., arrested at 635 Somerville Ave. on a warrant charge of larceny over \$250.

**David Kakles**, 45, May 29, 11:49 p.m., arrested at 5 Canal Ln. on multiple charges of assault and battery.

**Charles Litopolous**, 29, of 55 Adams St., May 31, 10:28 a.m., arrested at Grove St. on charges of being present where heroin is kept and conspiracy to violate drug law.

**Ryan Hughes**, 28, of 110 Sheridan Ave., Medford, May 31, 10:28 a.m., arrested at Grove St. on charges of drug possession to distribute, drug violation near a school, and conspiracy to violate drug law, and on a warrant charge of possession of a class A drug.

**Hacene Merzi**, 55, of 13A Cottage St., May 31, 10:43 a.m., arrested at 300 Canal St. on a charge of larceny over \$250.

**Edgard Matos**, 26, of 132 Garfield Ave., Hyde Park, May 31, 4:16 p.m., arrested at 77 Middlesex Ave. on warrant charges of larceny from a person, abuse prevention or-

der violation, felony daytime breaking and entering, drug possession to distribute, and assault and battery.

**Stephen Collins**, 29, of 27 Dickinson St., May 31, 6:13 p.m., arrested at 35 Memorial Rd. on warrant charges of walking or riding on railroad tracks, conspiracy to violate drug law, and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

**Cameron Bourque**, 29, of 88 Gillman St., May 31, 8:07 p.m., arrested at home on warrant charges of malicious damage to a motor vehicle and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

**Jeff Banos**, 34, of 47 Hanson St., May 31, 10:19 p.m., arrested at 301 Medford St. on charges of resisting arrest, destruction of property over \$250, and disorderly conduct.

**Jose Caldas**, 36, of 62 Madison St., Everett, May 31, 10:19 p.m., arrested at McGrath Hwy. on warrant charges of assault with a dangerous weapon, operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor, and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

### Incidents:

#### Theft:

May 27, 12:59 p.m., police reported a theft at 541 Broadway.

May 27, 1:40 p.m., police reported a theft at North St.

May 27, 3:21 p.m., police reported a theft at Dickinson St.

May 27, 7:26 p.m., police reported a theft at Broadway.

May 28, 5:14 p.m., police reported a theft at Hamilton Rd.

May 29, 11:58 a.m., police reported a theft at Derby St.

May 29, 6:59 p.m., police reported a theft at Summer St.

May 29, 9:02 p.m., police reported a theft at Walker St.

May 30, 7:02 p.m., police reported a theft at Cross St.

#### Robbery:

May 27, 11:47 p.m., police reported a robbery at Broadway.

#### Vehicle Theft:

May 29, 7:35 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at 165 Middlesex Ave.

#### Assault:

May 27, 12:59 p.m., police reported an assault at 91 Highland Ave.

May 27, 7:10 p.m., police reported an assault at 91 Highland Ave.

May 29, 10:49 p.m., police reported an assault at Canal Ln.

June 1, 5:20 a.m., police reported an assault at Cross St.

#### Destruction of Property:

May 27, 8:33 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at Cedar St.

May 27, 3:24 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at 277 Broadway.

May 29, 6:51 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at Bromfield Rd.

May 29, 3:37 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Pearson Ave.

June 1, 8:08 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at 400 Somerville Ave.

#### Drug Violation:

May 31, 10:28 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Highland Ave.

#### Disorderly Conduct:

May 31, 10:19 p.m., police reported a disorderly conduct at Medford St.

# Don't go to Rite Aid for your heroin

By Jim Clark

Police Drug Control Unit officers conducting surveillance on a West Somerville residence took notice of a suspected heroin dealer as he walked from that location to the Rite Aid on Highland Ave. last week.

Police said that the man, Ryan Hughes, 28, of Medford, arrived at Rite Aid and appeared to scan the area, looking for someone to meet with.

Another man, Charles Litopolous, 29, arrived by car and parked in the store's lot, at which time Hughes reportedly joined him inside the vehicle.

The two men appeared to be engaged

in what the officers believed to be a drug transaction and converged on the vehicle to investigate.

After questioning and searching the suspects, police said that bundles quantities of what appeared to be heroin were found on Hughes' person.

According to reports, Hughes admitted to police that he intended to sell heroin to Litopolous.

Hughes was placed under arrest and charged with drug possession to distribute, drug violation near a school, and conspiracy to violate drug law.

Litopolous was placed under arrest on charges of being present where heroin is kept and conspiracy to violate drug law.

# 2 Somerville parks win awards



Two of Somerville's newest parks, Chuckie Harris Park and Quincy Street Open Space, won recognition at the annual awards gala of the Boston Society of Landscape Architects (BSLA), the oldest and one of the largest landscape architecture society chapters in the U.S., which also presented Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone with its highest award for his leadership in design, transportation and sustainability.

Landscape architects Eden and Will Martin of GroundView LLC won the HONOR Award at the awards gala held on May 1 for the design of Chuckie Harris Park in East Somerville, which opened in July 2013.

Called "a quiet revolution in playground design" by WBUR, the park is centered around a "mountain" design concept, as chosen by the community, that recalls East Somerville's historic Mount Benedict. The "mountain" has a giant slide, climbing equipment and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant paths. Chuckie Harris Park also has a rain-style water-play feature that doubles as a movie screen; riding toys in the play area designed to look like Ford Edsels, which were built around the corner at Assembly Square; seven new community garden plots; and a bocce court that celebrates the new Americans who immigrated to East Somerville.

The park incorporates sustainability features, such as capturing rainwater that flows into a rain garden filled with plants, and water from the water-wall play structure goes into underground pipes that passively water the street trees. Chuckie Harris Park was funded through the federal Housing and Urban Development, Community Development Block Grant Funds and a Massachusetts Division of Conservation Services PARC grant.

Quincy Street Open Space, which opened in January 2013, earned a Merit Award for landscape analysis and planning for architects Weston Sampson and Cheri Ruane of Spurr Design Studios and Wanted LLC.

Located outside of Union Square between Somerville Avenue and Summer Street, this project transformed a city-owned "urban wild" created in 1989 through the Somerville Conservation Commission, and tended to by neighbors, into a 5,000 square foot sustainable woodland park. Quincy Street Open Space features three terraced levels of plantings, including plants that were part of the original park and replanted after the renovation, and two ADA accessible boardwalks.

The park also features, in lieu of the common park benches, Adirondack-style chairs made from recycled milk jugs. Curbstone originally stockpiled during renovations of Somerville Avenue were reused to create terraces across the site, and despite intensive plantings, no new irrigation system was installed. Instead, an existing water spigot allows caretakers to water Quincy Street Open Space's plantings, and the park features a sustainable drainage system so that no water runs off into the sewer system, but stays within the park. Quincy Street Open Space was funded through Community Development Block Grants.

At the awards gala, BSLA President Tim Nickerson also presented Curtatone with the BSLA's highest award, the Award of Excellence. In presenting the award, Nickerson cited Mayor Curtatone's "exemplary support of landscape architecture through his visionary leadership in community-based design, revitalization of public parks and open spaces, extensive expansion of alternate modes of transportation, and growing sustainable practices throughout Somerville."

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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### ESCS lucky to have dedicated staff

I am writing this letter because I think Mr. Devanthery, Dr. Natch, Ms Weigenfeld and Ms. Vozella at the East Somerville Community School have gone well beyond their duties. They are amazing as teachers and counselors. They have put forth more than they have to for our children. They have done not only their job, but the job of others to make sure our

children are safe.

They have extreme patience and knowledge for our children and parents. For this I absolutely think they should be recognized and thanked for going above and beyond what is expected from a principal, teacher or counselor. I wish there were more principals and teachers like them.

— Michelle Ferro

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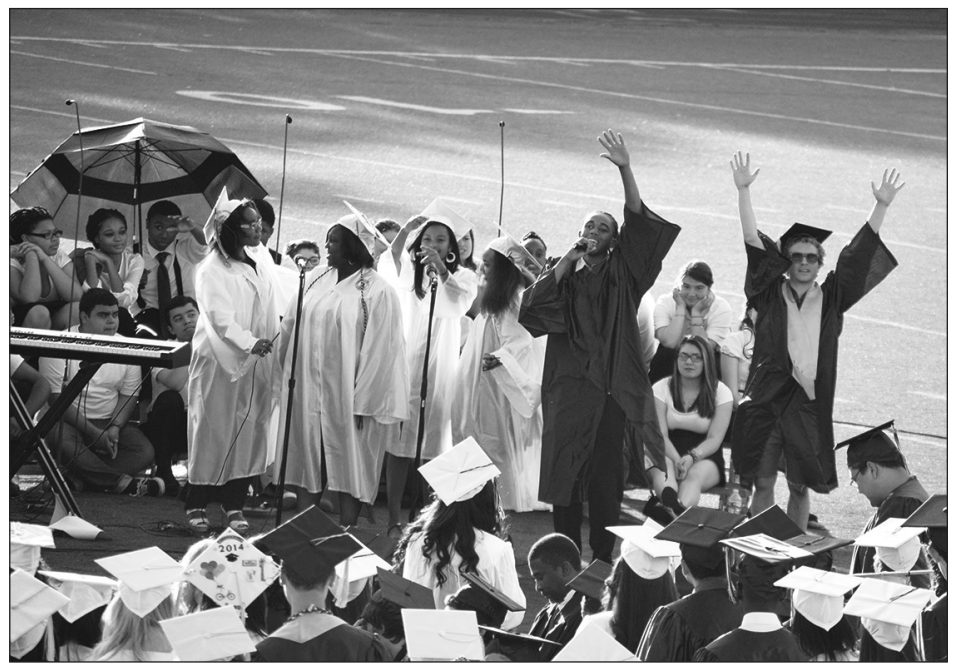
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## Accessibility survey for residents

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Coordinator Betsy Allen said, "We need and we value residents' help. Help us make Somerville the model of inclusion it is well on its way to be."

The city conducted a six-month review of its infrastructure, policies, procedures, programs and services last year, as well as an in-depth examination of its public right of way (PROW).

The ADA Self-Evaluation and Pedestrian Accessibility Study are now being

incorporated into a living, multi-year action Transition Plan—a roadmap for the future, with the help of the community, in an effort to ensure that residents have equal access to the city's streets, sidewalks, buildings, parks and programs.

To learn more about the survey or to volunteer in distributing the survey, contact Allen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2323, or by email at [ballen@somervillema.gov](mailto:ballen@somervillema.gov).

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**THE HOUSE AND SENATE.** *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records local representatives' votes on two roll calls from the week of May 26-30. There were no roll calls in the Senate 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. Timothy Toomey**

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



**Sen. Patricia Jehlen**

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

**\$145 MILLION SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET (H 4081)**

House 122-29, approved a \$145 million supplemental budget to fund various state programs until fiscal year 2014 ends on June 30. Provisions include \$526,380 for veterans' benefits, \$4 million for the Department of Children and Families Department for guardianship, foster care, adoption and family preservation services, and \$27.5 million for charter schools.

Supporters said the package is a fiscally responsible one that funds necessary programs including several which are running out of money.

Some opponents said this budget is just a continuation of a string of budgets that are based on the wrong pri-

orities, excessive taxes and insufficient local aid. Others said they voted against the budget because the Democratic leadership has refused to release the details of past and future costs resulting from the collapse of the state's Health Connector website designed to comply with Obamacare.

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

Rep. Denise Provost Yes  
Rep. Timothy Toomey Yes

**EXPAND BOSTON CONVENTION CENTER (H 4111)**

House 131-19, approved and sent to the Senate a \$1.1 billion borrowing bill to fund a 1.3 million square-foot expansion of the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center. There are no new taxes or fees created in the bill and funding is provided by existing fees and taxes including a 4.25 percent tax on hotel rooms in Boston and Cambridge and a \$10 fee on all car rentals in the Boston.

Supporters said Massachusetts is losing substantial business from events that the Boston Convention and exhibition center is too small to accommodate. They argued the project will create 4,000 construction jobs and 2,000 new permanent jobs and generate an estimated \$15 million annually in taxes and \$185 million in private sector business including restaurants, hotels and other entertainment spending.

Opponents said the state was scheduled to pay off the existing loans that built the convention center by 2034 at which point that money would be available for the state's General Fund to use on projects that will benefit residents across the state. They noted this new expansion will require the state to continue servicing the debt on the \$1.1 billion project until 2050, at a loss of \$5 billion of revenue that would have been available for the state.

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

Rep. Denise Provost Yes  
Rep. Timothy Toomey Yes

**ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL**

**TRANSGENDER PROTECTION (H 3625)** - Gov. Deval Patrick signed into law a bill that would add gender identity as a group protected from discrimination in the Boston housing market. Current law prohibits discrimination in several areas including race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, religion, handicap, source of income and military status.

**ALLOW SUNDAY HUNTING (H 4114)** - The House gave initial approval to a bill that would allow deer hunting on Sundays with a bow and arrow. Current law bans any hunting on Sundays.

Supporters said it is time to abolish this puritanical ban and stop Bay State hunters from traveling to and spending money in neighboring states where Sunday hunting is legal. They argued this would create an estimated 500 new jobs and generate millions of dollars in the private sector as well as tax revenue.

Some opponents said they oppose hunting and are against adding any additional days for this barbaric practice. Others said Sunday hunting will make it dangerous

for people who simply want to take nature walks and enjoy the wildlife. They cited a 2007 poll showing that 86 percent of Bay State residents support this restriction and data that 34 percent of the state's population aged 16 or older take part in bird watching, photography, hiking and other wildlife activities while just 1 percent participate in hunting.

**NATIONAL GUARD (H 4109)** - The House gave initial approval to a new version of a measure filed by Gov. Patrick making changes in the state's National Guard system. When he originally filed the bill, Patrick said, "This bill modernizes the Guard's governing statute, which was last revised in 1953, and brings Massachusetts into conformity with the overwhelming majority of states. This legislation will facilitate the work of the Guard and strengthen the Commonwealth's readiness and resiliency."

**INFORMATION ABOUT BREAST RECONSTRUCTION SURGERY (H 1959)** - The House gave initial approval to a bill requiring all facilities that provide mastectomy surgery, lymph node dissection or a lumpectomy to provide specific information to the patient in writing prior to the patient giving consent to the procedure. The information would include the advantages and disadvantages of various reconstructive options and the coverage of these surgeries under private and state-funded health insurance.

**HEAD INJURIES (H 1983)** - The House gave initial approval to a bill requiring physician assistants who work for public schools to annually take the interscholastic athletic head injury safety training program. This would add physician assistants to a current list required to take the training including doctors, nurses, coaches, trainers and volunteers. The key part of the training includes recognizing the symptoms of potentially catastrophic head injuries and concussions.

**MOTORCYCLES (H 3055)** - The House gave initial approval to a bill giving motorcycle owners nine days, instead of the current seven days, to get their vehicle inspected. Supporters said the additional two days are necessary because there are not an abundance of stations that perform motorcycle inspections and riders are often not able to ride on rainy and snowy days.

**PAROLE HEARINGS (H 4084)** - The Judiciary Committee heard testimony on a bill that would increase from every five years to every ten years the time second-degree murderers would be granted a parole hearing once they become eligible for parole after serving 15 to 20 years. The statute on time between hearings was increased from three to five years in 1996. The bill is named "Leslie's Law" after Leslie Haynes, who was murdered by a former boyfriend in 1982.

Supporters said every five years is too frequent and subjects victims' families to the nightmare of facing the killer and testifying against the parole.

Opponents said this new law would make first- and second-degree murder almost equal and essentially eliminate the incentive for anyone to plead guilty to second-degree murder.

**QUOTABLE QUOTES**

"There is no place for discrimination of any kind here in





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the City of Boston.” — *Boston Mayor Marty Walsh commenting on Gov. Patrick’s signing into law a bill adding gender identity as a class protected from discrimination in the Boston housing market.*

“The gas and cigarette tax were increased in the past within a matter of months, yet we still wait 15 months later for welfare reforms.” — *Rep. Shaunna O’Connell (R-Taunton), urging a House-Senate conference committee to work out the differences between the House and Senate versions of welfare reform.*

“We have to face our sister’s murderer every five years.” — *Robin Haynes Teague, sister of Leslie Haynes, who was murdered by an ex-boyfriend, urging lawmakers to support a bill requiring ten years instead of five years between parole hearings for second-degree murderers.*

“If this bill passes, the second-degree guilty plea will become virtually extinct. Everyone will go to trial.” — *Max Stern, criminal defense attorney, testifying in opposition to the bill.*

“Children in the high exposure area (Logan Airport) were three-to-four times more likely to report asthma-related symptoms compared with children in the low exposure area.” — *From a Massachusetts Department of Public Health study on the environmental health impacts of Logan.*

**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 May 26-30, the House met for a total of six hours and 48 minutes and the Senate met for a total of three hours and 5 minutes.

Mon. May 26	No House session No Senate session
Tues. May 27	House 11:03 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Senate 11:02 a.m. to 1:28 p.m.
Wed. May 28	House 11:02 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. No Senate session
Thurs. May 29	House 11:01 a.m. to 11:39 a.m. Senate 11:01 a.m. to 11:40 a.m.
Fri. May 30	No House session No Senate session

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**Guyanese fashion comes to Somerville** CONT. FROM PG 1

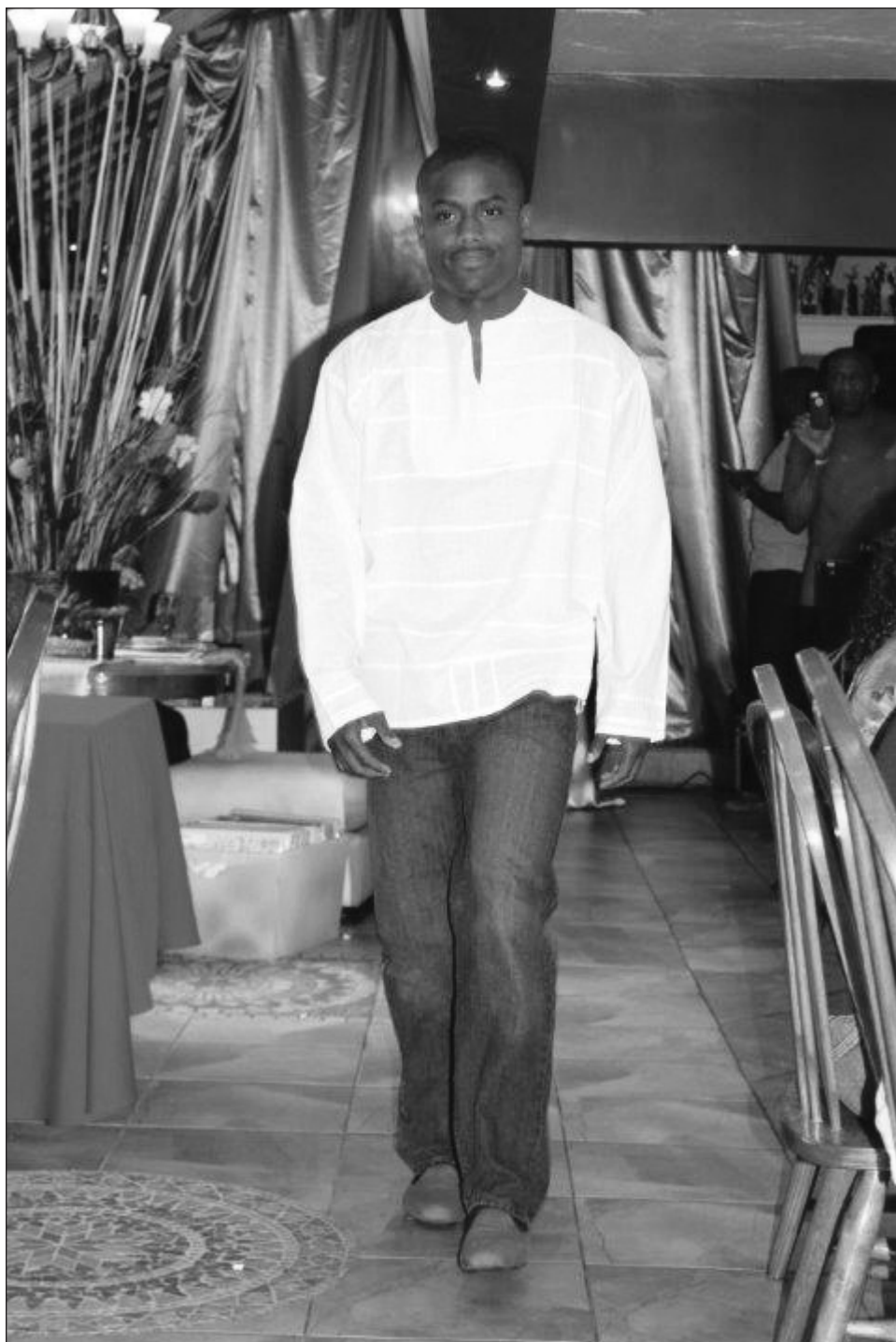
new line called ‘First Resort.’ When you think about the Caribbean you think of flow and color. It’s much simpler, more relaxed and easy,” said Noel as she described the fashion line that was on display at the restaurant. “I also have another line called Mariska, which

is much more structured and high-end.” Although it was her first time in Massachusetts, the designer has attended fashion shows in New York and other parts of the world. Her schedule ahead was already full, with shows to attend in New

York, Guyana, Jamaica and the Caribbean. “I try to use the platform of fashion, because it has such a ready audience, to subtly send messages of social ills of our society, so over the years we’ve done (awareness-raising themes of) domestic vio-

lence, HIV, breast cancer, and even the environment, which should be taken more seriously than people do. We all have to live in it, and we want it to be a better place.” Noel owns a boutique in Guyana and is looking to expand outside the Carib-

bean. Among the many hats she wears, she also recently launched her own magazine called Makin’ Style, which hit New York newsstands last year. In September, Noel will have 15 of her designs featured at the Brooklyn Wine and Food festival in New York.



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## COMMENTARY

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## Summer events in Somerville: Outside life makes a great city



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Last Sunday we kicked off the fifth annual SomerStreets series with Carnaval at SomerStreets on East Broadway. That afternoon, the streets of East Somerville weren't filled with cars, but with people dancing,

playing music, walking, running and biking. It's the start of another summer in Somerville and we have a calendar overflowing with fun and free outdoor activities that bring neighbors together. SomerStreets will come to Highland Avenue in July, to Holland Street in September and Somerville Avenue in October. The Somerville Arts Council has a number of great events coming up this month, including the History of Tap dance performance this Saturday in Magoun Square and the second Somerville Squeezebox Slam on Saturday, June 14, with accordionists

performing around Somerville and coming together in Davis Square for a concert.

All these events have one thing in common—building community. People are returning to Somerville and the urban core at historic levels because they seek that community that is at the heart of cities. They want the vibrancy and connectivity of urban neighborhoods: walking to the store, biking to work and easy access to public transit. They also want the diversity, character, culture and community that sets our city apart. All these summer events celebrate the character of

our city, and there's a reason we want to have all these events out in public spaces, in parks and in our streets.

Because what makes a great city? It's outside life. It's when people meet one another and socialize. Vibrant, desirable communities are created when people are out on the sidewalks, in the parks and plazas, in the streets and paths, walking, pushing strollers, and biking. It's why festivals, the arts, farmers' markets and more all happen in our public spaces. Our home isn't where we sleep at night. A home is our community. And it's com-

munities that build great cities.

Festivals like SomerStreets and our work on parks, open spaces and streetscapes draws people out, inviting them to spend more time gathering, dining, shopping, or simply taking in the street life from a favorite bench. It's about creating a place that says, "This is not just a road to somewhere else. This is a destination." That's we love about Somerville and want to see more of—parks, city squares, all these common places filled with people, with so much energy you can feel it in the air.

But we know that making places where

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## More grass fields. Less plastic turf.



By Renée Scott

Somerville government promotes our city as a "great place to live, work, play and raise a family." For the most part it's true, which is why we all live here. But there are too few places to play.

Our grass playing fields average 430 events per year, while

they should not host over 250 per year. So they become mud holes when it rains and dust bowls when it's dry. Just ask the Alibrandis what it's like to play at Trum Field.

Somerville has the lowest proportion of open space in Massachusetts, just 6.75%, and that includes cemeteries and paved schoolyards. Even denser than us, New York City still enjoys four times the open space that we do, while 25.4% of Manhattan is open space. Meanwhile, in Somerville developers cram as many condos as possible onto the few remaining unde-

veloped lots.

The best and most obvious solution is not an easy one: we need more grass fields.

Whether used for organized sports, community events, or family recreation, grass fields are an essential part of a healthy community.

Some people, in and out of city government, would like to cover the busier fields with artificial turf. They sincerely believe that it would be cheaper and would eliminate most rainouts. This is a tragedy in the making.

A well-made 85,000-square-foot grass field on an absorp-

tive sand bed costs between \$250,000 and \$350,000 to lay down. Covered with plastic grass, the same field costs between \$850,000 and \$1 million to install, and another half-million to replace every eight-to-ten years.

Annual maintenance costs are about the same for both, though factoring in replacement costs of the plastic turf brings grass field maintenance costs to only half those of most basic synthetic turf fields over a ten-year period. A top-of-the-line synthetic field is triple the average cost of grass.

To put it another way, the

SportsTurf Managers Association determined a dollars-per-square-foot cost incorporating construction and maintenance. They calculated that natural grass with a coarse sand substrate is \$3.50-to-\$5.25 per square foot; synthetic turf is \$7.80-to-\$10.75 per square foot.

It's true that players can slosh through a swampy synthetic turf field without damaging the plastic. But a grass-over-sand field can accommodate a surprisingly heavy amount of rainfall. I see that happen when my kids play

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Life in the  **VILLE** by Jimmy Del Ponte

## Lechmere Sales: Where you pocket the difference!



"...Started in 1913 ... the shop grew from carriage needs to auto needs and then in the 1940's ... the addition of electrical appliances came along ... and the name was changed to Lechmere Tire and Sales Company." The word "tire" would be dropped by 1950 ... and most of us would fondly call the sprawling retailer located just over in East Cambridge ... Lechmere's." From Shopping Days in Retro Boston.

Lechmere Sales was gone by 1997. In its heyday the store at 88 First St. in Cambridge was the place to go for major appliances, household and electrical goods at reasonable prices. At that location since 1963, not only did it boast of a

large parking area, but it was also on the Green Line (Lechmere), making it quite convenient. Do you remember that all the prices ended with 88 cents to depict the stores' address?

My dad bought our first color TV there around 1964 or so. I can still see the excitement on my little brother's face that Christmas morning. Lots of people tell me they got their first credit card there.

LP vinyl record albums cost \$2.99. A friend got two 19" Zenith color TVs there in 1982 and just replaced them last year. Lots of young married couples got their washers, dryers and refrigerators at Lechmere's.

Many Somerville friends remember working there. One guy made \$1.88 an hour in the office and others worked on

the floor and in the stock room. The cafeteria workers wore pink jumpsuits and one friend was an undercover store detective. One lady worked there for 25 years right up until it closed.

Many couples met while working at Lechmere, some are still together, some aren't. Joey says, "I got my first portable stereo FM radio there in 1969. Most of the radio stations were still on AM. There were some college stations, some classical stations and WBCN! I loved that radio!" A young lady recalls, "I purchased my first wooden kitchen set there ... my daughter still uses it ... they don't make them like they used to." Lisa says, "I got my ears pierced there when I was 14 or 15." Sandy remembers, "I bought my first cellphone there and I got a stove, a fridge



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A former Lechmere customer shares this, "I bought my

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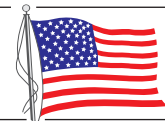
## SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Congratulations to our graduates of 2014!

### The View Of The Times



Another year passes and we pause at this time to congratulate and honor the hard working students who achieved their goal of successfully completing their courses of studies at their respective high schools and colleges.

It takes a lot of dedication and commitment to follow through to completion in this world, which is filled with

so many challenges and distractions. It is no small feat to take one's education to the limit, and these moments represent important milestones along the path to success in life.

We should lavish these kids with praise for their accomplishments and encourage them to take it to the next level. To constantly strive to better themselves, be

it moving on to college or grad school, professional or vocational schooling. Going yet another step further shows ambition and a sense of belief in oneself that can propel one to success unimagined by those who fall short of the mark.

It can be said that one's life is a never-ending process of discovery and learning. That we are always in school, in

fact. Still, achieving the goal of completing a set course of study is especially satisfying and sets the stage for even bigger accomplishments.

And so we applaud the achievements of the class of 2014. May they go on to know great success in their professional and personal lives. They so clearly deserve it.

#### Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

as well. A good guy Frank LoBuono who grew up here in Somerville lives now with his new wife Jennifer in Boca Raton as a Park Ranger, we wish him the very best. To newcomer here in the Ville, Brendan Mansfield, who loves it here in Somerville and works over at Harvard. We wish him the very best. He loves Davis Square so we probably know where he's going to be to celebrate. And to a good guy who grew up in East Somerville, Brian Peddle, who lives now in NH but has got strong feelings for our city ... he was a great kid growing up here and a know-it-all. Another nice lady who is as popular as her great husband is celebrating this week as well. Happy Birthday and best wishes to Nancy Wollenburg-Kreimeyer (Best Pest fame) who is on their annual long vacation right now but were sure Rod has picked out a nice gift for her.

Tom and Celica Taylor are planning a Yard Sale on Saturday, at 32 Vinal Ave, June 21 from 10 to 1 and Sunday the 22nd from 4 to 7. RAIN DATE for either day will be Monday the 23rd from 3 to 6. They are drastically downsizing to move completely into their first floor with an addition for a bedroom in their plans. There is something for

everyone including vintage, antiques, collectibles, furniture, books and household items. More reminders and details will be forthcoming, Celica and Tom are grateful for all the help they have gotten to do this.

Congratulations to Maria Novoa, Gladys Novoa and Helena Lopes of Winter Hill for finishing the evening course (real estate license course) up at the High School. We hear they were great adult students and lots of fun to have in a class. The three of them will be very successful Real Estate agents, remember their names and say hi to them when you see them, great ladies and great friends.

Keeping you posted on our dear friend and awesome lady Ms. Cam Toner, she is home and doing great, we hear she is aching to get back to work real soon. We salute her progress and great grit and the strong constitution she has, she's unbelievable. We here at the Somerville times love her very much.

Installation of Officers at the Somerville Rotary this week, the chain of command moves along from Nancy Kavanagh, who had a great year heading up the local club, now passes the

baton on to Jenison Wallace. Installation will be Thursday night at the Highlander Café at the High School. We salute Jenison and wish him a great year ahead leading Somerville Rotary. If you're a business person here in the city and would like to find out more about Rotary, go to our papers web site and check out their web site, Somerville Rotary meets Tuesday's every week at 12:15 Mt. Vernon Restaurant, come and meet the members and find out how you can become a member as well. Email our new president Jenison for direct information on how you can join, at [jwallace@ecsb.com](mailto:jwallace@ecsb.com).

Are you already sick of the silly slogans we are hearing for the various candidates running for public office? Instead of boasting their platforms and what they want to do so we can make a decision on that we only hear so far stupid slogans. Slogans that are frankly kind of demeaning to the voters in general, at least that's our opinion. Drop the slogans candidates and tell us what you want to do, simple. On our blog, let us know if you agree and what is the silliest slogan you've heard so far!

The city budget is carefully going to be scrutinized over the next sever-

al weeks, all the departments will be submitting them, and the Board of Alderman will be looking close at all the sources and we hope certain contracts that are awarded will be done on a basis that is fair to all, don't we! Taxes have gone up and yes fees are taxes with another name, have you checked out the cost of coffee at DD here in the city and the tax that goes to the city of Somerville? Cheaper to get a coffee over in Medford isn't it? We will be following the budget process very closely and will be keeping you posted.

The East Somerville Reunion is on and will be July 12th at the Somerville City Club, open to all who grew up in East Somerville, 60's, 70's & 80's, from all parts of East Somerville, Cross Street, the Avenues, Glen Park, Florence Street Park, Prescott School, Edgerly School, all areas if you grew up and want to reacquaint yourself with others from the same neighborhood, this is the party for you.

Ran into an old friend and great guy from an old and large East Somerville family, good old Steve Buckley, still lives in East Somerville, nice guy some of us have known him for decades and he's never changed

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# 'Carnaval @ SomerStreets'

The city's fifth annual SomerStreets series kicked off for summer 2014 with "Carnaval @ SomerStreets" on East Broadway Sunday. SomerStreets is the city's take on the internationally renowned "open streets" concept, closing busy city streets to vehicles and opening them up for cycling, walking, dancing, running and other activities.

The event is produced through a partnership with East Somerville Main Streets, and its programming will extend along East Broadway from the intersection of Broadway and McGrath Highway to Pennsylvania Avenue.

SomerStreets began at noon with the motion parade at the Cross Street Senior Center led by Mayor Joseph Curtatone. Carnaval had live music on three stages with performances by: Afro D All Starz; Marcus Santos and AfroBrazil; Duppy Conquerors; Hot Sauce Blues Jam; the PHA drum line; On Stage Dance; El Sistema Somerville; Dirty Water Brass Band; Coral infanto-juvenil do BEM; Meta Dance; and The Pennies.

Other activities included "SomerPeople" -a celebration of Somerville's diversity- family friendly entertainment, arts and crafts and outdoor dining.





Photos by Claudia Ferro



## SPORTS

# Somerville Residents Ride in 35th Annual Pan-Mass Challenge

On Aug. 2 and 3, 37 residents from Somerville will participate in the 35th annual Pan-Mass Challenge (PMC), the largest single athletic fundraising event in the country. They will be among 5,800 cyclists who will ride with the collective goal of raising \$40 million to support adult and pediatric patient care and cancer research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute through the Jimmy Fund.

During PMC weekend, individual cyclists unite to become one extended family. The camaraderie shared by thousands of cyclists, spectators and volunteers, is one reason cyclists from 36 states and five countries return to Massachusetts each August to participate in the PMC.

Cyclists range in age from 13 to

90. Some are seasoned tri-athletes while others are weekend warriors having trained for this event alone. Many participants ride in honor of a family member or friend lost to, or being treated for, cancer. All share a passion and desire to one day find a cure for the disease. The average cyclist trains for three months, solicits 40 sponsors, and raises more than \$6,500. Doctors ride alongside their patients; grandparents ride with their grandchildren; and others show support from the sidelines in the form of donations and cheers. More than 300 riders are cancer survivors or current patients.

"The PMC is the gold standard of athletic fundraising events," says Billy Starr, Pan-Mass Challenge founder and executive di-

rector. "PMCers are as committed to raising money for cancer research as they are to pedaling the miles."

No other single athletic event raises or contributes more money to charity than the PMC. Since 1980, the PMC has raised more than \$414 million. In 2013, the PMC was Dana-Farber's largest single contributor and the event raises more than 50 percent of the Jimmy Fund's annual revenue. More than 230,000 individual contributions were made to last year's PMC fundraising campaign, allowing the PMC to contribute 100 percent of every rider-raised dollar directly to the Jimmy Fund.

The PMC is a fully supported bike-a-thon — with food and water stops, mechanical and medical assistance, luggage transportation, and lodging — that runs through 46 towns across Massachusetts. Cyclists choose from 12 routes of varying mileage designed to cater to all levels of cycling strength and time availability. There are six two-day routes that range from



The 35th annual Pan-Mass Challenge will bring together thousands of area cyclists joined in the pursuit of benefiting the great work done by the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute through the Jimmy Fund.

132 to 190 miles and six one-day rides that range from 25 to 111 miles. In 2014, cyclists are required to raise between \$500 and \$4,300 to ride in the PMC. This commitment to the fundraising portion of the PMC is a testament to riders' dedication to the cause and their belief in the PMC mission.

The PMC is presented by the Red Sox Foundation and the New Balance Foundation. To become a virtual rider, or make a financial contribution to a rider from your town, visit [www.pmc.org](http://www.pmc.org), or call (800) WE-CYCLE. Connect with #PMC2014 on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest and LinkedIn.

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# Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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| 1. Lexico was a game that was invented in 1932. What was its name changed to? | 7. What does the "B" in "BMW" (the car company) stand for?            |
| 2. Which Dallas star sang with the Seattle Opera?                             | 8. Approximately how many stars are in the Milky Way galaxy?          |
| 3. What is Lamarckism?  | 9. How many spaces are on a standard Bingo card?                      |
| 4. In what year was the first woman elected to the US Senate?                 | 10. In 1963 what finally ended in Alaska?                             |
| 5. Who said, "The hardest thing to understand in the world is income tax"?    | 11. Who played Private Ryan in the movie <i>Saving Private Ryan</i> ? |
| 6. Who was the first US president Barbara Walters interviewed?                | 12. In 1954 girls' names were first applied to identify what?         |

Answers on page 23

## Saint Clement July basketball clinic

Saint Clement School is offering a basketball clinic for boys in grades 2 through 10 Monday, July 7, through Friday, July 11, in the school's gym at 579 Boston Ave., Medford. Area coaches will teach kids the proper skills on how to ball handle, shoot, pass and play defense. Cost for the program is \$75 for pre-registration and \$100 at the door. For more information and times, call Athletic Director Ryan Murphy at 339-22-1006 or email him at [Ryanmuph3@aol.com](mailto:Ryanmuph3@aol.com).

## Somerville Little League All Star Game and 75th Anniversary celebration



Somerville Little League, in honor of the 75th Anniversary of Little League baseball in the US, will sponsor a "Majors All Star Game", featuring some of the best players Somerville Little League has to offer.

The ceremony will take place on Saturday, June 7, beginning at 10:30 a.m., at Conway Park. In addition, that day will also feature many of the Opening Day activities that were cancelled back in April due to in-

clement weather.

Starting with the recognition of several longtime champions of Somerville Little League baseball who will be honored for their service, Somerville Police and Fire units will be on hand, along with the Somerville Police Honor Guard, who will present their colors. A Somerville High School Youth Chorus member will sing the national anthem, joined by some veterans of Somerville

Little League's past, including an alumni from 1939, the very first year of Little League baseball. They will join former Red Sox player Dennis Oil Can" Boyd to throw out the ceremonial first pitch, at Conway Field, at 10:45 a.m.

Game to immediately follow at 11 a.m. Come on down, watch your favorite All Star, and cheer the kids on. For more information, email Sean Fitzgerald at [seanfjtz@comcast.net](mailto:seanfjtz@comcast.net).

# ESCS Basketball



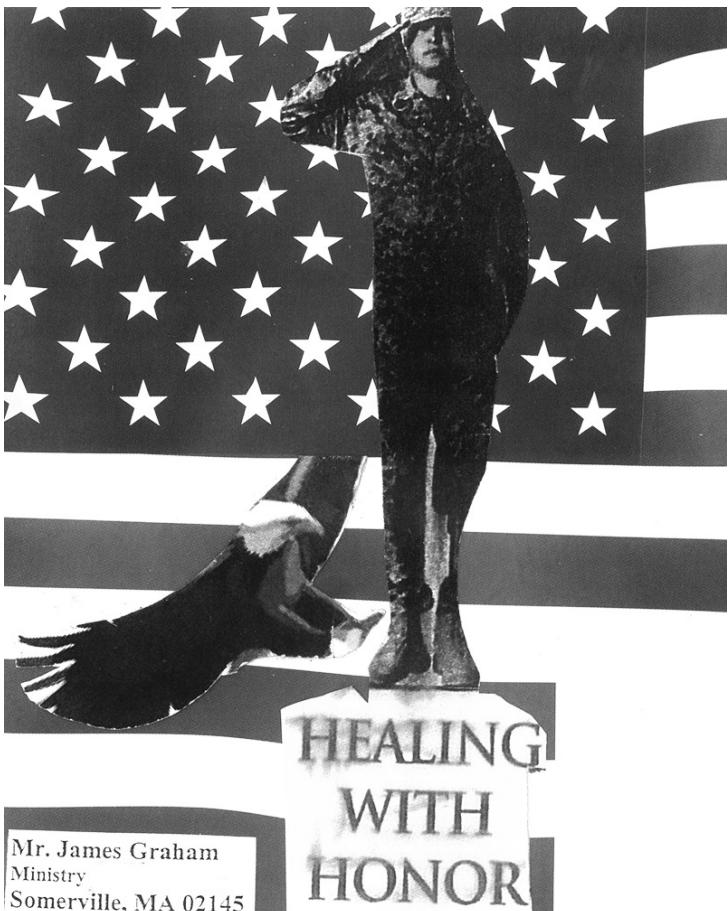
— Photo by Claudia Ferro

## What's on Somerville Neighborhood News

Get the latest from the front lines of the “War on Rats,” check out the high school’s culinary arts program, go to WGBH-TV for the Quiz Team’s last match, hear from the mayor and others on the “Secure Communities” program and find out about the possible ban on plastic bag use in Somerville. Tune into Somerville Neighborhood News to learn more on these stories and more on SCATV Ch. 3 or at [www.scatvsomerville.org/SNN](http://www.scatvsomerville.org/SNN).



## Please protect them as they did the USA



## Somerville native committed to making a difference

Kim Cusack was just ten-years-old when she was diagnosed with Crohn’s. In the seventeen years since, she has endured several operations, a host of medical therapies, different diets and numerous treatment plans.

And while the search for a solution to her condition has taken many different paths, Cusack’s unwavering commitment to help others like her has remained a firm goal.

The 27-year-old Medfield resident is a student at Quincy’s College and plans to enter its nursing program with the intent of working with kids who have Crohn’s, ulcerative colitis and other inflammatory bowel diseases.

“I want to do what I can to make children who are suffer-

ing from Crohn’s and ulcerative colitis feel better. I want to make a difference, even if that means simply holding their hands when they need it,” said Cusack.

She still remembers fondly her first nurse, Donna, who really made her feel special and cared for. “I want to do that for others,” said Cusack.

Currently working as a nursing assistant at Newton-Wellesley Hospital, Cusack’s dedication to helping others with Crohn’s does not stop with her career choice. Her after-hours time is also dedicated to the cause.

Cusack will walk in the June 7 “Take Steps for Crohn’s disease and Colitis Walk.” In the five years her team, the “Super Poopers,” have been walking, they

have raised thousands of dollars to help fight against bowel diseases. This year, she is also part of the committee that organizes the walk.

Cusack says it all goes back to her pledge to help other people who have Crohn’s and ulcerative colitis.

“The walk is a great experience. You get to see other people dealing with these diseases. You feel very welcome and part of something bigger. It can be a life-changer,” she said. “I’m proud to be a part of that.”

Cusack will join 1,200 other walkers on Saturday, June 7 for the “Take Steps for Crohn’s and Colitis Walk.” The walk, now in its sixth year, is on track to raise over \$350,000.



Kim Cusack (center) with her fellow Super Pooper walk “Crohnies”.

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LEGAL NOTICE  
OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on **Wednesday, June 18, 2014** at 6:00 p.m. at the **Argenziano School Cafeteria**, 290 Washington Street, Somerville, MA.

**92-100 Properzi Way: (Case #ZBA 2012-34-R1-5/2014)** Applicant, Safdie Architects, and Owners, Moshe Safdie and Michal Ronnen Safdie, seek a revision to the Special Permit ZBA 2012-34 to substantially demolish the existing two-family historic structure and to reconstruct this structure in-kind. The original Special Permit was under SZO §4.4.1, to retain a portion of the existing structure and construct a two-story rear addition to add a third dwelling unit. 92 Properzi Way is located in the Residential B zone; 100 Properzi Way is located in the Neighborhood Business zone. Ward 2.

**289 Highland Ave: (Case #ZBA 2014-42)** Applicant, Bell Atlantic Mobile of Massachusetts Corporation, Ltd. d/b/a Verizon Wireless, and Owner, 289 Highland Ave Realty Inc., seek a Special Permit under SZO §7.11.15.3 and SZO §14 to establish a collocation wireless communication facility, which includes the installation of panel antennas, remote radio heads, a basement equipment room and other related equipment. RC zone. Ward 6.

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

**12 Gilman Terrace: (Case #ZBA 2014-44)** Applicant, Bell Atlantic Mobile of Massachusetts Corporation, Ltd. d/b/a Verizon Wireless, and Owner, Somerville Housing Authority, seek a Special Permit under SZO §7.11.15.3 and SZO §14 to establish a collocation wireless communication facility, which includes the installation of panel antennas, remote radio heads, a basement equipment room and other related equipment. RB zone. Ward 7.

**38 Warner St: (Case #ZBA 2014-47)** Applicant and Owner Melvin Santos, seeks a special permit to alter a nonconforming structure under SZO §4.4.1 to expand the front porches on the first and second floors of an existing two-family residence. RA zone. Ward 6.

**22 Beacon Place: (Case #ZBA 2014-48)** Applicant and Owner Irene Mizrahi, seeks a special permit under §4.4.1 to reconstruct a nonconforming 2-family home previously damaged in a fire with modifications including dormers on nonconforming sideyards and window and door alterations. RB Zone. Ward 2.

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

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

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A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday June 16, 2014** at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** on the application of Mariachi Food Inc. d/b/a El Potro Mexican Grill for a 2:00 a.m. closing License at 61 Union Sq., Somerville, MA

For the Commission  
Andrew Upton  
Vito Vaccaro  
John J. McKenna

Attest: **Jenneen Pagliaro**  
Executive Secretary

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LEGAL NOTICE  
OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board on **Thursday, June 19, 2014** at 6:00 p.m. at the **Visiting Nurse Association**, 259 Lowell Street, 3rd Floor, Community Room, Somerville, MA.

**83-91 Broadway: (Case #PB 2014-15)** Applicant and Owner, Jose Miguel Rodrigues, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §6.1.22.D.5.a to alter a nonconforming structure which includes modifications to signage, doors, and windows. CCD45 zone. Ward 1.

**APPLICATION FOR MODIFICATIONS TO PRELIMINARY MASTER PLAN APPROVAL FOR PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT - ASSEMBLY SQUARE (Case: PB 2006-59-R2-05/2014)**

The Applicant, Street Retail, Inc., and its Agent, Attorney Robert A. Fishman, seek approval of a Major Amendment of a preliminary master plan (S.Z.O. §16.11.3) for a Planned Unit Development (PUD) project to construct buildings containing a mix of retail, restaurant, business, residential, cinema, office, laboratory, boat storage, research and development, medical office, hotel, manufacturing and other commercial uses. The residential development is subject to inclusionary housing requirements (S.Z.O. §13.2).

The Owners of the parcels within the boundaries of the proposed PUD include FR Assembly Square, LLC, FR Sturtevant Street, LLC, SRI Assembly Row B2, LLC, SRI Assembly Row B3, LLC, SRI Assembly Row B5, LLC, SRI Assembly Row B6, LLC, SRI Assembly Row B7, LLC, SRI Assembly Row B8, LLC, and SRI Assembly Row B9, LLC Row B7, LLC, SRI Assembly Row B8, LLC, SRI Assembly Row B9, LLC, as tenants in common (Parcels: 86-a-1, 67-a-2, 67-a-6, 67-a-7, 85-a-5, 85-a-8, 85-a-9, 85-a-10, 85-a-11, 85-a-12, 85-a-13, 85-a-14, 85-a-15, 85-a-16, 85-a-17, 85-a-18, 99-a-8, 99-a-13, 99-a-14, 99-a-15, 99-a-16, 99-a-17, 99-a-18). Conveyed to MBTA: 85-a-19, 99-a-10a, 99-a-19.

One Waiver is sought (S.Z.O. §16.8.2.6) from the requirement for contour elevations in two foot increments (S.Z.O. §6.4.12).

Assembly Square Mixed Use District (ASMD); Planned Unit Development Overlay District - A (PUD-A).

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Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman

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A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday June 16, 2014** at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** on the application of Mark Food Enterprises Inc., d/b/a Oliveira's Steak House for a New All-Forms Alcoholic Beverages 7 Day Restaurant License at 120 Washington St., Somerville, MA

For the Commission  
Andrew Upton  
Vito Vaccaro  
John J. McKenna

Attest: **Jenneen Pagliaro**  
Executive Secretary

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A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday June 16, 2014** at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** on the application of Broadway BBQ d/b/a East End Grill, 118 Broadway, Somerville MA for service of alcohol at Outdoor Patio.

For the Commission  
Andrew Upton  
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Attest: **Jenneen Pagliaro**  
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MIDDLESEX Division

Docket No. MI 14P2402EA

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

Estate of:

Domenica Agliata  
First Name Middle Name Last Name

Also Known As:

Date of Death: March 31, 2014

1. A Petition has been filed requesting:

The appointment of a Personal Representative.

Informal probate of the Will dated November 06, 1986

2. Upon consideration of the Petition, I determine based upon the petition that all of the following are true:

- The Petitioner is an interested person and has filed a complete and verified petition.
- Venue is proper.
- The petition was filed within the time period permitted by law.
- Any required notices have been given or waived.
- A death certificate issued by a public officer is in the Court's possession.
- The spouse and heirs are not incapacitated persons or minors; or if they are, they are represented by a Guardian or Conservator other than the Petitioner.

APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

3. The appointed Personal Representative has priority entitling that person to appointment, with or without appropriate nomination and/or renunciation. Any Will to which the requested appointment relates has been formally or informally probated.

The following person(s) is/are qualified to serve and is/are appointed Personal Representative(s).

Anna Inserra  
First Name MI Last Name

PO Box 1423  
(Address)

Mathews VA 23109  
(City/Town) (State) (Zip)

Primary Phone # (804) 815-0773

INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL

4. The original, properly executed and apparently unrevoked Will is in Court's possession

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

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

Docket No. MI10P0734EA

CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER TO RENDER

Estate of:

Catherine E. Cosgrove

Date of Death: 12/22/2009

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by:

**Mark P. Cosgrove of Somerville, MA**

requesting that the Court enter an Order that **John J. Cosgrove, Jr. of Somerville, MA**

be ordered to render an inventory, render an Account, compel distribution and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before **10 a.m. on 06/16/2014**

This is **NOT** a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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

Date: May 07, 2014

**Tara E. De Cristofaro**  
Register of Probate

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# Outstanding students win Somerville Math Fund scholarships

The Somerville Mathematics Fund is pleased to announce the winners of their renewable mathematics scholarships for 2014. The Math Fund was founded to celebrate and encourage math achievement and these young women deserve to be celebrated for their work in math and science while in high school.

Joytika Bhargo will attend Tufts University, Jennifer DiPersio will attend Stonehill College, and Adrianna Keefe will attend Fitchburg State University. Their scholarships of \$1000 are renewable for up to a total of four years as long as they maintain a B average and take mathematics or courses which use mathematics.

Two of the scholarships are given in memory of two outstanding women, Adrianna Keefe won the Alice T Schafer scholarship and Jennifer DiPersio won the Lt. Catherine M. Landers scholarship.

Adrianna Keefe won the Alice

T Schafer Scholarship. She is planning to study mathematics education at Fitchburg State University. Dr. Schafer (1915 - 1909) was orphaned as an infant and raised by two aunts. When she went to college at the University of Richmond of Virginia, women students weren't allowed in the library and she was discouraged from majoring in mathematics. She won prizes, earned a PhD, taught at colleges (including Wellesley) and among the things she is known for is helping start the Association for Women in Mathematics (1971). Less known about Dr. Schafer was her helping to start the Somerville Mathematics Fund in 2000, attending all of the planning meetings and contributing to their work as long as she was able. She is remembered for her passion and work to insure mathematical opportunities for women. Since Dr. Schafer was committed to the education and supporting women in mathematics, Adrianna becoming a

math teacher is a wonderful way to honor Dr. Schafer's memory.

Jennifer DiPersio won the Lt. Catherine M Landers Scholarship. She is planning on majoring in biology and psychology to eventually become a genetic counselor. When Lt. Landers (1920 - 2012) wanted to go to nursing school (graduating in 1942), her grandmother opened a cedar chest where she had been saving dollar bills to help pay for her granddaughter's education. Lt Landers won a Bronze Star for her service during WW2, where she ran a field hospital outside Paris; she was about to be shipped to the far East when WW2 ended and so she boarded a transport ship for the USA instead. Jay Landers and Jasper Lawson donated a scholarship in her memory, honoring her commitment to education. Jennifer DiPersio's interested in genetic counseling is a wonderful way to honor Lt. Landers' commitment to nursing and education.

The Somerville Mathematics



Photo by Arthur Impellis, Gesskus Photography  
Jay Landers, Adrianna Keefe, Jennifer DiPersio, Joytika Bhargo, and Erica Voolich.

Fund, is affiliated with the national scholarship organization Dollars for Scholars, was chartered in 2000 to celebrate and encourage achievement in mathematics in the city of Somerville, Massachusetts. It May 2011, it was recognized as the outstanding Dollars for Scholars Chapter in New England. Since its founding, it has awarded \$216,000 in mathematics scholarships to outstanding Somerville students. Next fall, The Somerville Mathematics Fund

will be seeking applications from teachers who teach in the city of Somerville who would like funding for classroom mathematics activities. In October, the Math Fund will also be seeking high school students to compete in the annual Scrapheap Showdown. For more information, to volunteer, or to make a tax-deductible contribution, please contact Erica Voolich (617-666-0666 or mathfund@gmail.com) or go to [www.somervillemathematicsfund.org](http://www.somervillemathematicsfund.org).

## Summer events in Somerville: Outside life makes a great city CONT. FROM PG 10

people socialize, play and relax isn't only social infrastructure. It's also economic infrastructure that encourages private investment and business development, and supports our local businesses. A study of ArtsUnion's economic impact shows that investing in arts activities has a great

impact on our local economy. In fiscal 2007, every dollar spent by ArtsUnion created 3.1 dollars in economic impacts. In fiscal 2008 the return was even higher, with every dollar spent creating 4.4 dollars in economic impacts. Arts and culture activate our neighborhoods and squares,

make them destinations and directly support our local businesses. It builds the vibrancy that comes when increased foot traffic helps the stores, restaurants, cafes and services in our neighborhoods flourish. And when our businesses flourish, our squares and nearby parks are

filled—with our neighbors.

All of this is about the kind of community we want to build. It's about our values, shaping the physical landscape of our city to reflect those values, and taking the time to appreciate living in a vibrant, energetic and creative city. So be sure to check out the

city calendar at [www.somerville-ma.gov/calendar](http://www.somerville-ma.gov/calendar) and see what's coming up. We want to see you out there in the streets, in our parks, and helping us celebrate our diversity, culture and character. It's what makes Somerville the city it is—and the community it is.

## More grass fields. Less plastic turf. CONT. FROM PG 10

away games. While Somerville grass fields are rained out, those within 30 minutes of here are playable.

And plastic turf has serious environmental problems. Our flood-prone city needs more ways to absorb water, not fewer.

Plastic turf leaches chemicals into the surrounding soil and water table. It adds to the heat island effect, a phenomenon where cities get significantly hotter than the areas surrounding them. On a 94°F summer day, synthetic turf can reach temps of 165°F. Plastic turf destroys the soil and ecosystem below it and causes pollution

from the substrate fill, which is most often made from crumbled tires, themselves considered to be a hazardous waste during disposal.

Kids who play on plastic turf are injured more frequently and more severely. Cleats grab onto it, while grass is more forgiving. This causes hyperextension of joints, as well as sprains and ruptures. Skin abrasions are more common, and the scrapes have an increased chance of infection if the turf is not properly sanitized, which requires additional cost. The crumbled rubber substrate worsens asthmatic conditions.

Once a field is turned into artificial turf, it is effectively shut down for any use other than organized sports. Food and drink are not allowed on it. The field is usually fenced and locked, so even if you wanted to sit on plastic carpet and have a picnic dinner, you couldn't. Plastic turf prevents most other non-sport activities from occurring.

If we could eke out some more space for new fields, it would relieve the pressure on our current ones. And, with some care, they can be lush spaces that are enjoyed by all Villens. Perhaps the city could give modest tax abatements to property owners

who allowed their fallow lots to be used as fields during the time that they remain undeveloped.

So where do we find such spaces? Brickbottom? Innerbelt? Assembly Square? Rooftops or parking lots? We must think creatively, be willing to look beyond the typical, and find solutions that will work, both in the short term and for generations.

For almost two centuries we've been a city of innovators. And I'm not talking about Fluff.

From figuring out how to manufacture the first seamless brass tubes, to designing a mediation program that reopened our high school when it was closed

by a race riot and was copied in 27 other communities across the Commonwealth, Villens have found creative solutions for real-world problems. Just read some of Monty Doherty's Somerville Times columns for inspiration.

The title of "Least Green City in the Commonwealth" is a dubious honor. But we Villens are smart enough to neither mangle in the mud, nor play on the plastic.

Renée Scott is a mother of three who lives in the Union Square neighborhood. She may be reached at [reneescott@gmail.com](mailto:reneescott@gmail.com).

## Lechmere Sales: Where you pocket the difference! CONT. FROM PG 10

first big screen TV there. It was a huge piece of black furniture. It was a floor model so I got an even better deal. Honestly, it just died last year! It was difficult to see it go, but it lived a very long and impressive life!" Rick tells us, "I worked my butt off at the Stephen James House to scrape together a nice amount of cash and off to Lechmere for my first top of line Stereo Hi Fi!"

My old Somerville and Kiss 108

pal, comedian Tony V, told me that he bought a lava lamp at Lechmere! Mauzy said, "My first non-hand-me-down bike came from Lechmere. It was painted a metallic teal and had a silver glitter seat. I got it for my 9th birthday and I rode it everywhere!" I think my sister had the same bike! Charlie and I used to take the bus over and test out all the new guitars at Lechmere.

Remember the items coming down the

conveyor belt from the stockroom? People remember buying 8-track tapes, their first huge old computers, and Grand Funk Railroad albums. Someone actually met singer Tony Bennett there.

Wikipedia notes, "November 7, 1997 was the last day of business for all locations, and all remaining items, which had been increasingly discounted, were offered at 90% off. Wow! Now that was a true bargain!"

Lechmere Sales is in the same category as Somerville Lumber and Bradlees. They were great stores with great prices. They were places where we purchased our memories. Try as they may, there are no stores today with the integrity, personality and charm of those old businesses. You may still have an item in your home that was purchased at Lechmere's, but even if you don't, you surely have a memory that will last a lifetime.

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**FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH****Wednesday|June 4**

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

**Thursday|June 5**

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

**West Branch Library**

Lego Club  
Annamarie Almeida | 617-623-5000 x2977  
3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. | 40 College Avenue

**Friday|June 6**

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

**Central Library**

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

**Veteran's Memorial Rink**

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

**Sunday|June 8**

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

**Monday|June 9**

**Central Library**  
Sing-along w/ Liza Kitchell  
Cathy Piantigini | 617-623-5000, x2954  
11 a.m.-11:45 a.m. | 79 Highland Avenue

**Arts at the Armory**

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

**Tuesday|June 10**

**West Branch Library**  
Preschool Storytime  
11 a.m.-11:45 a.m. | 40 College Avenue

**Wednesday|June 11**

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

**Central Library**

Book Group for Kids Ages 9-12  
Contact: Cathy Piantigini | 617-623-5000 x2950  
7 p.m. - 8 p.m. | 79 Highland Ave

**MUSIC****Wednesday|June 4**

**Johnny D's**  
Bees Deluxe with Ethan K Band & Malabar Band | 8:30 p.m.  
17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

**Sally O'Brien's Bar**

Free Poker, lots of prizes! | 8 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave | 617-666-3589

**The Burren**

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

**PA'S Lounge**

345 Somerville Ave | 617-776-1557

**On The Hill Tavern**

499 Broadway | 617-629-5302

**Orleans Restaurant and Bar**

65 Holland St | 617-591-2100

**Bull McCabe's Pub**

The Nephrok All Stars  
366A Somerville Ave | 617-440-6045

**Highland Kitchen**

150 Highland Ave | 617-625-1131

**Samba Bar & Grille**

608 Somerville Ave | 617-718-9177

**Joshua Tree Bar & Grill**

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

**Arts at the Armory**

Wiretap Wednesday Open Stage  
7 p.m. | Cafe | 191 Highland Ave

**Thursday|June 5**

**Johnny D's**

Bill Blumenreich Presents, James Adomian  
17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

**Sally O'Brien's**

Open jam @ BYO Bluegrass Party grassy  
Thursdays  
335 Somerville Ave | 617-666-3589

**The Burren**

Front Room  
Acoustic/Bluegrass | 9:30 p.m.  
Back Room  
Scattershot | 10 p.m.  
247 Elm Street | 617-776-6896

**PA'S Lounge**

Campfire hosted by Ben Bullock w/ James  
Apollo  
345 Somerville Ave | 617-776-1557

**On The Hill Tavern**

Live DJ Music  
499 Broadway | 617-629-5302

**Orleans Restaurant and Bar**

65 Holland St | 617-591-2100

**Bull McCabe's**

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

**Joshua Tree**

256 Elm St. | 617-623-9910

**Samba Bar & Grille**

608 Somerville Ave | 617-718-9177

**Somerville Theatre**

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

**Arts at the Armory**

Singers' Open Mic with Bill Duffy  
7 p.m. | Cafe | 191 Highland Ave

**Friday|June 6****Johnny D's**

Rock On! Concerts Presents: The Bottle  
Rockets | 7 p.m.

Gunpowder Gelatine with Bikini Whale &  
Pretendica - Pretenders/Elastica Tribute  
Band | 10 p.m.  
17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

**Sally O'Brien's**

Johnny Come Latelies | 6 p.m.  
Paa Sec Diery Band \$5 cover | 9 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave | 617-666-3589

**The Burren**

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

**Orleans Restaurant and Bar**

DJ  
10 p.m. | 65 Holland St

**PA'S Lounge**

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**

Dan Blakeslee  
366A Somerville Ave | 617-440-6045

**Joshua Tree**

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

**Samba Bar & Grille**

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

**Casey's**

Entertainment every Friday  
173 Broadway | 617-625-5195

**Arts at the Armory**

Red House Carnival: International Myeloma  
Foundation Fundraiser  
7 p.m. | Performance Hall  
Synchronicity - An Evening with Jussi  
Reijonen & Gabriela Martina  
8 p.m. | Cafe | 191 Highland Ave

**Saturday|June 7****Johnny D's**

Way Up South + Special Guests The  
Coalboilers | 6 p.m.  
Booty Vortex | 10 p.m.  
17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

**Sally O'Brien's**

Somerville High Jazz Band | 2 p.m.  
Stan Martin & Wicked Heart | 6 p.m.

My Own Worst Enemy, The Easy Reasons,  
Desolation Bells | 9 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave | 617-666-3589

**The Burren**

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

**Orleans Restaurant and Bar**

Karaoke  
65 Holland St

**PA'S Lounge**

Future Games  
345 Somerville Ave | 617-776-1557

**On the Hill Tavern**

Live DJ Music  
499 Broadway | 617-629-5302

**Bull McCabe's**

The Brooklyn's & The American Beauties  
366A Somerville Ave | 617-440-6045

**Joshua Tree**

DJ El Sid!  
256 Elm St. | 617-623-9910

**Samba Bar & Grille**

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

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Entertainment every Saturday  
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**Arts at the Armory**

Herbstalk 2014  
10 a.m. | Performance Hall  
Rick Schilling  
10:30 a.m. | Cafe | 191 Highland Ave

**Sunday|June 8****Johnny D's**

Open Blues Jam! featuring Dr Grant & The  
Medical Marijuana Band | 4 p.m.  
17 Holland St. | 617-776-2004

**Sally O'Brien's Bar**

Frank Drake Sunday Showcase | 5 p.m.  
Deb McDonnell Band | 8 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave | 617-666-3589

**The Burren**

Front Room  
Sunday Americana with Sean Staples, Eric  
Royer, Tim Gearan, Dave Westner and Dan  
Keller | 7 p.m.  
Back Room  
Burren Acoustic Music Series  
247 Elm Street | 617-776-6896

**PA'S Lounge**

345 Somerville Ave | 617-776-1557

**Bull McCabe's Pub**

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

**Highland Kitchen**

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

**Orleans Restaurant and Bar**

Game Night  
65 Holland St | 617-591-2100

**Samba Bar & Grille**

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

**Arts at the Armory**

Arts at the Armory  
Herbstalk 2014  
10 a.m. | Performance Hall  
Celia Slattery Voice and Performance  
Studio: Spring Session Showcase  
8 p.m. | Cafe | 191 Highland Ave

**Monday|June 9****Johnny D's**

Johnny D's Comedy Showcase Pres-  
ents: Storyteller Cafe | 7 p.m.  
Stump! Pub Trivia | 8:30 p.m.  
17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

**Sally O'Brien's Bar**

Shawn Cater's Cheapshots Comedy Jam  
| 7 p.m.  
Marley Mondays with The Duppy Con-  
querors | 10 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave | 617-666-3589

**The Burren**

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

**On The Hill Tavern**

499 Broadway | 617-629-5302

**PA'S Lounge**

Americana Night  
345 Somerville Ave | 617-776-1557

**Bull McCabe's Pub**

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

**Arts at the Armory**

Cambridge Symphony Orchestra Rehearsal  
6:30 p.m. | Performance Hall | 191 Highland Ave

**Tuesday|June 10****Johnny D's**

Bare! True Stories of Sex, Desire and Ro-  
mance featuring Jefferson Bites | 7:30 p.m.  
17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

**Sally O'Brien's Bar**

Honkytonk Masquerade | 7:30 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave | 617-666-3589

**The Burren**

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

**On The Hill Tavern**

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

**PA'S Lounge**

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

**Bull McCabe's Pub**

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

**Highland Kitchen**

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

**Samba Bar & Grille**

608 Somerville Ave | 617-718-9177

**PJ Ryan's**

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

**Arts at the Armory**

Treasures Forever  
3:30 p.m. | Performance Hall | 191 Highland Ave

**Wednesday|June 11****Johnny D's**

Mary Gauthier | 7:30 p.m.  
17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

**Sally O'Brien's Bar**

Free Poker, lots of prizes! | 8 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave | 617-666-3589

**The Burren**

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

**PA'S Lounge**

345 Somerville Ave | 617-776-1557

**On The Hill Tavern**

499 Broadway | 617-629-5302

**Orleans Restaurant and Bar**

65 Holland St | 617-591-2100

**Bull McCabe's Pub**

The Nephrok All Stars  
366A Somerville Ave | 617-440-6045

**Highland Kitchen**

150 Highland Ave | 617-625-1131

**Samba Bar & Grille**

608 Somerville Ave | 617-718-9177

**Joshua Tree Bar & Grill**

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

**CLASSES AND GROUPS****Wednesday|June 4****Central Library**

Mystery Book Club  
7 p.m.- 9 p.m. | 79 Highland Avenue

**Third Life Studio**

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

**Thursday|June 5****West Branch Library**

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

**Central Library**

Drop-In Meditation  
Ron Castile | 617-623-5000 x2969  
1 p.m.-2 p.m. | 79 Highland Avenue

**Central Library**

High Stakes Testing and Your Child's  
Education  
Renée Scott | 617-595-7607  
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM | Central Library, 79  
Highland Avenue

**First Church Somerville**

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

**Third Life Studio**

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

**Friday|June 6****Arts at the Armory**

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

**Saturday|June 7****Bagel Bards**

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

**Third Life Studio**

Jazz Dance Brunch!  
A Six Week Jazz Dance Class Series with  
Jen Farrell  
January 25 through March 1  
10:30am-12:00pm | 33 Union Sq

**Sunday|June 8****Central Library**

## SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

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

**Holland Street Center** - 167 Holland Street

**Ralph & Jenny Center** - 9 New Washington Street

**Cross Street Center** - 165 Broadway

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

**Barbeque:** Monday, June 9 – 11:30 A.M. at our Holland Street Center. For a \$1.50 donation, you can enjoy a BBQ sponsored by Elder Services. RSVP is a must so please call Flo or Ana at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 if you would like to join us.

**Barbeque:** Tuesday, June 10 – 11:30 A.M. at the Ralph & Jenny Center located at 9 New Washington Street. For a \$1.50 donation, you can enjoy a BBQ sponsored by Elder Services. RSVP is a must so please call Kim at 617-666-5223 if you would like to join us.

**Suffolk Downs:** Wednesday, June 11 – and they're off! Come join us for a relaxing day of live horse racing, dine on a delicious buffet in the clubhouse and award the jockey with a trophy for the race that is named after the SCOA. Check in times are 10:15 A.M. at Holland Street & 10:30 A.M. at Ralph & Jenny with an approximate return time of 5:30 P.M. \$31.00 per person – please contact Connie at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to RSVP or for additional information. Additional trips to Suffolk Downs scheduled for Wednesday, August 10th and Wednesday, September 17th.

**The Holland Street Farmer's Market** is back. Starting Thursday, June 19th and every Thursday following until November 1st. From 1:00 P.M. to 3:30 P.M. The Mobile Farmer's Market will be at our Holland Street Center. Fresh Produce at affordable prices for older adults (55+) – WIC, SNAP, EBT and Farmers Market Coupons accepted and if you use one of these methods of payment you receive 50% off.

**Travelling Chef – Panini Day:** Thursday, June 12 – 11:30 A.M. at our Holland Street Center. For \$1.50 donation, you can join us as the travelling chef makes fresh paninis. RSVP is a must so please call Flo or Ana to reserve your space at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300.

**Venus De Milo & The Temptations:** Thursday, June 12 – That's right folks The Temptations. Their hits include My Girl, Just my Imagination and Papa was a Rolling Stone just to name a few. Meal choice of Chicken or Haddock – includes dessert & coffee /tea. Check in time is 9:00 A.M. at Ralph & Jenny with an approximate return time of 5:15 P.M. \$79.00 per person. Please contact Flo or Connie at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to RSVP, meal choice or additional information.

**Castle Island:** Friday, June 13 – Another great opportunity to get a little exercise and meet other seniors as we spend the day walking around historic Castle Island located in South Boston. Don't feel like walking? Come, sit back, relax and enjoy the weather. Check in time is 10:00 A.M. at our Holland Street Center and 10:15 A.M. at the Ralph & Jenny Center. Approximate return time is 2:00 P.M. A \$5.00 transportation fee is required. Please contact Flo or Connie at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to RSVP or if you should have additional questions. Do not forget to pack a lunch (or you can purchase one at the famous Sullivan's takeout) and SUNSCREEN.

**Nutrition Fair:** Monday, June 16 – 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. at our Holland Street Center. Health & Nutrition information as well as resources – Demonstrations & Recipe tips – Free samples, give aways and door prizes.

**A Cape Ann Explorer:** Wednesday, July 9 – For a price of \$69.00 you will enjoy a scenic cruise on the Essex River followed by wandering the shops of Pigeon Cove in Rockport and the culinary delights of Chef Manny at Azorean. Luncheon choices are lobster casserole, baked haddock or braised beef. Check in time is 8:00 A.M. at Holland Street and 8:30 A.M. at Ralph & Jenny. Approximate return time is 4:30 P.M. Please contact Connie or Flo at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to RSVP or if you should have any questions.

**FREE HEARING SCREENING:** The Somerville Council on Aging along with Mass Audiology will be having FREE HEARING SCREENING as well as FREE Hearing Aide Clean & Check. Do you have questions regarding your hearing or hearing devices? Screening is by appointment only so please call and schedule yours. Contact Suzanne Norton at 617-625-6600 Ext.2300. Monday, June 30th from 10:30 to 11:45 A.M. at our Holland Street Center, 167 Holland Street. Wednesday, June 11th from 10:00 to 11:15 A.M. at our Ralph & Jenny Center, 9 New Washington Street. Wednesday, June 11th from 12:30 to 1:30 at our Cross Street Center, 165 Broadway.

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

The Mohegan Sun trip scheduled for May 20th is **SOLD OUT**.

The Symphony Orchestra trip is **SOLD OUT**.

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

The June 4 lunch at the Highlander Café is **SOLD OUT**.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

**Afternoon at the Movies** - June 30 for Captain Phillips.

**Thursday, July 3** when the City of Somerville will be holding its annual July 4th celebration at Trum Field.

**The Mayor's Annual Picnic** is scheduled for Wednesday, August 8th.

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

**Somerville Fire Department:** An ongoing collaboration with the Somerville Fire Department has resulted in a program to distribute and install free, new smoke alarms in eligible households. For more information and an application, call us at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

**LGBT Lunch** – Monday, June 9 – The next LGBT Lunch is scheduled for Monday, June 9th – more details to follow.

**LGBT Dinner & Movie night** – Monday, May 19 – May's "Movie to Come Out To" will be The Topps Twins – Untouchable Girls. Dinner will be provided by West 7 Bistro with a yet to be determined menu. Dinner starts at 5:30 – Cost is \$6.00 – For additional information and to RSVP please contact Maureen at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 or email at MBastardi@Somervillema.gov

**LBT Women Fit-4-Life** - Fitness and Nutrition Classes. Classes are Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting at 6:00 P.M. \$10 a month with scholarships available – please contact Chris at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 for more information. We have available slots and would love to have you.

**LGBT Advisory Group** – Will now meet on the 2nd Monday of each month. Our next meeting is Monday, May 12th at 4:30 P.M. If you are interested in serving on the Advisory Board please contact Maureen at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 or email MBastardi@Somervillema.gov

**STAY ACTIVE:**

**Mondays:**

Wii Bowling, noon, Free. (H)

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

**Tuesdays:**

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

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

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

**Wednesdays:**

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

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

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

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

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

**Thursdays:**

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

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

**Fridays:**

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

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

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

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

Upcoming Schedule:

**Holland Street Center** - 167 Holland Street = (H)

**Ralph & Jenny Center** - 9 New Washington Street = RJ

**Cross Street Center** - 165 Broadway =(C)

**Wednesday, June 4**

10:00 Cards

10:00 English Conversation (C)

11:30 Lunch (H, RJ, C)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

**Thursday, June 5**

10:00 Current Events (H)

10:00 Cards (RJ)

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

11:30 Lunch (H, RJ)

12:45 Bingo (H, RJ)

**Friday, June 6**

11:30 Lunch (H)

12:45 Bingo (H)

**Monday, June 9**

9:30 Moonlighters (H)

10:00 Cards (RJ)

11:30 Lunch (H, RJ)

12:30 Afternoon at the Movies:

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

**Tuesday, June 10**

9:00 Mudflat Pottery (C)

10:00 SHINE by appointment (H)

10:00 Cards (RJ)

11:30 Lunch (RJ, C)

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

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

**Wednesday, June 11**

10:00 Cards

10:00 English Conversation (C)

11:30 Lunch (H, RJ, C)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

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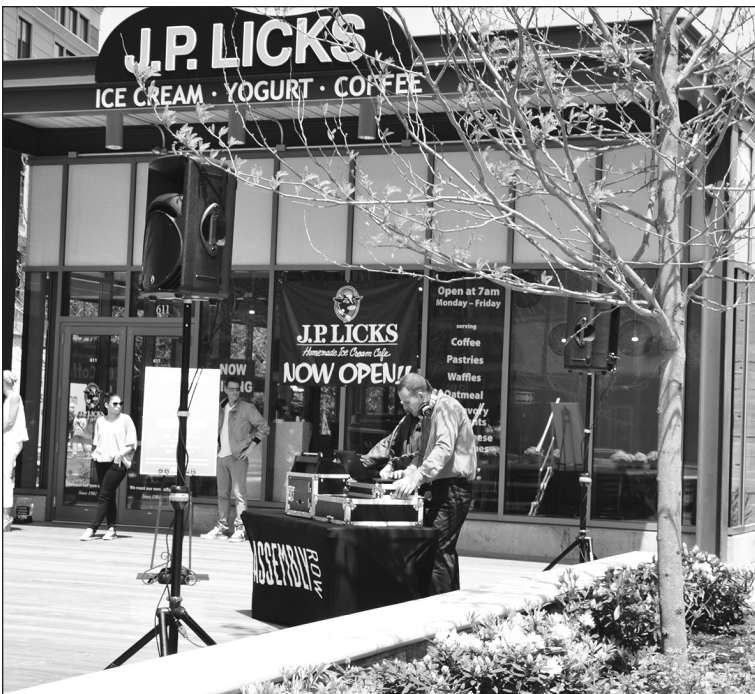
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# Assembly Row's Grand Opening Season

A host of activities and events took place throughout the weekend, as well as opportunities to indulge in the nearly two dozen retail outlets, dining options and experiences.

— Photos by Claudia Ferro



## Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 11

a very nice sincere guy with that East Somerville sense of humor. Oh you didn't know that East Somerville had a different sense of humor? Just look around and most of the outstanding personalities are from East Somerville, including that well known waitress Patty, she'll set you straight.

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Residents are invited to reserve per-

formance dates available for the 2014 Somerville Sunsetters, who will begin shows on Monday, July 1. Led by Somerville Youth Arts Coordinator Jimmy Del Ponte, the Sunsetters is a traveling youth music troupe, performing popular show tunes and contemporary pop music hits on city streets throughout July and August at sunset. The group began in the 1970s, perform-

ing through the 1980s until they were reinstated by Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone in 2004. The 45-minute shows are a great way to spend an early summer evening with the kids, neighbors, family and friends. Residents may request performances in their neighborhoods by contacting Jackie Rossetti at, 617-625-6600 ext. 2614 or JRossetti@somervillema.gov. Please note that some black-

out dates apply, and performance slots fill up quickly.

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The Mayor will be presenting his proposed budget this Thursday night to the board of alderman, and we hear that the Board of Alderman will be looking over the budget carefully...first meeting will be Monday night by the Alderman.

# Somerville Community Access TV Ch.3 Programming Guide

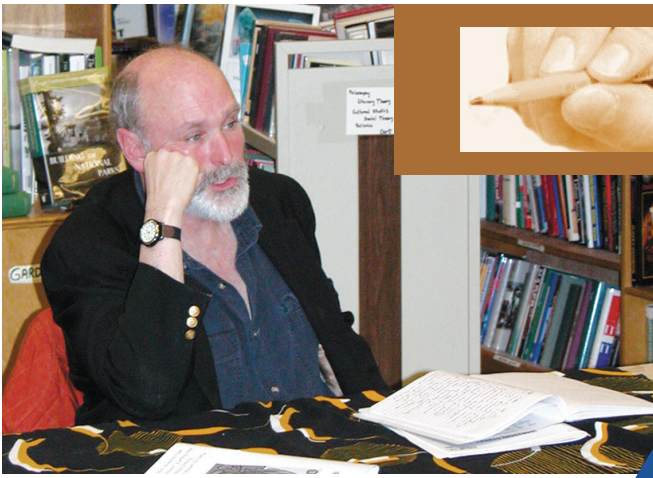
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<b>Wednesday, June 4</b>		5:00pm	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show: Spring Time	11:00am	Dead Air Live	7:30am	Eckankar
6:30am	Road to Recovery	5:30pm	The Folkorist	12:00pm	Reeling the Movie Review Show	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
7:30am	Life Matters	6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)	12:30pm	Taking Back Your Health	9:00am	The Stephanie Miller Show (Free Speech TV)
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	6:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News (re-run)	1:00pm	Play by Play	10:00am	Bay State Biking News
9:00am	Somerville Journal & Somerville Times Reading	7:00pm	Taking Back your Health (Live call-in)	2:00pm	Henry Parker Presents	11:00am	Nossa gente e Costumes
10:00am	Somerville Neighborhood News	7:30pm	Basic Buddha	3:00pm	Telemagazine	12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
10:30am	Art at SCATV: Mark Manne	8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou (Live call-in)	4:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	1:00pm	Plastic Planet (Free Speech TV)
11:00am	Abugida TV	9:30pm	Meh Kyown's Television Ship	4:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority	2:00pm	Outdoor Adventures for Somervillians
12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	10:00pm	Greater Somerville: Mike Lake, Lieutenant Gov. Candidate	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol	3:00pm	Exercise with Robyn and Max
1:00pm	Play by Play	10:30pm	Art at SCATV	6:00pm	SCATV: a year in review	3:30pm	Esoteric Science
1:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	11:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	6:30pm	Origins of SCATV	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)
2:00pm	Physician Focus	<b>Friday, June 6</b>		7:00pm	This is East	5:00pm	Henry Parker Presents: Mass Incarceration
2:30pm	Healthy Hypnosis	7:30am	Shrink Rap	8:00pm	David Pakman (Free Speech TV)	6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)
3:00pm	Active Aging	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	6:30pm	Nepali Producers Group: 104 Anniversary of L. Devkota by INLS
3:30pm	The Kevin Murphy Show	9:00am	Somerville Journal & Somerville Times Reading	10:00pm	Open Line News with Davey D	8:00pm	Our City, Our Schools
4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)	10:00am	Car-free Outdoor Adventures	11:00pm	Gay USA	8:30pm	Art at SCATV: Mark Manne
5:00pm	Health is Wealth	11:00am	Paths to Wellness	<b>Sunday, June 8</b>		9:00pm	Dedilhando au Saudade
5:30pm	Peace by Piece	11:30am	Peace by Piece	6:00am	Program Celebrai	10:00pm	Bate Papo com Shirley
6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)	12:00pm	Somerville Housing Authority	7:00am	Rompendo em Fe	11:00pm	The Entertainer's Show
6:30pm	Artbeat 2013	12:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	8:00am	Effort Pour Christ	<b>Tuesday, June 10</b>	
7:00pm	This is East	1:00pm	Climate Change in Somerville	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	7:00am	The Struggle
8:00pm	Somerville Pundits	2:30pm	Art at SCATV: Mark Manne	10:00am	International Church of God	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
8:30pm	Perils for Pedestrians	3:00pm	Brunch with Sen. Bernie Sanders	10:30am	Active Aging	8:00am	Somerville Journal & Times Reading
9:00pm	Bay State Biking News	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show	11:00am	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer	10:00am	This is East
10:00pm	Art at SCATV: Mark Manne	5:00pm	Groundwork Somerville	11:30am	Basic Buddha	11:30am	Ablevision
10:30pm	SCATV: a year in review	5:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	12:00pm	Play by Play	12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
11:00pm	The Entertainer's Show	6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)	1:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	1:00pm	Ring of Fire (Free Speech TV)
<b>Thursday, June 5</b>		6:30pm	Reeling the Movie Review Show	1:30pm	Somerville Journal & Times Reading	2:00pm	The Bioneers program (Free Speech TV)
6:00am	Atheist Viewpoint	7:00pm	Net Neutrality and the Future of Internet Access	2:30pm	Life Matters	3:00pm	Reeling Movie Show: a Movie Review program
7:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	8:00pm	Visual Radio	3:00pm	Rompendo em Fe	3:30pm	Greater Somerville: Lieutenant Governor, Mike Lake
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:00pm	The Entertainer's Show	4:00pm	Dedilhando a Saudade	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)
9:00am	Cancer TV show	9:30pm	Meh Kyown's Television Ship	5:00pm	Greater Somerville: Summer kick-off	5:00pm	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer
10:00am	Somerville Neighborhood News (re-run)	10:00pm	Independent Filmmaker Hour	5:30pm	Earth Day Celebration @ Mystic Learning Center	5:30pm	The Literati Scene
10:30am	Culture Club: Urban Agriculture in Somerville	11:00pm	A Black Show (Free Speech TV)	6:00pm	Abugida TV	6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)
11:00am	Meh Kyown's Television Ship	<b>Saturday, June 7</b>		7:00pm	African Television Network	6:30pm	Art at SCATV: Mark Manne
11:30am	Ablevision	6:00am	Arabic Hour	8:00pm	Tele Magazine	7:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	7:00am	Car-free Outdoor Adventures	9:00pm	Effort Pour Christ	7:30pm	Greater Somerville
1:00pm	African Television	8:00am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show: The Candy Episode	9:00pm	Effort Pour Christ	8:00pm	Dead Air Live
2:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking w/ Candy	8:30am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show: Music Class Episode	10:00pm	Farrakhan Speaks	9:00pm	Energy Theater
2:30pm	Cooking with Georgia & Dez	9:00am	Festival Kreyol	11:00pm	No Film Film Festival	11:00pm	The David Pakman Show (Free Speech TV)
3:00pm	Earth Day Celebration 2014	10:00am	Tele Galaxie	<b>Monday, June 9</b>			
4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)			6:00am	Ablevision		
				6:30am	Creating Cooperative Kids		

## City Cable TV Schedule for the Week

<b>CITY TV 13/22</b>		12:30pm:	Ward 4 ResiStat Meeting	1:00am:	Talking Business	2:00pm:	Kennedy Show Drama Club presents...
<b>Wednesday, June 4</b>		2:00pm:	Congressional Update	1:30am:	Secure Communities Press Conference	3:00pm:	ESCS Memorial Day Assembly, Grades 4-8
9:00am:	Voices of Somerville	2:30pm:	East Somerville Walking Tour	2:00am:	Limiting Secure Communities	4:00pm:	SHS Football 2013
9:30am:	Limiting Secure Communities	6:30pm:	SomerStreets Carnival		Executive Order Signing	5:00pm:	Our Schools, Our City - Preparing for HS
	Executive Order Signing	7:00pm:	Mayor's Business Town Meeting		PROW Accessibility Study	6:00pm:	GBL Dual Outdoor Track Meet
12:00pm:	Mayor's Business Town Meeting	8:30pm:	Secure Communities Press Conference	2:30am:		8:00pm:	Chris Herren Speaks to SHS
1:30pm:	SomDog Spring Fling	9:00pm:	Ward 4 ResiStat Meeting	<b>EDUCATIONAL CHANNEL 15</b>		9:00pm:	Kennedy School presents The Secret Garden
2:00pm:	Legoland Ribbon Cutting at Assembly Row	<b>Sunday, June 8</b>		<b>Wednesday, June 4</b>		10:00pm:	Kennedy Show Drama Club presents...
2:30pm:	East Somerville Walking Tour	12:00am:	PorchFest 2014	9:00am:	Healey School K-2 Spring Concert	11:00pm:	ESCS Memorial Day Assembly, Grades 4-8
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8:30pm:	Limiting Secure Communities	9:00am:	SomerStreets Carnival	4:00pm:	Our Schools, Our City - Preparing for HS	3:00am:	Kennedy School presents The Secret Garden
	Executive Order Signing	12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	5:00pm:	ESCS Memorial Day Assembly, Grades 4-8	9:00am:	SHS Scholarship Awards Night
9:00pm:	PorchFest 2014	12:30pm:	Keep Moving	6:00pm:	Healey School K-2 Spring Concert	11:00am:	2014 SHS Class Day
9:45pm:	Immigrant Community Meeting	1:00pm:	SomerStreets Carnival	6:00pm:	SHS Football 2013	1:00pm:	2014 SHS Graduation
<b>Thursday, June 5</b>		1:30pm:	Voices of Somerville	7:00pm:	Kennedy School presents The Secret Garden	3:00pm:	Healey School K-2 Spring Concert
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2:45am:	Immigrant Community Meeting	8:30pm:	Voices of Somerville	9:00am:	An Evening of Chamber Music	11:30pm:	Our Schools, Our City - Preparing for HS
9:00am:	B2Green Expo	9:00pm:	Ward 4 ResiStat Meeting	10:00am:	SHS National Honor Society Induction	<b>Monday, June 9</b>	
9:30am:	SomDog Spring Fling	<b>Monday, June 9</b>		12:00pm:	Kennedy Show Drama Club presents...	12:00am:	SHS Football 2013
12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	12:00am:	Senior Circuit	1:00pm:	Spring String Fling	12:30am:	All City Middle School Spring Concert
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1:30pm:	SomerViva: Portugues	1:30am:	Secure Communities Press Conference	4:00pm:	An Evening of Chamber Music	9:00am:	kid stuff - Bullying
2:00pm:	Somerville Youth Peace Conference	2:00am:	Ward 7 ResiStat Meeting	5:00pm:	SHS National Honor Society Induction	10:00am:	Argenziano School Memorial Day Concert
7:00pm:	SomerViva: Espanol	9:00am:	SafeStreets, Smart Tips	7:00pm:	Kennedy Show Drama Club presents...	10:30am:	Healey School K-2 Spring Concert
7:30pm:	PROW Accessibility Study	9:30am:	Congressional Update	8:00pm:	Spring String Fling	11:00am:	Our Schools, Our City - Preparing for HS
8:00pm:	Voices of Somerville	12:00pm:	Mayor's Business Town Meeting	9:00pm:	Our Schools, Our City - Preparing for HS	12:00pm:	Kennedy School presents The Secret Garden
8:30pm:	Historic Preservation Meeting at Arts at the Armory	1:30pm:	Safe Streets, Smart Tips	10:00pm:	2014 SHS Graduation	1:00pm:	GBL Dual Outdoor Track Meet
9:30pm:	Ward 1 Spring ResiStat Meeting	2:00pm:	B2Green Expo	<b>Friday, June 6</b>		3:00pm:	Common Core State Standards for Education
<b>Friday, June 6</b>		2:30pm:	Voices of Somerville	12:00am:	2014 SHS Class Day	4:00pm:	kid stuff - Bullying
12:00am:	PROW Accessibility Study	3:00pm:	Ward 7 ResiStat Meeting	2:30am:	Kennedy School presents The Secret Garden	5:00pm:	Argenziano School Memorial Day Concert
12:30am:	SomerViva: Espanol	7:00pm:	School Committee Meeting - LIVE	3:30am:	WHCIS Spring Concert	5:30pm:	Healey School K-2 Spring Concert
1:00am:	Voices of Somerville	10:00pm:	Talking Business	9:00am:	SHS Scholarship Awards Night	6:00pm:	Our Schools, Our City - Preparing for HS
1:30am:	Historic Preservation Meeting at the Armory	<b>Tuesday, June 10</b>		11:00am:	ESCS Memorial Day Assembly, Grades 4-8	7:00pm:	Kennedy School presents The Secret Garden
2:30pm:	Ward 1 Spring ResiStat Meeting	12:00am:	B2Green Expo	11:30am:	SHS Football 2013	8:00pm:	GBL Dual Outdoor Track Meet
9:00am:	SomerViva: Espanol	12:30am:	PROW Accessibility Study	12:00pm:	All City Middle School Spring Concert	10:00pm:	Common Core State Standards for Education
9:30am:	PorchFest 2014	1:00am:	Historic Preservation Meeting at the Armory	1:00pm:	WHCIS Spring Concert	11:00pm:	kid stuff - Bullying
12:00pm:	Mayor's Business Town Meeting	2:00am:	Talking Business	2:00pm:	2014 SHS Class Day	<b>Tuesday, June 10</b>	
1:30pm:	Voices of Somerville	2:30am:	Voices of Somerville	4:00pm:	2014 SHS Graduation	12:00am:	SHS Vocational Senior Awards Banquet
2:00pm:	SomDog Spring Fling	3:00am:	Ward 7 ResiStat Meeting	6:00pm:	SHS Scholarship Awards Night	1:30am:	GBL Dual Outdoor Track Meet
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6:30pm:	2014 Spring Clean Up	12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	9:00pm:	All City Middle School Spring Concert	11:00am:	Kennedy Show Drama Club presents...
7:00pm:	Mayor's Business Town Meeting	12:30pm:	Sit & Be Fit: Balance & Fall Prevention	10:00pm:	WHCIS Spring Concert	12:00pm:	Kennedy School presents The Secret Garden
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OFF THE SHELF  
by Doug Holder

The Organic Life of Birds:  
Maya Angelou 1928-2014

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I asked my neighbor and friend in Somerville, Mass., the acclaimed poet Afaa Michael Weaver to write a piece about the late Maya Angelou. Weaver, a journalist back in the day in his native Baltimore came through right on deadline. Weaver recently won the Kingsley Tufts Award for Poetry, and won a Pushcart Prize for his work in *Ibbetson Street*, a Somerville-based literary journal. Weaver is a professor of English at Simmons College in Boston.

myself as a black man and a poet. In the wake of my own recovery from having been abused as a child, I look back at Dr. Angelou's autobiography and remember how deeply I was moved. The secret of her incredible spirit and presence was in her faith in African American culture, in her own people and emanating outward from there to the whole world.

Maya Angelou walked in the world without apologizing for her identity or life as a black woman, and that is, I believe, a lesson for anyone. She walked with an openness that allowed her to see herself in Shakespeare, and to love his art as her own. She treasured the fact of being able to be touched in the spirit by someone so far from her, and in her life she did the same for people born in cultural places so far from her own.

She so much loved the poem "Sympathy," by Paul Laurence Dunbar that she applied it to the title of her first autobiography. The poem takes on the subject of confinement and freedom, and so I close with her own lovely and inspiring poem about how the captivity of a bird and its longing for freedom is so much of what life is about for everyone.

— Afaa Michael Weaver

Brendan O'Brien sends us a poem about a royal game of hoop.

In Response to a Rumor that the Fourth King of Bhutan (K4) Made Sixty-Five Three-Point Shots in a Single Basketball Game

Stroked by the royal palm, the jump shots arced  
like slivers of silver moon and dropped sixty-five times  
through a hoop cut from a plum basket. O K4, silent rainmaker,  
I long to hear your people speak of that game!  
Until I find myself in Bhutan, that living Eden,  
among the rock jasmines and cypresses, I can only imagine—  
the king backpedaling in crimson slippers,  
his arm stretched towards the heavens like a goose neck,  
the village girls crowding the sidelines, curtsying  
to the hot hand, and, amidst the awe, a palace guard  
turning to a maize farmer and offering an explanation,  
in the holiest of whispers, of what it means to be "on fire."

— Brendan O'Brien

On May 28th, Dr. Maya Angelou made her transition. She was eighty-six years old. Poetry was her first love as a writer. Her life as an artist and activist embodied some of the most significant events in world history during the twentieth century. She befriended James Baldwin in France, worked for Dr. Martin Luther King, met Malcolm X, lived in Africa, had an enduring friendship with Nelson Mandela, and more. She inspired several generations of people.

Her fame as a writer took hold with her first autobiography, *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, where she revealed a life filled with a wellspring of energy rooted in the culture and traditions of African Americans. It was published in 1969, the year of her forty-first birthday, and in the recounting of her life she revealed having been abused as a seven year old, a child barely beyond her formative years. After her abuse she was a "voluntary mute" for seven years, a period of silence during which she said she wrote. She wrote and she listened. When she began to speak again, she had connected to the internal power that would make her a figure on the world stage.

Maya Angelou broke an unwritten code for black Americans, namely that child sexual abuse was seldom discussed, certainly not outside the black community. Much of that has to do with the necessary coping strategies of a world built in segregation, but what makes her story and her life especially remarkable is that her healing took place within the tradition of her culture. She held onto the truthfulness of a love and spirituality carved in the rough terrains of slavery and its aftermath. It is that energy that made her a humanistic icon for many people.

She was also a dancer, singer, actor, an film director. She lived with the dynamic energy of a well-rounded artist. As director of the 1998 film *Down in the Delta*, she gave the gift of her organic wisdom, her vision of African American culture through the prism of her own experiences. In the film a black family with roots in Mississippi find that their southern home is their healing place, the place where they can retreat and draw the sustaining power of the community, its love and its meaning. A silver candelabra is the family heirloom, passed down from slavery when the patriarch of the family was sold in exchange for it. After the Civil War his son took it in remembrance of his father who was sold away. The candelabra is an icon to mark the miracle of survival much like the miracle of Angelou's own recovery from abuse in the context of a love she maintained for her family and culture. In that she found a power.

I read *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* in the year immediately after it was published. I read it alongside *The Autobiography of Malcolm X*. The two books were the lenses that helped me envision

Caged Bird

A free bird leaps  
on the back of the wind  
and floats downstream  
till the current ends  
and dips his wing  
in the orange sun rays  
and dares to claim the sky.

But a bird that stalks  
down his narrow cage  
can seldom see through  
his bars of rage  
his wings are clipped and  
his feet are tied  
so he opens his throat to sing.

The caged bird sings  
with a fearful trill  
of things unknown  
but longed for still  
and his tune is heard  
on the distant hill  
for the caged bird  
sings of freedom.

The free bird thinks of another breeze  
and the trade winds soft through the sighing trees  
and the fat worms waiting on a dawn bright lawn  
and he names the sky his own

But a caged bird stands on the grave of dreams  
his shadow shouts on a nightmare scream  
his wings are clipped and his feet are tied  
so he opens his throat to sing.

The caged bird sings  
with a fearful trill  
of things unknown  
but longed for still  
and his tune is heard  
on the distant hill  
for the caged bird  
sings of freedom.

— Maya Angelou

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