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Patriots Day 2012 in Somerville



Paul Revere and a gathering of patriotic citizens converged and celebrated Patriots Day in Somerville on Monday. Turn to pages 12-13 to see more pictures.

Photo by Donald Norton

Police station work halted

By Harry Kane

The Department of Public Works was temporarily denied the money to be spent on the Public Safety Building at 220 Washington St.

At the last Board of Aldermen meeting members participated in a discussion regarding the \$282,000 needed to fix up the Public Safety Building.

Ward 7 Alderman Bob Trane invoked his section 15 rights and blocked the resolution. "This is wrong. Meeting after meeting we come up here and we get these last minute things that get handed to us. I'm not putting up with it anymore."

However, a special meeting will be held on Wednesday, according to Alderman Trane, and he hopes funds will be allocated for the project.

Recently the Sheriff's department completed a major refurbishing including the painting of the whole interior.

"I know the Sheriff's department has done an incredible job in that building with their inmate crews," said Maryann Heuston, Ward 2 Alderman. "In addition the DPW has been taking steps to make some major improvements. These funds are needed for

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Students partake in the Kids Green their Schools program

By Cathleen Twardzik

At least eight science classes at the Kennedy School in Somerville will learn how to save energy this year by participating in the Kids Green their Schools program, which was created by "e" Inc.

This program, which was sponsored by NSTAR Electric, teaches kids where energy comes from, how they personally use it, and how they can save it, at school and at home. Each class of kids will target a specific conservation task, so that the Kennedy School may save energy. Kids will create and give conservation kits to teachers and students.

The kits consist of posters, an informative newsletter, and an index card, which serves as a reminder, that may be positioned over light switches.

Schools in Roslindale, Dorchester, Charlestown, Jamaica Plain, South End and Brighton are also participating in the program this year.

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Students at the Kennedy School, all of whom are participating in the Kids Green their Schools program, act out all of the steps that must occur to enable individuals to watch television, from the power plant to the set.

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NEWTALK

This Saturday, April 21, Earth Day Weekend kicks off here in Somerville, three events will be going on to celebrate the city's commitment to green initiatives and urban farming. From 10 a.m. to noon over at 81 Broadway "Urban Agriculture Workshop" will be sharing information and gardening tips. Also, from 10 a.m. to noon at 111 South Street, join the Groundworks Somerville Green Team for a "farm raising." From 1 to 3 p.m. Somerville Reads Celebration presents a community potluck. Bring a dish to share (please list ingredients) and vote your favorite. This event will take place at 79 Highland Avenue Somerville Library.

There was a great turnout for the 237th Anniversary of the ride of Paul Revere from Boston through Somerville to Lexington. About 200 turned out for the event and the Somerville Historical Society put on games and period clothing for everyone to enjoy. Did you know that this year's rider portraying Paul Revere was Andrew Tobin? It seems like he and his five brothers take turns every year. It was also very interesting to see noted historian Bob Doherty, a former fireman, point out that the map of the city of Somerville sort of looks like an eagle.

This Sunday at the Somerville Public Library (Walnut & Highland) meet noted patriots, the Reveres: Paul & Rachel Revere Ride Again! - a performance by Lee Riethmiller and Jessa Piaia. The performance time is 2:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Friends of the Somerville Public Library. Sounds like a lot of fun and lots of historical facts on the life of Paul and Rachel from their days in the North End.

Big time Happy 85th Birthday to one of Somerville's finest gentlemen, a World War II veteran, former City Assessor, Treasurer, and local business owner Ed Ciampa. He's a great guy and we hope he enjoys his day. Ed is

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TheSomervilleNews.com Comments of the Week

Response to *Proposal of WiFi Hotspots in Somerville Parks*

Pauly D says:

this is a stupid idea ! Now the City is gonna pay for wireless?? I live near a park, so please do it. I can cancel my provider and live free off the city like all the other freeloaders

Me says:

"The Alderman researched the idea and found that many people in Europe were already enjoying the benefits of WiFi at their local parks "... especially the greeks, who were able to use to to tweet about their governments going broke.

Again I state for the record, look back at these ideas when the mayor is proposing the budget that states they need to increase taxes and fees to cover the gap or they will have to cut teachers, firemen and police, since they have already cut to the bone.

Susan says:

Aren't we wired enough ! Go PLAY at the parks and the city will save money.

Ward7Somerville says:

Why aren't these parent interested in paying attention to their children? Do they regret having them?

It's sad to see all the children in strollers being ignored by the texting and ear-bud wearing parents and the stated basis for WiFi in parks would just add to that problem.

Patrick says:

Just steal it from your neighbor like I do.

Log onto TheSomervilleNews.com to leave your own comments

TheSomervilleNews.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleNews.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 support the enforcement of bicycle traffic regulations in Somerville. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleNews.com.

Do you support the enforcement of bicycle traffic regulations in Somerville?



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School budget projection

By Harry Kane

The Superintendents office is recommending a middle school foreign language program next year. Three middle school foreign language teachers are being requested in the budget. Approximately \$171,000 will be used to hire staff for the foreign language program.

"It is one definite new initiative that the school committee has wanted for a couple of years," said Patricia Durette, the finance director at the Superintendents office.

Because of the fiscal crises for the last few years this addition had been tabled, but this year it has been decided to move forward with the program, she said.

The foreign language program would be initiated at 6 elementary schools: Argenziano, West Somerville, Winter Hill, Healey, Kennedy and East Somerville.

Preliminary discussions have placed this year's budget increase at 5.5 percent.

Principals, administrators and school committee members are meeting on April 24 to hash out the details.

Over the last few months a list of the recommendations and requests have been noted from different schools and principals.

"We've tried to prioritize them and that's what we discussed in the recent finance meeting," said Durette.

Budget recommendations include new staff, material or supplies and programs.

Superintendent Pierantozzi will recommend a budget in the beginning of May to the school committee based on these meetings and conversations. They will then hold a public hearing, and based on any comments from the public hearing they would address the budget if needed and then the school committee would vote on that budget. Bearing no issues, the budget would then be passed by the Board of Aldermen.



Photo by Bobbie Toner

Healey is one of six elementary schools tagged for implementation of a foreign language program in the near future.

Students partake in the Kids Green their Schools program

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Including Kids Green their Schools, "e" Inc. designs all of its curricula. Its programs are structured to ensure that students gain science knowledge, along with documented increases in science test performance of 30 to 40 percent.

The company's programs are unique because knowledge is paired with action, and they consider students to be environmentally responsible citizens, all of who may make a difference in their schools and communities.

"e" Inc. is an environmental science learning and action center that combines science education with community action, which leads to environmental change in urban communities. Its mission is to create dynamic, environmental citizens, all of whom are committed to the understanding of and to the protection of the earth.

Numerous hands-on activities, all of which were extremely satisfying for students, filled the lessons. The focus was to help students to comprehend where energy comes from, methods to reduce each person's energy consumption, and the environmental impacts of each energy supply.

"Nate Baum from "e" Inc. came to my classroom on five consecutive Tuesdays to teach lessons around the concepts of consumption and reduction of fossil fuel use," said Anthony Sharp, Seventh to 8th Grade Science Teacher at the Kennedy School in Somerville.

The goals of Baum's visits were to raise awareness and to discover how to reduce Sharp's classes' own carbon footprint.

Baum asked students which appliances they could see around the room, which may be wasting energy. Kids noticed a set of speakers, a clock, a television and lamps, which were in use.

He showed the group a spreadsheet which documented the total money that their classroom was wasting per year by leaving various appliances on. That amount was \$151. Since the Kennedy School has many classrooms, the building could save a great deal of money via energy conservation.

One of the messages of Kids Green their Schools is that all of earth's energy currently comes from the sun. For example, the energy in apples comes from photosynthesis, which is a chemical reaction that allows plants to use sunlight to grow. Baum gave apples to the kids in the class and told them that they were using the sun's energy each time that they ate.

Additionally, kids built simplified steam engines to learn how power plants work. "The steam spins the turbine," said Baum. Turbines take mechanical energy and convert that rotation to electrical power. The children learned that the energy which runs many power plants in the United States comes from the sun, because photosynthesis created energy reserves of coal and

natural gas, which are in existence at present.

To discover how coal and natural gas resources are non-renewable and decrease over time, the students in Baum's class looked for beans, which he had hidden in their schoolyard. Each time they looked in the schoolyard, fewer and fewer beans remained.

Then, students drew graphs of the number of beans that they had found, and they used the exercise as a simile for extracting resources from the ground. Therefore, when companies extract coal and oil, resources dwindle.

Along with the assistance of "e" Inc, Sharp and his students started a campaign at the Kennedy to reduce consumption and to raise awareness. That included students going to classrooms to deliver brief presentations and hanging light switch reminder cards and posters. This initiative was very well supported at the school.

It must be noted that, at the Kennedy, "The largest portion of our energy use comes from lighting, and by simply turning off lights in rooms that are not occupied we can have a significant impact on reducing our consumption," said Sharp.

This year marks the first that the Kennedy school has worked with "e" Inc. However, last year, Sharp's classes worked on a very successful project with Honeywell Act Earth. That program's energy consumption saved the

Kennedy several thousand dollars on the school's electric bill.

As a teacher, "The most rewarding thing for me is when a student will approach me and tell me what they did recently to reduce consumption. My students are passionate about caring for the planet on which they live, and I have an opportunity to help them understand the complexities of how human beings impact the ecology of our planet,

and hopefully, [to] teach them how better to live in harmony with all the other living things, here on Earth," said Sharp.

"I'm not sure if we will be working with any outside partners, around the concepts [of] energy use next year, but consumption and reduction will always be a part of my curriculum, and there is no better audience than the exceptional students at the Kennedy School," he said.



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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Alleged shoplifter becomes ‘unhinged’

A Somerville police officer assigned to the Gang Anti-Crime Unit was present in the Home Depot store on Mystic Ave. when a customer reportedly began behaving in a belligerent manner last Wednesday. The officer reported that the man was yelling as he walked through the store looking for

his female friend. The officer remained close by as store associates dealt with the man and his rude behavior, according to reports. The officer reportedly followed the man to the check-out area where he stood in line for a brief period of time, but eventually stepped

out of line and began exiting the store without making a purchase. The officer quickly asked store personnel if the man had any of the store's merchandise in his possession and was told that he did. The officer on the scene then radioed for assistance and the

man, David Kotowski, 42, was shortly thereafter detained and questioned by police. Kotowski reportedly denied having any merchandise from Home Depot in his possession, but he did pull three packages of hinges from his coat pocket, according to reports. Kotowski reportedly

told police that he had bought the hinges some six months prior to this incident and that this is what he was showing to the store's associate. Kotowski had no receipt for the items in his possession. Kotowski was placed under arrest and charged with shoplifting by asportation.

Would-be purse-snatcher apprehended, arrested

A man accused of attempting to snatch a woman's purse was sought and detained by police last Sunday. Police reported they had received a call from a woman who said that a man had come up behind her and attempted to take her purse from her, but that the man failed to get the purse and he fled the scene. A description of the suspect

was dispatched to police units and a man matching the description was soon found near the corner of Walnut and Pearl Streets, where he was stopped and detained for questioning. The alleged victim was brought to the location to conduct a “show-up” identification. The alleged victim reportedly told police that the man being held,

Maxime Laurent, 20, was the man who had attempted to take her purse. When asked how certain she was that she had identified the right man the woman reportedly told officers than on a scale of 0–10 that her level of certainty rated a 10. Laurent was then placed under arrest and charged with unarmed assault to rob.

Traffic stop snags suspected dealer

A routine traffic stop last week yielded more than officers bargained for as quantities of what appeared to be marijuana packaged for sales were discovered in the driver's vehicle. Police report that Juan Wilkins, 30, of Cambridge, had been stopped by a patrol unit that had run a registration check on the vehicle and found that the registered owner had outstand-

ing warrants on record. The investigating officers reportedly recognized the odor of marijuana present in the vehicle and a subsequent search turned up the packaged pot. Wilkins was placed under arrest, charged with drug violation near a school or park, distribution of a class D drug, and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

Jennifer Doherty, 23, of 123 Andalusia Loop, Davenport, FL, April 10, 4:13 p.m., arrested at 220 Washington St. on a warrant charge of assault and battery.
Kolleen Benoit, 31, of 14 Homer Sq., April 10, 4:58 p.m., arrested at 180 Somerville Ave. on multiple warrant charges of shoplifting by asportation.
Juan Wilkins, 30, of 137 Prospect St., Cambridge, April 10, 10:17 p.m., arrested at Franklin St. on charges of drug violation near a school or park, distribution of a class D drug, and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.
Paul Gallagher, 42, of 18 Gladstone Ave., Everett, April 11, 9:04 a.m., arrested at Beacon St. on a charge of possession of a class C drug and on warrant charges of conspiracy to violate drug laws, possession of a class E drug, and drug possession to distribute.
Jeffrey Cabral, 20, of 17 Evergreen Ave., April 11, 11:02 a.m., arrested at Atherton St. on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.
John Deangelo, 49, of 44 Dunbar Ave., Medford, April

11, 2:36 p.m., arrested at 11 Silvey Pl. on charges of abuse prevention order violation and threat to commit a crime.
David Kotowski, 42, of 4 Sanborn Ave., April 11, 6:39 p.m., arrested at 75 Mystic Ave. on a charge of shoplifting by asportation.
Jake Silveira, 20, of 1366 Broadway, April 12, 8:00 p.m., arrested at 220 Washington St. on warrant charges of trespassing.
Steven O'Brien, 22, April 13, 1:33 p.m., arrested at 5 Davis Sq. on a charge of abuse prevention order violation.
James Jackson, 28, of 335 Beacon St., April 15, 1:58 a.m., arrested at 333 Beacon St. on a charge of open and gross lewdness.
Shawna Webb, 19, of 9 Avon Pl., April 15, 7:57 p.m., arrested at home on charges of conspiracy, felony daytime breaking and entering, and possession of a class C drug.
Maxime Laurent, 20, of 21 Cross St., April 15, 9:37 p.m., arrested at 15 Wigglesworth St. on a charge of unarmed assault to rob.
Rocky Veliz, 26, of 261B Broadway, April 16, 12:27 a.m., arrested on warrant charges of possession of a

firearm without FID card, possession of a class B drug, improper storage of a firearm, and possession of ammunition without FID card.
Aecio Lima, 23, of 150 Cross St., April 16, 1:47 a.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and on warrant charges of misdemeanor breaking and entering and larceny under \$250.
Incidents:
Theft:
April 10, 10:29 a.m., police reported a theft at 8 Cross St.
April 10, 2:03 p.m., police reported a theft at Medford St.
April 11, 8:39 a.m., police reported a theft at 85 Elm St.
April 11, 9:08 a.m., police reported a theft at Springfield St.
April 11, 10:45 a.m., police reported a theft at 400 Somerville Ave.
April 11, 6:39 p.m., police reported a theft at 75 Mystic Ave.
April 11, 9:33 p.m., police reported a theft at Wigglesworth St.
April 12, 9:01 a.m., police reported a theft at 581 Somerville Ave.
April 12, 9:23 a.m., police reported a theft at Dimick St.
April 12, 12:37 p.m., police re-

ported a theft at Everett Ave.
April 12, 2:10 p.m., police reported a theft at 35 Charlestown St.
April 12, 3:54 p.m., police reported a theft at 121 Prospect St.
April 13, 11:20 a.m., police reported a theft at Mystic Ave.
April 13, 11:21 a.m., police reported a theft at Mystic Ave.
April 14, 12:45 p.m., police reported a theft at Broadway.
April 14, 12:47 p.m., police reported a theft at Bond St.
April 16, 12:53 a.m., police reported a theft at Jaques St.
April 16, 1:43 p.m., police reported a theft at Holland St.
April 16, 2:38 p.m., police reported a theft at 418 Highland Ave.
Robbery:
April 15, 9:37 p.m., police reported a theft at Wigglesworth St.
Breaking & Entering:
April 10, 7:16 p.m., police reported a theft at Charles E. Ryan Rd.
April 10, 7:18 p.m., police reported a theft at Charles E. Ryan Rd.
April 11, 8:57 p.m., police reported a theft at Powder House Blvd.
April 13, 4:16 p.m., police re-

ported a theft at Edgar Terr.
April 15, 5:34 p.m., police reported a theft at Silvey Pl.
Vehicle Theft:
April 13, 7:50 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Dartmouth St.
April 14, 2:06 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Chester St.
Assault:
April 14, 1:25 a.m., police reported an assault at Highland Ave.
April 15, 8:56 p.m., police reported an assault at Sycamore Terr.
April 16, 1:47 a.m., police reported an assault at Cross St.
April 16, 1:33 a.m., police reported an assault at Gilman St.
April 16, 10:52 p.m., police reported an assault at Vinal Ave.
Drug Violation:
April 10, 10:17 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Oliver St.
April 11, 9:04 a.m., police reported a drug violation at Park St.
April 15, 7:57 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Avon Pl.
April 16, 7:50 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Edgar Ave.

10 new police vehicles 'outfitted'

By Harry Kane

An appropriation for \$73,200 to outfit 10 new police vehicles has been granted to the Somerville Police. The money will be taken from the Capital Project Stabilization Fund. The vehicles have already been purchased according to Ward 2 Alderman Maryann Heuston.

Alderwoman Heuston said

that this additional funding was for 10 police vehicles to be "properly outfitted." This additional cost was not figured into the initial cost for the vehicles. The funds "represent them having the right type of vehicle as well as what they need in terms of interior of the vehicle." The vehicles are outfitted with lights, sirens, radios and police strength bumpers.

Work halted

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continuing those modifications to the public safety building."

Heuston said that the building was already in need of refurbishing even before the flood. "All resources are being utilized to try and get that building up," she said.

The largest portion of the money, \$185,000, would be used for heating and ventilation. Also included are new windows, rugs, two rooms for Chief Pasquarello and monitors.

"There's all kinds of positive effects," said Commissioner Koty of the DPW.

Commissioner Koty spoke to the urgency in obtaining the funds; since the contractor was still on the job site, it was beneficial to keep working, he said.

"There was money available and the work that the chief needed done to make this building a 100 percent safe, secure, and livable friendly as well as usable for the entire community," said Commissioner Koty.

Koty was adamant that funds needed for renovations were reasonable. "We have met with the administration and went through everything at the Chief's request on a case by case basis and there is no question that what the chief is requesting is extremely reasonable and necessary."

Alderman John Connolly also felt that the work was vital. "It seems like a rather large amount of money we have to spend and make a quick decision on, but from listening to the commissioner and discussing in the committee it appears that by not making a move to spend the money now, it's only going to cost additional dollars later, cause of the convenience of the contractor being on site, having had work delayed or having to come back another time; it's only going to make it more costly. Plus I've said many times public safety exists as the principal purpose of government."

Somerville Chamber of Commerce 7th Annual Business Town Meeting



Photos by William Tauro

By Donald Norton

The Somerville Chamber of Commerce presented the 7th annual Mayor Joe Curtatone Address to the local business community on Wednesday evening before a small but packed house of about 150 business and community leaders. Downstairs at the recently renovated Davis Square Theatre, Mayor Joe Curtatone gave a positive and upbeat assessment of

where we are as a city and where we are going. The crowd was very responsive to the mayor's talk, which lasted a little over an hour, and then he entertained questions from the floor on a variety of subjects ranging from the MBTA Green and Orange line extensions to what is going on in the various squares throughout the city. On a question concerning the Assembly Square development and when it was starting, the mayor re-

sponded that it has already begun. A community of 2100 housing units, mixed stores and restaurants, as well as a five-acre waterfront park for the area, is all under development right now. Mayor Joe Curtatone and the business community joined afterwards for a reception in the new Saloon Bar, which is a recent addition to Davis Square. The event, sponsored annually by the Somerville Chamber of Commerce, was another success.



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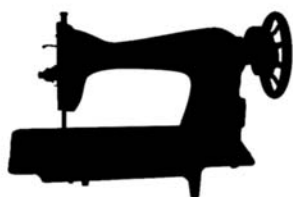


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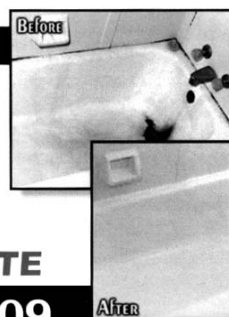
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Sheriff Koutoujian announces the TRIAD Program

Wednesday, April 11, Middlesex Sheriff Peter Koutoujian announced the new Middlesex Sheriff's Office TRIAD Program at an event with Somerville Mayor Joseph Curtatone. The event took place at the Winter Hill Yacht Club with the Somerville Council on Aging.

The new TRIAD Program, which will kick-off in Somerville and spread to other Middlesex County communities, is a partnership between the Sheriff's Office, local Councils on Aging, non-profit or-

ganizations and local public safety officials. Sheriff Koutoujian worked closely with Fire Chief Kevin Kelleher, Police Chief Thomas Pasquarello and Mayor Curtatone to ensure this program helps strengthen public safety in Somerville.

TRIAD focuses on empowering senior citizens to recognize fraudulent behavior; hosts educational events; and provides tips and resources on how seniors can stay safe and avoid being the object of criminal behavior.



Photos by William Tauro



Bike parking corrals moving into ten locations citywide



Photo by Bobbie Toner

City workers are nearing completion on installation of ten curbside bicycle corrals across the city. The structures are designed to provide secure parking for up to up to 14 bikes in the same space that would typically be used for a single parked car. Bicyclists can use the corrals instead of locking their bikes to street signs or parking meters, which reduces congestion on sidewalks and promotes easier access to meters in business districts. The corrals will remain in place until late fall, when colder weather typically causes a decline in bicycle traffic.

"Somerville is home to a large and growing number of bicycle commuters, recreational riders and residents who use their bikes as everyday transportation. We experimented last year with bike corrals on Bow Street and Elm Street, and they were an immediate hit. With more corrals in more key locations, the city is making good on its commitment to promote and support safe bicycle ridership as a green and healthy alternative to driving-in every neighborhood in Somerville," said Sarah J. Spicer, Senior Transportation Planner in the Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Com-

munity Development (OSPCD).

"This year, we've expanded the program to ten corrals - with at least one in each of the city's seven wards. We chose the locations based on proximity to major destinations and commercial areas, demand for bike and vehicular parking, and proximity to our bike lanes and sharrows," said Spicer. "We've worked closely with the city's Traffic and Parking Dept. to ensure that there's no adverse impact on parking supply for vehicles." Corrals are installed at the following locations:

- Broadway, East Somerville - Mudflat Studios
- Broadway, Ball Square
- Union Square, near the Plaza
- Medford Street, Magoun Square
- Somerville Avenue (Union Square)
- College Ave at Powderhouse Circle
- Bow Street, Union Square (re-install)
- Elm Street, Davis (re-install)
- Broadway, Winter Hill
- Broadway, Teele Square

A brochure describing the program is available for download at www.somervillema.gov/bikecorrals. Residents or businesses with questions about bike corrals may call OSPCD at 617-625-6600 x 2519.

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TALES OF SOMERVILLE

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Technology is fine and good in its proper place, but let's not forget to commune with nature - and one another.

The View From Prospect Hill



Progress is a wonderful thing to behold and to be a part of. Twenty years ago or so, few of us would have dreamed of how tightly connected we would become by way of an obscure little thing called the Internet. Yes, a lot of change can occur in such a relatively short span of time.

Today we can make use of a myriad assortment of devices to converse, shop, learn, and - yes -

order that jumbo pizza with extra anchovies. The information age has changed the way we do things in so many ways. But is it also changing us? If so, is it for the better?

Social scientists and sundry pundits can debate that question endlessly. What we can be sure of is that the information age is here to stay, and it will grow even faster and larger.

Recent discussion over the pros and cons of municipal funding of cost-free WiFi zones - specifically in Somerville public parks - has raised a few questions, as well as eyebrows in certain segments of the community.

Proponents argue that it is the thing to do to keep up with the times, and that it will provide a needed service to the community. Others feel that the expense

of such programs cannot be justified considering the many urgent needs that the city faces while so many budgetary constraints are currently in place.

Another point of view involves the free market concerns of Internet service providers. In a recovering economy, do we really want to offer something free of cost that would otherwise generate revenue for related industries?

Most curious perhaps, is the notion that such a service is needed in our public parks. The places where we play with our children, enjoy a little bird song, and stop once in awhile to smell the flowers.

Maybe just for a short time we can put away our high-tech gizmos and simply enjoy our surroundings. Or is that done any more?

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very active in the Somerville Lions Club and still is seen around the city.

Mark the date, and don't be late: Sunday, May 6, over at Anthony's in Malden, the annual Eugene C. Brune charity breakfast. This will be the last time he will be hosting as the Registrar of Deeds, but we hope he continues to have it. The money raised goes to a deserving student for a scholarship. This year's special guest is the Sheriff of Middlesex County Peter Koutoujian.

A get well soon goes out to our good friend Somerville Fire Department District Chief Dennis Murphy who was recently in the hospital and is now home on the mend. We wish him all the best for a healthy and speedy recovery.

We want to express our condolences to the family of Mary L. (McGonagle) Hickey of Somerville who sadly passed away last week. Mary was also mother to Somerville Police Officer Robert Hickey. A nice lady who definitely will

be missed by family and friends alike.

Happy Birthdays here in the 'Ville to some of our fans out there. In particular, Courtney Rogers, who likes to party. Brian Gillis, Andrew Woodbury, Brandon O'Regan, Michelle Grace Lynch and Kevin McCarthy as well.

A special Happy Birthday for long time resident and former Ward 2 Alderman, along with being the Administrative Assistant to former State Senator from Somerville, Dennis McKenna, Frank Bakey. Frank was a very popular Alderman and School Committee member back in the 70's here in the city. One time while he was President of the Board of Alderman a meeting got so out of hand that he banged his gavel so hard the podium came apart. Those were special days back in the 70's on the board of Alderman, and Frank saw some very special Alderman meetings. We wish him well and many more birthdays to come.

Congratulations to our good friends Kathy and Kenny Webber on the recent birth of their new grandson Kenneth Webber III. And speaking of Kathy and Kenny, its Kathy's birthday as well and both are celebrating their 43rd wedding anniversary. A Happy Birthday to one of our Alderman at Large, Jack Connolly.

Congratulations to Mary Scott who was the lucky winner of the Somerville Lions Club's "Wheelbarrow full of Cheer." Mary bought the lucky ticket through the Council on Aging.

Congratulations to Adam and Virginia Devine who got married this past Saturday. PFC Adam Devine is a former SHS football player as well as a recent Iraq War veteran who was severely injured in the line of duty when his vehicle ran over an IED (Improvised explosive device). Our own Mayor Joe Curtatone officiated (married them) the marriage at the ceremony. Adam is also grandson to Cindy and Bob Hickey.

Happy wedding anniversary to Jimmy and Joellen Dunne on their eighth year together. They are a lovely couple and we wish them many more anniversaries to come.

Our friend, Tenant Association President Kenny Biagioni, and the good people at Clarendon Hill Towers out of the goodness of hearts are helping out with a benefit on April 20 at the Wakefield Elks from 6-11 with a "70's Night Bash" to aid and assist 18 month old baby Julia Polcaro, who was diagnosed with Neuroblastoma cancer in December. Julia has been dealing with challenging medical treatments. For more info on the 70's Bash and how you can help, call Dorothy at 617 224-6311. Donations marked ATTN: Julia Polcaro Fund can be dropped off at any Citizens Bank.

The annual SHS scholarship Foundation is having its fundraiser. A limited amount of tickets will be sold at \$100 each for a grand prize of \$10K. Send your check in the amount of \$100 to SHS Raffle c/o

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An annual report to the business community



By Joseph A. Curtatone

The Somerville Chamber of Commerce's Business Town Meeting is now in its seventh year: I don't think it's too soon to declare it a tradition and an important event on the city's annual calendar. The Business Town Meeting has become a chance for me to review - and in some cases to preview - the efforts of municipal government to promote jobs and economic activity across the city.

Now, as everyone knows, a big part of any mayor's job is to be as optimistic as possible about his

or her city's economic situation. And I have to admit that, this year, it's been fairly easy to be upbeat. Our unemployment rate of 4.5 percent would look good even if we weren't just recovering from a national recession. We've seen net growth in the number of small businesses in Somerville. Assembly Square is, at long last, actually breaking ground on its first new buildings - and work has already started on the new Orange Line station. The Boston Phoenix just declared Somerville the "Best Place to Live" in its annual "best-of" ratings. All in all, it's a good time to be in business in Somerville - or to consider building a new business here.

But, as I made clear in last week's presentation, prosperity is a moving target, and there's a lot of work we can do together to ensure a strong and growing local marketplace that continues to provide opportunities to all kinds of local entrepreneurs.

One of the biggest long-term challenges we face is that the

great majority of our young, skilled, sough-after workforce doesn't actually work here: only 16 percent of our employed residents have jobs here in Somerville. In order to promote the kind of daytime activity that supports local shopping and service industries, it's helpful to have mid-sized and larger employers generating local traffic in our commercial districts. We have outstanding dining and entertainment venues across the city, and healthy economic activity in the evening and on weekends, but one great way to help our current small businesses, and encourage new ones, is to upgrade the density and pace of our major business districts so that there are more potential customers throughout the day.

Our comprehensive planning efforts for Union Square, Inner-belt, Brickbottom and East Broadway are designed to achieve exactly that goal. Our continued effort to make Somerville a truly multimodal city - with plenty of transit

service, well-planned bicycle and pedestrian routes, and a ready supply of appropriately-priced and accessible parking - will also help support increased economic activity.

It's easy to see how these various factors - mixed use, multiple transportation options, daytime employers supporting a round-the-clock shopping and entertainment district while generating demand for convenient housing - all come together in a place like Assembly Square, where we're building from the ground up. But the same basic ingredients are the cornerstone of any successful urban community.

Still, it's important to remember that one size doesn't fit all: one of the great things about Somerville is that its commercial squares and districts are as diverse as its people. I don't expect to see uniform character, density, or function from one commercial area to another, but I am confident that, applied in varying proportions to various loca-

tions, these tried-and-true components of urban economic development will continue to lift the city as a whole.

Over the past few months, I've talked in this column about some of the new initiatives we've taken to improve our long-term business climate: our new Transportation Research, Analysis and Planning (TRIP) Team; our Jobs Advisory Committee - and even our quality of life initiatives like the Mayor's Fitness Challenge and our exploration of the potential for urban agriculture. All of these ventures draw on the participation and wisdom of our entire community - and all of them have the potential to enrich our shared economic life.

There are many reasons why it's a good time to be in business in Somerville. But perhaps the best reason is that we're not going to get complacent or stand pat: our renaissance is just getting started, and we will keep experimenting and innovating so that our city, and our economy, never get old.

On The Silly Side by Jimmy Del Ponte

Old Ball Square



I lived in Lenny and Louise Scott's house on Pearson Ave. from 1956 to 1961. Ball Square was a short walk and we spent a lot

of time there. As a matter of fact, former alderman and school committee member Lenny Scott gave me a 1882 silver dollar for my birthday one year. I went to Savel's 5 and 10 and bought my mother an apron. My dad went down there shortly after that and got the silver dollar back (and gave him another one). I still have that coin. I also have many memories of those days long ago in Ball Square. To add to my own memories, I interviewed a very knowledgeable friend of mine with an excellent memory, who told me about Ball Square in the 1940's and 50's. She wishes to remain anonymous, but the interesting and historic information she gave me is here in this column for us to enjoy.

Ball Square was the place my friend and her classmates came to after classes were finished at St. Clement School. After a long day with Sisters Adele, Benedict, Ethelbert, Verecunda and Eulina, Steven's Ice Cream was one of the places they hung out. They would walk to the old Lincoln Junior High School in Medford to perform in St. Clement's March play. Sometimes they would have to go to

Tufts Field in Medford to skate if they didn't flood Trum Field.

At the corner of Josephine Ave. and Broadway was a First National store. During World War II you had to have ration coupons. Red coupons were for meat and blue ones were for groceries. There was the Ball Square Bakery, The Ball Square Grill, and, of course, the Fryers, with their fabulous pizza and fried shrimp. There was a men's clothing store or haberdasher, called Margets. At 7 a.m., people stood in line at Lyndell's (which was at a different location back then) for savory baked beans and fresh brown bread.

Who could forget Ball Square Fish Market? Frankie and his family were so friendly, not to mention the unforgettable fish and chips. I can still see Frank's smiling face. The staff at Crowley's Liquor store were always pleasant and you'd never know who you would see in there. Let's also not forget Harold's Luncheonette. Todis Subs was a fun place to pop into also. His mom was in the back cutting veggies and no one could beat his pepper and eggs, and crab meat salad. Todi was quite a character. That brings us to the famous barbershop. I am happy to say that I got haircuts from Lionel, then Artie, and finally "fast" Phil Rotondo. But did you know there was another barbershop on

the bridge? It was run by Mike Caliri and you could get your ears lowered for 60 cents! Now, my wonderful friend who I interviewed for this story told me the locations of these places but two things happened. One, I couldn't write that fast, and two, I have trouble reading my henschcratch note writing. Anyway, there was another market called Homys's (I hope I spelled that right!) It was run by Charlie and his son, and his daughter Margie. There was O'Brien's Bar and Grille, Linda's Donuts, and Tomeo's Meat Market where Tony and Maria hammered and tenderized the veal cutlets to perfection.

Mitchells was at the corner of Josephine for years. I remember watching those two brothers go from young men, to adults, and then finally retire and sell the place. Mitchell's always reminded me of Hoodies. Don't forget Ray's fruit, Bo Bo's Chinese Restaurant, Victors' Florist, McDonald Florist, Kennedy Butter and Egg, Ace Carpet, and Lepore's pharmacy. I have a picture from around 1965 of the St Clement Boy Scout troop 71, singing Christmas carols in front of Johnnies Super market. We also must note the Willow Café, Hyde's Lunch, and good old Dr Walsh the dentist. How many of you went to Dr Harry Goldenberg on Broadway across from Powder House Park? I did. He used to make house calls

no matter what time of day and in all kinds of weather.

One of my favorite places in Ball Square was Surabian Drugs. I remember a fellow named Lud who always smiled as he greeted you in his grey pharmacists smock. Surabian's also had a soda fountain run by a man named Ray.

I'd like to thank my friend for sitting down with me and sharing her precious memories. As we were talking I could picture her as a child going into the Ball Square Theatre, or the bowling alley, or getting some candy from one of the many stores back then. I could tell those days were very special to her by the way she smiled when she reminisced about those times years ago. Ball Square has certainly changed a lot over the years, but in a lot of people's hearts it will always be a happy place, with great friends, and memories that will never go out of business.

Join us for a ROAST AND TOAST FOR ROBERT (Bobby) RACICOT on Tuesday, April 24 at Montvale Plaza at 7:00 pm. The cost is \$50 a person or \$500 a table. Enjoy Tony V, DJs, food, dancing, silent auction and raffle prizes. All proceeds to fund the Parkinson's and Liver Cancer treatment. Anyone interested in tickets can contact Gary Gartland at gmgartland@gmail.com, Billy Murphy at the

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records the votes of local representatives and senators on two roll calls from the week of April 9-13.

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



Rep. Denise Provost

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



Rep. Carl Sciortino

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



Rep. Timothy Toomey

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



Sen. Sal DiDomenico

DISTRICT REPRESENTED: MIDDLESEX, SUFFOLK AND ESSEX. - Cambridge, ward 3, precinct 2, wards 6 and 7, ward 8, precincts 1 and 2, ward 9, precinct 1, ward 10, precinct 2, Everett and Somerville, ward 1, precinct 1, ward 2, precinct 1, in the county of Middlesex; Boston, ward 2, ward 21, precincts 4, 6 and 7, ward

22, precincts 1, 2 and 5, Chelsea and Revere, ward 6, in the county of Suffolk; and Saugus, precincts 2, 6 and 10, in the county of Essex.



Sen. Patricia Jehlen

DISTRICT REPRESENTED: SECOND MIDDLESEX. - Medford, Somerville, ward 1, precincts 2 and 3, ward 2, precincts 2 and 3, and wards 3 to 7, inclusive, Woburn, ward 2, and Winchester.

RULES FOR HOUSE DEBATE ON THE \$32.4 BILLION BUDGET (H 3399)

House 119-31, voted strictly along party lines and approved a set of Democratic leadership-sponsored rules to be followed when the House considers the \$32.4 billion fiscal 2013 state budget beginning on April 23. All Republicans opposed the rules while all Democrats supported them.

Key provisions require any tax hikes or tax cuts to be taken up first, followed by consideration of all other amendments, and bar members from proposing amendments dealing with casino gambling, slot machines or video gaming.

Supporters said these rules would impose fiscal responsibility in light of the state's projected deficit. They noted the Legislature has already approved a law legalizing casinos and that revisiting that issue during budget debate is misguided.

Opponents said the rules are restrictive, anti-democratic and would further decrease the input and power of individual members. They argued it is also simply unfair to prohibit amendments on casino gambling and noted they also support other budget debate reforms that are not in the package. (A "Yes" vote is for the rules. A "No" vote is against the rules.)

Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Carl Sciortino	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes

MAKE IT HARDER TO SHIP AMENDMENTS OFF TO STUDY COMMITTEES (H 3399)

House 32-119, voted mostly along party lines and rejected a Republican-sponsored rule requiring a two-thirds vote to ship proposed amendments off to a study committee unless the sponsor of the original amendment agrees with conducting a study. Only one Democratic legislator voted with the GOP in favor of the rule.

The rule is designed to stop what Republicans describe as successful attempts by Speaker Robert DeLeo and his Democratic leadership team to prevent Democratic members from having to vote directly against GOP proposals to reduce taxes.

Here's an example of how it works: The Republicans offer a proposal to reduce the income tax from 5.3 percent back to 5 percent. If the Democratic leadership does nothing, there would be a roll call vote directly on the tax

reduction. Most Democrats would vote against the reduction and then would be open to charges of being against tax relief.

Instead, a Democratic member offers a "delaying" amendment that would prohibit the tax reduction from taking effect until the Department of Revenue studies its economic impact.

Under House rules, the amendment to study and delay the tax cut is voted upon first. If it passes, which it always does, no other amendments can be introduced and the original proposal that would simply cut the tax is dead without ever having a direct vote on it.

Republicans say the studies are a sham because they are never done. They argued this procedure is a pre-planned ploy used to confuse the voters. The Speaker calls upon a representative who is loyal to him to propose the delay and study. Even if a Republican member is waving his or her hand and shouting to be recognized, he or she will not be called upon because he or she would not propose the delay and study.

Opponents of the rule said the current system has worked well for many years. They argued raising the bar to a two-thirds majority is a slippery slope that will lead to proposals to require a two-thirds vote for all kinds of legislation. (A "Yes" vote is for the rule requiring a two-thirds vote. A "No" vote is against the rule.)

Rep. Denise Provost	No
Rep. Carl Sciortino	No
Rep. Timothy Toomey	No

INTERSTATE PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN (S 63)

Senate 37-0, approved and sent to the House a bill that adopts an updated Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children. This compact oversees and monitors children placed across state lines for foster care or adoption.

Supporters said the current compact is more than 50 years old and noted 12 states have adopted these updates to bring the regulations into the 21st century. They noted the new compact will go into effect when 35 states approve it.

They also argued the current compact has very few enforcement mechanisms and too many regulations that are burdensome and complicated and take too long to fulfill. They said the new compact will ensure that children are safe, protected and placed with suitable people. (A "Yes" vote is for the new compact.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

\$1.5 BILLION TRANSPORTATION BOND BILL (S 2213)

Senate 37-0, approved a \$1.3 billion transportation bond bill. The package includes the same \$200 million that is in the House version for maintenance and repair of local roads and bridges in cities and towns across the state.

The Senate version also includes millions of dollars for state highway, bridge, rail and other projects that are not in the House bill.

The bill is a bond bill which, according to Senate President Therese Murray's office, "authorizes the state to borrow \$885 million to fund existing programs, ensuring that state dollars will be available to leverage federal

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funding for transportation improvement projects totaling \$1.5 billion.”

Supporters said the package will ensure the state’s roads and bridges are improved and safe. They noted the measure would also leverage hundreds of millions of dollars in federal funds for roads and bridges.

Since the House has approved a different version of the bill, the Senate draft now goes back to the House for consideration. It is likely that a conference committee will hammer out a compromise version of the two bills. (A “Yes” vote is for the \$1.5 billion package.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

MEDICAL MARIJUANA (H 3885) - The Public Health Committee held a hearing on an initiative petition that would allow marijuana use by patients approved by physicians and certified by the Department of Public Health. Doctors would be allowed to prescribe a 60-day supply of marijuana to patients with debilitating medical conditions including cancer, HIV/AIDS, Parkinson’s disease, Crohn’s disease, multiple sclerosis, hepatitis C, Lou Gehrig’s disease and “other conditions as determined in writing by a qualifying patient’s physician.”

Another key provision allows non-profit medical marijuana treatment centers to grow, process and provide the marijuana to patients or their caregivers.

If the proposal is not approved by the Legislature by May 2, proponents must gather another 11,485 signatures by July 2012 in order for the question to appear on the 2012 ballot. Sponsors originally gathered 68,911 signatures to bring the proposal before the Legislature.

Supporters said marijuana has been proven to provide pain relief for many patients including those undergoing chemotherapy. They said there are many safeguards in the bill to prevent the law from being abused.

Opponents said the bill sends the wrong message about drugs, especially to children. Others argue the bill would result in abuses and the widespread use of the drug by people who are not ill.

REGULATE ANIMAL SHELTERS - The House gave initial approval, without debate, to a bill (H 561) intended to give the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR) authority to promulgate additional regulations for non-profit animal shelters and rescue organizations. The law would not apply to for-profit shelters and breeders who sell animals.

The measure, filed by Rep. Brad Hill (R-Ipswich), does not accomplish that goal because it only contains a definition of animal shelters, not language requiring the regulation. Hill says the bill was filed hastily to meet a deadline and he did not have sufficient time to draft the language requiring regulation. However, he is hopeful that will be added by the Third Reading Committee, where the bill now resides. The language could also be added on the House floor.

A separate bill (H 1445), filed by Rep. Kay Khan (D-Newton), does include the language allowing MDAR to develop at its sole discretion new regulations governing every aspect of operations of nonprofit animal shelters and rescue organizations. Khan’s bill was given a favorable report by the Municipalities and Regional Government Committee. It is now in the Ways and Means Committee and has not made it to the House floor.

Supporters of increased MDAR power say it will help

ensure these organizations are properly run. They are concerned that dogs brought to Massachusetts from out of state for adoption here, or those brought in from other countries, such as dogs rescued by U.S. servicemen and servicewomen serving overseas, could have illnesses that might spread to other animals and humans.

Some opponents of the legislation say it is unnecessary because shelters and rescues already are required to register and keep accurate records of all their animals, including health certificates issued by licensed veterinarians. Any animals not deemed free of contagious disease must be kept isolated until and unless the health problem is solved.

Other opponents say the legislation unfairly singles out non-profit organizations that rescue abandoned animals yet does not empower MDAR to promulgate regulations for the for-profit breeders who sell animals to the public, some of whom end up in shelters or taxpayer-funded municipal pounds. They argue there are similar concerns with health and other issues among dogs kept by currently under-regulated breeders, who also transport them across state lines.

Khan said she plans to continue supporting a bill that only regulates non-profit shelters and rescues, not breeders. Hill said he is open to sitting down with both sides to discuss the legislation and perhaps also regulate breeders.

EXPUNGE QUORUM ROLL CALL - Last Thursday, the House, without debate at an informal, sparsely attended session, approved a first-ever and some say unusual motion by House Speaker Robert DeLeo to expunge the quorum roll call that was taken at the start of last Wednesday’s House session.

A quorum call is used to gather a majority of members onto the House floor to conduct business. On quorum roll calls, members simply vote “present” in order to indicate their presence in the chamber. When a representative does not indicate his or her presence on a quorum roll call, it is counted as a roll call absence just like any other roll call absence. Thirty of the House’s 158 members did not show up in the chamber for Wednesday’s quorum call.

Seth Gitell, spokesman for DeLeo said that several representatives of the 30 who missed the roll call were in the building but were at a press conference at which the proposed fiscal 2013 House budget was unveiled. Many complained that the room was noisy and they did not hear the announcement that a roll call was in progress.

House Republican Minority Leader Brad Jones said his understanding is that members who were at the press conference were told not to worry because the request for the quorum call would be withdrawn before the votes were posted. Jones noted that withdrawing a request for a roll call vote is not that unusual and has occurred before. He said there must have been some miscommunication or snafu resulting in the request for the roll call not being withdrawn.

DeLeo made the decision to expunge roll call number 214, now permanently deleted from the Legislature’s website.

Rep. Charles Murphy (D-Burlington), DeLeo’s former majority whip and Ways and Means Committee chair said, “Is it too much to assume that the Speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives has more to worry about than an innocuous roll call vote? I suspect one or two members complained about missing the vote and DeLeo, rather than suggesting the members take responsibility for missing the vote, placated them at the expense of the body. Such a move is an embarrassment.”

A representative who requested anonymity told *Beacon Hill Roll Call*, “This odd move of making believe the roll call never occurred puts the Statehouse further into Fantasy Land.”

HOUSE COMMITTEE UNVEILS PROPOSED FISCAL 2013 STATE BUDGET - The House fired the second shot in the long battle over the fiscal year 2013 state budget that begins on July 1. Gov. Patrick fired the opening shot in January when he filed his version. The House Ways and Means Committee last week unveiled its own \$32.4 billion version on which the House is scheduled to debate during the week of April 23.

After the House finally approves the package, the Senate will follow suit with its own draft and a House-Senate conference committee will eventually craft a plan that will be presented to the House and Senate for consideration and sent to the governor.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE IN SCHOOLS (S 2132) - The House and Senate gave final approval to and sent to Gov. Deval Patrick a bill that would require each school to have a written medical emergency response plan to “reduce the incidence of life-threatening emergencies and promote efficient responses to such emergencies.” The measure is called “Michael’s Law” in memory of 16-year-old Michael Ellsesser of Sutton, who died suddenly of cardiac arrest during a high school football game.

Provisions include requiring establishment of a rapid communication system linking all inside and outside parts of the school campus to the emergency medical service system; a determination of emergency medical service response time to any location on campus; and a method of providing access to training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and first aid for teachers, coaches and other school staff.

Supporters said this long overdue bill would save lives.

EASIER HIV TESTING (S 2158) - The House gave final approval to and sent to the Senate a measure that would allow doctors to test for the HIV virus with only verbal consent of the patient. Under current law, Massachusetts is one of only two states that require written permission from patients.

Supporters said the U.S. Centers for Disease Control estimates there are 25,000 to 27,000 people living with HIV/AIDS in Massachusetts, but more than 20 percent of those are unaware of it. They noted the change will result in more people getting tested and receiving life-extending treatment.

The proposal needs only final Senate approval before it goes to Gov. Patrick.

REQUIRE REPORTING OF CHILD ABUSE (H 50) - The House gave initial approval to a bill adding any “employee contracted by a public or private school facility” to the current list of professionals required to report instances of the abuse, sexual abuse or neglect of a child under 18. The current list of mandated reporters includes doctors and medical personnel, teachers and educational personnel, police officers, firefighters and many human service professionals.

Supporters said the bill is aimed at adding school bus drivers as mandated reporters but could also apply to other employees of companies hired by the school.

A separate bill specifically adding bus drivers as mandated reporters (H 50) was given

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Patriots Day 2012 in Somerville





SOMERVILLE SPORTS

Shape Up somerville Road Race 2012



The city's annual Shape Up Somerville / Somerville Recreation Road Race was held this past Sunday. Mario DaSilva was the overall winner with a time of 16:23 and Pristine Mei (Member of Somerville High School Track Team) was the female winner, with a time of 20:13. The top 30 winners are listed below.

Ms. Cam's

Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

#313

1. What is the one sport that neither the spectators nor participants know the score or leader until the contest ends?

2. What famous North American landmark is constantly moving backwards?

3. What are the only three words in the English language that begin with "dw?"

4. What are the only two vegetables that live to produce on their own for several growing seasons? (all other vegetables must be planted every year)

5. Many liquor stores sell pear brandy, with a real pear inside the bottle. The bottle is genuine, the pear is real, whole and ripe. How did the pear get inside the bottle?

6. There are 14 punctuation marks in English grammar. Can you name nine of them?

7. What common fruit has its seeds on the outside?

8. What is the only fruit or vegetable that is never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any other form except fresh?

9. Can you name six or more things you can wear on your feet the begin with the letter "S?"

10. When did the Income Tax begin?

11. What is a paraprosdokian?

12. What was the name of the first dog in space?

Answers on page 17



Race Results - Top 30:

1	712 Dasilva, Mario	M37 Somerville, MA	16:23.00
2	808 Thornton, Ben	M31 Somerville, MA	18:30.00
3	726 Hegarty, Thomas	M42 Stoneham, MA	18:52.00
4	807 Harris, Brian	M33 Somerville, MA	19:01.00
5	793 Doolin, Sean	109 Reading, MA	19:05.00
6	809 Goodwin, James	M37 Somerville, MA	19:17.00
7	789 Mei, Pristine	W18 Somerville, MA	20:13.00
8	797 Ranger, Andrea	W42 Somerville, MA	20:38.00
9	805 Martineau, Andy	M29 Somerville, MA	20:50.00
10	770 Bach, Ted	M35 Somerville, MA	21:29.00
11	720 Forristall, David	W39 North, MA	22:03.00
12	757 Kramer, Anna	W33 Somerville, MA	22:08.00
13	749 Slaby, Isabella	W19 Robbinsville, MA	22:17.00
14	802 Sheehan, Tim	M53	22:51.00
15	816 Sprick, Henry	M13 Somerville, MA	23:15.00
16	781 Turner, Kevin	M33 Somerville, MA	23:46.00
17	813 Rossetti, Jackie	W27	23:51.00
18	711 Conley, Matt	M38 Somerville, MA	24:00.00
19	710 Clarke, Mary	W44 Somerville, MA	24:06.00
20	724 Hands, Rachel	W27 Somerville, MA	24:07.00
21	776 McNamara, Susan	W46	24:09.00
22	800 Lafuente, Andrew	M22 Somerville, MA	24:14.00
23	759 Derosier, Christopher	M32 Somerville, MA	24:18.00
24	782 Higgins, Denis	M54 Windham, NH	24:30.00
25	817 Hoff, Tim	M46 Cambridge, MA	24:47.00
26	785 Ahearn, Bob	M54 Tewksbury, MA	24:51.00
27	771 Curtatone, Joe	M45 Somerville, MA	24:58.00
28	803 O'Brien, Emily-Kate	W15 Somerville, MA	25:02.00
29	818 Lento, Meg	W31 Roslindale, MA	25:03.00
30	731 LE, Alyssa	W19 Hillsborough, NJ	



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'Last Chance Slippers' slips into Gallery 32

By Amanda Rhodes

Saturday night marked the opening of Jill Comer's new exhibit, *Last Chance Slippers*. The event was held at Gallery 32, the exhibition space of the Washington Street Art center. The nonprofit arts organization is located between Union and Inman Squares at 321 Washington Street. The center provides studio space for members and includes a darkroom for processing black and white film.

The space is intimate and allows the visitor to get close to the sculptures. Comer's sculptures for this show are primarily made of smooth concrete and finished wood. Jill took inspiration from her hobby, the ukulele, to make musical instruments. One even had a note with instructions on what to do: "Pluck the string. Pull gently on the handle." The string was attached at one end to a recycled, corrugated can. Pulling on the string produced a note and pulling back on the handle attached to the can modulated the note, like an instrument.

In addition to the musical instruments, there were carefully crafted concrete shoes and coffee mugs, in addition to objects that combined wood with concrete. The concrete has a warm glow in the studio light and forces the viewer to reexamine a common object through a different frame. As the painter Chuck Close says "Sculpture occupies real space like we do... you walk around it and relate to it almost as another person or another object." Although the sculptures were connected to the wall, there was still an opportunity to see a three-dimensional object and interact with it at different angles.

The opening was lively, in part because of the small space, which concentrated the conversations in the room. In addition

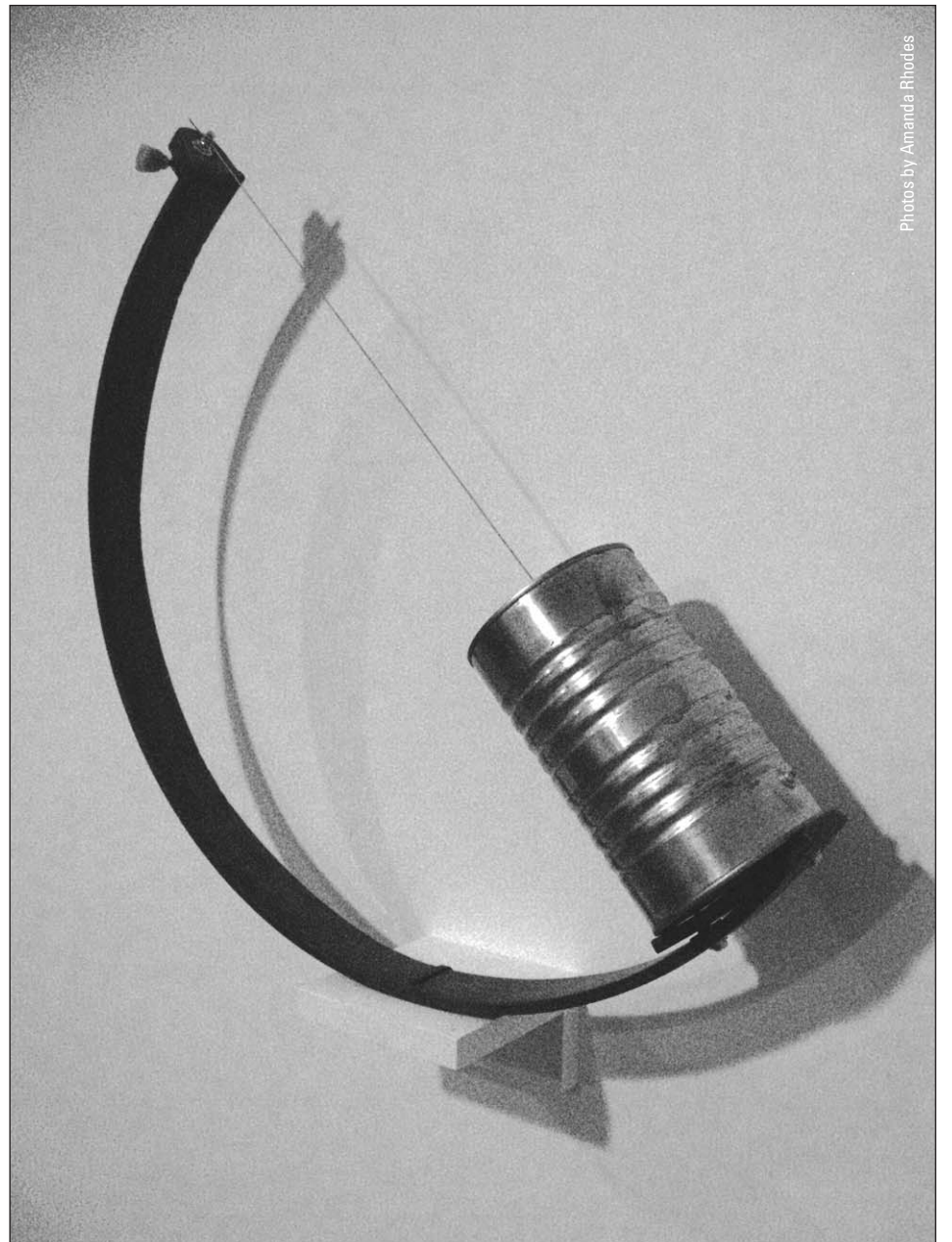
to being an artist, Comer is also a musician who plays in the Somerville band, Cargo Cult. The group played on Saturday evening while people examined the art, socialized, and consumed beverages and snacks.

The Washington Street Art Center has frequent exhibits. In addition to sculpture, paintings, and photography, they show films and performances by local artists. Each month they also unveil a new exhibit which can be viewed on Saturdays from 12-4 p.m., in addition to the shows, exhibits, and events that happen frequently.

The center also hosted another event last weekend: *The Spring Zine Thing*. A "zine" is a small circulation publication that is typically self-published and often reproduced or photocopied. This event allowed participants to meet with many local zine makers, purchase new zines, and swap their zine for someone else's.

Many of the local artists involved with the Washington Street Art Center are also involved with the Somerville Open Studio 2012. The event is held on May 5-6 and lets visitors connect with over 400 artists in their homes or studios. The free showcase allows enthusiasts to meet emerging artists in the area and provides an opportunity for local artists to exhibit and sell their work. The events are held throughout Somerville, and Somerville resident parking restrictions are lifted for the weekend event, though metered parking is still required.

The Washington Street Art Center accepts inquiries from artists looking to exhibit or perform their work. More information about the center and is available on its website: <http://www.washingtonst.org>. An updated listing of events and exhibitions is also maintained on the website.



Photos by Amanda Rhodes

You can pluck the string at the *Last Chance Slippers* exhibit at Gallery 32.



Gallery 32 is a cozy, intimate space where works of art can be appreciated up close and personally.


THE Somerville News Person of the Week



Meet Jim McCallum, who lives in Winter Hill. Jim has been a member of the Somerville Housing Authority Board of Directors now for many years, as well as Chairman of the Ward 4 Democratic Ward Committee, a former Ward 4 Alderman, and current union official. Jim was known as the "quiet alderman" while he served effectively and efficiently up at City Hall for the residents of Ward 4. Jim is a nice guy and always a very helpful person. If he doesn't know the answer, he'll find it out. He's a great guy with a big smile and very popular around Winter Hill and beyond here in the 'Ville. We choose Jimmy as our Person of the Week because of his dedication to Somerville, serving in many different capacities for his city, and he's just a real nice man. Stop and say "Hi" to him and find out for yourself.

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PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on **Wednesday, May 2, 2012**, Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd floor at Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, at 6:00 p.m. to hear pending applications and to hold public hearings:

231-233 Holland St: (Case #ZBA 2012-24) Applicant/Owner 62 College Ave Trust LLC, seek a Special Permit under SZO §7.11.1.c to establish 5 residential units at the site along with an existing 1,000 sf office and a Special Permit under §4.4.1 to change doors and windows on a nonconforming structure. NB zone. Ward 7.

10 Tyler St / 28 Park St: (Case #ZBA 2012-26) Applicant Petra Somerville, LLC and Owner JWF, LLC, seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review under SZO §7.11.6.3.b to establish a health and fitness facility including rock climbing, weight training, cardio equipment, yoga, etc. greater than 10,000 square feet, a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure including raising a portion of the roof and adding windows and skylights, and a Special Permit under SZO §9.13.e for shared parking with other uses at the site. IA zone. Ward 2.

11 Linden Ave: (Case #ZBA 2012-27) Applicant and Owner Linden Tree Realty Trust, seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review under SZO §7.2 to construct a second principal structure at the property containing two additional dwelling units. RB zone. Ward 5.

30 Bow St: (Case #ZBA 2012-28) Owner and Applicant, Mark Boyes-Watson, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §7.11.1.c to create five residential units within the existing structure. NB zone and Arts Overlay. Ward 3.


1 Westwood Rd: (Case #ZBA 2012-29) Applicant, Barbara Mangum, President of the Somerville Museum, and Owner, the Somerville Historical Society, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure. Alterations include the enlargement of an existing porch and the installation of an ADA compliant wheelchair lift. RA zone. Ward 3.


Copies of these petitions 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 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 may not be re-advertised. Interested persons may provide comments to the Zoning Board of Appeals at the hearing or by submitting written comments by mail to OSPCD, Planning Division, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143; by fax to 617-625-0722; or by email to dpereira@somervillema.gov.


Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

RFP # 12-65CD

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The City of Somerville, Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD) through the Purchasing Department, invites sealed proposals for:

Community Development Block Grant Program
Emergency Solutions Grant Program.

Community Development Block Grant Program. Proposals must be for programs that provide Public Services to low- and moderate-income residents of the City of Somerville. Bid Number **RFP # 12-65CD**

Emergency Solutions Grant Program. Proposals must address the needs of homeless individuals and families in the City of Somerville. Funds for the Emergency Solutions Grant are provided by the federal Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act. Bid Number **RFP #12-66CD**

Request for Proposal packages for both programs may be picked up at the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, 1st Floor, Somerville, MA 02143 beginning at **8:30 A.M. Monday, April 23, 2012.**

Proposals must be submitted no later than
11:00 A.M. Wednesday, May 9, 2012 for Public Services
11:30 A.M. Wednesday, May 9, 2012 for Emergency Solutions Grant at the above address.

Please contact Karen Mancini, Asst. Purchasing Director x 3412, or email kmancini@somervillema.gov, for information and proposal packages

Angela M. Allen

Purchasing Director

617-625-6600 ext. 3400

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PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

IFB # 12-63CD

The City of Somerville, through the Purchasing Department invites sealed bids for:

Spring Tree Planting 2012, Part 2

An Invitation for Bid (IFB) and specifications may be obtained at the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA. 02143 on or after: **Wednesday, April 18, 2012** Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: **Wednesday, May 2, 2012 at 11:00 A.M.** at which time sealed bids will be opened. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

The contract term shall be for a period of 1 year, from 5/1/2012 through 4/30/2013.

Prevailing Wage Rates apply. 5% Bid Deposit required.

Please contact Karen Mancini, Asst. Purchasing Director, x3412, or email kmancini@somervillema.gov, for information and bid packages.

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MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION -

HIGHWAY DIVISION

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

Project File No. 604645

A Design Public Hearing will be held by MassDOT to discuss the proposed Route 28 (McGrath Highway) over Gilman Street Bridge replacement (also known as the Gilman Street Bridge) project in Somerville, MA.

WHERE: Michael E. Capuano Early Childhood Center, Cafeteria
150 Glen Street
Somerville, MA 02145

WHEN: Wednesday, April 25 at 6.30pm

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Route 28 (McGrath Highway) over Gilman Street Bridge replacement project (also known as the Gilman Street Bridge). All views and comments made at the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: The proposed project consists of replacing the existing three span bridge carrying McGrath Highway over Gilman Street with a single span bridge. The proposed bridge will have two sidewalks and a section of Gilman Street will be reconstructed as part of this project.

A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. **The Commonwealth of Massachusetts** is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands. MassDOT's policy concerning land acquisitions will be discussed at this hearing.

Written views received by MassDOT subsequent to the date of this notice and up to five (5) days prior to the date of the hearing shall be displayed for public inspection and copying at the time and date listed above. Plans will be on display one-half hour before the hearing begins, with an engineer in attendance to answer questions regarding this project. A project handout will be made available on the MassDOT website listed below.

Written statements and other exhibits in place of, or in addition to, oral statements made at the Public Hearing regarding the proposed undertaking are to be submitted to Thomas F. Broderick, P.E., Chief Engineer, MassDOT, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention.: Accelerated Bridge Program, **Project File No. 604645**). Such submissions will also be accepted at the hearing. Mailed statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the public hearing transcript must be postmarked within ten (10) business days of this Public Hearing. Project inquiries may be emailed to dot.feedback.highway@state.ma.us

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In case of inclement weather, hearing cancellation announcements will be posted on the internet at <http://www.massdot.state.ma.us/Highway/>

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A hearing for all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday, April 23, 2012** at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** on the application Aguacate Verde, 13 Elm St., Somerville, MA for a Wine and Malt Restaurant license.

For the Commission

Andrew Upton

Vito Vaccaro

John J. McKenna

Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro

Administrative Assistant

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A hearing for all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday, April 23, 2012** at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** on the application Ebi Sushi Bar, 290 Somerville Ave., Somerville, MA for a Wine and Malt Restaurant license.

For the Commission

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The Trial Court
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MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. MI 12D 1321DR

DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING

Talyta Morais Santos vs. Jose O Rosa

To Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown of the Marriage 1B

The Complaint is on file at the Court.

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Somerville, MA 02145

your answer, if any on or before 05/21/2012. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

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

Date: April 9, 2012

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For the Commission
Andrew Upton
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John J. McKenna

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A hearing for all persons interested will be given by the Somerville Licensing Commission on Monday, April 23, 2012 at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at 6:00PM on the application of Alfresco Ristorante, 382 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA for approval to serve cordials and liqueurs.

For the Commission
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A hearing for all persons interested will be given by the Somerville Licensing Commission on Monday, April 23, 2012 at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at 6:00PM on the application of AnnexTw, Inc, d/b/a Bronwyn to transfer the All-Forms Alcoholic Beverages 7 Day Restaurant License from H.I.O. Restaurant, Inc., d/b/a Café Belo, 120 Washington St., Somerville, MA (Business closed-License taken by Court Civil Action) also a change of location on license to 255 Washington St. and for an Entertainment License consisting of Entertainment by Performers and Devices.

For the Commission
Andrew Upton
Vito Vaccaro
John J. McKenna

Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro
Administrative Assistant

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A hearing for all persons interested will be given by the Somerville Licensing Commission on Monday, April 23, 2012 at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at 6:00PM on the application of 381 Summer St. Restaurant Inc., d/b/a Rosebud, 381 Summer St., Somerville, MA to extend its closing hour from 1AM to 2AM. On the weekends.

For the Commission
Andrew Upton
Vito Vaccaro
John J. McKenna

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A hearing for all persons interested will be given by the Somerville Licensing Commission on Monday, April 23, 2012 at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at 6:00PM on the application Yoshi's Japanese Korean Cuisine, 132 College Ave., Somerville, MA for a Wine and Malt Restaurant license.

For the Commission
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A hearing for all persons interested will be given by the Somerville Licensing Commission on Monday, April 23, 2012 at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at 6:00PM on the application Bearface Food, LLC, d/b/a The Bearded Pig, 445 Somerville Ave., Somerville, MA for a Wine and Malt Restaurant license and an Entertainment license consisting of Entertainment by devices.

For the Commission
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News Talk CONT. FROM PG 8

Eugene C. Brune, PO Box 440275, Somerville, MA 02144.

Collem from Somerville DPW. Russell was 90 years old and will be sadly missed.

Happy Anniversary to Debbie and Michael Cabral on their celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary. Mike is also

one of Somerville's Deputy Chiefs who is doing a fantastic job in the city. Also congratulations to Somerville's Kim Murphy and her finance Tim Baker on their Wedding that's taking place this weekend. They are a lovely couple and we wish them all the best.

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Answers

- Boxing
- Niagara Falls – the rim is worn down about two and a half feet each year due to the millions of gallons of water that rush over it every minute
- They are dwarf, dwindle and dwell
- Asparagus and Rhubarb
- It grew inside the bottle. The bottles are placed over pear buds when they are small and wired in place on the tree. The bottle is left in place for entire growing season. When the pear is ripe they are snapped off at the stems.
- Period, comma, colon, semi colon, hyphen, dash, apostrophe, question mark, exclamation point, quotation marks, brackets, parenthesis, braces and ellipses
- The strawberry
- Lettuce
- Shoes, sandals, socks, skis, sneakers, skates, snowshoes, stockings, stockings, stils
- The Income Tax began in 1862 to support Union's Civil War Effort. It was eliminated in 1872, revived in 1894, declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court. In 1913, the 16th Amendment to the Constitution made it a permanent fixture in the U.S. tax system.
- A phrase or sentence that leads us down the garden path to an unexpected ending. Ex: Never argue with an idiot, he will beat you down with his experience.
- Lyka

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FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Wednesday|April 18

East Branch Library
Jeff Jam
11 a.m.- 12 p.m.|115 Broadway

Central Library
Writing Workshop for Kids with Regina Hansen
2 p.m. - 4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

Thursday|April 19

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

East Branch Library
Paper Pop-Ups with Meghan
2:30 p.m.-4 p.m.|115 Broadway

Friday|April 20

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

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

Saturday|April 21

Central Library
Somerville Reads Celebration!
1 p.m.- 3 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Sunday|April 22

Central Library
Paul & Rachel Revere Ride Again!
2 p.m.-3:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Monday|April 23

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

Wednesday|April 25

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

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

MUSIC

Wednesday|April 18

Johnny D's
Infrared Band|Michael Musillami Trio
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Free Poker, lots of prizes!
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Pub Quiz 8-10
Comedy @10
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge
La Fin Absolut Du Monde|The Dying Falls|Nihility|High Diner
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

Trivia
65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Precinct Bar
TÔMN w/ special guests Chad Perrone and Grand Fatilla
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's Pub
Kong - King of Funk
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen
TJ The DJ Presents The People's Karaoke
10 p.m.|150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

Rosebud Bar
Interactive Trivia and Game Night|Free Pool, Darts, Night Videogames,Sports on TV, 8 Ball Tournament|Texas Hold'em
381 Summer St

Arts at the Armory
Rock Therapy with Brendan Boogie
7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Thursday|April 19

Johnny D's
Los Fletcheros
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Demolition String Band grassy Thursdays |6 p.m.
Birds of Play with special guests |9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Scattershot 80's Night
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge
Annual Paper, Rock, Scissors Tournament
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Live music starting at 8:00pm from Maxi
65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Precinct Bar
Early Show With The Upper Crust
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's Pub
Dub Down Featuring The Scotch Bonnet Band
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

PJ Ryan's
Live Music
239 Holland St|617-625-8200

Joshua Tree
256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

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

Rosebud Bar
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381 Summer St.

Arts at the Armory
Playtime with Knucklebones
10 a.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Friday|April 20

Johnny D's
The Michael Landau Group|Cardboard

Mercenary|Sour D|Sun Lea
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Larry Flint & The Road Scholars |6 p.m.
The Zone "Dark Side of the Moon" tribute \$5 cover | 9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Swerve
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Live Acoustic Music
8 p.m.|65 Holland St

Precinct Bar
Hear Now Live Presents: Dead Cats Dead Rats|Shoney Lamar & The Equal Rights|Division Tree|Subpar Co-Star|Christopher Paul Stelling
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

PA'S Lounge
TM Recordings Presents|White Pages|The Tough Shits|Explanets|Foster Care
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Live music starting at 8:00pm. Featuring Dave Scott and friends
65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Bull McCabe's
TBA
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Joshua Tree
256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

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

Rosebud Bar
Blisk|Counterpoint w/ Blisk, Dick Winter, Orion Quest
381 Summer St

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

Arts at the Armory
STEM Classes for Girls - pARTicipate!
9 a.m.|Conference Hall|191 Highland Ave
Bow and Sparrow Acrobatics - pARTicipate!
1 p.m.|Performance Hall
Richard Cambridge's Poetry Theatre
7:30 p.m.|Café
Dub & Duppy
8 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Saturday|April 21
Johnny D's
Real School Showcase|4 p.m.|Dub Station & Friends|9:45 p.m.
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Josh Lederman & the CSARs |6 p.m.
One Thin Dime |9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Scattershot
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Precinct Bar
HearNowLive presents:Go-Flo Casuals|The Shape|Wishes and

Thieves|Forrest and the Flight|Billy Dodge
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
DJ every Saturday
9p.m.|65 Holland St

PA'S Lounge
Twitch Productions & PaperPanda Present! |Drama featuring DJs;Leah V|Justincredible
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

Bull McCabe's Pub
TBA
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Joshua Tree
256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

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

Rosebud Bar
Cerce|Poison Ivy League|Potsy|Zip Gun Bomber
381 Summer St

Casey's
Entertainment every Saturday
173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Sunday|April 22

Johnny D's
Open Blues Jam|4:30 p.m.
Trio Balkan Strings|8:30 p.m.
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Frank Drake Sunday Showcase |5 p.m.
Natalie Flanagan, Trusty Sidekick |8 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

PA'S Lounge
Hammer & Snake from 3pm-7pm|Steels the Great|Holla Bouta Dolla|Boston|Tana
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

Precinct Bar
Randi Millman Presents:Marc Pinansky|Rumors of a Strange Universe|(No Cover)
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's Pub
Dub Apocalypse
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Rosebud Bar
Best Ever Chicken
381 Summer St

Arts at the Armory
"Stories of love and pain for the Earth"
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Monday|April 23

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

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Cheapshots Comedy Club open mike|7 p.m.
Marley Mondays with the Duppy Conquerors|9:30 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Bur Run|6:30 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

Precinct Bar
Trusty Sidekick|(No Cover)
70 Union Sq|617-623-921

Bull McCabe's Pub
Stump Team Trivia
8 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Tuesday|April 24

Johnny D's
Questionairey
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar
The Merry Runaround |8 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Chris Faris Acoustic Mayhem |8 p.m.
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

Precinct Bar
The Honors|(No Cover)
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's Pub
The Hornitz
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen
Spelling Bee Night First Tuesday of the month
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

Rosebud Bar
Karaoke
381 Summer St

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
"Beer and Mussels" Night
65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Wednesday|April 25

Johnny D's
Molasses Creek|Marc Pinansky
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Free Poker, lots of prizes!
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Pub Quiz 8-10
Comedy @10
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge
Not Bothered|Friends of Yours|The Hammond Group
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

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TOMN w/special guests Tony Savarino, and Secret Mystery Band
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Kong - King of Funk
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10 p.m.|150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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381 Summer St

Arts at the Armory

YUM: A Taste of Immigrant City
6:30 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

**CLASSES AND GROUPS
Wednesday|April 18**

Third Life Studio

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

Thursday|April 19

Third Life Studio

Roots and Rhythm
33 Union Sq|
drumzatlibana@gmail.com

First Church Somerville

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

For more info call: 781-762-6629

Saturday|April 21

Central Library

Somerville Reads Celebration!
1 p.m.- 3 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Arts at the Armory

Somerville Winter Farmer's Market
9:30 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Bagel Bards

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

Sunday|April 22

Central Library

Somerville Reads: Discussion of Paul Fleischman's Seedfolks
Cathy Piantigini
617-623-5000 x2950

Walnut Street Community Garden

1 p.m.-2:30 p.m|19 Walnut Street

Central Library

Paul & Rachel Revere Ride Again!
2 p.m.-3:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Unity Church of God

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

Monday|April 23

West Branch Library

Book Group:Books Into Movies
7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|40 College Ave

Third Life Studio

Beginning Hawaiian Hula
6 p.m.| 781-729-2252

Tuesday|April 24

Third Life Studio

Vinaya Flow Yoga & Meditation
9:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m.|617-628-7884

The Art of Singing Group

7 p.m.-9:15 p.m.|33 Union Sq|617-628-0916
srlibana@gmail.com

Wednesday|April 25

Sherman Café

Somerville Reads: Discussion of Novella Carpenter's Farm City

7 p.m.- 9 p.m.|257 Washington Street

Third Life Studio

Beyond beginning Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal

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

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

The Oscar-nominated movie directed by Steven Spielberg, "War Horse" is coming ot Holland Street on April 24th at 12:30 pm. “Magnificent! Joyous! Uplifting” is how Roger Elbert described this epic movie. RSVP 617-625-6600 ext. 2300

Osher Lunch and Learn - Tufts University Osher Lifelong Learning Center has joined with us to present a lunch and learn series. You bring the lunch and we will provide the transportation. April 20th - Preserving Homes. RSVP 617-625-600 ext. 2300

Musical Conversation with Alan is back! Come join us April 18th at 12:30 pm at Holland Center for a wonderful hour of music, reminiscing and conversation! RSVP 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

Chair Massage - From 11:45 am - 1:15 pm Massage therapist Dell fisher will be giving chair massages at the Holland Street Center. \$15 will buy you 15 minutes of bliss and relaxation. Call 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to book your appointments. Thursday April 19th Holland Street Center.

Do you knit or would you like to learn? Come join our knitting group as we knit for a purpose. April 17th and April 24th this month. 1:30 pm. Holland Street Center

Celebrate Brazil - Join us in celebrating Brazil with a delicious meal, musical entertainment and cultural speaker. The SheBoom is a Brazilian drumming group who will be performing for us! Reserve a space, call 617-625-6600 ext. 2300. Cost is \$2.00 for lunch.

Museum Club is going to the Somerville Museum April 23rd for a private tour with local historian Bob Doherty. These trips fill out quickly so get your name on the list. 617-625-6600 ext. 2321.

Trip Corner:

Twin Rivers - Video Slot Machines - April 24, 2012

Villa Roma - musical entertainment, line dancing, great food and fun - May 14 - May 18, 2012

Join us in our exercise classes:

NEW CLASSES:

Chair Yoga - This class focuses on relaxation, stretching. If you have aches, pains, stress, anxiety - this class may be for you. Monday 4:30 - 5:30 at Holland Street \$5

Line Dancing - Tuesday 3:00 - 4:00 Holland Street \$5 All levels welcome.

Zumba Gold - Monday 10:30 - 11:30 Ralph & Jenny Wednesday 5:15 - 6:15 Holland Street \$5

Chair Yoga - Tuesdays at Holland Street from 10:15 - 11:15 beginning April 23rd. \$5 per class. All levels welcome.

Zumba Gold - Join the craze and dance your way to fitness. Ralph & Jenny Center from 10:30 - 10:45 \$5 per class. All levels welcome.

QiGong - Wednesdays at Holland Street from 1:15 -

2:00 pm. Stretching and moving.

Flexibility & Balance - all three centers

Strength with Geoff - Tuesdays at Holland and Thursdays and Ralph & Jenny

Indoor Exercises - all three centers

April 18

Holland Street Center

Flexibility & Balance|9:30 a.m.
Women's Group|10:30 a.m.
Musical Conversation|12:30 p.m.
Chronic Disease|1 p.m.
QiGong|1:15 p.m.
Zumba Gold|5:15 p.m.
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Cross Street Center

Center Closed
Bingo at Flatbreads|1 p.m.
165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

Ralph & Jenny Center

Zumba Gold|10:30 a.m.
12:45 Bingo|12
Center Closed
9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

April 19

Holland Street Center

Memoir Writing Class|9 a.m.
Current Events Group - new members welcome! Come join us as we discuss what's going on in Somerville, the United States and World events.|10 a.m.
Indoor Exercises* - note new time|11 a.m.
Chair Massage - sign up ahead of time|11:45 a.m.
Bereavement Support Group|12:15 p.m.
Bingo|12:45 p.m.
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Cross Street Center

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

Ralph & Jenny Center

Strengthening with Geoff|10 a.m.
Portuguese Lunch|11:30 a.m.
Bingo|12:45 p.m.
9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

April 20

Lunch & Learn: Historic Homes - sign up

Holland Street Center

Book Club|10 a.m.
Indoor Exercises|11 a.m.
Bingo|12:45 p.m.
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Cross Street Center

Lunch|11:30 a.m.
Bingo|12:45 p.m.
165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

Ralph & Jenny Center

Center Closed
9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

April 23

Museum trip to Somerville Museum

Holland Street Center

Veteran's Group|9:30 a.m.
Singing Seniors|10:30 a.m.
English Conversation|10:30 a.m.
Gentle Yoga|4:30 p.m.
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x. 2300

Cross Street Center

Center Closed
165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

Ralph & Jenny Center

Hearing Screening - a few spots left|9:30 a.m.
Zumba Gold|10:30 a.m.-New Date
Bingo|12:30 p.m.
9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

April 24

Twin Rivers

Holland Street Center

Strengthening Exercise|9:15 a.m.
SHINE by appt.|10 a.m.
CHAIR YOGA - note new date and time|10:15 a.m.
Knitting|1:30 p.m.
Line Dancing|3 p.m.
Caregiver's Group|6:30 p.m.
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x. 2300

Cross Street Center

Closed
165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

Ralph & Jenny Center

Flexibility & Balance|10:30 a.m.
Bingo|12:45 p.m.
9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

April 25

Holland Street Center

Flexibility & Balance|9:30 p.m.
Women's Group|10:30 p.m.
Movie: War Horse - sign up|1 p.m.
Chronic Disease|1 p.m.
QiGong|1:15 p.m.
Zumba Gold|5:15 p.m.
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x. 2300

Cross Street Center

Center Closed
Bowling at Flatbread|1 p.m.
165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

Ralph & Jenny Center

Indoor Exercise|10:30 a.m.
Bingo|12:30 p.m.
9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

Computer Tutorial - Retired computer teacher Barbara Marshall will be volunteering on select Thursdays from 11 - 12 at the Holland Street Center to provide individualized computer training. To schedule an appointment, call 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

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One love, two bands

By Francisco L. White

This coming Friday night, Arts at the Armory patrons can expect an unforgettable experience. The Duppy Conquerors, an accomplished Bob Marley tribute band and local favorite, will share the stage with Dub Apocalypse for a night that is likely to leave any music lover wanting more. If you are unfamiliar with the tunes of the legendary Bob Marley or have never heard either of these bands play, this show will be the perfect opportunity to be immersed in reggae music and great local musicianship.

The Duppy Conquerors have performed with The Wailers (the late Marley's band), Ziggy Marley (son of Bob, and musical legend in his own right), the late Gil Scott Heron, and many others. Now Somerville can call them their own; they can be found Mondays, at Sally O'Brien's, located at 335 Somerville Avenue in Union Square. When asked what made them decide to dig their roots in Somerville, band member Jeff Robinson said, "To be honest, people love us most everywhere

we play because they love Bob Marley's music, but Somerville and Sally O'Brien's in particular is home for us. Somerville is a great music town! Musicians move to Somerville because they feel welcomed." Robinson also spoke about Friday's show at the Armory, saying, "We're very excited to share the bill with our good friends Dub Apocalypse. They are incredible!"

Dub Apocalypse, winners of the 2010 Boston Music Award for International Artist of the Year, can also call Somerville home. They perform every Sunday at Bill McCabe's Irish Pub in Union Square. This band is of the dub reggae genre, playing reworked and improvised instrumentals of traditional reggae music. They don't have a website, but they definitely have a local fan base, and good music speaks for itself.

Tickets for this April 20 show are available in advance at brownpapertickets.com, for only \$8. They can also be purchased at the door, on the night of the performance, for \$10. Doors will open at 7:30 p.m., and the good music and vibrations start at 8:00 p.m.



The Duppy Conquerors and Dub Apocalypse will be rocking the Armory this coming Friday night.

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initial approval by the House in January.

In addition, on November 15 a state court ruled that bus drivers are already mandated reporters under the current law that includes "persons paid to care for or work with a child in any public or private facility" and "child care workers."

Supporters said they would like to see state law, not just a court ruling, ensure that bus drivers are included as mandatory reporters.

EXPAND LIST OF LOBBYISTS (H 4012) - The House gave initial approval to a bill requiring directors or chief executive officers of public relations firms and consultants who regularly lobby lawmakers to register as lobbyists.

Supporters said many of these people regularly engage in lobbying but are not classified under current law as lobbyists.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"Health care reform is a values statement, and it is working in Massachusetts. As a result of our successful implementation of the 2006 law, more people are covered, more businesses are offering insurance, we have healthier residents and we've done it all in a cost-effective and responsible manner." – Gov. Patrick on his event celebrating the sixth anniversary of the signing of the state's controversial health care reform law.

"Gov. Patrick's blatant game of campaign politics, on behalf of President Obama, is alarming ... But I'm sure we can all feel confident that, in these extraordinarily difficult fiscal times, the governor wouldn't even consider us-

ing a dime of taxpayer dollars to fund such a blatant political undertaking." – House Republican Minority Leader Bradley Jones (R-North Reading) accusing the governor of "grand political theatrics" to attempt to boost support for Obamacare and also remind voters that Obamacare opponent former Gov. and likely Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney signed the Massachusetts law.

"Massachusetts residents in 2011 continued their 19-year flirtation with New England's gaming venues by spending nearly \$909 million on gaming and non-gaming amenities at Connecticut's destination resort casinos and at the slot parlors in Rhode Island and Maine, and by making more than 7.1 million visits to those same facilities." – From a study by the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth Center for Policy Analysis.

"The law of self-defense is adequate in Massachusetts and the Judiciary Committee has other more important priorities to complete before the end of our session." – Rep. Eugene O'Flaherty (D-Chelsea), House chair of the Judiciary Committee, on a proposal to broaden the state's self-defense law to resemble Florida's "Stand Your Ground" law that is part of the controversy surrounding the death of Florida teen Trayvon Martin.

"I am almost 60 years old, and quite frankly, it would be nice in my later years not to have to go on the street to find medical marijuana." – Boston resident Eric McCoy, who suffers from multiple sclerosis, testifying in favor of a proposal to allow use of marijuana by patients with debilitating medical conditions.

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION? Beacon Hill Roll Call tracks the length of time the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legisla-

ture'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 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 April 9-13, the House met for a total of four hours and four minutes while the Senate met for a total of four hours and 55 minutes.

Mon. April 9	House 11:00 a.m. to 11:24 a.m. Senate 11:00 a.m. to 11:35 a.m.
Tues. April 10	No House session Senate 11:00 a.m. to 11:14 a.m.
Wed. April 11	House 11:00 a.m. to 2:31 p.m. No Senate session
Thurs. April 12	House 11:02 a.m. to 11:11 a.m. Senate 1:01 p.m. to 5:07 p.m.
Fri. April 13	No House session No Senate session

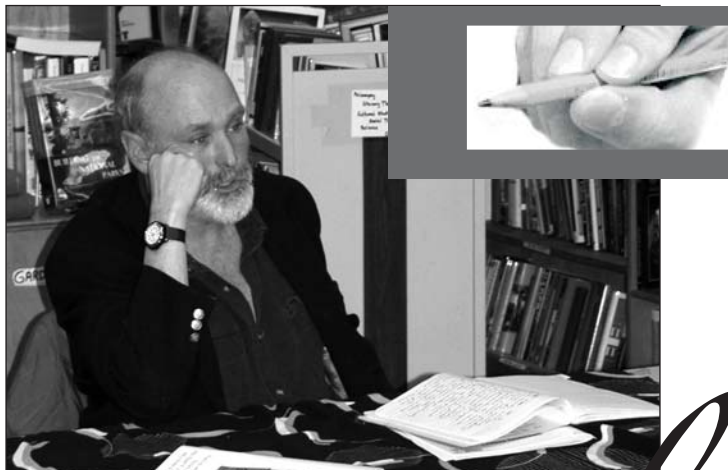
Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall

SCAT Program Schedule for the Week

Wednesday, April 18					
12:00am	Free Speech TV	5:00pm	Ablevision	1:00pm (LIVE)	Bongoman
6:00am	Flip Side	5:30pm	Cooking w/Georgia & Dez	2:00pm	SCATV Special
6:30am	The Struggle	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV	3:00pm	Portraits of Somerville
7:00am	Baby Boomers	7:00pm (LIVE)	Tele Magazine	3:30pm	Henry Parker Presents...
8:00am	Democracy Now!	7:30pm	The Nicole Show	4:00pm	Most Interesting Place
9:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	8:00pm (LIVE)	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou	4:30pm	Back In The Day
10:00am	Abugida TV	9:30pm	Physician Focus	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol
11:00am	Somerville News Reading	10:00pm	Somerville Rocks	6:00pm	Tele Magazine
12:00noon	Democracy Now!	Friday, April 20		8:00pm	SCATV ANNUAL MEETING
1:00pm	Sen. Pat Jehlen's Bread & Roses	12:00am	Free Speech TV	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes
2:00pm	Back in The Day	6:00am	Live Response	10:00pm	Wrestling Talk
2:30pm	Life Matters	7:00am	Culture Club	11:00pm	GAY TV
3:00pm (LIVE)	Medical Tutor	7:30am	Talk About Somerville	Sunday, April 22	
3:30pm	Inside Talk	8:00am	Democracy Now!	12:00am	Free Speech TV
4:00pm	Thom Hartman show	9:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	6:00am	Show de Fe
4:30pm	Healthy Hypnosis	10:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	7:00am	Vida Na TV
5:00pm	Active Aging	11:00am	Gay TV	8:00am	Eckankar
5:30pm	Somerville Housing	12:00noon	Democracy Now!	8:30am	Healer in Every Home
6:00pm	Al Jazeera	1:00pm	Sen. Pat Jehlen's Bread & Roses	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church
7:00pm (LIVE)	Chita Tande	2:00pm	Somerville Housing	10:00am	International Church of God
8:00pm (LIVE)	Somerville Pundits	2:30pm	Neighborhood Cookin W/Candy	11:00am	The Commonwealth Report
8:30pm (LIVE)	Grasping Nature	3:00pm	Brunch w/Senator Sanders	11:30am	Somerville Housing Auth.
9:30pm	Shrink Rap	4:00pm	Thom Hartmann Show	12noon	The Entertainer's Show
10:00pm	Somerville Rocks	4:30pm	Art@SCATV	1:00pm	Waltham Philharmonic Orch.
10:30pm	The Smoki Dick Show	5:00pm	SCATV Promo's	2:00pm	Effort Pour Christ
11:00pm	The Garage	7:00pm	Real Estate Answer Show	3:00pm	Rompendo em Fe
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Thursday, April 19		8:00pm	Al Jazeera TV	5:00pm	Ethiopian Satellite TV
12:00am	Free Speech TV	9:00pm	The Garage	6:00pm	Abugida TV
6:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	9:30pm	Bandwidth TV	7:00pm	African TV Network
7:00am	Discovering Justice	10:00pm	Jeff TV	8:00pm	Tele Magazine
7:30am	Perils For Pedestrians	11:00pm	Visual Radio	9:00pm	Watch This
8:00am	Democracy Now!	Saturday, April 21		9:30pm	Grill Dog
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10:30am	Jeff Jam	6:00am	Arabic Hour	Monday, April 23	
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2:00pm	Baby Boomers: The Sandwich Generation	9:00am	Festival Kreyol	8:00am	Democracy Now!
3:00pm	Somerville: Back in The Day	10:00am	Tele Galaxie	9:00am	GAY TV
3:30pm	Art@SCATV	11:00am	Dead Air Live Show	10:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading
4:00pm	Thom Hartmann Show	12:00pm	Reeling, The Movie Review	11:00am	Nosse Gente e Costumes
		12:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority	12:00non	Democracy Now!

City Cable TV Schedule for the Week

Wednesday, April 18					
9:00am: (13/16)	Women's History Month Celebration	12:00am: (13/16)	Council on Aging: Aging & Hearing	7:00pm: (13/16)	Mayor's Business Town Meeting
9:00am: (15)	Multi-Cultural Fair at SHS	12:00am: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	7:00pm: (15)	Highlander Forum
11:30am: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	12:25am: (13/16)	Congressional Update	7:30pm: (15)	Healey School Spring Concert
12:00pm: (13/16)	Mayor's Fitness Challenge Kickoff	12:30am: (15)	SHS Girls' Basketball Highlights 2011-12	8:00pm: (15)	Educational Forum at Argenziano
12:00pm: (15)	SHS Girls' Basketball Highlights 2011-12	12:45am: (15)	WSNS Talent Show at Tufts	8:10pm: (13/16)	Seriously Somerville
12:25pm: (13/16)	Guns n' Hoses Hockey Benefit	12:55am: (13/16)	Winter Hill Yacht Club - Council on Aging	8:30pm: (13/16)	Greek Independence Day
12:20pm: (15)	6th, 7th & 8th Grade Soccer Championship	1:30am: (13/16)	The Mayor's Report	9:00pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City
1:25pm: (13/16)	Mayor's Business Town Meeting	2:00am: (13/16)	Voices of Somerville	9:35pm: (13/16)	Hard Target: Protecting Your Property & Possessions
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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Attention Somerville Poets and Poetry Lovers: The Mass. Poetry Festival!

Well it is poetry month, and although T.S. Eliot characterized it as the cruelest month, it is not for poets. I mean our landscape is littered with poetry events. For the past few years I have been on the Advisory Board for the Mass. Poetry Festival, that started in Lowell, Mass. and since has moved to Salem, Mass. Mike Ansara, who founded the festival, January O'Neil and Jennifer Jean as well as countless others have nurtured the festival in impressive ways. From April 20 to 22 there are a plethora of events in Salem that you can enjoy: readings, music events, slams, a small press fair, and the beat goes on. The website for the said Festival is: <http://masspoetry.org>. Below is an article from the website of the Mass. Poetry Festival that gives you valuable information. Hope to see you there!

The fourth Massachusetts Poetry Festival will be held Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, April 20–22, in historic Salem. The three-day event, which will bring 1,500 poets and poetry lovers to the city, will showcase a variety of extraordinary local and regional poets, and engage the public through poetry readings, interactive workshops, panel discussions, music, film and visual arts, and performances geared toward a diverse statewide audience.

- Readings by emerging and nationally recognized poets including:
- Friday Night: Robert Pinsky, Major Jackson, & Maggie Dietz
- Saturday Night: Sherwin Bitsui, Nikky Finney, Wesley McNair, & Joy Harjo
- Sunday afternoon: Frank Bidart, Martha Collins, & Stephen Dunn
- An exciting lineup of programming created by the Peabody Essex Museum
- An expansive Small Press Fair
- A Literary Magazine Fair
- Poetry slams
- Poetry-inspired music performances and visual arts
- A poetry train from Boston to Salem to provide both transportation and another venue for poetry

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“The Massachusetts Poetry Festival will bring a blizzard of verbal beauty to Salem, a city with a rich literary history and vibrant writing community. It will connect generations, and it will give the city and the university a leadership role in building culture in the Commonwealth,” said J.D. Scrimgeour, poet and professor of English at Salem State University. “The Poetry Festival is evidence of the vitality of the fundamental, central art of poetry,” said Robert Pinsky, former poet laureate of the United States and the honorary chair of the poetry festival.

This year’s festival follows a variety of small events across the state organized by schools, libraries, and bookstores in April as part of National Poetry Month.

- For National Poetry Month, Mass Poetry will:
- Produce Common Threads, a set of poems by Massachusetts poets to be read throughout March and April by schools, colleges, public libraries, book clubs, community poetry reading series, etc.
 - Produce a kit that includes the poems in text form, in audio form, a guide to reading and discussing each poem and several essays about each poem

Lyrical SOMERVILLE

edited by Doug Holder

Ah! Love! A young man's attention turns to it when the warm winds meet the girls in their summer dresses. Andrew Pezzelli hands his heart to his object of affection-- a poem that I hope will change your complexion--from pale to a lusty red.

Andrew Pezzelli is a Junior Communications Student at Endicott College. He is a regular contributor to Stone Soup Poetry and has been working on a Digital Media Project focused around Poetry in Boston. The project can be found at poetry-ofboston.blogspot.com

Heart & Soul

My lady,
I hand you these,
My finely crafted words,
Truth,
Analogy,
And soliloquy.

I hand you my heart.

And offer to you humbly,
A dagger,
So that if you desire,
You may stab it.

Stab the life out of it,
Stab the hope,
The dream,
The memories.

If you must,
Please be swift,
Do not speak.

For I am tired,
Of slowly dying,
For you.
Of left wondering,
About you.
Of feeling alone,
Thinking of you.

If you must,
Make haste,
End my souls suffering.

Annihilate this,
My second heart,
The one I thought I'd never find,
Never again,
Feel beating in my chest.

So take up your sword,
Pierce my humanity,
So this tragedy may cease.

But,
If there are words to be spoke,
Lyrics to be sung,
Sing them now,
Sing your truth unto me,
Sing my hope,
And perhaps,
Through the madness,
We may find,
There is a duet after all

— Andrew Pezzelli

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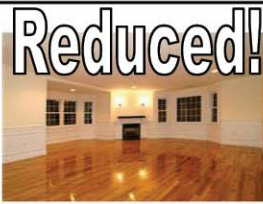
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