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City of Somerville chooses US2 as Union Square master developer



The city's vision of the future of Union Square has taken one big step forward as US2 is chosen as the revitalization plan's master developer.

By Jim Clark

The Somerville Redevelopment Authority (SRA) met last Thursday and selected Union Square Station Associates (US2) to be the master developer for the Union Square revitalization project.

The decision brings to a close the six month long search for a master developer that began in December 2013 with the issuance of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) by the SRA and the 20-member Union Square Civic Advisory Committee (CAC).

After sorting out the field of initial applicants, the group was narrowed down to four qualifying candidates: US2, The Abbey Group, Gerdling Edlen, and the team of Federal Realty and National Development.

US2, a partnership between Magellan Development and Mesirow Financial, proved to be the most qualified according to members of the SRA and CAC. The group's ability to engage the community, its plans for expanding the city's economy through the Union Square Revitalization Plan, and its forward-thinking ideas regarding affordable

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Music Teacher brings much to ESCS

By Cathleen Twardzik

Adam N. Epstein, M.M.Ed., K to 8 Music Teacher at the East Somerville Community School (ESCS), does so much good for the students at that school.

Epstein has been a music teacher at ESCS for three years for grades K to 8. However, his experience spans from teaching infants to college undergraduates.

Each year, Epstein organizes the winter concert and the spring concert. Each student at ESCS has a chance to perform during those concerts. Students display their music learning in general, as well as instrumental and vocal skills.

Late October brings the Harvest Parade, in which Epstein leads younger students. The parade ventures to the Windsor House Adult Day Care, which is close by, and ESCS students give an informal performance.

In addition, he has taken part in All-City Ensembles concerts, which are district-wide, the Choral Festival and the Band Festival, as well as heading a few field trips

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East Somerville Community School music teacher Adam N. Epstein is especially dedicated to bringing out the talents of his students. — Photo by Claudia Ferro

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Fireworks are this week, Thursday night, July 3. The city will celebrate its 10th Anniversary of Fireworks at Trum Field. Live entertainment for our Independence Day celebration will include performances by the Somerville Sunsetters, local Disco-Funk band Booty Vortex, the USO Metropolitan New York Performers, and the U.S. Navy Band Northeast Pops Ensemble beginning at 6 p.m., all leading up to a 30-minute fireworks display at approximately 9:15 p.m. In case of rain, the USO Metropolitan New York Performers and the U.S. Navy Band Northeast Pops Ensemble will perform at the East Somerville Community School at 7 p.m. on July 3. All other entertainment will be postponed until July 10. For the tenth anniversary celebration, community members are invited to send in any old photos or items from past celebrations (recent and distant past) to help us celebrate Somerville's history. Send photos or information to Carlene Campbell-Hegarty at CCampbell@somervillema.gov, or call 617-625-6600 ext. 2615.

The East Somerville Reunion is coming up fast on July 12 at the Somerville City Club. Open to all who grew up in East Somerville in the 60's, 70's and 80's. From all parts of East Somerville, Cross Street, the Avenues, Glen Park, Florence Street Park, Prescott School, Edgerly School, all areas. If you grew up there and want to reacquaint yourself with others from the same neighborhood, this is the party for you. Over 100 so far are going to attend. This will be a great event. Everyone that grew up in East Somerville will tell you, it was a special place in our city. Everyone knew everyone, no matter what corner you hung out on or park you grew up on down there. East Somerville had something special. The old-fashioned block parties that took place to the Old Broadway show. The event is free, you just have to be from East Somerville. There were sponsors that took care of the bill for the City Club and food.

Happy Birthday this week to a few of our fans here and around the Ville. This week our own popular poet and writer Doug Holder is celebrating his birthday. A nice guy, we wish him the very best this down at his regular place the popular Sherman Café. Also this week is Roland Racicot of Roland's Jewelry right in the middle of

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to *White House celebrates maker movement and Somerville*

Uncle Rocco says:

We already got maker spaces in East Somerville. They make pasta and signs and transmissions and papusas and window frames and cabinets and prom dresses. So, do those people count?

great point says:

excellent point, Uncle Rocco—these businesses are not included in this grand vision. They are old-school, regular, very hard-working people, not funky artists with hip cupcakes or art. The Pasta factory there is fantastic, the lumber 'makers' are great, as well as the window people.

They're just not cool, not cool at all.

Pasta? says:

Where is the pasta factory and what is it called? (I looked on the Somerville Chamber of Commerce website, but didn't know enough about it to find it there)

great point says:

Deano's Pasta, maybe Garfield St? anyway, almost in the parking lot of Stop & Shop. 8:30 – 4:30 M-F, pull into Deano's Parking lot, see middle door. You look at a list of everything, tell the window clerk what you want, they bring it to you. Go online so you can take a good look at what they have. They supply 400 restaurants in Boston area. Their fresh fusilli is out of this world.

Matt C says:

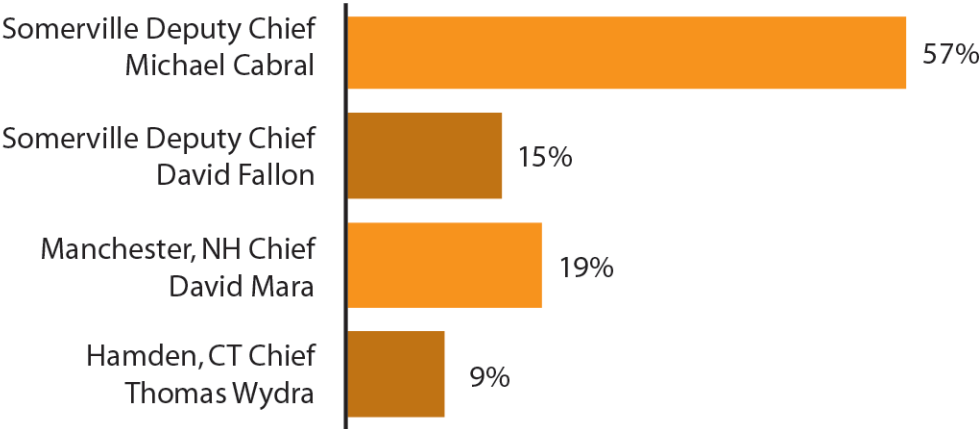
We also have Capone's in union sq.
I didn't read anything about discounting of any existing business rather a recommitment to encouraging local business including manufacturing and micro manufacturing.

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TheSomervilleTimes.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleTimes.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week's poll concerned your views on which finalist you would like to see selected as the next Somerville Police Chief. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com.

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Union Square Neighbors supports choice of US2 for master developer

Encourages open stakeholder engagement process for determining land uses and negotiating community benefits for Union Square

Union Square Neighbors (USN), a grassroots, independent neighborhood association comprised of residents and stakeholders in Union Square commended the unanimous decision of the Somerville Redevelopment Authority (SRA) in choosing US2 as the master developer for Union Square and Boynton Yards.

"It was clear from the community review process led by the Union Square Civic Advisory Committee that Gerding Edlen and US2 were the frontrunners among the four final master developer candidates," said Tim Talun, Chairperson of USN. "While we were surprised there wasn't a more substantive discussion about the CAC's recommendations,

we were pleased to see that the SRA selected one of the preferred candidates. The decision shows respect for the wide-ranging community input process that led us to this point."

The SRA meeting included opportunity for comment from all five members of the SRA. At one point, SRA members contemplated going into executive session to privately vote on the final selection of the master developer. The motion was withdrawn after legal counsel pointed out that such an action would be illegal under the Massachusetts "open meetings" law.

"Given the magnitude of impacts that will be felt by residents and businesses in Union Square, it's critical that this process be transparent from

start to finish," said Rob Buchanan, a Union Square resident and USN member. "We need to continue striving for a robust and open public input process. There are many important decisions yet to be made regarding land use and community benefits. There needs to be integrity behind each of these decisions."

JT Scott, owner of CrossFit Somerville on Prospect Street agreed. "My business and property are slated for redevelopment and possibly eminent domain. At a minimum, I think our neighborhood deserves the highest standards of participation and transparency."

Established earlier this year, Union Square residents and stakeholders formed USN to help shape the future

of their community. The organization's vision is for a healthier, greener, and more vibrant Union Square that includes buildings and places that reflect the inventive, unique, and historic character that people love about the neighborhood.

"We hope to achieve these and other priorities by informing and engaging neighbors on these issues, providing input on projects as they are proposed, and working proactively to help bring about the future we want to live in," said USN member Renee Scott. "We share these goals with other local groups, and we look forward to collaborating with them, as well as our elected and appointed officials, planners, and developers."

USN Steering Committee: Tim Talun (Acting Chair), Shu Talun, Stuart Dash, Renee Scott, Sam Engelstad, Jim McGinnis, Zac Zasloff, Robert Buchanan, Suzanne Bremer, Andy Greenspon, and JT Scott.

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housing were cited as deciding factors in their selection for master developer.

The vetting process included a 10-person delegation made up of SRA and CAC members, city officials and staffers that toured sites developed by the final four competing companies in four respective U.S. cities. Their recommendation of US2 and Gerding Edlen as their top choices for the project was made just prior to the final selection at last week's meeting.

Commenting on US2's selection, Mayor Curtatone said, "I am pleased that a thorough community process has led to the SRA's selection of US2 as our partner in achieving the goals that the community charged us with in SomerVision—creating new jobs, public

green space and homes with a range of affordability in Union Square through sustainable development, while preserving the history and unique character of our historic commercial center and neighborhood."

Curtatone expressed his confidence that the revitalization plan will be realized fully and successfully. "This process started with the community in SomerVision, continued with the community-driven rezoning of Union Square and Boynton Yards, and stayed community-focused throughout this process," said the mayor. "I expect US2 to continue this proven approach by working closely with the CAC to ensure that the community's vision for this neighborhood is fully realized."

US2 is expected to begin its



The Somerville Redevelopment Authority reviewed proposals by the four final contenders for the Union Square Revitalization Plan master developer contract, ultimately deciding in favor of US2. — Photo by Donald Norton

work by preparing a 100-day plan after establishing an office in the city, and engaging the community in discussions of its wants and needs while pre-

sending itself to the public as the city's new partner.

The new master developer is expected to work closely with the CAC, as well as the MBTA

— coordinating plans for Green Line Station designs — and Parsons Brinkerhoff, developing roadway and infrastructure improvements for Union Square.

Somerville Museum awarded \$40,000 for ADA

Look out for a new attractive, handicapped accessible entrance to the Somerville Museum this fall. The Massachusetts Cultural Facility Fund (MCFF) has awarded the Museum \$40,000 toward a \$200,000 renovation project to bring the building up to the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

With this award and earlier awards and donations of over \$90,000, the museum will begin work on construction of the new Westwood Road entrance this July. Marco Breda of Marco Polo Construc-

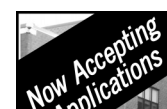
tion, a highly recommended contractor and Somerville resident is working with Richard Graf, the museum's architect to undertake the work.

The museum still needs to raise another \$75,000 to complete the interior ADA improvements, including creation of a handicapped accessible restroom. The goal is to have the museum completely ADA compliant by the end of 2014.

The museum wishes to acknowledge financial assistance from the Massachusetts Cultural Facilities Fund, the Wallace Foundation, Somerville Open Studios,

Tufts University and private individuals whose contributions are making this project possible.

If you would like to contribute to finishing the interior ADA work of the museum, you may do so online at <http://www.somervillemuseumbuildingfund.org> or you may write a check out to the Somerville Museum Building Fund and send it to: Dyan Blewett, Treasurer, Somerville Museum, One Westwood Rd, Somerville, MA 02143. All donations are tax-deductible as charitable contributions to a 501c3 organization.



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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Customer registers complaint

Reports of an open register at the McDonald's on McGrath Hwy. brought police to the scene last week, expecting that either a robbery or larceny had occurred. When police officers arrived they were told by restaurant staff that three individuals had been involved in an altercation with one of the cashiers and that the situation was in fact a case of destruction of property. Descriptions of the alleged

participants of the incident were dispatched to patrol units in the area. One of the suspects, Julio Rojas, 24, of Dorchester, returned to McDonald's as police were questioning staff and witnesses, whereupon he was detained and handcuffed while the incident was being investigated. Police reports stated that Rojas smelled of alcohol and he had reportedly told them that he was carrying a knife.

Police viewed the security camera video of the incident and reportedly saw Rojas enter the restaurant with a group of friends and approach a customer who was at the counter paying for a meal. The video reportedly showed Rojas being pulled away from the customer by a female in the group he was with. The customer tried to move away from the counter area with his food but was blocked by Rojas

and his companions, according to the customer's statement. When he asked to pass them, Rojas allegedly threatened to take the customer's necklace from him as well as break his neck. The customer was reportedly able to get away from the counter area, at which time Rojas approached the cashier to order food, police said. The cashier refused to serve Rojas, at which time he reportedly

attempted to jump the counter. After climbing down from the counter, Rojas reportedly swore at the cashier then knocked one of the cash registers to the floor, where it broke open. Rojas reportedly walked away but returned shortly thereafter and knocked a second register to the floor. Rojas was placed under arrest and charged with destruction of property over \$250.

Time runs out for returns

Police were called to the Target store on Somerville Ave. last week on reports of an alleged shoplifter being detained by the store's loss prevention personnel. Upon arrival, officers were told by the store's staff that a man, Christopher Williams, 38, of Medford, had been detained

after reportedly attempting to leave the store without paying for merchandise that he had taken with him. According to store security, Williams put six watches – valued at \$334.62 – in a plastic bag and attempted to return them to a cashier for a refund. When the suspicious cashier

called over a supervisor Williams reportedly put the watches back into the bag and attempted exit the store, at which time he was stopped by loss prevention staffers and held until the police arrived. Williams was placed under arrest and charged with larceny over \$250.

Stubborn trespasser invited to jail

Proprietors of the Diesel Cafe had to call police twice last week in order to get rid of a man that was reportedly hanging around the back entrance to the restaurant, bothering customers. Police reportedly asked Joseph

Peterson, 25, to leave at one point in time that morning, but about twenty minutes later they were called in again to ask the man to leave. Peterson was placed under arrest for trespassing.

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Arrests:

Joseph Peterson, 25, of 129 Cedar St., June 24, 7:08 a.m., arrested at 257 Elm St. on a charge of trespassing.

Julio Rojas, 24, of 682 Blue Hills Ave., Dorchester, June 24, 8:35 p.m., arrested at 14 McGrath Hwy. on a charge of destruction of property over \$250.

Andressa Sarmento, 41, of 27 Grove St., Lynn, June 25, 7:45 a.m., arrested at 105 Alewife Brook Pkwy. on warrant charges of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and failure to stop or yield.

Jhef Fenton, 26, of 555 River St., Mattapan, June 26, 10:34 p.m., arrested at McGrath Hwy. on a charge of drug possession to distribute.

Mark Baxter, 50, of 109 Gilman St., June 27, 12:38 a.m., arrested at 32 Kent St. on charges of resisting arrest, malicious damage to a motor vehicle, receiving stolen property over \$250, and nighttime breaking and entering of a boat or motor vehicle.

James Downey, 50, of 50 Churchill Ave., Cambridge, June 27, 9:08 a.m., arrested at 220 Washington St. on a warrant charge of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Brian Perry, 46, of 33 Pinckney Pl., June 27, 10:13 a.m., arrested at home on a warrant charge of destruction of property over \$250.

Christopher Williams, 38, of 78 Exchange Ave., Medford, June 27, 4:10 p.m., arrested at 180 Somerville Ave. on a charge of larceny over \$250.

Edgard Filho, 58, of 10 Overlook St., Malden, June 27, 7:42 p.m., arrested at Mansfield St. on warrant charges of improper turn and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Oscar Ortez, 46, of 31 Lambert Ave. Chelsea, June 28, 12:43 a.m., arrested at 518 Medford St. on a warrant charge of child enticement.

Alloushy Kanyemera, 20, of 1370 Broadway, June 28, 7:55 p.m., arrested at 15 Memorial Rd. on a warrant charge of dis-

orderly conduct.

Incidents:

Theft:

June 24, 4:24 p.m., police reported a theft at College Ave.

June 24, 6:05 p.m., police reported a theft at Moore St.

June 25, 1:18 p.m., police reported a theft at Myrtle St.

June 25, 8:43 p.m., police reported a theft at 5 Cherry St.

June 27, 9:54 a.m., police reported a theft at Pinckney Pl.

June 27, 11:58 a.m., police reported a theft at 153 South St.

June 27, 4:10 p.m., police reported a theft at 180 Somerville Ave.

June 28, 1:01 p.m., police reported a theft at Perkins St.

June 28, 1:09 p.m., police reported a theft at Banks St.

Robbery:

June 23, 1:19 a.m., police reported a robbery at 105 Alewife Brook Pkwy.

Breaking & Entering:

June 23, 6:18 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Tennyson St.

June 25, 5:12 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Watson St.

June 27, 8:59 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at McGrath Hwy.

June 28, 2:28 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Jaques St.

June 28, 4:17 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Oxford St.

Vehicle Theft:

June 28, 1:24 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Joy St.

Assault:

June 23, 1:03 a.m., police reported an assault at 4 College Ave.

June 24, 5:34 p.m., police reported an assault at 366 Somerville Ave.

June 26, 5:56 p.m., police reported an assault at 321 Broadway.

Destruction of Property:

June 23, 10:19 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at Broadway.

June 24, 8:35 p.m., police reported a destruction of proper-

ty at 14 McGrath Hwy.

June 24, 9:54 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Windsor St.

June 27, 3:00 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at Teele Ave.

June 28, 9:04 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at West Adams St.

June 28, 11:23 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at 180 Somerville Ave.

Trespassing:

June 24, 7:08 a.m., police reported a trespassing at 257 Elm St.

June 26, 3:30 p.m., police reported a trespassing at 5 Meacham St.

June 27, 6:13 p.m., police reported a trespassing at 775 McGrath Hwy.

Disorderly Conduct:

June 27, 5:58 p.m., police reported a disorderly conduct at Simpson Ave.

Drug Violation:

June 26, 10:34 p.m., police reported a drug violation at McGrath Hwy.

ResiStat meeting examines options for Ward 3

By Douglas Yu

As part of the community engagement process, the City of Somerville gave a quick review of the news and data of the city's pressing issues, such as rodent control and Union Square development, at a recent Ward 3 ResiStat meeting.

Meghann Ackerman, Social Media and Community Engagement Specialist, said the meeting used data to guide policy and decisions that were made by the city.

"We've addressed issues that people asked about," Ackerman said. "And we're going to give you an overview of what's going on in the city."

Edward O'Donnell, Director of Economic Development for the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, gave a blueprint of how Union Square is going to be developed under the master plan, which was determined the night after the ResiStat meeting.

Earlier this year, the city brought 10 master development proposals to the members of the Union Square Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC). The finalist will also work with the MBTA to improve public transportation, especially the new Union Square stop on the Green Line extension, which is planned to be completed in 2017.

"If you go to the city's website, you can see master plans

made by each team," O'Donnell said. And he mentioned that in the last 24 hours, SRA (Somerville Redevelopment Authority) had recommended two master plans, one of which was created by Union Square Station Associates.

Washington Street station, along with Union Square station will be the first two new stops to be built on the Green Line extension.

When it comes to public safety information, Somerville Police Captain Stephen Carrabino, who is in charge of the Wards 1 through 4, said that crime had dropped by 27 percent in the last year. And in Ward 3, in particular, crime had decreased by 29 percent.

One of the residents at the meeting raised a question about the how Somerville Police can better tackle the domestic violence issue.

"I'm not saying that we can't do anything about domestic violence," Carrabino said. "A lot of the times, it is not something that we don't know about; we heard yelling and screaming, and we went to house and investigated."

Carrabino also mentioned that Somerville has a Jail Diversion Program, a program that involves counselors to talk to victims of domestic violence. In addition, another resident, Victoria I, mentioned that Somerville has one of the best



Social Media and Community Engagement Specialist Meghann Ackerman presented interested attendees essential data regarding issues facing Ward 3 and its residents.

domestic violence agencies in New England, an organization called Respond.

"We're trying. We can't be everywhere, but we realized domestic violence is an issue in our neighborhood," Carrabino said.

Mayor Joe Curtatone gave a summary of the city budget and expenditures. "The operating budget is \$200 million, and we also have a separate water and sewer budget combined with enterprise funds of \$25 million to \$30 million.

In regards to the city's infrastructure, Ackerman acknowledged that there are certain tools available to ensure that Somerville is safer.

"Recently, there was an act passed by the Board of Aldermen and signed by Mayor Curtatone called Complete Streets Ordinance," said Ackerman. "It makes sure the roads in Somerville are safe for everyone who uses them, and that includes bicyclists and pedestrians."

Roads in the community will also soon be customized depending on each neighborhood's unique needs. "If there is a speed problem in parts of the neighborhood, some bump outs are added to slow the traffic down. So the Complete Streets Ordinance is very flexible and adaptable," Ackerman said.

Before redesigning roads, the City of Somerville collects data and phoned-in complaints about potholes and other street problems from 311 Somerville and comes up with detailed plans to address the issues that have priority.

"We use data to identify which streets we need to put more work into," Ackerman said. "So we try to be smarter about how to save money and how to get ahead on other issues."

ResiStat Community Meetings are twice-yearly efforts for the city to share its latest news and data directly with residents in each ward and gather their feedback.

Somerville BOA regular meeting: June 26, 2014

By Jeremy F. van der Heiden

The Somerville Board of Aldermen gathered for a regular meeting this past Thursday, June 26, to discuss a variety of matters ranging from problems with speeding drivers in certain neighborhoods to the city's divestment from the fossil fuel industry.

The first order of business was to recognize and commend Maureen James and Jo-Ann DePrizio, who recently retired from the City Clerk's Office after a run of 57 years working for the Somerville public sector. The commendation was pitched by the entire Board of Alderman and Mayor's Office, while the board also recognized Rose Ryan who just retired from the Somerville Public School's Culinary Arts program following 29 years of service.

Ward 5 Alderman Mark Niedergang introduced an agenda item that would essentially act as a resolution to show the board's

support for Fossil Free Somerville and other groups that have been working to get the city to divest funds from publically traded fossil fuel companies.

When this matter was first introduced to the board during a public hearing, the City Solicitor urged all members to hold off on commentary and support given their status as public sector employees. Since then, the board has discovered that it is acceptable and legally safe to discuss the matter and put forth the opinions contained therein.

Alderman Niedergang's resolution called for the BOA to urge individuals, colleges and universities, governments, and foundations to begin divesting from fossil fuel companies, which was passed.

Ward 6 Alderman Rebekah Gewirtz also addressed the topic, noting that the time to act is now and commended the City Solicitor for his meticulous research of legal matters in the board's actions. One of the more

important components of this resolution was to call for more action on behalf of the BOA to support a bill that is currently in the Massachusetts House of Representatives that would lead to a \$1.4 billion divestment from fossil fuel companies within the state's pension reserves. The board unanimously approved the resolution.

Another big agenda item of the night was the finalization of the City of Somerville budget for Fiscal Year 2015. There were a few points that are still in committee, but the vast majority of the budget has been completed and is now available for the public to view. Interested parties can locate every item within the budget, as well as the status and final decision, through the Board of Alderman's main website.

Alderman Gewirtz noted that more work likely needs to be done to boost the city's involvement in health and human services actions, as well as those related to the affordable housing,

Alderman Niedergang brought up similar needs for forthcoming budget hearings in the coming years to become more involved in affordable housing conversations.

As a note, Somerville has been one of the most rapidly growing communities in the commonwealth, but continues to face challenges in housing and support for individuals living under the poverty line.

Ward 4 Alderman Tony Lafuente, who is the acting chair of the Finance Committee, thanked the mayor for his work in focusing on the affordability of living in Somerville.

Mayor Joseph Curtatone offered comments on the budget and answered questions from members of the board for each of the various items contained therein. He commended the board's efforts in these matters, as well as the work completed by the Finance Committee and the general management of the budget throughout the city government.

Finally, BOA President William White introduced an item that would call for the City Solicitor to apprise the board of the latest developments in the controversial Union Square Post Office sale. The United States Postal Service has still yet to land on an agreement, while some of the board members noted that the impacts of changing circulation since the closure have been somewhat negative.

The board pushed this to the Committee on Legislative Matters.

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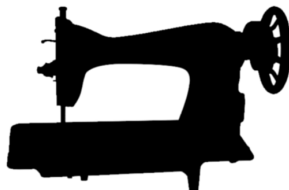
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City signs agreement for custodians and crossing guards

By Jim Clark

The City of Somerville has signed new collective bargaining agreements with Firemen and Oilers SEIU Local 3, representing the city's custodians, and SEIU 888, representing the Somerville's crossing guards. The agreements ratify contracts that cover a three-year period through fiscal 2017.

In a signing ceremony for the custodian's agreement held at City Hall on June 26, Mayor Curtatone told those in attendance that he was appreciative that mutually satisfying agreements had been reached. "I want to thank Firemen and Oilers SEIU Local 3 and SEIU 888 for both proactively approaching the city early, before their previous contracts expired, and bargaining in good faith to come to equitable agreements that benefit all sides and avoid our custodians or crossing guards working while out of contract."

Additionally, the mayor said, "These agreements demonstrate that we value the hard work done by our custodial staff in keeping our buildings clean and inviting places to work and learn, and our crossing guards keeping our children safe on their way to and from school. Both CBAs brings more pre-

dictability to our budget for the next three years while ensuring that these services continue."

SEIU Local 3 Business Agent Edmund 'Ike' Gabriel also expressed his satisfaction with the agreements saying, "The union appreciates the cooperation from the mayor and city staff. We look forward to working together in the future."

The crossing guards agreement was signed at a ceremony in May.

The custodians' agreement key features include: 2% salary increases in each year of the contract; that the city will not contract out custodial services in Somerville Public Schools for the duration of the agreement, beyond those custodial services already provided by non-Local 3 members; that the city agrees to maintain at least 28 full-time union custodial positions; that Local 3 agrees to eliminate a \$100 bonus for an employee that is absent four days or less in a contract year, while the perfect attendance bonus for a contract year is increased from \$850 to \$1,000; that Evacuation Day is eliminated as a holiday, while the half-day holidays of Good Friday and New Year's Eve are increased to full-day holidays. This brings the school custodians contract in line with the current school year and results



Mayor Curtatone hosted an agreement signing ceremony at City Hall last week. SUIU 888 representatives and city staffers were in attendance and took part in the proceedings.

in cost savings, due to custodians not receiving time-and-a-half pay or more for working on Evacuation Day; that sick time for new Local 3 members is from 15 days per year, while current members receive 18 days per year, each accrued at the rate of 1.25 per month.

Important elements of the crossing guards' agreement include: A wage adjustment in the first year of the contract to

aid with the recruitment and retention of qualified and reliable crossing guards, followed by 2% increases in the second and third years of the contract; incentive for perfect attendance and provision to include crossing children during Halloween as well as during the school day; up to three days per year "inclement weather" pay in the event of school closings (limited to no more than one per week); the

establishment of a "team leader" position to help the Police Department coordinate crossing guard assignments and activity; a provision to adequately provide for uniforms and equip crossing guards; up to an additional hour added to the workday to address the needs of the city and the School Department in helping to protect unaccompanied minor children on their way to and from school.

Somerville joins nationwide challenge to end veteran homelessness

Veterans have sacrificed for community and country, but can face challenges when they return home from duty. Somerville's commitment to honoring their sacrifice will intensify as the city joins the challenge issued by the Obama Administration to end veteran homelessness by 2016, Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone announced today.

In joining the Mayors Challenge to End Veterans Homelessness, Somerville reaffirms its commitment to veterans and making sure they receive the support they need and deserve, starting with a roof over their heads. The Somerville-Arlington Continuum of Care—a collaborative planning group of local providers that coordinates housing and services for homeless families and individuals—recently met with officials from the State, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Bedford Veterans Affairs Medical Center about the Massachusetts plan to end homelessness among veterans.

The Continuum of Care will notify the city's Veterans Services Department when a veteran enters a shelter or seeks assistance, or otherwise comes into contact with any of the agencies, in addition

to ongoing efforts to end homelessness among veterans as a standard topic of discussion at its regular monthly meetings. Also, the Continuum will dedicate one meeting annually specifically to ending homelessness among veterans, in coordination with city Director of Veterans Services Jay Weaver, with those annual meetings focusing on evaluating progress over the prior year and strategizing efforts for the future. The Veterans Services Department currently has a close working relationship with the Somerville Police Department, and police officers notify Veterans Services if they ever encounter a homeless veteran on the street.

Last August, the Massachusetts Bay Veterans' Center opened in Somerville with 22 transitional and seven permanent housing units—all affordable—for veterans in need of supportive housing. The Center, built by the Volunteers of America, was funded in part by the city through \$250,000 in federal HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds and \$150,000 from the city's Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

Somerville's most recent homeless count held on the night of January 29, 2014, found that there was one homeless

veteran in emergency shelter and 14 in transitional housing. While Somerville has a low homeless veterans population, Mayor Curtatone believes that one homeless veteran is one too many.

"Somerville's orienting value—creating a community that is an exceptional place to live, work, play and raise a family—is an empty promise unless it is extended to every resident, no matter their station in life or the challenges they face. That value takes on special meaning for those who have served this community in the military," said Mayor Curtatone. "We know that, despite their sacrifices on our behalf, veterans remain disproportionately vulnerable to unemployment, homelessness and ongoing health and medical problems. The rates of homelessness among veterans have traditionally been much higher than the general population. That trend is starting to slow, but slowing it down isn't enough. We can and must do more to ensure that our veterans can come home to a safe and healthy environment, with access to resources to help them succeed here at home, and that starts with ensuring that not a single veteran in Somerville is left homeless."

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. Beacon Hill Roll Call records the votes of local representatives on two roll calls and local senators on four roll calls from the week of June 23-27.

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



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



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



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

NURSE STAFFING RATIO (H 4228)
House 145-0, Senate 39-0, approved and sent to Gov. Deval Patrick a bill that would establish nurse staffing ratios in intensive care units of hospitals. The measure would limit the ratio to one nurse for one patient, or one nurse to two patients in special circumstances as assessed by the nurses on that unit.

Supporters said this will protect and even save the lives of critically ill patients. Some noted this is the first step toward the goal of having staffing ratios in every unit in every hospital.

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

Rep. Denise Provost Yes

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

SUPER PACs (H 4226)
House 145-4, approved and sent to the Senate a bill requiring super PACs to release the names of their contributors within seven days of running an ad. Other provisions require the names of the PACs' top five contributors who donate over \$5,000 to be revealed in any ad aired by the PAC and raise from \$500 to \$1,000 the maximum individuals can contribute to any one candidate in a calendar year.

Under current law, these PACs don't have to reveal their donors until just a few days before the primary election and later shortly before the general election. The PACs are created to help candidates and are often run by the candidate's former staffers or associates who use the PAC to fund positive ads about the candidate and/or run negative ads against the candidate's opponents. A candidate's own committee's contributions are limited by federal law but super PACs can legally accept unlimited donations.

The bill was filed in response to a Supreme Court decision ruling that the First Amendment prohibits the government from restricting corporations, unions and individuals from donating unlimited funds to PACs that do not donate directly to candidates or political parties. Critics say the decision has led to corporations, unions and wealthy individuals contributing hundreds of millions of dollars to PACs and having an undue influence on elections that is drowning out the voices of everyday Americans. Supporters of the ruling hailed it as a victory for freedom of speech.

Supporters of the bill said that while the state cannot overrule the Supreme Court, it can ensure that voters are regularly informed who is funding these influential PACs. They said it will shine the light on this "dark" money.

Opponents said the bill does not go far enough on several counts to make true campaign finance reforms. They noted it still allows unions to contribute excessive money to campaigns.

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

Rep. Denise Provost Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey Yes

COSTS OF HEALTH CONNECTOR PROBLEMS (H 4217)
Senate 7-27, rejected an amendment that would require the state's Inspector General to conduct a review and provide the Legislature with a report outlining the costs and financial impact of the Health Connector's failed website. The amendment was proposed to a bill that would fund the state temporarily until the Legislature approves a fiscal 2015 budget.

Amendment supporters said the Patrick administration has promised but keeps delaying providing this information. They argued it is important to figure out what went horribly wrong with the website and what the financial impact is.

Amendment opponents agreed that the website was a disaster but said the Patrick administration has already

agreed to provide this information. They noted that adding amendments to this temporary budget will delay its progress and argued the temporary budget must be passed quickly or the state will run out of operating money.

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

Sen. Sal DiDomenico No
Sen. Patricia Jehlen No

ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS (H 4217)
Senate 9-29, rejected an amendment requiring the state to submit a report on the details of and the cost to the state of the recent transport of illegal immigrants to the Hanscom Air Force Base and Logan Airport by Federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). The amendment was proposed to a bill that would fund the state temporarily until the Legislature approves a fiscal 2015 budget.

Amendment supporters said taxpayers have a right to know the details and cost, including whether any detainees were released from federal custody into the state and whether the state has provided any detainees with state benefits.

Amendment opponents said they weren't necessarily opposed to the idea but noted that the passage of this temporary budget cannot be delayed or the state will run out of operating money.

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

Sen. Sal DiDomenico No
Sen. Patricia Jehlen No

FLOOD INSURANCE (H 3783)
Senate 34-3, approved a bill that would prohibit creditors from requiring homeowners to purchase flood insurance in amounts that exceed the outstanding balance of their mortgage. Other provisions prohibit lenders from requiring coverage for the contents of a home or including a deductible of less than \$5,000.

Supporters said this would help reduce premiums for homeowners affected by new federal regulations that threaten to drive up the cost of flood insurance. They noted that homeowners would still have the option to buy additional insurance coverage.

Opponents expressed concern that the bill would leave some homeowners with insufficient insurance and said the bill protects banks at the risk of homeowners.

The House has approved a different version of the measure. The Senate version now goes back to the House for consideration.

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

Sen. Sal DiDomenico Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

WELFARE CHANGES (S 2212) - The Senate, on a voice vote without any debate or roll call, approved a bill making many changes in the state's welfare system. A key provisions increases penalties for store owners who

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knowingly allow the purchase of prohibited products or services with an EBT card. The measure also mandates that applicants search for a job prior to receiving cash assistance. Current law gives recipients a 60-day window after they start receiving benefits before they are required to look for employment.

Other provisions change the exemption from the work requirement for women in the last four months of pregnancy to the last month of pregnancy unless there is a documented medical issue; reduce the period for an extension of benefits beyond the 24-month period from six months to three months; create a job diversion program to connect able-bodied individuals with full-time jobs before they start receiving benefits; and changes the school attendance requirement from age 14 to age 16 and allows participation in an alternative education program or education development program to also meet the school attendance requirement.

Supporters say this long overdue overhaul of the welfare system is firm, fair and honest and will crack down on welfare abuse while offering many poor people a road to economic independence.

Some opponents say the bill goes too far and will hurt many families and elderly and disabled persons. Others say the bill does not go far enough in cracking down on welfare abuse.

DRIVER'S LICENSES FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS (H 3285) - The Transportation Committee has recommended that a bill allowing illegal immigrants to obtain a driver's license without producing a social security number be shipped off to a study committee. Most measures that are shipped off to a study committee are never actually studied and are essentially defeated.

SEAT BELTS (S 1115) - The Public Safety Committee has turned thumbs down on a bill that would make the seat belt law a "primary enforcement" one allowing police officers to stop and issue \$25 tickets to drivers and passengers solely for not wearing their seat belts. Current law is a "secondary enforcement" one that prohibits drivers from being stopped solely for not wearing a seat belt and allows an officer to issue a ticket only if the driver is stopped for another motor vehicle violation or some other offense.

GOVERNOR SIGNS CHILD SEX ABUSE BILL (H 4126) - Gov. Patrick signed into law a bill increasing the statute of limitations during which a person can file a civil suit for child sexual abuse. Current law allows victims to file a suit up until the age of 21 while the bill would increase the age to 53. The extension is retroactive for claims against perpetrators of abuse and prospective for others with indirect liability like supervisors.

GOVERNOR SIGNS HIKE IN MINIMUM WAGE TO \$11 PER HOUR (S 2195) - Gov. Patrick signed into law a bill increasing the current \$8 per hour minimum wage by \$3 over three years to \$11 per

hour. The measure also makes changes in the state's unemployment insurance system and raises the minimum hourly wage for tipped employees over three years from \$2.63 to \$3.75.

MIXED MARTIAL ARTS LICENSES FOR NON-CITIZENS (S 2220) - The Senate approved a bill that would make it easier for non-citizens to obtain a license to compete in mixed martial arts, boxing and kickboxing competitions in Massachusetts. Current law requires the fighter to obtain a social security number. The bill would allow the use of a form of identification "sufficient to identify the applicant."

Supporters said the social security number requirement discourages many major competitions from holding events in the Bay State because it is a long process to get a social security number. They noted that Massachusetts is one of the few states that require a social security number.

ASSAULTS ON PUBLIC EMPLOYEES (S 718) - The House gave initial approval to a bill that would allow a police officer to arrest an individual he or she has probable cause to believe committed an assault and battery on any public employee, doctor, nurse, social worker, emergency medical technician, ambulance worker or healthcare attendant. The measure allows law enforcement to keep the accused in custody for not more than 24 hours. Under current law, police officers are only permitted to give the person a summons for the crime.

Supporters said the bill is designed to give police another tool to combat these assaults and noted the bill was prompted by recent assaults on MBTA drivers.

HIGH SPEED CHASES (H 1500) - The House gave initial approval to legislation that would create a new crime of ignoring the signal of a police officer to stop and then driving for more than a mile at 20 miles per hour over the speed limit. The measure imposes a penalty of up to five years imprisonment and a \$1,000 fine on offenders.

PRESCRIPTIONS DURING AN EMERGENCY (H 4215) - The House gave initial approval to a measure requiring the state to develop and publicize a statewide plan for ensuring the availability of prescription medications during a state of emergency. The plan would include allowing early refills of prescriptions, ensuring that vehicles delivering medications to pharmacies and hospitals be treated as emergency vehicles and establishing a toll-free telephone number and a website for citizens to get assistance in locating prescription medication.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"Cynically, shamelessly, and opportunistically, abortion proponents exploited the John Salvi shootings as a kind of Reichstag fire, to inhibit the civil liberties of their opponents. In the hysteria following Salvi, they concocted

the manifest absurdity that a painted line in the street would deter an armed, mentally unstable gunman bent on homicide." — C. J. Doyle, Catholic Action League executive director, on the Supreme Court decision striking down the 2007 Massachusetts law imposing a thirty-five foot buffer zone around Bay State abortion clinics.

"This decision shows a troubling level of disregard for American women, who should be able to make carefully considered, private medical decisions without running a gauntlet of harassing and threatening protesters." — Cecile Richards, president of Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

"This is a victory for all citizens who value their First Amendment rights and for clinic-bound women who might need someone to talk to." — Anne Fox, president of Mass Citizens for Life.

"This decision ignores the very real violence that still occurs at abortion clinics. It disrespects the community right here in Boston that was violated by an armed zealot just 20 years ago." — Megan Amundson, executive director of NARAL Pro-Choice Massachusetts.

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION? Beacon Hill Roll Call tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature's job and that a lot of important work is done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work, research, constituent work and other matters that are important to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session.

During the week of June 23-27, the House met for a total of 12 hours and 11 minutes and the Senate met for a total of six hours and 13 minutes.

Mon. June 23	House 11:00 a.m. to 11:38 a.m. Senate 11:03 a.m. to 11:25 a.m.
Tues. June 24	No House session Senate 11:03 a.m. to 12:31 p.m.
Wed. June 25	House 11:05 a.m. to 7:18 p.m. No Senate session
Thurs. June 26	House 11:07 a.m. to 2:27 p.m. Senate 1:00 p.m. to 5:07 p.m.
Fri. June 27	No House session Senate 11:02 a.m. to 11:18 a.m.

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COMMENTARY

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Fourth of July fireworks celebrate our city and history



By Joseph A. Curtatone

A great Somerville tradition continues on Thursday, July 3, when we strike up the bands at Trum Field for the annual Fourth of July fireworks. Performances by the Somerville SunSetters, Booty Vortex, the USO Metropolitan New York

Performers, and the U.S. Navy Band Northeast Pops Ensemble will entertain the crowd before the fireworks fill the sky. Ten years ago, we brought back this cherished celebration after a more than 20 year hiatus. Restoring this Somerville tradition is also part of a larger tradition—celebrating who we are.

We have seen Somerville succeed over the last ten years in part because we invest in community events. We know that these events are not only a fun activity for the people in our community but part of the way we proudly proclaim our identity. We are identified by who we are: A city rich in culture,

creativity, and diversity that is woven from vibrant neighborhoods where people own the streets and squares. Successful communities identify and leverage their social capital—their identity and soul that makes the community an attractive place to live, work, play and raise a family. That's what we are investing in when we hold events like the Fourth of July fireworks. We invest in and celebrate our quality of life, our people and our pride.

There's also a bottom line financial benefit to supporting events. For every dollar spent on arts and culture, we see a return of three times or more in economic impacts. These events

activate our neighborhoods and squares and, in turn, directly support our local businesses by celebrating these neighborhoods as destinations. It brings in people who might not have visited a while or ever before, raises the visibility and awareness of our local businesses, and makes people want to come back again and again.

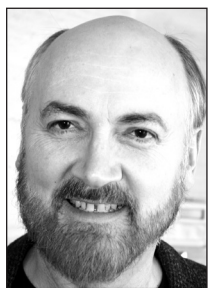
If that sounds like these events cater to people from outside Somerville, keep in mind that even in four square miles, someone from Teele Square may not visit East Somerville that often, or vice versa. We want our residents to visit other neighborhoods and to

also bring people from outside Somerville to our city. We want them to see what we offer. We want to celebrate every neighborhood for every resident.

And our Happiness Survey shows how important community events are to our residents. How people rated "Social Community Events" on the Happiness Survey was positively correlated to their happiness, city satisfaction, and neighborhood satisfaction. When asked "do you plan to move in the next two years," the single best predictor of their response, apart from demographics, was how highly they rated the social community events.

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The guilty point fingers while the innocent repeat the past



By William C. Shelton

As the American enterprise in Iraq collapses, those responsible point fingers at each other. Their specific criticisms may be accurate, but their aim is to distract attention from their own failures, continuing a 116-year-old

pattern of arrogantly, ignorantly and violently interfering in other people's business.

Over the past three weeks, the Islamic State of Iraq and Greater Syria (ISIS, aka the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant, or ISIL) has conducted a blitzkrieg, capturing territory from Aleppo in Northern Syria to Diyalah, 40 miles Northwest of Baghdad. The Iraqi Army, for which the U.S. paid \$25 billion, has largely folded or fled.

As Vice President, Dick Cheney lied us into war, with cooked evidence of "weapons of

mass destruction." He promised that Americans would be celebrated as liberators and that oil revenues would pay for all our war costs. Instead, the intervention replaced a brutal dictator who was a bulwark against Iranian power with a brutal authoritarian who is loyal to Iran.

In a *Wall Street Journal* column, Cheney now says that it's all President Obama's fault because he did not, "negotiate an agreement to leave behind some residual American forces, training and intelligence capabilities to help secure the peace."

Cheney omits that fact that his own administration negotiated the Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) governing American withdrawal.

Obama loyalists predictably respond that he did his best with a mess left by the previous administration. If what President Obama did was the best that he could do, then he should never have applied for his current job.

He inherited an Iraq in which Sunnis working with American troops had completely degraded al Qaeda in Iraq, creating the opportunity for an inclu-

sive government. Instead, Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki arrested Sunni Awakening fighters. Thousand of Sunni men disappeared into prison without charges. Al-Maliki's 2010 electoral commission disqualified more than 500 Sunni candidates. Although the Iraqia List, an alliance with significant Sunni participation, won a plurality in that election, al-Maliki manipulated the judiciary into placing his own Dawa Party in power.

Obama and his aides wanted so much to

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Life in the  by Jimmy Del Ponte

Can I get a jump?



Originally printed November 3, 2007.

One of my favorite things to say to the gas station attendant when I give him \$75

to fill up my truck is: "I used to pay less than this for a car!" Well, it's true people. The year was 1970 and the very first car I bought was a 1962 Dodge. I'm pretty sure it was a Valiant. I paid \$50 for it and it had push buttons for the transmission. I didn't even have my license yet and there was a clunker parked in my father's driveway. That car sat there for three months and never got registered. It was fun to sit in though.

The first car that I actually got on the road was a 1965 Rambler American

with a stick shifter on the column. That gem cost me \$60 and another \$70 to insure and register it for the whole year. That car's name: "Clem" - "Clem" was a "Lem"-on.

After that I couldn't wait for my father to get a new car so I could take possession of his 1967 Dodge Dart with the slant-6 225 cubic inch engine. I loved that car. It was the first car I drove the day I finally got my license. I took it up to the top of Route 2 in Belmont and drove down as my friend Charlie exclaimed: "...70...80...miles per hour!" When I returned the car to my dad an hour later, he noticed the gas tank was on "E." He asked very sternly, "Where the hell did you go, China?" I drove that car until I seized the engine. The idiot light burnt out and I



didn't know it had no oil. I was the idiot.

Then the clunkers came fast and furiously. The '62 Chevy Bel-Air that burned oil. I used to smoke up Davis Square back when you could take a left onto Highland Avenue from College Avenue. The '68

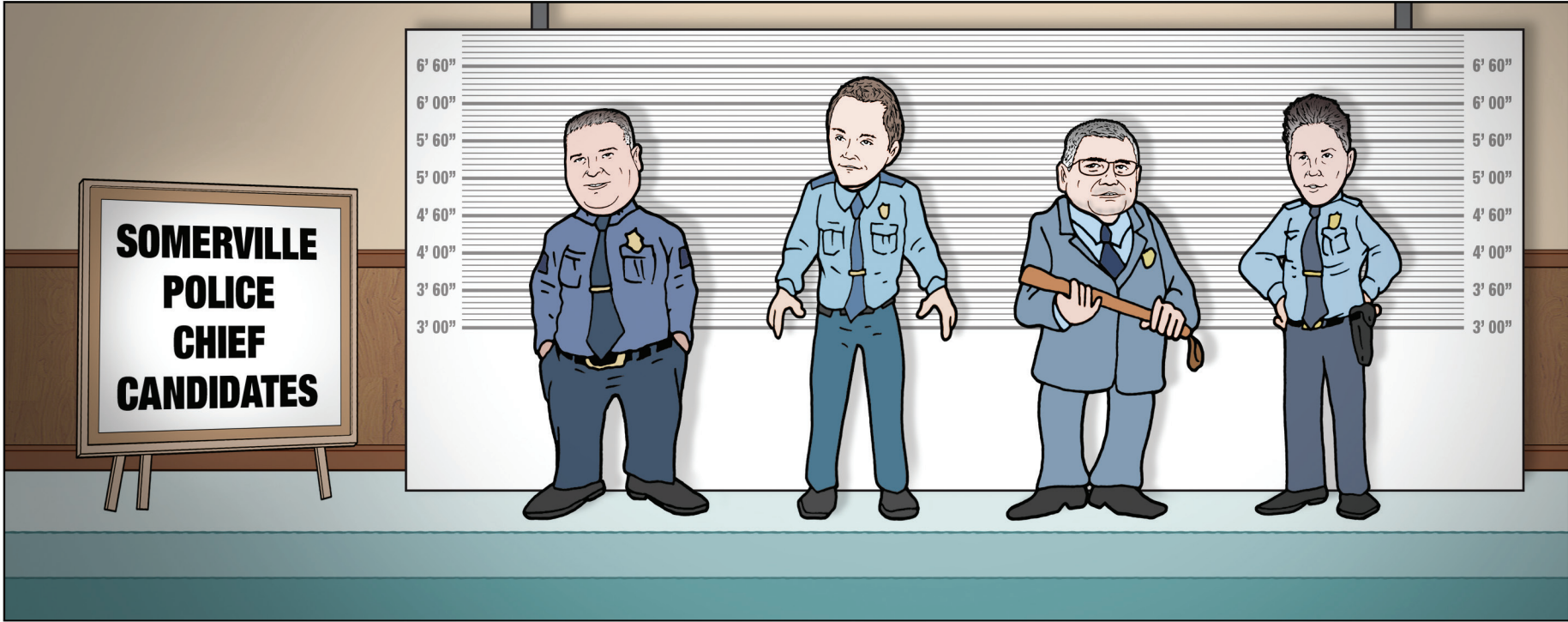
Chevy wagon that needed ball-joints and the '65 Chevy Impala Convertible. That last one was a peach. I paid \$75 for it and even though the ripped ragtop had to be pulled up by hand, it was sweet! I drove it for about three

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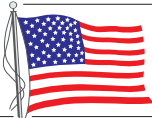
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The usual suspects?

The View Of The Times



It isn't exactly a beauty contest, but – all things being equal – how do we choose our next Chief of Police from among this group of highly qualified and capable individuals?

Each of the final four contenders for the position have the education, experience, and proven capacity to lead the Somerville Police Department through its next administration. What then can we hope to discern from their histories and visions for the future of the department that can inform us of who

among them may fit the role better than the others?

At least one issue stands out for many, the choice between the insider and the outsider. By some astronomically unlikely coincidence of symmetry, two of the four candidates are currently high-ranking officers in the SPD, while the other two serve as chiefs of their respective police departments in cities outside of Massachusetts.

Those who might favor the insider choice would cite familiarity with the

community and its particular needs and desires, as well as making a transition to the top position easy by virtue of the individual already being a part of the department's culture.

Conversely, those with an opposing viewpoint might question the ethicality of promoting from within the department, hoping rather for a leader that will be free of political ties and undue influences.

Whichever way one may lean on that matter, it still leaves a choice to

be made – if not between four, then at least two candidates.

Perhaps it's just a matter of doing the math, so to speak. Who has the most experience? Who has particular experience relevant to the issues that confront the city at this time? What exactly are those issues, and can we all agree on what they are?

No, it's not going to be an easy decision. Perhaps a good old-fashioned beauty contest would be far simpler. Or would it?

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

Medford Square. Roland is from one of Somerville's finest and largest families. Our good friends over in Cambridge, Cambridge Masonic Building, in Porter Square are celebrating their 104th birthday. We wish them many more. Also celebrating coming up at the beginning of next week is Paul Gaspar, who grew up here in the Ville and owns his own appraisal company known as PG Appraisals. If you need an appraisal he's the go to guy. He has many years of great work behind him. Although not from here she is a fan of the paper, we wish a happy birthday to Cheryl Taylor of Milford, owner of one of Massachusetts largest RE firms (ERA Key Realty Service). She's a great lady and runs a very nice company. Also celebrating, someone who used to live here in Davis Square, Jeff Harrington is celebrating this week as well.

We attended the Somerville Redevelopment Authority meeting last week and maybe it's us but if you get a chance watch it on channel 22 or online and see what you think. We are sure we're not the only ones that noticed the meeting was a bit

confusing, not just for the members on the board but for those in the audience. The City Attorney for sat there with the board and was frankly a little demeaning, we think, in her remarks as well as her gestures regarding some of the board members' motions and questions. She probably isn't used to being in the public eye. Either that or she was sent there to control the meeting. We think maybe both? One of the members put a motion on the floor, which was pretty simple, but the board members seemed confused by it and worse yet the Chairperson was equally confused. After some remarks the maker of the motion withdrew it. Apparently, the board members weren't aware that the four developers that were selected to be chosen from were now reduced to two developers without notice to those who were going to vote. It appears that the CAC group who was asked to work with the SRA board recommended, along with the staff report, that two developers be removed from the voting process. Again, it appeared to anyone sitting there that the SRA members – at least some of them – didn't know about the removable ahead

of time. Hmmm...maybe that's why the city lawyer was sitting there with them? We think the Chairperson of any board should be there to get the members' motions clarified and then allow discussion with a vote to follow, but this chairperson was lost and didn't know what to do. The original motion was taken back and a new motion was placed before the members to vote on. We thought along with some in the audience that the meeting could have gone a little more smoothly. The Chairperson needs to exercise a little control and keep order, which she clearly wasn't doing. We don't blame them for being confused. Again, they were there to vote and choose from four developers, but somehow, someone, somewhere, selected two from the four and now the board had two to vote on. The city attorney apparently did her job.

You don't need a green thumb for these houseplants! Learn to raise cacti and easy to grow succulents at the July meeting of the Somerville Garden Club. Art Scarpa, founder and current president of the Cactus and Succulent Society of Massachusetts will present

"Art's Traveling Cactus and Succulent Plant Show." Art will showcase dozens of cacti and succulents—from the bizarre to the familiar—and discuss growing succulents indoors and out, including dish gardens and container gardens with hardy plants that can be left outside. The July meeting of the SGC is Wednesday, July 9, 7-9 PM, at the Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland Street, Somerville. Meetings are on the second floor wheelchair accessible. All Somerville Garden Club meetings are free and the public is invited to attend. For additional information visit www.somervillegardenclub.org.

Good news our good friends down at Patsy's Pastry shop on lower Broadway. No closing down anytime soon. They have at least until next spring sometime. We stopped in to see Sal, one of the brothers who own the shop, and they are glad that they are staying put for now. So don't worry about those great pizza slices that Sal's makes and the bread on top of the awesome cakes and pies. You will still be able to shop there.

Family Fun Day's 10th anniversary

By Douglas Yu

It's been 10 years since Somerville mayor, Joe Curtatone, implemented the idea of creating a citywide holiday where families in Somerville can bring their kids to join all kinds of recreational activities and have a great time.

The last Family Fun Day at Trum Field Park in Somerville included kid's soccer, pets, barbecue and bounce houses. This year, the city also brought two ponies for kids to ride around the park and blue-colored, foam-made imagination blocks for them to use their creativity.

Carlene Campbell-Hegarty, Director of Community Relations at the City Hall, said, "We call Family Fun Day summer time in Somerville. And we tie in Family Fun Day and Fourth of July under one umbrella."

The inception of the idea of Family Fun Day came after Curtatone revived the tradition of fireworks in Somerville, which had stopped about 24 years ago. When Curtatone became the mayor, he not only brought back the fireworks that he grew up enjoying, but also creat-

ed "old-time-fashion barbecue," according to Campbell-Hegarty.

"Over the years, Family Fun Day became a great and safe place for people to come, have a good time, be with your families and enjoy a beautiful summer afternoon in the city," said Campbell-Hegarty.

Children ranging from newborn to nine years old are found dancing, getting their faces painted, and playing parachute on this family-oriented holiday every year.

Campbell-Hegarty was not sure about the demographics of the families who attended Family Fun Day over the last 10 years, but she was certain that the number of participants had increased.

"Every year, it's bigger. We planned for three thousand people in the past five years, and we ran out of food," said Campbell-Hegarty.

A team of more than 20 high school volunteers was also trained by Somerville Job Program to supervise and protect children's safety in different activities. The program, initiated by the mayor, provides op-

portunities for Somerville youth to work within the community during the summer months.

Nancy Bacci, Youth Services Coordinator at the City of Somerville, said that the Somerville Job Program is funded through the city's budget.

"The city's administration and Board of Aldermen realize the importance of keeping young people busy throughout the summer, so we are able to hire them in positions in various city departments," Bacci said.

Somerville high school students have to go through a application process that comes during the month of April to become a volunteer at the Family Fun Day. All the applicants are interviewed by the city staff, and they will be selected based on their individual interests and experience.

Noe Perez attends Somerville High School, and on this special holiday he, along with other volunteers, was wearing a red uniform T-shirt and supervising kids who played in the bounce house. Before he joined the volunteer team for the first time, he heard the holiday was "a lot of fun"

from his friend.

"I also heard it could be a helpful job, so I decided to do it," Perez said. "During the training, we learned how to do CPR, how to take care of kids and other basic things."

Somerville Family Fun Day also attracts local and national support, including 311 Somerville and Century Bank.

Belia Ducasse is a Constituent Representative at 311 Somerville, the city's innovative customer service system. She said that the presence of 311 Somerville made sure that residents have access to the information that the city provides.

"It's a great opportunity for the city to interact with its residents as well as to have a fun time," said Ducasse.

Campbell-Hegarty, also the organizer of the holiday, said that she was "very lucky" to work at a place that's focused on families and involved in the city.

"All I can say is that I hope that Family Fun Day gets bigger and better," Campbell-Hegarty. "And if there is anyone who has new ideas for the holiday, send them along."



Photos by Douglas Yu

Farewell to Rosemary

Rosemary Ryan, Dining Room Manager at Somerville High's Culinary Department celebrated her retirement with family friends and students past and present at the Dante Club in Somerville on June 19.

Ryan has been teaching those skills at the program for over 30 years. She taught students in the program, as she described, "what you would do in outside restaurants." She said, "We tell the students that we have customers come right off the street, and you need to start serving the tables." Ryan talked about how students learn practical experience. "I treat my students as my real kids," Ryan said.

"I studied Hotel and Restaurant Management at Bunker Hill Community College," Ryan said. "And the kids here are the biggest things I got from my last 30-year career. Every single kid I taught makes a big impression on me."

Alderman Bob Mcwatters presented her with a citation from the City of Somerville.



SPORTS

Summer weather warms Alibrandis' bats

By Ben Cassidy

For much of the 2014 Yawkey Baseball League season, the Somerville Alibrandis' offense has mirrored the uneven and, at times, dismal weather conditions under which the team has played. During a four-game stretch in early June, for example, the Albriandis managed just six runs over four games; the squad subsequently tallied 21 runs in its next three contests. However, as an erratic New England spring has given way to a mostly pristine early summer, the Alibrandis' bats have heated up. Last week, the Alibrandis scored a total of 20 runs in just three games. Assistant manager Cameron Lynch doesn't think it's a coincidence. "Now that we've played consecutive weeks [in a row]...

guys are seeing more pitches," Lynch said. This increase in games and at-bats has led improved plate discipline throughout the lineup and leadoff batters frequently reaching base, he said. It has also created a welcome predicament for manager Bernie Driscoll and Lynch: According to the latter, the Alibrandis have "thirteen guys who can play every night," making it a challenge to fill out the nine spots in the batting order for any given game. It would be difficult to argue with the Somerville staff's decisions last Friday against the visiting South Boston Saints. In Somerville's 9-4 victory, seven Alibrandis batters had at least one hit, and six drove in at least one run. The Alibrandis scored one, one, three, two, and two runs in the first five



Alibrandis batting has stepped up to the plate, helping to give the team good placement in the division ranking.

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Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. If something has a n-avicular, what is it shaped like?

2. Yoga is a Sanskrit word meaning what?

3. What is a shroff an expert in?

4. Corduroy literally translated means what?

5. What baking ingredient, sprayed at high pressure, did the U.S. Air Force replace its toxic paint stripper with?

6. What body of water is approximately nine times saltier than ocean water?

7. What U.S. state's offi-

cial fish is the humuhu-munukunukuapuaa?

8. Who has unrequited love for Mr. Spock in the original Star Trek?

9. Mr. Spock's blood was green, but what blood group was it?

10. In which theater did Pal Joey have its New York premiere?

11. Who played the heavy metal guitar on Michael Jackson's Beat It?

12. Which long-running No. 1 had the line, "I suppose I could collect my books and go back to school?"

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innings of the game, leading 9-1 after five innings. Perhaps no hitter has better exemplified Somerville's recent offensive surge than Bobby Barrett, who had two hits for the Alibrandis. Barrett utilizes a "calm" yet "aggressive" approach at the plate, allowing him to bat "anywhere" in the order and yielding a number of clutch hits, Lynch said. The Alibrandis were also lifted by starting pitcher Chris Foun-

das, who went six innings and picked up his fifth win of the season. His only loss in the past two years came against South Boston earlier this season. As a result, Lynch felt Foundas was "hungry" to face the Saints on this occasion. "He wanted that game," Lynch said. The Alibrandis' victory against South Boston followed an 8-7 defeat to the visiting Revere Rockies last Wednesday. Somerville blew

a 5-0 lead in the game, ending the squad's four-game winning streak. The loss was a small setback for a team trending in the right direction. "As long as we get in the play-offs, it's going to be tough for teams to beat us," Lynch said. The Alibrandis play the Brighton Braves tonight at Rogers Park. They were to have played at the Savin Hill Dodgers on Monday and hosted the Dodgers on Tuesday.

Conte to skate in Bay State Games

Somerville High student Ka-leigh Conte will be participating in the Bay State Games for the Metro girls hockey team this summer. Conte is entering her sophomore year as a defenseman for the Cambridge Rindge and Latin girls varsity hockey team. The Metro team also includes Adrienne Ashe (Cambridge), Bella Corcione (Cambridge), Bridget Crane (Arlington Catholic), Katherine Crane (Arlington Catholic), Bridget Flaherty Arlington Catholic), Maggie Flaherty (St. Mary's), Erin King (Arlington Catholic), Katelin McCallum (Cambridge), Reid Nichols (Lexington), Laura Shea (Arlington), Rose Sullivan (Matignon), and Grace Toner (Cambridge). The Metro team is coached

by Medford High Girl's varsity assistant hockey coach Josh Glionna. The tournament takes place at the Foxboro Sports Center in Foxboro, MA with Metro playing July 10 at 2:20 p.m. vs. Northeast, July 11 at 2:40 p.m. vs. Central/West, July 12 at 12:30 p.m. vs. Southeast/Coastal, and July 13 at 1:50 p.m. Bronze medal game or 2:00 p.m. Gold medal game. The Bay State Games is an Olympic style competition held annually since 1982.

Boston Closet wins City Championship

On Sunday, June 22, Boston Closet won the 2014 Somerville Little League Minors Championship. In what is becoming a yearly occurrence, a team sponsored by Tom Lynch of Boston Closet and managed by Sean Sullivan has won the Somerville Little League city championship, in what now marks 4 straight years.

Boston Closet would need to play 3 playoff series before claiming the championship. After becoming the first team in many years to finish the regular season undefeated, with a perfect 11 wins and 0 losses, Boston Closet would sweep there first playoff series and enter round 2, still undefeated. Going up 1 game to none in round 2, Boston Closet would lose game 2 by a score of 4 to 3 and taste defeat for the 1st time in the season. Entering game 3 of the 2nd round, Boston Closet would respond in spectacular fashion by winning 14 to 0, to move on to the Championship series. Coach Sean Sullivan said, "After losing our 1st game of the year, I told the kids that it was probably the best thing that could of happened, and that we were playing to tense and that we needed to come to the field tomorrow and play loose and have baseball fun, and sure enough we played loose and played one of our better games all season, winning by a shutout."

In the championship series, Boston Closet would lose game 1, to their opponent, Eat at Jumbos, by a score of 6 to 5 and would now find themselves needing to win 2 straight games to win the Championship. In the must win game 2 of the final series, Boston Closet would find themselves down by a score of 8 to 2 in the 4th inning and facing elimination. Led by solid relief pitching by Anamol Kaspal, and ignited by a straight steal of home by Brady Sullivan, on a throw back to the pitcher, along with a big triple by Richie Gaskin, Boston Closet would rally for a huge 12 to 10 comeback win, to tie the series at a game a piece.

Entering the final game of the City Championship and being low on pitchers from playing their 6th playoff game in 7 days and losing 1 of their top pitchers, Linus Hansen, Boston Closet would turn to Zach Buchheit to try and keep the Eat at Jumbos hitters at bay. While Zach came up huge, pitching a very solid game, the rest of the Boston Closet offense and defense also rose to the occasion, playing flawless baseball. Led by 1st baseman

Brady Sullivan, 2nd baseman Lukas Poirier, Shortstop Kyle Sheehan, 3rd baseman Anamol Kaspal and catcher Richie Gaskin, along with solid outfielder play from Cooper Schutz, Peter Lounsberry, Emmanuel Sullivan and Aidan Clark, Boston Closet would not make an error in the final game. Richie Gaskin provided a jolt for the offense with 2 home runs and a triple, and Zach Buchheit reached base 4 times, scoring 3 runs. Just as the defense had done all year, they would come up with big plays when they were needed the most, starting with a diving catch by 1st baseman Brady Sullivan to end the 4th inning, and a perfect double play by 2nd baseman Lukas Poirier and short stop Kyle Sheehan in the 5th. As usual Cooper Schutz, Emmanuel Sullivan and Aidan Clark would cleanly field every ball hit to them. Pitching for just the 2nd time all season, Boston Closet turned to Peter Lounsberry, who showed great nerves in closing out the game, without letting up a run in the final 2 innings. Putting it all together in the final game, Boston Closet won by a final score of 14 to 2, and out scored their opponent 24 to 4, since being down 8 to 2 in game 2.

As the game ended and Boston Closet were champions again, Coach Sean Sullivan and assistant coaches, Kevin Sheehan, Dan Conley and Sean Sullivan Jr. raced onto the field to meet the already celebrating players. After the post game handshake, the players and coaches were joined by the team parents and families, as the championship trophy was presented to the players, who then did a team victory lap around the infield. After a tremendous on field celebration and many group and individual pictures with the championship trophy, the team moved the celebration to Cooper Schutz house for a raucous team BBQ that lasted well into the night.

Boston Closet finished the season with a stellar record of 17 wins and 2 losses, with both losses being by 1 run. As coach Sean Sullivan said, "This was really a special year that exceeded all expectations. This was a challenging season from the standpoint that out of the 11 players on the team, only two players even played baseball last year, with the majority having never played before. We started as an emotional team, that would get upset over strike outs and errors, and we ended a much stronger team, that handled the



Left to right, first row kneeling: Kyle Sheehan, Brady Sullivan, Lukas Poirier. Second row kneeling: Aidan Clark, Richie Gaskin, Peter Lounsberry, Emmanuel Sullivan. Third row standing: Zach Buchheit, Cooper Schutz, Anamol Kaspal. Fourth row standing: coach Sean Sullivan, coach Kevin Sheehan, coach Dan Conley, coach Sean Sullivan Jr. Not pictured, Linus Hansen.

pressure in the final series, amazingly."

Boston Closet celebrated their championship season with a team and family party held on Thursday, June 26th. As in all years past, the party was generously thrown by Boston Closet owner Tom Lynch, who also purchased the player's championship trophies and jackets. Coach Sullivan said, "I have known Tom Lynch for 20 years, and he

has always been a great supporter and sponsor of my family and I. He is also a huge supporter of youth sports in general and is by far the most generous guy I know. I am proud of the fact that I am now the only coach in Somerville Little League history to win the championship in four straight years, and as proud of the fact that Boston Closet is the first sponsor to do so."

Veteran homelessness

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The Mayors Challenge to End Veterans Homelessness is a call to action by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Veterans Affairs, the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, and the National League of Cities. It includes four key strategies:

- Housing First: Providing homeless veterans with housing as quickly as possible, and then providing services as needed.
- Targeting of Permanent Supportive Housing: Providing permanent housing and supportive services to chronically homeless veterans and their families.
- Rapid Re-Housing Opportunities:

For homeless veterans who do not need supportive services, rapid re-housing helps veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness end their housing crisis and stabilize in housing.

• Community Resources: Because not every veteran is eligible for VA health care services or has access to housing and services programs, community resources such as the Somerville-Arlington Continuum of Care can focus on dedicating their housing units and resources to ensure that every veteran who is homeless or at risk of becoming homeless receives the support they need.

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LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

A **public hearing** for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on **Wednesday, July 16, 2014** at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

8 Curtis St: (Case #ZBA 2013-72) Applicant and Owner, Shree Ganesh Realty Trust, seeks a Variance (SZO \$5.5) for lot size (\$8.5.A) and number of stories (\$8.5.F) to construct a two-family dwelling with six parking spaces. NB zone. Ward 7.

1119-1133 Broadway: (Case #ZBA 2013-73) Applicant and Owner, Shree Ganesh Realty Trust, seek a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming structure (SZO \$4.4.1) to add a floor to the structure, a Special Permit with Site Plan Review (\$5.2 & 7.11.1) to add 8 new residential units and Variance (\$5.5) for lot area per dwelling unit (\$8.5.B), floor area ratio (\$8.5.E), and number of parking spaces (\$9.5). NB zone. Ward 7.

73 Concord Ave: (Case #ZBA 2013-83) Applicants and Owners, Ze’ev Mehler & Nathalie Horowicz, seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review under SZO \$7.2.a to construct a second principle structure composed of two dwelling units; a Special Permit under SZO \$4.4.1 to rehabilitate the nonconforming accessory structure, which includes alterations to window and door openings, and Variances under SZO \$9.5.1.a for two spaces of parking relief and SZO \$9.11.a to modify the dimensions of the maneuvering aisle. RB zone. Ward 2.

45 Adrian St: (Case #ZBA 2014-01) Applicant, Nelson Oliveira, and Owner, Jancie Lewicki, seek a Special Permit under SZO \$4.4.1 to alter an existing nonconforming two-family dwelling, which includes a third unit rear addition and changes to the window and door patterns. A Variance is also requested under SZO \$9.5.1.a for three spaces of parking relief. RB zone. Ward 2.

510 Somerville Ave: (Case #ZBA 2014-14) Applicant, Douglas Beaudet, and Owners, Carl and Joan Razzaboni, seek Special Permits under SZO \$7.11.1.c for five residential units with a small ground floor retail component, SZO \$9.13.b to create compact spaces, SZO \$9.13.c to share a driveway, SZO \$9.13.d to park on a separate lot, and SZO \$9.13.e to share parking. A Variance is also sought for parking relief. BA zone. Ward 2.

508 Somerville Ave: (Case #ZBA 2014-15) Applicant, 508 Somerville Ave LLC, and Owner, Benjamin Rossetti, seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review under SZO \$7.11.1.c for seven residential units with a small ground floor retail component, and Special Permits under SZO \$9.13.b to create compact spaces, SZO \$9.13.c to share a driveway, SZO \$9.13.d to park on a separate lot, and SZO \$9.13.e to share parking. A Variance is also sought for parking relief. BA zone. Ward 2.

15 Weston Ave: (Case #ZBA 2014-43) Applicant, Bell Atlantic Mobile of Massachusetts Corporation, Ltd. d/b/a Verizon Wireless, and Owner, Somerville Housing Authority, seek a Special Permit under SZO \$7.11.15.3 and SZO \$14 to establish a collocation wireless communication facility, which includes the installation of panel antennas, remote radio heads, a basement equipment room, and other related equipment. A Variance is also sought under SZO \$14.3.4. due to the chimney enclosure setbacks. RB zone. Ward 7.

10 Columbus Ave: (Case #ZBA 2014-46) Applicant and Owners, Joanne & John Scott Dwyer, seek a Special Permit per SZO \$4.4.1 to alter a non-conforming structure by expanding the footprint of an existing first floor rear deck. RA zone. Ward 3.

163 Glen St: (Case #ZBA 2014-49) Applicant and Owners, 163 Glen Street LLC, seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review under SZO \$7.11.1.c for 11 residential units and a Special Permit under SZO \$7.3 for maximum dwelling units per lot. The Applicant also seeks Special Permits under SZO \$4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure, which includes alterations to window and door openings, SZO \$9.13.b to modify the dimensions of the maneuvering aisle and for compact spaces, and SZO \$9.13.f to reduce the parking requirement due to the proposed use. RB and RC zones. Ward 1.

72 Cedar St: (Case #ZBA 2014-50) Applicant Derick Snare and Owners Kathryn Craig and Wayne Widdison seek a Special Permit under SZO \$4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming two-family dwelling by adding a first floor addition and a third floor shed dormer. RB zone. Ward 5.

44 Hall Ave #1: (Case#ZBA 2014-51) Applicant & Owner Anthony W. Case seeks a Special Permit under SZO \$4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by extending the rear porch. RA zone. Ward 6.

73-75 Beacon St: (Case #ZBA 2014-52) Applicant and Owner, Andrew Coats, seeks a Special Permit per SZO \$4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by adding a roof deck and stairwell penthouse for access. RC zone. Ward 2.

22-24 Hamlet St: (Case #ZBA 2014-55) Applicant and Owners, Boris & Alexander Kuritnik, seek a Special Permit per SZO \$4.4.1 to expand a non-conforming structure and SZO \$4.5.1 to expand a nonconforming use to enlarge an existing 4 unit building from 1 bedroom units to 3 bedroom units. RA Zone. Ward 3.

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

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The **Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (SHPC)** shall hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, July 15, 2014 at 6:40 p.m. in the Third Floor Community Room, at the Visiting Nurses Association (259 Lowell Street) regarding the proposal by Applicant, City of Somerville, to demolish the c. 1929 industrial warehouse at 350 Medford Street.

The subject of the hearing will be a review of the initial determination by the SHPC that under the City of Somerville Zoning Ordinance Section 7-28b(2), the structure is considered “Significant.” Public testimony followed by discussion and a vote by the Commission will be taken regarding if the building should be “Preferably Preserved.” For further information, please contact (617) 625-6600 x 2500 or historic@somervillema.gov.

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MASS LEAP COORDINATOR

The program's goal is to link state-aided public housing residents to economic opportunities. The Mass LEAP Coordinator will conduct outreach and recruitment on behalf of the program in order to create awareness of, and interest in, program services among residents, match individual residents with the appropriate program services, monitor the performance of community partners, and track the success of the program in helping residents to achieve economic self sufficiency. Education: Bachelor in Social Work or equivalent work experience. Experience: Minimum (2) yrs. of experience administering similar programs with demonstrated results. Experience with hard to serve populations preferred. Proven facility for working with local employers, training vendors and other providers of supplemental services to job seekers. Knowledge of Greater Boston labor market and training resources a plus. Demonstrate ability to effectively case manage families so that they are able to reach their goals. Excellent writing and communication skills. Computer literacy, facility with electronic reporting methods and procedures, including accurate data entry and report production. Knowledge of federal and state housing regulations and resources preferred. Highly developed customer service skills, ability to handle multiple tasks simultaneously.

Interested applicants must submit a letter of interest and resume by Wednesday, July 16, 2014 to Blanca Bonilla, Executive Assistant, Somerville Housing Authority, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145 or to blancab@sha-web.org. The agency is an Affirmative Action/equal Opportunity Employer

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Summons By Publication
Sarah M. Jacobs, Plaintiff
v.
Todor G. Todorov, Defendant

To the above named Defendant:

A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff, seeking, An Annulment of Marriage

You are required to serve upon Sarah M. Jacobs
-plaintiff- whose address is 13 Clarendon Ave. Apt 2,
Somerville, MA 02144
your answer on or before July 25, 2014. 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
In the office of the Register of this Court at Cambridge.

Witness, **Edward F. Donnelly Jr.**, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Cambridge, this 12th day of June, 2014.

Tara E. De Christofaro
Register of Probate

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Music Teacher brings much to ESCS

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to yearly area concerts.

Epstein serves as the co-organizer of the African-American History Month and Memorial Day Assemblies “with colleagues from other disciplines.”

At ESCS in grades K to 6, Epstein teaches general music, which includes listening to and analyzing music, playing instruments, composing and improvising music, singing, reading notation and learning about the history and culture, which is connected with music.

In grades 7 to 8, he teaches drumline, chorus, and World Music Ensemble, which includes marimbas and hand drums, as well as additional instruments from around the world.

Outside of school hours Epstein teaches chorus, which is at the elementary-level.

This summer, he will teach at the Kennedy School at the Somerville Strings Camp.

While Epstein was completing his Master of Music in Music Education (MMEd.) degree, he worked in the Boston Public Schools through the Community Music Center of Boston’s Schools Outreach Program. Then, the year before his time at ESCS, he taught K to 6 music in the Troy, NY City School District. Epstein has studied for many years to become a profes-

sional percussionist.

His accomplishments as a teacher are great. “As a music teacher, I often encounter the myth that the ability to make music is limited to a select minority of talented individuals. A major focus of my career has been to show students that the ability to make music is an innate human right, just like the ability to speak a language. Everyone is born with different aptitudes in various areas of life and learning, but with hard work in the context of a sequential curriculum, everyone can learn how to perform, read and create music,” said Epstein.

“My most important accomplishments as a teacher are all my students, the musical skills they develop and the personal rewards they experience, as a result,” he said.

The Somerville Public Schools (SPS) music department mission statement reads, “As music educators, it is our mission to inspire and guide every student in active music making through the use of a sequential and creative curriculum that nurtures the human spirit and promotes cultural understanding.”

“I decided to become a teacher while on a study-abroad trip to India. I was doing eth-

no-musicological research on participatory religious music. While interviewing both amateur and professional musicians, I found that many of them had a strong passion for preserving their musical cultures for future generations. They had a keen awareness that if they didn’t do this work, [then] their traditions might die,” said Epstein.

“I also saw, from an outsider’s perspective, how many of the essential parts of their culture were passed down in schools. I realized two things: it is important to me, as a musician, to perpetuate the experience of active music-making in my home culture and this sort of work is most effectively done in public schools. As a life-long musician who had experience and interest in many instruments and styles, I’m primarily a percussionist, and as someone who previously considered a career in social work, becoming a public school music teacher felt like the job I was born to do,” he said.

A brief time after that “realization,” Epstein was accepted at The Boston Conservatory.

“The best and most important part of being a teacher is the relationships one has with the students. This personal connection



is essential to creating a positive and effective learning environment. I love to see students grow over the course of one or several years, to see them accomplish things they never thought they could, and to see them come to understand that hard work is the key factor in their success. My motto is ‘You can do it. I will not give up on you.’”

In the future, Epstein will continue to make ESCS shine. “I

have been delighted to see the quality of our concerts increase in the last three years. I am looking forward to the continuation of that trend. I am always interested in providing more opportunities for our students to make music together joyfully. I am interested in organizing/having a role in events where students are sharing their music-making with students from different schools,” he said.

Fourth of July fireworks celebrate our city and history

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These events help create roots for people in the community. People who say they enjoy the events are much less likely to move away.

Part of the reason these events grow our residents’ roots in the community is the social connections created when we have events in our public spaces, parks and streets. The spell of screens in our lives, whether our mobile

phone, tablet or computer, put information and social connectivity right at our fingertips, but the benefits of our technological age also have a downside when we’re always staring down at a screen instead of up and out at what’s all around us. Building a neighborhood and creating a sense of place is not just about the buildings, bike lanes and parks, but about our people.

More simply, building a neighborhood means creating a place where you see familiar faces every day.

That’s why we restored our Fourth of July fireworks tradition and why we look forward to holding events throughout the year. Building community and a sense of place comes from that outside life, when people meet one another, socialize and

perhaps ooh and ahh at the same fireworks. It comes from celebrating our identity, our culture and diversity, and our rich history. It’s being proud of where we’re from, who we are and making our neighborhoods more than roads to somewhere else. Events make our neighborhoods are destinations where people want to come—and stay. So I hope to see you out at Trum Field for

this year’s fireworks and that you join us throughout the year for these great public events that celebrate Somerville.

The Somerville Independence Day Celebration is Thursday, July 3 (rain date July 10), on Broadway at Trum Field off Broadway between Ball and Magoun Squares. Live entertainment starts at 6 p.m. Fireworks start around 9:15 p.m.

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Thursday|July 3

Central Library
Lego Club
3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Friday|July 4

Independence Day - Libraries Closed

Sunday|July 6

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

Monday|July 7

Central Library
Middle School Writers’ Den
Alan Ball 617 636-9033
6:15 PM - 8:30 PM| 79 Highland Avenue

Arts at the Armory
Knucklebones
9:30 a.m.-11 a.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday|July 9

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

Central Library
Kidstock! Surfing Beauty
Ann x2950
2 p.m. - 3 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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Wednesday|July 2

Johnny D’s
Private Party- Bar & Kitchen Open to public
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Free Poker, lots of prizes!|8 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

PA’S Lounge
WEMF Radio presents: “CD Swap”
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

Bull McCabe’s Pub
The Nephrok All Stars
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

Joshua Tree Bar & Grill
Pub Trivia
8:30 p.m.|256 Elm Street|(617) 623-9910

Arts at the Armory
Wiretap Wednesday Open Stage
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Thursday|July 3

Johnny D’s
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s
open jam @ BYOBluegrass Party
grassy Thursdays
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

Back Room
Scattershot |10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

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

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

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

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

Somerville Theatre
Awkward Compliment’s Thursday Night Comedy Night
8 p.m.|55 Davis Square

Friday|July 4

Johnny D’s
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s
Have a glorious Fourth!
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room
Irish Session|9:30 p.m.
Back Room
Dave Foley
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
DJ
10 p.m.|65 Holland St

PA’S Lounge
Eclypse|Anastasia
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

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

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

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

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

Saturday|July 5

Johnny D’s
Saturday Jazz Brunch featuring Tom Pendergast Guitar |8:30 a.m.
Prime Time Open Blues Jam with Dr Grant & The Medical Marijuana Band|8p.m.
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s
Stan Martin & Wicked Heart |6 p.m.
Sambalolo’s African Music Night \$5 cover |9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room
Red Square
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Karaoke
65 Holland St

PA’S Lounge
Future Sex Sounds|Sundog|The Mis-Understanding|Maps Of You
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

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

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

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Sunday|July 6

Johnny D’s
Sunday Jazz Brunch featuring Tom Pendergast Guitar|8:30 a.m.
Open Blues Jam! featuring Matthew Smart Band |4 p.m.
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Danielle, Bob, and Jimmy |5 p.m
Amber Casares |8 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

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

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

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

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

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

Monday|July 7

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

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Shawn Cater’s Cheapshots Comedy Jam |7 p.m.
Marley Mondays with The Duppy Conquerors|10 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

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

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

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

Tuesday|July 8

Johnny D’s
Open Mic with Dr Grant
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Mike Gent and The Rapid Shave
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

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

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

Bull McCabe’s Pub
The Ghetto People Band
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

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

PJ Ryan’s
Pub Quiz
10 p.m.|239 Holland St.|617-625-8200

Wednesday|July 9

Johnny D’s
Afropop Night @ Johnny D’s featuring M’Bolo, RED RED & DJ Afro-Marc|8 p.m.
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Free Poker, lots of prizes!|8 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

PA’S Lounge
WEMF Radio presents: “CD Swap”
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

Bull McCabe’s Pub
The Nephrok All Stars
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

Joshua Tree Bar & Grill
Pub Trivia
8:30 p.m.|256 Elm Street|(617) 623-9910

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Wednesday|July 2

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

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

Thursday|July 3

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

Central Library

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

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

Third Life Studio
Roots and Rhythm
33 Unions Sq.| www.libana.com

Friday|July 4

Independence Day - Libraries Closed

Saturday|July 5

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

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

Sunday|July 6

Unity Church of God
Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon Family Groups
7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street
Enter upstairs, meeting is in base-ment.

Third Life Studio
Discover Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.|33 Union Sq|www.nadirajamal.com

Monday|July 7

Central Library
Chess Night
7 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

East Branch Library
Learn English at the Library!
Session 1|6 p.m.-7 p.m.
Session 2|7:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m.
115 Broadway

Third Life Studio
Discover Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal
6 p.m.|33 Union Sq|www.nadiraja-mal.com

Tuesday|July 8

Central Library
Minuteman Staff Training
Wendy Wood ext. 2945
12 p.m.- 5 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Central Library
Learn English at the Library!
6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Arts at the Armory
Prenatal Yoga
7 p.m.|Mezzanine|191 Highland Ave

Third Life Studio
The Art of Group Singing For Women with Susan Robbins, www.libana.com
7 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.|33 Union Sq

Wednesday|July 8

Central Library
Poetry readings
Harris Gardner- 617-306-9484
6 p.m.-8:45 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

Holland Street Center - 167 Holland Street

Ralph & Jenny Center - 9 New Washington Street

Cross Street Center - 165 Broadway

Some exciting events in the coming weeks:

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

Technology & Coffee: Monday, July 7 – Come for coffee & pastry - 10:30 A.M. at the Holland Street Center and meet, Meena Jain, the Somerville Public Library’s new Technology Librarian. Meena is getting ready to offer classes for our older adults and she wants to hear what you are interested in learning. \$2.00 suggested donation.

Quaking Up. Duck Adventures: Wednesday, July 16 – For a price of \$77.00 you will enjoy a historical adventure of Portland, Maine with the Downeast Duck Adventures, the Amphibious Vessels that show Portland by land and by sea. Then you will be off to the Dunstan School Restaurant, which features, “Maine’s finest All You Can Eat Buffet” with over 100 items including salads, seafood, shellfish, roasts, hot & cold entrees and dessert. Finally, you will be visiting When Pigs Fly Bakery where you can taste test and purchase their fresh artisan breads. Check in time is 7:00 A.M. at Holland Street and 7:30 A.M. at Ralph & Jenny with an approximate return time of 5:30 P.M. Please contact Connie or Flo at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to RSVP or if you have additional questions.

Sand Sculptures – Revere Beach: Friday, July 18 – Enjoy a morning on the beach, take your time, lounge around and take in the spectacular sand sculptures. Check in time is 9:00 A.M. at Holland Street and 9:15 A.M. at Ralph & Jenny with an approximate return time of 1:00 P.M. \$10. Fee – Please contact Connie or Flo at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to RSVP or if you need additional information.

Foxwoods – Tuesday, July 22 - \$25.00 fee includes your transportation, a \$10.00 Bonus Slot and a \$10.00 Buffet coupon. Check in time is 7:00 A.M. at the Holland Street Center and 7:15 A.M. at the Ralph & Jenny Center with an approximate return time of 8:00 P.M. To RSVP or for additional information please contact Connie at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300.

PLAY BALL. Tour Fenway Park & Take in a Red Sox Game: Monday, July 28th – For a price of \$75.00 you will take a tour of the Nation’s oldest & most historic ballpark, home of the 2013 World Champion Boston Red Sox. The tour of Fenway includes visiting the press box, the Green Monster and the retired numbers atop the Right Field Roof Deck. After the tour, enjoy dinner on your own followed by a night game against the Toronto Blue Jays. **TICKETS ARE LIMITED.** Check in at Holland Street at 2:45 P.M. with an approximate return time of 11:00 P.M. For more information and to RSVP please contact Connie or Flo at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300.

Foster’s Clambake: Monday, August 18 – Join us as we go off to the beaches of York, Maine. We transform one of Maine’s best-known facilities for lobster into our very own clambake. Meal choices include lobster, BBQ chicken or a vegetarian meal. Meals also include chowder, clams, mussels, corn on the cob, potatoes, rolls & butter, dessert, coffee, tea, iced tea or lemonade. \$62.00 per person -Check in time 9:00 A.M. at Holland Street and 9:15 A.M. at Ralph & Jenny Center. Approximate return time is 5:00 P.M. For more information & to RSVP please contact Connie or Flo at 617-625-6600

Extension 2300.

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

Hampton Beach Seafood Festival – Sunday, September 7 – Trip includes transportation ONLY. You are responsible for lunch, shopping & the \$. admission fee. There is a lot of walking, eating and shopping so put on your best walking shoes and bring your appetite. You will be able to try every kind of seafood imaginable for a very affordable price. Check in time is 10:00 A.M. at the Holland Street Center with an approximate return time of 6:00 P.M. Please contact Flo or Connie at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to RSVP or if you have any questions.

All slots for the Free Hearing Screening are **BOOKED**.

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

The Cape Ann Explorer trip scheduled for July 9 is **SOLD OUT**.

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

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

ALL CENTERS ARE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, JULY 4.

Afternoon at the Movies - Mark your calendars: June 30th for Captain Phillips.

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

The Mayor’s Annual Picnic is scheduled for Wednesday, August 6.

Suffolk Downs – Wednesday, August 20 and Wednesday, September 17. See above for details.

LGBT EVENTS:

LGBT Lunch – Monday, July 14 – 11:30 A.M. The next LGBT Lunch is scheduled for Monday, June 9th –Lunch provided by Somerville Cambridge Elder Services. Suggested contribution of \$2.00 – RSVP required no later than noontime on Friday, July 11th.

LGBT Dinner & Movie night – July 21 – Yet to be determined Dinner & Movie – more information to follow.

LGBT Advisory Group – Meets on the second Monday of each month. Our next meeting is Monday, July 14 at 4:30 P.M.

*If you require additional information or have any questions regarding the LGBT Lunch, Dinner & Movie or the Advisory Group please contact Maureen Bastardi at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2316 or email her at MBastardi@Somervillema.gov.

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

Hear Me Out results in new friendships and story recordings. Some LGBT Advisory Board members partnered with students from Somerville High School’s Gay-Straight-Alliance (GSA) and Tufts University, to participate in an intergenerational oral histories program. “Hear Me Out” brought members together in a group setting at the Central Library for conversations about their experiences as members of the LGBT community living in Somerville. Each older adult was partnered with a younger participant. The new pair then spoke about the differences between their generations, all the while finding connections in the stories they told. The recordings of these oral histories are now part of StoryCorps, the largest oral history project of its kind, and will be available soon. Contact us for more details. Heartfelt thanks to the Somerville High School Gay Straight Alliance, Tufts University LGBT Center, the Somerville Public Library, and Simmons School of Social Work for their support.

STAY ACTIVE:

Mondays:

Wii Bowling, noon, Free. (H)

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

Tuesdays:

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

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

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

Wednesdays:

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

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

Fit 4 Life* Group C, Noon (H)

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

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

Thursdays:

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

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

Fridays:

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

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

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

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

Upcoming Schedule

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

Wednesday, July 2

10:00 Cards (RJ)

10:00 English Conversations (C)

11:30 Lunch (H, C, RJ)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

Thursday, July 3

10:00 Cards (RJ)

10:00 Current Events (H)

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

11:30 Lunch (H, RJ)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

1:00 Farmers Market (H)

Fireworks at Trum Field

Friday, July 4

ALL CENTERS CLOSED

Monday, July 7

10:00 Cards (RJ)

10:30 Coffee & Technology with Meena Jain, Somerville’s own Technology Librarian (H)

11:30 Lunch (H, RJ)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

Tuesday, July 8

10:00 English Conversation (C)

10:00 Cards (RJ)

10:30 SHINE by appointment only (H)

11:30 Lunch (RJ, C)

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

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

Wednesday, July 9

10:00 Cards (RJ)

10:00 English Conversation (C)

11:30 Lunch (H, C, RJ)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

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Tuesday July 8

Mike Gent and The Rapid Shave

Wednesday July 9

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Thursday July 10

Flatt Rabbit grassy Thursdays 7:30 p.m.

Friday July 11

Johnny-Come-Latelies 6 p.m.
Hear Now Live presents \$10 cover 9 p.m.

Saturday July 12

Tom Hagerty Band 6 p.m.
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Sunday July 13

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Can I get a jump? CONT. FROM PG 10

months until some jerk plowed into me and it was totaled.

I remember a BP Station in Davis Square. For \$3 you could drive around for an entire Friday and Saturday night. The best deal I ever got was when my neighbor sold me a 1973 Cadillac Fleetwood Brougham for \$35 (see photo). What a deal! I used to pass this car on my street and literally drool over it! It looked like a mafia car. It was so big it had footrests in the back seats. I could fit about 10 of my friends in that

boat. Originally I had to push it into my driveway but all it needed was a radiator from the junk yard! I remember my rolling 30th birthday party. Dave Stefanelli (Zenophon, RTZ, PeterWolf) was the designated driver and we had a blast. That car lasted three years.

It was easy to keep these junk boxes going. If a water pump broke we went to Nissenbaum's junkyard and bought a used one. Re-treads and used tires were \$15. My cousin Butch was always fixing one of my clunkers

for me. He saved me a bundle.

The last cool car I had was a sleek white 1992 Chevy Camaro Convertible. It was usually parked somewhere in Davis Square. Back in the day we showed off our cars in the high school parking lot, at The Dairy Queen, Friendlys, and of course down the Mystics.

Today I have a big old gas guzzling SUV, and if you see it parked anywhere it's probably in my girlfriend's driveway, at work, at Stop N' Shop or in front of a Dunkin Donuts.

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| 2. Union | 8. Nurse Chapel |
| 3. Testing coins | 9. T – Negative |
| 4. Cloth of the King | 10. Ethel Barrymore Theater |
| 5. Baking soda | 11. Eddie Van Halen |
| 6. The Dead Sea | 12. Maggie May |

The guilty point fingers while the innocent repeat the past CONT. FROM PG 10

put Iraq behind them that their tacit support of al-Maliki and their indifference to his sectarian brutality made renewed civil war almost inevitable. While it's true that the Bush administration executed the SOFA, the Obama administration had an opportunity to modify its terms, leaving a contingent of American troops in place and some American leverage on al-Maliki. But Ambassador Jim Jeffrey says that he and his negotiators received no direction from the White House.

Getting in on the finger pointing, perennial warmongers John McCain and Lindsey Graham condemn the President without acknowledging their own role. Back when Obama had sufficient wisdom to not arm Syrian insurgents who might turn those arms against U.S. allies, McCain and Graham persuaded Saudi Arabia and Qatar to do so.

Qatar financed Jabhat al-Nusra, al-Qaeda's official franchisee in Syria. Saudi intelligence chief, Prince Bandar bin Sultan, financed ISIS, al-Qaeda's bastard child. ISIS is far more vicious than al-Qaeda ever was, rationalizing mass slaughter, crucifixion, beheading, amputation, and oppression of women as religious zealotry. The Saudis are now beside themselves, Prince Bandar has lost his job, and McCain and Graham are ass covering.

The only national politicians who seem willing to discuss the underlying cause for this disaster are those considered to be on their respective parties fringes, like Senators Rand Paul and Bernie Sanders.

That case is that, with breath-taking arrogance, American leaders project force into complex situations of which they are shamefully ignorant. The long-term consequences are almost inevitably disastrous.

In 1951, a British company that completely controlled Iranian oil production refused to negotiate an equal share of its profits with Iran. The Iranian Parliament nationalized the petroleum industry, with broad support from the electorate. At the request of the British government, the CIA overthrew the popular and democratically elected President Mohammad Mossadegh in 1953.

U.S. oil companies got a share of the Iranian action, and Iranians got 26 years of rule by repression and torture, leading directly to the 1979 Islamist revolution. Today, Iran is developing nuclear weapons and supporting terrorist operations in Iraq, Syria, Yemen and Israel.

In 1951 the people of Guatemala, elected Jacobo Arbenz in that country's first-ever

peaceful transition of power. To drive up commodity prices, the American-owned United Fruit Company had kept 85% of its vast land holdings uncultivated, while peasants starved. For years it told tax assessors that the land's value was \$3.00 per acre. When Guatemala undertook a land reform program, the government offered that amount in compensation.

CIA Director Allen Dulles sat on United Fruit's board of directors. In 1954 the CIA engineered a coup that overthrew the government. The Agency's internal review of 150,000 captured documents found no trace of the communist influence that it had claimed.

Nevertheless, U.S. Special Forces trained right-wing paramilitary organizations, and a fraudulent election brought military rule. Death squads and the army began a campaign that eventually slaughtered 200,000 political opponents and indigenous people. Guatemala's children are now the most malnourished in the hemisphere.

In 1970 Cambodia's Prince Norodom Sihanouk enjoyed the broad support of his people. A band of 6,000 communist guerillas called the "Khmer Rouge" was unable to make much headway.

Sihanouk steadfastly maintained neutrality in the Vietnam War. A coup in 1970 replaced him with General Lon Nol, who took his orders from the U.S. The Khmer Rouge's ranks swelled nine fold, enabling them to seize power. Their executions, forced labor, and mass starvation killed two million people.

During the 1980s, the U.S. armed the Afghani *mujahideen* in their fight against Soviet occupation, despite the *mujahideen's* Islamist anti-western ideology. With their combat experience and U.S.-supplied weapons, the *mujahideen* subsequently became the Taliban and al-Qaeda.

The pattern repeats itself: Mexico in 1917; Nicaragua in 1926; the Congo in 1960; Chile in 1973; Vietnam from 1955 to 1975; and on, and on. American foreign policy makers lack the humility to acknowledge their ignorance or the discipline to correct it. Their ham-fisted interventions bring mass murder, starvation, and brutal repression while squandering American blood, wealth, and world standing.

In 1905, George Santayana, then teaching at Harvard, wrote, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." If our leaders are too hubris addicted to learn from the past, can't we the people stop enabling them?

What's on Somerville Neighborhood News



Here are some headlines for Somerville Neighborhood News (SNN), your local online and TV news source. Who is behind all those "not art" signs? What's up with Somerville's recreational fields? Kids, growing food for the mobile farmers market truck, promises of local jobs on the Green Line Extension construction, and a look behind the World Cup frenzy. Watch the full newscast and the short news segments on Somerville Community Access TV Channel 3 Tuesdays at 7 pm, or on our website at www.somervilleneighborhoodnews.org. Have a story that should be investigated or covered? Want to get involved with SNN as a news anchor? Email us at news@scatvsomerville.org! Stay updated on local news and follow us on Facebook and Twitter at @SCATVSNN.



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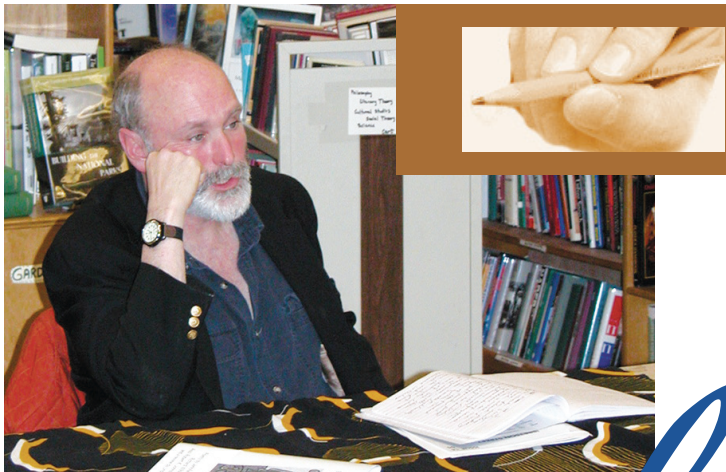
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6:30am	Road to Recovery	5:00pm	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show: Spring Time	12:00pm	Reeling the Movie Review Show	7:30am	Eckankar
7:30am	Life Matters	5:30pm	The Folkorist	12:30pm	Taking Back Your Health	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
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9:00am	Somerville Journal & Somerville Times Reading	6:30pm	Health is Wealth	2:00pm	Henry Parker Presents	10:00am	Bay State Biking News
10:00am	Somerville Neighborhood News	7:00pm	Taking Back your Health (Live call-in)	3:00pm	Telemagazine	11:00am	Nossa gente e Costumes
10:30am	Art at SCATV: Mark Manne	7:30pm	Active Aging	4:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)
11:00am	Abugida TV	8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou (Live call-in)	4:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority	1:00pm	Dead Air Live
12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:30pm	Meh Kyown’s Television Ship	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol	2:00pm	Greater Somerville
1:00pm	Play by Play	10:00pm	Greater Somerville	6:00pm	SCATV: a year in review	3:00pm	Exercise with Robyn and Max
1:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	10:30pm	Art at SCATV	6:30pm	Origins of SCATV	3:30pm	Esoteric Science
2:00pm	Physician Focus	11:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	7:00pm	This is East	4:00pm	Free Speech Television
2:30pm	Healthy Hypnosis	Friday, July 4		8:00pm	David Pakman (Free Speech TV)	5:00pm	Henry Parker Presents: Mass Incarceration
3:00pm	Active Aging	7:30am	Shrink Rap	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)
3:30pm	The Kevin Murphy Show	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	10:00pm	Open Line News with Davey D	6:30pm	International School of Boston Presents: Cabaret
4:00pm	Free Speech Television	9:00am	Somerville Journal & Somerville Times Reading	11:00pm	Gay USA	8:00pm	Hello Neighbor
5:00pm	Health is Wealth	10:00am	Car-free Outdoor Adventures	Sunday, July 6		8:30pm	Art at SCATV: Mark Manne
5:30pm	Peace by Piece	11:00am	The Race for Governor	6:00am	Program Celebrai	9:00pm	Dedilhando au Saudade
6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)	12:00pm	Brunch with Sen. Bernie Sanders	7:00am	Rompendo em Fe	10:00pm	Bate Papo com Shirley
6:30pm	Artbeat 2013	1:00pm	Climate Change in Somerville	8:00am	Effort Pour Christ	11:00pm	The Entertainer’s Show
7:00pm	The Big Picture with Thom Hartmann Show	2:30pm	Art at SCATV	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	Tuesday, July 8	
8:00pm	Somerville Pundits	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	10:00am	International Church of God	7:00am	The Struggle
8:30pm	Greater Somerville	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)	10:30am	Active Aging	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:00pm	Bay State Biking News	5:00pm	Groundwork Somerville	11:00am	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer	9:00am	Somerville Journal & Times Reading
10:00pm	Art at SCATV:	5:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	11:30am	Basic Buddha	10:00am	This is East
10:30pm	SCATV: a year in review	6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)	12:00pm	Play by Play	11:30am	Ablevision
11:00pm	The Entertainer’s Show	6:30pm	Reeling the Movie Review Show	1:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
Thursday, July 3		7:00pm	Watch This	1:30pm	Somerville Journal & Somerville Times Reading	1:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)
6:00am	Atheist Viewpoint	8:00pm	Visual Radio	2:30pm	Life Matters	2:00pm	Active Aging
7:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	9:00pm	The Entertainer’s Show	3:00pm	Rompendo em Fe	2:30pm	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show
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9:00am	Cancer Explained! TV show	10:00pm	Gay USA (Free Speech TV)	5:00pm	International School of Boston Presents: Cabaret	4:00pm	Ring of Fire (Free Speech TV)
10:00am	Dead Air Live	11:00pm	A Black Show (Free Speech TV)	6:00pm	Abugida TV	5:00pm	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer
11:00am	Meh Kyown’s Television Ship	Saturday, July 5		7:00pm	African Television Network	5:30pm	The Literati Scene
11:30am	Ablevision	6:00am	Arabic Hour	8:00pm	Tele Magazine	6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)
12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show (Free Speech TV)	7:00am	Car-free Outdoor Adventures	9:00pm	Effort Pour Christ	6:30pm	Culture Club: Urban Agriculture
1:00pm	African Television	8:00am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show: The Candy Episode	10:00pm	Farrakhan Speaks	7:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
2:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking w/Candy	8:30am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show: Music Class Episode	11:00pm	Gubernatorial Race Roundtable: Don Berwick	7:30pm	Greater Somerville
2:30pm	Cooking with Georgia & Dez	9:00am	Festival Kreyol	Monday, July 7		8:00pm	Dead Air Live
3:00pm	Earth Day Celebration 2014	10:00am	Tele Galaxie	6:00am	Ablevision	9:00pm	Energy Theater
						11:00pm	The David Pakman Show (Free Speech TV)

City Cable TV Schedule for the Week

CITY TV 13/22		9:30pm:	Ward 3 Spring ResiStat Meeting	11:00am:	Somerville School Day Games	4:25pm:	Kennedy School 4-8 Spring Concert
Wednesday, July 2		Sunday, July 6		12:00pm:	ESCS Spring Concert	6:00pm:	Spring String Fling
9:00am:	Public Hearing on Police Chief Selection	12:00am:	Taste of Somerville	2:00pm:	kid stuff - Boathouse	7:00pm:	2nd Annual World Language Awards Night
12:00pm:	2014 Memorial Day Parade	12:30am:	Joe’s Jazz Fest	2:30pm:	SHS Football 2013	8:00pm:	7th & 8th Grade Girls’ Basketball Finals
2:00pm:	Voices of Somerville	1:30am:	Family Fun Day	3:00pm:	Kennedy School presents The Secret Garden	8:45pm:	7th & 8th Grade Boys’ Basketball Finals
2:30pm:	Taste of Somerville	1:45am:	SomDog Spring Fling	4:00pm:	Brown School Spring Concert	10:00pm:	SCALE Graduation 2014
3:00pm:	Keep Moving	2:00am:	Ward 3 Spring ResiStat Meeting	5:00pm:	WHCIS Moving Forward Ceremony	11:00pm:	WHCIS Moving Forward Ceremony
6:30pm:	Taste of Somerville	9:00am:	Family Fun Day	6:00pm:	SCALE Graduation 2014	Sunday, July 6	
7:00pm:	SomerStreets: Carnival	10:00am:	Pride Flag Raising	7:00pm:	Somerville School Day Games	12:00am:	Somerville School Day Games
7:30pm:	Pride Flag Raising	12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	8:00pm:	ESCS Spring Concert	1:00am:	Kennedy School K-3 Spring Concert
7:45pm:	BOA Finance Committee Meeting 6.23.14	12:30pm:	Keep Moving	10:00pm:	kid stuff - Boathouse	1:25am:	Kennedy School 4-8 Spring Concert
Thursday, July 3		1:00pm:	SomerStreets: Carnival	10:30pm:	SHS Football 2013	2:30am:	Chris Herren Speaks to SHS
12:00am:	SomerViva: Haitian Creole	1:30pm:	2014 Somerville Preservation Awards	11:00pm:	Kennedy School presents The Secret Garden	9:00am:	Capuano Center Kindergarten Spring Concert
12:30am:	Taste of Somerville	7:00pm:	Senior Circuit	Thursday, July 3		10:00am:	2014 SHS Class Day
1:00am:	East Somerville Walking Tour	7:30pm:	Keep Moving	12:00am:	Brown School Spring Concert	12:00pm:	2014 SHS Graduation
9:00am:	Mayor’s Business Town Meeting	8:00pm:	Joe’s Jazz Fest	1:00am:	Kennedy School K-3 Spring Concert	2:00pm:	Little League 75th Anniversary
12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	9:00pm:	Voices of Somerville	1:30am:	Kennedy School 4-8 Spring Concert	3:30pm:	kid stuff - Boathouse
12:30pm:	Family Fun Day	9:30pm:	SomerViva: Haitian Creole	2:30am:	Raising Families - Wicked Sober	4:00pm:	All City District Track Meet, Grades 3-8
1:00pm:	Legoland Ribbon Cutting at Assembly Row	9:45pm:	PorchFest 2014	9:00am:	SHS Scholarship Awards Night	6:00pm:	Capuano Center Kindergarten Concert
1:30pm:	Voices of Somerville	Monday, July 7		11:00am:	7th & 8th Grade Girls’ Basketball Finals	7:00pm:	2014 SHS Class Day
2:00pm:	Ward 3 Spring ResiStat Meeting	12:00am:	Senior Circuit	11:45am:	7th & 8th Grade Boys’ Basketball Finals	9:00pm:	2014 SHS Graduation
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7:00pm:	SomerViva: Haitian Creole	1:00am:	Joe’s Jazz Fest	2:00pm:	kid stuff - Boathouse	12:00am:	Little League 75th Anniversary
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7:30pm:	Family Fun Day	2:30pm:	SomerViva: Haitian Creole	4:00pm:	Common Core State Standards for Education	2:40am:	kid stuff - Boathouse
7:45pm:	PorchFest 2014	9:00am:	Joe’s Jazz Fest	5:00pm:	WHCIS Moving Forward Ceremony	9:00am:	SCALE Graduation 2014
8:30pm:	Ward 3 Spring ResiStat Meeting	12:00pm:	Youth Peace Conference	6:00pm:	SHS Scholarship Awards Night	11:00am:	Somerville School Day Games
10:00pm:	SomerViva: Portuguese	2:00pm:	Taste of Somerville	8:00pm:	7th & 8th Grade Girls’ Basketball Finals	12:00pm:	ESCS Spring Concert
Friday, July 4		2:30pm:	Public Hearing on Police Chief Selection	8:45pm:	7th & 8th Grade Boys’ Basketball Finals	1:30pm:	kid stuff - Boathouse
12:00am:	Voices of Somerville	6:30pm:	Family Fun Day	10:00pm:	Somerville School Day Games	2:00pm:	Brown School Spring Concert
12:30am:	SomerViva: Haitian Creole	6:45pm:	Pride Flag Raising	11:00pm:	kid stuff - Boathouse	3:00pm:	GBL Dual Outdoor Track Meet
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1:00am:	Family Fun Day	9:05pm:	SomDog Spring Fling	12:00am:	Chris Herren Speaks to SHS	5:25pm:	Kennedy School 4-8 Spring Concert
1:15am:	PorchFest 2014	9:30pm:	East Somerville Walking Tour	1:00am:	Common Core State Standards for Education	6:30pm:	Raising Families - Wicked Sober
2:00pm:	Ward 3 Spring ResiStat Meeting	Tuesday, July 8		2:00am:	WHCIS Moving Forward Ceremony	7:00pm:	SCALE Graduation 2014
9:00am:	Public Hearing on Police Chief Selection	12:00am:	Family Fun Day	9:00am:	Little League 75th Anniversary	9:00pm:	Somerville School Day Games
12:00pm:	Sit & Be Fit: Diabetes Workout	12:30am:	Public Hearing on Police Chief Selection	11:00am:	Capuano Center Kindergarten Concert	10:00pm:	ESCS Spring Concert
12:30pm:	Voices of Somerville	2:35am:	SomDog Spring Fling	12:00pm:	Healey School K-2 Spring Concert	11:30pm:	kid stuff - Boathouse
1:00pm:	Youth Peace Conference	3:00am:	East Somerville Walking Tour	1:00pm:	ESCS Memorial Day Assembly, Grades 4-8	Tuesday, July 8	
3:00pm:	Safe Streets, Smart Trips	9:00am:	Legoland Ribbon Cutting at Assembly Row	2:00pm:	Somerville School Day Games	12:00am:	Brown School Spring Concert
6:30pm:	Public Hearing on Police Chief Selection	9:30am:	Taste of Somerville	3:00pm:	Brown School Spring Concert	7:00pm:	Kennedy Show Drama Club
8:30pm:	Safe Streets, Smart Trips	12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	4:00pm:	All City District Track Meet, Grades 3-8	8:00pm:	All City District Track Meet, Grades 3-8
9:00pm:	PorchFest 2014	12:30pm:	Sit & Be Fit: Diabetes Workout	6:00pm:	Little League 75th Anniversary	10:00pm:	7th & 8th Grade Girls’ Basketball Finals
9:40pm:	Secure Communities Press Conference	1:00pm:	Public Hearing on Police Chief Selection	8:00pm:	Capuano Center Kindergarten Concert	10:45pm:	7th & 8th Grade Boys’ Basketball Finals
10:10pm:	East Somerville Walking Tour	3:00pm:	SomDog Spring Fling	9:00pm:	Healey School K-2 Spring Concert	12:00am:	WHCIS Moving Forward Ceremony
Saturday, July 5		6:30pm:	Taste of Somerville	10:00pm:	ESCS Memorial Day Assembly, Grades 4-8	1:00am:	SCALE Graduation 2014
12:00am:	Public Hearing on Police Chief Selection	7:00pm:	Senior Circuit	11:00pm:	Somerville School Day Games	2:00am:	Raising Families - Wicked Sober
2:00am:	Safe Streets, Smart Trips	7:30pm:	Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks	Saturday, July 5			
2:30am:	PROW Accessibility Study	9:30pm:	SomerViva: Haitian Creole	12:00am:	Brown School Spring Concert		
9:00am:	2014 Somerville Preservation Awards	9:45pm:	Ward 3 Spring ResiStat Meeting	1:00am:	All City District Track Meet, Grades 3-8		
12:00pm:	Joe’s Jazz Fest	12:00am:	Senior Circuit	2:30am:	SHS Scholarship Awards Night		
1:00pm:	SomerViva: Portuguese	12:30am:	Sit & Be Fit: Diabetes Workout	9:00am:	Spring String Fling		
1:30pm:	Public Hearing on Police Chief Selection	1:00am:	Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks	10:00am:	2nd Annual World Language Awards Night		
6:00pm:	Taste of Somerville	3:00am:	SomerViva: Haitian Creole	11:00am:	7th & 8th Grade Girls’ Basketball Finals		
6:30pm:	East Somerville Walking Tour	EDUCATIONAL CHANNEL 15		11:45am:	7th & 8th Grade Boys’ Basketball Finals		
8:00pm:	Joe’s Jazz Fest	Wednesday, July 2		1:00pm:	SCALE Graduation 2014		
9:00pm:	Family Fun Day	9:00am:	WHCIS Moving Forward Ceremony	2:00pm:	WHCIS Moving Forward Ceremony		
9:15pm	SomDog Spring Fling	10:00am:	SCALE Graduation 2014	3:00pm:	Somerville School Day Games		
				4:00pm:	Kennedy School K-3 Spring Concert		



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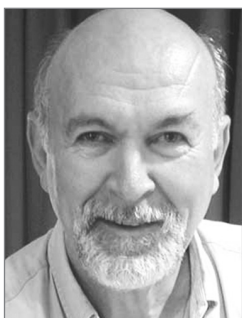
by Doug Holder

Somerville poets Neil Callender and Nicole Terez Dutton: An accomplished poetic couple in the heart of Union Square

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Poet Bob Clawson wrote the *LYRICAL*: "I hope the poem speaks for itself, the casualties being not only the son and the father, but also any semblance of military dignity that might have preceded our wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, back when we used the draft to assemble fighting units rather than hiring mercenary killers. That's a heavy load for a little poem to carry, but most veterans I know get it and I, myself, still find it chilling when I read it."



Casualties

In wars past, son,
soldiers found it hard to kill,
so the brass developed fields of fire:
nothing personal, no act of will...

like a firing squad
where no shooter knows
whose bullet pierced
the brain as the skull blows.

I don't understand this shit

Dad. Haaji in my sights?

I'm a hair-trigger fucker.

I get off when the bullet bites.

— Robert J. Clawson

Poets Neil Callender and Nicole Terez Dutton, with their baby in tow, arrived at my quiet nook in the back of the Bloc 11 Café in Union Square for a chat about their lives and work as poets. Dutton relocated from Jamaica Plain in Boston, and Callender moved from the Republic of Cambridge, to live in Somerville together. Both find Union Square a fine place to set down roots as they are surrounded by creative types: editors, graphic artists and fellow poets. Dutton told me: "I love the diversity and sense of community Somerville has to offer."

Callender is a graduate of Brown University. When he graduated from college he worked at Northwest Airlines cleaning airplanes. After a broken love affair, he gravitated to the Cantab Lounge in Cambridge and starting reading his lovelorn poems at the noted Slam poetry venue held there Wednesday nights. Later as he progressed his poetry expanded to include political concerns, inequality, issues he studied at Brown where he was a Political Science major. Callender said: "I was a member of the Socialist Workers Party in school and what I dealt with there and elsewhere, class division, race-relations—all enter into my work."

Callender earned his MFA from Vermont College, and currently teaches writing at Roxbury Community College. His poetry has appeared widely, including two anthologies: *Poets Against the Killing Fields* and *Liberation Poetry*. He was also active in the anti-apartheid movement in this country, and has traveled the world, absorbing the culture of countries like Brazil, Belgium, Mexico, and many others. He continues to write about the slavery experience and feels his mission as a poet is to address the defamation of African culture in this country. Callender said this rich culture must be recreated, and he is an ongoing contributor to this effort.

Dutton got her MFA from Brown University and in 2011 won the Cave Canem Poetry Prize for her collection *If One of Us Should Fall*. She currently teaches at Boston University. From an early age Dutton said she knew she was primarily a poet, although her interests vary widely. She grew up in Cleveland, Ohio and her parents encouraged her creativity. At Brown she studied with novelist Edgar Wideman and poets like Forest Gander and C.D. Wright. C. D. Wright was a major influence on her. She said C.D. Wright brought "a different quality of attention" to her work. Wright focused on line breaks and ambiguity in Dutton's writing. Most importantly to Dutton was that Wright let her experiment with her work.

Dutton, like Callender, has traveled extensively. She toured with a band and traversed the country. In a poem she wrote of her love for "leaving." Now, with the responsibilities of a family her priorities have changed. But she still likes the idea of wanderlust. As she put it, "I like the idea of being light and lean and living in the moment."

In terms of influences Callender counts Walt Whitman as one, "I love the reach of his lines—his epic statement," he said. He also admires the late poet Hart Crane. "I like his language—the sense



of surprise in his work."

Dutton spoke of the poet Thylas Moss. She told me, "I love how the poet connects historical context to the personal moment in a poem."

One of the great things about Union Square is that I can expect that I will run into both Dutton and Callender again on the street very soon, as well as the usual cornucopia of creative folks here in the Paris of New England.

Magdalena

Magdalena, she of the coffee bean hair, skin of coriander and twilight, almond-eyed, trekked from Tegucigalpa, through a gauntlet of money condors and stone faced violators of women, resisting a desert's dessicating heat and the blanching of forsaken bones.

Magdalena survived her odyssey to arrive here, in this place, inside a rest stop somewhere along an interstate highway, behind the counter, under these garish lights, to sell me a hamburger, some greazy fries, and a milkless shake.

The imperium demands heroism from its victims, then imposes gangrenous mediocrity, spinning human beings into inert instrumentalities.

— Neil Callender (*About Place Journal*)

The You in this Poem

Doesn't have to
try hard to be the one
raw with trumpets and lightening broken
across a crowded room—
something we all are
brighter and suddenly foreign for,
as if we'd forgotten,
the archipelago of our bodies
or the salt in all directions
calling out our name.
The you in this poem
doesn't so much speak as stir
a darkness of loosened feathers
claws and tendriled weather
upon our eyes and open mouths.
No telling why the music carries,
or what might pry the ribs open.
I'm not sure which equation
might rescue you from your own skin.
I'm saying I like sky when you speak it.
I'll never care which latitude
even if you leave your body
by the roadside near the crickets
I'll recognize you by the spine bowed
as Herodotus beneath its story
the sore knees, the bruised and perfect
mouth. I know just how to find you
no matter the distance, I'll hear
the pastures singing back our voices
a blade of grass for every tongue.

— Nicole Terez Dutton (*from Uses of Anger journal*)

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