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By William Tauro

This past Thursday afternoon over one hundred local seniors from the Somerville Council on aging enjoyed a scrumptious home cooked barbecue hosted by the Winter Hill Yacht Club.

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Highway Robbery, Hijacked Parking Spaces in Somerville



By William Tauro
Neighbors are outraged and business owners are furious over last months decision to due away with the parking and imposing no parking anytime signs on McGrath Highway, on both sides, from Washington Street to Somerville Avenue. Continued to page 24



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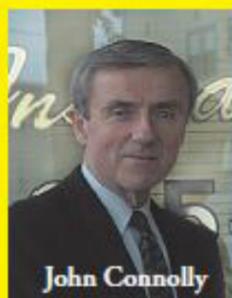
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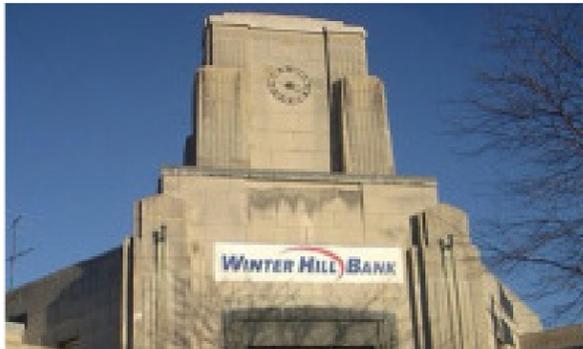
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Superintendent Tony Pierantozzi Recognized by The Somerville Rotary Club



By Mark Alston-Follansbee

Superintendent Tony Pierantozzi was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship at the Somerville Rotary Club's June 4th Installation Dinner at the Holiday Inn. Paul Harris was Rotary's founder in 1905 and the award is given to individuals who meet high professional and personal standards set forth by Paul Harris.

Pierantozzi has been a member of the Somerville Club since he became Somerville's superintendent in 2005. "Harris used to say, " We thank you for your fellowship and friendship" and that's how we all think of Tony," said Ann Kirby who presented the award. "Tony has served his profession, our community, and the club. He has made a difference in making us the Club we are today."

Pictured left to right are all the Somerville Club's Paul Harris Fellows congratulating Pierantozzi at the dinner: Paul Kaufman, Jeannie Scarpa, Gilda Nogueira, Patricia Reardon, Superintendent Pierantozzi, former Mayor Gene Brune, Gene Ferraro, Grace Abruzzio, and Ann Kirby.



SOMERVILLE NEWS WEEKLY'S SOMERVILLE POLICE ARRESTS/CRIMES OF THE WEEK



Somerville Police Arrest Log / REAL LIFE POLICE STORIES!



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B&E of a Motor Vehicle MATTHEW ANTHONY MARUJO Arrest

The following is a summary of facts related to incident #15026615. On the listed date and time I, Officer Mark Pulli badge #311, was assigned to Patrol Area East-1 and operating marked cruiser 871 in full uniform. While conducting routine patrol of my assigned area, I turned onto Mt. Pleasant St. heading toward Perkins St. when I observed a white male, later identified as Keith Francey , opening the driver side door of a blue Acura TSX (MA reg#684VT2) that was parked in front of 29-31 Mt. Pleasant St. Francey looked up at my vehicle, hesitated, then entered the vehicle and shut the door. I observed these movements to be suspicious and queried the vehicle registration as I

continued to approach the vehicle. As I pulled up next to the vehicle, I made eye contact with Francey and the male in the passenger seat, later identified as Matthew Marujo, Both of whom I am familiar with from past incidents. At this time, both Francey and Marujo quickly exited the vehicle and began running down Mt. Pleasant St. turning left onto Broadway. I activated the emergency lights on my cruiser and proceeded after them driving in reverse on Mt. Pleasant St., while notifying Somerville Dispatch of my location and the circumstances of the incident. I continued to give chase in my vehicle as they ran down Broadway and turned left onto Mt. Vernon St. I pulled up next to Francey and Marujo and yelled to Francey "Keith stop running and get on the ground". He disregarded my command and both he and Marujo turned around and ran back onto Broadway. Officer Goncalves (East-4) arrived on scene and she and I began a foot pursuit as Marujo and Francey went in separate directions. Francey quickly entered 18B Broadway, his residence, and Marujo ran onto A. Alfred Lombardi St. I pursued Marujo yelling at him to stop running and get on the ground, but he continued to run. I was able to catch up to him and get him on the ground. I told Marujo he was under arrest. He refused to comply with my commands for him to place his hands behind his back by keeping his arms tucked underneath him. I had to physically pull his arms out from underneath him and place him in handcuffs. Sgt. Ward (S-8) arrived on scene along with Officer Ramirez (East-2) and Officer Beckford (East-3). Units

attempted to gain access to Francey's residence to no avail. I will be seeking a warrant for Francey's arrest for Breaking and Entering of a Motor Vehicle in the Nighttime for a Felony M.G.L. c255 s16D. Marujo was transported to the Somerville Police Station via the mobile detention unit (Unit-200) and booked according to department policy by Sgt. Ward for charges of B&E of a motor vehicle in the nighttime for a felony (C266 s16D) and Resisting Arrest (c268 s32B). I later spoke to the registered owner of the vehicle, stated he parked his vehicle on Mt. Pleasant St. at about 7:00 AM on 6/8/15 and took the train to work. stated he locked his doors before leaving his vehicle. stated he did not give anyone permission to enter his vehicle. said he examined his vehicle and did not notice any of his property missing at the time this report was completed. Respectfully Submitted, Officer Mark Pulli #311



OUI Arrest JOSE ZELAYA Arrest

On the above date I was working in marked unit East Four when I was dispatched to the intersection of Cross Street and Pearl Street for a motor vehicle accident at the request of the Somerville Fire Department. On scene, Lieutenant James Keenan of Ladder Two handed over to me a set of keys which belonged to the Moped involved in the accident. Lieutenant Keenan also informed me that the keys were giving

to him by, a passenger in the second motor vehicle involved in the accident. He further stated that Nicole took the keys from the ignition of the Moped because the operator, identified as Jose Zelaya displayed characteristics of being under the influence of alcohol and was attempting to flee the scene. I approached the involved parties who were standing in front of 72 Cross Street. Parked in front of this address was a Cadillac Escalade color black, bearing Massachusetts Registration number LV67579. Parked behind the Cadillac was a Moped color white bearing Massachusetts inspection sticker number 111588. At a distance I was able to observe a white mark on the Cadillac's rear left bumper, possible paint transfer. The white paint is consistent with the paint on the Moped. The operator of the Cadillac, approached me and informed me that he was stopped in front of the above noted address waiting for the light to change when he was sideswiped by the Moped. also informed me that he felt the operator of the Moped was under the influence of alcohol. Traveling with at the time of the accident was his daughter, who was seating on the rear right passenger seat and, seating on the front passenger seat.

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Prosecutor: Oregon's Obamacare Snowden Free to Go

By Neil McCabe



this Left Coast drama was playing the role of Hillary R. Clinton.

Michael Rodgers was the interim administrator of the state's Enterprise Technology Services division of the Department of Administrative Services and a man with 200 employees under his sway and 15 years on the books when Feb. 5 Jan Murdock sent him an email directing him to destroy all of the governor's emails on personal accounts that were stored on state servers. The emails in question revealed that the governor's political fixer Patricia Mc-

Craighad torpedoed Cover Oregon as a political maneuver executed to help the governor's campaign.

Like other states, setting up its own healthcare exchange was an IT nightmare and the frustrations with Cover Oregon were starting to hurt the governor in the polls, so McCraig ordered the state to shut it down.

Then, McCraig blamed Oracle, the Cover Oregon contractor, for the mess.

Then, McCraig engineered the state's \$5.5 billion lawsuit against Oracle—just to push the point home that nothing was the governor's fault as he

campaigned for a fourth term. Murdock, Kitzhaber's personal assistant, handled personal matters for Kitzhaber. She is still on the job now working for Gov. Katherine Brown. When Rodgers got the email from Murdock, he went to the local alternative paper, and gave them the 6,000 emails Murdock wanted destroyed.



The man playing the role of Edward Snowden in the \$300 million Oregon production of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act will not rot in prison for blowing the whistle on former governor John A. Kitzhaber—who in

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Winter Hill Bank Announces 2015 Scholarship Awards to Somerville High School Students



Photo: Left to right: Sandra McGoldrick, President/CEO of Winter Hill Bank, Ravneet Kaur and Sadia Islam, Somerville High School Students

Winter Hill Bank is pleased to support the 2015 Somerville High School & Highlander Scholarship Programs by awarding \$2,500 in scholarships to deserving high school seniors who excel in academics, athletics and community involvement.

Sandra L. McGoldrick, President and CEO said "Winter Hill Bank is proud to continue its legacy by assisting deserving high school seniors who are the future leaders in our communities, and we are honored to support these scholarship initiatives again this year."

Ravneet Kaur will be attending Worcester Poly Technical Institute and Sadia Islam will be attending Amherst University in the fall. Winter Hill Bank congratulates both Sadia and Ravneet for their extraordinary accomplishments.

Community Note: Community Preservation Committee Public Hearing, June 24



The Community Preservation Committee invites all interested community members to a public hearing on Wed., June 24, to hear outcomes of the FY2015 Community Preservation Act (CPA) funding cycle and to provide input on how the City should prioritize spending CPA funds in FY2016. The hearing will be held at 7 p.m. in the East Somerville Community School cafeteria at 50 Cross St. For more information, contact Emily Monea at 617-625-6600 x2118 or emonea@somervillema.gov.

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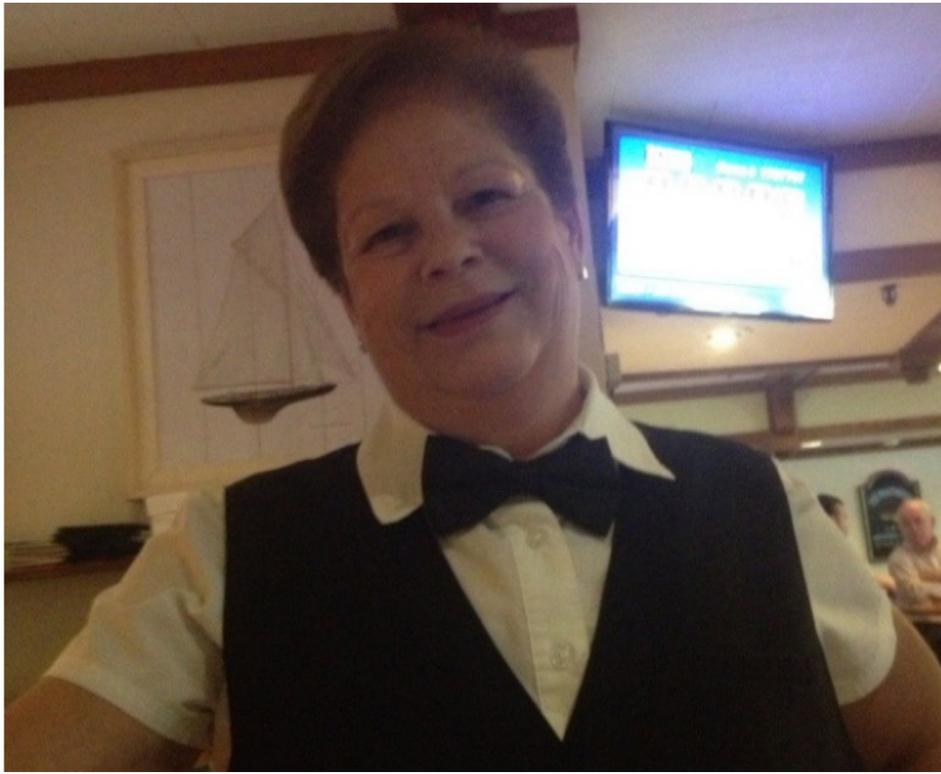
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The Somerville News Weekly's Special Person Of The Week

Linda Brown



This week's "Special Person of the Week" honors go out to Linda Brown

Linda Brown has been a teacher in Somerville for over thirty one years.

She had taught first grade at the former Saint Anthony's School on Somerville Avenue for thirteen years until it closed its doors for good a few years back.

Once the school closed she began substitute teaching in the city for the past ten years and she also works as a waitress part time at the Mount Vernon Restaurant in Somerville as well where she continues to put smiles on peoples faces when they recognize her and reminisce of their early childhood days .

Linda as a teacher has taught many children in the city over the years that have nothing but good fond memories of her to this day. She is a well respected woman, a big part of many of our children's childhoods and very well liked by all whom have been fortunate enough to meet her.

Over the past three decades she has made many friend here in Somerville and she has also become part of many of our families throughout the years who cherish the memories of growing up here in the Ville.

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VCO POSSESSION OF DANGEROUS WEAPONS Arrest KIRBY ADRIEN CALIXTE Arrest

On the above date and time, Sergeant Salvatore Fusco, Officers Joseph Rivera, Yvon Jean-Jacques, Patrick Canty, and I, were dispatched to Trum Field, 540 Broadway, for a red Toyota 4 Runner occupied with four individuals in which one of the occupants had a firearm. As Somerville Units were responding to Trum Field, Somerville Housing Officer Sean Brown, located the red Toyota 4 Runner, Ma #16YD84. Officer Brown maintained a safe distance while keeping visual contact, following the 4 Runner. Officer Brown alerted Somerville Units via radio transmission turn by turn to his location. A motor vehicle stop was then affected at the intersection of Highland Road and Boston Avenue. At the time of the motor vehicle stop, there were three occupants, Kirby Calixte, Gary Mercer, and Patrick Janeiro. Calixte, Mercer, and Janeiro were instructed to exit the vehicle, and a pat frisk of their person for weapons was performed. A black switch blade was found on Janeiro, and a pocket knife was found on Calixte. Both Calixte and Janeiro were placed under arrest for the above charges. Note: Deputy Chief Stephen Carrabino, Sergeant Warren Chaille, Detectives Dante DiFronzo, Michael Capasso, Fernando Cicerone, and Douglas Brioso were also on scene at the time of the motor vehicle stop to assist Somerville Units.

With the permission of Sierra 9, Sergeant Fusco, the 4 Runner was towed by Pat's Towing. During an inventory search of the vehicle, Detective Brioso found a clear food saver bag containing marijuana in the front passenger glove compartment. He also found a third knife in the rear right passenger seat. Officer Jean-Jacques found a black AWS Blade Scale in the rear arm rest. Note: The knife which was found in the motor vehicle during the inventory search, if held a certain way, could appear to be the slide and rail of a firearm. Calixte did admit to Sergeant Fusco, that he did threaten an individual at Trum Field with a knife. Respectfully submitted, Officer Eduardo Soares Badge #272



Driving After Suspension Arrest DEBORAH F TAYLOR Arrest

On June 12, 2015 at approximately 1714 I was in full uniform and assigned to the Somerville Police Traffic Bureau. I was conducting speed enforcement on Rote 16 (Alewife Brook Parkway), which is a public way and posted 30 MPH Zone within the City of Somerville. I observed a 2010 Ford Fusion Color black, Ma.5ZRN70, traveling South on Route 16 at an estimated 44 MPH. I directed my Lidar unit at the vehicle and got a reading of 43 MPH at a distance of 205.1 feet. I activated blue lights and siren stopping the vehicle on Route 16. I queried the registration which came back active, however, it did show the registered owner as having a Suspended operators License. I approached the vehicle on the drivers side which was occu-

piated by four people. I requested the license and registration from the operator and registered owner, the defendant in this matter, and she did not have either. I confirmed the defendants Name and Date of Birth and returned to my cruiser. I checked the defendants history before deciding which way to proceed. Unit 187, Ofc Michael Ameral, arrived as backup. The defendant was arraigned on 05/04/2015 for OUI and had her license suspended at that time for refusal (180 Days). I issued citation # R6069057 and placed her into custody. With the defendants permission an occupant of the vehicle with a valid Massachusetts License was placed in control of the vehicle. The defendant was transported to the Somerville Police Station and booked in the usual manner by the Commander, Lt. A.W. Rymill. Respectfully Submitted, Ofc Robert W Hickey



Counts 90/23/D LICENSE SUSPENDED, OP MV Arrest BRYAN SAINTILUS Arrest

On June 12, 2015, at approximately 18:50 hours, I, Officer Rivera, while in full uniform and working as East 4, received knowledge from Detective Cicerone, that a gray Chrysler 300, was left idling and unattended at a bus stop near the corner of Mystic Avenue and Wheatland Street, both public ways within the City of Somerville. He also informed me that the operator is known to him and has a suspended license. While on Mystic Avenue, I observed a gray Chrysler 300, with MA registration 1BP866, idling and unattended at the bus stop. As I approached the vehicle with my cruiser, I observed a male, now known to me as Bryan Saintilus, enter the vehicle. As I activated my emergency lights, Mr. Saintilus proceeded to drive the vehicle on Mystic Avenue, towards McGrath Highway. After driving for a distance of approximately one block, Mr. Saintilus turned right onto Fellsway West and stopped the vehicle in front of the Century Bank. Once the vehicle was at a complete stop, I informed dispatch of my location and registration number of the vehicle. I

approached Mr. Saintilus and requested that he provide his license and registration. I then informed Mr. Saintilus of the reason for the motor vehicle stop. Once Mr. Saintilus provided me with a valid MA registration, he stated that his license was suspended. I then asked Mr. Saintilus to turn off the motor vehicle while I confirmed the status of his license. While verifying the status of Mr. Saintilus's license, Detective Cicerone, Officer D'Amelio, and Officer Perrone arrived as back up. I gave dispatch Mr. Saintilus's license number and was informed that his right to operate a motor vehicle was in fact suspended. I then informed Mr. Saintilus that he was under arrest for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license. While waiting for the mobile detention unit, Mr. Saintilus informed me that there was a bag containing a large amount of money inside the trunk of the vehicle. He also stated that he wanted the money taken out of his trunk and brought with him to the station. Detective Cicerone retrieved the bag with the money inside and counted the money in front of Mr. Saintilus to confirm the exact amount. Mr. Saintilus was then transported to the station by Officer Kim, via mobile detention unit 200, and booked in the usual manner by Lieutenant Rymill. A licensed operator, Michelle Tsang, took control of the vehicle. During the booking process, \$29,256 in us currency, was counted as personal property and subsequently seized by the narcotics unit, Detective Legros, pending a further investigation. Please see the supplemental report by Detective Legros for further information. MA Uniform Citation R6071799 was issued to Mr. Saintilus for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license. MA Uniform Citation R6071800, will be mailed to Mr. Saintilus, for allowing a motor vehicle to idle over 5 minutes. Respectfully submitted, Officer Joseph Rivera #309 Somerville Police Department

On the above date and time, I was dispatched to 180 Somerville Avenue, Target, for a detained shoplifter. Upon my arrival, I was met by loss prevention, stated that he observed the defendant, Shonda Coleman, walking through the lingerie aisle placing numerous pieces of under garments into a shopping carriage without ever checking the sizes of the under garments. Coleman walked past the cash registers while pushing a full carriage of unpaid merchandise, and she was detained at the main entrance by. When I spoke to Coleman, she identified herself to me as Tiana Goode, D.O.B. 04/06/1998 and also D.O.B. 04/06/1997. Note: A query through the registry of motor vehicles yielded negative results. I asked Coleman for her mother's phone number so that I could call her to arrange for Coleman to be picked up. Coleman stated that her mother, Christin Goode, worked at Macy's in the Watertown Mall. Note: According to the Watertown Mall website, Macy's does not exist at that mall, and the mall closes on Sundays at 18:00 hours, and this incident at Target, occurred at 19:16 hours. Therefore, there were two contradictions to Coleman's statements. Coleman was placed under arrest, and transported to the Somerville Police Station in prisoner transport vehicle, Unit 200, where she was booked and processed in the usual manner by Lt. William Rymill. During the booking process, she identified herself to Lt. Rymill, and Officer Juan Ducasse (Fingerprinting Officer), as Tiana Goode. I was also present to assist with the booking and fingerprinting. While fingerprinting Coleman, I informed her that due to the fact that she gave many inconsistent statements, she would be charged with the additional charge of furnishing a false name, if her fingerprints did not match her booking information. She immediately replied, "Well, that is the name I go by." I then asked for the name that is on her birth certificate to which she replied, Shonda Coleman. Note: A query through the registry of motor vehicles confirmed her identity as Shonda Coleman. It was also discovered that Christin Goode is Coleman's aunt and not her mother. Copies of the first set of booking sheets containing the name Tiana Goode will be included with this report as evidence, and video footage of the theft, will be available by Woodruff upon request. Photographs of the receipt containing the stolen items were taken, and are available upon request. Respectfully submitted, Sergeant Michael Kiely



Larceny Over \$250 SHONDA R COLEMAN Arrest

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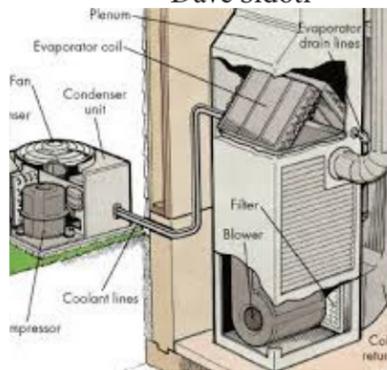


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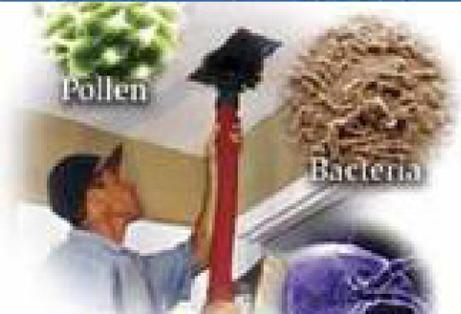
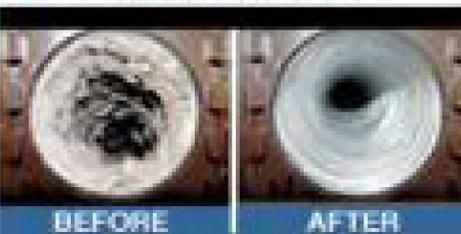


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More Newstalk Shout Out continued from page 2
Here is your weekly dosage of News Talk Shout Out!

Many Villens in the Ville this week celebrating their birthdays! Happy Birthday greetings go out to John Eleftherakis of "Johns Auto Sales", Mike Delgizzi, Roger Fisk, Karen A. Jenner, Kathy Esquivel, Donna Itrato Nichols, Darren "Bubba" Rankin, Joe Hamel, Isabella Rotola, Josh McCann, Maria Clark, Happy 85th Birthday to Jean McLean, Roy & Billy Desrochers and our good friend Philip Benevides! Happy Birthday to all!

Somerville Superintendent Tony Pierantozzi Being Recognized
The Somerville School Committee invites the entire community to a celebration recognizing Superintendent Tony Pierantozzi upon his retirement. Please join us at the Cross Street entrance of the East Somerville Community School on Thursday, June 18, from 4:00-6:00 pm to honor the Superintendent's ten years of outstanding service to our students. Entertainment will be provided by students from our award-winning music department and the after-school El Sistema Program. Light refreshments will be served. A brief formal presentation will take place at 4:45 pm. Otherwise, this is an informal celebration that we hope will bring people from across Somerville to honor and thank the Superintendent.

Congrats to Mike Larosa on passing the Bar Exam! Just what we need another lawyer, We here at the News wish you all the best!

Less than 2 weeks left before the last day of school! The 2014-2015 school year ends Tuesday, June 30th. Get ready for a great summer. We hope you'll take advantage of our free Summer Meals program starting July 6, for Somerville youth ages 18 and under. See What's Happening for more information and to download a Summer Meals schedule.

Somerville Students Take Center Stage at All-America City Competition
Somerville students took center stage at the All-America City competition in Denver last weekend, as the City of Somerville earned an All-America City award for the third time. Congratulations, Somerville! Learn more about the National Civic League's All-America City award at <http://www.nationalcivicleague.org/>. Visit Somerville's All-America City Facebook Page for a look at the weekend's events. (<https://www.facebook.com/SomervilleAACTeam>)

Remaining 2014-2015 School-year Calendar
The end of the 2014-2015 school year is quickly approaching. The last day of school is Tuesday, June 30. Below is a list of upcoming

calendar changes:
· Monday, June 22, 2015 – Full day of school for all students
· Tuesday, June 23, 2015 – Full day of school for all students
· Wednesday, June 24, 2015 – Full day of school for all students
· Thursday, June 25, 2015 – Full day of school for all students
· Friday, June 26, 2015 – School day for all students: Early Release for PreK to Grade 8 students at all schools EXCEPT Brown School; Full Day for Brown School students
· Monday, June 29, 2015 – School day for all students: Early Release for all PreK to Grade 8 students
· Tuesday, June 30, 2015 – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL; Early Release for ALL students
FREE Summer Meals Starting July 6, 2015
Somerville youth ages 18 and under can enjoy a delicious free summer breakfast and/or lunch starting July 6, 2015. Download the Summer Meals schedule here: <http://bit.ly/1CdG0uz>, or visit the Summer Meals Program website at http://www.somerville.k12.ma.us/summer_meals.

Kennedy Pool Summer News
Join the fun at the Kennedy Pool this summer. For details on this summer's schedule and events, visit: <http://www.somerville.k12.ma.us/pool>.

Upcoming School Events:
Visit your child's school website, <http://www.somerville.k12.ma.us/schools>, and click on the "calendar of events" link at the top of the page for a complete list of all the activities happening at school this month.
Monday, June 22: ESCS 5th Grade to Freedom Trail
Tuesday, June 23, 1:30-2:30pm: ESCS Talent Show in the ESCS Auditorium (50 Cross St.)
Wednesday, June 24, 1:30-2:30pm: ESCS 8th Grade Moving On Ceremony in the ESCS Auditorium (50 Cross St.)
Thursday, June 25, 8:30-10:00am: ESCS Kindergartners Rising Ceremony in the ESCS Auditorium (50 Cross St.)
Thursday, June 25: ESCS 7th Grade to Freedom Trail
Thursday, June 25: ESCS 8th Grade to Canobie Lake
Thursday, June 25: ESCS 1st Grade to Foss Park
Friday, June 26: Kennedy Field Day
Monday, June 29, 9:00-9:45am: ESCS Students visit next grade
Tuesday, June 30, 8:30am: ESCS 8th Grade Breakfast in the ESCS Cafeteria (50 Cross St.)
Tuesday, June 30, 9:00am: Kennedy 8th Grade Moving On Ceremony at the Kennedy School (5 Cherry St.)
Upcoming School Committee Meetings
Find the complete School Committee schedule, agendas and meeting minutes (as approved) online at http://www.somerville.k12.ma.us/school_committee.
Monday, June 22, 6:00-6:50pm: Finance & Facilities Subcommittee Meeting at the SHS Library (81 Highland Ave.)
Monday, June 22, 7:00pm: School Commit-

tee Meeting at the Somerville High School Library (81 Highland Ave.)

Community News & Events
Somerville Recreation Spring & Summer Guide. Download the Somerville Recreational 2015 Spring & Summer Guide (<http://www.flipgorilla.com/p/23837411469433680/show>) to make plans for fun and active spring and summer seasons. For more information about Somerville Recreation, visit <http://www.somervillerec.com/info>.
Somerville Arts Discovery Camp. The Armory's Arts Discovery Camp will run from August 3rd-7th from 9:00-4:00pm for children ages 5-10. Arts Discovery Camp is a sliding-scale arts education program that offers multi-disciplinary artistic workshops encouraging campers to investigate different art media through a wide variety of topics each day. To download a registration form, visit <http://artsatthearmory.org/learn/summer-2015/>. Email the completed form back to education@artsatthearmory.org or drop it off in person at the Armory. Questions? Contact us! Email education@artsatthearmory.org or call (617) 718-2191.

The City of Somerville invites all interested vendors to participate in the Summertime in Somerville Fireworks Celebration on Thurs., July 2, 2015 (rain date Thurs., July 9, 2015). The City plans to have up to five (5) concession stands and vendors selling items such as balloons, toys (no toy guns permitted), food and beverage at the event. The City will choose the location of these stands and will judge proposals on the following criteria: all licenses held by the business must be current; type of food/beverage/type of product or toy being sold; quality and price of product. The City reserves the right to reject any and all proposals or cancel this process at any time. Selected vendors will be notified by Tues., June 23, 2015. Please send all proposals to Nina Eichner at neichner@somervillema.gov or mail to 50 Evergreen Ave., Somerville, MA 02145 by 12:30 p.m., Fri., June 19. Vendors with any questions or comments should contact Nina Eichner at (617)-625-6600 x2985.

Summer Music Camps – Somerville String Camp and Camp HONK
You still have time to enroll in two great summer music camps!
· Somerville String Camp will be held at the Kennedy School, July 13-24, from 9:00am to 12:10pm. String Camp is open to violin, viola, cello and bass players of all ages, including beginners aged 7 and older. Tuition for the 2-week camp is \$110 for Somerville residents; \$120 for non-residents. For enquiries, email joannesadler@rocketmail.com. Download an application at http://www.somerville.k12.ma.us/music_camps.
· Camp Honk will be held at the Kennedy School, July 13-24, from 9:00am to noon. Campers will learn to have fun the street band way, be playful and spontaneous in playing their instrument, basic street band musical forms, and the history and culture

of street bands around the world. Cost for 2 weeks is \$160 (\$80/week); family discounts and some scholarships may be available. To register, visit <http://www.schoolofhonk.org/camphonk>.

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Have something to share with the community? Send information to connections@k12.somerville.ma.us to share your event. Include date, time and name of event, along with any additional pertinent information. Or, submit your event to <http://www.somerville.k12.ma.us/events>.
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By Bob Katzen

THE HOUSE AND SENATE: Beacon Hill Roll Call records local senators' votes on roll calls from debate on the \$38.1 billion fiscal 2016 state budget. There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week. **\$2.5 MILLION FOR REGIONAL SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION (S 3 – Amendment #545)** Senate 39-0, approved an amendment increasing funding for state reimbursement to communities for regional school district transportation by \$2.5 million (from \$56.5 million to \$59 million). Supporters said these 85 regional school districts are having financial problems and noted that the state currently reimburses only some of the school transportation costs despite a promise several years ago that it would reimburse 100 percent. They noted that last year the state reimbursed 80 percent and this increase would bring the current year up to 75 percent. (A "Yes" vote is for the \$2.5 million.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes **ADDITIONAL \$2 MILLION FOR MASSACHUSETTS CULTURAL COUNCIL (S 3 – Amendment #130)** Senate 39-0, approved an amendment increasing funding for The Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) by \$2 million (from \$12 million to \$14 million). According to its website, the MCC is a state agency that promotes "excellence, access, education, and diversity in the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences to improve the quality of life for all Massachusetts residents and contribute to the economic vitality of our communities." The agency offers grant programs, partnerships and services to nonprofit cultural organizations as well as schools and local cities and towns. Amendment supporters said the cultural economy contributes to the quality of life and is an economic driver. They said the additional \$2 million will generate more than that amount in the long term in hotel and meals taxes. (A "Yes" vote is for full the \$2 million.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes **ADDITIONAL \$500,000 FOR ADULT EDUCATION (S 3 – Amendment #564)** Senate 39-0, approved an amendment increasing funding for basic adult education by \$500,000 (from \$30.3 million to \$30.8 million). Amendment supporters said there are currently over 18,000 people on waiting lists for these services, which will change their lives and help them get a high school equivalency diploma. They said the average dropout can expect to earn \$36,400 per year less than someone with a degree. (A "Yes" vote is for full the \$500,000.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes **ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL SENATE TAX HIKES ARE LEGAL ACCORDING TO SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT (SJC) –** The SJC ruled in favor of the Senate and said that the changes in tax policy,

including a permanent freeze of the income tax rate at its current 5.15 percent, included in the Senate version of the fiscal 2016 budget were legal. The House, which did not include the hikes in its version of the budget, had challenged the Senate's authority to raise taxes, saying that under the constitution, the Senate can only include changes in tax policy if the House version already included changes in tax policy. The ruling said that since the House had included a delay in the implementation of a business tax break and expanded a tax credit for land conservation, the Senate had the authority to include additional tax policy changes in its budget. In addition to freezing the income tax at 5.15 percent instead of letting it drop to as low as 5 percent over the next few years, the Senate budget freezes the income tax rate at its current 5.15 percent; increases over a three-year period the earned income tax credit for low-income working families with children living at home from 15 percent to 22.5 percent of the federal credit; and raises personal income tax exemptions.

A six-member House-Senate conference committee is working on drafting a compromise version of the budget that may or may not include the tax hikes and tax cuts. **PROHIBIT LOWER TUITION RATES FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS (H 1054) –** The Higher Education Committee will hold a public hearing on July 15 at 11 a.m. in room A-2 at the Statehouse in Boston on a bill that would prohibit Massachusetts state universities from offering lower in-state tuition and fees to illegal immigrants and their children. Currently, the lower tuition rate is offered to legal citizens who live in the Bay State and Massachusetts students who have been accepted into the federal program for those who immigrated illegally to the country as children and have a work permit.

Supporters say the state should not offer financial rewards to anyone who has broken the law and is in this country illegally. They argued it is outrageous to offer low tuition rates to these students while legal citizens from outside Massachusetts, including war veterans, are required to pay higher rates if they attend a Massachusetts state university. Opponents say many of these students were babies when they were brought here by their parents and had no choice about entering the country illegally. They noted some hardworking students are currently required to pay out-of-state tuition rates that are significantly higher than the in-state rate.

VETERANS AND MEMORIAL DAY OFF WITH PAY (H 3162) – The Veterans Affairs Committee will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, July 14, at 12:30 p.m. at Battleship Cove in Fall River on legislation allowing veterans a day off with pay on Memorial Day and Veterans Day. Current law allows employees who want to participate in a Veterans Day or Memorial Day parade or service to be given the day off with or without pay at the discretion of the employer. Both the current and proposed law do not apply to employees whose services are es-

sential and critical to public health or safety.

DESIGNATE ON BALLOT THAT CANDIDATE IS A VETERAN (H 3160) – Another proposal on the Veterans Affairs Committee agenda on July 14 would permit the word "veteran" to be placed next to any candidate's name, if requested by the candidate, on any general election and city or town election ballot. Current law only allows this designation on primary election ballots. **CLOTHESLINES (S 1056) –** The Municipalities and Regional Government Committee held a hearing on a local option bill that would prohibit a condominium association from unreasonably prohibiting the installation or use of clotheslines. The law would only take effect in cities or towns that opt into it. Supporters said that using a clothesline in place of energy-intensive automatic dryers is a low-tech way of cutting energy use, reducing pollution and saving on bills. They noted the bill will protect the aesthetic and safety interests of homeowners by allowing homeowners' associations to impose reasonable location and manner restrictions on clothesline use.

LICENSE AND REGULATE AU PAIRS AND NANNIES (H 117) – The Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities held a hearing on legislation that would require the state to establish a licensing process for employment and placement agencies engaged in placing au pairs and nannies in a private residence to perform child care services. The agencies would be required to provide verification to the state that each au pair and nanny, prior to being placed in a private residence, has the proper screening, background checks and psychological assessments. **FIRE CHIEF MUST HAVE EXPERIENCE (H 2141) –** The Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security held a hearing on a bill prohibiting anyone from being appointed to the position of fire chief in any city or town unless he or she has been a uniformed member of the firefighting force of a fire department for a minimum of ten years.

QUOTABLE QUOTES "Firefighters have cancer rates three times higher than the general public. When we enter a home fire we breathe in gasses and toxins from flame retardants that put us at a higher risk. We're calling on the legislature for swift passage of this bill as it will no doubt save lives." Edward Kelly, president of the Professional Firefighters of Massachusetts, testifying on legislation that would ban the use of hazardous flame retardants in children's products and upholstered furniture. "We are always mindful of the impact that raising fees will have on our students and their families and, we approach such decisions with the utmost caution and reluctance." Victor Woolridge, chairman of the UMass Board of Trustees, on its vote to raise tuition and the mandatory curriculum fee by up to 5 percent for in-state undergraduates. "There's only one thing that's gone up faster than the cost of health care over the course of the past 30 years, and that's the cost of higher education."

Gov. Charlie Baker expressing his opposition to the Umass tuition hikes.

"There is history and tradition of Boston and what it's all about and I don't want to lose that and that should be reflected in the 2024 Olympics. If they do it right, I think it will work; and if they don't do it right, then we will be critical of it." Former Boston Mayor Ray Flynn on his support to bring the 2024 Olympics to Massachusetts.

"Effective July 6th, the so-called 'honor box' payment system will no longer exist at MBTA parking lots. The MBTA is eliminating the much-maligned process of folding individual dollar bills and stuffing them into tiny slots."

Massachusetts Department of Transportation memo on the MBTA's new convenient PayByPhone method which allows customers to pay parking fees by using any phone or any internet connected device.

"All of you have worked tirelessly in your communities without recognition or fanfare to improve the lives of your friends and neighbors. You represent a breadth of knowledge, compassion and diversity, and for that all of you should be proud."

House Speaker Robert DeLeo (D-Winthrop) on the event honoring 100 women from around the state as "unsung heroines" by the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women for the work they do in their communities.

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 15-19, the House met for a total of 30 minutes and the Senate met for a total of 23 minutes.

Mon. June 15 House 11:00 a.m. to 11:11 a.m.

Senate 11:03 a.m. to 11:13 a.m.

Tues. June 16 No House session
No Senate session

Wed. June 17 No House session
No Senate session

Thurs. June 18 House 11:00 a.m. to 11:19 a.m.

Senate 11:05 a.m. to 11:18 a.m.

Fri. June 19 No House session
No Senate session

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Note to community members: This will be an important project in the heart of Ward 5 and Somerville. 231 Lowell Street is near the coming Green Line T station, the Lowell Street bridge, and the Community Path Extension temporary end point.
For more information contact:
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Solar Lighting Ribbon Cutting on the Somerville Community Path – June 22

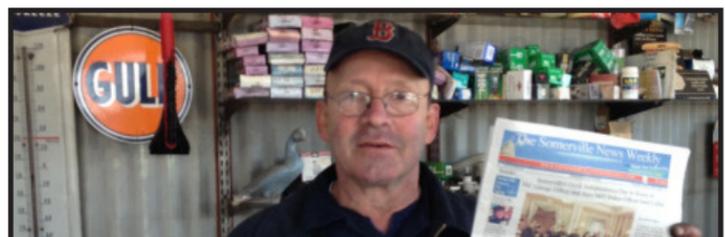


Please join MassCEC, SolarOne and the City of Somerville for a Solar Lighting Ribbon Cutting on the Somerville Community Path to celebrate the installation of innovative, motion sensitive solar-powered lights.
Featured Speakers:
Mayor Joseph Curtatone, City of Somerville
Alicia Barton, CEO, MassCEC
Moneer Azzam, President, SolarOne
WHEN:
Monday, June 22 at 2:00 PM
WHERE:
Somerville Community Path
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Somerville Council on Aging Calendar of Events



UPCOMING EVENTS

Foundations of Knowledge Lecture Series – If you haven't attended one of these lectures you just don't know what you are missing. The next one is scheduled for August and the title of the lecture is, "When Johnny Comes Marching Home (Again)... Affordable Housing After WWII." The Foundations of Knowledge Lecture Series is an educational program that brings a series of low-cost, themed lectures to you each month. A nominal fee of \$20. will include five, one-hour long lectures in any one subject area. Or, if you prefer to take in a variety of different subjects, each lecture we present costs \$5. If you do attend the three (3) lectures in the same subject area you will receive a "Foundations of Knowledge Subject Matter" Certificate. Attend all lectures and receive a "Foundations of Knowledge Humanities Aficionado" Certificate. Series themes include, but not limited to: Art & Art History, The Many Voices of Music and American Literature. Please contact Janine Lott at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 for more details and to sign up for these wonderful lectures.

Afternoon at the Movies – Monday, June 22nd – 12:30 P.M. in the Atrium on our Holland Street Center. This month we are showing "Still Alice" starring Oscar winner Julianne Moore. The movie runs 1 hour and 39 minutes. Please call Josephine at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 for additional information or to sign up.

Conversations about Dementia – Wednesday, June 24th – Noon – 2:00 P.M. at our Holland Street Center – This is the 3rd in a 4 part series on "Caregiver Education" – This workshop offers tips on difficult topics, the importance of going to the doctor for a diagnosis or follow-up, concerns about driving and much more – To register please contact our social worker, Suzanne Norton at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 – Presented by the Alzheimer's Association – Please note that this workshop is intended for caregivers only and is NOT appropriate for persons with dementia to attend.

Summer Fun Fridays – Museum and Cultural outings on the following Fridays – July 17th – The Anderson Auto Museum / July 24th – The Fruitlands Museum / July 31st – Institute of Contemporary Art / August 14th – John F. Kennedy Library and Museum / August 28th – The Griffin Museum of Photography. All trips depart from our Holland Street Center at 9:00 A.M. Trip prices will vary depending upon mode of transportation. Lunch is always on your own and at your own expense. Space is extremely limited so please call Janine Lotti at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to reserve your spot. Caregiver & Respite Services – Tuesday, July 21st – 6:00 – 7:00 P.M. at our Holland Street Center – This is the last in a 4 part series on "Caregiver Education" – This will explain the nuances of caregiver and respite care services presented

by Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services. Guest speaker Colleen Morrissey – to register for this event please call 617-625-6600 ext. 2300

Lantana's – Tuesday, July 21st – Departing our Ralph & Jenny Center at 10:15 A.M. with an approximate return time of 4:45 P.M. Lunch choice of Chicken Marsala or Baked Scrod, salad, vegetables, mashed potatoes, rolls, coffee and dessert. A fee of \$82. includes transportation, lunch and entertainment by Ron Gartner and his band as they play a rocking salute to Bandstand and Motown music. Please call Connie at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to reserve your spot or for more information.

Hu Ke Lau – Tuesday, August 11th – departing 9:00 A.M. from our Ralph & Jenny Center and 9:15 A.M. at our Holland Street Center. A fee of \$84.- covers transportation, The Triple Lobsterfeast (triple lobster or prime rib, rolls with butter, baked potato, green beans, ice cream & coffee) as well as The Riverboat Ramblers Show. Please contact Connie or Kim at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to reserve your spot or for additional information.

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

Boston Red Sox vs. Toronto Blue Jays in Toronto – Thursday, September 17th – Saturday, September 19th – \$479.-/DO \$629.-/SO ...Come join us as we take in a Red Sox game and see the beauty of Niagara Falls as well as Cooperstown. 3 days / 2 nights include roundtrip deluxe motorcoach – 2 nights at the Courtyard Marriott Hotel – 2 full American Breakfasts – Niagara Falls, Niagara on the Falls Vineyard Tours & Tasting, Red Sox vs. Blue Jays baseball game seating – The Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY, baggage & room tax. Check-in time is 6:30 A.M. at our Ralph & Jenny Center on Thursday, September 17th with an approximate return time of 8:00 P.M. on Saturday, September 19th. **PASSPORT REQUIRED** and upon registration a copy is requested – Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 The Beach Boys at Venus DeMilo – Wednesday, September 23rd – for a fee of \$81. You will see brothers; Brian, Dennis & Carl Wilson, their cousin Mike Love and friend Al Jardine perform their big hits. You will also enjoy lunch with a choice of Baked Chicken or Baked Scrod – includes minestrone soup, vegetables and dessert as well as coffee or tea. Check in time and return time have yet to be determined. Please contact Connie for additional information or to reserve your spot at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

All Aboard! Hart's Turkey Farm & The Tilton Outlets – Thursday, October 8th – Departing our Holland Street Center at 8:30 A.M. and our Ralph & Jenny Center at 8:45 A.M. with an approximate return time of 5:30 P.M. A fee of \$86. Includes, transportation & lunch in the dining car (roast turkey, whipped potatoes, butternut squash, beverage and dessert.) Beautiful fall foliage, great gift shop and a mystery stop that is sure to sweeten your day. Please call Connie at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to reserve your spot or if you would like any additional information.

Danversport Yacht Club – Italian Festival – Wednesday, October 21st – Departing our Holland Street Center at 10:15 A.M. and our Ralph & Jenny Center at

10:30 A.M. with an approximate return time of 4:30 P.M. A fee of \$77. includes transportation, lunch (Chicken Parmesan with Penne Pasta or Baked Scrod, soft cheese & crackers, salad, rolls/bread, mashed potatoes, dessert, coffee/tea) and Fran Zarba and Ray Covicchio will entertain us with Italian songs. Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to reserve your spot or if you have any questions.

LGBT EVENTS
LGBT Advisory Group – Monday, July 13th – 4:30 P.M. at our Holland Street Center. We are looking for new members and would love to have you as part of our group. This group meets the 2nd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies.
LGBT Monthly Lunch – Monday, July 13th – 11:30 A.M. at our Holland Street Center. A choice between hot and cold lunch provided by Somerville Cambridge Elder Services. The July menu can be found at http://eldercare.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/Menu_Jul_MOWComCafe.pdf This lunch happens the 2nd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies.
LGBT Dinner & Movie Night – Monday, July 20th – 5:30 P.M. at our Holland Street Center. This event happens the 3rd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies. *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.
PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT INFORMATION
Friendly Caller Program
 Do you know someone who could benefit from a friendly call? Maybe you are feeling isolated and want someone to talk to – or you just want someone to listen. Please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to sign up for our "Friendly Caller" Program.
 The trip to Luciano's with entertainment by the Drifters scheduled for Tuesday, June 23rd is **SOLD OUT**.
 The Mohegan / Foxwoods trip scheduled for Thursday & Friday, June 25th & 26th is **SOLD OUT**.
 The dance scheduled for Monday, June 29th at the Holiday Inn is **SOLD OUT**.
 The supper & bingo night at Hanscom Air Force Base is **SOLD OUT**.
GROUP INFORMATION*
Men's Group – Meets the first Tuesday of each month from 10:30 to 11:30 A.M. This group is facilitated by our volunteer, Norbert DeAmato. Are you recently retired? Looking to connect with other men in the community? Join our men's group where you can connect with old friends and make new ones. All men 55 and over are welcome. Come chat about what is on your mind! If you have any questions or require additional information, please give us a call at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300.
Caregiver Support Group – Meets the third Tuesday of each month from 6:00 to 7:30 P.M. Our Social Worker, Natasha Naim, facilitates this group. Are you caring for a parent, relative, spouse or close friend? Feeling

isolated or overwhelmed? You are not alone! Come share your experience and practical support. Open to all and new members are always welcome. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 and ask to speak to Natasha.
Veterans Group – Meets the third Monday of each month from 9:30 to 10:30 A.M. Our Social Worker, Suzanne Norton, facilitates this group. Are you a veteran? The Veterans Group is the perfect opportunity to socialize, have solidarity, to reminisce and to meet other veterans. If you are interested or require additional information, please call 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 and ask for Suzanne.
Low Vision Support Group – Meets the second (2nd) Tuesday of each month from 10:30 to 11:30 A.M. Our Social Worker, Suzanne Norton, facilitates this group. Do you know someone who has trouble seeing? Do you have low vision? Join our Low Vision Support Group for educational and informative information and peer support in a confidential environment. Lunch and transportation may be available on request. Please call Suzanne at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 if you are interested in attending, have any questions or require additional information.
Current Events Group – Meets every Thursday from 10:00 to 11:00 A.M. Our Social Worker, Natasha Naim, facilitates this group. Join a group of your peers to discuss current events. Please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 for additional information or if you have any questions.
Book Club – Meets the first Friday of each month from 10:00 to 11:30 A.M. Senior Project Manager, Janine Lotti, facilitates this group. Group members choose both fiction and non-fiction titles on a quarterly basis. Books are available on reserve at the Central Branch of the Somerville Library. Contact Janine at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2321 or JLotti@Somervillema.gov if you require additional information.
Gardening Club – Meets the second Monday of each month starting at 9:00 A.M. and running for an hour most times. Our volunteer, Vilma Sullivan, facilitates this group. A different topic each month ranging from gardening tips & secrets to inexpensive "greenhouses."
 Please contact Senior Project Manager, Janine Lotti at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2321 or JLotti@Somervillema.gov if you have any questions or require additional information.
The Moonlighters – Meets every Monday at 10:30 A.M. and runs September through June. Led by Somerville Youth Arts Coordinator, Jimmy DelPonte, the Moonlighters are an older version of the SunSetters. If you like to sing then this group is for you. Sometimes taking their skills on the road. Contact our main office at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 if you should require additional information.
Brain Games – Meets the first Tuesday of each month starting at 10:00 A.M. This group is facilitated by our volunteers Eileen Jones & Jan Ciganelli. Engaging as a group in brain healthy activities. Proven that keeping the mind active can actually reverse the signs of aging and improve memory and cognitive functioning. Contact the main office at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to sign up!
Senior Housing 101 – Meets the last Tuesday of every month from 10:00 to 11:30 A.M. Social Worker, Natasha Naim will be facilitating this group. Participants can learn about the range of options that older adults have when thinking about where to live. Please call Natasha at 617-

625-6600 ext. 2317 to sign up!
 *All these groups meet at our Holland Street Center located at 167 Holland Street
GROUP INFORMATION
English Conversations – Meets every Tuesday & Wednesday at 10:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. at our Cross Street Center located at 165 Broadway. Janine Lotti, Senior Projects Manager and Sandy Francis, Cross Street Center Volunteer work together to facilitate this group. No books, no tests, no stress – just a great group of older adults from all over the world who help each other to listen, speak and learn English.
CENTER LOCATIONS, TIMES & SCHEDULES
 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 us a call with any questions or to make a reservation! 617-625-6600 ext. 2300. Stay for lunch and receive free transportation.
Holland Street: located at 167 Holland Street (between Davis Square and Teele Square)
 *Monday through Friday 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.
 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300
 *Our Holland Street Center will be serving lunch on Monday, Thursday & Fridays only until further notice.
Cross Street Center: located at 165 Broadway (East Somerville)
 Tuesday & Wednesday 10:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.
 (617) 625-6600 Ext. 2335

Ralph and Jenny Center: located at 9 New Washington Street, (behind the Holiday Inn)
 Tuesday through Thursday 8:30 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.
 (617) 666-5223
STAY ACTIVE
Walking & Talking Group – Starting Monday, May 4th at 8:30 A.M. – out of our Holland Street Center. We'll take a gentle 30 minute walk around the community every Monday – meeting in the downstairs lobby of the Holland Street Center. Become more active – make new friends – boost your brain power – feel healthier. For more information or to sign up please contact Chris Kowaleski our Health & Wellness Coordinator at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315.
 The award winning Fit-4-Life Program is NOW at our Cross Street Center – 165 Broadway – And there are still some open spots!!! A unique combination of exercise and nutritional support opportunity under the direct supervision of a certified exercise trainer and participate in individual and group counseling with a nutritionist. The cost to you is \$10.- a month that gives you access to fitness & nutritional Fit-4-Life classes each week. Limited scholarships are available – Need more information? Please contact Chris Kowaleski our Health & Wellness Coordinator at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315 or email him at CKowaleski@somervillema.gov This is for older adults 55+ Space is limited so sign up early!
Weekly Exercise Class Schedule
Holland = (H) Ralph & Jenny = (R) Cross Street = (C)
Mondays:
 8:30 Walking / Talking Group (H)
 8:30 Fit-4-Life Group C (H)
 12:00 Nutrition Counseling with Mimi (H)
 1:00 Fit-4-Life (H)
Tuesdays:
 9:15 Strengthening – \$3 per class (H)
 12:15 Fit-4-Life Cross Street (C)
 1:00 Dalcroze Eurhythmics – \$2.00 (H)
 6:00 LBT Fit 4 Life (H)
Wednesdays:

8:45 Fit 4 Life* Group A (H)
 9:00 Fit 4 Life* Group B (H)
 12:00 Fit 4 Life* Group C (H)
 5:15 Zumba for All – \$3 per class (H)
Thursdays:
 9:00 Yoga (H)
 9:30 Strengthening – \$3 per class (RJ)
 6:00 LBT Fit 4 Life*
Fridays:
 8:45 Fit 4 Life* Group A
 9:55 Fit 4 Life* Group B
 11:00 Nutrition Counseling with Mimi
 *All Fit 4 Life classes are \$10/ month and require pre-registration**If you are interested in our Yoga classes, please call Chris Kowaleski, our Health & Wellness Coordinator at 617-625-6600, Ext. 2315.
UPCOMING SCHEDULE
Monday, June 22nd
 8:30 Walking/Talking Group (H)
 11:30 Lunch (H)
 12:00 Nutrition Counseling with Mimi (H)
 12:30 Afternoon at the Movies (Showing Still Alice) (H)
Tuesday, June 23rd
 9:30 Reminiscing with Jimmy (H)
 10:00 English Conversation (C)
 10:00 Scarves for Soldiers (RJ)
 10:00 Cards (RJ)
 11:30 Lunch (RJ, C)
 12:00 Computer tutorial with Norbert (by appointment only) (H)
 12:45 Bingo (RJ)
Drifters
Wednesday, June 24th
 10:00 Cards (RJ)
 10:00 English Conversation (C)
 11:30 Lunch (H, RJ, C)
 12:00 Caregivers Workshop / Tips for Family Conversations about Dementia
 12:45 Bingo (RJ)
HAFB
Thursday, June 25th
 10:00 Cards (RJ)
 10:00 Scarves for Soldiers (RJ)
 10:00 Blood Pressure Screening (RJ, H)
 10:00 Current Events (H)
 11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara (by appointment only) (H)
 11:30 Lunch (H, RJ)
 12:45 Bingo (RJ, H)
Foxwoods / Mohegan
Friday, June 26th
 11:00 Nutrition Counseling with Mimi (H)
 11:30 Lunch
 12:45 Bingo
Foxwoods / Mohegan
Monday, June 29th
 8:30 Walking/Talking Group (H)
 11:30 Lunch (H)
 12:00 Nutrition Counseling with Mimi (H)
Holiday Inn Dance
Tuesday, June 30th
 10:00 English Conversation (C)
 10:00 Scarves for Soldiers (RJ)
 10:00 Cards (RJ)
 10:00 Senior Housing 101 (H)
 11:30 Lunch (RJ, C)
 12:00 Computer tutorial with Norbert (by appointment only) (H)
 12:45 Bingo (RJ)
Holland = (H) Ralph & Jenny = (R) Cross Street = (C)
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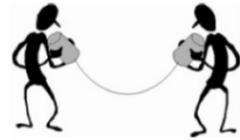
Somerville by Design's Union Square Plan Open House



Stop by Somerville by Design's Union Square Plan Open House on Wednesday, June 24 to see the ideas your neighbors have for the future of Union Square. The open house will be held at the old Union Square Post Office, 237 Washington St., starting at 6:30pm.

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BEFORE AFTER

Letter to the Editor: Stop the Blaming Game



Dear Alderman,

We need to stop the finger pointing and the blaming and take this as an opportunity to come together to create solutions. I propose that a committee is created that involves stakeholders to look at how current fields can be allocated, how to create the funding/grants needed to renovate our parks and identify new areas in the city that can be repurposed to gain additional playing space. This committee should consist of:

- Two Aldermen, who can remain non-biased
- Director of Parks & Open Spaces, Arn Franzen
- Director of Recreation & Youth, Jill Lathan
- DPW Commissioner, Stan Koty
- Head of Athletics at SHS
- Selected Coaches from Baseball, Football, and Soccer
- A select group of parents, and business leaders

Our coaches from all our youth leagues work full time jobs, and volunteer their personal time to mentor, teach, and coach players all without stipends or funding. We need to put more resources and funding into our young players to ready them for the rigor of high school sports and to better prepare them to play against our surrounding cities/towns. We need to provide them with appropriate space for games and practices. Turning Trum and Conway fields over to soccer is not the answer. It's a quick fix that will create many more issues down the road. Our baseball players have game time, but it is so difficult to get practice time as the fields are booked – what happens when other sport teams are requesting these two fields? We need to look for a solution that works for the majority – not just one group.

In reviewing the City budget, there is:

- \$75,000 budgeted in a gift account for educational, recreational and cultural uses
- There are multiple grants for the Arts with over \$875,000 from two foundations – let's make our youth sports program a priority and get some grant money to strengthen existing programs.)
- Through the SomerVision Goals there is FY15 Projected Revenue from Dilboy and the Ice Rink of approximately \$840,000
- We are paying \$60,000 in professional & tech services for a full-time arborist to preserve, protect and enhance the city's tree canopy – INVEST in our Kids – they are the future of this city.

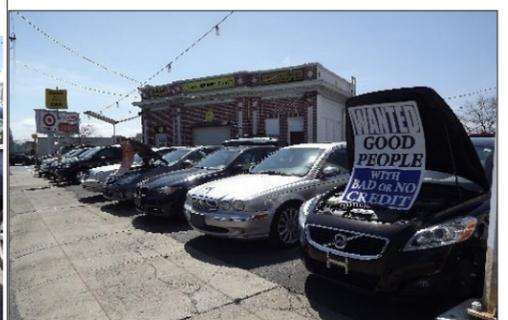
The point is – if it is important – the money can be obtained. All of our kids need to be made a priority. As elected and paid Officials, I am asking you to be objective and to look for alternative solutions rather than just bullying or caving into accepting what works for one group. And, if you are not up to the challenge of representing all of your constituents than step down and let's elect someone who represents all of us.

I'm not placing blame, I'm willing to help.
Susan James Leyva

Help Us Find This Missing Person for His Family



Mark Cafferty:
Little brother of Dan and Michael Cafferty. On 3/4/15 it was Mark's 50th birthday. He's been missing since his dad passed away in 2006. On behalf of his two brothers, Michael Cafferty and Dan Cafferty of Somerville, they ask for your prayers that Mark is happy, healthy and celebrating his 50th birthday! God Bless!
Any information regarding the whereabouts of Mark Cafferty, please contact the Somerville News Weekly at (617)293-2016. All calls will be





Somerville Seniors Enjoy Old Fashion Barbecue on Somerville's Waterfront Continued from front page



By William Tauro

This past Thursday afternoon over one hundred local seniors from the Somerville Council on aging enjoyed a scrumptious home cooked barbecue hosted by the Winter Hill Yacht Club. There were handmade

cheeseburgers, hotdogs, watermelon, salads, ice cream, raffles and much much more. DJ Hank spun the tunes for the seniors and provided many memorable summer songs for the seniors to enjoy themselves while they were dining overlooking the waterfront.

Somerville Coa Director Cindy Hicky, Ward 2 Alderman Maryann Heuston and Ward 1 Alderman Matthew McLaughlin, Somerville Police Community Officer and Marianne Manfra were all on hand at the event assisting Commodore Joe Dunne and his dedicated crew of the Winter Hill

Yacht Club members as well as Somerville Lions Club member Vivaldo Meneses Jr prepare and serve the meal to the crowd. Over the years, the Somerville Winter Hill Yacht Club's hospitality has become a valuable asset as well as a good neighbor and partnering with the

city of Somerville assisting and hosting events for the seniors of the Council on Aging to make every experience at the club a memorable event.

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Here's this Week's Somervillen Voice Topic of the Week Choice and You Decide!



Letter to the Editor: Mayor Curtatone's Secret Citizen Initiative Will Cause Divide Between City Employees and Residents

By Izak Shapiro

On April 14th, an article appeared in The Boston Globe to introduce the Somerville "Secret Resident Program."

Via Somervillema.gov, the goal of the program is: "to evaluate and improve our customer service standards across all City Departments and to better serve our constituents." The mayor's office asks for volunteers to go through a brief customer service training session, where the volunteers will be given a "script and an exit survey for every evaluation of City services," per Somervillema.gov.

This program is unethical. Plain and simple. The

Globe article was the first broad public announcement. As Somerville residents we can understand where the mayor's office is coming from; the ultimate intent—to better the services of the city for its residents—comes from a good place....doing so through spies disguised as residents will result in the exact opposite of the program's intent.

Trust cannot be gained through illusion. On micro levels in communities across the United States, the rift between residents and city employees—and the communication gap widening that rift—is as visible and obvious as it has ever been. In Somerville, clearly, the desire for improvement

burns strongly. Attempting to traverse the rift in the dark, through a spy program, will result in a firestorm.

Somerville employees should be treated appropriately: not subjected to the constant possibility of a false interaction with a fellow resident whose primary goal is to unearth a wrong-doing. Bettering the work of city employees needs to be accomplished through improved management, more thorough training, and an overall level of greater attention paid to the working environment and conditions of Somerville city employees.

The Mayor's Office has already violated worker's rights by implementing

this program without allowing for collective bargaining: Chapter 150 E of Massachusetts state law asserts the rights for all city employees to bargain for "terms and conditions of employment." The Mayor's Office's choice to skirt worker's rights reflects the larger issue their resident program will attempt to solve—inadequate management, subpar working conditions, and rude interactions—if they truly want to solve those issues, they must look in the mirror. Perception and perspective dictate our interpretations of all interactions. Viewing the adequacy of an employee through the eyes of a spy will undoubtedly result in a

confirmation bias tainted with negativity. Issues must be brought into the daylight. Let's stop fumbling in the dark. Let's not believe spying on each other is the best solution. Instead, we should use the original intent behind the "Secret Resident Program" as the impetus for open dialogue, a focus on bettering worker management, training, and environment, and ultimately as the impetus for a better Somerville for all, workers and residents equally.



Does this topic deserve to be the "Somervillen Voice Topic of the Week", we don't know who does so you decide!

The Somervillen Voice Request Line

Looking for this weeks topic! Send it in to us today!

We've decided to take a different approach on local topics and introduce "The Somervillen Voice!"

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This fine city is made up of so many nice people and that sometimes only they need a little encouragement to make it a little better. Thus electing weekly candidates as the "Weekly "Somervillen Voice Topic of the Week!"

Local topic controversy and discussion is good, good for the community and good for blood flow!

What topic is the most deserving of that title for the world to see for any recent good deed or mind boggling thing that may have recently occurred in our city!

Send all your "Somervillen Voice" candidate choices to: Wmtauro@bostonnewsgroup.com or call: (617)293-2016

All calls and contacts are kept strictly confidential!

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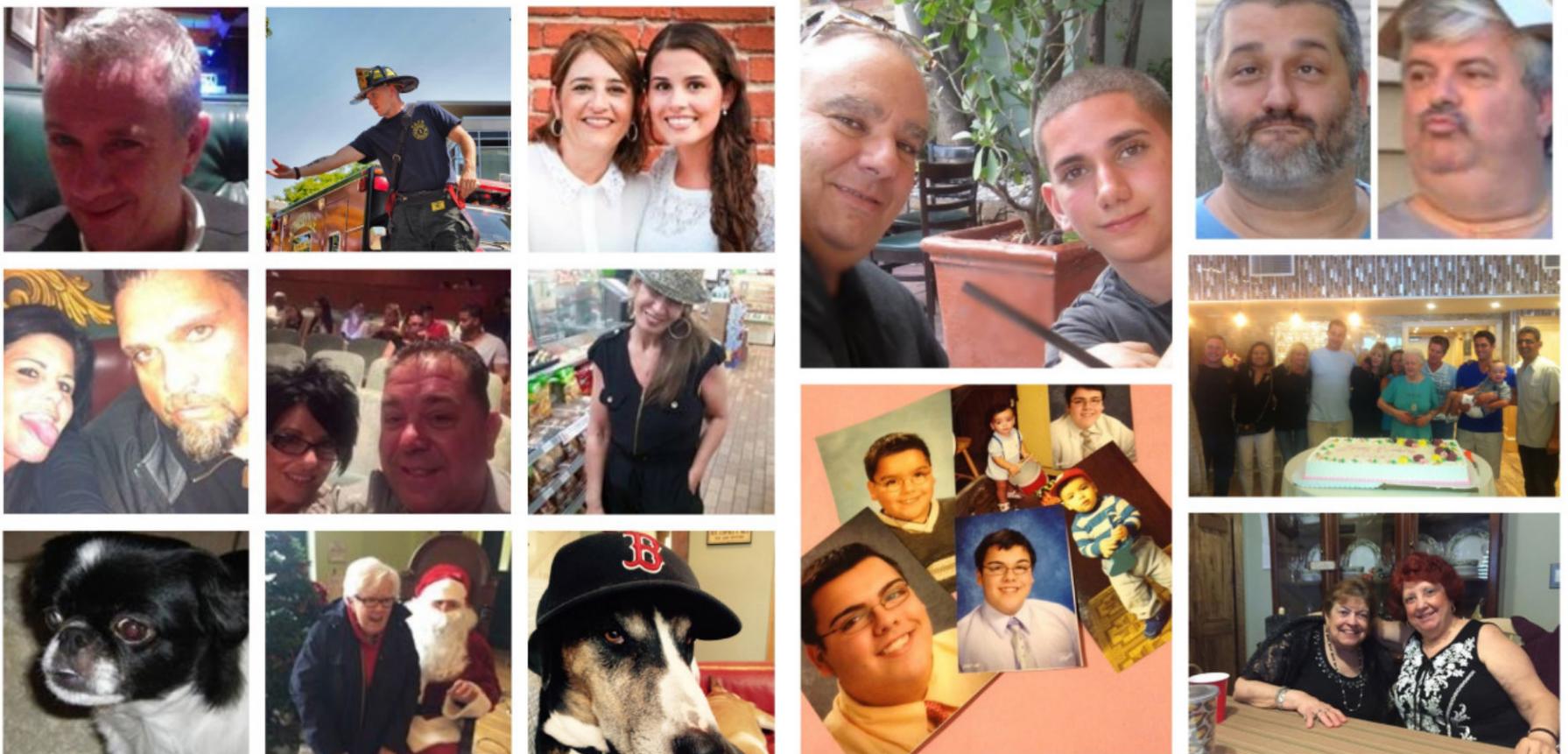
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The Somerville News Weekly Favorite Birthday Photo Series



Many Villens in the Ville this week celebrating their birthdays! Happy Birthday greetings go out to John Eleftherakis of "Johns Auto Sales", Mike Delgizzi, Roger Fisk, Karen A. Jenner, Kathy Esquivel, Donna Itrato Nichols, Darren "Bubba" Rankin, Joe Hamel, Isabella Rotola, Josh McCann, Maria Clark, Happy 85th Birthday to Jean McLean, Roy & Billy Desrochers and our good friend Philip Benevides!



Happy one year wedding anniversary to Judy and Al Baldasaro.



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Tommy O'Connor

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There are so many little vignette's people do in their yards I would like to show them. And so, I added two this week.

- 1. Columbus Ave
 - 2. Columbus Ave
- I find so many interesting things in the yards of Somerville, I thought, well, hey, why not show them off too?
- 3. Backyard meanderings, Columbus Ave
 - 4. Backyard meanderings, Columbus Ave (Same yard)
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What's Going on in the Mystic River



By William Tauro

This past week a motorized floating harvesting machine maneuvered it's way around the Mystic River banks removing evasive water chestnuts that have taken over the entire area.

Mayors Vision on Mystic River



Hard as it may be to imagine, in another decade the Mystic River could be clean enough for swimming.

SCALE GRADUATION in SOMERVILLE



By Kristin Capezio

If you missed the 2015 Somerville Center for Adult Learning Experiences graduation you are in for a treat with this recap.

The event began with a trickle of awardees, families and students entering the building just after 6pm. Students checked in with the Hi Set, ADP or ELL coordinators and scurried over to collect and dress in their caps and gowns. In the meantime, family members, teachers and counselors comingled in the front lobby, talking about the year's accomplishments and the achievements to come.

Right at 7pm, the event kicked off with

all graduates entering the auditorium to a standing ovation. Together, we shared in a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance led by Superintendent Pierantozzi. Over a hundred audience members rose to face the American flag. Then, SCALE's chief supervisor, Janice Philpot opened the ceremony with a warm welcome and introduction of SCALE, its services, students and employees. The first of several awards given last night was the Eileen B. Strier Memorial. This award was given to a student who has persevered through many struggles in order to accomplish her goals. She was in shock that evening, finding out only moments before that she was the award recipient. Her family cheered from their seats, surprised as well at the great honor. Congratulations, Alexandra Doucette! Next in the evening's procession was the Susan L. Barnard award. Susan could not be present to award personally, so she sent her daughter to do the honor. Her daughter, Danyel Barnard, presented the award to a student who came to SCALE from the Ivory Coast. This student struggled to save up money to come to the United States after years of working and raising her 7 siblings. She sat on stage with officials from the Somerville Public School System for the entire evening. Her name is Estere Koffi and she is truly an inspiration to those who want more for themselves and their families. She is model student and we were proud to call her a member of the SCALE student body. Her dream

is to become a surgical nurse and we believe she will get there. As the next phase of the ceremony began, ELL teachers Laura Brooks and Jennifer Barrett took the stage. The ELL Graduates have completed all of the studies in the ELL program and are ready to attend Adult Basic Education Classes. The ELL student speaker last evening was Nadia Chraichira. She shared with the audience her triumphs and tribulations getting through the ELL classes. These struggles and successes resonated with many students from both the ABE and ELL programs. So often, one needs a support system at home, a reasonable means of transportation, the personal motivation to continue, and the security of knowing that in their absence, family will be taken care of. That makes adult education incredibly challenging to balance but Nadia is an example of how, in one family, it could be done. A notable speech of the evening came from the Hi Set student speaker. The Hi Set Test is the state's new, enhanced GED. Throughout the changeover process and adoption by the state of Massachusetts, Hi Set has been criticized for being much harder than the GED, across all subjects. As each year passes, it is true, students are expected to know more and have developed more strategies for applying what they learned. The underlying theme of all those who spoke on behalf of Hi-Set was to continue in the face of failure and understand that commitment to

learning is a lifelong endeavor. Still, speaker Nathaniel Impert, Hi Set Achiever in the 2015 SY, had the most prolific words to share. He said that America is a place where you can reach your dreams. Our country is a great one that provides an education to all those who wish to learn—no matter what age, or race, creed or gender. His remarks on American culture and community, and his gratitude to America for his continued success garnered major cheers from the audience members. It is often easy for those of us born in a country where public education is free and accessible to all, where books and materials are provided, and the establishments have electricity and plumbing 24 hours a day, to forget that there are dozens of countries and hundreds of cities where these conditions simply do not exist. He is truly a lifelong learner and his path to a fulfilling academic career has only just begun. The ceremony closed with a lively turning-of-the-tassels hosted by Janice Philpot. Students were going from those without a recognized high school education equivalency to those newly endowed with one. All members of the SCALE and Somerville Public School Community that spoke at the ceremony supported the idea that commencement is simultaneously the end of a chapter, for some long and for some very short, and the start of a new one. This benchmark would hopefully lead students to the additional training they desire, a raise at work, or university

education. What's profound about the graduation, and about SCALE, and Hi Set, and ADP, is that it expresses the volume of alternate education options available for students. The mainstream high school experience is not a positive one for all. Many students benefit from learning in different settings and being given opportunities to express what they know in a variety of ways. We hope to be there for the students who want another try on a different path. We will be there for them in the future, as we have in the past, and celebrating their victories along the way. If you are interested in viewing all of the photos from the Graduation Ceremony, find us on FB: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Somerville-Center-for-Adult-Learning-Experiences/1480509312221522>





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Highway Robbery, Hijacked Parking Spaces in Somerville Continued from front page



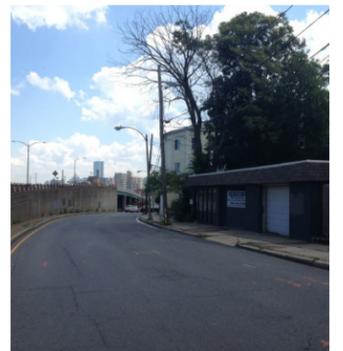
The new parking regulations came into affect after this notice was posted in local newspapers for the past three weeks including this paper on page 29 that reads: THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION BY THE POWER VESTED IN IT THROUGH A SPECIAL ACT OF THE LEGISLATURE, CHAPTER 397 OF THE ACTS OF 1978, HEREBY AMENDS THE TRAFFIC ORDINANCES WITH THE ADDITION OF

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our groceries?" "Where can our family and friends park that want to come to visit us?" "This is totally unfair, we feel as if we were robbed!" In a phone interview with Excel, a mechanical company that has an office and shop located on McGrath Highway, an employee of the company said " How are we supposed to receive our stock deliveries?" "We can't even unload supplies from our vehicles without getting a parking ticket now!" One business owner that we've talked to who preferred not to give his name with fear of any retaliation from the city said that "This monstrosity is going to put us out of business as well as all the other businesses on this road out of business within a year!" "These buildings have been here for over one hundred years and all of

a sudden people from other parts of the city are telling them how to live our lives and not to park in front front of their own buildings." with a look of disgust on his face he continued to say "It was bad enough when they took away parking on the opposite side of the street but now both sides of the street totally ridiculous and uncalled for!" He went on to say that "Business is bad enough with one side of the street parking gone but now with both sides gone so are our customers." "We're even more outraged to find out about the plan that illuminated the parking spots now calls to install bikepaths and that's even more of a slap in the face!" "Since these signs went up last week the entire street is a ghost town!" The residents and business

owners that we talked to on this street are planning to have signatures gathered and petitions signed to fight the order.





ANNUAL PARKOUR 'AMERICAN RENDEZVOUS WEEKEND' RETURNS TO SOMERVILLE JUNE 26-28



Residents of all athletic abilities welcome.

SOMERVILLE – For the third year, Somerville will host the annual American Rendezvous weekend (ARDV) from June 26 to June 28, gathering parkour practitioners to participate in training sessions led by elite coaches from across the country and abroad.

Parkour is a form of movement rooted in a variety of physical disciplines –

gymnastics, martial arts, climbing, breakdancing, and track – and its popularity has grown rapidly in the Boston metropolitan area. The 2015 ARDV weekend is sponsored in part by the City of Somerville, Somerville Recreation, and Shape Up Somerville. ARDV is open to adults and high-school students (age 14+) of all experience levels and athletic backgrounds. It is designed as a “melting-pot event” for people to meet and train with each other in a safe, fun, and hard-working atmosphere, while celebrating a healthy and active lifestyle.

The event will kick off with a half day of “Welcome Training,” plus an exclusive night training session for a limited number of participants on Friday evening, June 26. On June 27, the main event will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., both inside and outside the gym at Somerville High School (81 Highland Ave., atrium entrance). Participants

will train on a specially built and very creative “Scaffolding City.” A 90-minute lunch halfway through the day encourages participants to eat at nearby establishments endorsed by Shape Up Somerville and offering discounts to registrants. On Sunday, outdoor “parkour hotspots” will be visited in downtown Boston, enabling participants to train in the type of urban settings that originally gave birth to the sport in France.

The registration fee for the full weekend workshop is \$95/person, \$80 for the Saturday-Sunday session, or \$55 for just Saturday. Local high school students may also apply for partial or full scholarships, made possible through the generous sponsorship of several local businesses: Gentle Giant, New England College of Business, Middlesex Federal, Triumvirate Environmental, and Redbones. Several local restaurants are also offering significant discounts to reg-

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Parkour was born in the banlieues (suburbs) of Paris in the 1980s and is now one of the world’s fastest-growing sports.



Mayor Joseph Curtatone on MCAS Testing



Here’s the thing, I believe in a data-driven approach to problem solving. However, an MCAS test is fairly crude way of generating data about student and teacher performance. Our assessment tools should match the rigor we demand of our teachers and students. It’s like trying to measure an ocean with a ruler. We aren’t using the right tool for the job and we’re not getting the data that might lead us to better decisions.

Also, we spend a lot of time and money making sure our teachers are trained to be top flight educators, we should give them the ability to use their skills. Test-centric education limits what quality teachers can accomplish in the classroom. My interest as a parent is that my children get the best possible education, not that they be trained to take a test that will be irrelevant to their lives when they get older

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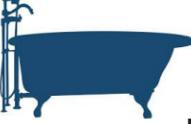
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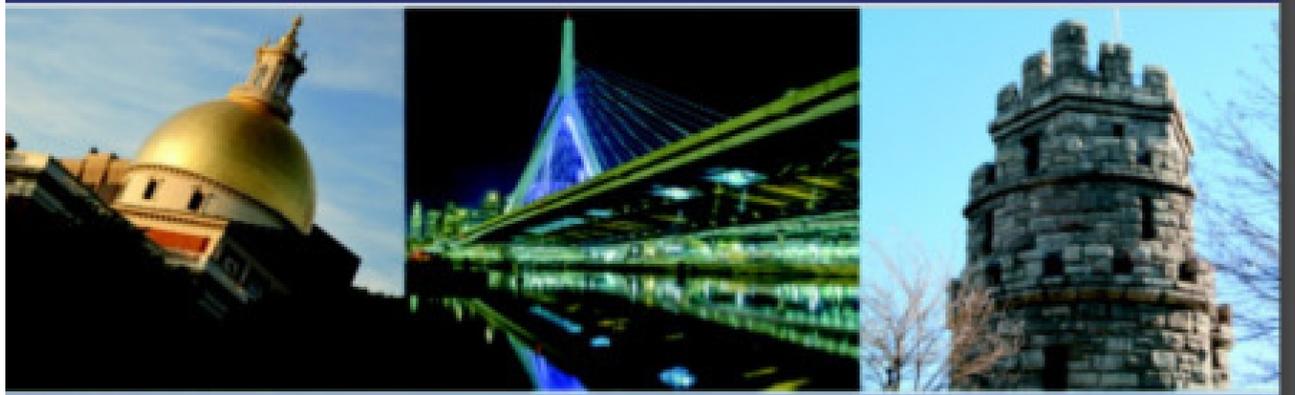
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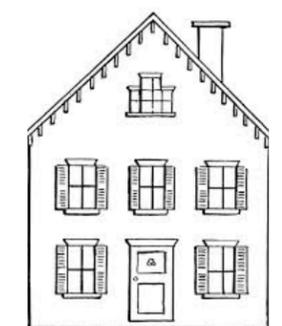


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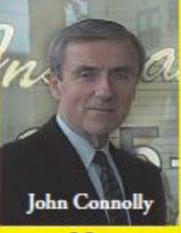
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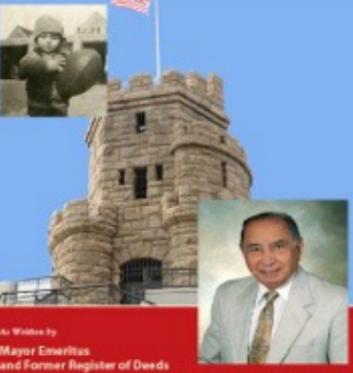
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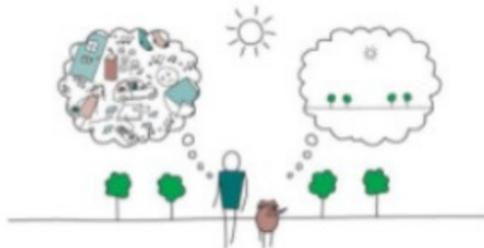
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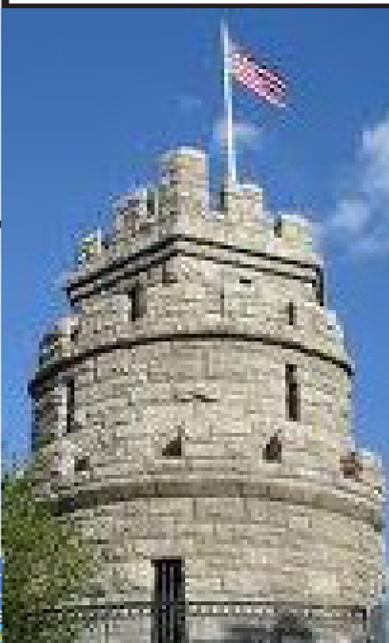
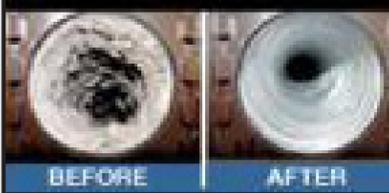
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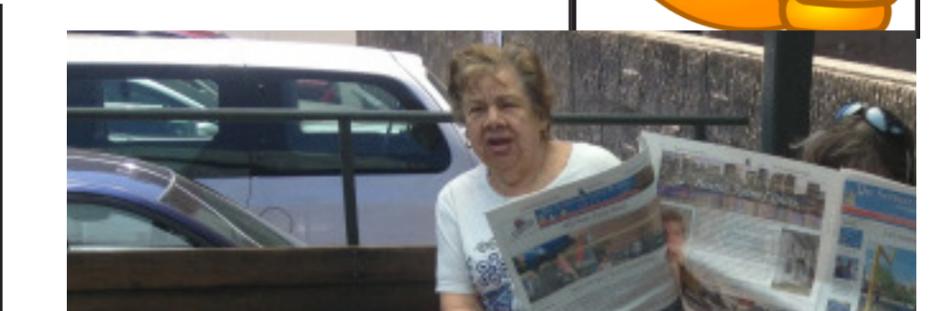
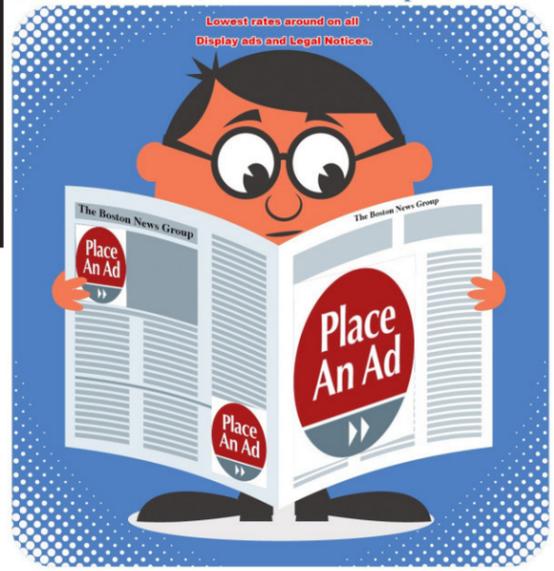
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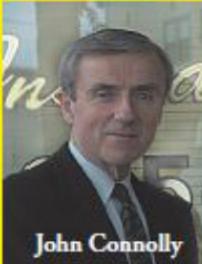
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- 2015-19 Rescind a portion of 2015-6 by removing the 90 day trial period
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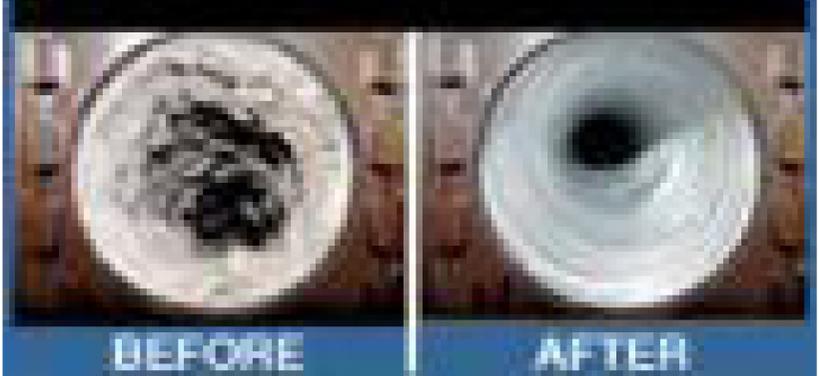
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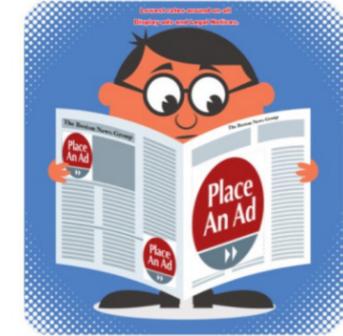
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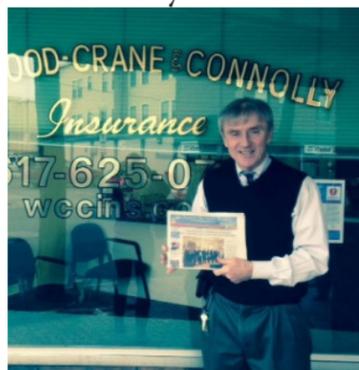
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Somerville High's Isaiah Lombardo Honored with Frank Kelly Adversity Award



Class of 2015 Somerville High School graduate, Isaiah Lombardo, was recently honored by the Massachusetts State Track Coaches Association, as a recipient of the Frank Kelly Adversity Awards. The award is given to Track and Cross Country athletes who have met adversity – either hardship, physical or mental disability, or circumstances requiring tremendous sacrifice – with courage. Frank Kelly has coached high school track for almost 60 years and dealt with his own physical disability with courage and dedication to generations of athletes. Isaiah, who was born with Down Syndrome, was a member of the Indoor & Outdoor Track & Field teams at Somerville High School for 2 years, competing in the Dash and the Shot Put events “with enthusiasm,” according to his coach Dave Dickerson. Coach Dickerson nominated Isaiah for this award. Isaiah was an extremely dedicated member of the team, rarely missing a day of practice (except for medical appointments or event conflicts). He also established a strong connection with his teammates. According to Coach Dickerson, “he and our team have benefited from a great learning experience and some very uplifting moments.” By the end of his senior season, Isaiah negotiated a full afternoon of practice with no special consideration other than regular coaching instruction and contact. He was a much beloved member of the SHS Class of 2015 graduating class, and will be taking Culinary Arts classes at Bunker Hill Community College next fall. Congratulations, Isaiah!

MIDDLESEX COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY MARIAN RYAN LAUNCHES “SUMMER SAFETY” AWARENESS CAMPAIGN



Photo by Dick Howe

Public/Private Partnership Highlights Tips for Pool, Window and Car Safety

Kids Can Explore Emergency Vehicles; Meet 1st Responders; Have Their Car Seat Checked Burlington, MA – With summer right around the corner Middlesex County District Attorney Marian Ryan is launching MDAO's annual “Summer Safety” educational campaign for parents, caretakers, and children. “It's the time of year when all of us, parents, caregivers, and grandparents, need to be reminded about the safety measures to be taken around pools and lakes, hot cars, and open windows,” said District Attorney Ryan. “Sharing this information again and again ensures that we are reaching as many people as possible to prevent possible tragedies, and it makes a difference.” MDAO's summer safety public awareness campaign aims to prevent accidental child deaths or serious injury by promoting water safety, preventing window falls and reminding parents to never leave a child alone in a car. “We advise residents to take extra precautions this season while by the water to avoid tragedy,” Burlington Chief of Police Michael Kent said. “Please ensure your pool is properly fenced in, covered when not in use and that

children are monitored and have a life jacket on at all times when poolside. The Burlington Police Department hopes the community has a safe and relaxing summer.” “School's out – let's do our best to keep our kids safe,” said Burlington Fire Chief Steve Yetman. “Educating children and their parents on safety measures is key to protecting our kids and ensuring a safe, healthy and enjoyable summer for everyone,” said Richard Raymond, CEO of Armstrong Ambulance. “We are proud to welcome our close community partners, the Burlington Police, Fire, and EMT Departments as well as Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan and support the ‘Summer Safety’ Awareness Campaign that will launch here today at Burlington Mall,” said Mike Connell, General Manager at Burlington Mall. Splash into a Safe Swim Season: Water Safety Of the estimated 5,000 children hospitalized each year due to unintentional drowning related incidents, 15% die in the hospital and 20% are left with permanent brain damage. It only takes 20 seconds for a child to drown and it can be in as little as 2-3 inches of water. The following are tips for parents and caregivers: · Actively supervise children at all times in any body of water Teach children to swim Teach children to never swim

alone Ensure that residential pools are locked and secure when not in use Keep climbable objects away from pool barriers Window Safety: Kids Can't Fly Falls are the leading cause of injury to children, and falls from windows involving young children are especially serious. On average, 14 children a day are injured in window falls. The most common injuries are head and brain trauma and extremity fractures. To prevent window falls, parents and caregivers should: Lock all unopened windows Open windows from the top down if possible Keep toys and furniture such as beds and sofas away from windows Install window stops to prevent windows from opening more than 4 inches Install window guards with a quick-release feature for emergencies Plant shrubs or place other soft material under windows to cushion potential falls Don't rely on screens to protect your child—screens do not protect children from falling out of windows. Check the Back Seat: Car Safety The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates a closed car, sitting in the summer sun, quickly turns into an oven, with temperatures rising

from 78 degrees to 100 degrees in just three minutes and to 125 degrees in 6-8 minutes. To keep children safe in and around cars, parents and caregivers should: · Never leave children alone in a parked vehicle, even when they are asleep or restrained and even if the windows are open. · Always lock your car and keep the keys out of children's reach. Make a habit of looking in the vehicle – front and back – before locking the door and walking away. · If a child is missing, check the vehicle first, including the trunk. · Ask your childcare provider to call you if your child does not show up for childcare. · Do things to remind yourself that a child is in the vehicle such as placing your purse, briefcase or something else you need in the back seat so that you will have to check the back seat when you leave the vehicle. Middlesex County is the largest county in Massachusetts and one of the largest counties in the country with 54 towns and cities and 26 colleges in urban, suburban, and rural areas, comprising over one quarter of the population of Massachusetts. The Middlesex District Attorney's Office has offices throughout the county, including in Ayer, Cambridge, Concord, Framingham, Lowell, Malden, Marlborough, Newton, Somerville, Waltham and Woburn.





JPRiZM: Taking Boston by Storm



By Via & RA
Arts and Entertainment
Directors
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VIASWORLD, a special events company based in Boston, has started to become an outlet for local artists to express themselves and show the city their talents. Last Thursday night, June 18, VIASWORLD attended the Red Room @ Cafe 939 in Boston to see singer-songwriter JPRiZM perform live. His music took

the audience from nodding to the beat to dancing on their feet. For a talented musician who mixes his own beats and writes his own music, he did a fantastic job in keeping the audience entertained with his versatile music. He depicted his sound quite well when saying, "I have no genre. I do everything, that's why I'm named JPRiZM. I like

to call it rock, house, and hip hop." Whether he was rapping, breaking it down with house, or jamming to the fabulous guitar solos, JPRiZM truly rocked the stage. What an outstanding performer and talented artist; definitely a must see. For a better look inside his music, go to www.facebook.com/VIASWORLD to see the footage from his perfor-

mance. JPRiZM's talents can also be viewed on his web site www.jprizm.com and his SoundCloud account www.soundcloud.com/jprizm.



Somerville High School Officially Breaks World Record



SOMERVILLE, MA – Fifty-nine (59) students at Somerville High School wanted to create a legacy by breaking a world record before the end of the

school year. On Friday, June 19th, the Guinness World Records Management Team confirmed that they had succeeded in doing so, issuing the following notice via email: "We are thrilled to inform you that 'Students of Somerville High School (MA)' are now the Guinness World Records Title Holder for Most Arm-Linked People To Stand Up Simultaneously." The student-organized "World Record Day" event held at

Somerville High School on June 2nd involved 59 students attempting to surpass the prior record number of 49 people to stand up simultaneously while their arms were linked, set by the Glory Global Solutions Management Team in Japan. The rules required all participants to sit on the ground with their arms-linked to each other, and attempt to stand-up as a circle. If any part of the body touched the ground, or if the link broke before everyone stood up, the attempt restarted.

Afterwards, photo and video evidence were submitted to the Guinness Headquarters in England for review. "I still cannot believe that we did it!" said Flavia Martins, class president. "What's more satisfying is that every student who participated was counted—it's an exciting achievement for our school." The official certificate will arrive at the school this summer and will be unveiled in the fall. Visit [http://www.guinnessworldrecords.com/world-records/most-](http://www.guinnessworldrecords.com/world-records/most-arm-linked-people-to-stand-up-simultaneously)

arm-linked-people-to-stand-up-simultaneously to see the official posting of Somerville High Schools' Guinness World Record achievement.



Free Summer Meals Program Kicks Off July 6, 2015



Somerville youth ages 18 and under can enjoy FREE summer meals prepared by Somerville's award-winning Food & Nutrition Services Department, courtesy

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a schedule of public sites, dates and meal times: BREAKFAST @ Foss Park/Pool: 10:30-10:45am, Mondays through Fridays (July 6 to August 21, 2015) BREAKFAST @ Kid-Stop – Powderhouse Park: 9:30-10:00am, Mondays through Thursdays (July 6 to August 14, 2015)

LUNCH @ Argenciano School Playground: 11:45am-12:15pm (Mondays through Thursdays, July 13 – 17, 2015) LUNCH @ Blessing of the Bay Boat House: 11:25-11:55am (Mondays through Fridays, July 6 to August 21, 2015) LUNCH @ Dilboy Pool: 12:15-12:30pm

(Mondays through Fridays, July 6 to August 21, 2015) LUNCH @ East Somerville Community School Playground: 11:45am-12:15pm (Mon. August 3 – 7) LUNCH @ Foss Park: 11:45am-12:15pm (Mondays through Thursdays, July 27 –

31, 2015) LUNCH @ Foss Park Pool: 12:05-12:30pm (Mondays through Fridays, July 6 to August 21, 2015) LUNCH @ Hodgkins Park: 11:45am-12:15pm (Mondays through Thursdays, July 6 – 10, 2015) LUNCH @ Kennedy School Playground: 11:45am-12:15pm

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Upcoming School Committee Meetings



Find the complete School Committee schedule, agendas and meeting minutes (as approved) online at http://www.somerville.k12.ma.us/school_committee. Monday, June 22, 6:00-6:50pm: Finance & Facilities Subcommittee Meeting at the SHS Library (81 Highland Ave.) Monday, June 22, 7:00pm: School Committee Meeting at the Somer-

ville High School Library (81 Highland Ave.) Community News & Events Somerville Recreation Spring & Summer Guide. Download the Somerville Recreational 2015 Spring & Summer Guide (<http://www.flipgorilla.com/p/23837411469433680/show>) to make plans for fun and active spring and summer seasons. For

more information about Somerville Recreation, visit <http://www.somerville.com/info>. Somerville Arts Discovery Camp. The Armory's Arts Discovery Camp will run from August 3rd-7th from 9:00-4:00pm for children ages 5-10. Arts Discovery Camp is a sliding-scale arts education program that offers multi-disciplinary artistic workshops encouraging campers

to investigate different art media through a wide variety of topics each day. To download a registration form, visit <http://artsatthearmory.org/learn/summer-2015/>. Email the completed form back to education@artsatthearmory.org or drop it off in person at the Armory. Questions? Contact us! Email education@artsatthearmory.org or call (617) 718-2191.

El Sistema Somerville's First Director Diane Cline Set to Embark on New Project

Somerville, MA – After three years at the helm of the Somerville Public Schools' newest music program, El Sistema Somerville's first program director Diane Cline will be leaving the program and embarking on a "Year of Donations" project. She will be leaving her full-time position as Director of the program effective June 30, 2015. Motivated by a desire to pursue new creative endeavors, Ms. Cline will immediately embark on her new project which includes playing and teaching engagements in the Azores Islands, Colombia, Scotland, and the Greater Boston area. "I want to continue to perform, teach, and build community relationships through music, but with more flexibility for some exciting

new opportunities. The concept of a 'Year of Donations' is something I've been wanting to do for a while, but have never been brave enough to try until now," Cline explained. "It is essentially an opportunity to give my talents and skills freely, and graciously accept anything given in return. It's something I need to do as an artist and a global citizen, and I'm looking forward to seeing how the project unfolds." Founded in 2012 under the leadership of Rick Saunders, Music Department Head for the Somerville Public Schools, the El Sistema Somerville program has grown over the course of three years to provide daily after-school orchestral music education to students on violin, viola, cello, bass, flute, clarinet, sax-

ophone, and trumpet. Membership in the program has more than doubled since the program's inception. In addition to orchestral rehearsals and small group sectional classes, students have had the opportunity to participate in a range of musical electives. Community members of all ages are also able to engage in a weekly, sliding-scale "Community Ensemble" class. "El Sistema Somerville has been an excellent addition to our outstanding music program, providing students with an opportunity to build both musical, social and academic skills through an intensive afterschool program that also focuses on the development of key social skills such as teamwork, communication, and respect," commented Tony Pierantozzi, Superintendent of Schools. "We look

forward to continuing to build on Diane's and Rick's outstanding work during the initial years of this program. We wish Diane much enjoyment as she travels the world on her 'Year of Donations' project, and great success in her new endeavors." During Cline's directorship, the El Sistema Somerville program has been awarded grants to establish a String Quartet-in-Residence, a Musicians with a Mission private lesson program, and numerous guest artist series. The program has also received donations and other funding support to establish a "Concert Closet" for young musicians and a fleet of high-quality instruments for students. In the spring of 2015, the program commissioned the musical work Phoenix Rising to celebrate the rebuilding of the East Somerville Community School. Students were recently featured on the national PBS television show Arthur, set to air in the spring of

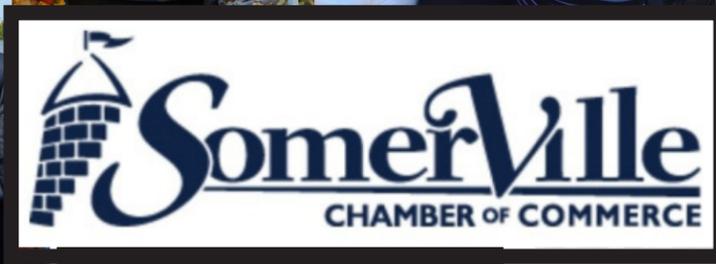
2016. In addition to yearly concerts in the Somerville community, El Sistema Somerville students have performed on stage at the Fisher Center of Bard College, at Harvard University's Sanders Theater, and at MIT's Kresge Auditorium under the direction of Gustavo Dudamel. The program engages 25 yearly volunteer Music Mentors and maintains collaborations with Harvard University, New England Conservatory of Music, Longy School of Music of Bard College, Tufts University, Boston Philharmonic, Cambridge Symphony Orchestra, and local high schools. Of the future of the organization, Cline says, "I feel so lucky to have been a part of this beautiful project, and know that the program will continue to grow and thrive. I can't wait to see how it develops in the years to come!"



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