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'Of course, we celebrate'

Officials say holiday controversy is much ado about nothing



Mayor Curtatone, shown here participating in last year's Halloween festivities with his family, said reports that Somerville is against holiday celebrations are completely unfounded.

By Elizabeth Sheeran

Nothing has changed.

That was the response from city officials to the media furor that rained down around the city last weekend, when what began as a two-paragraph email ended with Somerville cast in the role of the Grinch-who-stole-the-holidays.

Two weeks ago, Kennedy School Principal Anne Foley sent a six-sentence email to her teaching staff, suggesting a discussion of sensitivities surrounding the upcoming Columbus Day holiday and, to a much lesser extent, Thanksgiving. The internal email somehow made its way to Boston Herald columnist Jessica Heslam, who re-printed Foley's most provocative phrases in her column in last Friday's Herald.

Heslam added that Kennedy is among the schools in Somerville that take a no-costumes approach to Halloween. The Herald packaged the column under the headline, "Somerville principal takes aim at cherished holidays," with a front page that read "Nope, Nope, Next," alongside graphics representing Columbus Day, Halloween and Thanksgiving, respectively. And so began a media feeding

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Café at the Armory opens

By Andrew Firestone

Take a spin down to the new café at the armory, and take a bite out of some delicious sandwiches, cinnamon buns and cake. After years of licensing and permitting acquisition, the café at the armory is now set up for business, working out its menu, and inviting lecturers and poets for stage performances.

Deborah McLaughlin, Executive Director of the non-profit Arts at the Armory, called the opening a completion of the vision originally conceived for the castle-like structure, as "community gathering place" and "hub of artistic activity." A stage sits with a piano and podium for musicians, poets, and speakers that are all allowed to visit and commune with the people of the neighborhood.

For a local café, the place offers delicious pecan cinnamon buns, oozing with flavor, fresh chicken salad sandwiches and other dishes of fresh ingredients and an arrayed and equally satisfying coffee bar. The café also has a beer and wine license courtesy of Dali restaurant, and offers fine wine and beer as well.

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NEWTALK

The Alderman At Large debate went off well on Monday night at the Somerville Theatre. All seven candidates showed up and so far the overview is that it was a good debate but could have lasted a little longer. Even though it was intended to be a serious debate, the questions asked by one of the panelists was pretty lame, i.e., “What is your favorite Pizza here in Somerville?” Not the only lame question but surely the weirdest question of the night. Apparently that was more important to the person asking than the one being asked. Overall, outside of the opening remarks by a certain incumbent being so defensive over a rumor we were surprised, but then again this particular candidate thought he needed to say something. Just goes to show you, more than our fans read the paper out there! Again, we think it went well. Now you decide and watch it. SCATV is airing it many times over the next few weeks. Check The Somerville News for the SCATV programming (p.22) which The News has carried for free for about two years now. Our thanks to SCATV for allowing The News to be a part of it. It almost wasn’t. We want to thank the moderator Joe Lynch, who handled it very professionally.

Tonight our good friend Tara DeCristofaro, the Middlesex County Registrar of Probate, will be having a fundraiser in Stoneham at the Montvale Plaza. Again, tonight, Wednesday, October 19, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. RSVP Jerry at 718-866-1451...but we’re sure if you show up at the door - don’t tell her we said so - but we think you’ll get in.

As of January 1, 2012, Sal DiDomenico will no longer have any districts in Somerville. With the new district change State Senator Pat Jehlen will now represent all of Somerville and Medford and parts of Winchester

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TheSomervilleNews.com Comments of the Week

Response to ‘Villens ‘Occupy Boston’

Matthew McLaughlin says:

Keep up the good work, guys. Save Our Somerville is organizing a Somerville delegation to march on Occupy Boston within the next two weeks. We will be having a meeting Monday, 6pm at the Teen Empowerment Center on 165 Broadway, 2nd floor. If you are down for the cause, please come through.
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Rocco says:

These people (Barnies) are not from sonerville.

Judas says:

What are these animals trying to accomplish....Tax-payers dollars are being wasted as we speak....(police, fire & dpw).....Even if all of Wall Street’s salaries were put back into the economy, it would do nothing...Economists already proved this....If you shut down Wall Street.....the “average joe” will lose even more in there 401k’s.....Should it be the city of Boston’s responcibility to allow these protesting animals the right to ruin public spaces...The same public spaces that families and tourists occupied in good faith? 1 of 2 things should happen; The Mayor Of Boston should foot the bill for allowing this filthy epedemic or the filthy animals should pay rent to use this space.....The average tax payer can’t figure out what it is the protesters/animals are trying to accomplish other than wasting tax payer dollars...

Trust fund Tim says:

The poor protesters are suffering for a cause. Just the other day all the outlets were taken and one protester couldnt even charge his smartphone.....OH THE HUMANITY !!

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TheSomervilleNews.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleNews.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week’s poll concerned your views on whether or not you support the “Occupy Boston” demonstration. If you don’t agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleNews.com.

Do you support the “Occupy Boston” demonstration?



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Tracks, trains and eminent domain

MBTA unveils site plans for GLX train yard

By Elizabeth Sheeran

Seventy-six vehicles. 17,000 yards of track. 130 workers. The MBTA's latest plans for a Green Line transportation and maintenance facility in Somerville encompass a mind-boggling array of statistics. But the number that concerns some residents is this: four parcels of privately owned property that the T will take by eminent domain.

"MBTA is the largest land owner in Somerville and now they're taking more land," said Stephen Mackey, president of the Somerville Chamber of Commerce. "This is the most densely populated city in New England. We have a real stressful fiscal problem if you're giving up land for no taxes. We're taking tax-producing property, existing and potential, and giving it to them."

Mackey was among residents who attended a community meeting on October 12 to get an update on the MBTA's site design for the facility, which has been part of the proposed \$1 billion Green Line Extension since the state first announced plans to extend the existing Green Line beyond Lechmere and through Somerville to Medford.

The planned facility covers 11 acres to the south and east of Inner Belt Road, just northwest of the commuter rail engine yard. When complete around 2019, it will be home base for nearly 80 Green Line cars and the 100 or more T employees needed to run them, including drivers and dispatchers. Another 30 employees

will provide routine maintenance, from safety checks to parts replacement, operating 24 hours per day.

The MBTA originally proposed to build the facility to the west of Inner Belt, on land it owned next to the Brickbottom artists' lofts. But it settled on the current site when residents and city officials fought the plan, saying it would have too negative an impact on both current residents and future neighborhood development.

It's a lot of new trains and a new maintenance facility, still pretty close to us

The current "Option L" site is so-named for its shape, with its thinner branch stretching westward along the southern edge of the city limit, almost as far as Brickbottom. An 82,000-square-foot maintenance building, the facility's largest structure, will now stand on the thicker branch of the "L," which lies to the east of Inner Belt and extends as far north as Third Avenue.

Long-time Brickbottom resident Heather Van Aelst said she appreciated the site shift. She is encouraged by design steps the MBTA is taking to cut down on noise, like sound barriers and a track layout that minimizes how



Under current plans, M.S. Walker Wholesale Distribution, which employs over 180 people on Third Avenue, will be one of the businesses that will have to go to make way for the Green Line Extension transportation and maintenance facility.

much switching will happen at the Brickbottom end of the train yard. But she's still not wholly looking forward to sharing the neighborhood with a 24-hour maintenance facility.

"It's still going to be a whole lot of tracks right around Brickbottom," said Van Aelst, who works as a software engineer from her home office. "We're always going to be concerned about the noise and vibration. It's a lot of new trains and a new maintenance facility, still pretty close to us."

Some residents at the meeting were still campaigning to push the facility location still further east, to the site of a large parking lot next to the commuter rail yard. "If the real answer is 'Sorry,

the commuter rail people just won't consider it,' then maybe that's the answer, but please be transparent about it," said Alan Moore.

MBTA officials agreed to meet with Moore and other proponents of the so-called "Mirror L" option, who say it would keep the T from taking away private land that generates property tax. Four private companies now own most of the land needed for the current plan, and two businesses will have to move, including 183 jobs at M.S. Walker Wholesale Distribution on Third Avenue.

The state estimates Somerville will lose over \$400,000 in property taxes annually from private

property that will be taken over by the MBTA for the Green Line Extension, and most of that is due to the property takings for the maintenance facility. But Mayor Joseph Curtatone said that's a small price to pay for the long-term economic boost to the city. "It will pale against the amount of new commercial property tax revenue for the long term. The Green Line extension itself is a huge economic driver for the city," said Curtatone.

Markey, of the Chamber of Commerce, said he agrees the Green Line Extension is a great thing for Somerville's future, and he fully supports the project. But he said Somerville needs to keep pushing

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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Would-be robber chased down by police

Somerville police officers were dispatched to Pennsylvania Avenue last Thursday night in response to a 911 call from a woman reporting that a man who tried to rob her at knife-point two nights before had been recognized and was now being chased by her boyfriend, according to police.

The men were found near the

intersection of Pennsylvania and Wisconsin Avenues and the man being chased was ordered to stop and lay on the ground, but he instead made threatening gestures with a piece of white brick that he was carrying and continued to flee, police said.

The man who was chasing the suspect reportedly told police, "He is the guy who tried to as-

sault my girlfriend." After again ordering the suspect to stop the man turned and hurled the brick at an officer, at which time the officer drew his weapon and once again ordered the man to stop and get on the ground, according to police.

The man, later identified as Julio De Jesus, 32, eventually complied and went to the

ground, but continued to struggle with and strike officers as they attempted to restrain him, police said.

De Jesus was eventually taken into custody and charged with resisting arrest, assault with a dangerous weapon, assault and battery on a police officer, and armed assault to rob.

After the arrest the female

victim reportedly stated that De Jesus had been spotted by her and her boyfriend that evening and that she remembered him as being the man who had attempted to rob her. A confrontation between De Jesus and her boyfriend ensued and the chase that followed caused her to call 911, according to police.

Shoplifters prefer Prada

Police responded to a reported shoplifting incident at Pearl Vision in Somerville's Twin City Plaza last week. Store personnel reportedly told investigating officers that a man and a woman had been browsing in the store and walked off with an expensive pair of Prada sunglasses.

As police searched the mall for signs of the couple, a Pearl Vision employee steered officers to the nearby EbLens store, where the two suspects were reportedly spotted, police said.

Police found and confronted the pair, who emphatically de-

nied stealing anything. After the male suspect, Matthew Melluso, 25, of Cambridge, consented to a search, police reportedly found a pair of Prada sunglasses on his person, which Melluso claimed were his own.

Police questioned the woman, Michele Vera, 36, also of Cambridge, and she eventually admitted that they had stolen the glasses from Pearl Vision, according to reports. When Melluso learned of Vera's admission he reportedly told police, "Please officers, don't arrest us. I'm just trying to buy

some sneakers for my kid. I'll pay for any stolen items."

When asked by police to produce the glasses, the two reportedly searched through several bags that they were carrying and police spotted a number of items that Vera said the two had stolen from the nearby Dollar Tree store, police said.

Melluso eventually approached Vera and pulled a pair of glasses from out of the hood of her sweatshirt, according to reports.

Both suspects were placed under arrest and charged with larceny over \$250.

Lumber wielding assailant stopped

Police were called to the scene of a reported fight last Sunday at a residence on Bailey Road.

A man at the scene told officers that he had gotten into a fight with another man and that he had been struck by the other with a piece of wood taken from the home's backyard, police said.

The alleged victim explained that the fight was over some beer, and that his assailant left the scene after striking him with the piece of wood, ac-

cording to reports.

The officers finished taking their report and cleared the area, but were called back a few minutes later on reports that the man in question had returned to the house.

Rodrigo Rodriguez, 26, was found at the scene and was placed under arrest for assault and battery with a dangerous weapon. The piece of wood was reportedly found and retained as evidence in the case.

SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

Robert Thomas, 43, of 152 Jefferson Ave., Everett, October 10, 11:08 a.m., arrested at 77 Middlesex Ave. on charges of trespassing and shoplifting by concealing merchandise.

Victor Gandres, 45, October 10, 5:09 p.m., arrested at 149 Broadway on warrant charges of municipal by law ordinance and indecent exposure.

Robert Sanches, 44, October 10, 6:18 p.m., arrested at 67 Broadway on charges of assault and battery and assault with a dangerous weapon.

Brian Jennings, 20, of 45 Pleasant St., Charlestown, October 10, 9:51 p.m., arrested at 48 Fremont St. on warrant charges of receiving stolen property over \$250, assault and battery, resisting arrest, no inspection sticker, and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Binfang Chen, 48, of 380 Cliff Dr., Pasadena, CA, October 11, 4:41 p.m., arrested at 217 Highland Ave. on a charge of sexual conduct for a fee.

John Mazzeo, 30, October 11,

7:25 p.m., arrested at 583 Broadway on warrant charges of operating a motor vehicles with a revoked license, uninsured motor vehicle or trailer, and suspended registration of a motor vehicle.

Matthew Melluso, 25, of 36 Newtowne Ct., Cambridge, October 12, 5:05 p.m., arrested at 22 McGrath Hwy. on a charge of larceny over \$250.

Michele Vera, 36, of 36 Newtowne Ct., Cambridge, October 12, 5:05 p.m., arrested at 22 McGrath Hwy. on a charge of larceny over \$250.

Matthew McGuirk, 23, of 27 Dickenson St., October 12, 7:09 p.m., arrested at 32 Vinal Ave. on a charge of possession of a class B drug.

A juvenile, October 13, 9:27 p.m., arrested at Otis St. on a warrant charge of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Julio De Jesus, 32, October 13, 10:25 p.m., arrested at Pennsylvania Ave. on charges of resisting arrest, assault with a dangerous weapon, assault and battery on a police officer, and armed assault to rob.

Guy Kehoe, 46, of 326 Somerville Ave., October 13, 11:30 p.m., arrested at 220 Washington St. on warrant charges of uninsured motor vehicle or trailer, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended registration, marked lanes violation, and nontransparent window obstruction.

A juvenile, October 14, 11:17 a.m., arrested at Alston St. on a warrant charge of assault and battery.

Christopher Perito, 39, of 32 Harvard St., Charlestown, October 15, 10:34 a.m., arrested at 77 Middlesex Ave. on a charge of shoplifting by concealing merchandise.

Robert Baum, 32, of 9 Everell Rd., Winchester, October 16, 3:21 a.m., arrested at 123 Packard Ave. on charges of disorderly conduct, assault and battery on a police officer, resisting arrest, and trespassing.

Rodrigo Rodriguez, 26, of 165 Pearl St., October 16, 5:30 p.m., arrested at 139 Bailey Rd. on a charge of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Christy Leveroni, 55, of 48 Pinckney St., October 16, 11:25 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery.

Incidents:

Theft:

October 12, 1:49 p.m., police reported a theft at Elm St.

October 12, 3:23 p.m., police reported a theft at Wyatt St.

October 12, 5:05 p.m., police reported a theft at 22 McGrath Hwy.

October 12, 7:15 p.m., police reported a theft at 1 Davis Sq.

October 12, 9:25 p.m., police reported a theft at Cedar St.

October 14, 9:49 p.m., police reported a theft at Radcliffe Rd.

October 14, 10:29 p.m., police reported a theft at 91 Highland Ave.

October 15, 10:34 a.m., police reported a theft at 77 Middlesex Ave.

October 15, 10:52 a.m., police reported a theft at Vinal Ave.

October 15, 9:14 p.m., police reported a theft at 381 Summer St.

October 16, 3:32 p.m., police reported a theft at 145 Elm St.

October 16, 4:38 p.m., police reported a theft at 682 Broadway.

October 16, 5:42 p.m., police reported a theft at 282 Somerville Ave.

October 16, 10:52 p.m., police reported a theft at School St.

Robbery:

October 12, 12:29 a.m., police reported a robbery at Arlington St.

October 13, 10:25 p.m., police reported a robbery at Pennsylvania Ave.

Breaking & Entering:

October 13, 7:14 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Homer Sq.

October 14, 7:27 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Glenwood Rd.

October 15, 1:34 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at 111 South St.

October 15, 7:42 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Partridge Ave.

October 16, 8:52 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Beacon St.

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2011 Alderman At Large Debate at The Somerville Theater

By William Tauro

The 2011 Alderman At Large Debate took place on Monday evening at the historical Somerville Theater in Davis Square. Somerville's four incumbent Aldermen-At-Large and three new candidates for that office were all on stage to try to earn votes and to battle the right to occupy the four available seats in the upcoming November 8 election.

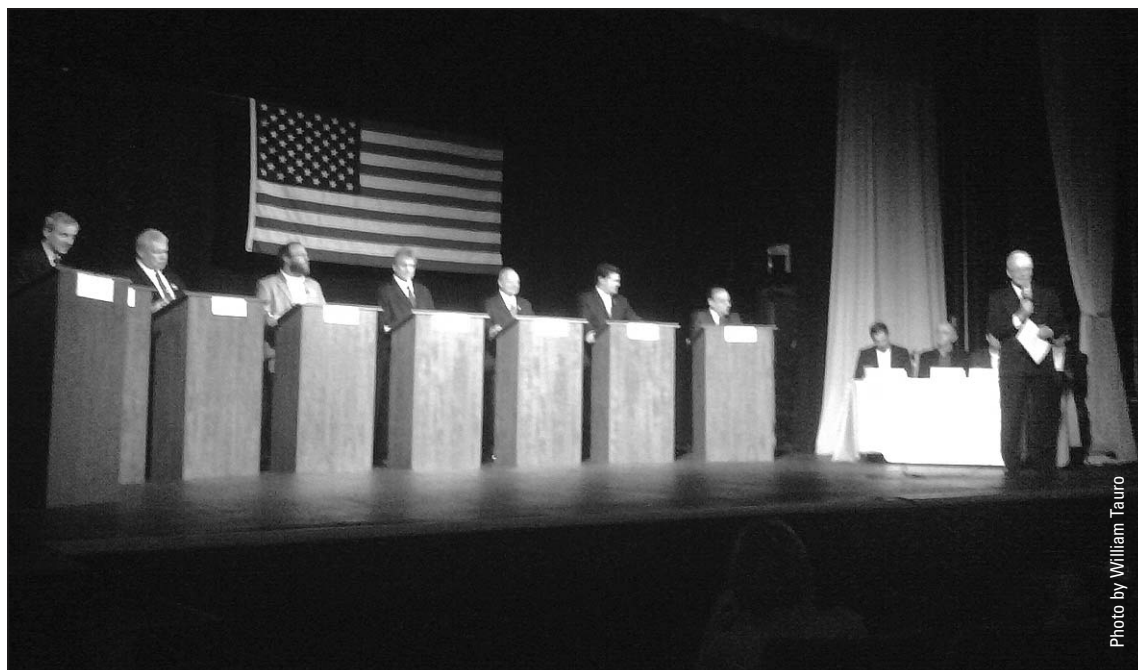
Joe Lynch, of The Greater Somerville SCAT (Somerville Access Television Channel 3) TV show, moderated the debate. Chris Orchard of the Somerville Patch, Donald Norton of The Somerville News, Andy Metzger of The Somerville Journal and Matt Byrne of The Boston Globe were the four panelists

that directed the local concerns and economic questions to the seven candidates.

All seven candidates were allowed to deliver opening speeches beginning with incumbent Alderman At Large Jack Connolly and finishing up after the one-hour bombardment of questions with closing arguments from incumbent Alderman At Large Bill White.

The other two incumbents that were on stage were Alderman At Large Bruce Desmond and Alderman At Large Dennis Sullivan. The three new candidates on the stage were Todd Easton, Sean Fitzgerald, and Michael Nionakis.

The questions that panelists asked the candidates ranged from, "what have you done as an Alderman and what will you



The seven candidates fielded questions and challenged one another at Monday's debate at The Somerville Theater.

do, if elected, for small local businesses," empty store fronts in city squares, Ocean State Job Lots, Walmart, Union Square

area height limits, sky-rocketing parking meter fees, to The Assembly Square Development, The Green Line stop-

page, and hot topic feuds such as East Somerville Community School's delays and construction issues.

'Rock-Star Historian' addresses Tufts audience

Historian Niall Ferguson spoke at Tufts University on The Financial Crisis and the Descent of the West on Thursday, October 13. A weekly columnist for *Newsweek* and a contributing editor for Bloomberg Television, Ferguson is a prolific commentator on contemporary politics and economics and writes and reviews regularly for the British and American press. Named one of the world's most influential people by *Time Magazine*, he was one of a handful of economic writers who accurately predicted the financial crisis that began in 2007.

As a Laurence A. Tisch Professor of History at Harvard University, senior research fellow at Jesus College at Oxford University, and a senior fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University, Ferguson focuses on economic and finan-

cial history, international relations and military conflict.

Ferguson's bold, often controversial, views have led many to describe him as a "rock-star historian" for his debating style and thought-provoking opinions. Ferguson is considered to be exactly the sort of figure Richard E. Snyder had in mind when he established the President's Lecture Series at Tufts. The series, endowed by Snyder, a 1995 Tufts graduate and former chairman and CEO of Simon and Schuster, is designed to bring to Tufts speakers who challenge conventional wisdom in their professional work.

Ferguson is known for his bestselling 2003 book *Empire: The Rise and Demise of the British World Order and the Lessons for Global Power*, charting the entire rise and fall of the



The celebrated historian, Niall Ferguson, captured the attention and admiration of the audience at last week's lecture at Tufts.

British Empire. Other books he has authored include 2004's *Colossus: The Rise and Fall of the American Empire*, *The War of the World: Twentieth-Century Conflict and the Descent of the West* in 2006, *The Ascent of Money: A Financial History of the World* from 2008, and *The*

Lives and Time of Siegmund Warburg in 2010. His most recent book, *Civilization: The West and the Rest*, will be published in November 2011.

Ferguson is also an award-winning documentary maker. He has created documentaries on his books *Empire* and *Colossus*

and a series on PBS for his books *The War of the World* and *The Ascent of Money*, for which he won the International Emmy award for best documentary. A film based on his interviews with Henry Kissinger won similar recognition at the 2011 New York Film Festival.

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A mash and a bash

SomerStreets celebration to feature Monster Mash-Up

By Elizabeth Sheeran

It's been a Halloween party staple for nearly six decades, but the Monster Mash is about to get a whole new twist.

At this Sunday's SomerStreets event, dubbed "Monster Mashed-Up," local deejays will compete to create the best mash-up with the classic novelty hit that made a star out of Somerville native Bobby "Boris" Pickett.

"A Somerville guy wrote a song that I think everybody on the planet has heard 100 times, and we'll see if someone can do something freaky and kind of fun with it," said Michael Meehan, Somerville communications director.

But the mash-up competition won't be the only event bringing the fun and/or freaky to the two-mile stretch of Somerville Avenue that will be closed to motor vehicle traffic from noon to 4 p.m. on October 23, from Porter Square to Union Square.

The wild and crazy artists of Artist's Asylum will be back again to wow the crowd with chainsaw pumpkin-carving, and will be transforming healthy humans into Zombies - with face paint, not power tools. The adventurous can brave the Haunted House. And all kinds of costumed creatures, including the canine variety, are invited to parade down Somerville Avenue, go trick-or-treating and compete for prizes.

"There isn't just one type of person that lives in Somerville, so we try to create a good mix"

Even more family-friendly events will include a crafts fair, bounce house and recreational games for kids. And for adults



Artisans Asylum will be back at SomerStreets this year with power tool pumpkin-carving, and will add Zombie face-painting to the mix.

To enter the DeeJay Monster Mashup contest, contact Greg Jenkins at the Somerville Arts Council at gjenkins@somervillema.gov. The entry deadline is Thursday, October 20.

who prefer to sit back and take in the autumn air with drink in hand, Union Square eateries will host an Oktoberfest from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., complete with beer gardens and live music.

Meehan said the city is preparing for up to 10,000

people at the event, which is paid for in part by the community fund created from cable access fees, and the goal is to offer something for everyone, getting more people off their couches and out of their cars.

"There isn't just one type of

person that lives in Somerville, so we try to create a good mix," said Meehan. "For anyone who just wants to get out and take a walk, you can do that too. You don't get to walk down the middle of the street too often."

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COMMENTARY

TALES OF SOMERVILLE

Illustrated by Jim Clark



What if they gave an occupation and nobody came?

The View From Prospect Hill



As Americans we cherish and hold dear our rights to free speech and the ability we have to challenge and even criticize our government and other powerful institutions. Many have fought and lost their lives defending these rights that all of us now enjoy. The “Occupy Wherever” protesters make some good points, as well as few questionable ones, as might be expected.

Modern day economics is tremendously complex, and the real reasons for why things have gone as they have may ultimately be shown to be just as complicated in the long term. The need for more jobs in our country, coupled with the perception of massive corporate greed, is driving many Americans to participate in these protests. The frustration is certainly understandable. It

is important to remember, though, that neither Wall Street nor the banking industry will ever properly regulate itself voluntarily. It is up to our elected leaders, executive, legislative, and judicial, to force the kinds of changes in their own policies towards these institutions that will eventually turn the tide towards better lives for all of us. Banks were bailed out, but

business lending is still as slow as ever. It is our government leadership that should be feeling the heat of our wrath and finding ways to unblock the stalled economy. The economic megaliths seem to stand by idly in mild amusement with these heartfelt demonstrations of our anger and dismay. Protest and open questioning of policy will always play an important role in our society,

but we caution our fellow citizens to think through the issues and channel their concerns and frustrations towards those who actually can effect changes and truly make a difference for us, the real 99 percent who make up the body of our nation. Otherwise, all we get is good television and even more divisiveness between us. We can do better than this.

News Talk CONT. FROM PG 2

and North Cambridge.

Big Happy Birthday to Mama Emily Tauro who is celebrating her Birthday this week with all her kids and her thirteen grand children. We wish her a great day celebrating and many more to come. Also Happy Birthday greetings go out to our good Alderman in Ward 2 Ms. Maryann Heuston who has represented the Ward now for a while and does a great job at it too.

A big get well soon out to Alderman Tom Taylor who is back in the hospital at Brigham and Women’s in Boston. Tom has been going through the battle of his life over the past two years, struggling with multiple medical treatments. If you get a chance drop a get well card in the mail to him and say hello to cheer him up. To all his supporters in Ward 3 he is on the ballot in November, running for re-election.

The Dormintion of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox church of Somerville is celebrating its 95th Anniversary for the benefit of its Youth Programs and Church Endeavors on Saturday October 29th from 7-11 p.m. at the Museum of Fine Arts, 465 Huntington Avenue in Boston.

Last chance for a great night at Giggles on Rte. 1 with the Somerville Lions hosting “Comedy Night” on Thursday, October 20, at 6:30 p.m. The price is \$25pp for all the pizza you can eat and all the comedy you will need to cheer yourself up. Proceeds to go to the Lion’s club charities. Call Lions President Mr. Paul Carrol or past President Billy Tauro at 617 293-2016. It’s a great night, an awesome event every year and proceeds go to a great local charity.

Get well soon greetings go out to our good friend Freddy Hartstrove who works in the Somerville Police Station garage. Freddy is a nice guy and we wish

him all the best for a speedy recovery.

Tomorrow at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 19, Arts at the Armory on Highland Avenue will become “Somerville Salon” - created by the Somerville Arts Council. What is an artist salon? A salon is a gathering of people under the roof of an inspiring host, held partly to amuse one another and partly to refine taste and increase their knowledge of the participants through conversation. It evolved into a well-regulated practice that focused on and reflected enlightened public opinion by encouraging the exchange of news and ideas. The Somerville Arts Council revives the traditional artist gathering to present a new series: Somerville SALON, in which a SAC board member curates different artistic topics for presentation and discussion. Salons will take place the third Wednesday of each month in the café. A donation of \$5 is requested.

Our good friend Bob Publicover is home doing great, especially this week. He’s eating and actually in good spirits. He says “Hi” to everyone out there, all his friends and a special thank you for Elaine Czensniuk for the homemade cookies. He’s doing great and he’s on Facebook every day now so if you want to converse with him check it out.

There was a lot of commotion this past week as Somerville hit the big time national media over an email sent out by the Principal of the John Kennedy School, Ms. Anne Foley. The contents of the email were given to the Boston Herald and apparently the writer for the Herald got carried away with herself. The only thing we have to say is that such a professional person as a Principal of a school should not be emailing anything or Twittering or Facebooking any personal comments on her beliefs to others that are under her supervision. If this was in the private sector she’d probably lose her job for being so

COMMENTARY

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My Halloween costume



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Amidst all the hand wringing and tooth gnashing over the patently false story that Somerville is somehow refusing to celebrate fall holidays, I realized this Sunday on Somerville Avenue we're throwing the biggest Halloween bash in the greater Boston area

and I need a costume to wear. So I'm going as Christopher Columbus. I'm the right age. Columbus made three of his voyages to the new world when he was in his 40s. I'm an Italian-American. And I like boats. I can even supply my own fleet. Three of my sons can be the Nina, Pinta and Santa Maria. The littlest one can be a dinghy. After all, when something bizarre happens you need to have some fun with it. It's the only sane response to insanity. Part of living life the Somerville way is not taking yourself too seriously and way too many people of all political stripes have been taking themselves way too seriously over this non-issue. Once again, we celebrated Columbus

Day last week. City employees and students got the day off the same as they do every year. We'll be celebrating Thanksgiving Day next month. And if you drive around our city, go into our schools or come down to Somerville Avenue this Sunday you'll see a city that is having plenty of fun with Halloween. One of the interesting things about this fake controversy is that most of the feedback we've gotten has been positive. I've had people coming up to me wondering what the big deal is. They understand that you can celebrate a holiday and still have a discussion about you teach history. They also expect our educators to have discussions about how to teach history. Yet there have been plenty an-

gry emails and calls, mostly from outside of Somerville. To a degree you can't blame them. News outlets started reporting we have a holiday ban. Late night comedians started making jokes about it. Senator Scott Brown, who hasn't bothered to come to Somerville since he got elected, managed to fire off a tweet about it. Perhaps the Herald column reminded him that we're actually part of the state he represents in Washington D.C., which would be a positive we could take from the whole experience. Talk radio across the country, even sports radio hosts, had a field day with this, spending days misinforming the public. The website for the Daily Mail in London even had the story at the top of its front page.

You'd be amazed to hear how this is exactly like what happened in Germany in the 1930s. Yes, people got so worked up over this they compared it to Nazi Germany. As a side note, this is why we like our educators to have discussions about teaching history. My suggestion is not to get so worked up over this classic tempest in a teapot. How will you laugh tomorrow if you can't even smile today? Me, I'm going to have a smile on my face as I parade around in my Christopher Columbus costume during Somerville's Halloween festivities. I'll be out there with a few thousand friends who share my holiday and community spirit. It's a lot more fun than yelling at strangers over the Internet.

On The Silly Side by Jimmy Del Ponte

Oh no! We're moving!



1961 was a good year for the city, but a bad year for me. Mayor Harold W. Wells was running the city with help from Aldermen McKenna, McCarthy, Travaline, Burke and Moynihan. Dad, after holding down three jobs for years, bought the family home off of College Ave. Somerville, along with the rest of the world, was grooving to songs like *Hit The Road Jack*, *Calendar Girl*, *Where the Boys Are* and *Michael Row The Boat Ashore*. On television we were watching *I Love Lucy*, *77 Sunset Strip*, *The Real McCoy's*, and *The Donna Reed Show*, mostly in black and white. As an eight year old I had only known one house, one neighborhood, one backyard, and one group of friends. I even had a "best friend" named Tommy who lived next door. When the subject of moving was brought up it was terrifying to me. The "new" house meant the end of life as I knew it. The only comforting thing was that we would all stay in the same school. That "sister" school on the Somerville / Medford line. The one with the stern and quite often mean nuns.

Some consolation, huh? Lose the comforting familiar home, friends, and neighborhood, but keep the strict school with the mean teachers. Boy, what a deal! All of a sudden any feelings of security for an eight-year-old kid were shot. We moved into the new house and, in one word, it was creepy. It was like going into a haunted house. It was almost like being sent to jail. Why were we being punished like this? Why were our parents taking us from our safe place? Soon my aunts and uncles and even my grandfather formed a crew and started painting, patching, and stripping wallpaper. I remember my grandpa mixing spackle and smilingly offering it to me saying in broken English, "Ice-a-cream!" Soon all but one room in the house was freshly painted and papered. Now came the part of trying to fit in as the new kids on the block. There were a couple of bullies both male and female, but somehow we eventually fit it. Not only did my aunts and uncles help with the big move, but my cousin even pitched in. He took care of the bully problem for me without raising a fist. He merely invited the bully to a friendly "wrestling" match

and that was that. After a few friendly full nelsons, a co-co butt, and a couple of headlocks, the problem was solved. The bully who my mother nicknamed "Jerko" never bothered us again. The same cousin even gave me my first pair of black leather engineer boots and a thick black leather belt, which were extremely cool for that era. I will forever be indebted to him for sticking up for us. Me and my sister who was one year older, and my five-year-old brother tried to get used to the new house. The distance between the old house on Pearson Avenue near Ball Square and the new house on Hall Avenue outside Davis Square was not that far. To us it seemed like miles. My brother and I shared a bedroom and my sister got her own room. The room in the back of the house remained unpainted, dank, and very scary until it was transformed into my sister's room three years later. That room is now my kid's band room. I have lived in the house since 1961. This is our 50th anniversary. I finally escaped from the sister school and attended Western Junior High for one year and

then the high school. The wall in the backyard made out of broken hunks of the old Davis Square sidewalk is still standing. I take good care of my mother's dogwood tree and the cherry blossom tree we planted for my sister. I still over decorate for holidays. The sunny little sewing room on the street side has gone through three transformations since the 60's. When we moved in it was a teenager's private hang out room, with a phone and walls plastered with photos of Elvis and other teen idols of the day. Then from 1961 until 1994, it was my father's watch repair room. We still have several nun's watches from the 60's that he never got around to fixing...ha-ha! For the last 16 years it has housed two computers and a home recording studio. It's my favorite room in the house. So what started as a scary and frightening situation turned out okay. 50 years in the same house. And the good news? In another 50 years it will be paid for...again...maybe. You can email Jimmy directly at jimmy-del@rcn.com.

Somerville Police Crime Log CONT. FROM PG 4

Vehicle Theft: October 13, 10:37 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Leonard St. October 14, 1:12 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at 75 Mystic Ave. October 14, 5:56 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at 2	Union Sq. October 15, 3:02 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Highland Ave. Assault: October 12, 6:58 p.m., police reported an assault at Ellington Rd.	October 13, 1:23 p.m., police reported an assault at 91 Highland Ave. October 13, 1:24 p.m., police reported an assault at 91 Highland Ave. October 13, 2:41 p.m., police reported an assault at Lincoln St.	October 14, 3:33 p.m., police reported an assault at Albion St. October 16, 5:05 p.m., police reported an assault at Bailey Rd. October 16, 11:25 p.m., police reported an assault at Pinckney St.	Drug Violation: October 12, 7:09 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Vinal Ave. October 16, 2:30 a.m., police reported a drug violation at Broadway.
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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records the votes of local senators on six roll calls from the week of October 10-14. There were no roll calls in the House last week.

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



Rep. Denise Provost

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



Rep. Carl Sciortino

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



Rep. Timothy Toomey

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



Sen. Sal DiDomenico

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

sex; Boston, ward 2, ward 21, precincts 4, 6 and 7, ward 22, precincts 1, 2 and 5, Chelsea and Revere, ward 6, in the county of Suffolk; and Saugus, precincts 2, 6 and 10, in the county of Essex.



Sen. Patricia Jehlen

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

CASINO GAMBLING (S 2015)

Senate 24-14, approved the controversial bill that would allow three casinos and one slot parlor in the Bay State.

All the venues would be competitively bid, a major change from the measure approved last year that allowed competitive bidding on the casinos but only permitted the state's four racetracks to bid on the slots.

Supporters said the 2011 proposal would create up to 15,000 new jobs and \$500 million in annual tax revenue, some of which would go to cities and towns as local aid. They noted gambling is voluntary and Massachusetts is losing billions of dollars because Bay Staters go to neighboring states to gamble.

Opponents said casinos mostly attract people who cannot afford gambling and leads to crime, gambling addictions, domestic violence and even suicide. They questioned the revenue projections and noted some of the revenue from casinos would come at the expense of current Lottery revenue.

The bill now goes to the House, which is expected to reject the Senate bill and insist on its own version it passed in May. A House-Senate conference committee will eventually hammer out a compromise version that will go to Gov. Patrick for his signature. (A "Yes" vote is for the bill. A "No" vote is against it.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No

LOWER GAMBLING AGE TO 18 (S 2015)

Senate 5-33, rejected an amendment that would lower the legal age for gambling from 21 to 18.

Amendment supporters said young men and women are allowed to vote and serve in the military and should not be denied the right to gamble.

Amendment opponents said lowering the age would make Massachusetts a haven for teenage gamblers since all other states currently peg the age at 21. (A "Yes" vote is for lowering the age to 18. A "No" vote is against lowering it.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	No
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No

BAN FREE DRINKS AT CASINOS (S 2015)

Senate 12-26, rejected an amendment that would prohibit casinos from giving out free alcoholic drinks.

Amendment supporters said free drinks will impair the ability to gamble and also increase drunken driving, raising the number of car accidents that result in injury or even death. They asked why casinos should be allowed to serve free drinks when all other restaurants and bars are not allowed to do so.

Amendment opponents said the Legislature should not micromanage the operation of the casinos. They noted casinos in many state offer free drinks without any negative results. (A "Yes" vote is for banning free alcoholic drinks. A "No" vote is against the ban and favors free drinks.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

ALLOW FREE DRINKS AT BARS AND RESTAURANTS (S 2015)

Senate 25-13, approved an amendment that would allow restaurants and bars to serve free drinks.

Amendment supporters said if casinos are allowed to offer free drinks, the playing field should be leveled and restaurants and bars should have the same commercial right to do so. They said continuing to prohibit this at restaurants and bars will hurt these already struggling venues.

Amendment opponents said free drinks should not be allowed at casinos, restaurants or bars. They argued it will lead to more drunken driving and noted that's why she state banned Happy Hours many years ago. (A "Yes" vote is for allowing free drinks at restaurants and bars. A "No" vote is against allowing it.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	No
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No

ALLOW ENTIRE COMMUNITY TO VOTE ON CASINO (S 2015)

Senate 11-27, rejected an amendment that would allow a casino to be built in a city with a population of more than 125,000 only if approved at an election at which all the voters in the city are eligible to vote. The amendment would replace a section in the bill that allows voting only by voters in the ward in which the gaming establishment is going to be located.

Amendment supporters said it is unfair to limit voting to people in just one ward when the casino will affect the entire city.

Amendment opponents said the voters in the ward in which the casino will be built will be most affected. They argued it would be very unfair if a casino was built in a city in which the people in the ward voted to prohibit it but the rest of the city voted in favor of it. (A "Yes" vote is for allowing voters in the entire city to vote. A "No" vote is for limiting it to the voters in the designated ward.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	No
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

ALLOW ALL ABUTTING COMMUNITIES TO VOTE ON CASINO (S 2015)

Senate 11-27, rejected an amendment that would allow a casino to be built only if approved by the voters in the

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host city or town, in all municipalities abutting the host community and in any community within five miles of the proposed casino.

Amendment supporters said a casino can have an effect on every community nearby. They argued this measure would protect these communities and give them the right to veto any proposal they feel would hurt them.

Amendment opponents said the amendment is being pushed by opponents of casinos who know it will be difficult, if not impossible, to get the approval of each community. They noted there are hearings, mitigation and other safeguards in the bill to help surrounding communities. (A “Yes” vote is for allowing all abutters and communities within five miles to vote. A “No” vote is against allowing it.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	No
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

PRINT ELECTION BALLOTS IN CHINESE AND VIETNAMESE (S 295) - The House approved a bill making permanent the current temporary law requiring the city of Boston to prepare ballots in Chinese and Vietnamese for all federal, state and municipal elections. The proposal mandates these ballots in polling places in which there are 35 or more voters who speak only Chinese or 30 or more voters who speak only Vietnamese. It was approved by the Legislature in 2010 but was set to expire in December 2013.

The measure also requires that Chinese ballots be transliterated by the Boston Board of Election Commissioners to include the printing of Chinese characters to represent the phonetic equivalent of the syllables of an English name. The board informs each candidate of the transliteration of his or her name. The candidate could accept the transliteration, request that it be changed or decline that it be used on the ballot.

Supporters said the law is needed in order to allow many elderly Asian-Americans who do not read English to participate in the voting process. They noted the transliteration is necessary because the Chinese language does not use the Western alphabet.

Opponents said transliteration is imprecise and would confuse voters. They questioned why only Chinese voters should receive this special treatment.

Current federal law requires bilingual ballots in communities in which 5 percent or more of voting-age citizens speak a language other than English.

DATE SET FOR ELECTION TO SUCCEED FORMER SEN. STEVEN TOLMAN - The Senate adopted an order setting Tuesday, December 13, 2011, as the date of the primary election and Tuesday, January 10, 2012, as the general election for the Second Suffolk and Middlesex Senate District seat to succeed Tolman, who resigned last week to become president of the Massachusetts AFL-CIO. Reps. Jonathan Hecht (D-Water-town) and Will Brownsberger (D-Belmont) have both indicated they plan to run for the seat.

TAX COMMISSION MEETS - The Tax Expenditure Commission, created by the Legislature in July, held its first meeting last week. The commission was charged with reviewing and evaluating the administration and fiscal impact of tax expenditures, including the billions of dollars spent annually on tax breaks and exemptions for individuals and businesses. It is required to issue a report and make recom-

mendations to the Legislature by April 30, 2012.

The bipartisan, 11-member commission, chaired by Administration and Finance Secretary Jay Gonzalez, includes Treasurer Steven Grossman, Auditor Suzanne Bump, House Ways and Means Chairman Rep. Brian Dempsey, Senate Ways and Means Chairman Sen. Stephen Brewer, four state representatives and two economists.

REQUIRE DORMS TO HAVE SPRINKLERS (H 3167) - The Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security held a hearing on a proposal that would allow cities and towns to require their local college dormitories, fraternity houses and sorority houses to have automatic sprinkler systems.

NO SCHOOL ON ELECTION DAY (S 251) - The Education Committee will hold a hearing on October 25 on a bill that would prohibit public schools from scheduling classes on statewide Election Day. The measure would designate those days as professional development days, currently required under state law, to train principals, teachers and other professional staff new curriculum frameworks and other skills including participatory decision making and parent and community involvement.

Supporters say many schools serve as polling places on Election Day. They argue that crowds entering the schools on those days reduce safety at the schools and put children in danger.

REGISTER TO VOTE ON ELECTION DAY (S 301) - The Election Laws Committee will hear testimony at a hearing on November 2 on legislation that would allow people to register to vote at their polling place on Election Day. Current law requires people to register three weeks before an election in order to be eligible to vote in it.

The proposal would require the applicant to show a photo ID like a Massachusetts driver’s license or other state-issued identification card. Other acceptable form of identification would include a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, residential lease agreement, wireless telephone statement and paycheck.

Supporters say same-day registration would make it easier for the hundreds of thousands of unregistered voters to register and participate in the election process.

Opponents say that same-day registration would open the door to fraud and create major problems. They argue that people already have ample time prior to an election to register to vote at city and town halls, the Registry of Motor Vehicles and by mail.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

“Close to 60 percent (of Massachusetts residents are) in favor of moving forward with an expanded gaming bill here in the commonwealth of Massachusetts. And they can’t figure out what the heck we’ve all been doing up here. And not getting it done.” - *Sen. Marc Pacheco (D-Taunton) on the casino gambling bill which took several days to be approved by the Senate.*

“With protesters camping out on sidewalks only blocks from the State House pleading for a voice in their government, it is shameful Beacon Hill clearly hasn’t learned the lessons of its recent past and insists on moving forward with a bill that will only help casino owners, lobby-

ists and special interests.” - *Scott Harshbarger, president of Citizens for a Stronger Massachusetts and opponent of casino gambling on Senate passage of the bill.*

“Could you keep your conversations to a dull roar, if any?” - *Acting Senate President Steven Baddour (D-Methuen) trying to quiet down senators in the Senate chamber.*

“A special thank you to my wife Sue, the luckiest woman in the world. I met her at South Station selling her a ticket. And let me tell you, the best ticket I ever sold. Also probably the most expensive. I love you, Sue.” - *Former Sen. Steven Tolman giving his farewell speech on the Senate floor.*

“You have done well. But more importantly, you have done good.” - *Sen. Stephen Brewer (D-Barre) addressing Sen. Tolman on his career in the Senate.*

“If we all lived the way you teach the Girl Scouts to live, it would be an amazing world.” - *Rep. Patricia Haddad (D-Somerset) at a Statehouse gathering of several members of the Legislature who saluted the work of the Girl Scouts of Massachusetts.*

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

During the week of October 10-14, the House met for a total of 19 hours and 57 minutes while the Senate met for a total of seven hours and 55 minutes.

Mon. October 10	No House session
	No Senate session
Tues. October 11	House 11:01 a.m. to 1:04 p.m.
	Senate 1:15 p.m. to 5:25 p.m.
Wed. October 12	No House session
	No Senate session
Thurs. October 13	House 11:04 a.m. to 8:56 p.m.
	Senate 1:01 p.m. to 4:46 p.m.
Fri. October 14	House 10:00 a.m. to 6:02 p.m.
	No Senate session

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

It's...it's... The Somerville Bulb Blitz!

The First Ever Somerville Bulb Blitz! is a City of Somerville initiative aimed at building landscape stewardship and community. 52 volunteers showed up at six locations throughout the City to plant 2012 daffodils and tulips. While volunteers had a great time flexing their muscles, the ultimate gratification will be in the Spring when the City blooms with color. Volunteers worked at Union Square, Wilson Square, Davis Square, Perry Park, and Capuano School.



Guen Miller planted bulbs at the Kennedy School where she attends first grade. Mom is Karen Miller.



Ruth F

Familia



Maris and Elizabeth Stahl, both of Spring Hill Terrace, help plant bulbs and install a new planting at Union Square.



Children helped to plant at their school.

Photos by The City of Somerville & Bobbie Toner



Nikhil Nadkarni helps with the digging.

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SOMERVILLE SPORTS

Lady Anchors clinch spot in State Tournament

St Clement Lady Anchors secured a spot in the State Tournament for the first time in 11 years, after a nail-biting 3-2 victory over the Trinity Catholic Falcons. Leading the victory was Junior Captain Kristina Ofoedu (Somerville) with 23 service points, 7 kills, 5 aces and 12 digs. Sophomore Megan Berg (Medford) had 20 service points and Junior Captain Allison Caloggero (Medford) with 19 service points, 8 aces, 4 kills and 11 digs. The victory boosts the Lady Anchors to a 10-3 overall record.

"This is such a great achievement for us after coming off a

disappointing 2010 season," according to Head Coach Lisa Re-gione. "Most of these girls have been playing together since the 7th grade."

The victory was bittersweet after a crushing loss earlier in the week to the Catholic Central League leader Marian. Lady Anchors sophomore Kayla Morello (Medford) had 9 service points and 6 kills and junior captain Judy D'Haiti (Cambridge) had 12 service points and 4 aces. This week the Lady Anchors will host Boston International, Cristo Rey and Mystic Valley Charter School.



The St. Clement Lady Anchors will be advancing to the State Tournament thanks to a great team effort.

Ms. Cam's

Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

#286

1. What famous painting is believed by some, as a self portrait of Da Vinci as a women?

2. What was the most important crop in the south U.S. before the American Civil War?

3. It produces approximately 20% of all the water that rivers of the world pour into the oceans - what is it called?

4. What was founded by a Harvard University sophomore on February 4, 2004?

5. What TV sitcom had scenes taken at the neighborhood pub called "The Regal Beagle"?

6. Who was the thirty-fifth President of the United States?

7. What is the name of

the monumental granite sculpture located on a mountain near Keystone, S. Dakota?

8. What is considered to be the world's oldest monumental structures?

9. Who is credited with the invention of the metal detector in 1861?

10. What is the largest search engine in the world (its name was a spelling mistake by its founder)?

11. The males are called bulls, the females are called cows, and the young are called calves - what are we talking about?

12. Who did not believe in accountants, never had his company audited in his administration, and amassed one of the world's largest fortunes?

Answers on page 23

SHS Freshman Girls Volleyball defeats Everett

The Freshman Highlanders achieved a resounding victory over Everett on Friday, October 14, winning easily in two sets, 25-12, 25-13.

In the first set, Alba Haxhimali had a string of nine unanswered service points and Kathleen Almeida had 7 unanswered service points. The first set also included Oneda Lalaj, Jennifer Leone, Deidre Matthews, and Mirdardley Joseph.

In the second set, Nichole and Naticha Lewis combined for great defense. Cassandra Paiva played well at the net. Cheyanna Johnson played well in the back row and Christ Civil had some good hits.

The Freshman Higlanders have a 5-3-1 record.



Cheyanna Johnson at the net.

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unprofessional, but it's a public employee and it's a different story, isn't it? Why don't we hold public employees to the same standards as we do in the private sector? Remember, a good defense is a great offense - or is that the other way around? Either way, the city didn't fare too well in the public eye. Maybe the School Department head should just say no personal views on emails that might be seen in a negative way by anyone.

In advance of next week's official start of citywide zero-sort recycling, Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone and a group of

Somerville Aldermen made the first delivery of new zero-sort carts to local residents. The first carts are being delivered in Ward 7 in the western part of the city and the cart delivery trucks will move east over the next few weeks. The 65-gallon wheeled carts have the same footprint as the blue recycling bins residents currently use, but hold a much greater amount of recyclables and prevent those recyclables from getting blown around the neighborhood in windy weather. Residents also do not have to sort their recyclables. Plastics, paper, glass bottles, aluminum cans, even pizza boxes can all be put in the same cart. The City has posted

a YouTube video of the delivery. The zero-sort program officially starts next week. All residents who are part of the City recycling program no longer will need to separate their paper from their plastics. Some residents will not receive their new carts until after the start of the program. They should continue to use their current blue bins as a temporary substitute until the new carts are delivered curbside to their residence. Those with additional questions can call 311 (or use email, Facebook or Twitter) or go to the City website at <http://www.somerville-ma.gov/alerts/zero-sort-recycling-information>.

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

PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on **Wednesday, November 2, 2011**, Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd floor at Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, at 6:00 p.m. to hear pending applications and to hold public hearings:

16 Linden Ave: (Case #ZBA 2011-70) Applicant & Owner 16 Linden Avenue, LLC seeks Special Permit with Site Plan Review (SPSR) approval under SZO §7.2 to construct a principal structure for 5 dwelling units on a lot with an existing principal structure with 3 dwelling units. The Applicant also seeks SPSR approval under SZO §7.3 to have eight (8) residential units on the lot, one of which would be an affordable unit as defined in §13. Additionally, the Applicant seeks a Special Permit to alter the existing nonconforming 3 family structure under §4.4.1 to alter window openings, construct a 2-story deck in the rear yard and alter the front entrance canopy. RB zone. Ward 5.

68 Wallace St: (Case #ZBA 2011-75) Applicant Janet Collins and Owner Rose McMahan seek a special permit to alter a nonconforming structure under SZO §4.4.1 to construct a roof and two sides over an existing wheelchair lift. RA zone. Ward 6.

21 Chetwynd Rd: (Case #ZBA 2011-76) Applicant the Chabad of Medford and Owner Rabbi Tzvi Backman seek a special permit to alter a nonconforming structure under SZO §4.4.1 to add a third story rear addition and a dormer on the right side, alter an existing rear porch, and increase the Floor Area Ratio with the creation of basement office space at an existing rectory/parsonage with two dwellings units. RA zone. Ward 7.

143 Summer St: (Case #ZBA 2011-78) Applicants and Owners Jill and Enrique Guardia seek a special permit to alter a nonconforming structure under SZO §4.4.1 to expand an existing rear deck by approx 146 sf. RB zone. Ward 3.

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

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant
Published in Somerville News on 10/19/11 & 10/26/11.

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**CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
IFB # 12-25**

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

Roof Repairs of all Municipal Buildings

An invitation for bids (IFB) and specifications may be obtained at the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA. 02143 on or after: **Wednesday, October 19, 2011**. Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: **Thursday, November 2, 2011 at 11:00 A.M.**, at which time sealed bids will be open. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

The contract term shall be from November 7, 2011 through November 6, 2012, with two one-year options to renew.

Prevailing wage rates apply to this contract. A 5% Bid Deposit will be required.

For bid packages and specifications please email: Orazio DeLuca, Contract Manager: odeluca@somervillema.gov.

**Angela M. Allen
Purchasing Director
617-625-6600 ext. 3400**

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**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
JOSEPH A. CURTATONE
MAYOR**

LEGAL NOTICE Somerville Conservation Commission Public Hearing

Applicant: AvalonBay Assembly Row TRS, Inc. 51 Sleeper Street, Suite 750, Boston, MA 02210

Agent: Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc., 101 Walnut Street, Watertown, MA 02471

Location: 74 & 100 Foley Street, Somerville, MA 02143

The Somerville Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, October 25, 2011**, at **7:00 p.m.** at City Hall, 3rd floor, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, regarding a Notice of Intent (NOI) filed pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act, G.L. c. 131, § 40, for work described below.

The Notice of Intent is for the proposed project for the development of Block A of Assembly Square, including construction of a mixed use retail/residential building, integrated parking area and associated appurtenances.

The application can be viewed at the Mayor's Office Strategic Planning and Community Development, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville. Contact Rachel Kelly, Conservation Agent, at 617-625-6600 x2516 for more information.

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

MIDDLESEX Division

Docket No. MI 11P4722EA

In the Estate of: John J. Coombs

Late of: Somerville. MA. 02145

Date of Death: 02/23/2011

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR

to all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that

Stephen K Coombs of Somerville, MA

or some other suitable person be appointed administrator of said estate to serve.

Without Surety

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT;
Cambridge
ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK (10:00 AM) ON:
11/03/2011

WITNESS, HON. PETER C. DIGANGI, First Justice of this Court

Date: October 6, 2011

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

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

MIDDLESEX Division

Docket No. MI 11P4703EA

In the Estate of: Anthony Renda

Late of: Somerville. MA. 02144

Date of Death: 07/10/2011

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR

to all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that

Elena M Campbell of Berlin, CT

or some other suitable person be appointed administrator of said estate to serve.

With Personal Surety

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT;
Cambridge
ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK (10:00 AM) ON:
11/08/2011

WITNESS, HON. PETER C. DIGANGI, First Justice of this Court

Date: October 11, 2011

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

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

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Somerville Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **November 3, 2011** at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers of Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

74 & 100 Foley Street: (Case # PB 2011-17) Applicant Federal Realty Investment Trust and Owner Street Retail, Inc., seek Special Permit with Site Plan Review - A approval under SZO §7.11.6.5.b to relocate a 48,575 square foot area for dry boat storage. ASMD zone. Ward 1.

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

Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman

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SOMERVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY
30 Memorial Road, Somerville, Massachusetts 02145
Telephone (617) 625-1152 Fax (617) 628-7057 TDD (617) 628-8889

IMPORTANT PUBLIC NOTICE

The Somerville Housing Authority (SHA) announces a **PUBLIC HEARING** regarding **the 2012 Annual Plan** on Wednesday, December 14, 2011 at 6:30 p.m., at Properzi Manor, 13-25 Warren Avenue, Somerville, Massachusetts. The Plan and related documents are available at the Somerville Housing Authority, 30 Memorial Road and the City of Somerville, Housing Division, 50 Evergreen Ave, Somerville, Massachusetts during regular business hours. A forty-five (45) day review and comment period will commence on **October 28, 2011**. Any questions may be directed to Paul Mackey, Deputy Director, at 617-625-1152.

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**CITY OF SOMERVILLE
OFFICE OF CITY CLERK
BOARD OF ALDERMEN**

There will be a Public Hearing before the Board of Aldermen's Committee on Licenses and Permits on **Wednesday, October 26, 2011**, at **6:00 PM**, in the Committee Room on the 2nd Floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, on the Petition for Extended Operating Hours for Mehmet Bakirci dba Mr. B's, 142 Cross Street, Somerville, which seeks to operate every night, Sunday-Saturday, until 2:00 AM for delivery service only.


THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND AND BE HEARD.

**JOHN J. LONG
CITY CLERK**

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

SALE OF REAL ESTATE
UNDER M.G.L.c.183A:6

By virtue of Judgment and Order of the Somerville District Court (Docket No. 1110CV337), in favor of BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF SHORE DRIVE TOWNHOUSE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION against NORMAN H. ZIDEL establishing a lien pursuant to M.G.L.c.183A:6 on the real estate known as UNIT #6B, 99 GOVERNOR WINTHROP ROAD of the SHORE DRIVE TOWNHOUSE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION for the purposes of satisfying such lien, the real estate is scheduled for Public Auction at 11:00AM ON THE 18th DAY OF NOVEMBER, A.D. 2011, AT UNIT #6B, 99 GOVERNOR WINTHROP ROAD, SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS. The premises to be sold are more particularly described as follows:

Whose address is 99 Governor Winthrop Road, Somerville, Massachusetts which is the same post office address of the property conveyed hereby, with QUITCLAIM COVENANTS, the following premises in Shore Drive Townhouse Condominium, created by Master Deed dated July 12, 1983 and recorded July 13, 1983 with Middlesex South Registry of Deeds herewith, being Unit Number 6B (the "Unit") in Building 6, together with an undivided 3.89% interest appertaining to said UNIT in the common areas and facilities of said Condominium, and subject to and the benefit of the provisions of said Master Deed hereinabove referred to.

The said premises are conveyed with the benefit of and subject to: (a) the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 183A as the same may now or hereafter be amended, (b) the Master Deed and amendments thereto, (c) the By-Laws of the Shore Drive Townhouse Condominium Association, Inc. and amendments to the same, and any rules and regulations adopted from time to time pursuant thereto, and all matters of record stated or referred to in the Master Deed, as completely as if each were fully set forth herein and (d) further subject to real estate taxes attributable to said Unit for the current year as are not now due and payable.

The said grantee(s) by the acceptance and recording of this Deed agree to assume and perform all conditions of this Deed and the said Master Deed and By-Laws as completely as if each were fully set forth herein.

The Unit referred to above is laid out as shown on the unit plan annexed, which is a copy of a portion of the plans filed with the Master Deed and to which is affixed a verified statement in the form provided in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 183A, Section 9. Said Unit contains the area shown on the unit plan recorded herewith.

For title see deed recorded with Middlesex South Registry of Deeds in Book 15109, Page 124.

In the event of a typographical error or omission contained in this publication, the description of the premises contained in said Unit Deed shall control.

TERMS OF SALE:

1.

A non-refundable deposit payable in cash, certified or bank check in the amount of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars for the unit shall be payable at the Auction.

2.

The balance of the purchase price is to be paid within thirty (30) days of the auction.

3.

An Auctioneer's Release Deed will be issued to the purchaser, upon payment of the balance of the purchase price, within thirty (30) days of auction. The Deed shall convey the premises subject to, and with the benefit of, all restrictions, easements, improvements, outstanding tax titles, municipal or other public taxes, assessments, liens, or claims in the nature of liens, and existing encumbrances of record senior to the lien, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, outstanding tax titles, municipal or other public taxes, assessments, liens or claims in the nature of liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

4.

Additionally, and not by way of limitation, the sale shall be subject to and with the benefit of any and all tenants, tenancies, and occupants, if any.

5.

No representation is or shall be made as to any amount of taxes due and outstanding.

6.

The successful bidder shall pay the future condominium common charges commencing with the date of the auction.

7.

No representation is or shall be made as to any other mortgages, liens, or encumbrances of record.

8.

No representation is or shall be made as to the condition of the Premises or the Condominium. The Premises shall be sold "as is".

9.

Other items, if any, shall be announced at the sale.


10.

The sale is subject to and in accordance with the Judgment and Order, a copy of which may be obtained from the seller's counsel, Attorney Ellen A. Shapiro, Goodman, Shapiro & Lombardi, LLC, 3 Allied Drive, Suite 120, Dedham, MA 02026, (781) 251-9800.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF SHORE DRIVE
TOWNHOUSE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.
For the Board of Governors,
By their Attorneys
GOODMAN, SHAPIRO & LOMBARDI, LLC

Ellen A. Shapiro, Esq.
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NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI) and
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS (NOI/RROF)

Date of Publication: October 19, 2011

Responsible Entities City of Somerville
Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and
Community Development
93 Highland Ave., 3rd floor,
Somerville, MA 02143
Tel: 617-625-6600, x. 2565

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Somerville (The City), acting by and through the Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD).

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about November 7, 2011 The City will submit a request to the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Boston Office, for the release of HOME Investments Partnerships Program funds under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act, 32 U.S.C. 12701 et seq., as amended, to undertake a project known as Washington Street Apartments located at 181 Washington St., Somerville, MA for the purpose of the new construction of 40 affordable rental units. Total development cost, including acquisition, construction, soft costs, and development fees is estimated at \$15,438,000, of which The City's share is estimated at \$950,000. The Developer has indicated that it will also seek HUD McKinney Funds and funds from The State of Massachusetts Affordable Housing Trust Fund, and Housing Stabilization, Community Based Housing, Housing Innovation, Facilities Conservation, and Commercial Area Transit Node Housing Programs.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at OSPCD, 3rd floor, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143 and may be examined and/or copied Monday-Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Thursday from 8:30 a.m - 7:30 p.m.; and Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to The City at the address given above. All comments received by the end of the business day on November 3, 2011 will be considered by The City prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City certifies to HUD/Boston that Joseph A. Curtatone, in his capacity as Mayor and Certifying Officer of the City of Somerville, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD/Boston's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows The City to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD/Boston will accept objections to its release of funds and The City's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of The City; (b) The City has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, or incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD/Boston.; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to: HUD/Office of Community Planning & Development, Thomas P. O'Neil Jr. Federal Building, 10 Causeway Street, 5th floor, Boston, MA 02222-1092. Potential objectors should contact HUD/Boston (617-994-8200) to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Joseph A. Curtatone, Mayor of the City of Somerville

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
NOTICE AND ORDER:
Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor

Docket No. MI 11P4619GD

In the interest of **Amira G TesFaye**
of **Somerville, MA.**
Minor

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

1. Hearing Date/ Time: A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on **09/28/2011** by **Maza A Mohamed** of Fall River, MA will be held **11/01/2011 08:30 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing** Located **208 Cambridge St Cambridge MA 02141 Courtroom #2**

2. Response to Petition: You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response , you need to:

File the original with the Court; and

Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing;

3. Counsel for the Minor: The minor(or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.

4. Presence of the Minor at Hearing: A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.

ORDER TO PETITIONER(S)

IT IS ORDERED THAT copies of this Notice and the Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a minor be served in hand on the minor (if 14 or more years of age and not the petitioner). the guardian, the parents of the minor, and any or other person if ordered by the Court, at least **fourteen (14)** days prior to the hearing date listed above.

If Service in hand cannot be accomplished on any interested party, **IT IS ORDERED** that copies of this Notice and the Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor be served on the interested party by leaving at and mailing by regular first class mail to last and usual place of residence of the interested party at least **fourteen (14)** days prior to the date of the hearing listed above.

If the identity or whereabouts of an interested party **is not known, IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that copies of this Notice and Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor be served on the interested party at least **fourteen (14)** days prior to the hearing date by publishing a copy of the Order and Notice once in **Somerville News, Somerville**, publication to be at least **Seven (7)** days prior to the hearing date.


If required, service on the United States Veteran's Administration and the Department of Children and Families may be accomplished by regular first class mail at least **Seven (7)** days prior to the hearing.

THIS IS A LEGAL NOTICE: An important court proceeding that may affects your rights has been scheduled. If you do not understand this notice or other court papers, please contact an attorney for Legal advice.

Tara E. De Cristofaro
Register of Probate

Date: September 30, 2011

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
JOSEPH A. CURTATONE
MAYOR
LEGAL NOTICE
Somerville Conservation Commission
Public Hearing

Applicant: FR Assembly Square, LLC, 1626 East Jefferson Street, Rockville, MD 20852

Agent: Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc., 101 Walnut Street, Watertown, MA 02471

Location: Ten Hills West, Road Right-Of-Way, Somerville, MA 02145

The Somerville Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, October 25, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.** at City Hall, 3rd floor, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, regarding a Notice of Intent (NOI) filed pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act, G.L. c. 131, § 40, for work described below.

The Request for Applicability is for the project within the Ten Hills West area, Putnam Road, Puritan Road, Governor Winthrop Road, Shore Drive and Cresthill Road. The project consist of sewer and drain improvements in the Ten Hills West area, including installation of new sewer line and drains to separate the stormwater and sanitary sewer systems on Shore Drive, slip-lining and sanitary sewer lines and cross connecting existing stormwater pipes on the side streets, manhole rehabilitation and cold plane and overlay of the roadway upon completion of work.

The application can be viewed at the Mayor's Office Strategic Planning and Community Development, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville. Contact Rachel Kelly, Conservation Agent, at 617-625-6600 x2516 for more information.

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

MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. MI 07P0816EP1

To all persons interested in the estate of: **Flora C. Nastasia**

Late of: Somerville, MA. 02143

NOTICE OF EXECUTOR /ADMINISTRATOR ACCOUNT

You are hereby notified pursuant to Mass, R. Civ. P. Rule 72 that the **1st and Final** account(s) of

Gerald R. Nastasia

as **Executor/trix** of said estate has/ have been presented to said Court for allowance.

If you desire to preserve your right to file an objection to said account(s), you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said court at **Cambridge** on or before the **11/09/2011**, the return day of this citation. You may upon written request by registered or certified mail to the fiduciary, or to the attorney for the fiduciary, obtain without cost a copy of said account(s). If you desire to object to any item of said account(s), you must, in addition to filing a written appearance as aforesaid, file within thirty (30) days after said return day or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order a written statement of each such item together with the grounds for each objection thereto, a copy to be served upon the fiduciary pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 5.

WITNESS, HON. PETER C. DIGANGI, First Justice of this Court

Date: October 3, 2011

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**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
JOSEPH A. CURTATONE
MAYOR**

**LEGAL NOTICE
Somerville Conservation Commission
Public Hearing**

Applicant: AvalonBay Assembly Row TRS, Inc. 51 Sleeper Street, Suite 750, Boston, MA 02210

Agent: Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc., 101 Walnut Street, Watertown, MA 02471

Location: 133 Middlesex Avenue, 74 & 100 Foley Street, Somerville, MA 02143

The Somerville Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, October 25, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.** at City Hall, 3rd floor, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, regarding a Notice of Intent (NOI) filed pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act, G.L. c. 131, § 40, for work described below.

The Notice of Intent is for the proposed project that consists of development of Block 1 of Assembly Square, including construction of a mixed use retail/residential building, integrated parking area and associated appurtenances.

The application can be viewed at the Mayor's Office Strategic Planning and Community Development, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville. Contact Rachel Kelly, Conservation Agent, at 617-625-6600 x2516 for more information.

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Café at the Armory opens

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Managed by the capable hands of Laura Sargent and Danny Kallis, late of the Davis Square Businessman's association and the Rosebud diner, the café is now open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The sunlit proud café stands for all comers as a paradigm of community artistry. Come by and have a bite. You won't regret it.



'Of course, we celebrate'

CONT. FROM PG 1

frenzy that by Monday had reached across international borders.

"The notion that we do not celebrate historical events or holidays and that we were doing away with them obviously went viral. It's now everywhere and it's wholly inaccurate," said Somerville School Superintendent Tony Pierantozzi at Monday evening's regularly-scheduled School Committee meeting.

"There is absolutely no validity to the stories that are everywhere about banning celebrations, banning all holidays, banning Halloween," said Pierantozzi. "At no time did anyone representing the Somerville Public Schools state that holidays or celebrations would be reduced, changed or curtailed."

Foley's message to teachers, which she has said was sent with the intent of sparking a discussion about multi-cultural perspectives on Columbus Day, expressed some strongly-worded views:

"When we were young we might have been able to claim ignorance of the atrocities that Christopher Columbus committed against the indigenous peoples of the 'new' world. We can no longer do so. For many of us and our students celebrating this particular person is an insult and a slight to the people he annihilated. On the same lines, we need to be careful around the Thanksgiving Day time as well."

But nowhere in the email was there a recommendation to stop commemorating either Columbus Day or Thanksgiving. As for Halloween, Foley's email didn't say anything about it.

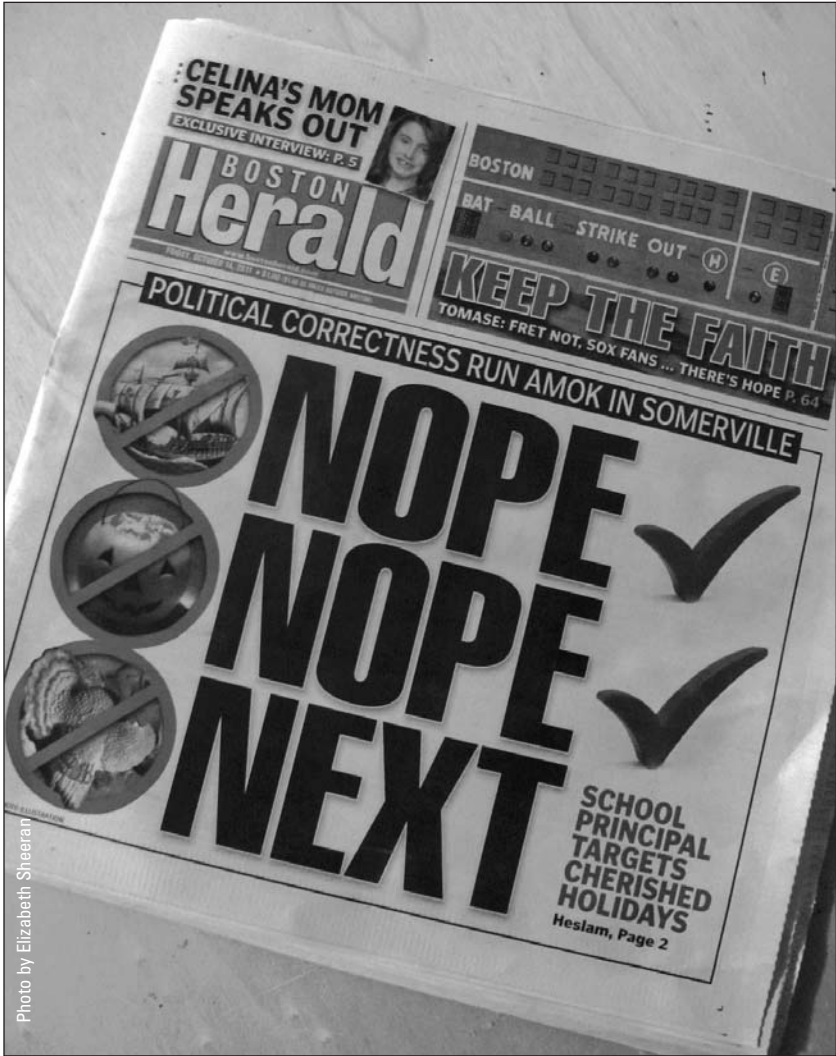
In a follow-up message to parents and staff via robo-call on Sunday evening, Foley said nothing had changed regarding the instruction and events planned at the Kennedy School this year. "As always teachers and classrooms address holidays as part of their curriculum," said Foley.

The recorded message also included the following apology: "If this message had been intended for a broader audience, I would have chosen less inflammatory words and provided more of a context for the message," said Foley. "I apologize if my words offended anyone, that was not my intent."

Mayor Joseph Curtatone, who has three children enrolled at the Kennedy School, said he was among those who disagreed with Foley's use of words such as "atrocities" and "annihilated" in reference to Columbus. But he defended her right to communicate with her staff about issues surrounding the teaching of history.

"I didn't agree with the words she used. But as the principal, she has a right to say it," said Curtatone.

"We have the freedom of speech in



The front page of last Friday's Boston Herald ignited a firestorm of media coverage.

this country to be able to raise issues like this," said Alderman and School Committee member Rebekah Gewirtz. "I'm not saying tone doesn't matter...But this is what we should be encouraging our children to do in school: to say 'why?' and 'how?' and 'where?' And not just to accept 'this is a holiday and therefore this person should be revered.' We should learn the real truth, which in some cases is an unpleasant truth."

Not all School Committee members expressed support for Principal Foley. "I do want to publicly apologize to my constituents that we had to spend this much time, and all the hours spent this weekend by this gentleman and his administration, for one person," said Mary Jo Rossetti, of Ward Seven, referring to the flood of media inquiries that had bombarded city officials.

For Mayor Curtatone, the media attention focused on the email was a case of form over substance, fuelled by the chance to build controversy around Foley's choice of words. And the Mayor had his own harsh words for the Herald.

"We can agree or disagree. And I don't agree with everything in it," he said, referring to the email. "But to paint it as if we're against every holiday here in the City of Somerville - which is the inference given by the Herald story - is way out of line, just wrong, and I think breaches some line of journalistic ethics."

To further drive home the point that Somerville schools haven't stopped commemorating holidays, Superintendent Pierantozzi presented the School Committee with a two-page list of celebrations from schools across the city. Many look pretty familiar, like Thanksgiving

trips to Plimoth Plantation. Many are new twists on old traditions, like friendship cards on Valentine's Day. And many are completely new ways of approaching the holidays, like pajama days for Halloween.

Some parents may lament the fact that school celebrations don't all look like they used to, but Pierantozzi said educators have a responsibility to make sure individual students don't feel excluded from school day activities because of different backgrounds, origins or religious beliefs. He said schools across the country are beginning to grapple with the issue of diversity when it comes to holidays.

"This is a real issue in our community," said School Committee member Mark Niedergang, of Ward Five, who added that he regularly receives calls from constituents who represent various backgrounds, with different traditions. "There are disagreements in our community about how holidays should be celebrated in our schools," said Niedergang.

Mayor Curtatone said all that diversity only adds to the celebration within the community. And he dismissed any idea that Somerville does not know how to have a good time - especially around traditional American holidays like Halloween.

"Of course we celebrate Halloween here in Somerville. On October 23 we're going to have the biggest Halloween Festival in the state," said Curtatone. "I want to challenge any city or school system in the country, who celebrates our country, our history, our traditions and those of dozens of others around the world as much as the City of Somerville and Somerville's Public Schools."

‘VILLENS ON THE TOWN

FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH
Wednesday|October 19

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

West Branch Library
Babygarten
11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|40 College Avenue

Central Library
Half Day Wednesday Movie:Karate Kid
11 p.m.-3 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Thursday|October 20

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

Friday|October 21

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

Saturday|October 22

Central Library
Rosalita's Puppets in The Egyptian Adventure
3 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Sunday|October 23

SomerStreets - Fall Festival
12 p.m.|Somerville Ave(Union Sq to Porter Sq)

Ghosts of Somerville
12 p.m.|Milk Row Cemetery| 400 Somerville Avenue

Monday|October 24

Central Library
Sing Along with Steve Mayone
11 a.m.- 11:45 a.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Tuesday|October 25

West Branch Library
Halloween Preschool Storytime
11a.m. - 11:30 a.m.|40 College Avenue

Central Library
October Book Group for Kids!
Cathy Piantigini
617-623-5000 x2950
7 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Wednesday|October 26

East Branch Library
A Not So Spooky Preschool Storytime
11a.m. - 11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway

West Branch Library
Babygarten
11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|40 College Avenue

MUSIC
Wednesday|October 19

Johnny D's
Hearty Meals for all W/Creature Breath|Andrew Greene|Sam Otis Hill|Anger Management
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

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

The Burren
Back Room Music Series w/Winifred Horan & Mick McAuley
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge
Jacuzzi Boys|White Pages|Guilty Party|ExPlanets
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

Precinct Bar
Exiles|Hevy Sol|Billy Wine
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's Pub
Dave Wells & Friends
366A Somerville Ave|617-440 6045

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

Night Games
Name your tune Wednesdays|Karaoke
30 Washington St|617-628-1000

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

Rosebud Bar
Comedy Showcase
381 Summer St

Bloc 11
11 Bow St.|617-623-0000

Arts At The Armory
Somerville Arts Council: Art Salon
7:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Thursday|October 20

Johnny D's
Racky Thomas
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Tom Hagerty Acoustic Band|6 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

PA'S Lounge
Ammonia Booking|Melody Hanna's 28th Birthday Shitshow with Legends:Kilslug|Opposition Rising|Whitey|DJ Robin Goodhue
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

Precinct Bar
Zagnutt|The Ground Up|Self Proclaimed Rock Stars|The Susan Constant
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

Bloc 11
Live Music
11 Bow St.|617-623-0000

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

Joshua Tree
Country Music Thursday
9:30 p.m.|256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

Night Games
Throwback Thursdays|80's Dance
30 Washington St|617-628-1000

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

Rosebud Bar
The Vivs, Ray Mason Band
381 Summer St.

Somerville Theatre
Peter Wolf
6:45 p.m.|55 Davis Sq.|617-625-5700

Friday|October 21

Johnny D's
Balkan Tales w/Theodosii Spassov|Ross Livermore Band
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Larry Flint & The Road Scholars|6 p.m.
Dave Sammarco Band|9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Cooper's Escape
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

Precinct Bar
Hear Now Live Presents|The Flo|Musaic|Todd Kramer Band|Matt Suchich
70 Union Sq|617 -623-9211

PA'S Lounge
Extinguish Boston Presents!|The Most Americans|Oh! Pears|Dad Rocks|Arms & Sleepers
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

Bull McCabe's
Jess Tardy Band
The Secret Army
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Michael's Bar
Domestic Beer \$2.50
9 p.m. - 1 a.m.|no cover|97 Washington St|617-623-3364

Joshua Tree
DJ
10 p.m.|256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

Night Games
Fabulous Fridays|R&B
30 Washington St|617-628-1000

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

Rosebud Bar
360'S|Tsunami of Sound|Battle Green
381 Summer St

Bloc 11
11 Bow St.|617-623-0000

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

Arts At The Armory
Richard Cambridge's Poet Theatre: Samhain- All Hallow's Eve Celebration with Regina Delaney
7:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Somerville Theatre
The Low Anthem
8 p.m.|55 Davis Sq.|617-625-5700

Saturday|October 22

Johnny D's
Paul Thorn|Bob Marley night w/Dub Station
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Patsy Hamel Band |5:30 p.m.
Sarah Levecque Band |9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Dave Foley
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Precinct Bar
Chandeliers|Soccer Mum|The Hush Now
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Karaoke|on demand DJ
9p.m.|65 Holland St

PA'S Lounge
Royal Wedding|Geoglyphs|Incredible Universe
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

Bull McCabe's Pub
Rising Tribe & High Hopes Band
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Joshua Tree
DJ
10 p.m.|256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

Michael's Bar
Come Dance to the Oldies; 50's-80's music|Domestic Beer \$2.50
9 p.m. - 1 a.m.|no cover|97 Washington St|617-623-3364

Night Games
Sexy Saturdays|new old school
30 Washington St|617-628-1000

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

Rosebud Bar
Melt CD Release Party with Liz Borden Band|Amber Spyglass|Emma Cerra
381 Summer St

Bloc 11
11 Bow St.|617-623-0000

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

Arts At The Armory
Shunyam Productions: Om Trinity Fall Ecstatic Chant with Prema Hara, Mike Cohen, and Shantala
4 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Sunday|October 23

Johnny D's
Open Blues Jam 4:30 p.m. |Ragbirds
9 p.m.
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Oktoberfest am SomervilleStrasse: street closed, beer garden, live music
Paul Ahlstrand Quartet|8 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Sunday Night Music Series
8 p.m.|247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

Precinct Bar
Live Ethnotronica with Machine 475
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
RockBand every other Sundays
9 p.m.|65 Holland St

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

Michael's Bar
Karaoke|Domestic Beer \$2.50
9 p.m. - 1 a.m.|no cover|97 Washington St|617-623-3364

Highland Kitchen
Live Bluegrass Brunch |noon-2:30p.m.
Live Music|10 p.m.
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Night Games
Sports Blitz Sundays
30 Washington St|617-628-1000

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

Rosebud Bar
381 Summer St

Monday|October 24

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

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

The Burren
Bur-Run|6:30 p.m.
Set Dancing|8 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

Precinct Bar
Esthema|The Brighton Beat|Klezwoods
70 Union Sq|617-623-921

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

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

Tuesday|October 25

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

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Lowman|9:30 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan|6:30 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

Precinct Bar
Red Skies|Parachuter|The New Highway Hymnal|Sunram
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's Pub
David Johnston Band
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

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

Rosebud Bar
Karaoke with Kristi
381 Summer St

Wednesday|October 26

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

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

The Burren
PUB QUIZ 8-10|Comedy@10
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge
The Sinister Turns|The Broken Lights
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

Precinct Bar
Ethan Robbins and Cold Chocolate|Big Sway|Big East|Billy Wine
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's Pub
Dave Wells & Friends
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

Night Games
Name your tune Wednesdays|Karaoke
30 Washington St|617-628-1000

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

Rosebud Bar
Comedy Showcase
381 Summer St

Bloc 11
11 Bow St.|617-623-0000

CLASSES AND GROUPS
Wednesday|October 19

Central Library
The Folk Song Society of Greater Boston Midweek Sing
Art Weiss
6:45 p.m.-8:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Third Life Studio
Beyond Beginners Belly Dancing with Nadira Jamal
7:30-9:00 Level 2
33 Union Sq|www.nadirajamal.com

Thursday|October 20

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

Central Library
Introduction to basic computer skills
Caron Guigli
617-623-5000 x2920
11 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

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

Saturday|October 22

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

Third Life Studio
Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction with Sunada Takagi
10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.|33 Union Sq| (617) 539-6409
Monthly Open Voice Movement Therapy Workshops
11:30 -2:30 p.m.|33 Union Sq| 978-952-2798
Yoga Flow
1 p.m.-2 p.m.|33 Union Sq |maria.taesil@gmail.com
Introduction to Voice Movement Therapy
2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.| Mali: 781.290.6381 MaliSastri@gmail.com

Sunday|October 23

Third Life Studio
Discover Belly Dancing with Nadira Jamal
Noon- 1 p.m.|33 Union Sq
Belly Dance Drills & Repertoire
1:15 p.m.-2:15 p.m.|33 Union Sq
African Dance with Alice
7:15 pm - 8:30 pm|617-620-7654
www.alicehellerdance.com

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

Monday|October 24

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

West Branch Library
Books Into Movies Discussion Group
7:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.|40 College Ave

Third Life Studio
Beginning Hawaiian Hula
5:45 p.m.| 781-729-2252

Tuesday|October 25

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

Third Life Studio
Vinyasa Flow Yoga & Meditation
9:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m.|617-628-7884

Third Life Studio
Leading group singing
7-9:15 p.m.|33 Union Sq|617-628-0916

The Art of Singing Group
7 p.m.-9:15 p.m.|33 Union Sq|617-628-0916 sribana@gmail.com

Wednesday|October 26

Third Life Studio
Belly Dance Fundamentals with Nadira Jamal
6:30-8:00 Level 2|8 p.m.-9 p.m. Level 1
33 Union Sq|www.nadirajamal.com

Inmate work crews to serve in Somerville

Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian has assigned an inmate work crew to the Department of Public Works in Somerville from October 17 to October 21.

The work crew will be assisting the department with various painting and clean-up projects. The project will save Somerville an estimated \$7,500 dollars.

The inmate work crew is part of the Middlesex Sheriff's Office Community Work Program, which provides free labor via non-violent inmates to public buildings and organizations.

Under the supervision of correctional officers, the program teaches inmates the value of a hard days work while saving taxpayer money. Inmates involved in the program are from the minimum security facility at the Middlesex House of Correction in Billerica. They go through a rigorous screening process and caseworker review to ensure communities the safest, most trustworthy workers available. All inmates classified as eligible for this program are nearing the end of their sentence. Work projects do not dis-

place any public or private employees, nor do they interfere with union or the public bidding processes.

On average, the Community Work Program saves Middlesex County communities a combined \$1 million a year.

"Strong community partnerships help address unique public safety situations with unique public safety solutions," said Sheriff Koutoujian. "Our inmates learn the value of a hard days work and help carry the financial burden that is hindering so many municipalities."

Life saving techniques taught



Photo by William Tauro

Somerville's Winter Hill Yacht Club hosted a community event with a CPR and AED (Automated Electronic Defibrillator) course Wednesday evening. The American Heart Association approved course was voluntarily presented by veteran Burlington Police Detective Paul Glejzer, who donated his time for training the group. He also brought in special training mannequins and training defibrillators along with an American Heart Association training video on CPR, AED use, and first aid. The group got to practice the life saving CPR skills on the training mannequins as well as with proper training on AED use as well as breathing and choking life saving techniques. The American Heart Association has developed these courses in an effort to help in the aid of first response emergencies and reduce the number of deaths caused by cardiovascular disease.

- William Tauro

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SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

October 19
Holland Street Center
Women's Group (For women to connect and learn new coping strategies in a healthy way and in a supportive atmosphere of other women.)|10:30 a.m.
Exercise for Everyday|10 :30 a.m.
Chi Gong|1:15 p.m.
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Ralph & Jenny Center
Crafty Wednesdays|10:30 a.m.
9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

October 20
Holland Street Center
Walking club|9:00 am
Senior discussion (Current events)|10:00 am
Fall Foliage Trip – Cathedral of the Pines New Hampshire
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Ralph & Jenny Center
Exercise|10 a.m.
9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

Cross Street Center
SHINE (Health Insurance Assistance)|9:30 a.m.
Walking club|10:30 a.m.
165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

October 21
Holland Street Center
Blood Pressure Screening|10 a.m.
Low Vision (Support/Activity Group)|10:30 a.m.

Cross Street Center
Exercise for Everyday|10:30 am
165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x. 2335

October 24
All Centers closed for the Halloween Dance at the Holiday Inn (RSVP)

October 25
Holland Street Center
Exercise|9:15 a.m.
Afternoon at the Movies "Calendar Girls"|12:30 p.m.
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x. 2300

Ralph & Jenny Center
Walking Club|10:30 a.m.
Crafty Wednesdays|10:30 am
9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

Cross Street Center
Lunch and Bingo
165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x. 2335

October 26
Holland Street Center
Health & Wellness Fair with over 18 vendors|9:30 a.m.
Chi gong|1:15 p.m.
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x. 2300

Hanscom Air Force Base – Dinner & Bingo (RSVP)
Lunch and bingo takes place at the centers. Please call 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 for more details.

Some events coming up the week of October 26
October 26 is our annual Health & Wellness Fair. We have over 18 vendors coming to share health and wellness information about blood pressure, acupuncture, mental health screening, hearing screening, glucose testing, community services, falls prevention and various forms of exercise and healthy eating. We will also have flu shots available. There will be Reiki for those who want to learn an alternative method to deal with pain and a free Chi Gong exercise class. The fair is from 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. with lunch at noon and the free introductory Chi gong class at 1:15. RSVP if you would like to stay for lunch at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

October 27 our resident gardening expert, Vilma Sullivan, will help us learn more about the simplest ways to plant, grow, and care for many of the different lettuces and herbs you think you can only find at the supermarket this time of year. Come plant and prepare your own seedlings and seeds. We will continue to meet once a month to tend to our plants and learn how to use these herbs in some easy recipes. Please RSVP with Janine Lotti at 617-625-6600 ext. 2321.

October 29, Cambridge Health Alliance is presenting an informative event for caregivers on "Memory and Aging: What is Normal and What is not?" Registration/light refreshments 9:30 a.m. Event 10 – 11:30 am. Registration/questions: Contact Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services at 617-628-2601 ext. 604.

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20 Thorpe Street	271 Alewife Brook Parkway	36 Fountain Avenue	84 Concord Avenue

Local musician raising funds for her art

By Sanjeev Selvarajah

So why is Kirsten Opstad asking for 5000 dollars? She feels compelled to do so for the very reason she is also being whisked away to record her first full-length album in a studio: her music. Because of her music, a filmmaker named Whit Scott wishes her to compose a song for the soundtrack of his upcoming documentary *Rolled*. Afterwards, he is leaving her alone in the studio, for however long or short it takes to produce an album.

Opstad lives to entertain. With her band mate, Steve Subrizi, she comprises Crazy Exes from Hell, but on her own she is a dedicated singer-songwriter. It is for her talents in the latter role that Whit Scott has appeared on the scene and introduced her to Kickstarter.com, the method Scott used to raise over \$30,000 dollars for his film.

“My Kickstarter campaign is going incredibly well. I’ve raised

almost \$4,000 in less than two weeks. I now have until October 23 to raise the remaining \$1,200. I’ve been so lucky to find support from my friends, family, and fans. I know I will make it to the goal, I just need to reach out and tell my story,” says Opstad.

“It’s kind of sweet actually, on one of the tracks you can hear the birds outside the apartment”

While this would be her first full length album produced in a studio, Opstad has gone guerrilla prior to this, marshaling her day to day resources to get previous recordings done absolutely straight from her home. “The first album I made, *Short Sappy Songs*, was recorded in a pay-by-the-hour music store recording studio. So, technically it was a studio in that I stood in a little



Kirsten Opstad needs your support, and will sing up a storm to get it.

room away from the guy mixing, but I wouldn’t call that a studio album. My second album, *More of The Same*, I recorded in the bedroom of my Somerville apartment. Though I hired a friend to record my latest solo release, *A Little Unhappy EP*, it was

still recorded in a living room in South Boston. It’s kind of sweet actually, on one of the tracks you can hear the birds outside the apartment,” says Opstad

Opstad adds that writing a score for a film has been a challenge. She loves the trailer mu-

sic, *Wake Up* by Arcade Fire, in front of *Where the Wild Things Are*, and the soundtracks to *The Royal Tenenbaums* and *I Heart Huckabees*. Not only is she a musician, but she also does improv and works as a lighting designer.

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back to make sure the city is getting a fair shake. He noted, for instance, that the Somerville yard will house a disproportionate number of Green Line vehi-

cles, including many moved from west of Boston.

“Now here they’re saying in order to get six stations, less than 10 percent of the service, we have

to domicile more than 40 percent of the cars,” said Markey.

The next opportunity for the public to provide input regarding the Green Line Extension project,

including the transportation and maintenance facility, will be on Thursday, October 20, when the state will present the results of its Environmental Assessment, be-

ginning at 6 p.m. in the Somerville High School Auditorium on Highland Avenue. The complete report is available on line at www.greenlineextension.org.

Wine tasting event at the Armory



On Wednesday evening, October 5, The Center for Arts at the Armory, located on Highland Avenue, hosted a reception and wine tasting event in honor of Somerville Mayor Joseph Curtatone. The well-attended crowd of over two hundred attendees enjoyed music, hors d’oeuvres and samples of specially selected fine wines for the tasting.

- William Tauro

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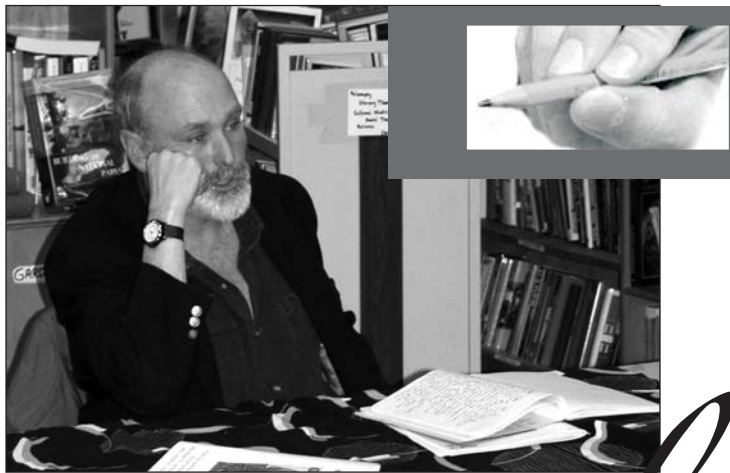
CAMELEON TECHNOLOGY

SCAT Program Schedule for the Week

Wednesday, October 19		4:30pm	A Healer in The House	10:00am	Tele Galaxie	12:00noon	Democracy Now!
12:00am	Free Speech TV	5:00pm	Ablevision	11:00am	Dead Air Live Show	1:00pm	Ablevision
6:00am	The Arabic Hour	5:30pm	Somerville: Most Interesting Places	12:00pm	Reeling, The Movie Review	1:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority
7:00am	Ingenious Ideas	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV	12:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority	2:00pm	Thom Hartmann Program
8:00am	Democracy Now!	7:00pm (LIVE)	Tele Magazine	1:00pm (LIVE)	Bongoman	3:00pm	Robyn & Max Exercise
9:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	7:30pm	Somerville Rocks	2:00pm	Intro Talk w/ Achyut	3:30pm	Esoteric Science
10:00am	Abugida TV	8:00pm (LIVE)	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou	2:30pm	Creepy Castle	4:00pm	South of the Mystic
11:00am	Somerville News Reading	9:30pm	Physician Focus	4:00pm	Wake Up Your Magic	4:30pm	A Healer in Every House
12:00noon	Democracy Now!	10:00pm	Sonic Lobotomy	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol	5:00pm	Culture Club
1:00pm	The Struggle	11:00pm	Recovery Roundtable	6:00pm	Tele Magazine	5:30pm	Talking About Somerville
1:30pm	Talk About Somerville	Friday, October 21		7:00pm	Recovery Roundtable	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV
2:00pm	Thom Hartman show	12:00am	Free Speech TV	8:00pm	Blunt Truth	7:00pm	Somerville Back In The Day
3:00pm (LIVE)	Medical Tutor	6:00am	Live Response	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	7:30pm	The Commonwealth Report
3:30pm	Interesting Places	7:00am	Recovery Roundtable	10:00pm	Wrestling Talk	8:00pm	Right Here, Right Now
4:00pm	Life Matters	8:00am	Democracy Now!	11:00pm	Sonic Lobotomy	8:30pm	Steve Katsos Show
4:30pm	Healthy Hypnosis	9:00am	The Truth About Drugs	Sunday, October 23		9:00pm	Dedilhando A Saudade
5:00pm	CommonSense	9:30am	Creating Cooperative Kids	12:00am	Free Speech TV	10:00pm	Bate Papo con Shirley
5:30pm	Healer in Every House	10:30am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	6:00am	Rompendo em Fe	11:00pm	Visual Radio
6:00pm	Al Jazeera	11:30am	Back In The Day	7:00am	Vida Na TV	Tuesday, October 25	
7:00pm (LIVE)	Chita Tande	12:00noon	Democracy Now!	8:00am	In Season, Out of Season	12:00am	Free Speech TV
8:00pm (LIVE)	Somerville Pundits	1:00pm	The Expert Series	8:30am	Healer in Every Home	6:00am	Emerging Drug Trends
8:30pm	Culture Club	2:00pm	Thom Hartmann Program	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	7:00pm	Perils For Pedestrians
9:00pm	Somerville Rocks	3:00pm	Cooking With George	10:00am	Christian Assemble	7:30am	The Struggle
9:30pm	SCATV & Free Speech	3:30pm	Toast Masters	11:00am	International Church of God	8:00am	Democracy Now!
10:00pm	The Smoki Dick Show	4:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking	11:30am	The Commonwealth Report	9:00am	Somerville News Reading
10:30pm	South of the Mystic	4:30pm	Money On Your Mind	12noon	Somerville Housing Auth.	10:00am	Tele Kreyol
11:00pm	The Garage	5:00pm	SCATV and Free Speech	1:00pm	Waltham Philharmonic Orch.	11:00am	Commonsense
11:30pm	Art @ SCATV	5:30am	Your Money Your Life	2:00pm	Effort Pour Christ	11:30am	The Nicole Review
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7:00am	Know Your Rights	8:00pm	Visual Radio	6:00pm	Abugida TV	2:00pm	Thom Hartmann Show
7:30am	South of the Mystic	9:00pm	The Garage	7:00pm	African TV Network	3:30pm	Active Aging
8:00am	Democracy Now!	9:30pm	Bandwidth TV	8:00pm	Tele Magazine	4:00pm	Fluff Festival 2011
9:00am	Ingenious Ideas	10:00pm	Sonic Lobotomy	9:00pm	Watch This	5:00pm (LIVE)	Poet to Poet
10:00am	Active Aging	11:00pm	Perils For Pedestrians	10:00pm	Recovery Roundtable	5:30pm	Jeff Jam
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11:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	Saturday, October 22		Monday, October 24		7:00pm	Art @ SCAT
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2:00pm	Thom Hartmann	7:00am	GAY USA	8:00am	Democracy Now!	9:30pm	Animal Agenda
3:00pm	Somerville: Back in the Day	8:00am	The Struggle	9:00am	Recovery Roundtable	10:00pm	Perils For Pedestrians
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4:00pm	Improv Toolkit with Nadira Jamal	9:00am	Festival Kreyol	11:00am	Nosse Gente e Costumes	11:30pm	The Gerry Leone Show

City Cable TV Schedule for the Week

Wednesday, October 19		12:30am: (15)	“College Graduation Happens in High School”	8:30pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	9:00pm: (13/16)	Congressional Update
9:00am: (13/16)	Home Modification & Home Care for Seniors	12:50am: (13/16)	A Celebration of Gaeta & Somerville	8:55pm: (13/16)	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	9:30pm: (13/16)	Home Modification & Home Care for Seniors
9:00am: (15)	Villen TV - VTV Almost Live: Ep. 4	1:10am: (13/16)	Domestic Violence Vigil	9:15pm: (13/16)	Somerville & the Siege of Boston	9:30pm: (15)	SHS Football vs Bedford
11:30am: (15)	SHS Football vs Bedford	1:30am: (15)	Highlander Forum	Sunday, October 23		Tuesday, October 25	
12:00pm: (13/16)	School Committee Meeting - REPLAY OF 10/17/11	1:50am: (13/16)	SomerStreets: Rolling on the Mystic	12:00am: (13/16)	Gaeta, Antica Citta Mediterranea	12:00am: (13/16)	Green Line Public Hearing - Environmental Assessment
1:15pm: (15)	Villen TV - VTV Almost Live: Ep. 4	2:00am: (15)	Villen TV - VTV Almost Live: Ep. 4	12:00am: (15)	SHS Boys' Soccer vs Madison Park	12:00am: (15)	SHS Boys' Soccer vs Madison Park
7:00pm: (13/16)	The Mayor's Report	2:20am: (13/16)	RiverFest 2011	12:25am: (13/16)	Voices of Somerville	1:30am: (15)	“College Graduation Happens in High School”
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8:25pm: (13/16)	Voices of Somerville	12:25pm: (13/16)	Voices of Somerville	12:00pm: (13/16)	Senior Circuit	9:00am: (15)	“College Graduation Happens in High School”
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12:30pm: (13/16)	News from the Council	12:00am: (15)	SHS Boys' Soccer vs Madison Park	Monday, October 24		8:20pm: (13/16)	Mock Groundbreaking - A Green Line Delay Protest
12:45pm: (13/16)	Keys to the City: Traffic & Parking	12:25am: (13/16)	Voices of Somerville	12:00am: (13/16)	Senior Circuit	8:35pm: (13/16)	Green Line Public Hearing - Environmental Assessment
1:00pm: (13/16)	Congressional Update	12:55am: (13/16)	DogFest 2011	12:00am: (15)	Kid Stuff	9:00pm: (15)	SHS Boys' Soccer vs Cambridge
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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Singer/Songwriter Jennifer Matthews brings *Tales of a Salty Sweetheart* back to Somerville

Somerville musician Jennifer Matthews was, in the words of Willie Nelson, “on the road again” for the past several years, and she has brought home “tales of a salty sweetheart.” The sweetheart is not exactly flesh and blood, but her new album, to be released in the spring of 2012, is based on her experiences across the country and in Europe. I met Matthews a number of years ago and I was impressed not only with her musical acumen but her strengths as a wordsmith. Later, the Ibbetson Street Press published a chapbook of her poetry, *Fairytales and Misdemeanors*, that is in the library collections of Harvard and Brown Universities, among others. Matthews agrees with me that Somerville is great burg in which to be an artist, and I have had the privilege to interview some fine musicians like Audrey Ryan, Kristen Ford, Allegra Martin, Yani Batteau, Lucy Holdstedt, (of the Women’s Musician Network), and others. So it was good to have dinner with Matthews recently in Union Square and see what she has been up to.

Doug Holder: You have lived in Somerville on and off for years. And now, after a three year stint touring Europe, living in Alaska, New Mexico and Austin, Texas, you have come back to the Paris of New England. Is it good to back home gain?

Jennifer Matthews: Yes, it is interesting to be back after traveling to and living in these other places. Somerville does have a great creative energy and definitely a very progressive flow, which I can appreciate more now having experienced so many other cultures and towns. One of the significant differences I see is in the world of poetry. Here in Somerville there is a lot to offer for writers on all levels.

DH: Can you tell us about the Female Revolution compilation you were involved with for ACM artists? I hear a song of yours is included in a soundtrack for an independent film?

JM: ACM records is a label based out of NYC and they signed on my record *The Wheel* soon after it was released in 2005. They are a record company that really focuses on placing music in movies, TV, etc. I found out what they were doing with my songs off that record after the fact, so it is always news to me too. I also found out recently that they placed one of my songs in a movie as well, which also has not yet been released.

DH: Your songs are often nature-based, and you seem to be open to what non-human and even inanimate objects are telling us if we stop and listen. Did this take conscious practice or do you have a natural poetic sensibility?

JM: I am a very nature based person, so everything I do tends to flow in and out with the rhythms of life and nature and at times what is unseen but felt through the veil. I tend to naturally tune in to the natural world around me. This tends to reflect in my poetry and lyrics and something as simple as the markings on rocks, or water, sky, ocean, tree can spark a song and filter through the music. For example, in one of my songs, *A Dream of You*, the lyric is “and there was music of a carnival, and you were waltzing under a silky moon and when you spoke the sky would turn from twilight into a haze of water falling blue.” I am very drawn to the big mountainous areas which has led me to live in such places as Colorado, Alaska, and New Mexico. I like to be deeply in nature as much as possible. It speaks to me on all levels and provides a freedom and space to create. I think that is where the rootsy style of my music comes from. It reflects strength and peace at the same time, just like a mountain.

DH: You lived in Austin, Texas for a while, which is known as a last bastion for the bohemian, the low rent artists, and the alternative music scene. Give me your impressions of the town?

JM: Yes, Austin is absolutely more affordable than most places I have been for artists. Lower rents, lower food and gas prices, and audiences that love original mu-



sic. I had a great time and really enjoyed playing shows there. I found that the audiences truly appreciate the craft of singing and songwriting. As for what is surrounding, there is Barton Springs that runs through the town of Austin and the actual springs are heavenly. Pure water that regenerates itself every day. Lots of cool turtles floating around as well. But that Texas sun does burn blazing and mighty hot for half the year.

DH: How have the thematic changed in your songwriting since you first hit the scene. Has wisdom tempered some of the fire or is it now more a powerful but controlled entity?

JM: Yes, still fire, but perhaps a quieter, more reflective one. I have been writing songs for what feels like all my life... so when I write now it feels like an old friend. Even though each song is born new there is a deeper sense of familiarity, and when a great one comes through it resonates very loudly and deeply.

DH: Can you tell us about your upcoming new CD coming out?

JM: This record is a special one for me as it was written over the last three years as I was living a very different life style, on and off the road, traveling extensively. Some days feeling richer and luckier than ever and some days not knowing where my next penny was coming from, missing the loved ones that I am close to here. Through that time I was living the dream in some respects. I was living off the grid on a New Mexico mountain in an artist hand built house made of mud and stucco. We had no running water, only an outhouse, but was surrounded by gorgeous views, endless freedom, sounds of howling packs of coyotes at night and nature abounding. Other songs were written on the road while on tour playing shows in Alaska, also rural areas of Florida, in Italy, as well as other states in between that I spent some time in and played shows like Louisiana, Texas, and Arkansas.

This record, I am having a great time with. It is as if I am recording it on my own. I am engineering all of the basic tracks on my 8 Trk Tascam home studio. I have some great local musician friends of mine whom I have played with and recorded with in the past who are adding color to the tracks. Russell Chudnoffsky is laying down some guitar magic as well as Rohin Khemani on drums/percussion and Matt Glover on mandolin and an exotic Bulgarian instrument.

The beauty of this is that it allows me all the time I need to lay down each song in its own time and not have a clock ticking behind me, and in turn it has a really sweet magic to it in vibe and sound.

I think this collection of songs is one of my best and I am very excited to have it released and share it with the world. Each song has a strength of its own, a strong message and hook. It has me at my best, I think, as a singer/songwriter. It is clearly an acoustic, rootsy rock album, of course with a poetic sensibility.

It is entitled *Tales of a Salty Sweetheart* and I am working for an early 2012 winter or spring release.

For more information about Jennifer go to <http://jennifer-matthews.com>

Lyrical SOMERVILLE

edited by Doug Holder

As an exercise in my poetry class at Endicott College I asked students to create a fictional Dad modeled after Sylvia Plath’s caustic but brilliant poem *Daddy*. My student Kyle Giroux came up with this one.

Dad

He sits in a chair on the front porch
Stinking of gin and tobacco
Plumes of smoke swirling from under
His grey and grizzled mustache
“Son,” he says
“What would you rather do with your life?”
I shrug and say nothing
Just watch as he sips his gin and lemon
A small belch emits a single ring of smoke
As he fixes his baseball cap
I shrug and say nothing again
Spitting silence
Then, “What’s that book in your hand?”
“Edgar Allan Poe,” I say
“Yeah? You like him?”
Smoke swirls blue to the moon,
Gin fumes reek of pine trees
I shrug as I watch them dance
“Yeah,” I say.
Silence is as comfortable
as silence can be.

- Kyle Giroux

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| 2. Cotton | 8. The pyramids of Egypt |
| 3. The Amazon River | 9. Alexander Graham Bell |
| 4. Facebook | 10. Google |
| 5. <i>Three’s Company</i> | 11. Whales |
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