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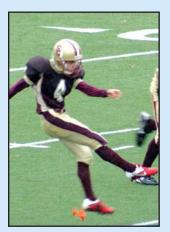
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Election Day: Tuesday, November 8, 2011 - Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Our endorsements for Wards 4 & 7

ELECTION SPECIAL EDITION

Tony Lafuente for Ward 4 Alderman We have chosen Tony Lafuente

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as our endorsement for Ward 4 Alderman. Tony is a local businessman, property owner, and has lived and raised his family here and been involved locally for many years. We feel he has a strong grasp of the many neighborhood issues throughout Winter Hill and Ten Hills.

We should want an Alderman who does not have a political agenda but someone who lives and works here, who has community ties and knows the neighborhoods.

Tony has been seen all over the Ward in these past several months working hard, knocking on doors, talking to us and listening to our concerns, and just plain being in touch with both new and older residents here



alike. We feel strongly that Tony Lafuente is the best candidate for the job to represent everyone here in Winter Hill. Tony's opponent is neither a businessperson nor a homeowner. Actually, she is relatively new to the Ward, *Continued on page 2*

Bob Trane for Ward 7 Alderman

We are more than proud to endorse and recommend Bob Trane for re-election as the Alderman from Ward 7. We have often referred to Bob Trane as the people's Alderman because of the way he gets emotionally involved with each of his constituent's concerns.

Now more than ever, especially after the recent fires in Teele Square, we need Bob there representing Ward 7 to help rebuild the area and make it a thriving part of the community once again.

It doesn't matter if you agree with him personally or not, you cannot say he isn't what an Alderman should be. He is actually the model that some of the other Aldermen might want to follow. We have seen him per-



sonally get emotionally involved with whatever confronts the residents of Ward 7. He is there and does not talk about politics. We even heard that his opponent had issues awhile back and called Bob, who was there to help them. *Continued on page 2*

Teele Sq. decimated by late-night blaze Three-business building a total loss

By Andrew Firestone

A three-alarm fire destroyed a cluster of business in Teele Square last Saturday, October 29. It completely burned down the corner of Broadway and Clarendon Street complex, which included four businesses, and destroyed the Somerville PD substation. The blaze occurred at 11:30 p.m. during a driving blizzard.

There is no suspicion of foul play.

On Tuesday, October 31, the state police were called in with Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Fire as is standard in all commercial property destruction. The Somerville Fire investigation unit, Somerville Police, State Fire Marshals and the ATF convened to inspect the building. It was ruled that there is no hope of salvaging the building.



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The businesses destroyed were Nail Image Salon, Kee Kar Lau Chinese restaurant and Maria's Italian Cold Cuts. The fire is still under investigation.

Investigators meticulously searched for a possible cause for Saturday's devastating fire in Teele Square.

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Alderman At Large Jack Connolly will be hosting a campaign rally at the Burren Pub in Davis Square tonight, Wednesday, November 2. From 6 to 8 p.m.

Ward 4 Alderman candidate Tony Lafuente will be having an old fashion campaign rally/barbecue this coming Saturday, November 5, in Winter Hill at the corner of Langmaid Avenue and Broadway next to Temple Street. No charge, open from 11 to 4 p.m. A live band will perform throughout the afternoon. Stop by and get some food, meet and greet neighbors and friends, and hear some great music. Let Tony know you're going to support him and help him on election day on the 8th.

Looking over some of the Campaign Committee reports that were dated as of September 2011 report filing (anyone can go online to the City of Somerville web site and see all the candidate's filings and we're sure you're going to agree with us that some are very interesting). One Alderman At Large candidate (not hard to figure who this is - just go online) for re-election's campaign report shows no activity other than that his campaign owes him personally \$85, 424.00. Wow! For an Alderman At Large seat? Why would someone run up a bill to himself to be elected for a position that pays \$25K a year? It has to be his entire 14 years of bills running for Alderman At Large that he has been bragging about! We think that it was such good reading, after the elections are over Newstalk will search through City Hall's web site and see if we can find more of these or ones that are unusual. We'll keep you posted off course.

We were reading another interesting filing from Christine Barber, candidate for Ward 4 Alderman,

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Tony Lafuente for Ward 4 Alderman CONT. FROM PG 1

which is not a bad thing, but for a job like Alderman Tony Lafuente would be best suited to be more open minded and listen to everyone and make a decision for what's best for the entire Ward, as opposed to someone closely aligned with a political group that has a political agenda.

Tony's opponent was selected to run by the PDS group who has, over the past few years, seen a decline in their role as an affective political group. They selected her and endorsed her before anyone even knew who she was. Approximately 75% of her do-

election time either. He has lived

here in Ward 7 his entire life. He

got married and raised his

daughter here. His mother and

father, who were active in local

issues in their day, still live here.

They certainly have made an im-

pact on how he should perform

as an Alderman. Bob Trane

He knows the job and the is-

sues, whether they be about

Tufts students with their many

parties or a simple curb cut or

rubbish issue. He is there on top

of it and he gets the job done.

knows the territory.

nations were from out of state. The job of Alderman should be to focus on the local issues, to talk to the residents and find out their problems. We think with Tony's experience as a business person he can best handle the issues of today that confront us here in Winter Hill, especially with the vacant store fronts and lost businesses that once made the Winter Hill area a thriving neighborhood. We are reminded of the famous Speaker of the House Tip O'Neil who represented us here in Somerville, who once said,

"all politics is local" - and we think Tony believes that.

We strongly feel that Tony Lafuente is a person of integrity and represents a promise for a better neighborhood. Someone who will be independent with his vote, making sure that when issues arise in our neighborhood here in Ward 4 he is going to do his best job for us all. Therefore, we are proud as residents ourselves to endorse and encourage every registered voter in Ward 4 to go out on Tuesday, November 8, and cast their vote for Tony Lafuente for Ward 4 Alderman.

Bob Trane for Ward 7 Alderman CONT. FROM PG 1

Bob Trane is one hard working We have personally experienced Alderman. He knows his conhis dedication and enthusiasm stituents. He is out there every for this job. He is engaged and has got enday in Ward 7, and not just at

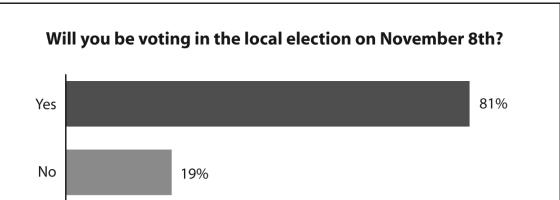
ergy to spare, so that maybe other Alderman should tap off of it. What we don't understand is why an Alderman who knows his job and does it affectively is constantly being challenged by a group that has a political agenda. We like what Bob stands for and in our many conversations with him over the years it is not hard to figure out why you just have to like the guy.

He is very easy to talk to and we know that if you have an issue he is right there to handle it and he makes sure the job gets done. We think of some of the dumb endorsements from political groups and wonder why they do not stress local issues to endorse but only political agendas.

We know that Bob Trane is the best candidate for the job because we think he is the people's Alderman. We are proud to endorse him and urge every registered voter in Ward 7 to vote to re-elect Alderman Bob Trane on Tuesday, November 8. Send a clear message that in Ward 7 Alderman Bob Trane has done a great job and should continue doing so. That is the only endorsement that should count with us who live here.

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 will be voting in the local election on November 8th. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleNews.com.



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Ethics and Transparency in Government

- Refused to accept political contributions from City Department Heads.
- Sponsored ethics rules that will ensure non-profit organizations using taxpayer money dollars to have clear ethics and anti patronage rules to protect taxpayer interest,
- Supported the use of on-line and traditional cable-casting of subcommittee meetings of the Board of Aldermen and School Committee,
- Sponsored ordinance that would require the Ethics Ordinance to cover all Senior Management and key personnel,
- Supported the expansion of the City website to include important information on government meetings,
- Called for the use of telephone town hall meetings to increase the number of citizens involved in neighborhood decision-making.

Senior Citizens



- First Alderman to hold joint office hours with the Executive Director of the Housing Authority at all Senior Citizens buildings in Ward 7,
 - Led the effort to build new Senior housing and Visiting Nurses Facility at Capen Court,
 - Supporter of residential tax exemption for Senior Citizens,
 - Successfully fought to maintain a Senior Citizens Center in Ward 7.

Economic Development/Transportation/Jobs

- Worked with City Administration to help Ward 7 businesses obtain storefront improvement funds,
- Supported the use of Somerville union workers for all developments receiving taxpayer support,
- Supported the creation of bike lanes and expansion of bike paths,
- Has been the an outspoken champion of the Green Line Expansion to Ward 7,
- Called for the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to appear before Board of Alderman to discuss expedited timeframe for Green Line.



Public Safety/Neighborhood Preservation

- Working for full implementation of community policing,
- Successfully fought to bring a new police sub-station to Teele Square,
- Fought to reduce the size of proposed development on Cameron Avenue,
- Ensured developer mitigation money was used to install new traffic lights outside of Teele Square,
- Called for the Update and revision of quality of life ordinances to strengthen fines and penalties against absentee landlords,
- Led the charge against absentee landlords in the Tufts University neighborhoods,
- Required that the administration hold a series of public hearings on the potential reuse or sale of the Powderhouse School,
- Worked with the MBTA to improve the condition of the bus turnaround at Clarendon Hill including new fencing,
- Added new crosswalks and street lights to make Ward 7 more walker friendly,
- Supported the reconstruction of over 20 new streets and sidewalks throughout ward 7.

Environment and Open Space



• As Board of Alderman President created first Special Committee on the Environment and Energy,

Worked to ensure the complete renovation of Hodgkins Park,

Community meetings being held on renovation of North Street Playground,

 Insisted on energy audits to reduce cost for all city buildings,

- Supported the placement of solar powered barrel/trash compactors throughout the ward that reduced cost and helped keep the ward clean,
- Supported funding for hundreds of new trees to be planted throughout Ward 7,
- · Ensured that recycling was expanded to include zero sort recycling,
- Supported the use of solar power for traffic and emergency warning signs.

BOB TRANE Ward 7 Alderman www.bobtrane.org

VOTE for BOB TRANE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8th





Bad detergent swap uncovers dirty dealing

Police officers were dispatched to the K-Mart on Middlesex Avenue last Friday as Loss Prevention personnel there reported a case of alleged shoplifting.

Store personnel reportedly informed police that the man being held, Shane Bell, 36, of Pelham, NH, had attempted to return 12 large bottles of laundry detergent for a refund but that those items were never registered in the system as being sold, which meant they were taken without payment, police said.

It was also reported that while waiting for the refund to be processed Bell had allegedly concealed nine baseball cards on his person, according to reports.

Police questioned Bell, who stated that he was unaware that the detergent was stolen and that he was acting upon someone else's behalf in returning them, police said. Bell told police that a woman who was waiting outside had asked him to return the items in exchange for \$20, according to reports.

Bell then reportedly identified the woman via the store's security camera system and police confronted her for questioning on the matter. The woman identified herself as Melissa Pelletier and denied Bell's story, claiming that they had actually known one another for years and that she was waiting for him to finish returning the detergent, police said.

Both parties then reportedly changed their stories, saying that a third individual, later identified as Todd Plante, 43, had given them the detergent to return in exchange for \$20 and that he was supposed to be outside, waiting by Mr. Bell's vehicle, according to police reports.

Police escorted Bell and Pelletier out of the store, informing them that they would have to answer to criminal charges in court. Mr. Bell started walking towards his vehicle, made eye contact with another male standing by his vehicle, then suddenly turned away and walked another direction, according to reports. Police say that this man had a shopping cart full of different items from different stores. He was standing next to a black SUV bearing New Hampshire plates, and was identified as Todd Plante, the same man Mr. Bell spoke of in the Loss Prevention office, police said.

Plante reportedly told police that the merchandise in the shopping cart he was holding was not his, that it belonged to his friend, the owner of the vehicle. Plante further identified the owner of the vehicle as Shane Bell, according to police, and reportedly stated that Shane was accompanied by his girlfriend, who is also his exwife, Kristen Plante.

Plante's description of Kristen Plante reportedly matched the description of Melissa Pelletier, the woman that police detained inside the K-Mart, police said. A query of Kristen Plante's name via the Registry of Motor Vehicles provided a picture that confirmed Melissa Pelletier's true identity, and also revealed that Kristen Plante had a warrant for her arrest, police said.

Representatives of both Bed, Bath, and Beyond, and A.C. Moore were reportedly called over to check the status of the merchandise that Plante possessed. Bed, Bath, and Beyond's manager confirmed that those items from his store were never rung in and were in fact stolen, their worth totaling \$649.97, according to police. A.C. Moore's manager confirmed that those items from her store, with a reported worth of \$39.95, were never rung in and were also stolen, according to police.

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Mr. Plante was placed under arrest and is charged with receiving stolen property valued over \$250.00 and conspiracy. Mr. Bell was also taken into custody and is charged with shoplifting by concealment, receiving stolen property under \$250.00, and conspiracy. A search of the area could not locate Kristen Plante. She is also charged with conspiracy to commit larceny and will be summonsed to court.

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Arrests:

John Maffucci, 43, of 70 Perkins St., October 24, 4:12 p.m., arrested at Adams St. on warrant charges of threat to commit a crime and felony daytime breaking and entering.

Matias Lavista, 27, of 283 Summer St., October 24, 5:29 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Weverton Oliviera, 26, of 12 Highland Ave., October 24, 7:59 p.m., arrested at Broadbreaking and entering of a vehicle or boat.

Jin Hai Jiang, 56, October 26, 1:17 p.m., arrested at 45 Concord Ave. on charges of negligent operation of a motor vehicle, failure to stop for police, speeding, failure to stop or yield, and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Laura Baum, 25, October 26, 5:25 p.m., arrested at Mystic Ave. on a warrant charge of entering a dwelling

building.

Todd Plante, 43, October 28, 3:18 p.m., arrested at 77 Middlesex Ave. on charges of receiving stolen property over \$250 and conspiracy.

Shane Bell, 36, of 29 Leanard Dr., Pelham, NH, October 28, 3:18 p.m., arrested at 77 Middlesex Ave. on charges of receiving stolen property under \$250, shoplifting over \$100 by asportation, and conspiracy.

Paul Manzelli, 33, of 83 Ed-

October 26, 3:44 p.m., police reported a theft at Joy St.

October 26, 7:36 p.m., police reported a theft at 171 Broad-

way. October 26, 7:38 p.m., police reported a theft at 79 Highland Ave.

October 26, 7:40 p.m., police reported a theft at Harrison St. October 26, 8:35 p.m., police

reported a theft at 595 Somerville Ave.

October 27, 11:26 a.m., police

at Willow Ave.

October 26, 9:39 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Glenwood Rd.

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October 28, 9:42 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Alston St.

October 29, 2:03 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Cross St.

October 29, 7:15 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Broadway.

October 29, 7:16 p.m., police

way on a warrant charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Eric Molignaro, 33, of 93 Temple St., October 25, 11:54 a.m., arrested at 102 Fellsway West on charges of check forgery, larceny over \$250, and check utter false witness.

Candena Wright, 43, of 9 Oliver St., Everett, October 25, 1:47 p.m., arrested at 77 Middlesex Ave. on warrant charges of check forgery, larceny over \$250, and check utter false witness.

Dawn Greene, 37, of 14 Warren St., Cambridge, October 25, 8:57 p.m., arrested at 8 Aldersey St. on a charge of nighttime at night for a fee.

Keith Fanning, 49, of 390 Broadway, October 26, 8:59 p.m., arrested at 299 Broadway on charges of negligent operation of a motor vehicle, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor, and on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle with suspended registration, unregistered motor vehicle, uninsured motor vehicle or trailer, and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Dulce Andrade, 37, of 18 Madison St., October 27, 10:37 a.m., arrested at 75 Mystic Ave. on a charge of larceny from a ward St., Medford, October 30, 4:06 p.m., arrested at Broadway on warrant charges of uninsured motor vehicle or trailer, unregistered motor vehicle, number plate violation

to conceal.

Incidents:

Theft:

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Breaking & Entering:

October 26, 8:36 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Hall Ave.

October 26, 9:21 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering reported a breaking & entering at Broadway.

October 30, 11:48 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Quincy St.

October 30, 12:58 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Vinal Ave.

Vehicle Theft:

October 28, 8:17 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Thorpe St.

October 29, 2:21 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Highland Rd.

Assault:

October 28, 1:45 a.m., police reported an assault at Broadway.



Our endorsements for Alderman At Large

Our endorsements for Alderman At Large are Bruce Desmond, Jack Connolly, Sean Fitzgerald, and Michael Nionakis. We are recommending two incumbents to be sent back and two challengers who deserve to be elected to the Board of Alderman representing the entire city. Unlike the two other incumbents, none of the above sought the political endorsements of a small political group. These four only seek your approval by re-electing or electing them to represent you on the board of Alderman.



Bruce Desmond is our first endorsement and probably the nicest person on the ballot. He is a real guy, not with a big head. You always feel comfortable talking to him. More importantly, he is another person who gets what his job is all about and that is representing local issues that affect us here locally. One listens to him on TV and one can see the concern he has for the city. His commitment to the city since he moved here is unquestionable, in our opinion.

We like the way Bruce works on an issue and carries it forth to its completion. His dedication to us, his constituents, is not based on the agenda of a small political group that promotes selfish issues that do not even relate to what an Alderman should be. Alderman Bruce Desmond knows what his job is and has been out there working for us all. That is why we need to cast one of our four votes for Bruce Desmond, returning him to the Board of Alderman on November 8.



Jack Connolly is our second endorsement and, although he is a lifelong resident and twice elected to the board of Alderman, first in Ward 6 and then in the Alderman At Large race, he is well aware of the proper role of an Alderman. His concern over the years for the meat and potatoes issues that constantly are before the Board makes him an experienced and committed representative on the Board of Alderman to represent us all here in Somerville.

He knows the job, he knows the issues and concerns, and he is 150 percent committed to the City of Somerville and its future. He is another one that is not concerned about the endorsement of a small political group agenda. He represents what an Alderman should be. That is why we need to send Alderman At Large Jack Connolly back and re-elect him to the Board of Alderman on November 8.



Sean Fitzgerald is our third choice, and for the same reasons that we endorse the others. He is committed to Somerville, its future, and its residents. Sean Fitzgerald first came on the scene here in Somerville working for former Mayor Dorothy Kelly Gay as one of her Administrative Aides. He did a great job there at City Hall, but then went to work for Senator Charlie Shannon at the State House until Senator Shannon passed away. Sean's job put him directly into what Somerville is all about, how issues are addressed and when constituents have concerns and how they should be taken care of.

Sean is married and is raising a family here in Somerville. He is very active in the local PTA and in the community at large. His dedication, love, and compassion for Somerville is a reason to give him a vote to see what he can do. We strongly endorse Sean Fitzgerald for Alderman At Large and we urge you to vote along with us on November 8 to give one of your four votes for him.



Michael Nionakis is a lifelong resident and originally from Ward 5. Michael is very well spoken of by many of us here in the 'Ville. He is another person who is trying to get elected to do a good job for us all. He is not your typical political figure, has no background in politics either locally or otherwise, and is not affiliated with any group. He is not endorsed by anyone but he knows he loves Somerville as much as the majority of us here do. Mike is married, is a property owner, and is raising his family here.

He is well known for his integrity and sense of decency for all of Somerville, not just a small percentage group. His commitment and desire to do well and focus on local issues will be a good thing for us on the Board of Alderman. He deserves a chance to show what he can do and to show how strong his focus will be. We strongly urge everyone to vote for Michael Nionakis for Alderman At Large on Tuesday November 8.





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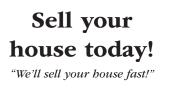
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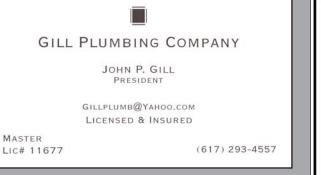
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Meet the candidates

By Andrew Firestone

The Board of Alderman candidates recently chatted with The Somerville News' Andrew Firestone. Each of their resultant profiles are presented here, in alphabetical order according to their last names.

John Connolly, Alderman-Extraordinaire Longest tenured and ready for more

Jack Connolly is a civil servant, born and raised in Somerville, and an Alderman since 1984. Formerly a Ward 6 representative, Connelly was ousted in 2005, but re-elected in 2007 to his current seat as Alderman At Large.

A lifelong resident and father of three, also operator of Woodwedge-Crane and Connolly insurance, and a member of the Finance and Legislative Matters committees, Connolly says that his experience in both the public and private sectors gives him an edge in his re-election bid.

"I probably bring one of the most accomplished and versatile resumes to the job," he said. "I've proven the test of time, that I have adapted and changed as the city has grown and changed."

"I enjoy doing it, and I'd like to keep continuing as I do make and have made a difference," he said.

And the difference he has made cannot be denied. Beginning with the facilitation of the Red Line stop in Davis Square, Connolly has made a career of using public policy measures to enact change for the better. His proudest decision over the years? Liquor license reform.

"Although it's not headline news, it's something from a quality of life point of view that has made a difference in how the city is perceived and how the city does its business."

"Back in late '80s early '90s we had not barrooms but 'brawlrooms' and there were problems, people who owned licenses back then who didn't live in the city and who were making a lot of money by conducting less than businesses."

He said that, through working with people and neighborhoods in comprehensive strategy, these violent bars in the city squares gradually got the message that they were not wanted.

"As a result a lot of the bad barrooms left town, were forced out of business,

mer establishment, is currently set for an Orange Line stop, but required a sizeable investment from the city to see it done.

"The DIF [District Improvement Financing] bond expense for the \$25 million was probably the toughest, because so much was riding on it, literally, the future of that development," he said. He called it "probably one of the most important votes that I've ever taken," in his long career.

In response to one of his biggest criticisms, the raising of fees and fines, Connolly said that while disagreeable, it was necessary in order to avoid raising property taxes for residents.

"The city is a business, and like anything else, we have to look at different ways to maintain the quality of services we have," he said.

"Rather than raise taxes, we've looked at fees and fines, because they are the fairest way of doing it. It's not fair to saddle the taxpayers, who in many cases have done a lot in terms of their own experience with the city. But for those people who are careless overstaying their parking meter or who aren't careful about putting out trash, there's ways to remedy that situation," he said.

Connolly said he was optimistic for Somerville and hoped to be around to see it reach even further heights."I'm really excited about the future because we're able to capitalize on our location near Boston, using the public transportation as a big draw for people to be in the community."

Desmond works for the Community

Alderman At Large Bruce Desmond is a man who believes that making a difference in a community begins at its most basic level. After founding Somerville Cares About Prevention (SCAP) to help combat lax liquor stores and poor prevention control, Desmond says that his proudest achievement since his last election came from his helping to found the Somerville Youth Development and Boxing Club.

"It's a non-profit that addresses a lot of the issues that I'm concerned with in the city," he said. "I've always worked hard to serve substance abuse programs in the city, and prevention programs. This will deal with a lot of that."

would leave."

Desmond pointed to rising housing that led to fewer families in lieu of a more transient young professional population.

Desmond said his strategy might be to work with Tufts to identify housing that students use, like the many three bedroom houses, and try to shift the lost property value, possibly by offsetting students away from there. In this way, the city could in the future develop apartments more affordable for young families to "stay here and establish roots here."

Desmond said that his toughest decision was to move healthcare to the GIC, which he lamented in its effect on retirees.

"People that are working have a chance to maybe work some overtime or find a second job, and make up the difference. The retirees don't and that part of it bothered me. That's why I want to see their contribution rate reduced if we can do that at all," he said, adding that he plans on taking it up immediately in January if re-elected.

Desmond supported a Local Hiring Ordinance that is currently being hammered out in the Legislative Matters committee, an ordinance whose presence has garnered controversy over Constitutional measures.

Desmond noted that years of little commercial tax based had led to the homeowners of Somerville taking up a heavier tax load, and new developments that receive public funds should be more aware of such a partnership. "We're the ones that have painstakingly gone through this whole process to make it work. The residents of Somerville have been carrying the burden of local taxes for quite some time."

"We build up the commercial tax base, why can't we also get those people who have been carrying the load a first-chance hire," he said.

He said that, in terms of the future commercial taxes from Assembly Square, the most important part was to "to make sure that it keeps moving."

As for the Green Line Extension, the most hotly debated topic, he said that, with the larger political economy at work in Washington, it was Congress that needed to wake up and approve funding. He said he would work with Congressman Capuano, Governor Patrick, Mass-DOT and "we have to help point to [the Federal Government] that in this whole region, that there is an economic recovery, a boom if you look at it, that even they can take credit for on their side of the aisle, meaning the republicans, and point to it and say, look at what we did in Boston and Somerville. I think it's a matter of cooperation, working together as a team."

"Let's all push in the same direction and I think we'll have more success," he said.

Todd Easton talks civic engagement

Todd Easton isn't your typical candidate for Alderman At Large. He's been a stayat-home dad for the last two and a half years, working for many years before as an independent Continued on page 11



- West Somerville resident since 2004, with wife Rachael, daughter Samantha, and son Ronan
- Both children Somerville public school students
- Elected PTA Vice-President at the Capuano Early Childhood Center
- Elected PTA Vice-President at the West Somerville Neighborhood School

went under and now, with the work of a lot of people, the city has changed," he said, noting the "more attractive atmospheric restaurants," that have arisen as the talk of the town.

With state legislators signaling that they might be willing to lift municipal caps on liquor licenses, Connolly said the real work in fostering more business can go forward, but does not fear a return to the rough-and-tumble days. He noted that the non-transferable licenses gives the city licensing board complete control over the distribution, and that is a body he trusts. As for his toughest decision, Connolly said that the sheer long-term ramifications of the Assembly Square bond vote was his biggest challenge. The area, which would take the place of the former "car theft capitol of the world" that was its for-

Desmond was elected an Alderman At Large in 2001. For the last ten years, he has worked diligently to help Somerville be a good place to raise a family.

So it was that he has devoted such energy into founding the Club at the Edgerly Education center.

"It's something that I think over time is going to prove to be a very big asset for the Somerville Youth," said Desmond. "It's a about a place to build an alternative to drugs and trouble."

In his hopes for Somerville's future, he said he would find ways of attracting more families to Somerville."A lot of families are moving out. From when I first started back in 1993, when I was first elected to School Committee, there were a lot more families where I lived out on Spring Hill. One by one those families

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- · Former Chief of Staff to Senator Charles Shannon, Senate Rules Committee Chairman
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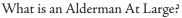
COMMENTARY

TALES OF SOMERVILLE

Illustrated by Jim Clark



The View From Prospect Hill



An Alderman At Large represents the entire city along with the other Ward Aldermen. Some of the incumbents have forgotten whom they represent over the years, and some have not. According to a few of them who attended the recent debate, their claim to fame is that they have been in office for many years. One even bragged about his tenure on the board for 14 years. When your claim to fame as an Alderman is that you have been in office for a lot of years and that is the reason why you are running again it is pretty pathetic. It should not be a reason to re-elect someone. If you are

there in office and running for re-election then tell us what you have done and what you want to do and let the voters decide if you should return on those points, not just some rants. Politicians should not forget who they represent, and that is us the citizens and voters who hire them to represent us for that time in office. There are no qualifications for their jobs other than to make sure they do the best job possible. We personally think there should be term limits to bring out fresh blood and ideas, but that is our opinion.

There are four openings for this job. One can exercise one's vote for four of them or just the candidate one would prefer. This is called a bullet vote. If you vote for only one person then you are effectively giving that person four votes. Normally, a challenger gets on the Board repeatedly over the years as Alderman At Large by asking for a bullet vote. We leave it to you to decide on how many positions you want to vote for. We chose two incumbents and two challengers from a list of seven candidates and will present our choices and explain why they were chosen.

First of all who are we? We are both lifelong residents and newbies here at The Somerville News. We love our city for all it is and, better yet, we are proud to

be from here. We like all "Villens" new and old who want to make Somerville even better, and we know that a majority of the residents want the same thing. We feel that our endorsements or recommendations come from the fact that we are here. While others profess to know Somerville, they are here but for fleeting moments. If job changes occur they, like most in their positions, will move on to other venues while we are still here proving our commitment to our home regardless of how long we have lived here. Some of us here at The News grew up here, graduated from the High School, got married and are still here. One of us has been here for over 80 years now. Others at The News are relative newbies and love the city like the natives do. So, although our picks for the local political races are based on the candidates' love of and commitment to the desire for Somerville to be at its best, we also know that even a lot of newbies, so to speak, have the same love and commitment to our city as we do.

This is who we are and why we care to present our endorsements, which have no political agenda. Nor do we seek to have one. We just want to make sure that Somerville neighborhood issues and concerns are the focus and not the political agendas of a few.

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you'd think she was running for Presi- ment. If she's elected who would she rep- family that he leaves behind. dent. Her campaign staffer (her words, not ours) lives in Stoneham. Her campaign consultant lives in Chicago, IL (again her words not ours). A list of contributors as of September 2011 mentions 126 contributors, of which 104 live outside of Somerville. Only 21 live in Somerville and of that only nine were from Ward 4. The Ward she wants to represent. Check it out for yourself if you don't believe us. Go online to the City of Somerville web site. She has announced a fundraiser in Boston for tonight, Wednesday, sponsored by four ladies, none of which are from Somerville either. Ask yourself this, even if you're a new Ward 4 resident, who would she represent if she was elected? She claims on some of her literature we've seen that she's for open and transparent govern-

resent? Her outside interests or the residents of Ward 4? Nothing here is illegal, it just sounds strange, doesn't it? She might want to run for Rep. Sciortino's seat next year since the new redistricting involves all of Ward 4 now, since she is getting as many as he does contributions from outsiders.

the so-called running for the job, we hear,

Our condolences to the family of Anthony "Tony" Cavicchio who passed away suddenly this past weekend. He was very well known in Somerville, in particular East Somerville. A long time resident who graduated from SHS back in 1958. His family and friends and all of those that knew him down in East Somerville will surely miss him. Again, our condolences to his wife and

Frank Senesi, head of Veterans Services, is said to be retiring at the beginning of the year. He has done a great job in this department in his tenure as Director. He is key to all the fundraising efforts for the Memorial Day parade every year. We hope he is still associated with that part of it. We're sure the administration will miss him and his dedication on the job to all the Veterans here in Somerville. Now the rumors will start to fly as to his replacement will be. We heard already that Alderman from Ward 4 Walter Pero would be interested in the job now that he's retiring from the Alderman's seat, and sources tell us that Cindy Hickey's (Council on Aging Director) husband Bob Hickey would like the job. He was in

back when Frank was first appointed.

Our good friend Bob Publicover is back home again from his umpteenth time at the Beth Israel Hospital in Boston and is doing fine. But he and lot of his friends are upset and disturbed that while he was at the hospital he dozed off for very few minutes and woke to find that his new iPad was stolen. While in a private room and just dozing off. Isn't anything scared anymore? We think the hospital should have at least done a thorough investigation or put in some kind of effort to retrieve it, or else get him a new one!

Speaking of Bob Publicover, he announced recently Continued on page 21



COMMENTARY

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By Joseph A. Curtatone

When you live in the most densely populated city in New England, you take it for granted that a certain amount of background noise is part of the bargain. Our houses are located closer together than in suburban towns. Residential neighborhoods and commercial centers (or as we like to call them, city squares) are intertwined. Our streets are heavily trafficked by all sorts of vehicles and pedestrian activity. We're not Sleepy Hollow.

Yet in 2006 we began to hear a 1976

Time to stop the buzzing sharp increase throughout the

city in one especially intrusive type of noise: the incessant drone of jet aircraft flying out of Logan airport. Despite a promise from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) that use of the its newly-built Runway 14/32 would not change overall runway usage patterns or noise levels over nearby communities, jet traffic over our city tripled in 2007 to 32,266 departures.

We went from having occasional arrival and departure flyovers to being a regular Logan flight route. Then, this summer, we enjoyed a few months respite from the noise thanks to construction at Logan. Suddenly we remembered what it was like not to have planes constantly buzzing over our city.

Unfortunately the planes are back now and the noise has returned. Now we need to rally our city to make enough noise to get the FAA to honor its commitments.

A quick history lesson, back in the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court approved an injunction that prevented Massport from building the runway which was anticipated would result in more traffic over this area of the Boston region. Then in 1995 Massport sought to restart construction of that runway as part of an overall improvement program for Logan. It was determined that opening the runway would have a significant environmental impact, likely tripling the amount of traffic over this area. In order to reduce the amount of traffic, the FAA promised only to use the runway when windspeeds from the northwest and southeast were more than 10 knots.

The wind restriction was designed to prevent the runway "from changing overall runway utilization patterns at Logan." The only reason the new runway was allowed to be built was because of the wind restriction and the promise not to change the historical utilization patterns at Logan. When lifting the original

On The Silly Side by Jimmy Del Ponte

injunction against the runway, the state court expressly stated that the new runway should not be used as a "Trojan Horse" designed to shift traffic patterns at the airport.

Yet that is exactly what happened. Massport built the runway and the FAA has drastically shifted Logan traffic patterns to increase the number of flights over Somerville. In 2009, we tried to get the state court to force Massport to honor the wind restriction agreement, but the court declined, stating that the FAA has sole discretion over runway usage.

And the FAA has been completely unresponsive when it comes to addressing this issue.

I suspect the FAA hopes that Somerville will tire of running into dead ends, quietly accepting the overhead noise. The FAA could not be more wrong. During the recent wrangling over the timeline for the Green Line extension I have pointed out that no one ever gave Somerville anything. We had to fight to get everything we have. This issue is no different.

We will try every legal and political avenue available to us. The promises made to this city and our neighbors were broken, and they were broken almost instantly without good faith ever even entering into the equation.

Massport's noise complaint line is 617-561-3333. When jet noise over Somerville shatters the peace of your neighborhood, call and register a complaint with Massport that includes the location, date and time of the incident. You can help us by also reporting the disturbance to 311. The statistics you provide will be an important weapon is our ongoing campaign.

We also need the people of Somerville to organize and make enough noise that the FAA feels compelled to respond. The drone of jet engines over our city must be diminished and the FAA is going to learn that we will not go away quietly.

Anatomy of a panic Preparing for an early Nor'easter



The calendar said October but the meteorologist said winter. Mother Nature obviously had a disagree-

ment with Old Man Winter and we felt the brunt. Looks like I will once again be digging out those old rubber boots that dad got at Bargain Center in Davis Square. Will they last another winter? Will I? I know a lot of you just took it in stride, but nervous wrecks like me autogas can for my snow blower. Five bucks filled it halfway (are you kidding?). To complete my emergency preparedness run (in October), I stopped by Stop 'n' Shop for water, soup, milk, cookie dough, and some other food. All the while one thought kept running through my mind. This is October, unless I have finally snapped, or entered the Twilight Zone, which is totally possible.

So, as Saturday afternoon came, I watched it go from rain to snow. I dug out compact disc to scrape his windshield . I my gloves, a hat and a scarf (in October) and placed the snow melt bucket in the hall. It seems even stranger because on Friday I was outside putting up Halloween decorations. That's right, Halloween. I never remember getting any snow before Halloween. Just the other day a bunch of us at work were discussing the upcoming winter hoping it would be milder than last year. Well, so far a mild winter doesn't seem to be in the cards. I went out to do an important errand at around seven on Saturday night and was amazed at the geniuses driving like maniacs out there. Small cars whizzing around corners, and speeding up Broadway through Ball Square, while the snow came down. Small cars, driving like nuts, cutting other cars off and driving recklessly. They must be from surrounding commu-

nities because Somerville drivers are the most courteous around (yuk yuk!). And me in my big gas guzzling, rolling fortress of a SUV! (Sick Urban 'Villen!) It's nice to know that that the crazy drivers who think their cars can stop on a dime are geared up for another winter's "driving wars." Once again I will have to avoid those annoying little maniac drivers.

Were you one of the people caught with your scrapers down? I saw a guy using a one got hurt.

Yes, I bought into the hype, but at least now I am good to go for another Somerville winter. Luckily I did not lose power so I was able to watch the Patriots lose to Pittsburgh.

Those old beat up Bargain Center boots will be here long after I am gone but I can assure you of one thing. New Englanders will still freak out at the least mention of that four-letter word...snow.

I will be directing a very exciting new group starting Monday, November 7. The Swinging Singing Seniors will have our first meeting at the Tab building, 167 Holland St., at 10:30 a.m. Please join us! We will be doing songs like Sentimental Journey, Celebration, That's Amore, Side by Side, Can't help falling in Love, and As Time Goes By. Come one, come all, and sing your hearts out! We will have a blast for sure! For more info, check out Somerville.gov/departments/council-onaging. Sunsetters...watch out!

matically kicked into panic mode.

As I watched TV from bed at 7 a.m. on Saturday morning, the weather guy was predicting two to six inches of snow in our area. I thought maybe I was still asleep and it was a bad dream. Am I going nuts or does it usually NOT SNOW in October? As I drove to get my morning coffee at Dunkies, I saw some DPW plows and trucks and other vehicles at the ready. I bought into the hype and headed for Home Depot at 8 a.m. on Saturday morning to get some "ice melt"... in October! There was a steady flow of other panic people in Home Depot, too. I picked up two 50 pound plastic buckets of the stuff (I almost got a hernia lifting them!). Some folks were buying snow blowers! Then I went by the gas station and put five dollars worth of regular in my plastic

hope it wasn't anything good like, Led Zeppelin I, or Ziggy Stardust and The Spiders From Mars! I used to use a cassette, but those days are over. I have a thick plastic crudely formed plexi-glass scraper that my dad made over 40 years ago. I also saw a neighbor take dirt from one of his planters and sprinkle it on his icy stairs. We are resourceful when we have to be. I bet half the people who flock to the supermarkets for panic food could live very nicely off the stuff they already have in their cupboards. (I don't buy into all those expiration dates.)

Kudos to the Somerville Fire Department for taking care of the fire that gutted a block of businesses in Teele Square on Saturday night while this storm was hitting us. We are lucky to have such brave firefighters in this city, and we are glad no

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. Beacon Hill Roll Call records the votes of local representatives on one roll call from the week of October 24-28. There were no roll calls in the Senate last week.

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:

Rep. Denise Provost

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

Rep. 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, SUF-FOLK AND ESSEX. - Cambridge, ward 3, precinct 2, wards 6 and 7, ward 8, precincts 1 and 2, ward 9, precinct 1, ward 10, precinct 2, Everett and Somerville, ward 1, precinct 1, ward 2, precinct 1, in the county of Middlesex; Boston, ward 2, ward 21, precincts 4, 6 and 7, ward 22, precincts 1, 2 and 5, Chelsea and Revere, ward 6, in the county of Suffolk; and Saugus, precincts 2, 6 and 10, in the county of Essex.

Sen. Patricia Jehlen

DISTRICT REPRESENTED: SECOND MID-DLESEX. - 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.

RETIREMENT PLAN FOR NONPROFIT EM-PLOYEES (H 3754)

House 145-7, approved and sent to the Senate a bill that would allow employees of nonprofit organizations to es-

state should not be administering plans for what are essentially private, nongovernmental organizations, particularly when the state's own pension plans have their own problems. They argued this policy would actually cost taxpayer dollars to administer and might expand to the point where the state is administering retirement plans for companies and individuals in the private sector. (A "Yes" vote is for the bill. A "No" vote is against it.)

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

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

CASINO BILL CONFEREES - Senate President Therese Murray and House Speaker Robert DeLeo appointed the members who will serve on a House-Senate casino bill conference committee. Each chamber has approved a different version of the legislation; the conference committee will hammer out a compromise version of the bill that would allow three casinos and one slot parlor in the Bay State. Sens. Stanley Rosenberg (D-Amherst), Jennifer Flanagan (D-Leominster) and Richard Ross (R-Wrentham) will represent the Senate while Reps. Joseph Wagner (D-Chicopee), Brian Dempsey (D-Haverhill) and Paul Frost (R-Auburn) will negotiate for the House.

AUTO INSURANCE BASED ON CREDIT RAT-ING (S 461) - The Financial Services Committee gave a favorable report to a bill that would prohibit insurance companies from basing a customer's insurance rates on his or her credit rating, education or occupation.

REQUIRE DEFIBRILLATORS IN SCHOOLS (S

1123) - The Public Health Committee held a hearing on a bill requiring automatic external defibrillators in all public schools. Emotional testimony was given by Laura Geraghty, who almost died in April 2009 when her heart stopped for 43 minutes while driving a school bus on the grounds of Newton South High School. She said she was saved by several people who administered CPR and the use of a defibrillator.

OTHER HEALTH BILLS - Other measures at the Public Health hearing included prohibiting the use of latex gloves and products by all food handlers (S 1132), banning the use of artificial trans fats, also known as partially hydrogenated vegetable oils, in Massachusetts restaurants (S 1164); requiring the Department of Public Health to study whether it is feasible to require restaurants to use different utensils, working stations and storage for foods that contain peanut oils (H 2337) requiring "take-out" restaurants that do not have a public restroom to install a sink for hand-washing or provide a hand sanitizer for customers and employees (H 2902) and expanding the current law that requiresrestaurants with more than 25 seats to have on the premises either a device to remove food lodged in persons' throats or ar employee trained in the manual Heimlich Maneuver (H 1462). The measure would make the requirements apply to all restaurants regardless of their seating capacity.

TIONS (H 1216) - The Financial Services Committee held a hearing on legislation allowing consumers to use coupons and rebate offers when purchasing prescriptions. In 2010, the House and Senate approved different versions of the bill. They never agreed on a compromise version and the measure died at the end of the session.

Supporters say this would help lower the cost of prescription drugs for seniors and others who otherwise might not be able to afford them. They note the current law banning the use of coupons and rebates was designed to prevent drug companies from trying to induce customers into buying their drugs. Some say the unintended consequence of the law is it now prevents people from saving money on prescriptions.

RULES FOR KAYAKING (H 664) - The House approved and sent to the Senate a bill that would regulate the increasingly popular sport of kayaking. The measure would require kayak instructors to take basic water rescue, first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training. It also requires instructors to receive certification from the American Canoe Association and be certified by the American Red Cross in small craft safety. Other provisions require students to be taught safety procedures including "wet exit training" - the practice of escaping from a capsized kayak.

Supporters said present law is too loose and does not sufficiently regulate kayaks. They argued the bill would save lives and prevent injuries.

Last year, the House and Senate approved different versions of the measure which died when the two branches did not agree on a final draft.

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 joband 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 Legislaturedoes 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.

tablish a retirement account that would be administered by State Treasurer Steve Grossman's office. Contributions would be made on a pre-tax basis and all earnings would be tax-deferred.

The treasurer already administers the SMART plan, a similar deal with some \$5 billion in assets, for 300,000 state and local employees.

Supporters said this would help an estimated 14 percent of the Massachusetts workforce - 460,000 people - who work in the nonprofit sector. They noted that many smaller nonprofits are unable to afford the cost of setting up any type of retirement plan. Some noted the lackof retirement benefits at non-profits hurts their ability to attract top notch employees who choose jobs in the public or private sector because they have a retirement plan. Others argued the cost of administering the plan would be minimal since the treasurer's office already administers the SMART plan.

Opponents said this sets a bad precedent and noted the

During the week of October 24-28, the House met for a total of seven hours and 31 minutes while the Senate met for a total of five hours and 23 minutes.

e	Mon. October 24	House 11:02 a.m. to 11:50 a.m. Senate 11:03 a.m. to 3:04 p.m.
;	Tues. October 25	No House session No Senate session
; s 1	Wed. October 26	House 11:00 a.m. to 3:27 p.m. No Senate session
n I V	Thurs. October 27	House 11:06 a.m. to 1:22 p.m. Senate 1:00 p.m. to 2:22 p.m.
	Fri. October 28	No House session

ALLOW CONSUMERS TO USE COUPONS AND REBATES TO PURCHASE PRESCRIP-

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No Senate session



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contractor for Travel Collaborative. Easton says that it is his work in the city, in large part due to his raising of his three young children, Emmett, Simon, and Helena, that makes him the ideal replacement for a BOA incumbent.

"Having a young family keeps you engaged and active in a lot of different aspects of the city," said Easton, resident since 2002.

"I don't necessarily feel like these guys are in tune. Most of them have had families at some point that have now grown up and moved on from the school systems and what not."

"The people have said to me that the Board is complacent, they're not as engaged as they used to be," he said relating that his experience talking with community members has had him hear many residents who do not believe the BOA is as responsive to the issues as they feel they deserve.

"People are already coming to me," he said. "I have a network of people that I can go to, resources that I know from being active in the city. I just put people in touch with people who can help them out," he said, reflecting on the community nature of local politics.

"It's all about communication."

As far as the issues go, Easton said that his experience in the services industry, where you can't let clients be stranded without a solution, is what gives him confidence in dealing with issues he knows and doesn't know.

"I'm not concerned about those kinds of things because the majority of the guys are sitting on the Board, they didn't have that experience when they came on the Board. How did they learn about it? They asked questions, they went to people who had that experience already," he said.

"I rely heavily on my networking," he said, noting that the diverse and educated workforce Somerville has become a hotbed for has allowed him a network of advisors whom he would wish to serve as Alderman.

For instance, he said that the abandoned Star Market needed better leadership and that the people needed to be engaged and encouraged to engage on the ultimate decision, which he said should have been made long ago. "There's lots of issues out there that I know nothing about. But I do have a vast network of people that I can rely on and if it comes up in issues like zoning, I know a fair number of city planners that live here in the city that work in other towns, I know a fair number of architects, I know a fair number of lawyers, that can help me digest and make decisions upon what I need to make decisions upon," he said. "There's lots of things I have opinions about and there's lots of things I don't have any opinions about because I haven't talked about them," he said, adding that he would commit "due diligence and research" to any and all issues that came before him.

Fitzgerald enters the fray

As Sean Fitzgerald gears up for his challenge in the Alderman At Large race, he brings with him a vast amount of experience working in Public Policy. Currently a top aide to Representative Jay Kaufman, D - Lexington, Fitzgerald also previously worked with Mayor Dorothy Kelly Gay, and Senator Charles Shannon. After working in municipal and state politics since 1997, after previously running a sports club, Fitzgerald has decided to take "a more formal" role in local politics.

"I think change is good and I think a lot of people that I've seen indicate to me that they're accepting to a change," said Fitzgerald. "I'd just like to see the Board of Alderman become a more deliberative body. I think they've become a little reactionary over time."

Fitzgerald, a resident since 2004 says that, while he approves of many policies supported by the BOA, including switching healthcare to the GIC, which he as a state employee is on, and approving the Assembly Square bond, he says that far too many votes are near unanimous and cites this as an example of poor public process.

"The Board has seen some very good plans put forth by the mayor and his team, but that's not going to happen forever. When a new mayor comes in, we're going to need a Board that is going to be proactive and challenging the mayor, and trying to get the best deal, not only for the residents but for the city as a whole," he said.

Fitzgerald said he would look into consolidating city properties, such as those that are not in use or accruing taxes, as well as those offices that are not easily accessible to the public, such as the Evergreen Street offices. The Evergreen Street offices hold many departments, including the Heath Board, Somerville Arts Council, and Retirement Board.

Fitzgerald said he also had interest in beautifying the city, building and improving parks and community space.

"It's a community oriented city," said Fitzgerald on why he loved Somerville. "Neighbors know each other and people take pride in Somerville."

Residential tax burdens are also one of his concerns, and he said he would like the ratio of revenue to go from 65 percent residential to 50.

He said that he would look for the best

he has entered the race for Alderman At Large over one glaring issue, he thinks the Board of Aldermen have been doing an "average job."

"To let the city borrow \$27.5 million for the infrastructure down on Assembly Square, to me that's not doing their job," said Nionakis, referring to the \$25 million bond requisition taken out by the city for the tri-party agreement.

"[Developer Federal Realty Investment Trust] is a four billion dollar company, and they're nickel and diming us for that money, when they could have absorbed it themselves. They have a \$375 million dollar operating budget, and I believe they have over \$400 million in revenue every year, so why should we be footing the bill for that?"

Describing himself as a family man who will not back down from his beliefs, Nionakis said that he brings a fresh perspective to the city that is badly needed if the challenges facing it are to be met successfully.

Another decision Nionakis would not abide sitting down was the city's decision to move their employees and retirees to the Group Insurance Commission (GIC) earlier this year, a switch which lowered the city's healthcare costs, but raised copays for many.

"I'm with the GIC right now," said Nionakis, an employee of the state. He recalled once that two years ago, after he went in for a physical "I got a letter from the GIC saying, 'as of right now, you have a \$250 deductible for certain lab work.""

Claiming he received the price hike without warning, Nionakis made his feelings plain. "The GIC, to me, is unregulated. They can just turn around and send you a letter one day, and as of the day you receive [it], the changes they put in [your insurance structure] are in effect."

As for his desired work on the Board of Aldermen, Nionakis said he would work to keep housing affordable in Somerville, especially with the projected rise of property values due to the future completion of the GLX.

While the city currently has a 12.5 percent cap on affordable housing, Nionakis said that once it was clear the GLX would be arriving, "I would immediately try to make an enactment where [the cap] would go to 15 percent."

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Sullivan touts outreach Brings 'city hall to neighborhoods'

Alderman At Large Dennis Sullivan is someone who practices what he preaches. An eight-year tenure on the BOA, with six years previous on the School Committee has led Sullivan deeper and deeper into the community, and that, he says, is where his main strength lies.

"What I'm most proud of is my outreach to the community," he said. "People say that they only see their elected officials during an election year; they can't say that about me. I've conducted over 100 office hours," he said ranging from spring, fall, summer and winter. He called the residents and their input a "vital, sounding board" in making decisions on issues legislative to licensing related.

"I've taken government out of City Hall, and brought it to the neighborhoods," he said.

Sullivan, a sergeant in the Massachusetts Department of Corrections, sits as the chairman of the licensing and permits committee, a seat he says he uses to the best of his ability to balance the needs of businesses and members of the community respectively.

"I think I've created an environment that is business friendly, but not at the cost of the residents and neighborhoods," he said.

Looking forward, he says, the Winter Hill neighborhood is in disarray, and needs desperately to be rezoned in order to maximize its potential.

"I think we need to rezone Winter Hill," he said. "I think we need to take that zoning that has happened on lower Broadway and push it up Broadway into Winter Hill. It's somewhat of a neglected area, and I think it needs attention," he said, adding that the former Star Market lot is still vacant.

Of his toughest decision, Sullivan said that the GIC vote was what ultimately gave him worries, despite the necessity of passing such a switch for city employees.

"It was going to change the health plans especially among retirees. It was going to decrease their premium but it was going to up their co-pays, so it was changing their circumstances," he said.

"Given the climate that we're in, we

"These are not my decisions, these are the peoples' decisions," he said. way to ease residential tax burdens and follow the path of development, not only large-scale, but smaller businesses too to take up the community squares, such as finding "those family mom-and-pop businesses and try to relocate them to Somerville to try to foster and increase our commercial tax base."

Fitzgerald is married to Rachel with two children, 9 and 11, who are enrolled in the West Somerville Neighborhood School. He is a member of the PTA.

Nionakis won't back down

FRIT is 'nickel and diming' city Michael Nionakis, born, raised and educated in the city of Somerville, holds his opinions strong and hard. An assistant Deputy Superintendent for the Middlesex Sheriff's Department, Nionakis says

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"[Development] is going to force some residents out of the city once everything is complete. Deep down, bringing the affordable housing up to 15 percent on new construction, I think that'll work out, because corporations are going to make money. It's not much, they can absorb that," he said.

As for the Green Line Extension, "this is money that the state promised us, we should have had it 10 years ago and they haven't fulfilled their obligation, and I believe that that falls on the part of the legislative body that we have up on Beacon Hill. They should have been fighting for that right from the get go," he said.

"They fell asleep at the wheel on it." Nionakis lives on Mansfield St. with his wife Susan, son, Michael, 4, and his daughter Michaela, 22, a junior at Bay couldn't afford to continue without the GIC. We couldn't continue on the health plan that we had. So I recognize that it did effect people and it was a tough vote." Of his decision to vote to raise the fees on parking, Sullivan said that the city balanced a need to take care of their services without cutting quality of life.

"People want services. Any time services are cut, whether it be services in the schools, trash pick up, the fire service, the police service, we need to cover those services," he said.

"Some of the fees needed to be adjusted. If you look at it, tickets being handed out were down over the last few years," he said.

Sullivan, who lives in East Somerville with his wife, Melissa, has recently garnered endorsements *Continued on page 17*



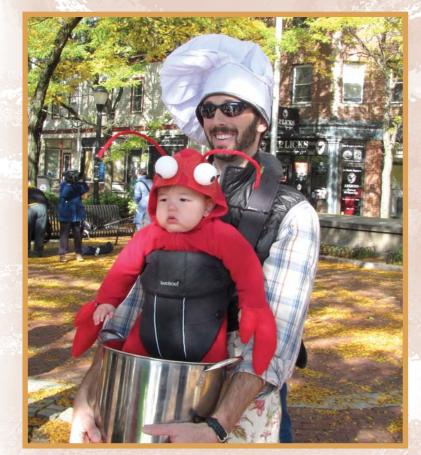
A walk on the wild side Somerville holds Annual Pumpkin Stroll

By Elizabeth Sheeran

'Twas the day before Halloween, and around Davis Square, Strolled monkeys, a lion, a tiger, a bear, A parade of costumed characters from Somerville and nearby towns, Superheroes with masks, and princesses with crowns, A flock of angry birds, dinosaurs, frogs, a bee, An octopus and a lobster from underneath the sea. Surprises awaited them back at Statue Park, Then the creatures dispersed, to be home before dark.



Lioness Ava Martin, 2, waited for the costume parade to start.





Due to flooding on the Bike Path, the Pumpkin Stroll was diverted to streets around Davis Square.



The Rice family, as the Angry Birds, lined up for the costume parade in the Davis Square Statue Park. Left to right: Anna, 1, Emily, Matt and Colin, 5.



Dad Ethan Barron brought eight-month-old Echo in a lobster pot.

Monkey Alison Holzer rode her bike to the pumpkin stroll, with dad Matt.



Five-year-old Dash Pfromm was a police officer for the day.



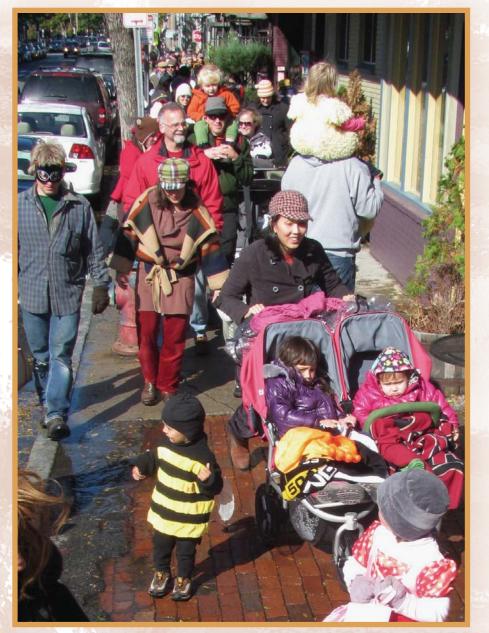


Angry bird Colin Rice and his masked friend The Flash enjoyed the Pumpkin Stroll costume parade in Davis Square.



Cousins five-month-old Madeline Wright (teddy bear) and 17-month-old Henry Schleyjohnson (scarecrow) brought their moms to the Pumpkin Stroll.





This year's Pumpkin Stroll paraded down Holland Street in Davis Square.

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Pirate queen Coco Brown, 4, patiently awaited the Pumpkin Stroll.



SOMERVILLE SPORTS St. Clement sports update

St Clement Anchormen tame Marian Mustangs 14-8

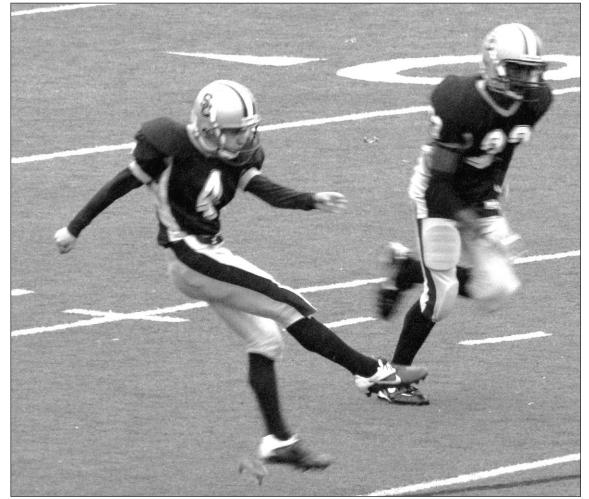
The St. Clement Anchormen picked up their fifth win of the season in dramatic fashion against the Mustangs of Marian (Framingham) during a frigid, rainy game at Dilboy Stadium this past Saturday. Scoring was few and far between for both teams as the weather contributed to offensive struggles.

In the first quarter things got off to a bad start for the Anchormen as starting running back Alberto Lopez (Chelsea) went down with an injury leaving the Anchormen short handed on both sides of the ball."Our back-ups really stepped up today after what could have been a disaster for us," said head coach Colin Walsh.

In the second quarter the Anchormen struck first as junior Thompson QB Jamie (Somerville) threw a 20 yard

pass to Sophomore Junior Oyaronbi (Revere) who just barely kept his feet in bounds for the dramatic TD reception. Andrew Carvahlo (Somerville) added the kick and St. Clement was up 7-0. On the very next play Marian returned the kick down to the Anchormen 11 yard line. On third down running back Joseph Gabarino ran in the Mustangs only score of the day. Senior Trevor Rabidou added the conversion rush and the Mustangs had taken over 8-7 going into half time.

In the second half St. Clement had plenty of scoring chances but two fumbles deep in Marian territory, and a TD rush called back for an offside call kept the game close. In the fourth quarter St. Clement stayed with the ground game and senior Matthew Pereira (Somerville) was a force picking up 103 yards



Andrew Carvahlo provided some extra kick, helping to deliver the 14-8 victory over Framingham.

on 26 carries on the day.

With the game on the line St. Clement sophomore fullback Deron "Suga" Hines (Chelsea) picked the perfect moment to shine. On a second and long he rambled 37 yards on a sweep to get down to the Marian 11 yard line. On the very next play he rumbled for the go-ahead score. Carvahlo added the kick and the Anchormen were up 14-8. The defense held off a hard charging Mustang offense to secure the victory for the Anchormen.

On Defense senior Kevin Pierre (Malden) kept the Mustang pass game in check as he recorded seven tackles, three for a loss, a sack, and four QB knockdowns to set the tone for the rest of the team. Jamie Thompson

was also a stand out recording five pass defenses and the game securing interception to lead the way for the Anchormen.

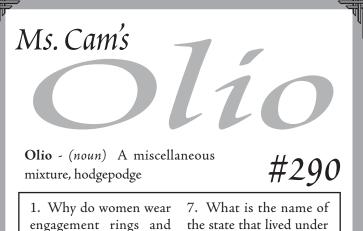
Lady Anchors rally their way to the State Tournament

The Lady Anchors of St. Clement end their volleyball regular season with an over-all record of 15-5, their best record in eleven years. The ladies started their week with a sweet three games to none victory over Maimonides in Brookline on Sunday, October 23. Sophomore Kayla Morello (Medford) led the team with twenty service points and racking up seven aces. Helping secure the win was junior captain Allison Caloggero (Medford) adding eleven service

points, with four aces and four kills. On the net junior captain Kristina Ofoedu (Somerville) smacked down ten kills.

When Lowell Catholic came to the Anchordome on Tuesday, October 25, the Lady Anchors took the Crusaders three games to one. Ofoedu had a miraculous twenty service points, six kills, two blocks, and ten digs leading Saint Clement to victory. As the crowd cheered tremendously, junior Camilla Souza (Everett) gave the ladies relief by safely adding seventeen digs in the back row. While Caloggero quietly contributed with eleven digs, four kills, and four assists. Junior Captain Judy D'Haiti (Cambridge) helped with crucial key saves.

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engagement rings and wedding rings on the third finger of the left hand?

2. In 1857, what was Luther Crowell the inventor of?

3. Who was the creator of Tarzan?

4. How did the "lb" come to stand for pound?

Six Flags?

8. What was the nickname for the Model T Ford?

9. What letter accounts for one of every eight used in the English Language?

10. Who was said to be the shiftiest bank robber?

5. What is the anniversary for the gift of wood?

6. Approximately what does 5,300,000 minutes equal?

11. How did the popular trick-or-treating begin (not the original)?

12. Where is the Jack-o-Lantern said to have originated from?

Answers on page 23





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Civil War books combine history with collecting

By Kenneth Gloss

It's now 150 years since the start of the American Civil War, which ran from 1861 to 1865 and was one of the most interesting and tragic chapters in the history of our country. It has spawned thousands of different books, both in non-fiction and fiction. Collectors interested in Civil War books can find everything from histories of individual regiments to extensive historical accounts of all four years of the war. In Massachusetts, The Historical Sketch of the 6th Massachusetts Regiment, written by John W. Hansen in 1866, is an accurate and interesting depiction of soldiers from this area. Another popular edition is The History of the 54th Massachusetts Regiment, the first African-American regiment.

These types of books are highly collectible because they contain encapsulated histories of the war and present a more personal picture of what happened to our ancestors. When these regimental histories were first released, they had limited distribution and print runs because the only people interested in local history were, of course, the local residents.

What makes these books, which can sell for a few hundred dollars, so intriguing are the details. They list every member of the regiment, allowing people to trace the lives of their great-great-grandparents. They also contain complete battle specifics, right down to the movements of all the soldiers. For history buffs and Civil War re-enactors, this kind of detail provides an accurate picture of what happened during the battles.

For a more general book on the Civil War, Kirkland's 1866 edition of The Book of Anecdotes and Incidents of the Rebellion is a good choice. Written right after the end of the war, it has a fresher perspective than books written 30 or 40 years later. This book sells in the \$35 to \$100 range - a lesser price than the regiment histories because there were more Kirklands published.

The most requested Civil War book I see is The Personal Memoirs of Ulysses S. Grant, written in 1886. There is a whole series of biographies and autobiographies written about Civil War generals, but the most famous one is Grant's. This book is probably also the best written of all of the books about Grant. He was a great writer with a great editor: Mark Twain. This book, available in a two-volume set, was reprinted several times and sells for about \$250 for a good copy, more for a deluxe leather-bound edition. However, prices are moderating as those searching for info now go to the Internet which decreases the demand though new and serious collectors keep collecting. A number of people who pick up this book see Grant's signature on the inside flap and think they have a valuable find. What they don't realize is that Grant's signature was printed in every copy of the book. It would be really amazing, a miracle in fact, if someone

did have a copy with Grant's actual handwriting inside - he died a month before the book was released.

The presidents who followed Grant have that book to thank for their pension program. Grant was essentially impoverished by the time he was an old man and wrote the memoirs to provide income for his retirement. When people realized a former president had been reduced to selling his life story for income, a push was made to implement the presidential pension plan that exists today.

There are stories behind so many of the books of the Civil War. It is one of the most highly collected events in world history because it is one of the few wars that transpired right on American soil. The impact of brother fighting brother also made the stories of the war dramatic and emotional, resulting in good reading as well as collecting. Although interest in that period has always been strong, the release of Ken Burns' Civil War sparked a renewal of attention for the war.

Books written about events in the North are much easier to find than books printed in the South. Simply, the North had more money and supplies than the South, which even ran out of paper at one point during the war. By 1865, newspapers in the South were being printed on old sheets of wallpaper, something that makes them very collectible today.

The newspaper accounts of the war, particularly those written by writers in the regions where the battles were happening, often contain the most accurate information. They allow the reader to see the history as it unfolded, with day-by-day accounts of the fighting. The Southern papers tended to be more impassioned and thus are more valuable, than the ones from Northern publishers.

There are as many different aspects of the war upon which to concentrate a collection, as there are books. Everything from the naval history to the social events has been written about and chronicled in numerous books. Just collecting the photographs of the war, which depicted the battles in detail and showed soldiers proudly wearing their uniforms, can provide an amazing amount of information about the war. No matter which area of the war a collector decides to concentrate on, there are sure to be hundreds of books, in a wide variety of price ranges, available. The craze for Civil War memorabilia is still strong and shows no signs of slowing any time soon.



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PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on <u>Wednesday, November 16, 2011</u>, 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:

8 Tyler St: (Case #ZBA 2011-80) Applicant William Shea and Owner JWF LLC seek a special permit to alter a nonconforming structure under SZO §4.4.1 to install two exterior doors. IA zone. Ward 2.

1180 Broadway: (Case #ZBA 2005-32-R1-10/2011) Applicant Jonathan Medeiros and Owner Cherif Benattia, seek a modification to the original parking variance (ZBA 2005-32) under SZO §5.5 in order to add four parking spaces of relief to the variance. NB Zone. Ward 7.

40 Rogers Ave: (Case #ZBA 2011-82) Applicant and Owner Walter Lorraine seeks a special permit to alter a nonconforming structure under SZO \$4.4.1 to construct a three-story rear porch, alter windows on the front porch and side of the building and building a by-right dormer. RA zone. Ward 5.

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 <u>dpereira@somervillema.gov</u>.



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Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department

MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. MI 11D4143DR

DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING

Mayda Candelaria Dedieu vs. Eugenio Noel Gomez

To Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a **divorce for** <u>Irretrievable Breakdown of the</u> <u>Marriage 1B</u>____

The Complaint is on file at the Court.

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party .**SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411**

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon:

Philip Joseph Lamonica Esq. 150 Market Street Lynn, MA 01970

your answer, if any on or before **11/25/2011**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

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

Date: October 14, 2011

Tara E. De Cristofaro Register of Probate

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MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. MI 11D4143DR

COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE

Mayda Candelaria Dedieu -, Plaintiff V. Eugenio Noel Gomez -, Defendant

- 1) Plaintiff who resides 41 Avon Street # 2 Somerville Middlesex MA 02143 was lawfully married to the defendant who now resides at <u>Unknown</u>
- 2) The parties were married at <u>City of Somerville on July 26,</u> <u>2011 on</u> and last lived together at <u>41Avon Street #2 on</u> <u>September 8, 2011</u>
- 3) The minor or dependent child(ren) of this marriage is/are: NONE
- 4) Plaintiff certifies that no previous action for divorce, annulment or affirmation of marriage, separate support, desertion, living apart for justifiable cause, or custody of child(ren) has been brought by either party against the other except: NONE
- 5) On or about Septmember 8, 2011 the defendant vacated the martial premises and an irretriable under G.L.c. 208 Section 1B occurred and continues to exist.
- 6) Wherefore, plaintiff requests that the Court:
- (x) Grant a Divorce

 (x) Prohibit defendant from imposing any restraint on plaintiff's personal liberty

Date: September 30, 2011

Philip J. La Monica 150 Market Street Lynn, MA 01901





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PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Somerville Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **November 17, 2011** at 6:00 p.m. in the Visiting Nurses Association, Community Room, 3rd Floor, 259 Lowell Street, Somerville, MA.

379 Somerville Avenue: (Case **#PB 2011-18**) Applicant, Josh Banville, and Owner, Victor Ortiz, seek a Special Permit under SZO \$6.1.22.D.5 to alter the signage for a by-right restaurant. CCD 55 zone. Ward 3.

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Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman

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Docket No. MI 11P4935EA

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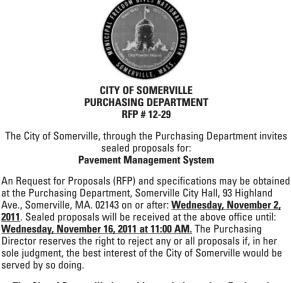
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Other endorsements

Thomas Taylor in Ward 3

Mayor Joseph Curtatone

the old to the new.

We continue to be amazed at Thomas Taylor's dedication as an Alderman in Ward 3 over the years. He is constantly there at neighborhood meetings representing his Ward so that all of us are better off. We think that Alderman Tom Taylor should be re-elected. He has been an effective leader representing Ward 3 over the years. He has made

What can we say about Mayor

Joseph Curtatone? He is a man for

all seasons. His dedication to bring-

ing Somerville forward over these

past years is one reason why we see

an ever-changing city moving from

Whether one is a lifelong resident

or a newbie, one cannot help but

see the pride he puts into his job as

our mayor. Some will disagree with

certain things that have happened

regarding fees, but he has managed

to do things that other mayors in

Massachusetts cannot do. Out of

the entire city budget for last year

only two employees were laid off,

while other cities laid off many

himself accessible to his constituents and his commitment to the city and Ward 3 has been and will continue to be exceptional as an Alderman squarely focused on local issues.

Therefore, we strongly support and endorse Tom Taylor for Ward 3 Alderman for re-election on Tuesday, November 8, and urge all voters in Ward 3 to send him back to continue his strong leadership role there.



more and could not deal with the state's shortage of funds. He did a great job and we need him to continue. It is no wonder that Joe hasn't had a serious opponent since he was elected.

The reason is all around us. We see it every day and we hear about it in the future of Assembly Square, Union Square, and now we need him to turn Teele Square around after the recent fire. As everyone here will agree that Joseph Curtatone is probably one of the best mayors this city has ever seen and will probably ever see, we therefore strongly endorse and urge every voter to re-elect Mayor Joseph Curtatone on Tuesday, November 8.



St. Clement sports update CONT. FROM PG 14

After a crushing loss of three games to none to their league rivals Pope John of Everett, the Lady Anchors traveled to Lynn to face Saint Mary's on Friday, October 28. Freshman Jessica Popken (Medford) got back into her groove and supplied the Lady Anchors with eighteen service points

and ten stellar aces. Coming off the bench for the first time on varsity was eighth grader Katie Monestime (Somerville) helping St. Clement with seven digs, while Sophomore Megan Berg (Medford) provided key service points. The Lady Anchors took the victory from the Spartans

three games to none.

The Lady Anchors ended their volleyball packed week with a sluggish loss to the Lady Eagles of Mystic Valley Charter School three games to none. The Lady Anchors will head to the tournament with high expectations and a hunger to win.

Meet the candidates CONT. FROM PG 11

from the Sierra Club for his work in promoting single-stream recycling and the Progressive Democrats of Somerville.

Sullivan was also quick to defend the public school system, which he says is unfairly criticized given how burdened they are by various media outlets.

"Right now, we have over 50 languages spoken at the High School," he said. "I think we do a good job given the population that we come" keep afloat and run smoothly.

But he says the planning is what needs to be there, and sensible application is what he will strive for if re-elected.

"I grew up in this city, and I remember when there were slaughterhouses, alright. I grew up near a slaughterhouse. I found out what the effects of bad planning are on people," he said.

After years of fighting, White says that the only thing that irks him is the delay in the Green Line Extension, an idea he remembers from as far back as 1985 when he was a lawyer at a private firm in Boston. He previously referred to the delay as a "middle finger" from the state. He also noted the adverse effects of air quality due to I-93, and the history of poor planning that the state has hoisted upon Somerville, most recently due to the GLX. operating by 2011. We made plans to develop the areas and spend tens of thousands of dollars and tens of thousands of people hours changing the zoning, looking at Union Square, looking at the Inner Belt, looking at Brickbottom, thinking of ways to further develop there, using Union Square as an anchor. With the T delaying us now, that puts us behind financially, I think. Very far behind."

ment. "We're a combination of many different types of folks in the city," he qualified, listing the diverse population of young professionals, students, immigrants and working class.

What he would not do, he said, was further burden the working class and senior populations by raising their taxes any higher.

On his toughest decision since last elected, White said that joining the employees and retirees to the Group Insurance Commission healthcare was a particularly difficult one for him.

tion that we serve.

White sees tough road ahead Community development contingent on commercial

Incumbent Bill White is a man who prizes issues at heart, and in his 14 years serving on the Board of Aldermen, he has made those prevalent, long-ranging ones his causes. As Vice-Chair of the legislative Matters Committee, chair of Public Health and Safety, Chair of land use and a seat on the Finance Committee, he says it is only through due diligence and tough decisions that the city has managed to

"We've paid for that," he said. "Our people have, our city has and it wasn't a commitment that was delayed two years or three. That was supposed to be up and Commercial development, it seems, is what White believes would be best for the city, which is why he looks to the future Assembly Square site as a beacon of development for the city.

"As the economy gets worse, the Green Line gets delayed, that's the only place where I think in the foreseeable future, you can actually see a place that's going to create jobs and tax revenue," he said.

"When you have cutbacks in federal funding and cutbacks in the state as well it falls on communities like Somerville," he said, as Somerville relies heavily upon aid due to a lack of commercial develop"When I get calls from schoolteachers that I had that are in their '80s now, that's a personal decision," he said.

"It's not only facts and figures, it is how does this affect people. I've seen a lot of the retirees who are going to get hit by it. In a personal sense, folks who have worked their entire lives for the city, it's going to have a financial impact on them. It was a tough vote, but I took the vote that I had to take," he said.

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Thursday November 3

Session 1 (6 p.m.-7 p.m.) Session 2 (7:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m.)

617-623-5000 x2920 2 p.m.- 3:30 p.m.|79 Highland

Central Library Too Human in Concert 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland

drumzatlibana@gmail.com

Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step

Saturday November 5

weekly to discuss their work

program for people with problems with money and debt. 7 p.m.-8:30

Somerville Writers and Poets meet

9 a.m.-12 p.m.|Au Bon Pain| 18-48

Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction

with Sunada Takagi 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.|33 Union Sq|

Monthly Open Voice Movement

Introduction to Voice Movement

2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.| Mali: 781.290.6381 MaliSastri@gmail.com

Discover Belly Dancing with Nadira

1 p.m.-2 p.m.|33 Union Sq

maria.taesil@gmail.com

Sunday November 6

Noon- 1 p.m. 33 Union Sq

www.alicehellerdance.com

Family Groups 7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street

Enter upstairs, meeting is in

Monday November 7

East Branch Library Learn English at the Library

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

Tuesday November 8

7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Session 1 (6 p.m.-7 p.m.) Session 2 (7:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m.)

Unity Church of God

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

Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon

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Therapy Workshops 11:30 -2:30 p.m.|33 Union Sq| 978-952-2798

p.m.|89 College Ave (Upstairs Parlor). For more info call: 781-762-6629

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FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH Wednesday November 2

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

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

Thursday November 3

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

Friday November 4

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

Saturday November 5 **Central Library** Saturday Afternoon Family Film: The Secret Garden 2 p.m.-4 p.m.| 79 Highland Avenue

Sunday November 6

Central Library Art Cards with Rob Logan 2 p.m.-4:30 p.m.| 79 Highland Avenue

Monday November 7

Central Library Preschool: Sing Along with Jordan Voelker 11 a.m.- 11:45 a.m. 79 Highland Avenue

Tuesday November 8

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

Wednesday November 9 East Branch Library

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

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

MUSIC Wednesday November 2

Johnny D's Eric Hofbauer 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 Presented by Performer Magazine|Gem Club|The Loom|Christopher Paul Stelling Reverend 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**

The major stars w/ Lead srones|Tampoffs|Party Pigs 70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's Pub Mike Hastings Band 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen

Hamin Reed 10 p.m. Liz Borden Band|11 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

PA'S Lounge Not a Planet|Sinnet|Orange Nichole|7CS 345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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65 Holland St|617-591-2100 Precinct Bar

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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 381 Summer St.

Friday November 4

Johnny D's Tony Furtado|Duppy Conquerors 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's The Brebners |9 p.m. The Byrd Feeders, Hammond, Zipper |9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Cover Up 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|Parry Adams|The Voluptuaries|The Doctors Fox|Chaparrals|Hayley Jane and The Primates 70 Union Sq|617 -623-9211

PA'S Lounge Suit of Hair|Starnes & Shah|Cilla Bonnie|Kaitlin Dibble's Delusions of Grandeur

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 Summer Villains Halloween Extrvaganza! 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

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

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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**

381 Summer St Bloc 11

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

Arts At The Armory Shelley Quintin's Dreams, Stitches and Rain Made of Razorblades 5:30|Performance Hall Sean Ashby 7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Somerville Theatre Lucky Stiff

8 p.m.|55 Davis Square|617-625-4088

Sunday November 6

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

Sally O'Brien's Bar Kevin Byrne Band |5 p.m. Amber Casares Band|8 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Sunday Night Music Series| Billy Keane|Pat Gotchez|Tom Bianchi & Friends 8 p.m.|247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge Brian Chartrand Trio|Morning Sun & the Essentials|Bacci|Les Racquet 345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

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

Somerville Theatre Lucky Stiff 55 Davis Square|617-625-4088

Tuesday November 8

Johnny D's Amelia White|Jess Tardy 17 Holland St|617-776-2004 Sally O'Brien's Bar

Dryden Brothers|9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan|6:30 p.m.

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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 Bubba Loaf Acoustic|Big Girl|Original Gravity

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

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Wednesday November 9

Rock on Concerts Presents Leo

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Karaoke with Kristi

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Bull McCabe's Pub

Mike Hastings Band

Sports Trivia

Precinct Bar

381 Summer St

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 ONCE de Los Muertos: locavore Day of the Dead fiesta! 6:30 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Thursday November 3

Johnny D's

Shelby Lynne|Erin Harpe & The Delta Swingers 17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

School of Rock Adult Band|9 p.m.

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

Rosebud Bar 381 Summer St

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Arts At The Armory FOREVER YOUNG-A Tribute to the

Music of Neil Young 7:30 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Saturday November 5

Johnny D's Duke Robillard Macrotones Ikebe Shakedown 17 Holland St. 617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

The Family Fewels |6 p.m. One Thin Dime |9:30 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

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

Somerville Theatre Lucky Stiff 55 Davis Square|617-625-4088

Monday November 7

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

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CLASSES AND GROUPS Wednesday November 2

Central Library Book Group: Mystery 7 p.m.-8:30 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 Learn English at the Library! 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Central Library Introduction to basic computer skills

11 a.m.-12:30 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 srlibana@gmail.com

Wednesday|November 9

Central Library Library Board of Trustees Meeting 5:30 p.m.-7|30 p.m.|79 Highland

Central Library

Introduction to the Internet Caron Guigli 617-623-5000 x2920 6 p.m.-7|30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

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SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

November 2

Holland Street Center

Flexibility & Balance|9:30 a.m. Shine Presentation (Health Insurance Q&A)10:30 a.m. Women's Support Group & Discussion (new members welcome)|10:30 a.m. Qi Gong|1:15 p.m. 167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Cross Street Center Bowling|1:15 p.m. 165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

Ralph & Jenny Center Indoor Exercise (Interval Training)|10:30 a.m. 9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

November 3

Holland Street Center Indoor Exercises|9 a.m. Coping with Loss thru the Holidays (RSVP for lunch and transportation)10 a.m. 167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Cross Street Center Indoor Exercises 10 :30 a.m. 165 Broadway 617-625-6600 x 2335

Ralph & Jenny Center Strengthening with Geoff|10:30 a.m. Lunch (Portuguese Lunch)|11:30 a.m. 9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

November 4

Holland Street Center Indoor Exercise|9 p.m. 167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Cross Street Center Blood Pressure Screening|10 a.m. Flexiblity & Balance|10:30 a.m 165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x. 2335

November 7

Holland Street Center

Senior Breakfast - Veteran's Tribute|9:30 a.m. Dr. Ali will be speaking about the Myths and Truths of Dementia and Alzheimer's Swinging Signing Seniors begins! All singing levels welcome!|10:30 a.m. 167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x. 2300

November 8

Trip: Neil Diamond Tribute at Twin Rivers

Holland Street Center Strengthening Exercises with Geoff|9:15 a.m. Attorney Mike Dwyer|12:30 p.m. 167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x. 2300

Ralph & Jenny Center

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

Cross Street Center Indoor Exercise 10:30 a.m. 165 Broadway/617-625-6600 x. 2335

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Cross Street Center Bowling|12:45 p.m. 165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x. 2335

Lunch and Bingo at all Centers. RSVP for lunch at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300

Upcoming:

Coming up in November:

Do you love to read? Come and share your enthusiasm with other readers during Book club. Our first meeting is Friday, November 18th at 9:30 am at Holland Street. Our first book is "The Namesake" by Pulitzer Prizewinning Jhumpa Lahiri. The book was chosen as the 2011 Somerville Reads book. In addition to a vibrant discussion, we will take some time to talk about future book choices. We have free copies of the book available for loan. Please contact Janine at 617-625-6600 ext. 2321 for more information.

Museum of the Month Club

Attention all cultural buffs: The Somerville Council on Aging is sponsoring a new Museum of the Month Club beginning on Tuesday, November 15th. We will meet at Holland Street and venture out with our own Community Police Officer, Maryann Manfra, to visit a local museum. Our first trip is to the museum of Science for the new exhibit, "What I Eat: Around the World in 25 Diets," as well as a special traveling exhibit called "A Day in Pompeii". A special thank you to the Somerville Public Library for providing us with passes for providing us with passes for admission to the exhibits. This brings the cost to just \$15! Space is very limited. To sign up or for more information, please call Janine at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321.

AARP Driver Safety Program

A classroom refresher course for drivers aged 50 and older, is holding a class at the Ralph & Jenny Center, Thursday, November 17th, 9:30 am - 2:45 pm (lunch break at 11:30 am). You will learn defensive driving techniques, new traffic laws and rules of the road, how to deal with aggressive drivers, how to handle problem situations. The course explains changes that occur in vision, hearing, and reaction time as we age and provides useful driving safety tips for handling these changes. An AARP trained volunteer instructor will be presenting this course. Cost: \$14/\$12 for AARP members. (Bring your card to receive the member discount). Makes checks payable to AARP. Any questions and to RSVP, please call 617-625-6600 ext.2300.

Like to dance or like to watch great dancing?

Come to our monthly Dance at the Holiday Inn on November 21st from 11 am - 2 pm. The Back Pocket Dancers will be performing in addition to our DJ Hank. The Black Pocket Dancers is a seven-member intergenerational dance company (their oldest dancer is 89) that presents powerful dance/theatre programs. Their new show titled Dance Me a Story, that combines dance, music, narration, costumes and a puppet to tell engaging and inspiring tales from Haiti, the Amazon rainforest, the US and Russian Jewish tradition. A jazzy trio to a song by Ray Charles completes the show. After the performance come out on the dance floor and dance to some wonderful songs. This performance is made possible by a grant from the Somerville Arts Council. RSVP for the dance and lunch by calling 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

November Tea Parties

Come enjoy the warmth and hospitality a tea party brings! Tea and cookies!

November 8h - Ralph & Jenny

November 9h Holland Street

November 10h Cross Street

12:30 - 1:30

Come earlier for lunch and we can provide transportation!

RSVP 617-625-6600 ext. 2300

The Somerville News Best of Somerville 2011 Cast your vote!

You have until November 16 to vote for your favorite category. To cast your vote, email us at thebestofsomerville@yahoo.com or call 617-666-4010 **AFTER** 5 p.m. to leave a message or mail in your ballot to The Somerville News 699 Broadway, Somerville, MA 02144. The winners will be announced Wednesday November 23, 2011. If you don't see your favorite category here, simply add it to this list.

Best of Somerville Foods & Restaurants

Best Breakfast Best Combination Breakfast & Lunch Best Italian Food Best Chinese Food Best Mexican Food Best Variety and all around Restaurant Best Seafood Best Irish Pub Best Local Bar Best Thai Food Best Hamburg Best Hot-Dog Best Roast Beef Sandwich Best Pizza Best Bakery

Best Sub Shop Best Coffee Shop Franchise Best Coffee Shop local

Best of Somerville Services

Best Chef Best Electrician Best Plumber Best Plumber Best Attorney Best Teacher Best Politician Best City Worker Best Insurance Agent Best Insurance Agent Best Real Estate Agent/Realtor Best Real Estate Rental Agent Best Bank Teller Best Bank Employee Best Waitress Best Waiter

Best Bartender Best Cook Best Barber Best Hairdresser Best Boss Best Employee Best Doctor Best Nurse Best Eye Doctor Best Orthodontist Best Mortgage Officer Best Somerville Artist Best Somerville Poet Best Somerville Writer Best Somerville Celebrity Best City Elected Politician Best City Employee DPW Best City Employee City Hall/Annex

Best of Somerville Businesses

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There is always Something Sweet in Somerville

By Sanjeev Selvarajah

Something Sweet in Somerville returns to work with the Somerville Homeless Coalition on Friday, November 4, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Washington St. Art Center. "They really want to be involved in the community and we're grateful to be the recipient of their generosity", says Mark Alston-Follansbee the Executive Director of SHC who will be at the event. Mark mentioned that there was a 20 percent increase in families at the food pantry last year. "People recognize that we are the safety net."

There is an entry fee of ten dollars for the exhibit and dessert buffet, but one can also bring packaged food and new clothing, among other items. Once one is inside there is brilliant artwork to enjoy and bid on, knowing that the sale will aid to alleviate poverty. Live music by Yani Battau and the Styles will also be a part of the night's festivities.

Megan Mary Creamer will be at Something Sweet auctioning of her highly prized artworks. Her piece Way Deep Down is backed by intricate and involved mathematics due to their geometrical arrangement. The an-

cient Romans assigned their Caesars with an adornment of laurels, a decorative leaf, but here the plants have their own ruler a slender leaf - free atop its kind. Megan works full time at a nonprofit cancer research center, and she's also a cancer survivor.

Marrisa Falco is delighted by all that she surveys and she puts her craft and hands to work. Farley and Swayze in Heaven, for example, is a piece about a famous Saturday Night Live sketch starring Patrick Swayze and Chris Farley, and I drew it shortly after Swayze's death, reminiscing about both actors' work and feeling comforted by the thought of them performing that favorite sketch for all of eternity," says Falco

Elise Towle Snow's art will also be available for purchase, one that would benefit the impoverished. "My process is sometimes more involved but I usually like to 'strike while the iron is hot' so to speak. A speedy process helps me battle artistic inertia", says Snow. There has always been a war against hunger in the air, but now those upset by the rampant disparity are presenting new solutions to aid those in need.

Gretchen Graham's photography was displayed in the last



Megan Mary Creamer's delightful creations are just a part of what is being offered at this year's Something Sweet in Somerville event benefitting the work of the Somerville Homeless Coalition.

Something Sweet in Somerville, but she always has new information to add and more photographs for auction. "There's usually a quiet narrative in my head when I photograph, and text is an integral part of the work I have exhibited. I do attempt to find a truth when I photograph, but I get to a truth by storytelling," says Graham. Brian Hart's The Jump-off is basically a tiger with a little blue tiger coming out of his skull. Of course around the head of the white tiger with blue-speckled notches is a crown. So is this Zeus cat king with Athena springing from his skull?"Yes the painting is definitely a reference to the myth though not meant to be a direct illustration of it. The piece is more about rebirth and starting over than the myth is

but by using somewhat recognizable imagery borrowed from well-known stories the work becomes a bit more accessible to the viewer, says Hart.

All in all, art, food, music and good conversation will be in abundance at Something Sweet in Somerville. Check it out.

More information is available at http://washingtonst.org.



News Talk CONT. FROM PG 8

that he and his long time partner David Lebahn got engaged and will be looking

registered voters in Ward 7 recently? We Happy birthday to Alderman At Large This week four Somerville Police Offiheard a rumor that on one particular Dennis Sullivan this week along with cers, Lt. Gerald Readon, Sgt. Joseph Mc-

for a late spring/early summer wedding. They make a good couple. Bob is demanding and David is constantly running around. Seriously, they are both nice guys and it's a nice thing that they are doing. We wish them the very best and we're going to expect an invitation as well. We're sure a lot of Bob's friends here in the Ville will be just as excited to hear the news.

What a horrible fire in Teele Square. An entire city block of stores gone. We hope the cause was not intentional, but we did hear that the ATF was called in because of something the Somerville Fire Dept found at the scene.

Was there an unusual amount of new

street there were eight names that claim to live there and one house was empty, while others hadn't lived there some say ever or for a long time.

It appears that Mike Meehan is leaving his post as Communications Director for the city and his replacement is none other than the man himself, Mr. Tom Champion who is making a return to his old job. He's been the voice of Somerville for a few years, the mystery man on our phone reminding us to park on the odd side of the street, it's a snow emergency. Just in time for the snow to arrive, don't you think? We wish Mike Meehan the best in his future and good speed. We welcome back Tom Champion.

Mrs. Linda Brown, one of Somerville's finest school teachers. Best wishes also to Joe Staples, who has been hinting he's over 60 but under 75 years. A big Happy Birthday to Ariana Roche as well. To the many other birthdays in the 'Ville or from the 'Ville we wish you the best.

Next week on November 9, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., Registrar of Deeds Eugene Brune will be hosting a training session on how to search and download records from the Registry of Deeds here in Middlesex County South. Call the registry in Cambridge and RSVP your intentions on attending. Registry of Deeds, lunchroom, 4th floor, at 208 Cambridge Street in Cambridge.

Cain, Detective Mario Oliveira, and Detective Ernest Nadile were awarded Massachusetts' most prestigious police award, The Hanna Award for Bravery. They are receiving this award for their actions in the 2010 incident in which Detective Mario Oliveira was shot multiple times. Detective Oliveira recovered and has been back to work. Congratulations to all of these fine officers.

Meanwhile, up at the Board of Aldermen, Officer Jack Leuchter received a citation from the Board of Aldermen for his 35+ years of dedicated service as a Somerville Police Officer. Congratulations on your retirement, Jack, and on behalf of a grateful community we thank you for your years of service!



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Robyn & Max Exercise
Esoteric Science
South of the Mystic
Somerville Back In The Day
Culture Club
Talking About Somerville
Al Jazeera TV
Discover The Law
The Commonwealth Report
Right Here, Right Now
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Free Speech TV
Emerging Drug Trends
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Know Your Rights
Thom Hartmann Show
Active Aging
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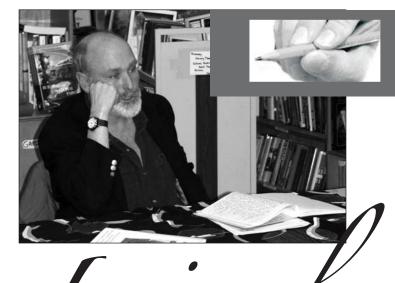
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OFF THE SHELF by Doug Holder

Allegra Martin: part of an 'Anthology' of singers



The scene: a middle-aged community newspaper journalist; the Sherman Café in Union Square; one delectable oatmeal scone; a paper cup of strong coffee to wash it down; and add one mezzo-soprano, Allegra Martin. All but the last item I was familiar with. Allegra Martin, who joined me for a morning repast and an interview is a Winter Hill resident and a member of the singing group "Anthology." According to the website of the group it consists of "... a professional quartet of enchanting women's voices. Their expansive variety of music is presented with the fine polish of classical training and an effervescent whimsy that arises from an enthusiasm for all styles of performance."

Martin met me at one of my favorite haunts to discuss her group and their music. Anthology consists of: Vicky Reichert, who is a soprano, Anney Gilotte a soprano, and Michelle Vachon, a mezzosoprano, and Martin, a mezzo-soprano. All four of these accomplished singers live in Somerville.

Martin, a native of Lexington, MA, told me that she naturally gravitated to Somerville. She smiled, "It's a great town. Not too expensive. There are many of my peers here, fellow geeks, musicians, and a strong geek culture that includes gaming, scifi groups that feed their obsessions at the Diesel Café in Davis Square." Where Martin stops by now and then, she said. is impressive; they cover the waterfront of hot jazz, classical, renaissance polyphony, world folk traditions, and incorporate the works of contemporary local Boston composers. Martin listed Erin Huelkskamd and Michael Veloso as a couple of local composers the group admires.

Martin, like many Somerville artists works several jobs to keep herself going. One that caught my interest was her work with the Urban Voices Program. This program was started by the Met Opera in New York City, and it has spread to Boston. It serves schools that don't have a music program. Martin goes to the Mission Hill/Roxbury School in Boston and teaches kids K to 5.

Martin, who got her undergraduate degree from Williams College in Physics and Music, thought about engineering at one point but realized music was her primary interest. She teaches at Lassell College in Newton, MA, where she hopes to grow a seminal music program.

The other members of this band of musicians and friends work as voice teachers, choral directors, and other gigs to keep within their field.

Allegra Martin is a hustler, and has to worry about the next gig, the monthly health insurance payment, you name it. But she is hopeful, and with good reason, that things will move to a more stable lifestyle, and she will be able to follow her passion in the years to come.

Congratulations! Poet Dennis Daly has given birth to a poem.

SOMERVILLE

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Caesarian Birth

Events vacillate in the blackness Of this pre-world, a narrative Illuminated by silver waves, Shooting-stars, and lightning's turbulence.

Gazing on these portents in wonder, The tug lessens, the urgency fades As a thought swims toward the soul's center, The heart-press, the nurturer of all.

The intrusion, like a shock of ice, A freezing of the polar seas; And the blistering from this knowledge Destroying sure harmony, haven.

Hiding under a vital tuck, She curls away from the life-giver, The alien hand that draws, delivers Through times widening tear her song of self.

- Dennis Daly

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For more information go to: http://anthologyvoices.com. Answers from page 14 Ms. Cam's Answers 1. An ancient belief held that a del-10. Willie Sutton Latin word "Libra" - meaning icate nerve ran directly from that pound 11. In the mid-1900's jokes and finger to the heart 5. The fifth Anniversary pranks were sometimes danger-2. The paper bag ous so they decided to bribe the 6. Approximately one decade children by giving them candy 3. Edgar Rice Burroughs - and he and goodies personally answered every letter 7. Texas sent to him (hundreds of thou-12. Irish folklore has it that it was 8. The Tin Lizzie sands) a myth about a man named "Stingy Jack" 4. It is the abbreviation for the 9. The Letter "E'



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