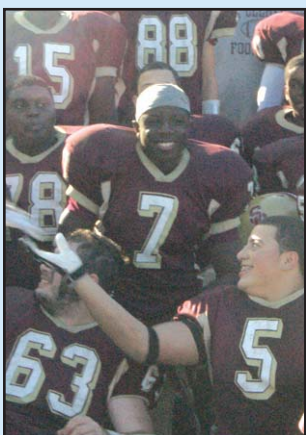




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## Meet Federal Realty, your friendly neighborhood mega-developer

Briggs talks development at Assembly Square



FRIT's Senior VP of development Don Briggs is bullish on Assembly Row growth.

By Andrew Firestone

The question is still on everyone's mind here in Somerville: when is the smart-growth multi-use wonderland Assembly Row by the Mystic coming?

Sooner than we think, possibly.

Developer Federal Realty Investment Trust (FRIT) says they will break ground on their first block of the \$1.5 billion development in Q1 of 2012, bringing to fruition the public-private partnership for the development of vacant Assembly Row. In May, Somerville Alderman approved a \$25.75 million bond as requested by the state in exchange for funding for the Orange Line, sealing a Tri-Party agreement between FRIT, the city and the commonwealth.

This cemented funding plans for the orange line, which included FRIT contributing \$15 million to the \$50 million transit project. The municipal bonds were used to pay for roads and a storm water drain needed for the construction, and allow the city to reinvest tax revenues back into the development. The

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## Giving the gifts that give back

Holiday gift ideas from Somerville non-profits

By Elizabeth Sheeran

If it is better to give than to receive, it must be even better to give a gift that gives twice: once to the lucky recipient and once to a good cause. This holiday season, Somerville is full of ways to put a little working capital into the hands of local non-profits, while putting a smile on the face of someone you know.

Give someone the gift of the Somerville holiday spirit they can hold onto all year long, with a copy of *Somerville City of Lights*, a book tribute by The Somerville Arts Council to the dazzling displays that light up city neighborhoods throughout the holidays.

"These homes are showcases of Somerville pride. People want to share that special local experience with friends and family," said Heather Balchunas of the Somerville Arts Council, which uses the sale proceeds to fund arts programs for kids of all ages.

You can pick up a copy of the \$5 full-color book and photo greeting

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Bryce Miller minds the store at Creative Union, which sells a range of items created by developmentally disabled adults, in Union Square.

Photo by Elizabeth Sheeran

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# NEWTALK

It looks like long time Alderman Tom Taylor from Ward 3 will be serving as Board of Alderman President for 2012. Tom was voted unanimously, and he came in to the caucus in a wheelchair, seemingly pleased to be elected. We congratulate Tom for his recent victory and his being elected President again. He's a good person and Alderman. His recent bout with cancer, we have been informed, is in remission and he feels confident that he can still do a good job for the residents here in the 'Ville.

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Join the Chamber of Commerce's Special Holiday Business After Hours Event 5-7 this Thursday night at the Center for the Arts at the Armory, 191 Highland. Free appetizers, excellent networking, free business card drawing, and a cash bar. Guests are welcome to bring unwrapped Toys for Local Children. This month's Chamber event is sponsored by the Law offices of Isaac M. Machado and Bonny Automotive. Hosted by Michelle Mulvena of Moschella @ Winston. For more information contact the Somerville chamber at [smackey@somervillechamber.org](mailto:smackey@somervillechamber.org)

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Don't forget this Thursday Mayor Joe Curtatone, along with the city government, will be having the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony. It will take place on Thursday, December 1, on the City Hall Concourse, followed by a meet and greet with the early arrival of Santa at Somerville High School. It's a great time for the whole family and everyone in the city is invited.

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This Saturday night, December 3, it's the Sixth Annual "Toys for Local Children" to be held at the Somerville Holiday Inn from 6 to 10p.m. Tickets will be sold at

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## TheSomervilleNews.com Comment of the Week

### Response to *How did we get so unequal?*

Jack Holl says:  
It's the truth! Great article, Shelton.

Libertarian says:  
So, yeah. Hard work pays off. Part of hard work is matching supply with demand. Your work can only pay off so long as there is demand for it. A six year, \$225,000 degree in 17th century chinese women's studies is never, ever, EVER going to demand a salary commensurate with the degree. This is why the trades always have value – there is always demand for a skilled tradesman. Not so much for some fluff ivy league piece of paper. Don't blame the rich for the misconceptions of academia. Thanks.

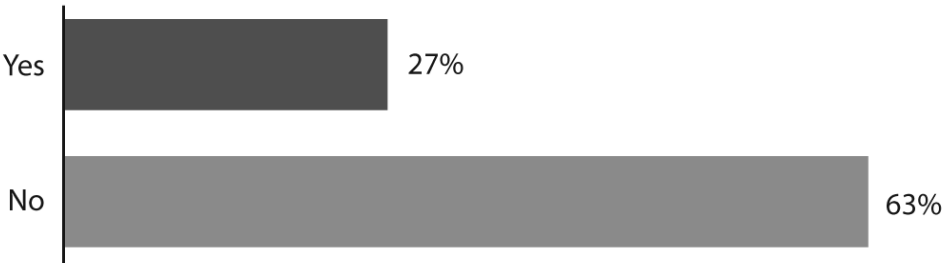
Me says:  
@617 350% of Americans are make earn so little they aren t even taxable.  
That is a flat out ridiculous statement. The ability to not pay an income tax is more closely tied to amount of money to spend on tax lawyers and political lobbyist then actual income.

*Log onto TheSomervilleNews.com to leave your own comments*

## TheSomervilleNews.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleNews.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week's polls concerned your views on whether or not you support the idea of stores opening at midnight on Black Friday and whether or not you will be making the effort to shop local this holiday season. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleNews.com.

### Do you support the idea of stores opening at midnight on Black Friday?



### Will you be making the effort to shop local this holiday season?



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# Patrick signs act to protect transgender people

## Somerville lawmaker penned civil rights bill

By Andrew Firestone

Rep. Carl Sciortino, D-Somerville, saw one of his sponsored laws enacted by the Massachusetts House of Representatives and signed into law by Gov. Deval Patrick last week. The bill protects the 33,000 transgender people in the commonwealth from discrimination by granting them status as a protected class under the State's hate crime laws.

"I know that this is a good bill that restores civil rights for people who really need them," said Sciortino.

The bill was co-sponsored by Byron Rushing in the house, and Sen. Sonia Chiang-Diaz and Ben Downing in the Senate.

The house passed the bill at the end of the session by of vote of 95-58 on November 15, where it faced criticism from house republicans, including Rep. Shaunna O'Connell and Rep. Marc Lombardo of Billerica. Lombardo used the example of a daycare company, who

might lose business because of parents who would not accept the employee.

O'Connell said that state laws were strong enough to protect people against such hate, but was countered by Sciortino, who said society was not doing its job in stopping blatant discrimination.

*"Transgender people can't stay closeted..."*

Sciortino was joined by Rep. Denise Provost who pointed out that Bright Horizons, one of the biggest daycare companies in the state had laws protecting against such discrimination. They were supported by Somerville Board of Alderman President Rebekah Gewirtz, in her capacity as lobbyist for the National Association of Social Workers.

"For a lot of people, the transgender equal rights bill is a jobs bill. There are a lot of people who are transgender



Gov. Deval Patrick signed into law a bill designed to protect the transgender people from discrimination.



Rep. Carl Sciortino, feels that the new law is a necessary measure in assuring equal treatment for those in the transgender community.

who have trouble getting employed who will now be protected," she said. "They excel at their work and they do well. People should be able to maintain their employment."

The bill protects transgender people from discrimination in receiving employment, housing and credit. Sciortino was quick to point out that transgender people, upon receiving employment, must reveal their gender of birth, and sometimes find themselves alienated at the revelation.

"Transgender people can't stay closeted, they have to disclose at that moment," he said. "It's the reality that employers on a regular basis revoke offers of employment at that moment."

During his speech on the floor

of the house chamber, Sciortino noted the violence and hatred with which many transgender people are met with on a daily basis. He recalled the tragic murder of Rita Hester, who was stabbed to death in 1998 in Allston. He recounted several similar cases of hate-driven crimes.

"Each of these people are human beings, residents of this state, with real lives, families, struggles and successes, who experienced in the worst way how unforgiving society can be towards transgender people simply because of who they are," he said.

"Having a high likelihood of being unemployed or underemployed, many transgender individuals live in poverty and depend on safety programs to

get by," he said, noting the cost of discrimination upon the transgender community.

The bill was lauded by Attorney General Martha Coakley, House Speaker Robert DeLeo and Governor Deval Patrick, who signed the bill into law on November 23.

"No individual should face discrimination because of who they are," said Governor Patrick in a press release. "This legislation gives Massachusetts the necessary tools to stop hate crimes against transgender people and to treat others fairly. I am proud to sign it."

Massachusetts joins 15 other states who have enacted similar legislation to combat hatred against transgender people.

## Possible link between Davis Square bank robberies

By Andrew Firestone

Somerville police are look for the perpetrator of two bank robberies in Davis Square that occurred in the last week. While not officially labeled as such, Deputy Paul Upton did acknowledge that both rob-

beries were "similar."

On Tuesday, November 29, a lone man walked into the Winter Hill bank on 5 Cutter Ave., passed a note, and made off with an undisclosed amount of money at approximately 2:45 p.m. No one was hurt.

On Black Friday, November 25, a "similar" incident occurred at the Citizens Bank around the corner in Davis Square. The suspect passed a note, grabbed the money, and fled at around 12:30 p.m.. No one was hurt in the robberies.

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# THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

## Unruly, unwanted guest removed

Somerville police received a call last Sunday from a Franklin Street resident complaining of an unwanted guest who was reportedly drunk and behaving aggressively, police said.

Police officers arrived at the residence and were met by the complaining party, who immediately pointed at her couch and indicated that the woman in question was there, completely covered by a blanket, according to reports.

"I Just want her out of here," the alleged victim reportedly told the police, "she keeps yelling and being very rude. She is going to wake my daughter."

When asked who the individual was police report they were told "she is a friend but she is no longer welcome in my apartment."

According to police, the unwelcome guest, later identified as

Lisa Jarvis, 45, of Cambridge, continued yelling as they attempted to calm her down for questioning.

Jarvis was repeatedly advised that she was not welcome in the alleged victim's home and that she would have to leave, but she reportedly continued the yelling, police said.

She eventually began putting on her shoes, according to reports, as she made a call to someone on her cell phone, but the yelling continued.

Police officers reportedly advised Jarvis that it was two in the morning, that she was causing a disturbance, and that she would have to leave.

After repeatedly ignoring police officers' requests to calm down and leave, police report that she was placed under arrest and charged with disorderly conduct.

## Missing person sought



Muhammad Ilyas, a 53 year-old non-English speaking male, has been missing since Friday, November 25. He has medical and psychological issues, according to his family. He is known to frequent the Union Square and Twin City Mall areas. If you have any information as to his whereabouts please contact the Somerville Police 617 625-1212.

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## SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

### Arrests:

**Joseph Wheeler**, 24, of 2 Foster Ct., Main St., Salem, November 21, 8:34 a.m., arrested at 137 Washington St. on a warrant charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

**Brian Botelho**, 34, of 21 Nasua St., November 22, 11:43 a.m., arrested at 400 Somerville Ave. on a charge of larceny from a person.

**Jason Dennis**, 23, of 2 Meacham St., November 22, 3:13 p.m., arrested at home on charges of drug possession to distribute and drug violation near a school or park.

**Lucas Watson**, 19, of 32 Kent St., November 22, 6:28 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery.

**Robert Manchester**, 42, of 26 Porter St., Malden, November 22, 11:18 p.m., arrested at 45A Memorial Rd. on a warrant charge of larceny over \$250.

**Brian Jennings**, 20, of 45 Pleasant St., Charlestown, November 23, 6:21 p.m., arrested

on warrant charges of assault and battery, resisting arrest, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, no inspection sticker, and receiving stolen property.

**Stephen Amoako**, 66, of 31 Bailey Rd., November 23, 9:13 p.m., arrested at 39 Temple St. on a charge of assault and battery.

**Joseph Tolley**, 43, of 139 Alewife Brook Pky., November 25, 11:20 a.m., arrested at Hathorn St. on a warrant charge of receiving a stolen motor vehicle.

**Kristen McDonough**, 24, of 78 Mills St., Malden, November 25, 2:10 p.m., arrested at 77 Middlesex Ave. on warrant charges of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended registration, not meeting motor vehicle safety standards, and unregistered motor vehicle.

**Lisa Jarvis**, 45, of 93 Jackson Cir., Cambridge, November 27, 2:08 a.m., arrested at 1 Franklin St. on a charge of disorderly conduct.

**Sandip Sengupta**, 26, of 35 Reed Farm Rd., Boxboro, November 27, 3:13 a.m., arrested at 207 Summer St. on charges of misdemeanor breaking and entering and destruction of property over \$250.

**Lindomar Matos**, 36, of 398 Medford St., November 27, 11:40 a.m., arrested at Broadway on a charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended registration, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

**Christopher Brown**, 32, of 50 River Rd., November 27, 3:18 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery and a warrant charge of assault and battery.

**Gean De Oliveira**, 35, of 40 Memorial Rd., November 27, 10:25 p.m., arrested at home on charges of assault and battery on a child with injury, armed assault to murder, assault with a dangerous weapon, assault and battery with a dangerous

weapon, and assault and battery.

### Incidents:

#### Theft:

November 22, 7:42 p.m., police reported a theft at Foley St.

November 23, 2:21 p.m., police reported a theft at Walnut Rd.

November 23, 2:35 p.m., police reported a theft at 17 Franklin St.

November 23, 2:41 p.m., police reported a theft at 256 Elm St.

November 26, 1:29 a.m., police reported a theft at Somerville Ave.

November 26, 6:16 a.m., police reported a theft at 14 McGrath Hwy.

November 27, 8:36 p.m., police reported a theft at Broadway.

#### Robbery:

November 25, 12:42 p.m., police reported a robbery at Elm St.

November 25, 10:30 p.m., police reported a robbery at 150 Glen St.

### Breaking & Entering:

November 22, 1:52 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Ten Hills Rd.

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November 23, 1:18 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at 13 Elm St.

November 24, 7:40 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Waldo Ave.

### Assault:

November 23, 6:28 p.m., police reported an assault at Kent St.

November 23, 9:13 p.m., police reported an assault at Temple St.

November 25, 2:09 p.m., police reported an assault at 220 Washington St.

November 27, 3:18 p.m., police reported an assault at River Rd.

### Drug Violation:

November 23, 6:28 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Meacham St.



# Somerville cop gets Supreme Court treatment 'Superman' rule declined

By Andrew Firestone

The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court issued a ruling in favor of an off-duty Somerville police officer on November 18, ruling that a police officer does not have to change into civilian clothes when off duty.

The ruling came after an incident in 2006 when Robert Kelleher of the SPD took the keys from a suspected drunk driver, Joseph Limone, while in Woburn and off-duty, but still in uniform. Kelleher had been rear-ended by the DUI operator and smelled alcohol on the man's breath while exchanging papers.

Limone, who now has seven DUI convictions, won his case in Massachusetts Appeals Court in 2010, but the

decision has now been overturned by the higher court.

The MAC and SJC were at odds in the issue as to whether or not Limone had been legally arrested by Kelleher, who took his keys and ordered him to stay in his car until a Woburn officer arrived, saw him fail a sobriety test, and arrested him.

The SJC decided that Kelleher had acted merely as a concerned citizen ensuring safety for the public and was within his right, police officer or no.

"We decline... to create a 'Superman' rule of law that would require out-of-jurisdiction, off-duty police officers to change into civilian clothing before interacting with private citizens following traffic accidents," Justice Francis X. Spina wrote for the unanimous court.

# Early morning Somerville Police arrest



Two Somerville Police Officers arrested and detained a female suspect with alleged possible outstanding warrants on Washington Street early Monday morning. A female police officer driving a police transport van drove the suspect to the police station for booking and her vehicle was towed.

— William Tauro

## Giving the gifts that give back CONT. FROM PG 1

cards at select local retailers, listed on the Arts Council website at [somervilleartscouncil.org](http://somervilleartscouncil.org). While you are there you can buy your tickets or maps for this year's Illumination Tours of the highlights of the holiday displays, scheduled for December 17.

For those a little less ambitious with their seasonal home décor, the Community Growing Center will sell hand-decorated holiday wreaths at the Union Square Winter Craft Market on Saturday, December 3, with a discount for orders made by Thursday, December 1. Proceeds will benefit the programs of this volunteer-run community garden, including outdoor classroom activities for Somerville schoolchildren.

Speaking of things grown locally, you can share the sweet taste of Somerville, quite literally, with a bottle of maple syrup, tapped from trees on Tufts Campus and boiled down at the Growing Center by Groundwork Somerville. Proceeds benefit Groundwork's green education programs, and bottles are on sale for \$6 at Sherman Market in Union Square, or at the Union Square Farmers Market.

While you are in Union Square, stop by Creative Union, a unique gallery filled to capacity with gift options, all produced by developmentally disabled adults, who get a majority of the proceeds from the sale of anything they create, including jewelry, crocheted accessories, on-site screen

printing, and a full range of art.

Program coordinator Anyahlee Suderman said each and every sale can make a huge impact in the life of an individual. "It's not just about the money, it's about being respected," said Suderman.

Creative Union offers the added bonus of real world experience for the program participants who work there.

"Working here at Creative Union is a great way to get yourself into training on the cash register and things like that, and just seeing all the art on the walls. What's good is all the art is by people with disabilities," said Bryce Miller, a 29-year-old Somerville resident with Down syndrome, who often manages the store on his own.

Tap further into Somerville's artistic community to inspire someone on your gift list to create their own works of art. Go to [mudflat.org](http://mudflat.org) for pottery lessons at Mudflat Studio, or look for classes at [brickbottomartists.org](http://brickbottomartists.org). Artisan's Asylum, a community craft studio on-line at [artisansasylum.com](http://artisansasylum.com), offers workshop memberships and an eclectic mix of classes, including welding, coffee making, woodworking, candle casting and fire breathing.

Class tuition supports the local artists and artisans who teach the classes, as well as the non-profit groups who manage them and provide space, said Debra McLaughlin at the Center for the Arts at the Armory, which provides arts and

cultural programming. The Center sells gift cards that can be used for any of its classes or events, or in the Armory Café, an eatery and performance space in the converted armory building on Highland Avenue.

Tickets to any of Somerville's non-profit performing arts venues make great gifts. Theatre@First at Davis Square offers \$50 subscriptions for its entire season. (Next up: *Pride and Prej-*

*udice*). President Rebecca Hunter said the all-volunteer group strives to present professional-quality theater at affordable prices, on a shoestring budget that has to pay for everything from royalties to rent. "Ticket sales don't even cover the costs," said Hunter.

The bottom line: Money is tight all over, especially for Somerville's non-profits. So why not add a little good karma to your holiday shopping list?

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[www.brickbottomartists.org](http://www.brickbottomartists.org)

Center for the Arts at the Armory, 191 Highland Ave., 617-718-2191,  
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# RESPOND Inc. snags Chamber award

By Cathleen Twardzik

RESPOND Inc., a Somerville-based domestic violence agency, recently received the Powderhouse Award for Non-profit of the Year from the Somerville Chamber of Commerce at the Holiday Inn in Somerville. The award was presented at the 65th Annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner.

"Darcie DeLuca, Controller of RESPOND Inc. and Kathleen Donahue, President of the Board of Directors of RESPOND Inc., accepted the Powderhouse Award on RESPOND's behalf," said Jessica Brayden, Executive Director

of RESPOND Inc.

"RESPOND deserves this award as a community partner who works tirelessly every day to meet the needs of people in our community," said Mark Alston-Follansbee, Director of the Somerville Homeless Coalition.

The Powderhouse Awards, which have been presented by the Somerville Chamber of Commerce since 1996, are given to a distinguished local non-profit on a yearly basis.

Further, the awards are generated by nominations of Chamber members. A committee reviews the nominations and then the full board votes for an awardee.



RESPOND Inc., a Somerville-based domestic violence agency, recently received the Powderhouse Award for Non-profit of the Year from the Somerville Chamber of Commerce.

RESPOND Inc. is the first domestic violence agency in Massachusetts, as well as the second oldest in the nation. Each year RESPOND helps thousands of men, women and children via outreach, emergency shelter and counseling, as well as through other services.

"For 37 years RESPOND has served Somerville and its surrounding communities through our mission to end domestic violence. We have always had the strong support of the Somerville community, both businesses and individuals, and we look forward to continuing our mission in years to come," said Brayden.

The non-profit reaches over 7,000 survivors of domestic violence annually.

"I don't know what some women [would] have done, if

they didn't have a vehicle such as RESPOND. You're helping stop the abuse for future generations," said Sandra McGoldrick, Winter Hill Bank President and CEO.

The organization serves communities throughout Greater Boston and beyond with special emphasis on Somerville, Everett, Malden, Medford, Melrose, North Reading, Reading, Cambridge, Stoneham, Wakefield, Winchester and Woburn.

Programs and services include an emergency shelter, individual and group counseling, legal advocacy, community outreach and educational programs.

"The most exciting part of working at RESPOND is being part of a team that changes lives. Often, people will tell me they called the RESPOND crisis hotline one, five, or even 10

years ago, and that call saved their life. It's amazing to hear not only about the great work the RESPOND is doing now, but that the work of our predecessors and founders is still having an impact on the lives of so many [people] in the community," said Brayden.

RESPOND will have a free open house in April. The event will provide an occasion to discover all of its life-saving services.

At present, services are provided in Spanish, English, French, Cape Verdean Creole and Portuguese.

For assistance, please call RESPOND's 24-hour hotline at (617) 623-5900.

Interested individuals may call (617) 625-5996, or visit [www.respondinc.org](http://www.respondinc.org) to volunteer or to make a donation.



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TALES OF SOMERVILLE

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Merry Christmas shopping, Somerville!

The View From Prospect Hill



Roll out the red carpet and start hanging the tinsel. Here comes the holiday shopping season once again, and we are ready to embrace the opportunity to celebrate the only way we can: with enthusiasm and optimism. Let the political and economic pundits doom and gloom themselves into their usual perpetual state of the doldrums. We know how to lift ourselves, to rise to the occasion and make the most of what we have, in spite of whatever challenges may confront us. While the Thanksgiving holiday reminds us to be grateful for the blessings we have received, likewise, the Christmas holiday allows us the opportunity to share our bounty and to take stock in all the good things that life here in the 'Ville has to offer. Whatever our personal circumstances, we know that prosperity of spirit is far more important than the material wealth that may elude us from time to time. As always, "local first" applies to our friends, families, and the occasional stranger as much as it does to our local economy. It's a time to be a little kinder, and a little gentler with one another. We are certain that the rewards to be gained from this will soften the effects of whatever excesses we may experience along the way.

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Since our own former Mayor and present Registrar of Deeds Gene Brune announced last week that he was officially not running for re-election next year, a lot of speculation as to who might run is going on. We hear that two local women might be jumping into the race. First of all, popular Ward 2 Alderman Maryann Houston, who presently works at Cambridge Health Alliance, is considering a run. Then there is Attorney Maria Curtatone, the sister of our Mayor, who is seriously looking at the seat. Maria is a popular lady in her own right. She was also recently voted "Best of Somerville 'Somerville Attorney'" by the readers of The News. We'll be watching what happens here, but there are rumblings of maybe a few others as well.

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We also hear some rumblings of some individuals that "might" consider a run for both of the local representatives' seats and State Senator. If you keep track of the Beacon Hill Roll Call votes that appear every week in our paper you will notice one thing about the three present incumbents. They always vote the same way no matter what. It's almost like they get together and are either told how to vote or agree on how they should vote the same way. That is speculation on our part, but we see that about 98% or so of their votes are alike. Maybe some independent voices might come out and run against one or all of them?

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Someone was in the Winter Hill Post Office recently and left behind on the counter some pictures of a young Marine in uniform. The ladies behind the counter saved them from being thrown out and have displayed them on their counter to see if anyone recognizes them. They have been looking for the owner of the pictures now for a couple of weeks. We can't say enough about these lady Post Office employees. They are very nice and always smiling, plus they are very thoughtful.

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Birthdays here in the 'Ville: Richard Gilberti, a long time public servant here in Somerville at the Police Department. Ms. Linda MacLeod-Frazer another long time Somerville name. A special Happy Birthday goes out to our own Jimmy Veneziano, otherwise affectionately known as "Mr. Important." Jimmy is a fixture here in the 'Ville, as well as his Vermont home away from home. Happy Birthday, too, to another Somerville Public Servant, Police Captain Mike Devereaux who is also a nice guy. Another Winter Hill guy, originally a Townie, we wish Happy Birthday to is Peter Blaikie, who works here at the DPW. Another birthday this week is Charlene Harris, former School Committee person from Winter Hill. We wish her the very best. Charlene is a nice lady and is a long time 'Villen that has raised a large family here and is still here. Nancy Moccia of "Victors Deli" fame is also celebrating; make sure you wish her Happy Birthday. Well known and local guy, not to mention a big fan of our paper, is Bill Murphy of Colony Realty, celebrating his 70th or so birthday - but he doesn't look a day over 60.

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Condolences this past week to the family of Maria Teresa (Caruso) Bruno who sadly passed away during the Thanksgiving Holiday. Maria was a wonderful lady and will be missed.

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Former owner of the Good Times Emporium down at Assembly Square and all around nice guy Daniel Hayes passed away as well. Our condolences to his family and many friends for his loss. Dan is remembered by many for his countless acts of charity here in the 'Ville. He donated many times his business premises to local charities.

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Our good friend, and long time former Somerville News Publisher, Bob Publi-cover is doing so well these days. It's unbelievable, his courage and fortitude that he can overcome so much and get through it. He's out walking and doing stuff that no one expected anytime soon. He is being seen at the Café at the Armory or down at the new place Three Figs, never mind out at the Mall. You can keep track of what he's doing on Facebook. We do. We are very proud of his ability to bounce back no matter what. We are looking forward to his wedding with his long time partner David this coming spring.

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Congratulations and good luck to our friend Jeremy Gross of Winter Hill who will be installed as the new Master of the Masonic Lodge in Medford that was recently revived



## COMMENTARY

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# Does Somerville need another charter school?



By Joseph A. Curtatone

I think it's fair to say that, as a group, Somerville's elected officials were taken by surprise last August when a formal proposal surfaced to create a new "progressive" K-8 charter school here in Somerville. Now, with a public hearing on this proposal scheduled for December 14th (4-6 p.m. at the Somerville High School Auditorium), it's time for every Somerville official, school parent, and taxpayer to focus on the details - and to speak out.

The proposed school would, according to its application "be a democratic, K-8 public school that will inspire and enable children from diverse backgrounds to develop their full intellectual, social-emotional, and creative potential through in-depth, meaningful learning experiences that draw on their intrinsic curiosity and reflect their individ-

ual needs, interests, and learning strengths. The school will offer a broad range of educational programming - including a special focus on science and languages - to serve an economically and culturally diverse community." Both as Mayor and as a Somerville Public Schools parent, my personal reaction to this proposal is that the school it describes sounds a lot like the schools - and the community - that we already have. Why is a new charter school needed?

I also recognize that this proposal calls for the development of a school that would ultimately serve 425 students and that, under the current funding formula, such a school would cost the Somerville Public Schools nearly \$5 million a year in funding - but without anything like a similar reduction in operating costs. That's ten percent of our annual schools budget.

Now, I'm certainly not opposed to the concept of charter schools: across the state, we've seen them bring fresh ideas and energy to under-performing school systems. Here in Somerville, our city administration and the Somerville Public Schools have worked with the Prospect Hill Academy to support the role of an alternative educational experience paid for with public education dollars.

But, frankly, I don't see the point of this latest proposal. It's true that the Somerville Public Schools need to improve their MCAS performance: our city works hard every day to deal with the challenges of a low commercial property tax base and a high percentage of low-income families and English Language Learners (ELL) in our schools. Yet despite these challenges, we have been making progress throughout our K-12 curriculum in bringing new programs and resources to our students, both during the school day and in after-school enrichment programs.

And while there's still plenty of room for improvement, we have made and are making progress by working together as a community to put our resources where they'll do the most good.

That's why I'm very concerned about the impact of a new charter school on our student population as a whole. Our School Committee and Schools Superintendent Tony Pierantozzi have analyzed that impact, and their findings are disturbing: In addition to requiring the closing of one of our current schools, the budget hole created by a new charter school would result in reduced funding for arts, music, gym and libraries throughout the system - and, ironically, would also force cutbacks both

in the multilingual SMILE early education program at the Capuano School, and in the Unidos bilingual K-8 initiative.

In fact, the way the state mandates spending for charter schools means that this proposal could hurt the entire city, not just the schools. If we want to preserve our educational investments, we'll have to make cuts elsewhere - and \$5 million a year is serious money. I think the burden of proof is on the proponents; they need to show our residents why tax dollars should be shifted to a new and exclusive charter school.

And so far, I haven't heard from any of the proponents. It's almost as if they didn't want a vigorous and open discussion on the merits of their proposal.

That's not the way we work in this city. At its best, Somerville has always come together to solve problems as a community. If parents believe we should improve the ways we provide English Language Learning, language instruction and science education, then let's work together to improve those programs for all of our students and all of our schools. Let's not create an entirely new charter school that, at best, only serves a small subset of the Somerville student population while diverting significant resources from the Schools budget.

Every parent wants the best possible education for her or his

children, but we also all benefit when we know that our public schools are providing the same high-quality education to our neighbors' children, too. I'm confident that my kids are getting a great education in Somerville's Public Schools - and one of the big reasons for my confidence is that the system's resources are fairly apportioned to provide the best possible program for every kid in every school.

But I'm not the one who gets to decide whether to divert city school money to create a new charter school: that will be made by the Commonwealth's Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). They'll be the ones making holding the hearing on the 14th.

No matter which side you take in this discussion, I urge you to join me in attending the hearing and in making your views known to the folks at DESE. In the meantime, you can find out more about this proposal by visiting the websites sponsored by supporters of a new charter school (<http://www.thespcs.org>) and a parent group called Progress Together for Somerville that has formed in opposition (<https://sites.google.com/site/ProgressTogetherforSomerville>).

Please mark your calendar, come to the hearing and make your voice heard.

## On The Silly Side by Jimmy Del Ponte

# The Bargain Center



Thanksgiving...gone. Black Friday...gone. A month of hectic, frantic and desperate preparation for Christmas has begun. The commercials may tell us that prices are low, but shoppers are high-strung. You saw the news reports that showed crazed bargain hunters throughout the country acting like they were giving away wads of cash. They stood in line overnight rubbing elbows with the same people they would be willing to fight to the finish, just to save \$100 on a flat screen TV, or an X-Box. You would have to pay me at least \$300 just to stand outside in the dark freezing my butt off.

Back in my day you'd go into the Bargain Center in Davis Square with twenty bucks and come out with gifts for everyone. So what if the box was ripped, the item had slight water damage or it was singed and smelled like smoke? That's

why they called it the Bargain Center. Actually we old 'Villens called it simply "Bargies." One stop Christmas shopping!

A friend tells me, "I got my first Barbie there. She was dressed like Jackie Kennedy and it was a fire stock sale. I still have it. Her legs were scarred from the fire and I loved her just the same. She did smell of smoke for the longest time though."

"My mother worked at the Bargain Center for a short time. I remember we bought Topo Gigio dolls there." Remember Topo Gigio, that little mouse on the Ed Sullivan Show?

"Bargies" seemed to be the place to buy curtains. You would buy them, take them home and hang them up. The burnt odor in the curtains gave your house that outdoor, campfire smell.

Here is a touching story. I remember seeing my dear cousin Joe Gordon walking back from the square with shopping bags from either the Bargain

Center, or Woolworths, or Park Snow. He had birthday presents for his son Richard. Richard's birthday was Patriots Day, so it had to be in mid-April and I was likely down their house because it was school vacation week. I was probably 9 or 10 years old at the time. Richard was killed in Beirut in October 1983 when the Marine's barracks were bombed. Joe passed away right after Christmas in 1994. But I can remember that particular scene of seeing him walking back up the tracks from way down near the square. With bags of gifts, in the sunshine. The memory always evokes a parent's (or grandparent's) love for their children.

Finally, one of the very reasons the Bargain Center existed proved to be its ultimate demise. A devastating fire so serious there would be no fire sale.

"I remember the day it [The Bargain Center] burned down. I saw the smoke pall, likely all those pairs of discount

sneakers, wafting through the air from my classroom at the Southern. Bright blue, sunny and cold day. It must've been late '71 or very early '72."

Dan tells us, "We may have ventured into the burned out [Bargain Center] building too (what's the statute if limitations?). The whole neighborhood smelled of smoke."

As I have mentioned in previous articles, I still have the green, rubber boots that my dad bought in the late 60's from "Bargies."

After your shopping spree at the Bargain Center you could head over to Speedy Pizza, Frascatis, or The Venice Café for a nice meal.

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# Beacon Hill Roll Call



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**THE HOUSE AND SENATE.** This week, *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records local representatives' votes on four roll calls from prior legislative sessions during the week of November 14-18. There were no roll calls in the House or 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, SUFFOLK AND ESSEX. - Cambridge, ward 3, precinct 2, wards 6 and 7, ward 8, precincts 1 and 2, ward 9, precinct 1, ward 10, precinct 2, Everett and Somerville, ward 1,

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



Sen. Patricia Jehlen

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

## INCREASE ALCOHOL LICENSES (S 2033)

House 149-5, approved and Gov. Deval Patrick signed into law a bill that would allow supermarkets and other large retailers to hold more alcoholic beverage licenses. The proposal increases the current cap of three, first established in 1933, to five in 2012, seven in 2016 and nine in 2020. The measure also would require stores to pay a \$5,000 fee for every license they receive above three.

Supporters said the bill is a reasonable compromise between opposing sides of a possible 2012 ballot question that would allow local cities and towns to permit grocery stores to sell beer and wine. The ballot question is being pushed by the grocery store lobby and opposed by the liquor store lobby. Supporters noted the compromise will allow supermarkets to have more licenses while still protecting the 20,000 Massachusetts jobs in the package store industry.

Opponents offered no arguments.

In 2006, voters rejected by a 53-41 margin a similar ballot question that would allow local cities and towns to permit grocery stores to sell beer and wine. Proponents had argued that 34 other states allow this and argued it would end a monopoly and save consumers millions of dollars by fostering more competition. Opponents countered the measure would increase underage teens' access to liquor and lead to a hike in drinking-related problems and drunken driving accidents and deaths. (A "Yes" vote is for the bill. A "No" vote is against the bill.)

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

## AUDIT MASSHEALTH (H 3535)

House 155-0, overrode Gov. Patrick's veto of a budget section requiring the state's inspector general (IG), using funds from the Health Safety Net Trust Fund, to conduct a study and review of MassHealth, the state's Medicaid program that provides health care for low-income and disabled persons. The fund was established to cover necessary medical services for individuals who are uninsured or underinsured. The IG would issue a final report to the Legislature by March 1, 2012.

Override supporters said it is time to do a comprehensive study of MassHealth, which costs taxpayers billions of dollars. They argued the study will be helpful in en-

suring MassHealth is run properly and cost effectively.

In his veto message, Gov. Patrick said, "I am vetoing this section because it expends scarce program funds from the Health Safety Net Trust Fund. I do not object to an audit of MassHealth by the Inspector General using other available funds." (A "Yes" vote is for the study and the use of funds from the Health Safety Net Trust Fund.)

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

## CONTINUE SESSION BEYOND 9 P.M.

House 124-29, suspended its rules to allow the House session to continue beyond 9 p.m. and go until midnight.

Supporters said the House should remain in session to continue to act on important legislation before the winter recess.

Opponents said it is irresponsible to meet after 9 p.m. when legislators are tired and taxpayers are asleep.

In the end, the House adjourned at 9:24 p.m. (A "Yes" vote is for continuing the session beyond 9 p.m. A "No" vote is against continuing the session beyond 9 p.m.)

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

## COLLECTIVE BARGAINING (H 3789)

House 151-2, approved an amendment allowing "evergreen clauses" to be included in collective bargaining contracts prospectively and retroactively back to October 2010. Evergreen clauses allow public employees to continue working under the terms of expired contracts while new deals are being negotiated.

This practice had long been followed in the Bay State until October 2010 when the Supreme Judicial Court ruled that evergreen clauses in union contracts are invalid because they violate laws that limit collective bargaining agreements to a maximum of three years.

Supporters said this pro-worker legislation would simply put into state law what has been in practice and has worked well for both management and unions for many years. They argued it will ensure essential continuity during often tense times when contracts are being negotiated.

Opponents offered no arguments.

The Senate approved the measure on a voice vote, without a roll call, and sent it to the governor. (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

**CASINOS (H 3087)** - Gov. Patrick signed into law the bill that would allow three casinos and one slot parlor in the Bay State. The governor's signature ended decades of debate over whether to legalize casino gambling in Massachusetts.

Supporters hope the measure will create up to 15,000 new jobs, \$270 million in one-time licensing fees and up



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to \$500 million in annual tax revenue.

Opponents say casinos will prey on the poor and lead to crime, gambling addictions, domestic violence and even suicide.

**BAN TRANSGENDER DISCRIMINATION (H 3810)** - Gov. Patrick signed into law the bill that would add the words “gender identity” to the state’s non-discrimination laws.

Supporters say this long-overdue law would prohibit discrimination in employment, education, housing and credit against transgender persons.

Some opponents say the bill would lead to an avalanche of lawsuits against small businesses. Others argue the state already has anti-discrimination laws that protect everyone, including transgender people.

**STOP SEX TRADE (H 3808)** - Gov. Patrick signed into law the measure that creates the crime of trafficking persons for sexual services, and imposes imprisonment for up to 20 years for violations. If the victim is a child under 18, the prison sentence increases to up to life in prison. A “Safe Harbor” provision helps underage victims by allowing courts to judge offenders under 18 apprehended for prostitution to be in need of social services rather than simply delinquent.

Supporters say Massachusetts will become the 48th state to crack down on this practice.

**CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING (H 3798)** - The governor signed into law a bill that redistricts the state’s congressional districts and merges the existing 10 districts into nine for the 2012 elections. The state lost a seat because of new 2010 U.S. census figures that show Massachusetts’ population growth is well below the national average.

**BAN BASING AUTO INSURANCE ON CREDIT RATING (H 3795)** - Gov. Patrick signed into law a bill that would prohibit insurance companies from basing a customer’s insurance rates on his or her credit rating.

Supporters say it is unfair and illogical to base premiums on something that has nothing to do with driving ability or risk. Some note while there are currently regulations prohibiting the use of credit scores, those regulations can easily be repealed by an agency while a state law would have to be repealed by the Legislature.

**SINGLE LICENSE PLATES (H 3068)** - The House rejected legislation that would require passenger cars to have only one license plate that would be mounted on the rear of the vehicle. Current law requires a plate on the front and rear.

Supporters said the bill would save millions of dollars by reducing by 50 percent the cost of manufacturing the plates. They note that 19 states currently require only one plate and argue studies show law enforcement has not decreased in those states.

Opponents said the use of front and back plates is helpful to the police in identifying vehicles and enforcing traffic and other laws. They noted that 31 states require the use of two plates.

**RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS (S 1325)** - The House and Senate gave final approval to a proposal that would exempt assistant treasurers and assistant tax collectors from the requirement they live in the city or town in which they work. Current law exempts treasurers and collectors but not their assistants.

## QUOTABLE QUOTES

“This legislation alone is not going to be the solution to our ongoing economic recovery, but it will help put unemployed residents back to work in good jobs with good benefits.” – *Senate President Therese Murray on the new law allowing three destination resort casinos and one slots parlor.*

“This (casino) bill is a turkey. The economic, social and political consequences will create long lasting indigestion problems.” – *Tom Larkin, President of United to Stop Slots.*

“Mr. Rossi’s reactor, if successfully proven and developed, has the potential to change the way the world deals with energy.” – *Senate Republican Minority Leader Bruce Tarr on the visit to Massachusetts by Italian scientist Andrea Rossi, creator of the E-Cat reactor, designed to produce large amounts of energy from a reaction between nickel and hydrogen.*

“It is my intention to stay speaker for the full period of

time.” – *House Speaker Bob DeLeo on his plans to remain Speaker of the House through 2016. He was first elected in 2009 and is subject to an eight-year term limit.*

“That’s baloney, and the people making that charge know it’s baloney.” – *Gov. Patrick on charges that President Obama is responsible for the failure of Congress’ Super Committee to craft a deal to reduce the federal deficit by at least \$1.2 trillion over 10 years.*

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

During the week of November 21-25, the House met for a total of 20 minutes while the Senate met for a total of 34 minutes.

Mon. November 21	House 11:05 a.m. to 11:11 a.m. Senate 11:02 a.m. to 11:16 a.m.
Tues. November 22	No House session No Senate session
Wed. November 23	House 11:01 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Senate 11:00 a.m. to 11:20 a.m.
Thurs. November 24	No House session No Senate session
Fri. November 25	No House session No Senate session

*Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com*

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## Readers choices for 2011

### **Best Idea in 2011:**

**The suppressing of McGrath Highway**

### **Best Somerville Food & Restaurants:**

Best Breakfast: **Buddy's Diner, 113 Washington St.**

Best Combination Breakfast & Lunch: **Neighborhood Restaurant, 25 Bow St.**

Best Italian Food: **Vinny's Ristorante, 76 Broadway**

Best Portuguese Food: **J and J Restaurant, 157 Washington St.**

Best Chinese Food: **Wangs Fast Food, 509 Broadway**

Best Variety and All Around Restaurant: **Mount Vernon Restaurant,  
14 Broadway**

Best Seafood: **Pescatore, 158 Boston Ave.**

Best Local Deli: **Victor's Deli, 710 Broadway**

Best Irish Pub: **PJ Ryan's, 239 Holland St**

Best Local Bar: **On The Hill Tavern, 499 Broadway**

Best Thai Food: **Thai Hut, 93 Beacon St.**

Best Hamburger: **R.F. O'Sullivan's and Son, 282 Beacon St.**

Best Roast Beef Sandwich: **Jimbo's Famous Roast Beef & Seafood, 40 Bow St.**

Best Pizza: **Mamma Lisa's, 312 Broadway**

Best Homemade Pizza: **Yolanda DiRenzio**

Best Bakery: **Patsy's Pastry Shop, 182 Broadway**

Best Sub Shop: **Leone's Submarine Sandwich, 292 Broadway**

Best Coffee Shop Franchise: **Dunkin' Donuts, Powderhouse Circle/  
Highland Ave/Elm St.**

Best Coffee Shop Local: **Cafe at the Armory, 191 Highland Ave.**

Best Cook: **Omar Djebbouri, Ball Square Café**

Best Chef: **Delio Susi, Amelia's Kitchen, 1137 Broadway**

### **Best of Somerville Services:**

Best Doctor: **Dr. Menon, Mt Auburn Healthcare, Bow St.**

Best Electrician: **Salvato Electric**

Best Plumber: **T.J. Sillari, Inc**

Best Attorney: **Maria Curtatone, 567 McGrath Hwy.**

Best Teacher: **Sophia Carafotes, West Somerville Neighborhood School**



# Reader's Choices/Election results for SOMERVILLE 2011

**ses and let them know you saw them in The Somerville News.**

**Best Politician: Alderman Bill Roche, Ward 1**

**Best Real Estate Agent/Realtor: Hassan Boukhris, The Norton Group**

**Best Real Estate Rental Agent: Bill Murphy, Colony Real Estate**

**Best Florist: T.F. Murphys Florist, 346 Highland Ave**

**Best Laundromat: Spin Cycle, 6 Main St.**

**Best Bank Teller: Ann Martin, Sovereign Bank, 125 Broadway**

**Best Bank Employee: Jeanne Scarpa, Site Manager, Century Bank, Fellsway West**

**Best Waitress: Linda Brown, Mt Vernon Restaurant**

**Best Waiter: Paul Camara, La Hacienda Restaurant**

**Best Bartender: Joe Nagle, Casey's**

**Best Barber: Tony Alibrani, Alibrani's Barber Shop, 194 Holland St**

**Best Boss: Ellen Garrett, Garrett Insurance Co.**

**Best Nurse: Gay Koty, Somerville Public Schools**

**Best Somerville Artist: Chris Speakman, [www.sportspropaganda.com](http://www.sportspropaganda.com)**

**Best Somerville Poet: Doug Holder**

**Best Somerville Celebrity: Jimmy Del Ponte**

**Best City Worker: Frank Santagelo, Somerville Highway Dept.**

**Best City Elected Politician: Alderman Tom Taylor, Vice President, Ward 3**

**Best City Employee DPW: Richard Willette, Director of Operations**

**Best City Employee City Hall/Annex: Frank Senesi, Veteran's Services**

**Best Mortgage Officer: Rich Brener, Winter Hill Bank**

**Best Somerville Bank: Somerville Municipal Federal Credit Union, 236 Holland St.**

**Best Real Estate Company: The Norton Group, 699 Broadway**

**Best Insurance Agency: Wedgewood- Crane & Connolly, 19 College Ave.**

**Best Gas Station: Good Gas, 345 Medford St.**

**Best Auto Body Shop: Pat's Auto Body, 161 Linwood St.**

**Best Tow Company: Pat's Tow, 160 McGrath Hwy**

**Best Law Firm: O'Donovan, Dwyer & O'Flaherty, 741 Broadway**

**Best Convenience/Neighborhood Store: Y-Not Variety, 140 Willow Ave.**

**Best Somerville Non-Profit Agency: Project Soup**

**Best Creative Business in 2011: Somerville Brewing Company**



## SOMERVILLE SPORTS

## St. Clement feast on Falcons for Thanksgiving

For the fourth straight year the St. Clement Anchormen feasted on the Trinity Catholic Falcons of Network during the annual Thanksgiving Day Catholic Central matchup.

Senior Co-captain Michael Julce (Malden) helped cap off a winning season for the Anchormen by leading all rushers with 144 yards and three TDs on ten carries.

Both teams came up empty on their first drives of the game. Julce opened the game up in the first quarter by grabbing a pass from junior QB Jamey Thompson (Somerville). Andrew Carvahlo (Somerville) kicked the extra point and the Anchormen were up by 7 early.

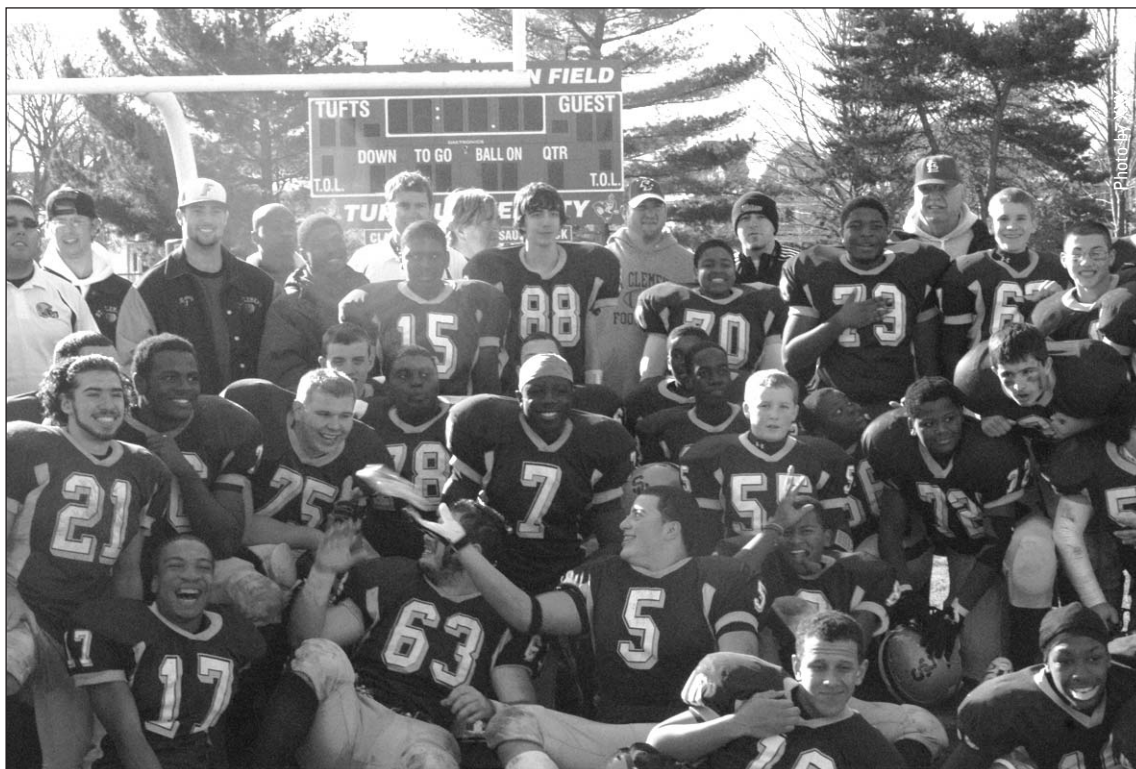
On the next drive, senior co-captain Mathew Pereira (Somerville) pounded the ball into the end zone on five consecutive carries to up the lead to 13-0. Junior Oyaronbi (Malden) intercepted a Falcon pass on the

next drive to setup a nine-yard run by Julce. Carvahlo added another extra point to make the score 20-0.

"We really relied on our seniors to get us off to a great start, and they did," said Head Coach Colin Walsh. In the second half, Julce put on a show for the crowd with a 45-yard touchdown run by eluding three Falcon defenders and breaking a tackle to put the game out of reach.

"I have coached many backs in my career, and that was the best run I have seen here at St. Clements in many years!" said Colin Walsh. Laguerre Charles added a 12 yard run for his first career TD.

St. Clement finishes the season with a 6-4 record, securing the school's first winning season in 24 years. The Anchormen are looking forward to next season with nearly all of their starters returning.



The St. Clement Anchormen celebrated a hard-fought victory over the Trinity Catholic Falcons last Thursday.

## Somerville and Cambridge Fire Departments saving lives



Dozens of fire fighters from both Somerville and Cambridge Fire Departments were called to the scene to rescue occupants of a motor vehicle that was run over by a multi-ton cement truck early Tuesday morning. The rescue was actually a simulation accident that took place on Medford Street in Somerville behind the Holman's Building. Simulations like these take place frequently so that fire fighters can prepare themselves for the times when real situations like this might happen.

— William Tauro

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Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

#294

1. On what day didn't the celebrated "Liberty Bell" ring?
2. What is "The Tower of Babel" - the TV mast - on top of?
3. *Mork and Mindy* was created as a spinoff of what TV show?
4. What is the only state in the U.S. that has two Ivy League colleges?
5. What state is known as of "The Pelican State"?
6. What is the only three named state capital in the U.S.?
7. Who won the Best Actor Oscar for *The Lilies of the Field*?
8. Who played "Secret Agent 99" on the TV series *Get Smart*?
9. Who was the author of *Of Mice and Men*?
10. What was originally called "The Pluto Platter"?
11. What was Beaver Cleaver's first name?
12. Who wrote *Around the World in Eighty Days*?

Answers on page 17



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# Guess who's here for breakfast



Six Motor Cycle Traffic Enforcement Officers from Cambridge came over to Ball Square to enjoy Ball Square Cafe's famous breakfast Tuesday morning. Even Cambridge peeps know where the best breakfast is, don't they?  
— Donald Norton

# Holiday in The 'Ville



The big *Holiday in The 'Ville* show took place at The Somerville Theatre on Saturday, November 26. Pictured here is the Somerville Swinging Singing Seniors along with the group's Director Jimmy Del Ponte. They performed *Rocking Around The Christmas Tree*, and *Grandma Got Run Over By A Reindeer*. The group meets and rehearses at The Council on Aging at the TAB building on Mondays at 10:30 a.m. They will also be singing at The Little Sisters and some nursing homes and V and A's around the city.

To advertise in **The Somerville News** call  
**Bobbie Toner: 617-666-4010**

## SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

Everyone 60+ is welcome to attend any of the Council on Aging Events at all three of our centers. Connect with old friends, meet new friends. Join us for a meal, for an exercise class, art, music and more. Our doors are always open!

### November 30

**Holland Street Center**  
Flexibility & Balance|9:30 a.m.  
Shine Hours (Medical Insurance) 10 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**  
Center Closed  
165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

**Ralph & Jenny Center**  
Bingo|12:30 p.m.  
9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

### December 1

**Holland Street Center**  
Indoor Exercise|9 a.m.  
Gardening for the Apartment|9:30 a.m.  
Discussion Group - all welcome|10 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.  
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

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

**Ralph & Jenny**  
Bring a Friend Day  
Raffles, sample dance class, Bingo and Portuguese lunch  
9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

### December 2

**Holland Street**  
Indoor Exercise|9 a.m.  
Bingo|12:45 p.m.  
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x2300

**Cross Street**  
Blood Pressure Screening|10 a.m.  
Flexibility & Balance|10:30 a.m.  
Bingo|12:45 p.m.  
165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

**Ralph & Jenny**  
Center Closed  
9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

### December 5

**Holland Street**  
Holiday Breakfast with our Swinging Singing Seniors with Jimmy Del Ponte performing|9:30 a.m.  
Swinging Singing Seniors rehearsal|10:30 a.m.  
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

**Cross Street**  
Center Closed  
165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x2335

**Ralph & Jenny**  
Indoor Exercise|10:30 a.m. | Bingo|12:45 p.m.  
9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

### December 6

**Holland Street Center**  
Attorney Mike Dwyer - call for appt.|12:30 p.m.  
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x. 2300

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

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

## News Talk CONT. FROM PG 8

through his efforts, "Samuel Crocker Lawrence" Lodge. Jeremy was elected to the position and will be installed on Wednesday evening, December 14. The lodge currently meets at the Medford Elks Hall off Salem Street. If you'd like to attend email Jeremy at moly@sent.com for reservations.

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Rumor has it that the Board of Aldermen will soon be voting themselves,

along with other appointees in the city, a pay raise very soon. Maybe right after the first of the year? The Mayor's office is going to submit a request for the raises to the Board soon. How will that go over with the public? The taxes were just raised here in the city by the Board at the last meeting, so maybe it will be OK.

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There will be a Craft/Holiday Fair at the

West Somerville Neighborhood School this coming Friday evening from 6 to 9 p.m. hosted by Lynne Lenoir and Margaret DiMarzo, two fine 'Villens.

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We hear that the "Occupy Movement" may be coming to Somerville, in particular Davis Square. Locals in charge of this are planning on an event on or around the 10th here. Let's see how this will go!

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Another star sighting in the 'Ville this past week! Very reliable sources tell us that the band Aerosmith's lead guitarist Joe Perry was seen coming out of Jerry's Underground Hair Salon. He was reportedly spotted hurrying into a waiting SUV on Tufts Street! Jerry, the owner, is a lifelong East Somerville guy and has a salon at his home on Tufts Street - with some very impressive customers.

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE  
OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on **Wednesday, December 7, 2011**, Visiting Nurse Association, 3rd Floor, Community Room, 259 Lowell Street, at 6:00 p.m. to hear pending applications and to hold public hearings:

**343, 345, 349, and 351 Summer St: (Case #ZBA 2011-54)** The next ZBA hearing on the project at 343, 345, 349 and 351 Summer Street will be held on December 7, 2011 at the VNA. Please note that, at the request of the ZBA, the Applicant has updated the plans to move the VFW Post out of the RA zoning district and fully within the CBD district where it is an allowed use. The number of residential units is being reduced to 29. New plans are available on the city website at [http://www.somervillema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/Summer%20St%20343-351%20-%20Plans%2011-18-11%20-%2011x17%20%28POST%29\\_0.pdf](http://www.somervillema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/Summer%20St%20343-351%20-%20Plans%2011-18-11%20-%2011x17%20%28POST%29_0.pdf). Testimony from the public on the amended plans will be heard at this meeting. The original legal notice is listed below:

Applicant, Strategic Capital Group, LLC and Owners George Dilboy VFW Post #529 and The Dakota Partners LLC, seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review under SZO §7.3 and §7.11.1.c to establish a 31 unit residential use, a Special Permit under §7.11.5.B.6.a to establish an approximately 8,300 gross square foot private, non-profit club, a Special Permit with Site Plan Review under §7.11.11.10.b to establish a 15-space commercial parking lot, and a Special Permit under §9.13.b to modify parking design standards, in order to develop a new two to three story mixed-use building consisting of a VFW hall and 31 residential units as well as parking for commercial use and for on-site activities. CBD and RA zones. Ward 6.

**1 College Ave/419 Highland Ave: (Case #ZBA 2011-87)** Applicant and Owner Midshares, Inc. seeks a special permit to alter a non-conforming structure under SZO §4.4.1 to make alterations to the façade of the building including changes to window and door openings. CBD zone. Ward 6.

**21 Edmands St: (Case #ZBA 2011-88)** Applicant and Owner Jodi Mace seeks a special permit to alter a nonconforming structure under SZO §4.4.1 by expanding an existing rear deck by approx 15 sf and adding a 2nd story. RB zone. Ward 1.


**16 Linden Ave: (Case #ZBA 2011-70)** Applicant & Owner 16 Linden Avenue, LLC seeks Special Permit with Site Plan Review (SPSR, SZO §5.2) approval under §7.2 to construct a principal structure for 5 dwelling units on a lot with an existing principal structure with 3 dwelling units. The Applicant seeks SPSR approval under §7.3 to have 8 residential units on the lot, one of which would be an affordable unit as defined in §13. The Applicant seeks a variance to provide 10 of the 13 required parking spaces (§5.5 & 9.5). Additionally, the Applicant seeks a Special Permit to alter the existing nonconforming 3 family structure under §4.4.1 to alter window openings, construct a 2-story deck in the rear yard and alter the front entrance canopy. RB zone. Ward 5.

**272 Broadway: (Case ZBA 2010-29-R1 (11/2011))** Applicant Anne Bates & Christopher Kokoras, and Owner Christopher Kokoras, seek a revision to the site plan approved as part of Variance approval ZBA 2010-29 in order to change the location of the proposed sidewalk on Kenneson Road.

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

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant  
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CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS

JOSEPH A. CURTATONE, MAYOR

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A joint public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board and the Board of Aldermen Land Use Committee on **Thursday, December 15, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Aldermanic Chambers on the Second Floor of Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public comments concerning:

**AN ORDINANCE TO CLARIFY THE USE STANDARD TABLE IN ARTICLE 6, ADD A PEDESTRIAN ORIENTED USE MAP TO ARTICLE 7, CLARIFY LANGUAGE IN ARTICLE 8 OF THE SOMERVILLE ZONING ORDINANCE (SZO), MODIFY ZONING DISTRICT MAPS FOR THE AREAS CONSISTING OF SOMERVILLE AVENUE FROM WILSON SQUARE TO THE SOMERVILLE-CAMBRIDGE LINE AT PORTER SQUARE, WHITE STREET, AND ELM STREET FROM WHITE STREET TO WILSON SQUARE, AND AMEND THE FLOODPLAIN OVERLAY DISTRICT IN ARTICLE 6**


**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SOMERVILLE ZONING ORDINANCE TO ADD A DEFINITION OF PERVIOUS AREA AND AMEND THE TABLE OF DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND FOOTNOTES TO REQUIRE A MINIMUM PERVIOUS AREA ON LOTS IN CERTAIN ZONING DISTRICTS**

Copies of the proposed ordinances are on file and may be reviewed 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, [www.somervillema.gov/departments/ospcd/planning-and-zoning/porter-square](http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/ospcd/planning-and-zoning/porter-square) and [www.somervillema.gov/planningandzoning](http://www.somervillema.gov/planningandzoning). Interested persons may provide comments for the Boards' consideration by appearing in person at the hearing; or may provide written comments to the Planning Board by mail to OSPCD/Planning Board, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143, by fax: 617-625-0722, or by email to [dpereira@somervillema.gov](mailto:dpereira@somervillema.gov).

Attests: Kevin Prior, Chair of the Planning Board, and Alderman William A. White, Jr., Chairperson of the Board of Aldermen Land Use Committee

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BOARD OF ALDERMEN

There will be a Public Hearing before the Board of Aldermen's Committee on Licenses and Permits on **Wednesday, December 7, 2011, at 6:00 PM**, in the Committee Room on the 2nd Floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, on the petition of Chambers Motorcars for a Garage License for mechanical repairs, washing vehicles, and storing vehicles, all for 9 vehicles inside and no vehicles outside, at 71 Linwood Street.

There will be a Public Hearing before the Board of Aldermen's Committee on Licenses and Permits on **Wednesday, December 7, 2011, at 6:00 PM**, in the Committee Room on the 2nd Floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, on the petition of Valvoline Instant Oil Change to amend their existing Garage License to permit operation on Sundays, from 10 AM to 4 PM, at 182 Washington Street.

**THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND AND BE HEARD.**

**JOHN J. LONG**  
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CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS

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**76 Broadway: (Case #PB 2011-18)** Applicants and Owners Vinny Migliore and Carol Anne Migliore, Trustees, seek a special permit under SZO §6.1.22.D.5 to alter the façade of the building including new signage, lighting, and awnings. CCD 45 zone. Ward 1.

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

Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman

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MIDDLESEX Division

Docket No. MI 11P5486EA

In the Estate of: Matthew Thomas Ivers

Late of: Somerville. MA. 02145

Date of Death: 08/01/2011

**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR**

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

Patricia Ivers of Hopewell Junction, NY  
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**12/28/2011**

**WITNESS, HON. PETER C. DIGANGI, First Justice of this Court**  
Date: November 22, 2011

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MIDDLESEX Division

Docket No. MI 11P5379EA

In the Estate of: Harjinder Singh

Late of: Somerville. MA. 02143

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

Avtar Singh of Somerville, MA  
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## Red Line delays under discussion

In response to weekend closures of the Davis Square Red Line station, the Somerville Board of Aldermen passed a resolution calling on the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) to discuss mitigation with Mayor Joe Curtatone, Alderman Rebekah Gewirtz and the Somerville Chamber of Commerce.

Citing bus shuttle service as not comparable to subway service and that the substitution causes a decline in economic activity, the Chamber proposed an MBTA discount advertising and a Shop in Somerville campaign as mitigation for business interruptions.

"It is critical this year that people take a moment and consider their local merchants before spending those precious holiday dollars outside of the city," said Chamber of Commerce Chair Ron Bonney, Jr. "These local businesses are counted on for so many things, after school jobs, sponsorship of local youth sports, support of local not for profits and their events, these local merchants and their employees are counting on you to keep them in mind," he said.

The weekend Davis Square T station closures are scheduled through March. The Chamber is launching shopinsomerville.com.



## Meet Federal Realty, your friendly neighborhood mega-developer

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tax revenues generated from FRIT's development are expected to cover the annual \$1.6 debt service and more.

The Orange Line is now under construction. Preliminary designs presented to community members were received favorably at a public meeting two weeks ago. There were a few questions about parking, but the plan was otherwise praised.

With transit-oriented development realized, said Senior VP of development Don Briggs, the time for real growth can begin, and with it, the first three buildings.

"Without that, all the work that we had done and all the opportunity that was right there on the doorstep would not have been able to get done," said Briggs, who had overseen the expenditure of \$110 million before the vote was even made. At the time, Briggs feared nothing would come of the development, and said that FRIT would consider leaving the project. "Now it's just 'when are we going to get going?'" "We're off to the races," he said.

Briggs recently unveiled his strategy for the first phase of retail stores, which is currently being planned in conjunction with residential partner, developer Avalon Bay of amounting to a total of 420 rental units and 280,000 sq. ft. of retail space. FRIT has been looking to entice bargain outlet stores, as many as 30 in the initial phase and 50 in total. Called a "bold strategy" by the Boston Globe's Casey Ross, the move signifies FRIT's confidence that retailers will move their outlet stores closer to the population of their consumers.

It is a wholesale change in mixed-use urban development that Briggs sees, and perhaps, a change in the entire culture of urban planning, as unorthodox

as the agreements between corporation and government that first allowed it to take place.

"[The city and commonwealth] have a lot of confidence in our ability to execute, so now it's up to us to execute," said Briggs.

FRIT is a realty estate investment trust (REIT), which means it does not pay federal taxes as a corporation, but must give out 90 percent of its taxable income to its shareholders in dividends. Owning 18.6 million sq. ft. strategically located in the most prime real estate markets in the country, FRIT has become a model in the industry, raising their dividend rates 44 consecutive years. They currently have a market cap, or stock price multiplied by number of shares, of \$5.4 billion.

However, FRIT does not usually take the role of developer. They, like many REITs, usually lease out properties that they own. While their chief talent has been for successfully operating shopping centers, the Assembly Row development is a change in their usual mode of operation, though they have one other similar development in Bethesda, Maryland outside Washington DC.

While the beginning phases include mostly the retail, with shops and restaurants as well as a multiplex cinema, Briggs describes a "holistic" approach to building a new popular urban center. Beautification and landscaping of parkland, with a fish pier and adornments like statues, will contribute to the eventual planned 1.75 million sq. ft. in R & D/ commercial / office space, 1.13 million sq. ft. of retail (including IKEA) and 2,100 residential units.

"We take land that we own that is suburban in character and context and we turn it into high-density mixed-use develop-

ment," said Briggs. "What we are developing is fairly complex developments that require a lot of upfront capital, require a pretty sophisticated skillset."

Somerville's Assembly Square, fit FRIT's desire to have "a product type that is where we think is where the country is going over the next 50 years, which is urbanizing transit-orient development," which he qualified as a high-risk, high reward proposition.

These risks are manifold. While city planning has applauded the transformation of Assembly Square into a 24-hour residential, office-space, shopping, entertainment center, moving from planning to construction has been tarried since FRIT purchased the 45-acre plot in 2005.

The entitlements that FRIT was granted at the site were heavily scrutinized. FRIT agreed to pay the \$15 million for the Orange Line in 2006, because of a series of lawsuits regarding zoning violations by community members in the Mystic View Task Force. IKEA's dalliance in breaking ground compounded issues involving the I-Cubed grant the development received, necessitating the intricate funding plans that brought forth the Tri-Party agreement.

After it was signed in May, Briggs said he "breathed a sigh of relief."

"Now we're at the point where we're through all these hurdles, and we're going to invest real money in construction and development," he said. "We are creating a vehicle for growth. We're through the risk period, and now we're onto the development and implementation period. Everybody says that construction is really risky, and it is, but not as risky as it was until we got the T-stop," he said.

Construction and development carries its own risks as well, said Briggs, but they are not as grim as previous. "Can we lease it for what we thought we could lease it for," asked Briggs for example. "Can we build it for what we thought it was going to cost?"

"We are comfortable that we can," he said. "We are through a lot of the uncontrollable risks, and we are now into the quantifiable and presumably controllable risks."

Briggs said that the development opportunities, like the uses for the site are manifold. Technology entrepreneurs and financial services companies that wish to locate near their employee base can choose Somerville for its growing population of college-educated young professionals.

"In the case of something like this, when you are trying to bring all those uses together, managing the risk that all those markets are going to be in sync, and you can see today that they are not quite

in sync," said Briggs. "The residential multi-family market is off the charts. The retail market for the product that we're doing is strong," he said, referring to the outlet store plan, "but if we were doing a different retail product it might not be strong."

As far as office space and research and development tenants were concerned, Briggs was optimistic that Somerville's location near the Boston entrepreneurial sectors such as Kendall Square and Downtown would ensure that, once buildings began to rise from the barren field, there would be more interest in the fledgling development.

"The office market is just now starting to hopefully become something, it's still not there yet," he said. "We don't know that it will be there yet. It may be another five or 10 years before. Could be that we go through a cycle in the office where it's taking of existing space and there isn't a whole lot of new building.

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| 1. July 4, 1776, The day the country was born in Philadelphia - it didn't get around to "Proclaiming Liberty Throughout the Land" until four days later | 5. Louisiana      |
| 2. The Empire State Building  | 6. Salt Lake City |
| 3. Happy Days   | 7. Sidney Poitier |
| 4. New York (Columbia and Cornell)  | 8. Barbara Feldon |
|   | 9. John Steinbeck |
|   | 10. The Frisbee   |
|   | 11. Theodore      |
|   | 12. Jules Verne   |



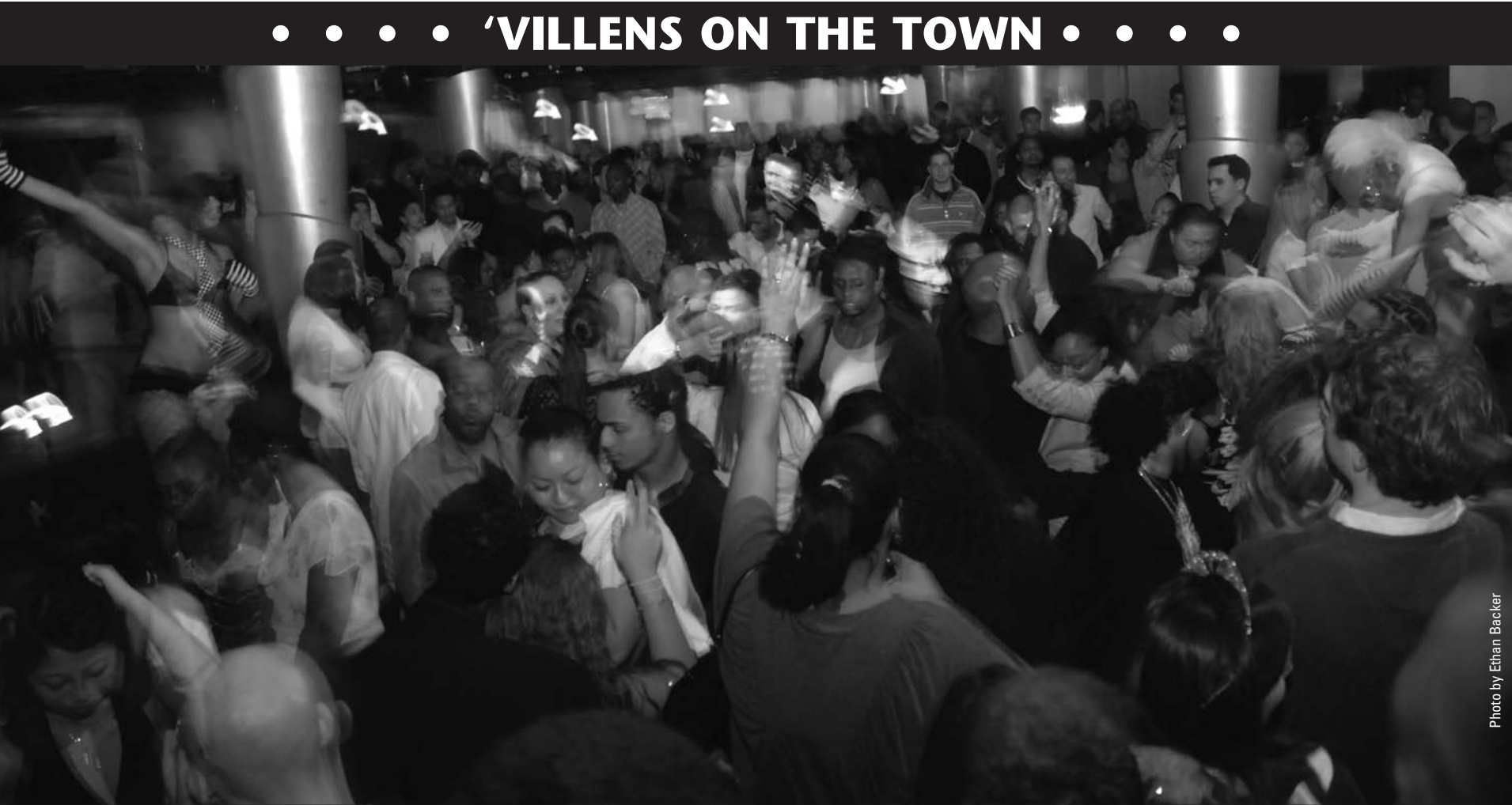


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FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Wednesday|November 30

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

Thursday|December 1

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

Friday|December 2

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

Saturday|December 3

Central Library  
Saturday Afternoon Family Film:  
A Christmas Carol  
12 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Monday|December 5

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

Wednesday|December 7

Central Library  
Raising a Reader  
Heloisa Alvarez  
617-513-5919  
9 a.m.-11 a.m.|79 Highland Ave

East Branch Library

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

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Wednesday|November 30

Johnny D's  
Bombino  
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  
Lair of the Werekitten|Tiny  
Lion|Matt Francis  
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/Dig  
Digits|Whore Paint  
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

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

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

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

Rosebud Bar  
Nick Palms Comedy Showcase  
381 Summer St

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

Thursday|December 1

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

Sally O'Brien's  
Luke Mulholland  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-  
3589

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

PA'S Lounge  
Jimi Halfdead and the Die  
Alongs|The Evil  
Streaks|zeroNegative|Necrophilia  
c Meat Circus  
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-  
1557

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

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

Precinct Bar  
Pretty Things 3rd Birthday Bash  
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rosebud Bar  
381 Summer St.

Arts At The Armory  
Somerville Chamber of  
Commerce's Holiday After Hours  
Event

5 p.m.-7 p.m.|Performance Hall  
For the Sake of the Song: MAINE  
EVENT  
7 p.m.-10 p.m.|Café|191  
Highland Ave

Friday|December 2

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

Sally O'Brien's  
Stan Martin & The Honkytonk  
Heroes |6 p.m.  
Gumbo Diablo|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  
Big Ol' Dirty Bucket|People with  
Instruments|The Organic Sound  
Project|Fiddlehead  
70 Union Sq|617 -623-9211

PA'S Lounge  
Blue Bloods|Dead Friends|By the  
Throat|Taxi Driver  
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  
TBA  
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-  
6045

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

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

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

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

Rosebud Bar  
9:00pm|Boston Blues Society  
Holiday Show w/ A Ton of Blues,  
Professor Harp and His Band,  
Throwdown  
381 Summer St

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

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

Somerville Theatre  
The Slutcracker - A Burlesque  
8 p.m.|55 Davis Square|617-625-  
5700

Saturday|December 3

Johnny D's  
Love Dogs|Band That Time  
Forgot  
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

David Johnston Band |9:30 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-  
3589

The Burren  
Jimmy's Down  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Precinct Bar  
The Czars (front bar)|The  
Fagetts|Hands and Knees|The  
Diamond Mines|Yoni Gordon  
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

PA'S Lounge  
DRAMA featuring DJs: LEAH  
V|JUSTINCREDIBLE|RIZZLA  
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-  
1557

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rosebud Bar  
9:00pm|Watts, The Lyres,and The  
New Frustrations  
381 Summer St

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

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

Arts At The Armory  
Agachiko  
7:30|Performance Hall|191  
Highland Ave



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**Somerville Theatre**  
The Slutcracker - A Burlesque  
8 p.m.|55 Davis Square|617-625-5700

**Sunday|December 4**

**Johnny D's**  
Open Blues Jam 4:30  
p.m.|Decompression Sessions  
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  
8 p.m.|247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**PA'S Lounge**  
Coward Flowers|Color  
Channel|Ette|Samantha Allen  
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

**Precinct Bar**  
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Rosebud Bar**  
381 Summer St

**Arts At The Armory**  
Book Binding for Beginners  
12 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

**Somerville Theatre**  
The Slutcracker - A Burlesque  
8 p.m.|55 Davis Square|617-625-5700

**Monday|December 5**

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

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

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

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

**PA'S Lounge**  
Jay Psaros|Jackson Wetherbee|Fil  
Paccino|Aldous Collins  
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

**Precinct Bar**  
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

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

**Tuesday|December 6**

**Johnny D's**  
Mass Whole Notes  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

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

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

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

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

**Precinct Bar**  
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

**Highland Kitchen**

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

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

**Rosebud Bar**  
Karaoke with Kristi  
381 Summer St

**Wednesday|December 7**

**Johnny D's**  
Eastern Blok  
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**  
Tumbleweed Company|Prairy  
Fire|Little Ugly|Matt Borrello  
Band  
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**  
Fat Creeps|Fat History  
Month|Saralee|Dutch Angles  
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

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

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

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

**Rosebud Bar**  
Nick Palms Comedy Showcase  
381 Summer St

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

**Arts At The Armory**

Jazz, Blues, Cabaret and Cowboy  
Songs  
6:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

**CLASSES AND GROUPS**  
**Wednesday|November 30**

**Central Library**  
Introduction to basic computer  
skills  
Caron Guigli  
617-623-5000 x2920  
6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

**Thursday|December 1**

**Central Library**  
Introduction to facebook  
Caron Guigli  
617-623-5000 x2920  
2 p.m.-3:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

**Central Library**  
Making Connections: Promoting  
Positive Mental Health Fall 2011  
Workshop  
Patty Contente  
617-625-6600 x4325  
7 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

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

**Saturday|December 3**

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

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

**Sunday|December 4**

**Third Life Studio**  
Discover Belly Dancing with  
Nadira Jamal  
Noon- 1 p.m.|33 Union Sq

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

**Monday|December 5**

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

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

**Third Life Studio**  
Beginning Hawaiian Hula  
6 p.m.| 781-729-2252

**Tuesday|December 6**

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

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

**Third Life Studio**  
The Art of Singing Group  
7 p.m.-9:15 p.m.|33 Union  
Sq|617-628-0916  
srlibana@gmail.com

**Wednesday|December 7**

**Central Library**  
Book Group:Mystery  
7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**Third Life Studio**  
Beyond beginning Belly Dance  
with Nadira Jamal  
7:30 p.m.|Level 2|33 Union  
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# Train a comin'?

## Questions remain on GLX

By Andrew Firestone

Questions still remain after a phasing timeline was released last week by the design consultants of state department of transportation (MassDOT). The plan, which details an opening of service to the proposed Union Square and Washington Street fork of the GLX in 2016, fails to implement the Route 16 stop.

The Route 16 which the Metropolitan Planning Organization included in their long term finance plan, which tags \$476 million over the next four years for the GLX. Gov. Deval Patrick recently signed a bill to float out \$20 in state bonds as part of the measure.

Conservation Law Foundation lawyer Rafael Mares said that there are many discrepancies still with the plans of MassDOT and the state implementation plan revealed in the environmental assessment report in October. Mares says that, aside from the non-inclusion of the Somerville/Medford border stop, the planners have not properly explained why they are delaying. The CLF

successfully sued state in 2004 over the GLX, so under the Clean Air Act the project is legally mandated.

"At the same time that they delayed for another four years, they seem to be holding on to some vain hope that the Federal "New Starts" money will come through," said Mares. "That is not a reason to delay. They are not putting themselves in a very good position to receive money from the federal government by under-funding their own transportation system. Why wait?" One of the requirements for the federal grant is that the state be sufficiently funding their own system, which is infamously indebted partly due to the Big Dig project.

He added that it didn't make sense that, a year ago, the planners had not anticipated details in land acquisition and design that prevented a sooner opening.

City officials and residents have bombarded the state, and Patrick recently received a letter from Congressman Mike Capuano urging him to not pass the GLX problem onto a successor who may wash his hands of it.



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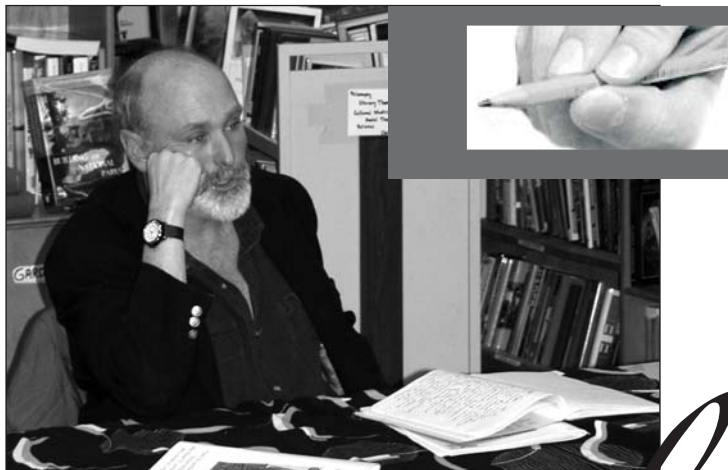
# SCAT Program Schedule for the Week

<b>Wednesday, November 30</b>		5:00pm	Ablevision	1:00pm (LIVE)	Bongoman	1:00pm	Ablevision
12:00am	Free Speech TV	5:30pm	Somerville: Most Interesting Places	2:00pm	Intro Talk w/ Achyut	1:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority
6:00am	The Arabic Hour	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV	2:30pm	Nepali Festival	2:00pm	Thom Hartmann Program
7:00am	Raising Drug Free Kids	7:00pm (LIVE)	Tele Magazine	3:00pm	Protraits of Somerville	3:00pm	Robyn & Max Exercise
8:00am	Democracy Now!	7:30pm	Somerville Rocks	4:00pm	Wake Up Magic	3:30pm	Esoteric Science
9:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	8:00pm (LIVE)	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol	4:00pm	South of the Mystic
10:00am	Abugida TV	9:30pm	The Garage	6:00pm	Tele Magazine	4:30pm	Somerville Back In The Day
11:00am	Somerville News Reading	10:30pm	Sonic Lobotomy	7:00pm	Recovery Roundtable	5:00pm	Culture Club
12:00noon	Democracy Now!	11:00pm	Recovery Roundtable	8:00pm	Blunt Truth	5:30pm	Talking About Somerville
1:00pm	Nepali Festival	<b>Friday, December 2</b>		9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV
1:30pm	Talk About Somerville	12:00am	Free Speech TV	10:00pm	Wrestling Talk	7:00pm	Discover The Law
2:00pm	Thom Hartman show	6:00am	Live Response	11:00pm	Sonic Lobotomy	7:30pm	The Commonwealth Report
3:00pm (LIVE)	Medical Tutor	7:00am	Recovery Roundtable	12:00am	Bongoman	8:00pm	Right Here, Right Now
3:30pm	Interesting Places	8:00am	Democracy Now!	<b>Sunday, December 4</b>		8:30pm	Steve Katsos Show
4:00pm	Life Matters	9:00am	The Truth About Drugs	12:00am	Free Speech TV	9:00pm	Dedilhando A Saudade
4:30pm	Healthy Hypnosis	9:30am	Creating Cooperative Kids	6:00am	Rompendo em Fe	10:00pm	Bate Papo con Shirley
5:00pm	CommonSense	10:30am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	7:00am	Vida Na TV	11:00pm	Visual Radio
5:30pm	Let's Talk About Hearing	11:30am	Back In The Day	8:00am	In Season, Out of Season	<b>Tuesday, December 6</b>	
6:00pm	Al Jazeera	12:00noon	Democracy Now!	8:30am	Healer in Every Home	12:00am	Free Speech TV
7:00pm (LIVE)	Chita Tande	1:00pm	The Expert Series	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	6:00am	Emerging Drug Trends
8:00pm (LIVE)	Somerville Pundits	2:00pm	Thom Hartmann Program	10:00am	Christian Assemble Tabernacle	7:00pm	Perils For Pedestrians
8:30pm	Culture Club	3:00pm	Cooking W/ Georgie & Dez	11:00am	International Church of God	7:30am	The Struggle
9:00pm	Somerville Rocks	3:30pm	Toastmasters	11:30am	The Commonwealth Report	8:00am	Democracy Now!
9:30pm	Shrink Rap	4:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking	12noon	Somerville Housing Auth.	9:00am	Somerville News Reading
10:00pm	The Smoki Dick Show	4:30pm	Money On Your Mind	12:30pm	Nepali Festival	10:00am	Tele Kreyol
10:30pm	South of the Mystic	5:00pm	SCATV and Free Speech	1:00pm	Waltham Philharmonic Orch.	11:00am	Commonsense
11:00pm	The Garage	5:30am	Your Money Your Life	2:00pm	Effort Pour Christ	11:30	Nepali Festival
11:30pm	Art @ SCATV	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV	3:30pm	Talk About Somerville	12:00noon	Democracy Now!
<b>Thursday, December 1</b>		7:00pm	Right Here, Right Now	4:00pm	Dedilhando A Saudade	1:00pm	The Commonwealth Report
12:00am	Free Speech TV	7:30pm	Working With Java	5:00pm	Ethiopian Satellite TV	1:30pm	Know Your Rights
6:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	8:00pm	Visual Radio	6:00pm	Abugida TV	2:00pm	Thom Hartmann Show
7:00am	Know Your Rights	9:00pm	The Garage	7:00pm	African TV Network	3:30pm	Active Aging
7:30am	South of the Mystic	9:30pm	Bandwidth TV	8:00pm	Tele Magazine	4:00pm	Protrait of Somerville
8:00am	Democracy Now!	10:00pm	Portrait of Somerville	9:00pm	Watch This	5:00pm (LIVE)	Poet to Poet
9:00am	Parent Factor	11:00pm	Jeff TV	10:00pm	Portait of Somerville	5:30pm	Jeff Jam
10:00am	Active Aging	<b>Saturday, December 3</b>		11:00pm	Undercover TV	6:00pm	A Jazeera
10:30am	Jeff Jams	12:00am	Free Speech TV	11:30pm	Nepali Festival	7:00pm	Art @ SCAT
11:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	6:00am	Arabic Hour	<b>Monday, December 5</b>		7:30pm	Greater Somerville W/ Joe Lynch
12:00noon	Democracy Now!	7:00am	GAY USA	12:00am	Free Speech TV	8:00pm (LIVE)	Dead Air Live Show
1:00pm	African TV Network	8:00am	Animal Agenda	7:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	9:00pm	Interesting Places
2:00pm	Thom Hartmann	9:00am	Festival Kreyol	8:00am	Democracy Now!	9:30pm	Animal Agenda
3:00pm	Somerville: Back in the Day	10:00am	Tele Galaxie	9:00am	Recovery Roundtable	10:00pm	Perils For Pedestrians
3:30pm	Culture Club	11:00am	Dead Air Live Show	10:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	10:30pm	The Gerry Leone Show
4:00pm	Lets Talk About Hearing	12:00pm	Reeling, The Movie Review	11:00am	Nosse Gente e Costumes	11:00pm	JuPrey Productions
4:30pm	A Healer in The House	12:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority	12:00noon	Democracy Now!		

# City Cable TV Schedule for the Week

<b>Wednesday, November 30</b>		8:30pm: (13/16)	Chamber of Commerce Dinner	7:00pm: (13/16)	Talking Business	12:00pm: (13/16)	Somerville Boxing Club
9:00am: (13/16)	Somerville 1861	8:50pm: (15)	SHS Volleyball Playoffs vs Newton North	7:00pm: (15)	Early Childhood Fair/Family Literacy	12:00pm: (15)	Highlander Forum
9:00am: (15)	Kid Stuff	9:40pm: (13/16)	Domestic Violence Vigil	7:25pm: (15)	Raising Families	12:10pm: (13/16)	The Gerry Leone Show
11:30am: (15)	Highlander Forum	<b>Friday, December 2</b>		7:30pm: (13/16)	Young Somerville Advisory Group	12:30pm: (15)	SHS Football vs Everett
12:00pm: (13/16)	Talking Business: Midnight Madness	12:00am: (13/16)	Talking Business: Midnight Madness	7:45pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	12:40pm: (13/16)	Congressional Update
12:00pm: (15)	SHS Sports Rally	12:00am: (15)	El Sistema in the 'Ville	8:15pm: (13/16)	Holiday In the Ville	1:10pm: (13/16)	Talking Business: Midnight Madness
12:15pm: (13/16)	Annual Veterans' Day Ceremonies	12:15am: (13/16)	Congressional Update	8:15pm: (15)	SHS Sports Rally	7:00pm: (13/16)	School Committee Meeting - LIVE
12:45pm: (13/16)	Green Line Public Hearing	12:45am: (13/16)	Somerville 1961	<b>Sunday, December 4</b>		7:00pm: (15)	Raising Families
3:30pm: (15)	Superintendent Awards	12:45am: (15)	Highlander Forum	12:00am: (13/16)	Talking Business	7:30pm: (15)	SHS Sports Rally
7:00pm: (13/16)	The Gerry Leone Show	1:30am: (13/16)	Chamber of Commerce Dinner	12:00am: (15)	Early Childhood Fair/Family Literacy	8:45pm: (15)	SHS Boys' Soccer Playoffs vs Chelsea
7:00pm: (15)	Kid Stuff	1:50am: (15)	SHS Volleyball Playoffs vs Newton North	12:25am: (15)	Raising Families	<b>Tuesday, December 6</b>	
7:30pm: (13/16)	Talking Business: Midnight Madness	2:40am: (13/16)	Domestic Violence Vigil	12:30am: (13/16)	Young Somerville Advisory Group	12:00am: (13/16)	Congressional Update
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7:45pm: (13/16)	Ghosts of Somerville	9:00am: (15)	Highlander Forum	1:15am: (13/16)	Holiday In the Ville	12:30pm: (15)	SHS Sports Rally
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8:35pm: (13/16)	Holiday in the Ville	12:25pm: (15)	Raising Families	12:00pm: (15)	El Sistema in the 'Ville	1:45am: (15)	SHS Boys' Soccer Playoffs vs Chelsea
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<b>Thursday, December 1</b>		12:45pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	12:40pm: (15)	Somerville Math Scrapheap Showdown	9:00am: (15)	Raising Families
12:00am: (13/16)	The Gerry Leone Show	1:15pm: (13/16)	Holiday In the Ville	12:50pm: (13/16)	Annual Veterans' Day Ceremonies	11:30am: (15)	Somerville Math Scrapheap Showdown
12:00am: (15)	Kid Stuff	1:15pm: (15)	SHS Sports Rally	1:20pm: (13/16)	Somerville Boxing Club	12:00pm: (13/16)	Senior Circuit
12:30am: (13/16)	Talking Business: Midnight Madness	7:00pm: (13/16)	Talking Business	1:30pm: (13/16)	Chamber of Commerce Dinner	12:30pm: (13/16)	Talking Business
12:30am: (15)	El Sistema in the 'Ville	7:00pm: (15)	Early Childhood Fair/Family Literacy	1:45pm: (15)	SHS Boys' Soccer Playoffs vs Chelsea	1:00pm: (13/16)	Mock Groundbreaking - A Green Line Delay Protest
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2:00am: (15)	SHS Football vs Everett	8:15pm: (13/16)	Holiday In the Ville	7:40pm: (15)	Somerville Math Scrapheap Showdown	7:00pm: (13/16)	Annual Veterans' Day Celebration
9:00am: (13/16)	Talking Business: Midnight Madness	8:15pm: (15)	SHS Sports Rally	7:50pm: (13/16)	Annual Veterans' Day Ceremonies	7:00pm: (15)	Kid Stuff
9:00am: (15)	SHS Sports Rally	<b>Saturday, December 3</b>		8:20pm: (13/16)	Somerville Boxing Club	7:30pm: (13/16)	Talking Business
11:30pm: (15)	El Sistema in the 'Ville	12:00am: (13/16)	Talking Business	8:30pm: (13/16)	Chamber of Commerce Dinner	7:30pm: (15)	Early Childhood Fair/Family Literacy
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1:35pm: (13/16)	Somerville 1861	12:45am: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	12:00am: (15)	El Sistema in the 'Ville	8:30pm: (13/16)	School Committee Meeting - REPLAY OF 12/5/11
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7:00pm: (13/16)	Talking Business: Midnight Madness	12:00pm: (15)	Early Childhood Fair/Family Literacy	1:20am: (13/16)	Somerville Boxing Club	12:00am: (15)	Kid Stuff
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7:15pm: (13/16)	Congressional Update	12:30pm: (13/16)	Young Somerville Advisory Group	1:45am: (15)	SHS Boys' Soccer Playoffs vs Chelsea	12:30am: (15)	Early Childhood Fair/Family Literacy
7:45pm: (13/16)	Somerville 1961	12:45pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	9:00am: (13/16)	Holiday In the Ville	1:00am: (13/16)	Somerville Boxing Club
7:45pm: (15)	Highlander Forum	1:15pm: (13/16)	Holiday In the Ville	9:00am: (15)	El Sistema in the 'Ville	1:50am: (15)	Somerville Math Scrapheap Showdown
8:30pm: (15)	Superintendent Awards: Argenziano	1:15pm: (15)	SHS Sports Rally	11:30am: (15)	Raising Families		





## OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

# Somerville, Bards, Bagels and Co-Existence

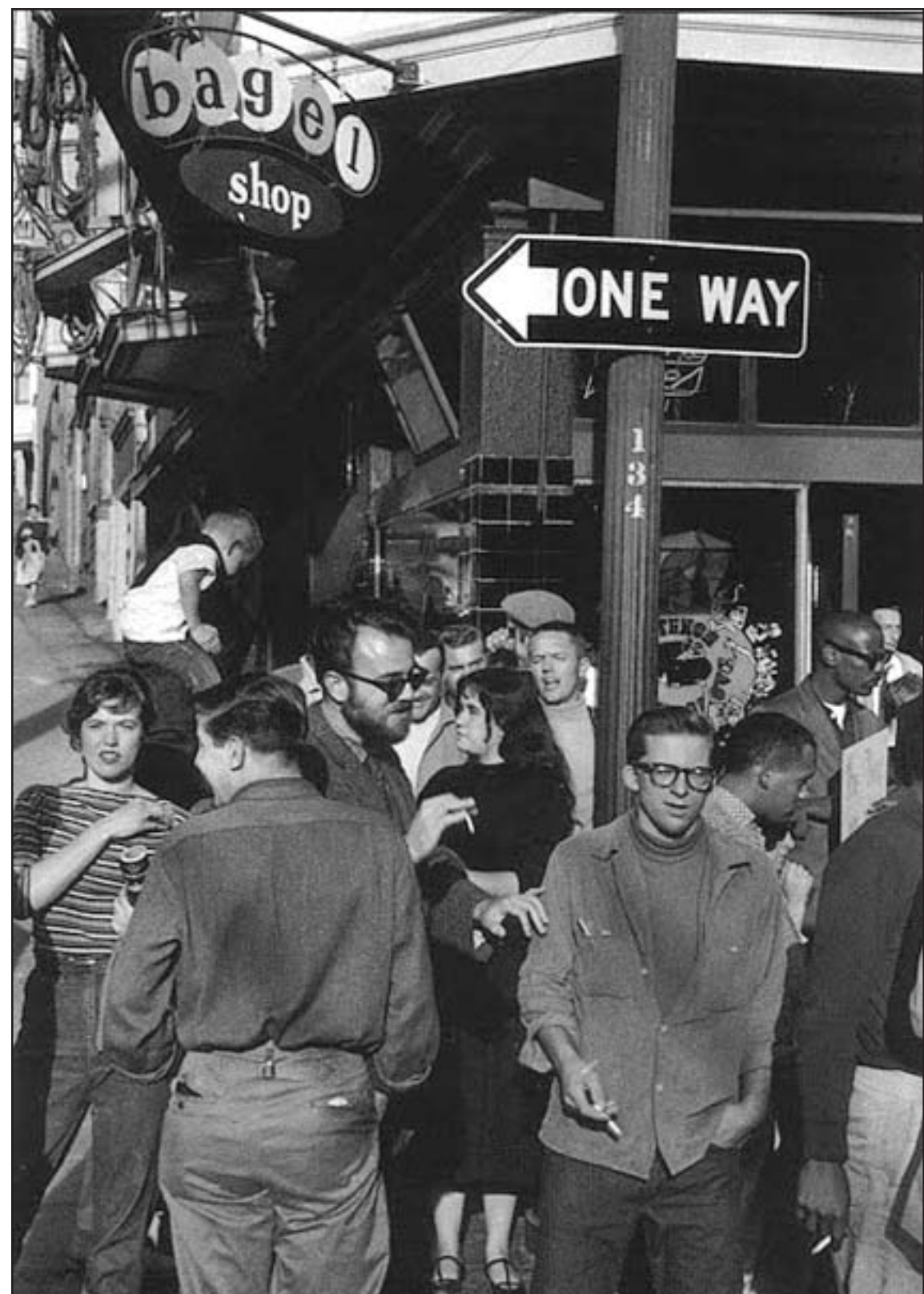
I never thought of this when Somerville resident and poet Harris Gardner and I started the Bagel Bards at Finagle-A-Bagel in Harvard Square in 2004. But I happened to be teaching a Creative Writing class at Endicott College and we were studying the poetry of San Francisco poet A.D. Winans. In an interview I conducted with him (that I used for a class discussion) he mentioned a hangout of his: the Co-Existence Bagel Shop. Bagels, Bards and poetry do have an illustrious history. The Co-Existence Bagel Shop in the 1950's and 60's North Beach section of San Francisco was a big hangout for the likes of Ginsberg, Ferlinghetti, Kaufman, Spicer, Winans, and countless other Beat poets, and poets of other schools. So the Bagel Bards, a group of poets and writers that now meets in the Au Bon Pain in Davis Square,

Somerville, Mass (Finagle-A-Bagel closed years ago) is a sort of a small coda to this...

Here is a description from a Beat travel guide I found:

"Continue along to 1398 Grant Avenue which is Stop 10. This is the former site of the Co-Existence Bagel shop where a delicatessen "collided" with a beer-joint-hangout and news center. It was immortalized by Bob Kaufman in Bagel Shop Jazz who describing its regulars as "shadow people, blueberry-eyed girls in black stockings, smelling vaguely of mint jelly, turtle neck angel guys, coffee-faced ivy Leaguers..."

To join the Bagel Bards just drop by any Saturday at the Au Bon Pain in Davis Square from 9AM to 12 PM--take a chair, and man you are/there!



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Poet Lo Galluccio writes the LYRICAL: "The title of this poem (GRAND FAILED EXPERIMENT) came from the Elvis Costello's song *Brilliant Mistake*. It's really an apologia to something supernatural that a person couldn't please enough."

### GRAND FAILED EXPERIMENT

I'm your grand failed experiment  
 I guess I grabbed an after-dinner mint  
 And on the Star Wars chart, I'm a long blue wave  
 You said you're not very well-behaved  
 as the TV set fell two stories down  
 my pixels screamed in ghostly sound.  
 I'm picking up the mica pieces now.  
 They still exact their change.

Every time you said don't eat you'll last.  
 I didn't have the will to fast.  
 The colors pink and green and blue.  
 Objects wove my hunger through.  
 I sucked them up like sugar glue.  
 I'm your grand failed experiment.

I'm still a childish wonderland.  
 I'm still Alice in a tailspin and  
 I'd like the chance to change back to...  
 I'm your grand failed experiment.  
 I guess I grabbed an after-dinner mint.  
 And on the Star Wars chart, I'm a long blue wave.

The princess looks a Sufi now.  
 In Bjork-like braids of powerful wow.  
 The elephant taught me how to fly.  
 Dark chocolate dances in the sky.  
 I still love the stars all right.

We headed to the millennium.  
 A party situation to the end.  
 The devas dance in white reply.  
 They whispered, "Stay awake all night."  
 "Just stay awake without your sleeping sight."  
 I'm your grand failed experiment.

— Lo Galluccio

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