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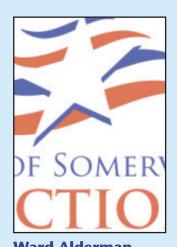
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# Somerville police officer killed in New Hampshire crash



 $\label{eq:policy} \begin{array}{ll} \mbox{Police officers, fire fighters and the members of the public paid homage to Officer Remigio after a procession brought him home from Portsmouth Hospital. \\ \hline - Photo courtesy of the Somerville Police Dept. \end{array}$ 

### By Jim Clark

An off-duty Somerville police officer, Louis Remigio, was fatally injured in a multi-vehicle crash on I-95 in North Hampton, New Hampshire, on Sunday morning.

Remigio was rushed Portsmouth Hospital by emergency responders shortly after the accident occurred, but succumbed to his injuries on Monday evening.

Remigio was reportedly riding a motorcycle when he was hit in a crash that also involved three cars. Authorities reported that a total of three people were hospitalized after the accident.

Remigio was a 30-year veteran of the Somerville Police Department.

According to reports, an 18-year-old motorist, Michael Ricci, 18, of Burlington, was racing on the opposite side of Rte.

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# **Somerville Overcoming Addiction Fourth Annual Vigil**

### By Rob Carter

Firefighter Thomas Ross stood next to a large silver bell outside of the East Somerville Community School Saturday night. As community members stood at a podium nearby and read off a list of names, Ross punctuated each one with a toll of the bell.

The names were those of community members who have died because of opioid abuse. Ross rang the bell 259 times.

"We need to talk about what's happening in our state," Joann Bocca-Rivieccio a moderator at the Somerville Overcoming Addiction Fourth Annual Vigil said.

Over 1,700 people died in Massachusetts due to drug overdoses in 2015 the most recent year for which the Center for Disease Control has data available. Organizers said they started the vigil four years ago to celebrate the lives of those 1,700 people.

Before the reading of the Co

The Somerville Overcoming Addiction Fourth Annual Vigil took place at the East Somerville Community Continued on page 8 School last Saturday evening. — Photo by Donald Norton

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No date has been set yet for the debate. It appears it's a little difficult to work out scheduling between the candidates Mayor Joe Curtatone, his opponent Peyton Corbett, moderator Jon Keller and producer Joe Lynch. As soon as we hear of a date, we'll post a notice on our website. The Somerville Media Center/SCATV is working hard to get this debate going.

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Coming up later this month, on October 17, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Mt. Vernon Restaurant, candidate for Ward 1 Alderman Elio LoRusso will be having a campaign rally of sorts.

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Meanwhile, on the same night over in Medford, City Councilor Adam Knight is having a get-together as well to rally his supporters for the upcoming City Council election on November 7. We over here remember Adam when he worked for the now departed Sen. Charlie Shannon.

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There was a good size crowd – 80 to 100 people – at Ward 3 Alderman Bob McWatters' rally last week at Sally O'Brien's. He was there surrounded by many of his family and friends, and introduced by former Mayor Dorothy Kelly Gay. Liam, the owner of Sally's, always puts out a nice spread.

Check out www.ocpf.us and plug in a name to find out who and how local politicians stand in fundraising. We're looking it over and seeing who contributes to whom. Remember, it's not illegal to accept money from special interests, including developers, lawyers or unions of any kind.

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Happy birthdays this week to the following: Big happy birthday to the matriarch of **Victor's Deli, Rosa Moccia** is celebrating this week. What a nice lady, always smiling. It's her recipes that made the deli famous. We hope that she has a great birthday. Happy birthday to **Kevin Shackleford**. We hope he has a great day. Happy birthday also to **Mike Berry**, who grew up here in Winter Hill, now in FLA and doing well. We wish him a very good birthday. Happy birthday to a good guy, well known here in the city, **Steve Hardy** is celebrating. We hope he has a great day for himself.

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# TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

# Response to: City considers establishing AirBnb apartments task force

Matt C says:

Why would we be trying to do this on our own, as a city, we should be working to be part of any state initiative on how to monitor and manage. Trying to do it on our own is not going to be effective long term.

If nothing else partner with the city of Cambridge (all the while imagining that we have the same kind of tax base and budge flexibility they they have and we most certainly don't).

### joe says:

I haven't heard a good argument for laws against AirBnB and the like. The two arguments seem to be "It's an unregulated hotel" (well, no it's not a hotel actually, and why should it be regulated?) and "It's driving up rent" (evidence is weak, but even if true how this would imply it's just to tell an owner what to do with his/her property.). Moreover these arguments seem to be made mainly be people with skin in the game (hotel lobbyists and renters).

I'm in favor of letting the market be. As long as these owners are paying tax on the income and taking responsibility for enforcement of noise/trash ordinances etc, then I don't see a problem.

### Suzie says:

I don't think we need a task force, or some meetings, which will only drag out our ability to reach a solution. I'm very tired of not being able to find parking on my quiet street, with cars out of state plates parking for sometimes close to a week, cars I've never seen before coming and going for days at a time, and different people coming and going constantly from specific homes. I also don't think it matters if the unit is owner-occupied, they should be regulated, publicized, and taxed as lodging houses/hotels. We already know they are breaking existing law in the city, and they are also abusing residential guest passes, which other businesses get by paying a premium price, and legitimate residents are paying dearly for. Unfortunately it may not be as easy as it seems to find them, unless AirBnB is willing to help. Until you actually agree to rent a property you are not given the actual address of the property. You are only given the area in which it is. Perhaps a hotline where residents can phone in addresses they think might have been turned into rental units?

### Matt says:

Joe, I am not a renter, but a homeowner of a two-family. I charge less than market rate for my apartment, yet receive no consideration, no perks, no breaks. Yet people all over the city are running illegal hotels (yes, hotels. "...an establishment that provides lodging and usually meals, entertainment, and various personal services for the public :inn". I get your argument about doing what you want with your property, but there are lots of limits on that. I can't sell used cars from my driveway without a license, I can't set up a beauty shop for the public in my house without a license, etc. How do we know they are paying tax on the income? And many are not accountable to trash, noise, and parking ordinances. If they're going to do it they just need to do it legally, their neighbors need to be aware of it, and they need to pay the appropriate fees for their business.

### CAP says:

The individuals who offer up a spare room to the occasional traveler provide a great and useful service. Then there are the people who exploit the system and create rooming house businesses for themselves out of the same model. (And if you have ever shopped for AirBnB rooms somewhere, you know it can be pretty easy to tell who is who.)

There should be a way to discourage the de facto hotels, without harming the original good intent of the concept. Being unkind to the visitors or the person with the spare room is not the answer, it's regulating the profiteers who exploit the model.

### Old Taxpayer says:

There is not good intent for the airbib service. It's no different than Uber and taxi service. One has to pay all the fees and regulations and have the higher costs while the other providing the same service does not have to. You are not letting businesses work on a level playing field and that is very wrong.

Log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com to leave your own comments



# **City Election 2017: Ward Alderman**

On Tuesday, November 7, 2017, Somerville voters will cast their ballots in a City Election for the offices of Mayor of Somerville, various Board of Aldermen members, and School Committee Members in Wards 1 and 2. This week, the Somerville Times asked each of the qualified candidates for Alderman to describe why they would be the best choice for the office they are running for and what specific policies they would advocate or implement in that position, along with a bio if they choose to include one. Their responses are presented here in alphabetical order based on their last names, ward by ward.

# For the Office of Ward 1 Alderman:



### **Elio LoRusso**

As a life-long resident of East Somerville, I have a true and unwavering sense of appreciation and loyalty to this city and my fellow residents. Growing up here, I watched my parents, both immigrants seeking new opportunities in America, realize their potential in Somerville as small business owners. My father's company, Somerville Ornamental Iron Work, opened in 1969 and is still thriving at its original East Somerville location.

I attended and graduated from three great schools in the area: Little Flower School in East Somerville, Malden Catholic High School and Suffolk University. After earning my B.A. in Crim-

inal Justice from Suffolk University, I entered into the family business with my father and today I successfully run the nine-person company.

Living, working and raising our daughter, Mariagabriella here, my wife, Juscelia and I had the privilege of watching our neighborhoods and city rapidly evolve. As we grow as a city, our constituent services must grow, as well. So many issues simply must be addressed: smart economic development, affordable housing, rodents, public safety, elder services, traffic and veteran care to name a few. I have the management experience, analytical mind and integrity necessary to fight for the best interests of each and every resident.

I know that it is the people who live in this city who make it so special. You deserve an Alderman who will represent you and your best interests. You deserve an Alderman who will work tirelessly to make Somerville the best place to live, work and raise a family.

As your Alderman, I will deliver a transparent, inclusive and effective government for all because I love this city and I love Ward 1.

It would be an honor and a privilege to receive your vote on election day!

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Economic Development - Hold Developers Feet to the Fire to Abide by All City Ordinances and Zoning Regulations

Affordable Housing- Prioritize Somerville Residents for Available Units



### **Matt McLaughlin**

I am a fourth generation Somerville resident, Iraq War veteran, labor activist, youth advocate, community organizer and Ward 1 Alderman.

This election is about actions, not words. There are many issues that residents want addressed: economic development, affordable housing, rodents, public safety, elder services, traffic and veteran care. I am only the candidate with a proven track record on these issues.

I assisted small businesses in zoning for building expansion and permitting for liquor licenses, outdoor seating, new signage and more. I helped pass 20 percent affordable housing, the highest percentage in the state. I Continued on page 5

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# By Jim Clark

# Wild street chase ends in arrest

While assigned to the Police Department's Gang Unit last week, a group of Somerville police officers took notice of two males who were known to them at a Glen St. location.

On the previous day, officers spoke with one of the men and offered him services with the Roca organization in Chelsea.

The officers reportedly believed there was a warrant for that other man, Jamal Escobar, of Everett. A check confirmed there was an active warrant out for his arrest.

As soon as they observed the officers, the two men immediately reversed direction and turned left onto Pearl St. They turned left onto Rush St. and ran into a backyard. They were in the backyards between Flint St. and Rush St. Arriving units were advised of the location and the men they were attempting to locate.

One of the officers spotted

them in a backyard between Rush St. and Cross St. Escobar was ordered to stop, but he reportedly refused to do so and they both fled through a backyard onto Cross St.

They ran across Cross St. onto Randolph Place. As they ran down the street, they attempted to gain access to a backyard that would have provided them access to Pearl St. Due to the gate having a deadbolt, they were unable to open the lock. Again, one of the officers ordered Escobar to stop, saying, "Stop running, you're under arrest." Escobar ignored the verbal order, according to reports, and ran into the alley to the left of the locked gate.

the alley onto Pearl Street, while another ran down Cross Street towards Randolph Place.

One officer gave chase down

As one officer arrived at Randolph Place, Escobar reportedly exited the alley with another officer close behind and clipped the left side of his body off a parked car as he cleared the sidewalk and began running west on Pearl Street.

One of the officers eventually took Escobar to the ground, and after a brief struggle he was handcuffed.

Escobar was subsequently place under arrest on a charge of resisting arrest and on a warrant charge of threat to commit a crime.

# SOMERVILLE POLICE GRIME LOG

### **Arrests**:

Daniel Sama, of 240 Albany St., Cambridge, October 2, 4:56 p.m., arrested at Somerville Ave. on warrant charges of disorderly conduct and trespassing.

Jill Koerber, October 2, 8:14 p.m., arrested at Highland Ave. on warrant charges of threat to commit a crime, operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor 2nd offense, and

aggravated assault and battery.

Joseph Donahue, of 99 Dartmouth St., Everett, October 3, 3:05 p.m., arrested at Artisan Way on a warrant charge of assault with a dangerous weapon.

Thomas Anderson, of 240 Somerset Ave., Taunton, October 3, 3:05 p.m., arrested at Artisan Way on warrant charges of possession of a burglarious instrument, attempt to commit a crime, and disorderly conduct.

Jamal Escobar, of 99 Dartmouth St., Everett, October 4, 8:23 p.m., arrested at Pearl St. on charges of resisting arrest and on a warrant charge of threat to commit a crime.

Leopoldo Holanda, of 17 Hanson Rd., Newton, October 5, 8:04 a.m., arrested at Washington St. on warrant charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and threat to commit a crime.

Tiyahna Augustus, of 25 Everlyn Ave., Medford, October 5, 10:04 a.m., arrested at Washington St. on warrant charges of uninsured motor vehicle or trailer and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended registration.

Raymond Rivera, of 240 Albany, Cambridge, October 5, 3:42 p.m., arrested at Cross St. on a warrant charge of possession of a class B drug.

Nicholas Almeida, of 20C Memorial Rd., October 5, 5:31 p.m., arrested at home on warrant charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and assault and battery on a person over 60 or disabled.

Victor Rodriguez, of 175 Boston St., Lynn, October 5, 5:45 p.m., arrested at Fellsway West on a charge of disorderly conduct.

# Somerville police officer killed in N.H. crash CONT. FROM PG 1

1-95 when he lost control and crossed over to the other side of the highway, hitting Remigio, who was was riding his motorcycle. Other cars became involved as a result of the crash. Authorities reported that a total of three people were hospitalized after the accident.

Police said that Ricci may have been racing with another vehicle at the time of the accident.

Traffic on the roadway was reportedly backed up for several hours after the crash.

Ricci was released on \$10,000 bail on Monday and will be arraigned on October 20. However, he was arrested on Tuesday after making bail on an outstanding warrant.

The following statement regarding the passing of Officer Remigio was issued by The City of Somerville/Somerville Police Department following his passing on Monday:

It is with extreme sadness that we announce the death of our brother, Officer Louis Remigio. On Monday night, October 9, Officer Remigio succumbed to injuries sustained while involved in a motor vehicle accident on I-95 in North Hampton, New Hampshire, on Sunday, October 8.

Officer Remigio was a 30-year veteran of the Somerville Police Department, having joined the department in March 1988. Most recently, he served in the department's Traffic Unit. Over his 30-year tenure, Officer Remigio received multiple awards for service to the community, including two Life Saving Awards, a Meritorious Service Award, a Beyond the Call of Duty Award, and numerous commendations both by his colleagues and by community members.

"Louie was a first class human being and exactly the kind of police officer you want serving your community; he was tough yet kind, empathetic, and fair. As a Chief, you always want to see that any interaction your officers have with community members are changing people's lives for the better, and Officer Remigio embodied that one

thousand percent," said Chief of Police David Fallon. "Louie was a very important part of this department, and I cannot begin to express what his loss will mean not only to each of us in the Somerville Police Department, but to the Somerville community. My heart and my prayers are with his family during this time of unimaginable loss."

"Officer Remigio was not only one of the most dedicated officers, but he was a well-respected and well-loved member of our city," said Mayor Joseph Curtatone. "Whether responding to an emergency, conducting his daily duties, or assisting with one community event or another, Lou met each person with compassion, with a smile, and he was known for going the extra mile to keep our residents safe. His loss will be immeasurable in the Somerville Police Department, and today we grieve as a community for Officer Remigio, for his family, and for his brothers and sisters in the Somerville Police Department."

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## City Election 2017: Ward Aldermen CONT. FROM PG 3

successfully advocated for rodent birth control and personally go door to door to promote the rodent control program that offers free bait and inspections to homeowners.

I am on the public health committee and successfully advocated for first responders to carry the lifesaving overdose medicine Narcan, which has saved hundreds of lives. I also successfully advocated for criminal justice reform to prioritize treatment over incarceration.

I work closely with the police to promote youth dialogs and interaction with the community. I pay house visits to seniors and work with the city's social workers to address housing and health issues.

I am spearheading the Neighborways traffic-calming program, successfully advocated for new crosswalks and stoplights like on the Kensington underpass to Assembly Row and persistently advocate for sound barriers on I-93. I am a veteran and chair of veteran services. I helped select and work closely with our veteran service officer. I successfully promoted Veterans hiring in Union Square development and testified at the state house for paid family leave for veterans.

I have accomplished much in the last four years, but there is still more that needs to be done. We need sound barriers along I93 to help mitigate air as well as noise pollution. We need to address increased traffic burden from Assembly Row and the Wynn Casino.

We need charter reform to limit the absolute power of our strong mayoral sys-

tem. We need to continue to serve those who feel most disenfranchised an make their voice heard at City Hall.

I am a proven leader whose actions match my words. You don't have to question what I will do because I have already demonstrated my commitment to this city I love. I humbly request your support on November 7.

# For the Office of Ward 2 Alderman:



### **Maryann Heuston**

I am a Somerville girl, a lifelong resident of Somerville. I grew up in a working class family, attended U-Mass and received a Masters Degree in Sociology from BU. I have an extensive career in healthcare and currently serve as Senior Director at the Cambridge Health Alliance. I am also the chair of the Ward 2 Democratic Committee, and, for the past 16 years, I have been honored to serve as the Ward 2 Alderman. When I first ran for office, I was driven by commitment to community and the city I

grew up in. I still am in every way.

With a focus on quality of life, I took on some significant challenges, fighting for open space and addressing flooding and rodent problems. As the City continues to grow, it is important to me that we preserve the heart and soul of our community, what makes Somerville - Somerville. That's why I have voted to increase inclusionary housing to 20% for new development, voted for 35% tax relief for residential property owners, supported the establishment of the Affordable Housing Trust fund, funding for jobs training, fought for the removal of the Waste Transfer station at Brickbottom, new traffic calming measures, and repurposing old commercial buildings like Ames Envelope into new startups.

Areas I will continue to focus on: Affordability

I believe in exploring all options to make sure our residents aren't priced out of their homes. This includes implementing a right of first refusal, implementing a transfer fee, setting aside an inclusionary percentage of new retail space for local businesses, promoting workforce housing. And to get to the root of the problem, we must promote commercial development to ease the tax burden on residential property owners.

Better Access, Better Notification, and Better Enforcement

I have pushed for more timely updates on the City website for construction projects and will insist on better ways to communicate with residents. I have already asked for a comprehensive mobility plan for Ward 2, including the creation of a Pedestrian Safety Committee. The city has many tools to make our streets safer, but I will make sure that their changes are built off of residents' feedback and knowledge.

Protecting Neighborhoods

Through adoption of a new city-wide zoning overhaul, we can take the decisions of how our neighborhoods look and feel and put them in the hands of our residents and communities and not in the hands of developers. Current zoning is especially detrimental to neighborhoods. The zoning overhaul must remediate that problem.

Building a Strong Somerville

I believe in a back to basics approach to vice-chair of Union Square Neighbors. the City budget and those departments 
I've helped write the Continued on page 7

that deliver important basic services. For me, that means that there is adequate support for departments such as Fire, Police and DPW, good wages, adequate staffing, equipment, and resources. The location of Police and Fire in Union Square is a priority for me and I will make sure that both are located to serve Union Square and the surrounding neighborhoods.

Throughout my career, I have always seen it as my job to translate the concerns and challenges of my constituents into sensible, tailored solutions. We are a popular City; everyone wants to live here, and that is fueled by a major population shift in this country to urban areas. With this shift and popularity, the City can benefit from change, but change can be difficult and dangerous if not well managed. I understand how it can affect each of you in your daily lives and will continue to make sure that this change works for you.



### **JT Scott**

My name is JT Scott, and I'm running for Alderman here in Ward Two. I run a business in Union Square and live in the purple house on Washington Street where I raise my two year old daughter, Independence, with my partner Chandra.

I'm running on a platform that focuses on Affordability, Transparency, and Accountability in the city of Somerville.

I've been in the area a long time. After working here for over a decade in semiconductors, I changed careers and started a gym in Union Square back in 2011. Somerville is the perfect place for it, and Chandra and I had fallen in love with Union Square. There's nowhere else we would rather live, work, and raise a family.

I'm committed to Somerville and Ward 2. From the start I've been involved in my community, joining Union Square Main Streets, Union United, and serving as vice-chair of Union Square Neighbors. I've helped write the Continued on page 7





Jack Connolly has served the City of Somerville previously as a Ward Alderman (Ward Six), and now as an Alderman at Large for over thirty years: the only candidate with that dual distinction of experience and service to Somerville. He has helped Somerville to evolve into the accessible city that it is today through his work with the MBTA Red Line reconstruction, opening of the Orange Line Assembly Square and the most recent, Green Line Extension.



His next accomplishment? Allowing young adults the opportunity to start their lives here in Somerville alongside the working families that have called this city "home" for years past. Together working with YOU, we can improve the amount of affordable housing to make Somerville truly a place to call home for all – including new, future, and long-time loyal residents of the City of Somerville.



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# **Beacon Hill Roll Call**



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THE HOUSE AND SENATE: Beacon Hill Roll Call records local representatives' and senators' votes on several of the roll calls on overriding some of Gov. Charlie Baker's cuts of \$320 million in spending in the \$39.4 billion fiscal 2018 state budget. A two-thirds vote in both branches is needed for a veto to be overridden. The House has restored the entire \$320 million and the Senate has restored \$39.8 million and is expected to override many other vetoes in the coming weeks.

House and Senate Democratic leaders say the budget is balanced and that it was necessary and fiscally responsible to override Baker's cuts that would hurt many people including the sick, seniors, children and minorities.

The governor and GOP leaders question if the state can afford to restore this funding. Some Republicans said that because of this uncertainty they voted to sustain all of Gov. Baker's vetoes, even though it meant voting against restoring funding for many good programs they would otherwise have supported.

# CUT \$302,500 FOR TOBACCO TASK FORCE (H 3800)

House 125-28, overrode a reduction of \$150,000 for programs for the promotion of health and disease prevention including prevention of breast cancer, hepatitis C and colorectal cancer; and screening for prostate cancer, diabetes, ovarian cancer, multiple sclerosis and osteoporosis. The \$150,000 is not earmarked for any specific program.

The governor also vetoed another \$400,000 for specific programs including \$100,000 for macular degeneration research into prevention and treatment of the disease; \$100,000 for providing medically tailored meals to persons battling chronic illnesses and providing workforce training programs to people recovering from addiction; \$25,000 for a diabetes prevention program; \$25,000 for a program that provides peer support and education, home independence training and adaptive aids to people who are learning to cope and function safely and independently with the loss of sight; and \$100,000 for research to provide solid scientific evidence for the cranberry's role in health and nutrition.

(A "Yes" vote is for funding the \$550,000. A "No" vote is against funding it.)

Rep. Christine Barber Yes Rep. Mike Connolly Yes Rep. Denise Provost Yes

### CUT \$300,000 FOR SNAP (H 3800)

House 125-27, Senate 37-0, overrode a reduction of \$300,000 (from \$600,000 to \$300,000) for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), also known as food stamps. The state's website describes SNAP as "providing a monthly benefit to buy nutritious foods. To receive SNAP, you must be low income and be a U.S. citizen or legal non-citizen. Eligibility for SNAP benefits depends on financial and non-financial criteria."

(A "Yes" vote is for funding the \$300,000. A "No" vote is against funding it.)

Rep. Christine Barber Yes
Rep. Mike Connolly Yes
Rep. Denise Provost Didn't Vote
Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

### CUT \$6.6 MILLION FOR TRANSITIONAL AS-SISTANCE (H 3800)

House 132-20, Senate 35-2, overrode a reduction of \$6.6 million (from \$162.8 million to \$156.2 million) for the Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) Program. The vote also overrode Gov. Baker's reduction from \$300 to \$250 in the annual clothing allowance for the children in these families.

(A"Yes" vote is for funding the \$6.6 million. A"No" vote is against funding it.)

Rep. Christine Barber Yes
Rep. Mike Connolly Yes
Rep. Denise Provost Didn't Vote
Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

### CUT \$122,274 FOR PRISONER'S LEGAL SER-VICES (H 3800)

House 117-35, overrode a reduction of \$122,274 (from \$1,609,465 to \$1,487,191) in funding for Prisoners' Legal Services, a program that provides legal representation for indigent and disadvantaged defendants.

(A "Yes" vote is for funding the \$122,274. A "No" vote is against funding it.)

Rep. Christine Barber Yes
Rep. Mike Connolly Yes
Rep. Denise Provost Didn't Vote

### CUT ENTIRE \$150,000 FOR JOB TRAINING FOR YOUNG ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES (H 3800)

House 136-16, overrode the veto of the entire \$150,000 for an employment training program for unemployed young adults with disabilities.

(A "Yes" vote is for funding the \$150,000. A "No" vote is against funding it.)

Rep. Christine Barber Yes
Rep. Mike Connolly Yes
Rep. Denise Provost Didn't Vote

### CUT \$303,734 FOR CHELSEA SOLDIERS' HOME (H 3800)

Senate 37-0, overrode a reduction of \$303,734 (from \$27,210,690 to 26,906,956) in funding for the maintenance and operation of the Chelsea Soldier's Home, a Bay State VA Hospital serving veterans.

(A "Yes" vote is for funding the \$303,734. A "No" vote is against funding it.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

# CUT ENTIRE \$50,000 FOR POST-PARTUM DEPRESSION (H 3800)

Senate 37-0, overrode the veto of the entire \$50,000 for a post-partum depression pilot program.

(A "Yes" vote is for funding the \$50,000. A "No" is against funding it.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

### ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

PROTECT STATE AND LOCAL PUBLIC EM-PLOYEES (S 2167) - The Senate approved and sent to the House a bill that provides all state and municipal workers with the same protections provided to private workers under the federal Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA).

Supporters said an average of 28 municipal workers per week suffer injuries serious enough to be out of work for five days or more. They noted this protection would cover hundreds of thousands of state and local public workers who perform jobs that are sometimes just as dangerous as private sector ones.

CONSUMER LEGISLATION HEARD LAST WEEK - The Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee held a hearing on several bills including:

POSTING GAS PRICES (H 166) - Requires gas stations which post large signs with the price of gasoline to include both the price if paid by credit card and the price if paid by cash. The prices must be in the same size lettering.

Supporters said some stations are very misleading because they post only the cash price. They note it's not until consumers pull onto the property and up to the pump that they see two sets of pricing per gallon - based on paying with cash or credit card, with up to a 10-cent-per-gallon differential.

BANKS MUST PAY LATE FEES (H 504) - Requires a bank to pay the late fees if it neglects to conduct an electronic transfer for a customer who is later charged a late fee by the intended recipient of the transfer.

### HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION?

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

During the week of October 2-6, the House met for a total of five hours and 13 minutes and Senate met for a total of two hours and 52 minutes.

Mon. October 2 House 11:04 a.m. to 11:12 a.m. Senate 11:06 a.m. to 11:16 a.m.

Tues. October 3 No House session
No Senate session

Wed. October 4 House 11:01 a.m. to 3:58 p.m. Senate 1:07 p.m. to 3:37 p.m.

Thurs. October 5 House 2:00 p.m. to 2:08 p.m. Senate 11:04 a.m. to 11:16 a.m.

Fri. October 6 No House session

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

No Senate session

## City Election 2017: Ward Aldermen CONT. FROM PG 5

bylaws for the new Union Square Neighborhood Council, because I believe we need the people of Union Square to have a seat at the table when negotiating the path of development there.

In the past 15 years, we've seen it become increasingly hard to stay in Somerville, and repeated failures of transparency from our city government. We need to do better.

Transparency: When it comes to snow emergencies, the city deploys a state-of-the-art system to notify residents. But when it comes to clear-cutting every tree on Beacon Street or zoning a 27-story tower of luxury apartments in the heart of Union Square we only hear silence. I propose neighborhood meetings that invite every resident within 500 feet of any proposed zoning or infrastructure change to give you a chance to provide your input.

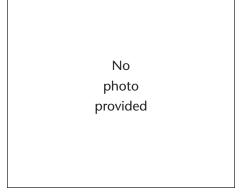
Affordability: Whether you own or rent, you are feeling the squeeze. I've talked to older residents on fixed incomes being forced out of their homes by rising property taxes and utilities. I've talked to renters who are forced to move every year by rising rents and doubt they'll ever be able to afford to buy. We need bold solutions to tackle the housing crisis, and you can read more on my website about my policy proposals - like a benevolent landlord tax credit to reward homeowners who rent below market rate, as well as a Right of First Refusal law and establishment of a Community Land Trust in Somerville.

Accountability: You should have easy and frequent access to your Alderman. I live and work in Union Square. I will hold frequent office hours and return your phone calls. Above all, I believe that holding political office is a public service, not a career. I'm not accepting any contributions from real estate developers — not because they're bad people, but because I believe your alderman should only work for you. Your voice as a resident of Somerville should help define how Somerville evolves, and then the city can find developers who will fit into that vision.

I want to hear from you because it's going to take all of us working together to get the outcomes that serve us best. Call me anytime at (857) 615-1532, or send an email to JTforWard2@gmail.com.

We can do better. This year, you have a choice at the ballot box and I hope you'll support me so we can bring bold new ideas to tackle these issues and make Somerville a place where we can all live, work, and play. I'm JT Scott, and I'm asking for your vote on November 7 to change the way our city government works.

# For the Office of Ward 3 Alderman:



### **Ben Ewen-Campen**

The candidate chose not to participate.



### **Bob McWatters**

"Listen. Take action. Accept responsibility." Those three things – in that order – are the keys to being a successful leader and an elected official. And those are the benchmarks by which I ask the voters of Ward 3 to judge me as I ask for their votes.

Listening: I'm proud of my record for being accessible and responsive to everyone in our community. As a lifelong resident of Ward 3, I know that my neighbors are wise, passionate, and full of good ideas about how to keep our community thriving. But being a committed listener is ultimately about acting on what you have heard. It's why I am passionate about constituent services—making sure that all of the resources and services of city government are available and working for every resident.

Taking Action: To be a successful alderman, you can't just talk a good game; you have to work with other officials to make things happen. On the big issues facing Ward 3—and our entire city—I have spent the past four years focusing on concrete, practical steps that we can take to build a better present and a truly sustainable future:

• On housing and development, I pushed hard for increasing the inclusionary affordable housing requirement from 12.5% to 20% for major developments, and fought for openness and transpar-

ency in the Union Square zoning and redevelopment process. We've won some major battles but the fight continues as we work to make sure development truly benefits the community.

- On economic development, I led the push to make sure new development in Union Square includes commercial space that will bring jobs and expand our tax base.
- On environmental policy, I was at the forefront of the effort to ensure that Somerville banned Styrofoam and plastic shopping bags—and I was the leading advocate in the successful establishment of a full-time arborist to protect the City's vital green canopy.
- On public education, I didn't just support a new high school; I went out and campaigned hard for the ballot initiative to approve the necessary funding.
- On equality and civil rights, I acted to provide essential protections for the LGBTQ community, including the addition of gender identity to Somerville's anti-discrimination ordinance.
- On jobs and workforce development, I was a successful advocate for a development linkage fee to encourage and support local job training.
- And on improving the city's approach to traffic safety, I admit that I'm more than a little proud that the traffic-calming measures and "Neighborways" initiatives that we promoted here in Ward 3 have become a citywide model for pedestrian, motor vehicle, and cycling safety.

Accepting Responsibility: After four years as Ward 3 Alderman, I have an extensive record of listening and taking action. That's what leaders do. As always, I'm ready to be held accountable—not only for my beliefs but for my results. My opponent, on the other hand, has been largely absent on the big issues facing our community over the last four years.

There's much more for us to do: to promote greater access to home ownership for working families; to protect and expand housing resources for seniors so that they can afford to live in the city they've helped to build; to protect and expand our green space; to implement traffic calming that will make our streets safe for all users; and to create long-term growth in municipal revenues so that we can deliver the city programs and services that improve our shared quality of life.

I look forward to continuing to work with all of my neighbors to meet these and other challenges that lie ahead.

# For the Office of Ward 4 Alderman:



**Omar Boukili** 

Describe why you would be the best choice for the office you are running for:

+ Both my personal and professional backgrounds set me apart.

In 2002, I moved to the United States from Casablanca, Morocco, as a young adult. Building my life from nothing has taught me that hard work, tenacity and believing in oneself are what pay off. However, I would not have been able to move forward and make a better life for my family and myself without the proper tools. I believe that government is a crucial player in providing tools that allow people to live up to their potential. From education to fair housing policies and local business-friendly regulations, government can be a catalyst for success for everyone.

Professionally, I have worked for think tanks, non-profits and local government. I worked as a policy advisor, both when I was an aide to Mayor Curtatone in Somerville and as Revere's Chief Administrative Officer and advisor to Mayor Arrigo. I intimately understand the complexities of city government from policy, legislative and operational standpoints. Moreover, I do not believe in "one-size-fits-all" solutions; as a habit, I shy away from taking ideological or binary stances when it comes to complex problems. Being innovative, pragmatic and collaborative is what will allow us to address the thorny challenges facing our neighborhoods.

Starting out as an immigrant in this country and my professional experience make me the best candidate for ward 4. The ability to translate ALL residents' wants and wishes into actionable and practical results that enhance and strengthen our neighborhood is what I look to bring to the Board of Aldermen.

What specific policies you would advocate or implement in that position:

- If elected, my top priority would be to work with the Board of Aldermen and the Mayor to immediately increase our homeowner occupied residential tax exemption from 35% to 40%.
- I would also make sure that we are able to pass a new zoning code that strengthens our neighborhoods, fosters innovation, incentivizes mixed-income and family-size housing and maximizes green space as well as energy efficiency. This is really crucial to our city's future and organic, sustainable growth.
- Another one of my priorities is to activate the blighted Star Market site and work with ward 4 residents to turn it into a project that provides for mixed housing, open space and the neighborhood amenities we need. That property has been a detriment to Winter Hill for a decade and it's time to let the ownership know that it's time to move or move on.
- I will work with the city's transportation staff and neighbors to create and implement a ward 4-specific traffic calming plan. My experience has taught me that small incremental changes can have huge positive effects in our neighborhoods, especially around playgrounds and school zones.

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## City Election 2017: Ward Aldermen CONT. FROM PG 7



### **Jesse Clingan**

I grew up on Winter Hill and attended the Somerville public schools. I am well known in the community for being a leader around issues such as workers' rights, affordable housing, the opiate crisis, and many other important issues. I have been out knocking doors since March, building a strong campaign around community-led development, transparency in government, and improving the quality of life for people in Ward 4. I'm hoping to build a stronger more connected

Ward 4 community.

I live in Ten Hills with my wife Michele and our ten-year-old daughter Allie, who is enrolled in the Somerville public schools.

I have a deep passion for helping people and the drive to get things done. I understand the challenges we face living in Somerville and I feel it's important to bring everybody to the table. I want to elevate the voices of the often unheard.

I feel it's important for an elected official to be independent. This is key to establishing trust with constituents. As Alderman, I will be beholden to no one other than the voters of Ward 4. Having never worked in city hall, I'm entering into politics from the outside. I will be going up to city hall to stand up for what I believe is right and looking out for the interests of my constituency. I believe I'm the best choice for Ward 4 Alderman is because I've been out and active in the community for so many years. I've been making a difference volunteering

thousands of hours to improve lives. I'm a proven community leader – someone who can bring the community together to solve problems that affect us all. I will work together with the people of Ward 4 to build a Winter Hill that works for us all. I have also taken a pledge to not accept money from developers.

First and foremost, I will be responsive when it comes to constituent services. I will work hard for the people of Ward 4 making sure that requests or concerns are addressed quickly and efficiently for everyone.

I will advocate for the development of the old Star Market site. Whether the owner decides to sell or if the city moves to seize the property, it's important that any development at that site be community-led development. We will have to live with whatever gets built for a very long time, I think we should use our collective voice and advocate for development that will benefit our community.

I'm also focused on reconnecting the

neighborhoods of Winter Hill, Ten Hills, East Somerville, and Assembly Row by pushing the state and other potential stakeholders to reclaim the space under route 93, making it safer and a much more enjoyable experience getting from one area to another.

I will also advocate for more affordable housing. While the BOA has set the 20% inclusionary housing requirement, I think we could go further. I'd be in favor of increasing the percentage to 25%. I'm also looking at benevolent landlord programs to incentivize keeping rents below market rates. Affordable housing is a top priority of mine. We must explore all options if we are serious about keeping Somerville economically diverse.

I have met hundreds of residents while out knocking doors and attending community meetings and events. I look forward to speaking with those of you whom I haven't met yet between now and November 7th. I hope to earn your vote. Thank you.

# Somerville Overcoming Addiction Fourth Annual Vigil CONT. FROM PG 1

names, Somerville Overcoming Addiction invited two mothers whose children died after opioid overdoses to share their story.

"Steve's addiction started – as many of your loved ones' probably did – with a doctor," Debbie Deagle, one of the mothers began.

Deagle's son became addicted to opioids after he was prescribed painkillers following surgery for impacted wisdom teeth.

Before his addiction, Deagle said he was a bright and happy

kid. After she said he would often call her in tears saying "Mom, I just want to be normal again."

Deagle said her son went through multiple detox treatments, but never managed to remain sober. He died after an overdose on Jan. 8, 2015.

"I feel like I died the day my son died," Deagle said. "We need help from the legislature. We need more than just talking."

Jeanmarie McCauley, who took the podium with her daughter, has three sons who died after overdoses.

"Like any mother, I tried to save my boys," McCauley said.

But after taking one of her sons to somewhere between 25 and 50 detox centers, she still wasn't seeing results.

"5 to 7 days is not enough time to get better," McCauley said.

In a last-ditch effort, she sent him to a rehabilitation clinic in Florida, but he was never able to recover from his addiction. Hoping to be able to at least keep him alive, McCauley began carrying Narcan, a drug which can be used to treat a narcotic overdose.

"I carried Narcan on me all the time," McCauley said. "I carried it in my car. I carried it in my purse."

And McCauley used it to revive her sons multiple times. Eventually though, each overdosed in a situation where she couldn't be there to rescue them.

By the end of the process, she said "I had no money to bury any of my children."

McCauley was only able to afford services for her children thanks to support from the community, she said.

Addressing the crowd, many of whom had loved ones die because of substance abuse disorders or struggled with addiction themselves, McCauley urged them to help destigmatize addiction.

"It's OK to let people know you're sober," McCauley said. "It's not an embarrassment. It's a miracle."

# Dorothy's Corner

### The Sweeter Side of India

I was introduced to a dessert called magas a couple of weeks ago. A friend came over for a visit and brought a few of these sweet squares to try. I was instantly intrigued by this flavor profile and I asked how they were made. I was lucky enough to have a lesson from my neighbor, Shakuntla Patel, who was kind enough to share this recipe. It's a common dessert of Gujarat in North East India. It has a nutty and buttery flavor and is best described as a fudge that is rich, dense and sweet.

2 Cups of Ghee (clarified

butter), 14 Oz jar, Reserve 1 Teaspoon

2 Cups Chickpea Flour or Gram Flour

1/8 Cup Milk

2 Cups Sugar

1 Teaspoon Cardamom

You will need a 6-quart stock pot and a quarter sheet pan (9"x13") for this recipe. Add the reserved teaspoon of ghee to the sheet pan and grease the bottom and sides of the pan and set aside. Place the ghee into the stockpot along with the chickpea flour, and blend well with a heat resistant spatula.

Over medium heat, while constantly stirring to avoid scorching, stir the mixture until it is smooth and gives off a slightly nutty aroma, about 10 minutes. Bring it

### BY DOROTHY DIMARZO

to a rolling boil and add the milk. Make sure the mixture doesn't boil over. Stir for another minute and take it off the heat and let it sit and cool for 15-20 minutes. Add the sugar and cardamom and stir until well blended. Pour the mixture into the greased pan and let sit at room temperature for about 3-4 hours.

Cut into squares and place into an airtight container. I found by placing the pan in the refrigerator for about 15 minutes made them easier to cut and remove from the pan. These little treasures will hold for weeks in an airtight container stored at room temperature. That is if they last that long.

The chickpea/gram flour and ghee can be found at your local Indian grocery market.



Little India, 438 Somerville Ave., Bombay Market, 359 Somerville Ave., both in Union Sq. and New Delhi Market, 1305 Broadway,

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# Momentum is in the air around Union Square

### By Greg Karczewski President, US2

As we welcome a new season in Somerville, we're witnessing the momentum build around Union Square's revitalization. Union Square Station Associates (US2) spoke at the Somerville Redevelopment Authority meeting last week to offer a look at what progress has been made in the last few months since the zoning and development covenant were approved in June – including a number of community initiatives and some exciting headway on the Green Line Extension (GLX) and other infrastructure work.

Workbar Union, hosted by US2, has been the site of much of these initiatives. From the Somerville Open Studios Art Showing and pop-up craft fairs to the Creative Somerville Series and a Somerville Local First candidate meet and greet, the space has been a hub of activity for the community. Just around

the corner, US2 held a coloring contest for neighborhood kids during this year's Fluff Festival and came away with ideas for the future Union Square neighborhood park.

Three shortlisted design-build teams - GLX Constructors. Green Line Partners and Walsh Barletta Granite, JV - have submitted proposals for the Green Line Extension, meaning design and construction of the long-awaited station will begin in early 2018. The selected contractor will be notified by the end of the year. US2, the City of Somerville and the MBTA have been meeting to finalize construction coordination around the new station in order to further expedite the GLX project becoming a reality.

With the approved zoning and covenant in hand, US2 has been moving forward on the project's Coordinated Development Plan. The process kicked off on September 5 when more than 140 people attended the first neighborhood meeting. They shared feedback on all aspects of the project, from the employment center and community benefits to planned transportation and infrastructure upgrades. The proposed location of a neighborhood park was of particular interest. US2 will host an additional meeting on October 18 to present more information on the park.

forward momentum around the Green Line Extension and the development of Union Square is palpable. Residents have already begun to see the benefits of the City of Somerville's early infrastructure program with the transition to two-way traffic on Prospect and Webster Streets. Construction of the sewer system is anticipated to begin in spring of 2018, and the GLX will follow. It's an exciting time to be a Somervillian, as residents and local businesses work in partnership with the City of Somerville and US2 to actively contribute to the future of the neighborhood.

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One day last week 37 trees were cut down on Beacon Street in relation to the Beacon Street Reconstruction project which is funded and managed by Mass DOT with a contractor chosen through the State low bid process.

I, along with many of my Beacon St Neighbors and friends are shocked and outraged that this has happened. I will continue to send updates as I have them, but here is what I can report so far:

First, my fellow Aldermen and I were never notified or approved of these trees being removed. If we had been, you can bet I would have made sure it did not happen this way.

Second: The City reports that this was not something the Administration was made aware of

either. The Mayor and his staff are continuing to meet with MASS DOT to figure out what happened.

I promise to get to the bottom of this. This is not the way residents should be treated.

I, along with my fellow Aldermen, have requested a full public accounting from the City and Mass DOT at this week's Board of Aldermen meeting. I will also submit an order asking for a moratorium on the project until we have some answers and also until the City can assign a staff person to monitor this project on a daily basis and provide information and updates to residents in a timely and transpar-

I will also work with my fellow Aldermen to amend our tree ordinance and Continued on page 15

# **LEGAL NOTICE**

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Tuesday, November 7, 2017

Election Department: Somerville City Hall Hours

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**Thursday October 19** 

Spring Hill Rounders grassy Thursdays 7:30 p.m.

Friday October 20 Bucky Bear & The Titanium Hipsters 6 p.m. HearNowLive presents Powerslut, Modern Day Idols, Carissa Johnson

\$10 cover 9 p.m. **Saturday October 21** 

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# You can help today to prepare residents for the jobs of tomorrow



By Joseph A. Curtatone

We're halfway through this season's ResiStat meetings, where in addition to neighborhood updates, we've also been discussing the City's progress toward our community's SomerVision goals around public open space, housing, transportation, development, and job creation. Each of these goals are intertwined and all are important. But today I want to take a closer look at our ambitious job creation goal and all that comes along with making this goal a reality.

Our 20-year comprehensive SomerVision plan calls for 30,000 new jobs to be created in Somerville by 2030, and we've been making progress. Since 2011, just before the SomerVision plan was officially adopted in 2012, we've added 6,273 jobs in Somerville (20.9 percent of

the total goal). When taking into consideration estimated new development and growth, we are on track to produce a total of 31,051 new jobs by 2030, which exceeds the SomerVision goal. It's estimated that these new jobs will provide opportunities to workers at all skill levels across a range of different sectors from computer and mathematical fields to office and administrative support, service and culinary, and social sciences, arts, and media.

But while our current progress toward job creation is solid, we know it takes more than simply creating new jobs to provide residents with true opportunity. We must also make sure we're giving you the tools necessary to seize those opportunities, and we need to understand the current challenges facing the city's jobseekers.

The City's unemployment rate of 2.4 percent remains below the national and regional average, but we must keep in mind that behind that statistic are individual people – our friends, family members, or neighbors – each who are facing the stresses of being out of work. Meanwhile, the unemployment numbers fail to

capture other issues facing our workforce. Underemployment and wage suppression continues to be a problem for some of our residents as well.

The City's workforce development strategies aim to examine, analyze, and address these issues and set Somerville workers up for success by connecting residents to current jobs, supporting the city's most vulnerable job seekers, and preparing residents for the next generation of jobs. We already have robust resources like Somerville High School's own fabrication laboratory and valuable partnerships like those with Somerville Community Corporation, Bunker Hill Community College, the Metro North Regional Employment Board, and the Northeast Advanced Manufacturing Consortium in play helping us to do just that. However, with workforce development resources set to increase thanks to jobs linkage payments, we want to take our efforts a step further by creating a first-of-its-kind municipal workforce development strategic plan.

The Workforce Development Strategic Plan will allow us to think locally about how a city like Somerville that's part of a larger metro region can really take responsibility and ownership for its workforce, attract more resources, and create sustainable, effective, and resilient workforce training delivery systems. Like many of the City's other planning processes, you – our residents – will play an integral role in the plan's development.

As I mentioned earlier, we must have a grasp on the challenges facing our city's jobseekers before we can thoughtfully create a plan to address those challenges. We need to know the specific barriers to employment facing our residents. We know for example that of those who are unemployed, 36.9 percent have achieved a bachelor's degree or higher (compared to 57.3 percent of the overall population). But we also need to know are the greatest challenges job training and education, language barriers, the need to build broader professional networks, or the mix of jobs available? Are we creating the right kind of jobs for our workforce? There are many questions to answer.

That's why the work around data collecting for the strategic

plan is already underway. Our consultants from Mt. Auburn Associates and Futureworks have been reaching out to stakeholders to conduct interviews. To learn more about residents' career goals and increase awareness around the varying businesses and skill-building programs throughout Somerville, the City's Economic Development Department recently launched the Villens at Work Scavenger Hunt, which will run until December 1. And soon, we will call upon the community to apply for positions on a new Workforce Development Steering Committee, alongside area experts, to help guide the planning process.

We are still in the early stages of creating our local Workforce Development Strategic Plan, and there are still a lot of unknowns at this point. But we do know it's essential to make sure Somerville residents are prepared to take advantage of opportunities presented to them in the wake of all the development and growth that the City anticipates. That's why we're committed to working with you now to prepare Somerville workers for the jobs of tomorrow.

# In praise of the women of the Board



By William C. Shelton

The United States ranks 78th in the world in women's political representation. This is a shame because evidence is unequivocal that organizations that include women in their leadership produce better outcomes than those that don't.

In the private sector, for example, a Gallup study of 800 business units found that those that were gender-diverse produced significantly better revenue and net profit results. The financial research firm MSCI reports that between 2011 and 2016, U.S. companies with at least three women on their boards had earnings per share 45% higher

than those with none. And the Catalyst organization reports that return on invested capital for companies with the most women directors is 26% higher than those with the least.

We see similar outcomes in the political realm. On average, congresswomen sponsor 3 more bills and cosponsor 26 more bills per term than congressmen. They bring in 9% more money for their districts.

Researchers have offered a series of explanations for these differences. And I see evidence to support all of them in the three women whom Somerville is blessed to have as representatives to our Board of Aldermen. They are Ward 2's Maryann Heuston, Ward 7's Katjana Ballantyne, and Alderman at Large Mary Jo Rossetti.

Reporting on her research in the *Harvard Business Review*, Professor Judy Rosenor found that men are more likely to view leadership as a sequence of transactions with others, while women tend to frame a "web of inclusion" that is circular and inclusive, rather than hierarchical. A corroborating study in the journal *Women & Politics* finds that in legislative committees "women tend to work in a less hierarchical, more participatory and more collaborative way than male colleagues."

Maryann Heuston agrees. She tells me that women learn early that they have to include a broad variety of interests and considerations. "When you have to be half-awake all night – listening to a baby cry, or worrying if your mother is OK in some healthcare setting, or worrying about your partner's something or other – and at the same time, you have a big job – you have a broader lens. That broad lens means that we tend to see the whole spectrum of a problem."

Katjana Ballnatyne concurs. "A 360-degree view is essential, because good decisions require



The women of the BOA: (L to R) Alderman At-Large Mary Jo Rossetti, Ward 7's Katjana Ballantyne, and Ward 2's Maryann Heuston. — Photo by Emily Thoman

a context of good information." She includes her ward's state legislators and school committee representative in her spring and fall office hours. And no subject is off limits.

Another explanation of women legislators' effectiveness is offered by a friend of mine. She says that men tend to be less comfortable asking questions than women are. Indeed, research has shown that gender-diverse teams tend to produce smarter solutions because they focus on facts and process those facts more effectively.

I first noticed Alderman Heuston's cogent questioning during the 2011 decision to bond Federal Realty's Assembly Square infrastructure. But she, in turn, cites Alderman Rossetti's "astounding Continued on page 17

# COMMENTARY

# SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



HONK! if you love fun, music, and socio-political activism.

# **Our View Of The Times**



It is an undeniable fact that the City of Somerville draws in an unusually large amount of musical talent within its relatively small confines.

Whether it be homegrown or imported, we have at our fingertips an incredibly diverse and nearly exhaustive supply of mellifluous entertainment to keep us amused and amazed as we watch it pass

through our community.

The same goes for commitment to political and social issues. It's natural for the HONK! Festival organizers to choose our community in which to hold this event. Activism thrives here, driven by a long tradition of dialog on important issues of the day and a genuine concern for the betterment of our own community as

well as that of the world at large.

We enjoy gathering together and celebrating life at its fullest and most rewarding, while at the same time coming to terms with vital issues that affect all our lives. And, of course, doing it in a responsible and efficient way is also something that we strive for.

Somerville's got talent. That we know.

And it's got commitment as well. It extends to many forms of expression, both artistic and pragmatic.

In seeking a workable balance of the two, we may yet create a symphony of sorts. One based in harmony and keeping perfect time. After the dust of the busy day settles, we know we've done our part to make it all a bit better.

### Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

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Congratulations to Cheryl Pagierani, who grew up here in Somerville. She was recently named in Billboard Magazine as one of the nation's top Music Talent Agents. Cheryl was ranked in the top 40 under 40 Music Top Young Power Players. She works at United Talent Agency. Cheryl is the daughter of John Pagierani and Nancy Jordan, very proud parents. Cheryl is a smart lady. Anyone who knows her knows she would be successful. She currently lives in LA, CA where she works. Isn't it nice when someone local makes it big? Who knows what music talent she will help to make it big!

Masonic Open House is coming up on Saturday, October 21, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., right here in Somerville. It's one of the oldest Masonic Lodges in existence, since 1783, at 125 Highland Avenue. King Solomon's Lodge AF & AM is still very active and very much alive and doing great. It has a huge amount of historical artifacts dating back to the 17th century, some of which will be on display for anyone to see. Come up the driveway to the rear parking lot. They will answer all the questions about Ma-

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sonry that you may want to ask. Light refreshments will be served. The public is cordially invited.

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Somerville Police Officer Louis Remigio will be waked on Thursday, October 12, at George L. Doherty Funeral Home, 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.) Somerville. Calling Hours are Thursday, 2:00 - 8:00 p.m. A Law Enforcement Walk By will take place at 3:30 p.m. Relatives and friends are invited. The funeral procession will commence from the George L. Doherty Funeral Home Friday morning at 9:30 a.m., followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Clement Church, Somerville at 11:00 a.m. Interment is private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Remigio's memory to Somerville Pop Warner Program, 66 Sycamore St. Somerville, MA 02145.

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We still insist that the Winter Hill Yacht Club needs to clean house of those that have criminal records. Triple and double worth repeating: notify our State Senator Pat Jehlen and both State Representatives Denise Provost and Christine Barber to look into the lease of the Winter Hill Yacht Club for

Criminals. We hear that the club is not at all comfortable with the publicity regarding allowing convicted felons as members. Again, we can't understand why the club who rents from the state that beautiful piece of land - which has a huge fence around it, not to mention a gate to keep out residents - can still occupy the premises. We understood that the lease with DCR states no criminals can be members, or is that the club rules? We get confused sometimes. We also understood that over 90% of the membership doesn't even live here in the city and we know that many from the city have applied but must wait their turn. Maybe they don't have a criminal record, might that be a reason that the club won't open its membership? Just saying. There needs to be an investigation of their membership list and their applications. We raised this question before and we will keep raising it until the club cleans up its act. Don't forget, some of us here used to be "Life Members" until the E board changed the rules. It seems like they always want to change the rules when it suits them. We think it would be good to see DCR revoke the lease and make it a public boat landing for the residents

of our city. We're for opening up the facility for public use by the residents of Somerville.

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The MA Department of Health and Human Services Autism Waiver Program will be holding an Open Application period from October 17 through October 31 for families with children under the age of 9 diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder. The program provides one-to-one interventions and related support services for up to three years. Visit http://www.mass.gov/eo-hhs/provider/licensing/programs/autism-waiver/ to learn more and to obtain an application.

The Ward 4 Resistat meeting takes place on Tuesday, October 17, 6:10 p.m. at Somerville Community Baptist Church, 31 College Ave. ResiStat meetings are your chance to get updates on major projects in the City, find out what's going on in your neighborhood, meet and chat with your neighbors and elected officials, and enjoy refreshments. Each meeting goes from 6:10 to 8:30 p.m. and we serve pizza and other refreshments starting at 6:00 p.m.

# HONK! Festival 2017













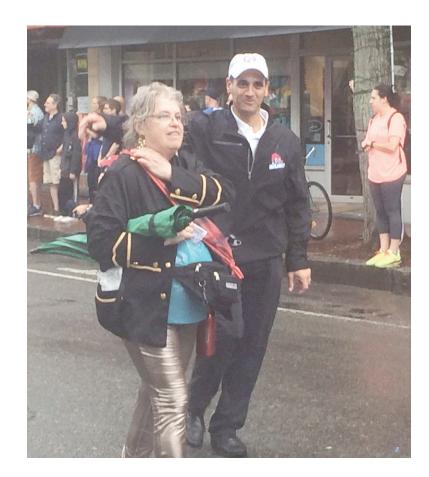


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# HONK! Parade 2017















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# **SPORTS**

# Somerville students take in some Adventure Learning





Last week, Somerville Public School students worked with Waypoint Adventure staff as they take on challenges like ropes courses and climbing walls. Waypoint Adventure, based in Lexington, MA, works with school groups, social service organizations, families and individuals to offer custom designed adventure programs that meet their goals and objectives. – Photos courtesy of Waypoint Adventure

# Ms. Cam's in) A miscellaneous #598 Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous

1. What was the first PEZ candy flavor?

mixture, hodgepodge

- 2. How many PEZ candies are used in the PEZ logo?
- 3. For what film did Anthony Hopkins win an Oscar for Best Actor in a Leading Role?
- 4. The Ramones were avid wearers of what type of shoe?
- 5. What flower is associated with the month of October?
- 6. Who was musician Lenny Kravitz's mother?

- 7. Who invented the word "dictionary"?
- 8. What is the ozone layer?
- 9. What device was formerly known as a clasp locker?
- 10. What search engine started as a research project at Stanford University?
- 11. When did demolition start on the Berlin Wall?
- 12. What is the predominant language spoken in Holland?

Answers on page 23

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# **Free Boys Basketball Clinics** for Grades 4-8

Somerville Recreation is offering FREE Boys Basketball Clinics for grades 4-8, on the following Mondays and Wednesdays. Clinics will be held at the SHS Field House and will be instructed by SHS Boys Basketball staff and Somerville Tradition Basketball staff. Questions? Contact Coach Mark Antonelli at mantonelli@k12.somerville.ma.us.

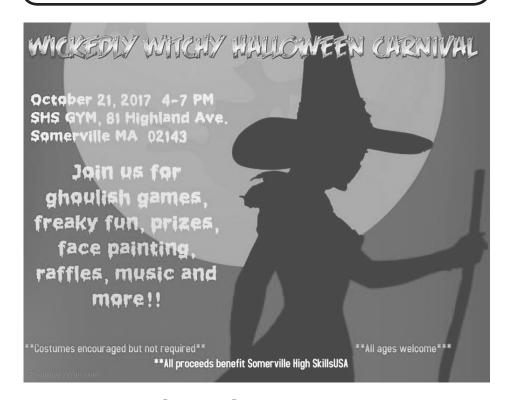
- · Wednesday, October 11, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
  - · Monday, October 16, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- · Wednesday, October 18, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- · Monday, October 23, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- · Wednesday, October 25, 6:30-8:30 p.m.



# **Tufts University 2017 Chili Fest**



On October 4, Tufts University hosted the 2017 Chili Fest with first responders from Medford and Somerville. Tufts students, members of the Tufts University Department of Public & Environmental Safety and representatives from the police and fire departments of Tufts' host communities ate lunch together at Carmichael Dining Hall and discussed the ways everyone can work to keep the campus safe. Part of Fire Prevention Month, the Tufts Dining event is designed to educate college students in residence halls about the importance of fire safety and prevention. — Photo by Nick Consentino



### Letter to the Editor CONT. FROM PG 9

close a loophole regarding tree removal and street construction projects. The full Board is behind me on all of these actions and will not be satisfied until we have answers and see changes.

Since this project began, I have asked for regular updates to the Beacon street reconstruction project, that weekly updates be posted on the City's website and that the City pro- join me and other Beacon street residents vide "boots on the ground" to oversee at a Vigil on Sunday October 15 at 5pm this project because I know, from the Somerville Ave reconstruction project, that local daily oversight is crucial to protecting the City's residents in relation to such a project. Contractors who are not hired by the City but

are beholden to the State for payment must be aggressively monitored by the City on a daily basis in order to protect residents and the City's interests.

My request was never fulfilled, had we had such oversight from the City, this wholesale slaughter in one day would not have occurred.

I invite all those who care about trees to across from Whole Foods and to attend the BOA meeting on Thursday, October 12th at 7pm.

Maryann Heuston Ward 2 Alderman

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# **2nd Annual Community** Media Day & Open House

Somerville Media Center joins other community media centers across the country for the newly sanctioned free speech holiday called "Community Media Day."

Last year the City of Somerville passed a resolution acknowledging and proclaiming October 20 as Community Media Day. A special thank you goes out to the Board of Aldermen for supporting the work they do.

They are happy to add more community partners to this celebration: Boston Institute for Nonprofit Journalism, Scout Somerville, Somerville Public Library (MA), Somerville Arts Council and Somerville Journal. This is a great chance to meet the newsroom staff behind some of your local media.

On this day SMC will open up their space from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m., offering many fun-filled activities for the general public to learn more about Somerville's premiere media center. They'll have an outdoor pop-up radio booth, a Somerville Neighborhood News Info session, green screen PSA recordings and more. Please come on by to say hello and share why you support free speech.



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LEGAL NOTICE

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

18 Brook Street (ZBA 2017-43): Applicants and Owners, Waemen Lung and Waelim Lung, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure within the required front, left, and right side yard setbacks and to increase the nonconforming floor area ratio (FAR) by converting the roof type from a gable style to a flat roof and making interior renovations. RB Zone. Ward 1.

74 Cedar Street (ZBA 2017-99): Applicant, Derrick Snare, and Owner, Gregory S. Carleton, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to extend a nonconforming structure within the required rear yard setback by enclosing a rear porch. RB Zone. Ward 5.

11 George Street (ZBA 2017-85): Applicant and Owner, Elio LoRusso, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure within the required front and left side yard setbacks by converting the roof type from a hip style to a gable roof with shed dormers on either side of the ridge. RB Zone. Ward 1.

88 Line Street, 90 Line Street, and 18 Cooney Street (ZBA 2017-73): Applicant and Owner, Sanjeev M. Kale, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to increase the gross floor area (GFA) of the existing dwelling by more than 25% and a Special Permit under SZO §9.13 for parking relief to construct an addition that will create two additional dwelling units on the site. RB Zone. Ward 2.

9 Wilton Street (ZBA 2017-97): Applicants and Owners, Tessa and Rami Bridge, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure within the required front, left, and right side yard setbacks by constructing side entry steps, a dormer, extending the deck and constructing new deck stairs, and opening the enclosed front porch. RB Zone. Ward 5.

35 (0) Dane Street (ZBA 2016-76-R1-7-2017): (Note: This project was originally permitted by the ZBA as "0 Dane Street" and has since been assigned the street number of 35 Dane Street, Units 1 - 4). Applicant and Owner, Zero Dane, LLC, Variances under §5.5 of the SZO to construct a 4-unit residential structure on an undersized lot and a revision to Special Permits under §5.3.8 to reduce the number of units from the previously-permitted 5 units to four units, increase the proposed height from 37.4 feet to 38.4 feet, reduce the net floor area, increase the amount of right and left side yard setbacks provided, increase the landscaped and pervious areas and reduce the amount of ground coverage; under Article 9 of the SZO for a shared driveway and a reduction of parking by reducing the amount of standard-sized parking provided and replacing it with compact spaces. BC zone. Ward 2.

1 Williams Court (ZBA 2017-82): Applicant and Owner, Frank Marinello, seeks Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO for the upward extension of the non-conforming rear yard setback and parking relief under §9.13 of the SZO.

45 Kent Street (ZBA 2017-90): Applicant and Owner, Angela Schifano, seeks Special Permits under §7.11 of the SZO to increase the number of units from two to three, Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to increase the FAR and GFA by more than 25%, create an upward extension of the non-conforming rear and left yard setbacks by increasing the height of the height of the building by approximately 10 feet. RC zone. Ward 3.

82 Willow Avenue (ZBA 2017-30): Applicants / Owners, Umesh and Dipti Mistri, seek a Special Permit under §4.4.1 to make various alterations that include a complete renovation of the interior and exterior of the nonconforming three-family structure, a Special Permit under §9.13 for parking relief, and a Variance under §5.5 and Article 8 for creating a new nonconformity by constructing a rear addition and decks into the required rear yard setback. Ward 6. NB zone.

22 Billingham Street (ZBA 2017-79): Applicants / Owners, Jonathan Wolfe and Margaret Rosenberg, seek a Special Permit under §4.4.1 of the Somerville Zoning Ordinance (SZO) to alter a nonconforming structure to construct a dormer within the required right side yard setback and to increase the gross floor area (GFA) by greater than 25% by constructing an addition in the rear of the existing structure. Ward 6. RA zone.

49 Cedar Street (ZBA 2017-92): Applicant and Owner, Alan Peterson of A. Peterson Development, LLC, seeks Special Permits to increase the FAR and GFA by more than 25% each, construct an addition along the left side yard setback that horizontally and vertically extends this dimensional non-conformity, and under Article 9 for parking relief. RB zone. Ward 5.

8 Whipple Street (ZBA 2017-96): Applicant, Lacourt Enterprises, LLC, and Owner, Mouhab Rizkallah, seek Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to increase the GFA and FAR by more than 25%, and for upward extensions of the non-conforming front, left, and right yard setbacks, and Special Permit under Article 9 of the SZO for parking relief. RC zone. Ward 6.

20 Carlton Street (ZBA 2017-98): Applicant, Elan Sassoon, and Owner, 20 Carlton, LLC, seek Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to increase the GFA and FAR by more than 25% and to extend the non-conforming nature of the side yard setbacks. Special permits for parking relief are also sought under Article 9 of the SZO. RC zone. Ward 2.

103 Pearson Avenue (ZBA 2017-104): Applicant, Candyce Dostert, and Owners, Candyce Dostert and Donald Stevens, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by constructing a second story rear deck on top of the existing one-story rear porch that is within the required left side yard setback requirement. RA Zone. Ward 5.

81 Sacramento Street (ZBA 2017-25-R1-9/2017): Applicants and Owners, Sophia and Frank Maniaci, seek a revision to a previously approved special permit (ZBA 2017-25 approved in May 2017) under §5.3.8 of the Somerville Zoning Ordinance to increase the height of a portion of the nonconforming structure to add another level of living area. RC zone. Ward 2.

35 Moreland Street (ZBA 2015-78-E1-9/2017): Applicants and Owners, Kevin Slattery and Marie Mullarkey, seek a one-year extension to the Special Permits issued by the ZBA in 2015 to demolish an existing single-family and construct a 3-family residence. RB zone. Ward 4.

81 Highland Avenue (ZBA 2017-101): Applicant and Owner, the City of Somerville, seek Special Permits per 4.4.1 to alter the existing, non-conforming structure (Somerville High School), and a Variance for parking under Article 9. RC zone. Ward 3.

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Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant As published in The Somerville Times on 10/4/17 & 10/11/17

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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board on Thursday, October 19, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

400-499 Assembly Row (PB 2014-34-R3-9/2017) Applicant and Owner, SRI Assembly Row B5, LLC, seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review—A, approval of signage for Special Permit with Site Plan Review—A (SPSR-A) for "Block 5" (identified as MBL 85-A-12) approved by the Planning Board on February 15, 2015 and as revised on June 25, 2015 and March 17, 2016. Applicant and owner seek approval under SZO Article \$6.4.9 and \$6.4.14 to install a banner sign on the Assembly Row façade that is over 35 feet from finished grade and taller than 30 feet, a flat-mounted building sign at approximately 60 feet above finished grade, and a double-sided 3'-6" wide by 5'-9" tall freestanding sign at the hotel entrance on Foley Street.

Assembly Square Mixed Use District (ASMD); Planned Unit Development Overlay District - A (PUD-A)/Ward 1

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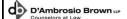
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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (SHPC) shall hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at 6:40 p.m. in the Third Floor Community Room, at the Visiting Nurses Association (259 Lowell Street) regarding a proposal by 1) Block Properties to demolish c. 1874 wood frame workers cottage at 27-29 Horace Street; 2) 32 Webster Avenue LLC to demolish c. 1869 wood frame house at 32 Webster Avenue; 3) and 4) Cheung Kwan Yu to demolish two c. 1890 wood frame houses with 1 storefront at 249 & 251 Highland Avenue; and 5) David Weinstock todemolish a c. 1850 wood frame house at 105-107 Washington Street.

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

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## Candlelight Vigil in support of Domestic Violence Awareness Month



















The annual Candlelight Vigil in support of Domestic Violence Awareness Month took place on Wednesday, October 4 at Statue Park in Davis Square. The vigil is an annual event bringing the community together in remembrance of those who have lost their lives over the last year to domestic violence. — Photos by Bobbie Toner

# In praise of the women of the Board CONT. FROM PG 10

attention to detail."

She's right of course. Mary Jo Rosetti shows up at meetings well before they begin, with all her documentation required to ask serious questions. She chairs Legislative Matters which, unlike other committees, meets twice per month, steering the Board through seriously important legislation.

Alderman Ballantyne is no slouch either. She bores in on issue after issue. When her questions don't yield satisfactory answers, she submits Board orders seeking data on housing affordability, revenue impacts of proposed zoning, cumulative SomerVision results, updates on specific developments, and much more.

A study entitled "Beyond Sameness and Difference" in State Politics and Policy Quarterly suggests another reason for women politicians' effectiveness. Constituents per-

ceive them as more responsive and as more sensitive to community concerns.

This may be because they are. Responding to a Rutgers University survey, 50% of female legislators cited "citizens as very helpful sources of support," and 57% preferred an "open vs. closed-door process," versus 36% and 32%, respectively, for their male counterparts.

Yes. Aldermen Heuston and Rossetti have led initiatives in direct response to citizen concerns regarding the environment, rodents, flooding, and protection of such vulnerable groups as children in need of program and sports supplies.

Confronting a complex and high-impact development proposed for the Clarendon Hill Housing/North Street Project, Alderman Ballantyne has initiated and led multiple community meetings, drawing in tenants, residents, state legislators, and

representatives from the city's planning, public works, schools, and legal staffs.

And it seems that virtually any community meeting that I attend in any ward, I encounter Mary Jo Rossetti.

A final explanation for the acumen of women in politics comes from neuroscience. Clinical studies in Britain, Switzerland, and Russia provide evidence than women are better at multitasking. What they can't tell us is whether women are born with this capacity, or develop it by fulfilling their societal roles.

The Director of the Center for American Women and Politics, Debbie Walsh, has suggested that "Women run for office to do something, and men run for office to be somebody." The former is certainly true for Somerville's aldermanic women.

For Alderman Rossetti, it was improving our schools. Based on Mary Jo's diligent work and leadership in the PTA and School Council, Somerville's first elected African-American woman, Anita Harris, urged her to run for the School Committee when she stepped down.

Mary Jo herself stepped down when her children were no longer in school. Then friends and neighbors encouraged her to run when Alderman at Large Bruce Desmond announced that he would not seek reelection.

For Maryann Heuston, the motivation was aging parks, nonexistent community gardens, crumbling streets, irresponsible businesses, and frequent and severe floods in the ward in which she grew up. For Katjana Ballantyne, it was the interrelated problems of anemic city finances, dwindling housing affordability, scarce jobs, and a development pattern that was not generating the commercial property tax revenues necessary to solve them.

Each of these women has made a demonstrable difference on the issues that initially motivated them, while taking on others. And I believe that they have made a difference collectively as well as individually. Three impacts that I can identify are a greater emphasis on quality-of-life issues, increased expectations of accountability, and more intense attention to fiscal responsibility.

Yet for all that they bring, women remain more reluctant than men to enter politics. Doing so requires them to challenge barriers, defy stereotypes, manage multiple and conflicting expectations, and anticipate that their actions will be scrutinized and second-guessed.

So while only 18% of women in the U.S. participate in government leadership positions, it's a wonder that even that many find the courage to do so. But when they do, we are all the better for it.

# **CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

Wednesday October 11 **East Branch Library** Preschool Storytime

11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway **Central Library** 

Teen Game Day

2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**Central Library** 

Middle School Writers' Den 5:45 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

### Thursday October 12

**Central Library** 

Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year

10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m.|79 Highland

**Central Library** 

TELL (Teen Library Leaders) Meeting 3 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**East Branch Library** 

Good CRAFTernoon! 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

West Branch Library Lego Club

3:30 p.m.-4:45 p.m.|40 College Ave

### Friday October 13

**Central Library** 

Preschool: Storytime for 2 year olds 10:30 a.m.-11 a.m.|79 Highland Ave 'Our Differences Are Our Superpowers': A Discussion and Workshop for Teens--Somerville Reads 3 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

### Saturday October 14

Central Library

Makerspace with Jacy Edelma 2 p.m.-3 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

### **Sunday October 15**

**Central Library** 

'El Deafo' Living Room Party: Somerville Reads 2017 Finale 1:30 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

### Monday October 16

**Central Library** 

Sing Along 11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|79 Highland Ave

West Branch Library

Monday Night Fun: Lego and Story-

5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.|40 College Ave

### **Tuesday October 17**

**East Branch Library** 

Paws to Read with Daisy! 3:15 p.m.-4:15 p.m.|115 Broadway

West Branch Library Preschool Storytime 11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|40 College Ave

### Wednesday October 18

**East Branch Library** Not A Fright in Sight!

11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|115 Broadway

**Central Library** 

Somerville Positive Forces

1 p.m.-3 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

West Branch Library Good CRAFTernoon

3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|40 College Ave MUSIC ARTS

# Wednesday October 11

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Free Poker, lots of prizes! 8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room

Americana Jam with: Grain Thief|9

Backroom Series: Night Tree: CD Release Partyl7 p.m. Comedy Night With Jordan Handren-Seavey|10 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge

Delko, Pyramid Thieves, Blame It On

7:30 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

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

**Bull McCabe's Pub** The A-Beez – Funk & Soul 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045 Thunder Road

Bearly Dead - Wednesday Night Grateful Dead Residency 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

**Highland Kitchen** 

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom The Moth: True Stories Told Live 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Stace Brandt|8 p.m. Late Night Poetry Lab|10 p.m. 14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory

Been Out Here Teen Open Mic 6 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

The Rockwell

Sh!t-faced Shakespeare: The Taming of the Shrew 8 p.m.|255 Elm St

### Thursday October 12

Sally O'Brien's

Rockspring grassy Thursdays 8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

The Burren

Front Room

Matt Borrello, Mike Verge & Company|9:30 pm Backroom Series: Water and Sand | 7

Scattershots 10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge

Exhale, The Freqs + More 8 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

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

**Bull McCabe's** 

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

**Thunder Road** 

The 7CS (Rock) 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

King Buffalo, Summoner, Birnam Wood

8 p.m|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. The Mystical Misfits

8:30 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory

Pub Sing at The Armory

7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Sh!t-faced Shakespeare: The Taming of the Shrew 7 p.m.|255 Elm St

### Friday October 13

Sally O'Brien's

Larry Flint & the Road Scholars |6

HearNowLive presents Water and guests |9 p.m.

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room

Irish Session|9:30 p.m.

Back Room:

Evan Goodrow |7 p.m. Young Love and the Thrills 10 p.m. 247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge

Friday the 13th ft. The Planes /BSR / DYZ / Phonetix /Citrusphere 8 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

Orleans Restaurant and Bar DJ starting at 10 p.m.

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Bull McCabe's

10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045 Joshua Tree

DJ McRiddleton

256 Elm St. |617-623-9910 Casey's

Entertainment every Friday 173 Broadway|617-625-5195 **Thunder Road** 

Toubab Krewe (Afropop), Skyfoot 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom **Doctor Gasp** The Z Boys

8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

The Deep Rumble 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell

Sh!t-faced Shakespeare: The Taming of the Shrew|7 p.m. B.U.M.P|9:30 p.m. Dirty Disney 11 p.m. 255 Elm St

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### Saturday October 14

Sally O'Brien's

Tom Hagerty Band |6 p.m. Big Giant, The Cold Expectations, The Stacking Stones Band \$5 cover |9 p.m.

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room:

Irish Session|9:30 p.m.

Back Room: Jeff Jam Family Dance Party|4 p.m. Rob Flax CD Release Show|7 p.m. Cover Up|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge

Bruse Wane Live At The Viper Concert 8 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

**Orleans Restaurant and Bar** Karaoke

65 Holland St Bull McCabe's

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Entertainment every Saturday 173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

**Thunder Road** 

MC Lars / MC Frontalot (Nerdcore)|4

Bim Skala Bim (Ska), Threat Level Burgundy 8 p.m. 379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Atlas Genius

Magic Giant, Half The Animal 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. DI ABD

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory Spark! in the Dark Contra Dance 7 p.m.|Performance Hall Laughing Liberally Boston

8 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

The Rockwell Sh!t-faced Shakespeare: The Taming of the Shrew|6 p.m. Pale Monsters / Township / Future Carnivores 9 p.m.

Sunday October 15 Sally O'Brien's Bar

The Natural Wonders 4:30 p.m.

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room

Beatles Brunch|11 a.m.-3 p.m. John Gannon & Friends Irish Session|3

p.m. Los Goutos|9 p.m. Balkan Fields|4:30 p.m.

Prateek! Single Release w/Troll 2, Lady Malory 7:30 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 PA'S Lounge

345 Somerville Ave

**Bull McCabe's Pub Dub Apocalypse** 

**Highland Kitchen** Sunday Brunch Live Country & Bluegrass

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150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131 **Orleans Restaurant and Bar** Game Night

Sunday Night Live Music

65 Holland St|617-591-2100 **Thunder Road** 

Corin Ashley

Taylor Swift Tribute Brunch: "You Will Brunch With Me"" | 10 a.m. Americana Sundays w/ Greg Klyma

379 Somerville Ave ONCE Lounge & Ballroom **Evie Sands** 

7:45 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. The Grownup Noise 2 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

### Monday October 16

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Shawn Carter's Cheapshots Comedy|7 p.m. Marley Monday with The Duppy Conquerors reggae|10 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room

Bur-Run Helena Delaney, Johnny O'Leary & Friends Irish Session 9 p.m. Back Room

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Stump Trivia|8:30 p.m.

P.A.'s Lounge ClarkInnersky ThomasKnight GrantStinnett NatRoy MeaghanCasey 7:30 p.m. 345 Somerville Ave

**Bull McCabe's Pub** 

Stump! Team Trivia 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

**Thunder Road** 379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Toddlerbilly Taco Takeover|5 p.m. Taco Monday Mess-Around 7 p.m. 156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Amped-Up Standup 7 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Tuesday October 17 Sally O'Brien's Bar

8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**SYM Tuesdays** 

The Burren Front Room Jason Anick and the Swingers Swing/ Jazz|8:30 p.m.

Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan 10

Back Room: Dusty 45s

247 Elm Street 617-776-6896 PA's Lounge

345 Somerville Ave **Bull McCabe's Pub** 

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**Highland Kitchen** First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling Bee Night

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150 Highland Ave 617-625-1131

PJ Ryan's 10 p.m.|239 Holland St.|617-625-

8200 **Thunder Road** 

379 Somerville Ave ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Heavy Metal Tuesday 7 p.m. PigPen Theatre Co.

156 Highland Ave **Aeronaut Brewing Co** Indie Trivia

David Luning|8 p.m.

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street Arts at the Armory First and Last Word Poetry

7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave Wednesday October 18

Free Poker, lots of prizes! 8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

Sally O'Brien's Bar

The Burren Front Room

p.m. Back Room Backroom Series: : Caitlín Nic Gabhann and Ciarán Ó Maonaigh

Americana Jam with: Grain Thief|9

Comedy Night With Jordan Handren-Seavey 10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge In The Making, Incinerator, Flannel

|7:30 p.m.

7:30 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave Orleans Restaurant and Bar

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

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**Highland Kitchen** 

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom 156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Kieran Ridge Band|8 p.m.

14 Tyler Street Arts at the Armory

Harry Potter and the Sacred Text 7 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

### **CLASSES AND GROUPS** Wednesday October 11

**Central Library** State and Local lead law discussion 10 a.m.-1 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**Central Library** Somerville 175 Oral History Work-

Thursday October 12 **Central Library** Republican Party Quarterly Meeting

6 p.m.-8:15 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

6 p.m.-7 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**Central Library** Community Conversations for Work-

6:45 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave **West Branch Library** Learn English at the Library

6 p.m.-8 p.m.|40 College Ave

**East Branch Library** Drop in Knitting at the East Branch

ing Parents

6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|115 Broadway **Central Library** Yoga at the Library

6 p.m. – 7 p.m. | 79 Highland Ave 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

### Friday October 13 **Central Library**

10 a.m.-12 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

meeting

Saturday October 14 **Central Library** Lacan Reading Group 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.|79 Highland

Indivisible Somerville: Action Planning

Union Square Farmer's Market

**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

Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon

9 a.m.-1 p.m.|Union Square Plaza

### 7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street Unity Church of God Enter upstairs, meeting is in basement

Sunday October 15

Family Groups

Monday October 16 **East Branch Library** Learn English at the Library 6 p.m.-8 p.m.|115 Broadway

West Branch Library

**Central Library** 

Drop in Knitting at West Branch 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|40 College Ave

Friends of the Library Book Sale

5 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave Aeronaut Brewing Co. Books & Brews Book Club

6 p.m.-7 p.m.|14 Tyler St

**Tuesday October 17** 

### Wednesday | October 18

**Central Library** Friends of the Library Book Sale

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

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

## SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

Holland Street: 167 Holland Street

\*Monday through Friday 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

\*Our Holland Street Center will be serving lunch on Monday, Thursday & Fridays only until further notice.

Cross Street Center: 165 Broadway Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. Wednesday – 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. (Please note time change) (617) 625-6600 Ext. 2335.

Ralph and Jenny Center: 9 New Washington Street, Tuesday through Thursday 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. (Please note time change) (617) 666-5223.

Join the SCOA's email group – The email group is for Somerville Council on Aging Seniors and/or Caregivers who are interested in the latest information on resources, events, programming, etc., in and around the Somerville area. Use the link https://groups.google.com/group/somerville-council-on-aging - If you have any questions or need help joining please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email DHiggins@Somervillema.gov

Ageless Grace – Ageless Grace, the Council on Aging's new Fitness class for the body and mind. Held on Mondays at 4:00 p.m. at the Holland St. Center, the Ageless Grace program is an innovative wellness and fitness program done seated in a chair to upbeat music. Classes are playful, imaginative and different every time. All the movements are designed to focus on the healthy longevity of the body and the brain. Contact Chris at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315 for more information and to sign up. Cost is \$20.00 for 5 classes.

Yoga - Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. 5-week Yoga series is a low-impact and easy-to-follow paced program that lets you stretch and relax to help start your day. Contact Chris at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315 for more info and to sign up. Cost is \$20.00 for 5 classes!

Silver Alert Program – The Somerville Council on Aging with the Somerville Police Department have implemented a program to take a proactive approach towards protecting some of Somerville's most vulnerable citizens who suffer with serious cognitive impairments that put them at risk for wandering and getting lost. The Silver Alert Program is designed to collect specific information about a potential missing person, along with photo identification. This confidential information will be kept on file for immediate use in the event a loved one is reported missing. Please contact the SCOA at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 for additional information or to register.

Free Groceries Every Month? – You may be eligible for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program! CSFP is a once a month food distribution for individuals 60 years of age or older. You may be eligible to receive two free bags of food once a month containing healthy shelf stable products. Proof of identity and age are all that is required to apply. For more information or to apply please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 – applications are available at the front desk of our Holland Street Center.

Conversations of the Heart – Mondays (see dates below) from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at our Holland Street Center. When you experience a loss; whether it be a loved one, a place of employment or even a change in your life, don't process these feelings along; come join our group where we process difficult emotions together in a safe and welcoming environment. For more information or questions please contact Natasha at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300. Refreshments will be served. Future dates: September 25, October 16 and 30, November 13 and 27 and December 11.

Friendly Caller Program - Do you know someone who could benefit from a friendly call? Maybe you are feeling isolated and want someone to talk to – or you just want someone to listen. Please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 ext. 2317 to sign up for our "Friendly Caller" Program.

**Blood Pressure Screening** – Cross Street Center located at 165 Broadway. Scheduled for the 3rd Thursday of each month: October 19, November 16 and December

14. If you require additional information please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email dhiggins@somervillema.gov.

Winds for All –Tuesday mornings – 10:00 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. \$10 per class – A music immersion class for those who have never played a woodwind instrument. To reserve your spot or for additional information please call Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321.

**Bowling is Back** – at Sacco's Bowl Haven at Flatbreads Pizza located in Davis Square. \$3 weekly fee which includes shoe rental, three strings of bowling and dues for bowling banquet. For more information, questions or to reserve your spot please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321.

Wildwood, NJ – Thursday, October 12 to Sunday, October 15 - \$411 per person double - \$527 per person single includes transportation, lodging, 3 breakfasts, 2 dinners, dance party and so much more. For more information, questions or to reserve your spot please contact Connie or Kim at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

A Very Vermont Tour – Tuesday, October 17 to Thursday, October 19 - \$353 per person double or triple - \$469 per person single includes transportation, lodging, Billings Farm Museum, Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Facility and so much more. For more information, questions or to reserve your spot please call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Arts & Crafts – Thursday, October 19, Thursday, November 16 and Thursday, December 7 at our Cross Street Center from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Join us for the free event as local artist Jodi Colella joins us and shares her many talents. You must RSVP a week in advance to make sure we have enough materials for everyone. For more information or to RSVP please contact Maureen Bastardi at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335 or mbastardi@somervillema.gov

Fall Festival Lunch & Bingo – Monday, October 23 at the Cross Street Center from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Seating is limited. For more information, questions or to reserve your spot please call Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335.

Halloween Party & Dance – Tuesday, October 24 at the Holiday Inn located at 30 Washington Street from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Limited seating and transportation. For more information or to reserve your spot please call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Health & Wellness Fair – Thursday, October 26 at the Holland Street Center from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Guest speakers, blood pressure screening, flu shot clinic, healthy eating information and more! Come learn how to build a healthier you! You must RSVP by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

**Atlantic City** - October 29 to October 31 is SOLD OUT Call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to put your name on the waiting list should there be an opening.

Doo Wop Revue with the Corvettes – Thursday, November 9th at Lake Pearl in Wrentham. \$69 includes transportation, lunch and show. For questions, additional information or to reserve your spot contact Kim or Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

**Thanksgiving Lunch & Bingo** – Thursday, November 9 at the Cross Street Center from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Seating is limited. For questions, additional information or to reserve your spot contact Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335.

Wrentham Outlets – Sunday, November 12 - \$10 for transportation, lunch is on your own. Check in time is 10:00 a.m. at the Holland Street Center with an approximate return time of 5:00 p.m. For questions, more information or to reserve your spot contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Lessons my Father Taught Me – Friday, November 17th starting at 10:00 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. Join us as Alan Cohen creator of Lessons my Father Taught Me as he shares with you an interactive and humorous presentation. Lunch and bingo to follow. For more information or to register please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or dhiggins@somervillema.gov.

### LGBTQ EVENTS:

LGBTQ Advisory Group – October 16. This group meets quarterly in the conference room of our Holland Street Center at 4:30 p.m. and run for one hour. We are always looking for new members who would like to serve on the Advisory Group. Please call Debby Higgins, Outreach Coordinator at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email dhiggins@Somervillema.gov if you have any questions or if you should need additional information.

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

LGBTQ Monthly Lunch is Back – Please join us the second Wednesday of the Month at the Senior Center at 167 Holland Street. A Hot Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. on September 13, October 11, November 8, December 13. Please RSVP to Debby Higgins at dhiggins@ somervillema.gov or 617-625-6600 ext. 2321. A \$2.00 donation is suggested.

### **STAY ACTIVE:**

Weekly Exercise Class Schedule

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

### **Mondays:**

9:00 Walking Club (H) 11:00 Tai Chi (H) 1:00 Fit-4-Life Group C (H)

### **Tuesdays:**

9:15 Strengthening - \$3 per class (H) 11:15 Fit-4-Life (C)

### Wednesdays:

8:45 Fit-4-Life Group A (H) – Exercise 9:00 Fit-4-Life Group B (H) - Nutrition 10:00 Fit-4-Life Group B (H) – Exercise 10:00 Fit-4-Life Group A (H) – Nutrition 11:00 Nutrition one-on-one (H) 12:00 Fit-4-Life Group C (H) - Nutrition 1:00 Fit-4-Life Group C (H) - Exercise 5:15 Zumba for All - \$3 per class (H)

### Thursdays:

9:00 Yoga (H) 9:30 Strengthening - \$3 per class (RJ) 11:15 Fit-4-Life (C) 6:00 LBT Fit-4-Life\*(H)

### Fridays:

8:45 Fit-4-Life Group A (H) - Exercise 10:00 Fit-4-Life Group B (H) – Exercise \*All Fit-4-Life classes are \$10 per month and require pre-registration

### **Every Monday**

10:00 English Conversation (C) 11:30 Lunch (C)

### **Every Tuesday**

10:00 English Conversation (C) 11:30 Lunch (C, RJ) 12:00 Computer tutorial with Norbert (H) 12:45 Bingo (RJ)

### **Every Wednesday**

9:00 Bowling at Flatbreads 9:45 Coffee & Conversations (H) 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Wacky Wednesdays (RJ)

### **Every Thursday**

10:00 Current Events (H)
10:00 English Conversation (C)
11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara (H)
11:30 Lunch (C, H, RJ)
1:00 Arts & Crafts (C)

### **Every Friday**

9:45 Coffee & Conversations (H) 11:30 Lunch (H) 11:45 Bingo (H)

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1:30pm	POW/MIA Observance Day	9:
1:48pm	Connecting Communities	1.
2:08pm	Raising Families "Immigration Law"	1.
2:36pm	Senior Circuit	1:
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7:00pm	SomerViva em Português	2:
7:30pm	Union Square Walking Tour - 9.17.17	6:
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12:00am Senior Circuit 5th Anniversary of Somerville CPA 12:30am 2:35am Raising Families

# **Educational TV 15 Schedule**

### Wednesday, October 11 9:00am SHS Boys Soccer v Marblehead 11:00am SHS Girls Soccer v Medford 1:00pm Our Schools, Our City - New School Year 2:00pm SHS Football vs Peabody 4:00pm SHS Girls Soccer v Marblehead 6:00pm SHS Boys Soccer v Marblehead 8:00pm SHS Girls Soccer v Medford Our Schools, Our City - New School Year 10:00pm SHS Football vs Peabody 11:00pm Thursday, October 12 1:00am

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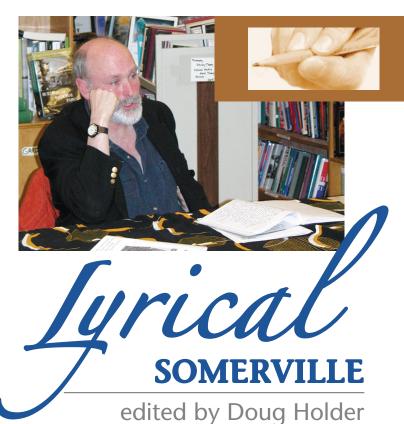
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### Coffee

Waking up to the sound of my alarm, my thoughtless mind is barely conscious. My tired body and eyes are in need of one thing: coffee. My dark, aromatic, liquid motivation. I stand in line, impatient until a drink is my hand. It smells like high school. Like afternoon Starbuck trips. Like sitting for hours in my hometown coffee shops. Catching up, but mostly listening to the bustle of people around me. The snip-its of serious conversation and phone call interviews. Like getting Dunkin before our 7 am days, heavy lines out to the streets. It smells like memories. Not good or bad. Memories that just are. Nostalgia. Staying up all night with an empty mug and a paper to write. The next day complaining, "if you think I am spending \$7 on coffee, you're wrong," but doing it anyway. No form of regret around spoiling myself with a frozen peppermint treat like Christmas in November. Snap back to reality, and I am on my way to class, counting a to-do list of what I will do today.

— Caroline Moll

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# From on page 14 Ms. Cam's Answers

- 1. Peppermint, in 1927
- 2. 44 brick-like Pez candies - 14 bricks in the P and 15 each in the E and
- 3. The Silence of the Lambs
- 4. Converse All Stars
- 5. Marigold

Garland, in 1220

- 6. Actress Roxie Roker
- Englishman John of 12. Dutch
- 8. A region of Earth's stratosphere that absorbs most of the Sun's ultraviolet (UV) radiation
- 9. The zipper
- 10. Google
- 11. Government officials opened it in November 1989, demolition officially began on June 13, 1990

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# 'Little Kisses'

By Lloyd Schwartz

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Review by Ed Meek

Somerville resident Lloyd Schwartz has become a cultural icon in the Boston area. Like Robert Pinsky, Henry Louis Gates, Jr. and Helen Vendler, his is a name you probably recognize. Part of the reason for this is that Lloyd Schwartz has a wide range. I first ran into his work in the 80s when he wrote about opera for the Boston Phoenix. He is a well-known Elizabeth Bishop scholar and he won a Pulitzer Prize for music criticism. He does a little acting. He teaches in the MFA Program at University of Massachusetts Harbor Campus, and he writes poetry.

In his new book of poems, Schwartz is often funny in a bittersweet way. His humor has a sadness and a sentimental undercurrent whether he is writing about a conversation with his mother who has Alzheimer's, or a close friend who disappeared, or a ring he can't find, or being mistaken for Jerry Garcia of the Grateful Dead in a parking lot in Somerville.

Some of these poems do not exactly read like poetry but rather like the hybrid form of prose and poetry that is showing up more and more these days (see Claudia Rankine for example). Other poems are tighter with rhyme and assonance and cadence. He uses some of his expertise in music here and there, and sometimes engages in a kind of playfulness as in Howl. "How'll I learn my lines if there isn't any script? / How'll I find my shoes if I can't find my glasses?"

In a poem entitled Crossword, he is both funny and clever.

You're doing a crossword. I'm working on a puzzle. Do you love me enough? What's the missing word?

Yet, he can also be serious. In a poem about a missing friend, he concludes with these lines: "Our birthdays are looming. The older I get, the less and less/ I understand this world, /and the people in it." The ending is unexpected, yet as with all good endings, it rings true and hits the mark in this puzzling period we are living through.

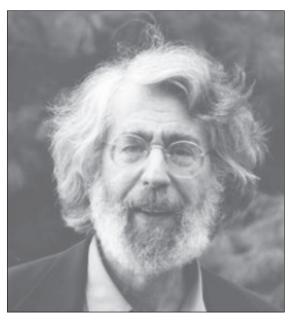
Here he is describing an orchestra conductor:

Breezing easily between exotic Chinoiserie and hometown hoedown, whisking lightly be-

woodwind delicacy and jazzy trombone...

He's all dippy knees, flappy elbows, and floppy wrists...

He threw himself into the music—and very nearly



the first violin section...

Late one night in a parking lot in Somerville he sees two young men smoking marijuana. He is worried as he walks to his car. Then one of the two men tells him a silly joke and offers him a drag because he looks like Jerry Garcia: "long gray hair and a bushy gray (almost white) beard..." He laughs about the encounter all the way home.

My favorite, Goldring, is about losing a ring he'd worn for thirty years. He goes from obsessing about losing the ring to trying to find it to connecting it to other types of loss. Then he does what all writers do, he writes about it.

Why should he lose it now?

He'd been having a run of bad luck.

A downward spiral...

His finger feels empty.

He feels empty and sad...

Another little hole in his life...

Endings, separations, partings—always leave him melancholy.

At a party he is always last to leave...

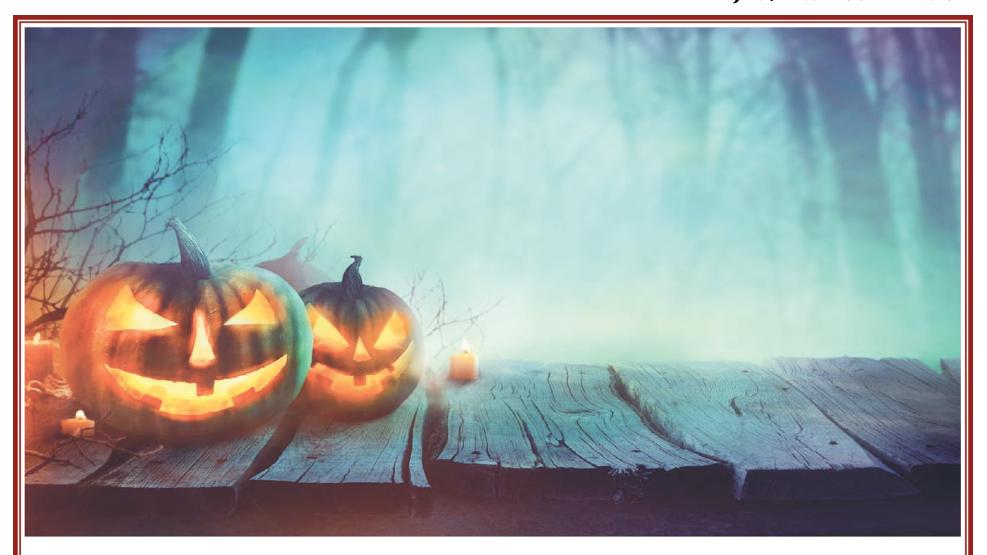
Maybe he should write his own poem—the way other poets turn their losses/into poems.

When Schwartz comments on other writers turning loss into poetry, he is making fun of them but he is also being self-deprecating and poking fun at himself since he is doing that too.

In these poems what comes across in his poetry is a sense that Schwartz is both warm and likable and using poetry as a means of dealing with the world. Warmth and likability are not attributes one automatically assumes about poets and artists. In these difficult times, reading Little Kisses is reassuring. There may be Alzheimer's, people may disappear from our lives, sometimes we lose objects we care about, but there is great music to be listened to, people can be nice, and there's a lot of good poetry to read.

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