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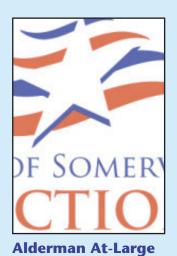
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# City officials, residents outraged by loss of Beacon St. trees



The Somerville Board of Aldermen and the Mayor's Office took immediate action to determine what went wrong with the oversight process at the Beacon St. reconstruction site. — Photo by Bobbie Toner

#### By Jim Clark

The repercussions of the seemingly unauthorized removal of trees as part of the Beacon St. reconstruction project hit a fever pitch last week as the Somerville Board of Aldermen took up the issue, demanding answers from those who were responsible.

After receiving complaints from residents of the area, members of the Board, most notably Ward 2 Alderman Maryann Heuston, made sure that the matter was put on the agenda for last week's regular meeting.

At the meeting, a formal order was put forward asking that MassDOT, Newport Construction and all other parties with knowledge of the cutting down of the trees on Beacon Street on October 6, without any public notice, appear before the Board at its next regular meeting to respond to concerns about

# 'Monster Mashed Up at SomerStreets' haunts Somerville this Sunday

#### City of Somerville

Celebrate the season at "Monster Mashed Up," the October installment of the City's Somer-Streets festival, on Sunday, October 22, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. between Union Square and Spring St. on Somerville Ave.

Programming and interactive activities along Somerville Ave. will include:

+ Live music on three stages: Conway Park Stage, 559 Somerville Ave.: featuring The Sunset Kings, School of HONK, and Boston Cream; Mass Ave. music stage, 487 Somerville Ave. with the Mass Ave. Music All-Stars, The Silks, The Rainflowers (Jimi Hendrix tribute), and We Can't Work It Out (Beatles tribute); Oktoberfest beer garden and stage, 337 Somerville Ave. sponsored by PA's and Sally O'Brien's with food from the Nibble Entrepreneurs.

· Costume parade and showcase for all ages (kicks off at Hawkins St. and Somerville Ave. at



Pumpkin artisans and all others are welcome to take part in the 2017 edition of "Monster Mashed Up at Continued on page 16 SomerStreets" this coming Sunday.

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

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Candidate for Ward 1 Alderman Elio LoRusso had a campaign rally Tuesday night at the Mt. Vernon Restaurant. The place was packed with many well-wishers and supporters, about a 100 in an out. Ward 4 Alderman Tony Lafuente, who is not running for re-election, gave a stirring and passionate plea to all those present that the next two weeks means everything, that everyone needs to get out and help put East Somerville back in the hands of an alderman who will handle local issues and not an activist. It was a great crowd, with lots of East Somerville residents in attendance. Included on hand to support Elio was former Ward 1 Alderman Bill Roche, who is still very popular in East Somerville. He got a huge round of applause by everyone.

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 Ward 2 Alderman Maryann Heuston, who is celebrating this week. We wish her the very best of birthdays and much success in her re-election bid to represent Ward 2. Also celebrating this week is a good friend of ours, Maureen O'Reilly. We wish her a very happy birthday.

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#### TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

#### Response to: City Election 2017: Ward Alderman

#### Vinal Ave Homeowner says:

Why would the challenger for Ward 3 choose not to participate in free publicity for their campaign? Poor decision by him or someone within his campaign... I guess I'm not that surprised as his campaign is built on platitudes and not substance.

#### interesting says:

when matt participates but the ward 3 challenger doesn't

#### NMRN says:

Interesting that Matt says 'Actions not Words' yet he brags about putting in over 600 board orders — aren't those words? And where is the action? Matt, please name one piece of significant legislation you submitted, not signing on to others, and it passed? I can answer you, NONE. You have not passed one piece of significant legislation that was passed by the board. Not in four years. Matt, quick – name me two senior social workers you worked with. ha ha – caught you in a lie!

#### Somerbreeze says:

Ah, the ant-Matt trolls are at it again... Funny how we don't see such frothing fakery directed at any other aldermanic candidates, do we?

#### **DATGruntled** says:

"Funny how we don't see such frothing fakery directed at any other aldermanic candidates, do we?" Maybe the others are not half as reprehensible as him? And who is faking?

#### Dorit says:

Somerbreeze — you don't see it because other alderman don't use their social media to attack women that don't vote how he expects them to. Oh wait right except Payton.

#### BMW says:

Somerbreeze you obviously do not live in ward-1. Do you know the surprise of a women backing a candidate only later to find out that he is a sexist. Too bad Matt removed incriminating evidence once he was uncovered. As someone else said – birds of a feather flock together — this was proven with Matt's endorsement of Peyton Corbett. He is a phony and needs to go.

#### Somerbreeze says:

Yawn.

#### Christopher says:

This is why he is the monster he is, Somerbreeze. If anyone else did what he did you would be the first to scold them. Thanks for being part of the problem. Yuppie.

#### yetanotherposter says:

I remember the crap LoRusso used to post right here on this site years ago - he's lucky that's all gone now. Nice to see he's trying to reinvent himself.

#### Villenous says:

I'm Ward 2 and Maryann does a fantastic job. She gets that local government isn't about standing up on a soapbox and complaining about stuff. It's about getting things done. JT and the Union United folks spend all their time chasing their own tails. They're spectacular at wasting time and getting nowhere.

#### Old Taxpayer says:

Ward 4 has no one to vote for. Omar is clearly in the mayor's pocket and Clingan has no clue what we want here in ward 4. I had hopes that we would finally get someone interested in this ward which could really use some good leadership.

Log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com to leave your own comments



# City Election 2017: Alderman At-Large

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 At-Large 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 **Alderman At-Large:**



John M. Connolly

As the second-generation grandson of Irish immigrants' and the oldest of five siblings, I was born and raised in Somerville, MA. I attended Somerville elementary schools and graduated from St. Clement High School.

I worked part-time and studied fulltime at Boston College earning my Bachelors of Arts degree in Political Science (Cum Laude). I received my Master's degree in Educational Technology at Boston College and Tufts University and also studied Municipal Finance at the JFK School of Government.

From 1974-1978, I was a community relations specialist for Somerville and later as acting director for the CETA jobs and training program. This program employed over 1,100 Somerville residents. In the 1980's, I transitioned into State government working as a regional coordinator in the Department of Manpower Development. Next, I decided to work for the Compugraphics Corporation prior to beginning my career as a Property and Casualty Insurance broker for two large regional agencies. I then became a principal at Wedgwood Crane and Connolly Insurance Agency Inc. working by day, but spending a majority of my extra time striving for political changes here in Somerville.

I have been the President of the Board of Alderman twice, Vice President three times, and have chaired a majority of the Board of Aldermen Committees. I am very fortunate to have served with Mayors Brune, Capuano, Kelly-Gay, and Joe Curtatone.

In 2017 Jack Connolly was appointed by the President of the Board of Alderman to serve on the following Commit-

- Public Health and Public Safety, Chair
- + Senior Services, Chair
- Veterans Services, Vice Chair
- Legislative Matters Experience and Interests

• Small Business Owner/Operator of Award-Winning Wedgwood -Crane & Connolly Insurance Agency Inc. in Davis

- · Active member of The Chamber of
- + Three decades of elected service as both a Ward Alderman (Six) and Alderman at Large for the City of Somerville.
- Volunteer Board of Directors' Member for Teen Empowerment and Member for the Somerville Home.
- + Tournament level Basketball Referee officiating over 2500 High School and Amateur Basketball games.
- Active Road Running enthusiast, having completed 18 Marathons, and hundreds of road races from 1mile, 5K, 10K, and Half Marathon distances.
- Earned a third-degree Black belt in Shotokan Karate here in Somerville, studying with International Grand Master the Late James Tatosky, Sr.
- + Homeowner on Winslow Ave. near Davis Square with my wife Gail, and our three daughters, Kerri, Kim, and Karalyn, all products of the Somerville Public School system.
- + Endorsed by City of Somerville Labor Coalition and a number of local non-Profit organizations

Based on his three decades of experience, Alderman at Large Jack Connolly should be one of the four choices of seven candidates for Alderman at Large in the Nov. 7th Election. He is the only candidate who has served as both a Ward Alderman and as an Alderman at Large.

"I worked with countless citizens to plan and bring the Red Line, Orange Line and Green Line to Union Sq. and beyond. I am currently working to expand affordable housing opportunities for all income levels, and continue to prioritize major investment in our public schools. I am also making sure we preserve our unique history, like my efforts working with Friends in Support of the Theatre preventing the major alterations for our National Historic treasure, the Somerville Theatre. Other major priorities consist of improving our services to victims of opioid and substance abuses, overhauling our zoning ordinances, enacting legislation to regulate Airbnb rentals, and dealing with constant airplane noise."

#### **Stephanie Hirsch**

Thank you allowing me to share my story, what I have learned while campaigning, and my hopes for Somerville.

My Background

I grew up in a town in northern Wisconsin. My hometown had a strong middle class, and kids played together on our streets until our parents called us home for baths. That's how many Somerville residents remember their childhoods. Growing up, I learned that community matters. We all need to contribute to our neighborhoods and community.

After college, I worked in Philadelphia and rural Georgia. In both places, children did not have a good chance to grow into providers for their families or communities. I made a commitment to try to fix the brokenness of government systems that leads to lifelong missed opportunities. After studying finance and statistics, I worked to improve child welfare and reduce youth violence in NYC and Boston. Since 2004, I've worked in Somerville, starting 311, SomerStat, and ResiStat, and helping the schools perform at the top of the state.

During that time, I also got married and settled in Union Square. My kids think I'll be a good Alderman because: "My mom helps everyone, makes fun things happen, and fixes things." I'm running because I want to combine my knowledge of how the city works with the independence of organizing from the ground up to tackle long-standing challenges.

Plans and Priorities

I have reached 7,000 households over the last 10 months. I am grateful to all of you who spoke with me. I'd like to share what I've heard and what we can try to tackle together:

- · Affordability: Almost every person I talk to worries about affordability. My goals include: preventing displacement of families; increasing ownership; preserving a middle class; and helping seniors stay in neighborhoods. Because I care so much about these issues and want to maintain an independent voice, I have committed to not accept campaign contributions from developers.
- + Quality of Life: The local and national worries are big. But sometimes what hits closest to home is a sense of safety in our backyard or on our street. Rats, cutthrough traffic, and other issues make people unhappy and make it hard to connect with neighbors. We will organize to tackle these issues.
- · Community Institutions: I believe strong community institutions matter. They level the playing field and give us a place to form friendships. I pledge to work on improving community places and organizations that serve everyone.
- · Connections to Each Other: While door knocking, I'll meet a person on one end of the block who shares concerns. At the other end of the block, I meet someone who has the same worries, but doesn't know about the first person. If I get elected, I promise Continued on page 7

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# By Jim Clark

# Happy to give back the shirts, but...

While on assignment at Assembly Row last week, a Somerville police officer was contacted via text message by the manager of Express Outlet. The message included a picture of a man, explaining he had allegedly concealed several shirts in his backpack.

The officer went to the store and found that the suspect, later identified as Silvino Anes, of Boston, was not there.

The store manager reportedly stated that Anes selected the shirts, brought them into the dressing room and when he came out he no longer had the shirts and they were not left in the dressing room. Anes then allegedly exited the store, making no attempt to pay for the items.

The manager reportedly told the officer that Anes took a right

onto Artisan Way.

The officer called for backup and Anes was soon spotted in front of Legoland Discovery Center, then heading into Clarks

The officer entered the store and explained the situation to Anes and he reportedly gave the shirts back willingly that were in the backpack.

According to reports, Anes

identified himself to the officer but as he was giving his date of birth he turned and attempted to run out of the store.

The officers were able to catch Anes and he was brought to the ground and handcuffed with difficulty as he continually refused to put his hands behind his back and rolled over onto his arm several times to prevent the handcuffing.

A search of Anes' person revealed a set of needle nose pliers, a tool commonly used by shop-lifters to remove security devices from products.

Anes was placed under arrest and charged with resisting arrest, shoplifting by asportation, and removal of theft prevention device. He was also booked on an outstanding warrant charge of shoplifting by asportation.

# SOMERVILLE POLICE GRIME LOG

#### **Arrests**:

Henry Horton, of 9 Wagley St., Roxbury, October 6, 1:57 p.m., arrested at Mystic Ave. on warrant charges of strangulation or suffocation and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Davron Davis, October 7, 9:53 a.m., arrested at Cross

Street E. on warrant charges of municipal bylaw or ordinance violation and miscellaneous common law violation.

Joseph Keohane, of 68 Summer St., Malden, October 7, 6:33 p.m., arrested at Highland Ave. on charges of possession of a class A drug and possession of ammunition without

FID card

Silvino Anes, of 15 Elder St., Boston, October 9, 6:05 p.m., arrested at Artisan Way on charges of resisting arrest, shoplifting by asportation, and removal of theft prevention device, and on a warrant charge of shoplifting by asportation.

Jonathan Nyawo, October

11, 8:50 a.m., arrested at Washington St. on warrant charges of trespassing, misdemeanor breaking and entering, larceny over \$250, and furnishing a false name or Social Security number.

**Steven West**, of 42 Everett Ave., October 12, 12:06 a.m., arrested at McGrath Hwy. on warrant charges of no inspec-

tion sticker, number plate violation, unregistered motor vehiccle, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, and motor vehicle lights violation.

Wilvens Julce, of 20 Melvin St., October 12, 9:03 a.m., arrested at Cross St. on warrant charges of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and speeding.

# Juvenile indicted in August Somerville shooting

Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan has announced that Jonathan T. Perry, 17, of Somerville, has been indicted as a youthful offender and charged with manslaughter and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon causing serious bodily injury in connection with the August 29, 2017 fatal shooting of Tenzin Kunkhyen, 16, of Malden. Perry will be arraigned in Cambridge Juvenile Court on October 18, 2017.

In juvenile court youthful offender cases are open to the public.

Shortly before 5:00 p.m. on August 29, 2017 the Somerville

Police Department responded to a Farragut Avenue residence for reports of a shooting. Upon arrival officers located the victim suffering from a single gunshot wound to the chest. The victim was transported to Mount Auburn Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Following the shooting, Perry fled the scene. An arrest warrant was issued for Perry who was located in Arlington on September 5 and taken into custody without incident.

These charges are allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

The prosecutors assigned to



17-year-old shooting suspect Jonathan T. Perry.

this case as Assistant District Attorneys Nicole Allain and Ceara Mahoney. The Victim Witness Advocate is Anne Foley.

— Office of the D.A.

# Two local fatal shootings

Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan, Cambridge Police Commissioner Branville Bard Jr. and Somerville Chief of Police David Fallon have confirmed that two fatal shootings occurred on Saturday morning at approximately 3:30 a.m.: one in Cambridge and one in Somerville.

At approximately 3:30 a.m. this morning Ednilson Decosta, 28, of Dorchester, was shot in a motor vehicle on Windsor Street

at Evereteze Way in Cambridge. The victim was transported to an area hospital where he was pronounced deceased.

At approximately 3:37 a.m. a second fatal shooting occurred on Canal Lane in Somerville. Kevin Raymond, 20, of Somerville, was shot in a parking lot. He was driven to an area hospital where he was pronounced deceased.

These investigations are active and ongoing and no suspects

are in custody in connection with these incidents. It is not known if the two incidents are connected and no further information is being released at this time. These cases are being investigated by Massachusetts State Police assigned to the Middlesex District Attorney's Office, the Cambridge Police Department and Somerville Police Department.

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# Local officials advocate for affordable housing



Mayor Joseph Curtatone, Representative Denise Provost and Alderman Bob Mcwatters testified on October 17, 2017 before a joint Committee on Housing before Chairman Honan and Boncore on house bill 3017, an act to preserve affordable housing through a local option tenants right to purchase.



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Somerville Ward 3 Alderman | Bob McWatters

ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH









# **Beacon Hill Roll Call**



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THE HOUSE AND SENATE: Beacon Hill Roll Call records local representatives and senators on roll calls from the week of October 9-13.

# \$485,559 TO CITIES AND TOWNS FOR EARLY VOTING COSTS (H 3951)

House approved 154-0, Senate rejected 9-28, an amendment to a fiscal 2017 supplemental budget that closes out the books on fiscal 2017 that ended on June 30.

The amendment would reimburse cities and towns \$485,559 for the costs of the new law that allowed early voting in the November 8, 2016 election. Early voting begins 10 business days before any primary or general election and ends two days before the election.

Amendment supporters said that this new law is an unfunded mandate forced upon cities and towns. They argued the budgets of cities and towns are tight and reimbursement of this money is important to them.

Amendment opponents said they support reimbursing cities and towns but argued this amendment would be amending the fiscal year 2018 budget and adding the funds through that vehicle. They argued that the purpose of the supplemental budget was to close out fiscal year 2017, not add funds to the fiscal year 2018 budget.

(A "Yes" vote is for the \$485,559. A "No" vote is against it.)

Rep. Christine Barber Yes
Rep. Mike Connolly Yes
Rep. Denise Provost Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen No

# FUNDING FOR SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION (H 3951)

House 47-108, rejected an amendment providing funding for substance use prevention and treatment programs from the revenue generated by the 20 percent tax on future marijuana sales in the state. The funding would be the lesser of \$30 million or 15 percent of the total tax revenue. A portion of that revenue would then be distributed on a per-pupil basis, to the public schools to provide substance abuse education, prevention, intervention and professional development and training.

Amendment supporters said that without this funding, these programs are not guaranteed any money from the marijuana revenue. Instead, the decision of whether to fund these programs and how much to fund them would be made annually by the Legislature. They argued that the guaranteed annual funding of these programs is important to the effort to combat the opioid epidemic.

Amendment opponents said that they support the need for more opiate treatment resources, but argued that earmarking specific dollar amounts before the marijuana law is even implemented and before any revenue is generated, would be premature. They said there is no doubt that the House leadership is committed to funding these programs.

(A"Yes" vote is for the funding. A"No" vote is against it.)

Rep. Christine Barber No Rep. Mike Connolly Yes Rep. Denise Provost No

# BAN BUMP STOCKS - HOUSE VERSION (H 3951)

House 152-3, approved an amendment that supporters say would ban the sale, purchase or ownership of

"bump stock" devices for weapons. Opponents of the amendment disagree and say that the wording of the bill is vague and that the words bump stock do not appear anywhere in the bill.

Bump stocks are devices that are attached to rifles, shotguns or firearms, other than a magazine, to increase the weapon's rate of fire and mimic a fully automatic weapon that can fire hundreds of shots in succession. The measure was filed in response to the recent massacre in Las Vegas where the shooter used 12 of these devices, allowing him to shoot, kill and injure more victims. Violators under this new law would be sentenced to between three and 20 years in prison.

"This legislation will ensure that no one in Massachusetts can legally possess a 'bump stock,' a device designed to increase the deadliness of these already deadly weapons," said the amendment's sponsor Rep. David Linsky (D-Natick). "These devices were created by gun manufacturers as a workaround of the federal law banning the sale and possession of automatic weapons, and there is absolutely no place for them in a civilized society."

"While we cannot bring those precious lives back, today's bump stock ban prevents another tragedy from taking place in Massachusetts, and builds on our progress promoting sensible gun safety in the commonwealth," said House Ways and Means chairman Jeffrey Sánchez (D-Boston)

"The issue I have with this legislation is that the words 'bump stock' was nowhere to be found in the final language," said Rep. Donald Berthiaume (R-Spencer), noting that the language was ambiguous. "Of course, I would vote to ban bump stocks if that was the real intent of this amendment. He argued that an important issue like this should not be attached to a supplemental budget but rather "should have gone through the committee hearing process and then to the House and Senate like every other legislative proposal."

"It is a poorly drafted and vaguely worded amendment," echoed Rep. Peter Durant (R-Spencer). "While I don't think it is unreasonable to prevent people from getting devices that turn their semi-automatic weapon into an automatic weapon, this amendment has the effect of making any modification to a firearm that could conceivably increase the rate of fire illegal and subject you to at least three years in prison. Simply making a bolt action rifle slide easier, and therefore work faster could be determined illegal." Durant noted that the interpretation of this law will be left to un-elected state bureaucrats who can change depending on the administration in the corner office."

(A "Yes" vote is for the amendment. A "No" vote is Mon. October 9 against it.)

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

# BAN BUMP STOCKS - SENATE VERSION (S 2177)

Senate 38-0, approved its own version of an amendment banning the sale, purchase or ownership of "bump stock" devices for weapons and classifying them under the same law that governs machine guns. The punishment for violating the law would be the same as it is for machine guns - 18 months to life in prison. The Senate version of the bill used the words "bump stock," so unlike the House, there

were no charges that the Senate language was vague.

"This amendment is a necessary and appropriate response to the dangers inherent in these deadly devices," said the sponsor of the amendment Sen. Cynthia Creem (D-Newton). "The horror of the mass shootings in Las Vegas is unfortunately just the latest incident which calls out for the adoption of more sensible gun laws both here and nationally."

"Too many parents have had to bury their children, too many movie-goers have had a fun night out turn into a nightmare and too many Americans fear for their safety and the safety of their families," said Sen. Eric Lesser (D-Longmeadow). "It is time for us to step up and say we will not tolerate this senseless killing anymore -- or the ease with which it is carried out."

(A"Yes" vote is for the ban.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

**PUBLIC SAFETY LEGISLATION** - The Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security held a hearing on 25 bills including:

MUST WEAR SEAT BELTS ON BUSSES (S 1350)
- Requires all children riding on school buses to wear seat belts.

CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS IN SCHOOLS (H 1288) - Requires all schools that have enclosed parking, a furnace, boiler, water heater, fireplace or any other appliance or device that burns fossil fuel to have a carbon monoxide detector.

#### 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 9-13, the House met for a total of four hours and 44 minutes and Senate met for a total of six hours and 24 minutes.

	No Senate session
Tues. October 10	House 11:03 a.m. to 11:14 a.m. Senate 11:13 a.m. to 11:22 a.m.
Wed. October 11	House 11:05 a.m. to 3:28 p.m. No Senate session
Thurs. October 12	House 11:03 a.m. to 11:13 a.m. Senate 11:07 a.m. to 5:22 p.m.

No House session

No House session

No Senate session

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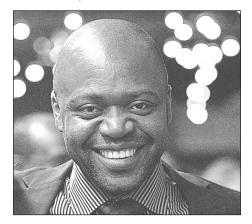
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to help each neighborhood create its own ways to communicate, set goals, and track progress on goals.

My Unique Strengths: I have spent thousands of hours with children and families of all backgrounds in Somerville. I have taken to heart how they see the world. I have a deep knowledge of how the city works, but in the last 10 months my perspective has shifted. I no longer report to the Mayor or Superintendent – as an Alderman I will report to YOU as residents. I will use my skills, knowledge, and energy to meet your needs as I work on the job full-time.

You can learn more about the issues I care about at http://www.stephanieforsomerville.com. Thank you to those of you who has talked to me -- I am learning so much from each of you. I hope I can earn one of your votes on November 7.



#### Will Mbah

I was born and raised in Cameroon, and Somerville has become my "promised land"—a city that celebrates diversity, values its residents, and fosters opportunities for growth and success. I was orphaned at a young age, and depended on my extended family and community for support as I completed my education. I even spent some time in foster care and ultimately my family had to sell our house in order to send me to college. As a college student at the University of Buea, I advocated for student rights, and earned a scholarship to Sweden's University of Agricultural Science to study soil science.

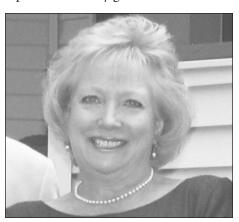
In 2010, I moved to Massachusetts after winning the American Diversity Lottery—the blessing of my life. But my journey was just beginning. Despite my credentials, the process of finding work and settling down here was challenging. I know this sentiment will be familiar to all immigrants and working people. I took on odd jobs, washing dishes at a downtown hotel and working as a custodian so that I could get by.

Over the next seven years, I was able to work hard and move up, attaining a position in MIT's Department of Environmental Health and Safety, where I now work as a technologist. I married the love of my life, Christelle, and welcomed a baby boy, Joel into the world. I also earned my United States citizenship. During this period of successful personal and professional milestones, something else was also true- I was not immune to the forces of gentrification and displacement. I had to move five separate times—nearly once per year—as skyrocketing rents pushed me and my young family out of home after home. At one point, I was even forced to leave Somerville, displaced to nearby

Hyde Park for four months until I could find a way to return.

It is these experiences that have inspired me to run for office in Somerville, a city I have worked so hard to call home. I have watched as families, working people, artists and businesses have been forced to leave, disrupting their lives and weakening the fabric of the community just to line the pockets of special interests, many of them based out of state. That is why I am fighting hard for affordability, community-led development and economic fairness. We need to preserve the social and cultural fabric of Somerville and that means taking care of the people and businesses that make this city so special. My goal is to help build a city where ALL residents are values and have access to quality jobs and housing, and can meaningfully shape the development plan for their city. That is why I support an increase in the inclusionary zoning law from 20 to 25%, the creation of community land trusts, tenant rights of first refusal, a 1% transfer tax and intergenerational housing initiatives.

I think that my lived experiences set me apart from the other candidates running for at-large. I lived the working class experience here in Somerville; I lived the immigrant experience here in Somerville; I have faced the forces of displacement and battled to stay. I think these life experiences will allow me to bring the people's perspective to the table in city government. In addition, I would be the only renter on the Board of Alderman, another important constituency that needs a voice in city government. Finally, our diversity is our strength here in Somerville, and I think it is important for residents of color to see themselves represented in city government.



#### Mary Jo Rossetti

Born and raised in Somerville, I am the daughter and granddaughter of former Somerville firefighters. As my children entered our school system, I became active in the PTA, co-chaired multiple school councils, enjoyed my days as a Girl Scout leader and CCD instructor. With the encouragement of the community I ran for Office and in January of 2000 was sworn in as the Ward 7 school committee representative. I soon became active in the MA Association of School Committees, with the eventual honor of being elected by my peers to represent them and their communities, as President of this prestigious Association. Appointed by Governor Patrick, beginning 2012, I served the Commonwealth for 3 years on the Local Government Advisory Commission, and also had responsibility as Chair of the ever-important state-wide Advocacy Committee (MASC). With each new opportunity came a wealth of personal professional development that continues to guide me today.

As my children matriculated to Higher Education, with it came my decision to step down from the School Committee and instead encourage a parent with children in our schools to seek my seat of Office. What followed next for me was unanticipated. Once again, with the encouragement of this wonderful community, I found myself running for one of four Seats as Alderman-At-Large.

Some of my responsibilities on the Board today include Chair of the Legislative Matters Committee and representing my BOA colleagues as I serve on the SHS Building Committee, closely overseeing the renovation project now underway. Aside from these chief responsibilities, moving forward my priorities continue to include:

- Health & Safety
- Housing Affordability
- Fiscal Responsibility

Examples of my advocacy efforts include:

- As I stated during our recent budget talks, the Board of Aldermen must have involvement in the upcoming negotiation of the Tufts University PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) Agreement. The Board has not been involved with this important negotiation in the past. It is my strong opinion, given an endowment of over \$2 billion, Tufts can and should do better.
- Recent data from The Greater Boston Food Bank has indicated they have been serving MORE THAN DOUBLE their anticipated # of families here in Somerville. Our own neighbors are struggling to survive. Affordability is in crisis for far too many.
- We must seriously review an increase of our community's Residential Tax Exemption rate.
- We must attract responsible commercial development to increase our commercial tax base, decrease tax burden on home owners, and increase local job opportunities.
- We must hold absentee landlord developers more accountable.
- The creation of Neighborhood Councils is another important step of assuring increased transparency and voice for the community.
- For so very many essential reasons, Environmental Sustainability is not to be ignored. During our upcoming discussions of the Administration's proposed new Zoning legislation, strict language must be included in this regard.

I take pride in my style of constituent services. No matter the purpose of conversation, I thank and encourage each and every individual to continue to keep me on my toes.

Coordinating efforts with our State and Federal legislators is also vital. Having lobbied both in Washington D.C. and country-wide over a span of 10 years has afforded me the experience necessary. The Honor of representing the voice of many is a responsibility I never take lightly. I hope to continue, if The People so choose.



#### **Dennis M. Sullivan**

Many people say that they only see their elected officials in an election year, but they can't say that about me. Early in my first term as Alderman, I started my neighborhood office hours — and since have held them twice per year in every ward. In the colder months, we hold them at the library or in the grocery store. It's become a family affair; my three-year-old daughter, wife and our dog, join me whenever possible! It's my way of connecting with residents in their neighborhood on their time. Social media and email is great; but nothing can replace talking to someone face to face.

"Do all the good you can, for all the people you can, for as long as you can..." This quote by Hillary Clinton sums up my belief in public service.

I first decided to run for Alderman after serving six years on the School Committee. During my tenure there, I was proud to oversee the building of several schools with 90% reimbursement funds from the Commonwealth, establish a full-time nurse at the East Somerville Community School, close the achievement gap for all students and serve as Chairman. I've continued to fight for low class size, technology, improved open space for our youth and making sure that the new high school that voters passed overwhelmingly, gets built.

My priorities continue to be:

Public transportation: we made history in 2014 when the Assembly Square MBTA orange line stop opened, but we need to be vigilant to ensure that the green line extension stays on track, making Somerville a walkable city from any point to rapid transportation. We must also expand the community bike path all the way to Boston to increase pedestrian access.

The environment: I'm proud to have earned the endorsement of the Sierra club in the past because of strides we've made in protecting the environment. Our zero-sort recycling is easy and makes a difference. Businesses here no longer use polystyrene or plastic bags. I will continue to work towards a net zero carbon footprint.

Smart growth development is about attracting the right businesses. It's not enough to just pay taxes; businesses must provide good jobs for city residents, and help to enhance our streets and squares.

Clean streets and safe neighborhoods are more important than ever. I've seen firsthand the hard work our police and fire do on a daily basis. In the winter, our DPW employees work nonstop to clear the snow. I will continue Continued on page 8

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to prioritize city services.

Last, but definitely not least, investing in our seniors remains a top priority. You built this city. Many of you established roots here long before it was 'hip' to call Somerville home. Your safety, health, and well- being are important. I continue to support a full-time mental health coordinator, an "R-U-Ok" program, and increased emergency preparedness training.

These are exciting times. Assembly Square, the green line, the renaissance of east Broadway and Union Square, where I have been an outspoken advocate for a community benefits development. These are some of the projects that will define us for decades to come. Now is the time for experience.

I have that experience. I've been an outspoken voice on the board for smart growth development and transportation; always fighting for what's best for the neighborhood. I spend many nights at the planning board, zoning board of appeals, and license commission, fighting for your quality of life. I am the most accessible Alderman in the city of Somerville, and I will continue to be so.

Today I ask for one of your 4 votes on Nov 7th.



#### Hon. Kevin Allen Tarpley, I

As the former Ward 2 Alderman, I would like to once again have the privilege to serve the entire city of Somerville. It will be my goal to serve One Somerville, One Mission.

As the former Ward 2 Alderman, I will bring back many of the same services that made Ward 2 work in the interest of the people of Ward 2. I will seek to reestablish a Citywide Advisory Committee that I will meet with on a regular basis to hear different views about issues before the Board of Aldermen or that may impact the community as a whole and neighborhood specifically.

I will again seek to gain support for a change in the process by which development takes place here in the city of Somerville so that greater control over projects are in the hands of residents and not developer simply because they have gone through the process of meeting the requirements laid out by the Planning and Zoning Boards. We must slow down the condo conversion process in order to meet the needs of residents; from traffic and parking issues to affordable housing for those who want to stay in Somerville that are being priced out.

I want to again address the need for thinking outside of the box regarding youth development, senior care and services, open space and "Pocket Parks." I want to again tackle the issue of seeking support for addressing the need to update our outdate sewer system in order to separate rain water and sewerage thereby reducing what city residents and property owners must pay for this long lastly waste and abuse of the taxpaying residents.

As the Alderman-At-Large, I want to serve the public as their advocate on the Board Alderman as an independent servant of the people who is beholding to no one but the people of Somerville.

One Somerville, One Mission to serve the people of Somerville.



#### William A. White Jr.

People say that a person's values are shaped in their youth. I grew up in Somerville near the last operating slaughter house in the City. It was a working class neighborhood where folks knew one another, helped one another out, and had a real sense of community. As a youth, I received help from a number of people in the community that allowed me to pursue my education. I graduated from Somerville High School, Harvard College and Georgetown Law. I now have a law office in Somerville. I became involved in politics because I wanted to give back to the City for all of the help that I had received as youth. I decided to run for office to put my skills and experience to use to benefit the City.

During my service on the Board of Aldermen, I have played a major role in drafting and passing important legislation to promote residential home ownership, to guide development forward to protect our neighborhoods, and to bring good commercial development to the City. As examples, I drafted the legislation that raised our residential exemption to 30% for real estate taxes and later urged that we increase it to 35%. This year, the residential exemption saved a Somerville homeowner \$2,747.11. I also put forward legislation to have a similar residential exemption for our water and sewer bills, which is pending in the state legislature. I drafted the legislation that led to the creation of the master plan for Assembly Square, including the construction of the T Stop there. Because of my concern over the role that big money contributions could have on City government, I drafted the City's Play to Pay Ordinance. This is one of the most restrictive campaign finance laws in the country, which limits the amount of money that developers and those doing business with the City can contribute to elected officials and candidates. I have also drafted zoning amendments to create additional affordable housing and increase commercial development in our City. Constituent concerns are also a top priority. I pride myself on answering their phone calls and emails and working with the staff of our City departments to address their concerns. It is not unusual for me to be drafting a piece of important legislation in the evening and then meeting with constituents to address their concerns, such as a rodent problem, the next morning.

The City of Somerville is facing its greatest challenges in over 100 years. We are in the process of building a new high school along with major infrastructure improvements. We must insure that we do not undertake unreasonable financial risks. Likewise, we cannot allow our resident homeowners and our renters to be forced out of the City by rising taxes which also increase rents. The Board of Aldermen will vote on new zoning for the entire City next year. This zoning must preserve our residential neighborhoods

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# The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week

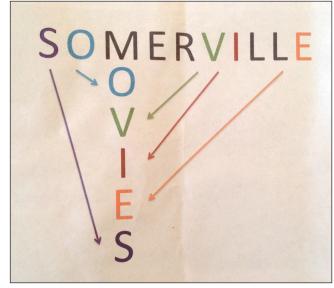


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# Somerville: An Embodiment of Movies

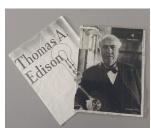
By Bob (Monty) Doherty

Thomas Alva Edison was America's most prolific inventor who fathered 1,093 creations. He produced his first two devices, the electric vote recorder and the universal stock printer, in the machine shop of Somerville's Charles Williams.



Some of Edison's more notable inventions were the electric light bulb and the phonograph. His first recorded words were from the poem, Mary Had A Little Lamb, which was about Somerville's Mary Tyler. In 1892, he invented the motion picture camera. He then created the first black box theatre that held approximately 100 people. It was carefully covered and sealed with tarpaper so as to not emit any light; and for years, Tufts College had one on its campus. Edison produced films until 1918 and then went on to other pursuits.

On February 7, 1632, John Winthrop, Governor of the Massachusetts Bay Colony and his group left his Ten Hills farm to explore lands north of the Mystic River. The most obvious feature they ob-



served was, accordingly to Winthrop, a very great pond.

Near its center were acre-sized wooded islands with the rest of the vast pond dotted with rocks breaking through its surface. Today's view of it from Route 93 hasn't changed that much since Governor Winthrop named it Spot Pond. According to guides at the pond, early silent films were produced on the islands to avoid interruption from onlookers and fans. This was before filmmakers and filmmaking artists were attracted to California's vast land and year-round warm climate.



Through the years, Somerville has loved her movies, actors, and the messages they delivered in her over fifteen theatres. For a geographically small city, she has had many Hollywood

connections. A partial list of movies, television films, set locations, and popular film stars who have touched Somerville is quite impressive.

- Kate Smith, Tallulah Bankhead, and Marlon Brando, all stared in movies and acted at The Somerville Theatre.
- Bette Davis, Olympia Dukakis, Jack Knight, and Arthur Godfrey once lived in Somerville. Continued on page 15

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# **Union Square Portraits:**

## Conversations about America – with Alberto

#### By JT Thompson

Alberto: The Puerto Rican owner of Casa B, an elegant but warmly welcoming tapas restaurant just off Union Square's main plaza. He and his Colombian wife Angelina developed the restaurant together. They both grew up on the Caribbean coast and their menu brings together the culinary traditions they each inherited, out of which they have created a unique, new American tradition.

The description on the menu says the dishes are "based on the reinterpretation of traditional dishes from the Spanish Caribbean cuisine, infused with flavors, colors and textures of our travels, memories and life experiences."

Alberto is leaning against Casa B's downstairs bar. He's wearing a soft-brimmed, knit black hat above a round face, which is covered in dark stubble. A black t-shirt. He has a mischievous smile that disappears as quickly as it appears. He's got both arms crossed on the bar and is leaning into them heavily, with his shoulders rolled forward. He looks tired. But also relaxed, like he's been working hard at something he enjoys.

The B in Casa B comes from Alberto's maternal grandfather's last name, Bobonis. Grandfather Bobonis was a physics professor, who loved to cook big family dinners, and passed on to Alberto a vivid sense of food's ability to bring

After graduating from a lab high school in San Juan, run by the University of Puerto Rico,

Alberto went to MIT, where he earned a master's degree in architecture.

"Moving to Boston was a bit of a shock. The language. People being more reserved, not as open as in Latin culture. The weather." He laughs at the memory of it.

"But MIT was 70% international students, so there were a lot of other people having similar experiences. And we adopted some American traditions. At Thanksgiving, we would get together all the people who had nowhere to go, and have all kinds of food, from everywhere. We still do it.

"That's one of the things I love about America. You can make your own traditions. Or take an existing one and twist it to make it your own."

After finishing his masters, and getting licensed as an architect, Alberto decided not to go on to get a PhD in architecture - his mother and maternal grandparents are all academics - but to follow the other passion he had inherited from his grandfather: food.

Alberto did the night program at the Cambridge School of Culinary Arts and, after he graduated, he and Angelina started running an underground dinner club out of their home in Somerville. Over two years, they experimented with and refined recipes. The club went so well that they started planning a restaurant.

"Union Square was up and coming. The rent was decent.

"It was a little crazy opening a restaurant in 2011, at a low point in the recession, but we're still here."

His mischievous smile flashes for a moment.

I ask him if things he loves about America are coming to

He stiffens a bit. "I grew up as an American. I've been a US citizen since I was born. But, as a Puerto Rican, I couldn't vote."

He pauses. "But what do I love ... It's stable here. You will have a job. Though not when the economy goes down..." He shakes his head. "But generally - there's a lot of security here."

For someone who says he loves stability and security, Alberto has been very adventurous with his own career. Abandoning being an architect to follow his passion for food. Starting his own restaurant.

As he tells me, "90% close in the first six months."

But Casa B, with its international hybrid cuisine, is thriving

"Are there things about America that you think are great?" I ask. Long, heavy pause. "I know that's a charged word right now,"

"Yeah," says Alberto. He looks into the distance, says, "Make America great again," and then shakes his head. He turns back to me. "America is great. What makes America great is that it is a land of immigrants. Only the Indians are natives, the rest of us are immigrants. There is a misconception of who is American and who isn't. We're all immigrants."

greatness of America.

here. In Colombia, where my



Owner of Casa B, Alberto.

wife is from, maybe 80% are Colombian. Maybe 10% immigrant. So you really know who's an immigrant there. Here, people forget that they're immigrants."

The restaurant is beginning to fill up, and Alberto needs to head back into the kitchen.

Drawing on his background as an architect, Alberto designed the restaurant himself. It has crisply modern white chairs and tables, a profusion of plants tucked neatly into recesses in the walls, and scattered touches of vintage décor - an assortment of mirrors in intricately carved frames, the old wood painted a scuffed white, a collection of old family photos going back at least three generations, a wall made of old wooden doors and shutters, all painted the same scuffed white as the mirror frames.

described in Spanish first, with translations into English below, a small gesture that says "Welcome" to a different culture.

Altogether Casa B is both homey and elegant, both steeped in family traditions and cutting edge. The old and the new working together. A model of American progress.

This interview was done before the renovation of the upstairs eating area, which is now a cocktail and rum bar with a wall painted the dark purple of a tropical flower.

#### On the menu, the dishes are people together. The area was going to grow. He nods his head. "That's the

'There are so many cultures

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and also bring good commercial development to the transformation districts in our City. Good commercial development is especially important to raise the revenue that our City needs to offset its expenses. If our new zoning is not handled correctly, we could forever change the nature of Somerville for the worse by destroying our sense of community. We also need to find creative ways to increase our affordable housing units so that we can maintain Somerville as a diverse community, one that especially welcomes families and those who want to remain here for the long term. I would appreciate one of your votes for Alderman at Large. I hope that you agree that I have earned it!

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# **COMMENTARY**

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# **Be Somerville**

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By Joseph A. Curtatone

A monthly look at ways to get involved with your city: Don't just live in Somerville, be Somerville.

#### Davis Square Neighborhood Meeting, 10/19

Join City planning staff, area experts, and your Davis Square neighbors as we take a deeper dive into the community-selected topics from a previous meeting and identify action steps to address the goals and needs related to each. Whether your concerns are open space, traffic, parking, accessibility, streetscape, bicycle infrastructure, housing or more, we hope you'll join us. For more information, please contact planning@ somervillema.gov.

When/where: Thursday, October 19, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Community Baptist Church, 31 College Ave.

# Fall ResiStat Neighborhood

There are three remaining fall ResiStat meetings on the latest city and neighborhood news. All take place from 6:30 to 8:00

p.m. with free pizza and socializing beginning at 6:00 p.m. Coming early for pizza is a great way to talk to officials and staff one on one-or save your questions, comments, and ideas for the lively Q&A's.

- Ward 5 (Greater Magoun Square and East Ball Square areas): Wednesday, October 18, Kennedy School.
- Ward 7 (West Somerville, Teele Square): Wednesday, November 1, at the West Somerville Neighborhood School.
- Multilingual (Presented in Spanish with interpretation available in English, Haitian-Kreyol, and Portuguese): Thursday, November 2, at the East Somerville Community School.

#### Municipal Election, 11/7

Election Day is right around the corner, and with various contested races around the city, it's important that you show up on Tuesday, November 7 and let your voice be heard. Sample ballots will be going up any day now, so stay tuned to www. somervillema.gov/vote.

Did you know that if you failed to vote in the September 19 Preliminary Election and haven't returned this year's census form you could be an inactive voter? To keep your voting status active - and to help avoid longer Election Day lines - return your census form to the city by emailing census@somervillema.gov or faxing it to 617-625-5643 no later than Tuesday, October 31. Blank forms can be found at www.somervillema.gov/vote by clicking on the 'Census' tab.

# 'Villens at Work' Scavenger

The City of Somerville has begun a Workforce Development Strategic Plan to help guide investment in the local workforce system and we need your input. The 'Villens at Work' scavenger hunt will help the City learn about your career goals are as well as introduce you to the many businesses, workers, and skill-building programs in the city. Complete the tasks and you'll be entered to win a \$200 gift card to a Somerville restaurant of your choice. New challenges, along with additional bonus prizes, will be released every two weeks. The scavenger hunt ends December 1. For more information, visit www.somervillema.gov/ departments/programs/workforce-and-talent and click on the 'Strategic Plan' tab.

#### Retirement Board Vacant Position

The Somerville Retirement Board is currently accepting applications to fill its vacant 5th Board Member position. The Retirement Board meets once per month (and other times as needed) and reviews and makes investment management decisions while also processing all disability applications. The selected applicant will be required to complete 18 hours of educational training during the threeyear term and to file an annual Statement of Financial Interest with the Commonwealth. Applicants cannot be an employee, a retiree, or official of the City of Somerville. Interested applicants should submit a statement of interest and resume to mpasquariello@somervillema. gov or to the Somerville Retirement Board, City Hall Annex, 50 Evergreen Ave., Somerville, MA 02145-2819, Attention Executive Director. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

#### Affordable Housing **Opportunities**

Creating new affordable housing opportunities is a central component of the community's 20-year SomerVision Plan. We know we have a long way to go, but we are pleased that 56 affordable rental units in the new Montaje building in Assembly Row will be offered to low- and moderate-income eligible households through the City's Inclusionary Housing Program via an application and lottery process. The application is available at www.s-e-b.com/ property/montaje/ as well as City Hall Annex, 50 Evergreen Ave. 2nd Floor, and all branches of the Somerville Public Library. Listed below are some important events and dates to keep in mind.

+ Multi-lingual application

assistance (in English, Spanish, Portuguese, Haitian-Kreyol; volunteers for other languages sought): Bring proof of residency or full-time employment in Somerville. Contact somerviva@somervillema.gov for more info or to volunteer.

When/where: Thursday, October 26, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at 521 Assembly Row (the storefront between Chico's and DAVIDsTEA).

- Application informational session: Application details will be reviewed and your questions answered. When/Where: Thursday, October 19 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the East Somerville Community School, 50 Cross St.
- · Applications deadline: Monday, November 13, by 2:00 p.m.
- Rental Unity Lottery: Units will be selected by lottery from the pool of qualifying applications. Applicants are welcome to attend the drawing.

When/where: Monday, December 11, at 10:00 a.m. at Somerville City Hall

#### City Newsletter

For weekly updates on city cultural and civic events, new services and programs, and more, sign up for the City e-newsletter at www.somervillema.gov/ newsletter.

#### City Calendar

Look up city events and meetings (as well as agendas and minutes) 24/7 on the City calendar at www.somervillema.gov.

#### City officials, residents outraged by loss of Beacon St. trees CONT. FROM PG 1

the surprise tree removal.

the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development work with MassDOT to cease all work on the Beacon St. reconstruction project until a full report on the removal of trees from the street is received and presented to the Board and until city staff is assigned day to day responsibility for oversight.

Both orders were approved by the Board and referred to the Public Utilities and Public Works Committee for fol-

During the meeting, several Board members expressed their anger and outrage over the removal of the trees without prior notice and approval by the city.

mitted asking the Director of offered an update on the administration's reaction to the issue.

"The administration shares the concerns and the anger that we have heard from this Board and this community," Snyder said. "This is something that is simply not acceptable."

Snyder pointed out that the contract for the Beacon St. project is administered by the state, with a contractor responsible for the work, and a sub-contractor who cut down the trees. According to Snyder, the sub-contractor obtained approval by the contractor, but not by Mass-DOT or the City of Somerville.

"Immediately upon finding out that this had happened, the administration contacted Mass-

Tim Snyder from the Mayor's DOT, who immediately issued a An additional order was sub- Office addressed the Board and stop work order on this," Snyder told the Board.

## "This is something that is simply not acceptable."

According to Snyder, the city asked for an emergency meeting with MassDOT and the contractor to establish what exactly had happened.

"The city does have boots on the ground," Snyder said. "It's not a 24/7 presence on the ground, but there are boots on the ground from DPW, from engineering, from transportation infrastructure, to monitor the project. And beyond just monitoring, but to actually look at the specifications of what they're doing."

According to Snyder, because there was no work scheduled in that portion of the corridor at that time, no oversight monitoring was in place to prevent the cutting of the trees.

Snyder emphasized that the actions of the subcontractor was not acceptable and that the city should have been notified before any trees were taken down.

Additional actions taken by the Board at last week's meeting related to the issue included a resolution that the administration assign or hire city staff to oversee the daily operations of contractor and utility company activity for the Beacon St. reconstruction project, and adopt a policy of such oversight for

every state funded street reconstruction project going forward.

passed asking that the City Solicitor and the Director of OSPCD submit to the Board amendments to the Tree Preservation Ordinance with criteria for removal and notification to add safeguards for street reconstruction projects.

Beacon St. residents held a vigil Sunday night on at the site where the trees had been removed. City and state officials also attended. At each tree stump attendees shared how they felt about what had happened and what the trees meant to them. Flowers, notes and candles were placed on the stumps as well. Photos from the vigil are on page 13.

# COMMENTARY

# SIGNS OF THE TIMES

#### Illustrated by Jim Clark



# **Our View Of The Times**



How often in government – be it national, local, or anything in between – do we see instances of one hand not knowing what the other is doing? Unfortunately, too often, sorry to say.

This also holds true for certain dealings between governmental bodies and civilian contractors who have been entrusted to carry out development and renovation projects while keeping the best interests of the community in mind.

The case of the "gone missing" trees of Beacon St. is a prime example of neither hand following the best interests of the other, while the city's residents scratch their heads and wonder how this could have happened.

Without singling out individual players

in this drama, it's clear that a complete breakdown of communication between civic leaders — at both city and state levels — and the contractors in question took place in this matter.

Clearly, more oversight and input by the city was needed in this case, and better advance notification of specific construction plans should have been provided by

the contracting parties involved.

Greenery in urban areas is important for the quality of life of their inhabitants. Perhaps just as important – if not more so – is a community's sense that it is in control of its fate. And of its ability to shape its environment. And to drive its own destiny, thus achieving the quality of life that it strives for.

#### Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

UME Fundraiser on October 21 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Representative Denise Provost and the University of the Middle East Project invite you to a fundraiser in the Armory Cafe to support the Oleander Initiative. Come enjoy Sushi and Falafel.

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Join Mayor Joe Curtatone, the Somerville Public Library, and Somerville-based publisher Candlewick Press for an afternoon story time on Saturday, October 21, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Mayor Curtatone will read Windows, a new picture book set in Somerville. Julia Denos and E.B. Goodale, author and illustrator of Windows, will join the mayor for this very special story time to answer questions about the book. Somerville Public Library (Children's Room), 79 Highland Ave. The storytime will be followed by a crafting event and a book signing. Porter Square Books will be on-site to sell copies of Windows.

For those that might be interested in obtaining certification for firearms should look up the Lawrence Rod & Gun Club, they give an extensive class program at the end of which you re-ceive certification for Massachusetts/NRA Certified Firearm Safety Classes. They run a class

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once a month which is limited to 10 people and we hear that this is the place to go to learn safety when handling guns. Email gunclub@earthlink.net for more information and or go to their web site at www.lawrencerodandgunclub.org and read up about the course.

It's 2017 and **Demets Donuts** shop over on Mystic Avenue donuts are the best, we're noticing more and more Somerville residents over there getting their coffee and donuts start the day. The ladies during the week are fantastic and always smiling, if you're in the mood for a huge great tasting donuts drop over early they disappear as the day get on. We've noticed more and more Somerville residents over at the Store on Mystic, they are finding out like we have that their coffee is better then you know!

WARNING: Now the latest celebrity on Facebook is a person named Theo Sullivan (check him out and friend him, read and enjoy). Look him up, and although some would say he's not real or he's someone else, those that are saying anything should be concerned with the word "indirect" – look it up. Especially on a criminal complaint, in particular a "Harassment Prevention Order G.L.

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258E," that was issued two years ago, now on the third year, against one of the publishers of that lesser known fake newspaper has a court order against him. Some of them over there should worry that criminal harassment complaints can and will be taken out on others as well. Be very careful. Don't be fooled by the boss over there who attempts to extort those that he believes he has something against. Just ask the mayor, who won't submit to his inappropriate demands and remarks. Again, check him out and friend Theo Sullivan on Facebook. He has some pretty interesting things about the publishers of that fake paper.

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We had a conversation with an older member of the yacht club who resented us writing bad things about it. We didn't write bad things about the club, we just stand on what we said about certain members. 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.

# **The Carpenter and the Theater**

Photographer and Somerville Times contributing writer Margaux Monroe Maxwell put together a photo essay that follows Juan Mendez, 42, of Sunshine's Furniture, on a journey to find furniture for his repurposed wood shop that ends in a secret underground theatre in Boston. Sunshine's Furniture is located at 93 Holland Street in Somerville.













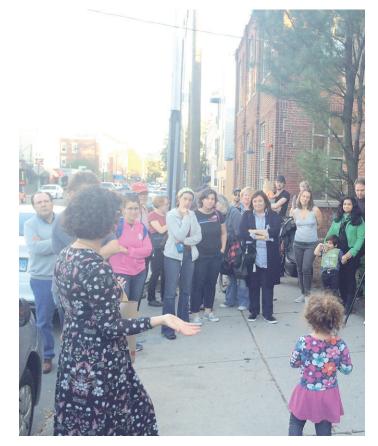
Photos by Margaux Monroe Maxwell



# **Beacon Street Tree Vigil**















Go to www.thesomervilletimes.com for more photos

Photos by Bobbie Toner





# **SPORTS**

# Somerville High School Girls Volleyball update



SHS Freshman, Junior Varsity and Varsity Girls Volleyball team went up against Swampscott High Monday at Somerville High School. Freshman played a close game but lost to Swampscott, Junior Varsity beat Swampscott, and Varsity also lost to Swampscott. Each team will be playing Wednesday in Everett against Everett High and they will be back at home Friday to play Waltham. Freshman and Junior Varsity games are Photos by Bobbie Toner played at 4:00 p.m., and the Varsity game is played at 5:00 p.m.



mixture, hodgepodge

- 1. Who was the original host of The Price Is Right? its leaves in the winter?
- 2. Who is the mascot for the breakfast cereal Cocoa Puffs?
- 3. Who is Carlos Irwin Estévez better known as?
- 4. What author had a best-selling novel Airport?
- 5. In what year did Freddie Mercury, lead vocalist of the band Queen, die?
- 6. On the cover of the Sweet Baby James album, what color shirt does James Taylor wear?

- 7. What kind of tree loses
- 8. In the Star Trek series, John de Lancie played which character?
- 9. What vitamins do pumpkins have?
- 10. Myosotis is Latin for what flower?
- 11. Charles Lindbergh wrote about his New York to Paris flight in which book?
- 12. What rock band was sometimes referred to as "the Bad Boys from Boston"?

Answers on page 17





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#### **Puerto Rico hurricane relief**

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone, Superintendent of Schools Mary Skipper, and Executive Director of The Welcome Project Ben Echevarria, announce the formation of a donation drive in support of the residents of Puerto Rico who remain in need in the wake of Hurricane Maria.

Due to ongoing difficulties on the ground in Puerto Rico, we have been advised that supplies are currently mainly unable to reach victims in the hardest hit areas. Therefore, Somerville's donation drive will be rolled out in phases in order to best support the needs of the community, and to support the efforts of mutual aid organizations.

In the first phase which is currently ongoing, anyone wishing to donate is encouraged to make monetary donations to support the Boston Foundation/Puerto Rico Alliance efforts to raise \$1 million to support five community-based organizations in Puerto Rico (tbf.org/giving/make-a-gift/boston-united-for-puerto-rico). We encourage check donations to maximize the amount of funds going directly to relief efforts, but credit card and debit donations are also welcome and may be made at the above online address.

As aid operations continue, we anticipate that families and/or young children may be relocating or traveling to Massachusetts for extended stays with friends or relatives. At that time, Phase 2 of our joint donation drive will include the collection of clothing, food, toiletries, and other supplies necessary to support those families and young children.

TO DONATE: Monetary (check) donations can be sent to the following address. Again, credit or debit donations may be made at http://www.tbf.org/giving/make-a-gift/boston-united-for-puerto-rico.

Mail check donations to: The Boston Foundation, Fund Administration, 75 Arlington Street, 3rd Floor, Boston, MA 02116

Checks should be made payable to The Boston Foundation, with "Massachusetts United for Puerto Rico" in the memo field.

#### Historical Fact CONT. FROM PG 8

- Film clips in Somerville include Spencer for Hire, Friends of Eddie Coyle, Central Intelligence, The Social Network, A Civil Action, The Makeover and Patriots Day.
- Set locations were at On the Hill Tavern, the Thirsty Scholar Pub, the Somerville Car Wash, and some of the city's squares, hills, houses and streets.
- + Visiting stars have been Robert Urich, name.

Avery Brooks, the cast of *A Civil Action*, Dwayne "the Rock" Johnson, and others.

\* Davis Square's Rosebud Diner is a tribute to one of Hollywood's most famous movies, *Citizen Kane*, which was written, produced, directed and starred Orson Wells.

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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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#### **NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

October 18, 2017 City of Somerville 93 Highland Ave Somerville, MA 02143 617-625-6600

On or about October 26, 2017 the City of Somerville will submit a request to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as the Commercial Property Improvement Program (CPIP), for the purpose of commercial rehabilitation focused on improvement to the exterior of the property. The target areas for this program are 1) East Somerville which includes Broadway between McGrath Highway (Route 28) and the Sullivan Square MBTA Orange Line Station, greater Union Square and Somerville Ave. west of McGrath O'Brien Highway (Route 28) and the Central Broadway corridor west of McGrath O'Brien Highway (Route 28) and extending south to Medford St. and 2) Union Square which includes the corridor East of Park street along Somerville Ave, and bound by McGrath Highway. East of Dane Street along Washington Street bound by McGrath Highway, South along Bow Street and North of Washington Street.

A tier 2 site specific review will be conducted as addresses are identified. The total estimated program cost for planning years 2017 -2018 is \$150,000.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at the Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, City of Somerville, 33 Highland Ave, Somerville, MA and may be examined or copied weekdays:

Monday thru Wednesday: 8:30AM to 4:30PM, Thursday: 8:30AM to 7:30PM, and Friday: 8:30AM to 12:30PM

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development. All comments received by October 25, 2017 will be considered by the City of Somerville prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

#### RELEASE OF FUNDS

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

#### OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and the City of Somerville's certification for a period of fifteen days following its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Somerville; (b) the City has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to HUD Office of Community Planning and Development at Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. Federal Building 10 Causeway Street, 3rd Floor Boston, MA 02222-1092. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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SECTION 8 PROJECT BASED ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WAITING LIST OPENING FOR Somerville Housing Authority Mystic WATERWORKS

a SENIOR HOUSING COMPLEX

The Somerville Housing Authority (SHA) will make applications available beginning September 20, 2017 - for the purpose of creating a site based waiting list for the new Senior Housing Complex at the 485 Mystic Valley Parkway in West Somerville. This development is part of the Senior Campus that has been developed over the past 10 years. The historic Waterworks building consists of 25 one-bedroom units for Elderly and disabled families.

This list will open on <u>September 20, 2017</u> and will <u>remain open until further notice</u>. Applicants will be selected from the Waterworks Project Based Waiting list based on date and time of application and preference.

Waterworks is a **non-smoking** Senior Housing complex Section 8 project-based development located at the site of historic Waterworks building built in 1864. Each unit has a full kitchen, bath with a walk in shower and combined dining/living room space. The building will have a lounge area and common laundry facilities.

To be eligible for Project Based Voucher Assistance, applicants must have an income of \$36,200 or less for one-person and \$41,400 or less for two-person households.

You may obtain an application at the Mystic Activity Center/Tenant Selection Department, 530 Mystic Avenue and the SHA Administration building, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville on and after **September 20, 2017** Monday through Wednesday 8-4; Thursday 8-7 and Friday 8-12 or by calling 617-625-1152 to have an application mailed to you. Applications will also be available at <a href="www.sha-web.org">www.sha-web.org</a>.

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#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Somerville Housing Authority (SHA) will extend the <u>CLOSURE</u> of the <u>Standard State Family Public Housing</u> for one (1), two (2) and three (3) bedroom waiting lists and the <u>Standard Federal Family</u> for one (1) and two (2) bedroom waiting lists. And, the one (1) bedroom waiting list for the Emergency State Family effective October 15, 2017 to September 30, 2018.

The SHA will, however continue to <u>accept Emergency applications</u> for the State two (2) and three (3) bedroom and Federal one (1), and two (2) bedroom waiting lists.

The SHA will continue to accept STANDARD applications for the STATE four (4) and five (5) bedroom and FEDERAL three (3) bedroom waiting lists, State and Federal Elderly/Disabled Public Housing Programs and all Section 8 Rental Assistance Programs.

Applications can be obtained on line at <a href="www.sha-web.org">www.sha-web.org</a>, by phone at 617-625-1152, and/or in person at the Administration Office, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville and at the Tenant Selection Office, 530 Mystic Avenue, Somerville. The office is open Monday through Wednesday 8 – 4, Thursday 8-7 and Friday 8 to noon.

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# 'Monster Mashed Up at SomerStreets' haunts Somerville this Sunday

CONT. FROM PG 1

- Doggy costume contest with River Dog, 321 Somerville Ave.
- Ghosts of Somerville tour of Milk Row Cemetery, 400 Somerville Ave. 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. with Historic Somerville.
- Candy throwing robot with Somerville High Robotics Team.
- Games with Buzzroar interactive for people of all ages.
- + Giant chainsaw pumpkin carving with Artisan's Asylum.
- Stilting workshop with Open Air Circus.
- + Hockey, football, preschool games, mini pumpkin decorat-

- ing and more with Somerville Recreation Department.
- Vintage and artisan market by Somerville Flea.
- Storytelling project with the City of Somerville tell your story about Somerville to celebrate the 175th anniversary of Somerville.
- Martial arts performance and demonstration class with Villari martial arts.
- Face painting with Tara Perrone.
- Rock climbing wall.
- Parkour with Parkour Generations Boston.

- + Large-format chalk drawing and photo booth with Somerville Open Studios.
  - Rollerskating Shimmy .
- Explore a fire truck and ambulance.
- Community vendors and local businesses.

And more!

To ensure public safety at the event, the following road closures and parking bans will be in effect.

- Somerville Ave. (Hawkins St. to Spring St.): Closed to all vehicular traffic noon 7:00 p.m.; no parking 8:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.
- \* Laurel St., School St., Quincy St., Church St., and Putnam St. will become two way streets between Summer St. and Somerville Ave. from noon to 8:00 p.m. to allow access for abutters.
- MBTA bus 87 will be rerouted from noon to 7:00 p.m. For locations of rerouted bus stops, visit MBTA.com.

SomerStreets is the City of Somerville's take on the internationally renowned Open Streets concept, closing busy city streets to vehicles, and opening them up for cycling, walking, dancing, running, and other modes of activity. Through SomerStreets, the City and its community partners aim to promote and encourage easy access to physical activity, fresh foods, and reconnecting with neighborhoods and businesses and their unique cultural elements in a thriving urban environment.

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# Somerville says final goodbye to Officer Louis Remigio



















Police officers from all over lined the streets of Somerville to say their final farewell to Somerville Police Officer Remigio. Fellow officers, city officials, first responders, family and friends filled St. Clements Church Friday morning for a funeral mass.

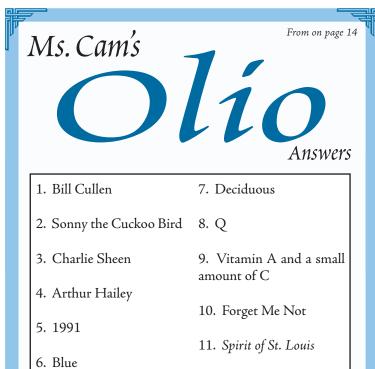
— Photos by Bobbie Toner and Claudia Ferro

# City workers union rally



The Somerville Municipal Employees Association (SMEA) held a labor unity rally in Davis Square on Tuesday. The rally allowed the union employees to show solidarity in standing together to fight for a contract so that they may have a sense of security, pay raises and jobs for Somerville workers.

— Photo by Bobbie Toner



12. Aerosmith

#### **CHILDREN AND YOUTH** 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

#### Thursday October 19

**Central Library** 

Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year

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

West Branch Library Lego Club 3:30 p.m.-4:45 p.m.|40 College Ave

#### Friday October 20

**Central Library** 

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

#### Saturday October 21

**Central Library** 

Storytime with Mayor Curtatone 2 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

#### **Sunday October 22**

Monster Mashed up @ Somer-

2 p.m.| Somerville Ave. (Hawkins St. to Spring St.)

#### Monday October 23

**Central Library** 

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

#### **Tuesday October 24**

**Central Library** 

Homeschool Reading Group for Ages

9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|79 Highland

#### West Branch Library

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

**Central Library** 

Somerville High School Anime Club 2:45 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

#### Wednesday October 25

**East Branch Library** Preschool Storytime

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

#### **MUSIC** | ARTS Wednesday October 18

Sally O'Brien's Bar

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

The Burren Front Room

Americana Jam with: Grain Thief|9

Backroom Series: : Caitlín Nic Gabhann and Ciarán Ó Maonaigh 17:30 p.m.

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.|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 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 High-

#### Thursday October 19

Sally O'Brien's

Spring Hill Rounders grassy Thurs-

7:30 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

#### The Burren

Front Room

Matt Borrello, Mike Verge & Companvl9:30 pm

Backroom Series: Amy Fairchild 7 p.m Scattershots 10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge

Cook Bag / Helen / Awnthay / Easy

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**

Bumpin Uglies | Oogee Wawa (Alternative Reggae Rockers) 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Avi Jacob The Smallest Town Ensemble, Tad Overbaugh

8 p.m|156 Highland Ave Aeronaut Brewing Co.

The Erlenmeyers 8:30 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory Party Cruise

9 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

The Rockwell

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

#### Friday October 20

Sally O'Brien's

Bucky Bear & The Titanium Hipsters |6 p.m.

HearNowLive presents Powerslut, Modern Day Idols, Carissa Johnson \$10 cover |9 p.m.

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room Irish Session|9:30 p.m.

Back Room: The Ladles, Ruthless Moon 7 p.m. Fightin Fridays|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

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p.m. Jill McCracken (Indie Soul Rock & Roll)|9 p.m.

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Janeane Garofalo 8 p.m./10:30 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Bovcott

379 Somerville Ave

6:30 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell

WholeTone Opera's "The Werewolf" | 7

Sh!t-faced Shakespeare: The Taming of the Shrew|10 p.m.

Arts at the Armory

Richard Cambridge's Poets' Theatre 8 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

#### Saturday October 21

Sally O'Brien's

Paint 'n' Pour at Sally's! register|2

One Thin Dime |6 p.m.

Tribute night! Catherine Capozzi & Axemunkee do Hendrix, The Shapely do The Monkees, We Can't Work It Out do The Beatles \$10 cover|9 p.m.

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Front Room:

Irish Session|9:30 p.m. Back Room:

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Creek River String Band, Celia Woodsmith|7 p.m. Spittin Vinnies 10 p.m.

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ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Kris Delmhorst & Jeffrey Foucault 9 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Justin Bartlett 8 p.m. Phil Berman 8 p.m. 14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory

Sushi + Falafel for Peace - 2017 **Fundraiser** 2 p.m.|Cafe Class of 84 - Comedy Short Film 7:30 p.m.|Performance Hall Gogofski: Music of the Balkans

8 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave The Rockwell

Sh!t-faced Shakespeare: The Taming of the Shrew 7 p.m. WholeTone Opera's "The Werewolf"|10 p.m.

#### 255 Elm St Sunday October 22

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Oktoberfest Beer-garden party am SomervilleStrasse noon to night rain or shine!Family-friendly merriment with special menu & great music:12

rock out on the street with Lily Black

|12:30 p.m. rockabilly out indoors with Roy Sludge Trio|6 p.m.

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366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045 **Highland Kitchen** 

Sunday Brunch Live Country & Bluegrass Sunday Night Live Music

Orleans Restaurant and Bar Game Night

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**Thunder Road** 90's Angst Pop Rock Brunch: "Smells Like Brunch Spirit"10 a.m. Americana Sundays with Sarah Levecque Blues Trio|7 p.m.

379 Somerville Ave **ONCE Lounge & Ballroom** 156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Ryan Alvanos

2 p.m.|14 Tyler Street Arts at the Armory Cafe Raqs

7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave The Rockwell WholeTone Opera's The Werewolf|1

Sh!t-faced Shakespeare: The Taming of the Shrew|7 p.m. BLOWWLOWEEN I: Kick or Treat|9

. 255 Elm St

#### Monday October 23

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 Science By The Pintl6:30 p.m. Stump Trivia|8:30 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge 345 Somerville Ave

**Bull McCabe's Pub** Stump! Team Trivia

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045 **Thunder Road** 

Sound of Boston Presents: Listen Local 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom The Grave Dancers Trusty Sidekick|7 p.m. Dr Sketchy|7 p.m.

156 Highland Ave Aeronaut Brewing Co. Amped-Up Standup

7 p.m.|14 Tyler Street The Rockwell Rest/Noise

#### 7:30 p.m.|255 Elm St Tuesday October 24

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

Sally O'Brien's Bar

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

Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan|10 p.m.

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8200 **Thunder Road** 

379 Somerville Ave ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Metal Yoga with Black Widow Yoqa|6:30 p.m. Heavy Metal Tuesday 7 p.m.

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

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street Arts at the Armory Pub Sing at The Armory

#### 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave Wednesday October 25

Sally O'Brien's Bar

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

The Burren Front Room Americana Jam with: Grain Thief|9

p.m.

**Back Room** Backroom Series: The Fretless WITH Low Lily ... double bill|7:30 p.m. Comedy Night With Jordan Han-

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 P.A.'s Lounge

dren-Seavey|10 p.m.

The Bonds, Treetorn, Enjoyer, Jason **Tankerley** 

7:30 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

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150 Highland Ave 617-625-1131

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Dalek, Street Sects 8:45 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Union Square Somerville Playlist pres-

ents: "Beer in the Great War" 6 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory Hearth Book Club 7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

#### 8 p.m.|255 Elm Street **CLASSES AND GROUPS**

Wednesday October 18 **Central Library** 

**Central Library** 

The Rockwell

Anna Nalick

Friends of the Library Book Sale 5 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave Thursday October 19

Friends of the Library Book Sale 5 p.m.-8:30 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 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

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 20

Friends of the Library Book Sale 12 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**Central Library** 

Saturday October 21 **Central Library** Friends of the Library Book Sale

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. | 79 Highland Ave **Union Square Farmer's Market** 

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

Sunday October 22

Central Library Friends of the Library Book Sale 1 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon Family Groups

Unity Church of God Enter upstairs, meeting is in basement

7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street

Monday October 23

West Branch Library

**Central Library** Conversations about Race 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Book Talk & Craft 7 p.m.-8 p.m.|40 College Ave East Branch Library Learn English at the Library

6 p.m.-8 p.m.|115 Broadway West Branch Library Drop in Knitting at West Branch

6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|40 College Ave Tuesday October 24

**Central Library** Capital Reading Group 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Wednesday October 25 **Central Library** 

Mystery Book Club 7 p.m.-8:15 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.

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, No-

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.

**Holiday Festival/Bazaar** – Thursday, November 30th & Friday, December 1 at our Holland Street Center from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Bake sale, raffles, wreaths, lunch, crafts, trees and many more holiday items.

#### Michael Buble Tribute with artist Scott Keo –

Tuesday, December 5 - \$83 includes transportation, lunch and show at Danversport Yacht Club. For questions, additional information or to reserve your spot contact Kim or Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

**Holiday Party & Bingo** – Thursday, December 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Cross Street Center. Seating is limited. For more information, questions or to reserve your spot please contact Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335.

#### LGBTQ EVENTS:

**LGBTQ Advisory Group** – 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 look-

ing 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 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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6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	9:00pm	SCOUTV	3:00pm	Democracy Now	11:30am	SCATV Community Bulletin Borad
7:00am	Art at SCATV	9:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	4:00pm	Community Lens	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show
7:30am	DW In Good Shape	10:00pm	The Rare Groove Revolution	4:30pm	SMC Member Submissions	1:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	10:30pm	TUTV	5:00pm	SCOUTV	1:30pm	DW Global 3000
9:00am	DW Global 3000	11:00pm	Public Access Boyz	5:30pm	Physicians Focus	2:00pm	Science 360
9:30am	Esoteric Science	11:30pm	Duck Village Stage Sessions	6:00pm	Totally Working Out	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
10:00am	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer	Friday, Oc	tober 20	7:00pm	Startup TV Boston	4:00pm	African Television Network
10:30am	Somerville Storytellers	12:00am	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	8:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	5:00pm	Tele Galaxie
11:00am	Fallon's Daily Toast	12:30am	Free Speech TV	8:30pm	TUTV	6:00pm	SMC Youth Media
12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show	6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e costumes	6:30pm	The Kamla Show
1:00pm	Health Is Wealth	7:00am	The Bill Press Show (Free Speech TV)	10:00pm	DIWHY The show	7:00pm	Book Talk With Somerville Public Library
1:30pm	Green Card Voices	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	11:00pm	The Summer House	7:30pm	(LIVE) The Yellow Jacket Lady
2:00pm	SOM ARTS	9:00am	SOM ARTS	Sunday, C	October 22	8:00pm	(LIVE) Somerville Overcoming Addiction
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9:30pm	Don't Forget to Rock	2:30pm	DW Global 3000	11:00am	The Chef's Table Series	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
10:00pm	Duck Village Stage Series	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	12:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	9:00am	The Chef's Table Series
10:30pm	New Kids on the Rock	4:00pm	Gay USA (Free Speech TV)	12:30pm	The Literati Scene	10:00am	Estoy Sano!
11:00pm	Flotilla	5:00pm	NE Pride TV	1:00pm	Reeling Review	10:30am	DW In Good Shape
Thursday	, October 19	5:30pm	What's New Massachusetts	1:30pm	Green Card Voices	11:00am	DW Tomorrow Today
12:00am	SCATV Secret Stash Hour	6:00pm	SMC Youth Media	2:00pm	StartUp TV Boston	11:30am	What's Left
1:00am	Free Speech TV	6:30pm	Real Estate Answers	3:00pm	Tele Magazine	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show
6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	7:00pm	(LIVE) Fallon's Daily Toast	4:00pm	Dedilhando a Saudade	1:00pm	Boston Free Radio presents Words on Film
7:00am	Sci-Fi Journal	8:00pm	Hip Hop Festival Marathon	5:00pm	African Television Network	2:00pm	Somerville Overcoming Addiction
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	10:00pm	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	6:00pm	SMC Member Submission	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:00am	Road to Recovery	11:00pm	Box House Oroductions Presents	6:30pm	Duck Village Stage Session	4:00pm	Aging Well
9:30am	SCATV Throwback Thursdays	11:30pm	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	7:00pm	Grolier Bookstore Documentary	4:30pm	The Literati Scene
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6:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	12:00pm	Telegalaxies	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	10:30pm	Graphic Content
7:00pm	(LIVE) Taking Back Your Health	1:00pm	Henry Parker Presents	9:00am	The Stephanie Miller Show	11:00pm	<b>Box House Productions Presents</b>
7:30pm	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer	1:30 pm	Jeff Jam Halloween Special	10:00am	Health Is Wealth	11:30pm	Totally Working Out

# CITY TV 22 (Comcast) | 13 (RCN) Schedule

8:00pm

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Friday, 0	october 20
10:49pm	Aldermen at Work - Dennis Sullivan
10:00pm	Evolution of Hip Hop Festival
9:30pm	SomerViva em Português
8:00pm	Honk!
7:30pm	Raising Families "Special Needs Education"
7:00pm	Senior Circuit
6:40pm	Talking Business "Quesadillas & Kimchi"
6:00pm	Domestic Violence Vigil
3:00pm	Aldermen at Work - Dennis Sullivan
2:30pm	SomerViva Español
2:00pm	Connecting Communities - Fire Safety
12:30pm	Honk!
12:00pm	Senior Circuit
9:30am	Congressional Update
9:00am	Connecting Communities - Fire Safety
1:52am	BOA Finance Committee of the Whole
1:23am	Connecting Communities - Fire Safety
12:00am	Honk!
Thursday	y, October 19
11:00pm	Talking Business "Quesadillas & Kimchi"
8:53pm	BOA Finance Committee of the Whole
7:30pm	Honk
7:00pm	Connecting Communities - Fire Safety
6:30pm	Raising Families "Immigration Law"
2:33pm	Congressional Update
2:03pm	Connecting Communities - Fire Safety
11:30am 1:35pm	BOA Finance Committee of the Whole Aldermen at Work - Dennis Sullivan
11:30am	POA Finance Committee of the Whole

Sit & Be Fit Diabetes Workout

Domestic Violence Vigil

Wednesday, October 18

8:30am

9:00am

l 2:00am l 2:30am	Connecting Communities - Fire Safety Honk!
2:00am	SomerStreets: Strike Up the Bands
2:30am	Talking Business "Quesadillas & Kimchi"
3:00am	9/11 Vigil in Davis Square
3:19am	5th Anniversary of Somerville CPA
10:30am	Honk!
12:00pm	Connecting Communities - Fire Safety
12:30pm	Domestic Violence Vigil
I:10pm	Evolution of Hip Hop Festival
2:00pm	5th Anniversary of Somerville CPA
6:00pm	Congressional Update
6:31pm	Connecting Communities - Fire Safety
7:00pm	Evolution of Hip Hop Festival
3:00pm	Domestic Violence Vigil
3:40pm	Talking Business "Quesadillas & Kimchi"
	e Old Powder House: 300 Years of History
10:00pm	Haiti & Brazil Hit the Ville
l1:00pm	Our Ville Stands with Your Ville
Saturday, (	October 21
12:00am	SomerViva Español
12:30am	SomerStreets: Strike Up the Bands
1:00am	Somerville Boxing Club Fight Night
3:30am	Congressional Update
9:01am	Union Square Walking Tour - 9.17.17
11:30am	Evolution of Hip Hop Festival
12:30pm	The Old Powder House
1:30pm	Connecting Communities - Fire Safety
2:00pm	Honk!
6:00pm	Project STAR 2017
5:44pm	SomerStreets: Strike Up the Bands

11:19pm	Talking Business "Quesadillas & Kimchi"
Sunday,	October 22
12:00am	Senior Circuit
12:30am	Board of Aldermen Meeting - 10.12.17
8:30am	Sit & Be Fit Diabetes Workout
9:00am	Congressional Update
9:31am	Aldermen at Work - Dennis Sullivan
11:30am	Connecting Communities - Fire Safety
12:00pm	Senior Circuit
12:30pm	School Committee Meeting - 10.16.17
6:30pm	Aldermen at Work - Dennis Sullivan
7:00pm	Senior Circuit
7:30pm	Connecting Communities - Fire Safety
8:00pm	Domestic Violence Vigil
8:40pm	Talking Business "Quesadillas & Kimchi"
9:00pm	Evolution of Hip Hop Festival
9:49pm	POW/MIA Observance Day
10:07pm	Aldermen at Work - Dennis Sullivan
10:36pm	SomerViva em Português
Monday,	October 23
12:00am	Senior Circuit
12:30am	Climate Forward Meeting - 6/26
1:37am	Multi Modal Mobility and Safety
2:00am	Union Square Walking Tour - 9.17.17
8:30am	Union Square Walking Tour - 9.17.17
9:32am	SomerViva Español
11:30am	Climate Forward Meeting - 6/26
12:37pm	Raising Families "Special Needs Education"

School Committee Meeting - 10.16.17	7:00pm	
Congressional Update	10:00pm	
Honk	10:31pm	
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Connecting Communities - Fire Safety	11:30am	
Senior Circui	12:00pm	
5th Anniversary of Somerville CPA	12:30pm	
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Congressional Update	3:00pm	
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Senior Circui	12:00am	

**Evolution of Hip Hop Festival** 

Union Square Walking Tour - 9.17.17

Multi Modal Mobility and Safety

Climate Forward Meeting - 6/26

SHS Girls Soccer v Marblehead

SHS Football v Lynn Classical

SomerViva Español

1:05pm

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12:30am

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Congressional Update

**Evolution of Hip Hop Festival** 

Connecting Communities - Fire Safety

# **Educational TV 15 Schedule**

3:00am

9:00am

11:00am

Domestic Violence Vigil

SHS Football v Lynn Classical

SHS Football vs Lynn English

SHS Girls Soccer v Swampscott

	9:00am	Our Schools, Our City - Extended Learning
	10:00am	SHS Football v Lynn Classical
	12:00pm	Sports Concussion Management Training
	2:00pm	SHS Volleyball v Salem
	4:00pm	SHS Boys Soccer v Beverly
	6:00pm	Our Schools, Our City - Extended Learning
	7:00pm	SHS Football v Lynn Classical
	9:00pm	Sports Concussion Management Training
	11:00pm	SHS Volleyball v Salem
	Thursday	y, October 19
	1:00am	SHS Boys Soccer v Beverly
	2:30am	Public Domain Theater
	9:00am	SHS Boys Soccer v Swampscott
	11:00am	SHS Girls Soccer v Danvers
l	1:00pm	SHS Girls Soccer v Marblehead
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SHS Girls Soccer v Marblehead

SHS Football v Lynn Classical

Wednesday, October 18

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2:30pm	SHS Football v Lynn Classical				
5:00pm	SHS Girls Soccer v Swampscott				
7:00pm	Our Schools, Our City - Extended Learning				
7:30pm	SHS Boys Soccer v Beverly				
9:00pm	SHS Volleyball v Salem				
10:30pm	SHS Football v Lynn Classical				
Saturday	, October 21				
12:30am	SHS Boys Soccer v Swampscott				
2:00am	Public Domain Theater				
9:00am	SHS Football vs Lynn English				
11:30am	SHS Football vs Peabody [9.8.17]				
1:30pm	Our Schools, Our City - Extended Learning				

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10:30pm	Our Schools, Our City - Extended Learning
11:00pm	SHS Football v Lynn Classical
Sunday,	October 22
1:00am	SHS Girls Soccer v Swampscott
3:00am	Public Domain Theater
9:00am	SHS Girls' Soccer vs Saugus [9.7.17]
10:30am	SHS Girls Soccer v Medford
12:00pm	SHS Girls Soccer v Swampscott
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SHS Girls Soccer v Danvers	3:00am	SHS Football v Lynn Classical

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Dan Calnan is a freshman at Endicott College in Beverly, MA. He is an English major with a concentration in Creative Writing. Dan is from Lynn, MA, and graduated from Lynn English High School earlier this year. At Endicott, he is working on developing a portfolio of various writings, and aspires to become a writer for a career.



18

18 is verdant, A darker, calmer green Like leaves in a deep forest upon aged trees 18 is those leaves, snapping away from the branch blowing away, sometimes taking rest before being blown away again 18 is driftwood in the sea, unpredictably moving reaching all the horizons sometimes floating in calm waters but then launched by storm 18 is the sand battered by tide sometimes untouched, dry and pure, but then bombarded and baptized by waves 18 is the fall, sometimes warm sometimes cold where leaves blow and sea batters sand sea with driftwood dragged by tide 18 is the age where you no longer hide where you no longer sleep where you cannot stay still where you cannot not mov where you cannot not live where you no longer cannot not be a kid where you must leave the tree where you must face the sea where you must eat the tide and be beat by your dreams where your whole world seems to fall apart at the seams 18 is that age 18 is this age 18, 18, 18 18 is the age of freedom with chains a test of your strength to conquer yourself

— Dan Calnan

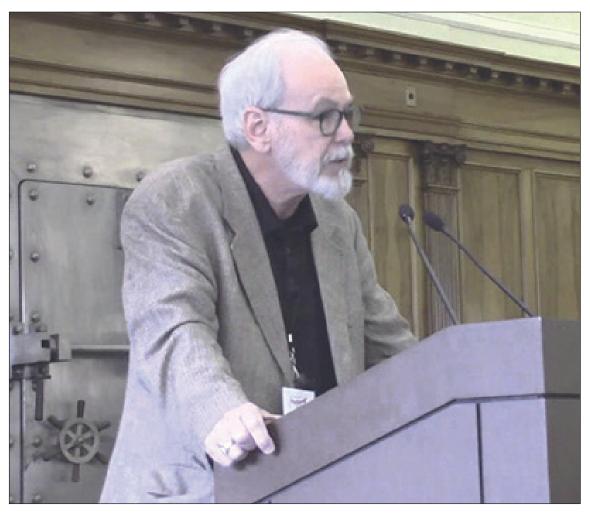
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# OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

# 'Moon until Night'

by Richard Hoffman



Moon until Night by Richard Hoffman Barrow Street Press \$16.95

When I read the poetry collection *Noon until Night* by Richard Hoffman, I said to myself, "Damn, this is one wise dude." I think Hoffman has a way of reporting back to us through his own scars, displaying the bullshit we will encounter, and then he tells us in an avuncular way, "Move on."

Hoffman is a Senior Writer in Residence at Emerson College in Boston, the author of two memoirs and several collections of poetry. I will be teaching his harrowing and artistically rendered memoir of childhood abuse *Half the House* at Endicott College this fall.

I think to a great extent we try to figure out the puzzle of our fathers in order to understand ourselves. In the poem *A Face in the Ceiling* Hoffman pens a wonderful paragraph (among others) – a scene – a set – that captures the complexities, the sorrows of a father, and his need and attempt for transcendence. And there is a boy beside him who intuitively senses this, and tries to bring him out of his malaise:

as he was in my earliest memories, home from "the steel" where he laid track in the yards, sprawled on the floor of the living room, spent, in his boxer shorts in front of an oscillating fan that dinged at intervals at some point in its sweep ( I swear I can hear it now. I can hear it!) I lay next to him, and he asked if I could see the faces in the cracked and water-stained ceiling.

And in his title poem *Noon until Night* Hoffman gives a sort of road map for life. It is for those on the first half of the roller coaster ride – all the way to where that fat lady is about to sing her swan song.

One of us is going to have to rise and set out, then, with no assurance of arrival, nor of any welcome if we make it there where we guessed the new to be,

just like the old days, in leaky boats, through storms

toward a hunch, toward what we've been told of by others

whose credibility is vouched for only by their scars

and the cohesion and agreement of their stories, though

we know they're not beyond a bit of fun at our expense

and always want to be remunerated for intelligence,

so we have to weigh, still, the tone, the spirit if you will,

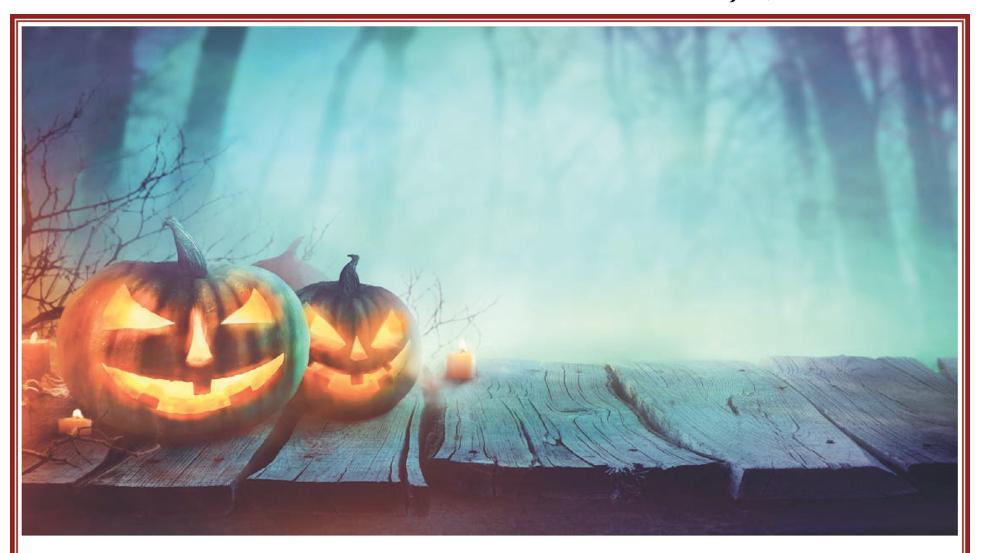
with which of course is offered to us, at the same time

we have everything to lose, friends, and no time to waste.

Hoffman is able to find joy and consolation a midst the carnage of this world. He tells us to seize the day ... life is comically and inevitably short. In some ways this book is a primer for life, that can be referred to as you pass through its dangerous shoals.









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