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Now that's what I call Salsa pages 12–13



Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone continued to make the case for support of the Green Line Extension project as he addressed the most recent Regular Meeting of the City of Somerville Board of Alderman.

ing last Thursday, October 13. The meeting began at 7:00 p.m. and carried on for roughly three hours.

Much of that time was spent listening, and then responding to Mayor Curtatone's presentation on upcoming city projects. "It is a very complex but exciting time in our city," Curtatone began. "We all know the commitments we highlighted in Somervision. We've made significant progress, but we still have a long way to go. The three key commitments we have to focus on now are the Green Line Extension, investing in our aging water and sewer infrastructure, and overhauling the broken zoning code."

Focus was held on the Green Line Extension - taxpayers have no idea what this will cost, and have been told it is on the horizon for years. The mayor revealed that the state has asked Somerville to put forward fifty million dollars toward the project. This constitutes Continued on page 16

Sarah Eigen Davis' art depicts 'Vignettes of Somerville'

By Manna Parker

Somerville artist Sarah Eigen Davis is presenting her first exhibition at Center for Arts at the Armory in November. The exhibit will feature her original watercolors depicting moments of the community of Somerville.

Davis, who went to Drew University, was originally a basketball player but decided to focus on art and three-dimensional design during college. After finishing her bachelor's degree, Davis went on to Boston Architectural College and obtained her masters in Studio Arts. "I really liked those classes I took that were sculpture and seeing three dimensional design and imag-



som dog Tom Taylor **5k Fun Run** page 14 ining yourself as a little person inside of it," said Davis about her experience at BAC. Besides studying sculpture, Davis also took

classes in oils and watercolors. Her pieces in the exhibition focus on watercolor, presenting pieces of Somerville and Cambridge.

Davis says her inspiration Continued on page 21 Armory in November.

Daylight Walk is one of Sarah Eigen Davis' that can be viewed while on exhibition at Center for Arts at the

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This Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m., the city will rededicate the playground park at Otis Street. It will be renamed in memory of Deanna Cremin, who grew up in Winter Hill and was found murdered in 1995, at the age of 17. Her murderer has never been caught, but every year all her family and many friends still hold vigils in hopes that someday someone will offer a case-solving lead to the police. The park is just another opportunity to honor her life. Join Mayor Joe Curtatone, Alderman Matt McLaughlin, and other city officials at the corner of Otis and Dane Streets on Saturday.

The one and only original "Best of Somerville" ballot is out now and the winners will be announced on Wednesday, November 9, so hurry up and nominate in your favorite category. We also want best idea this year and worst idea this year for 2016 here in Somerville. You can email, mail, call in or just drop your votes in the mail slot at 699 Broadway, Somerville. *****

One of our many favorite contributors here at The Somerville Times, Chris Haskell, has his own radio podcast show which airs every Thursday night. He calls his show The Villen's Den. The show airs live on **bostonfreeradio.com** and on the **Boston** Free Radio Facebook page. This week he is broadcasting live from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. on Thursday night outdoors in Union Square in front of a small audience, and they will be posting live video onsite. Join in person in Union Square or online. Chris is very outspoken and has a passion for what he does.

For the first time ever right here in Somerville, early voting takes place at City Hall, beginning October 24 in the Aldermanic. Check the city's website at www.somervillema.gov for details. Also, if you need an absentee ballot you can call 617-625-6600 for information about that. Next week we will have all the questions that will be on the ballot this year here in the city. Be sure to get your copy of The Times early.

A special shout out and congratulations/happy birthday to Phil Chisholm of Wigglesworth Street. A good guy and long time Somerville resident. After suffering Continued on page 11



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TheSomervilleTimes.com **Comments of the Week**

Response to: Light running cyclist a little unsure of identity

ritepride says:

Great job by the officer. I think both the good drivers and bicyclists would agree with me. The few bad drivers and bicyclists ruin it for the rest. Our legislators should pass legislation that all bicycles are registered and display license plates like motor vehicles for identity purposes.

Somerbreeze says:

Now how about apprehending the bloody sidewalk cyclists? Two of them nearly ran me down today in Union Square....

Genie Geronimo says:

That's nice. Now that the Somerville police have discovered how to do traffic details they can try pulling over the thousands of red light running cars on McGrath who not only endanger their own lives but those of other people too. Then if they want to get really fancy they can camp out near crosswalks & ticket folks who don't yield to pedestrians. This is a whole new world they've opened up.

tailwindturner says:

Great work indeed by the Somerville Police Dept. Nice to see the reckless cyclists being held accountable for their actions, such as blowing red lights.... blowing thru stop signs and crosswalks, weaving in and out of cars, riding on the sidewalks and riding against oncoming traffic.

Mazda says:

When I drive, I much prefer that bicyclists clear the intersection when no one is going. That way, I don't have to worry about running into them (especially at any sticky intersection, like the one mentioned above), and traffic generally runs more efficiently. It really doesn't make sense to have to take the left from Beacon onto Somerville at the same time as cyclists, who will often go in front for their own safety (this is understandable, but does slow cars down). Let's do what works best for everyone, instead of trying to pretend cars and bikes are the same and should abide by the same exact rules.

Matt says:

I'm still waiting for traffic cameras to tag all the people innocently speeding on residential streets.

kelly says:

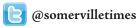
I am a pedestrian and i have many issues with cyclists... but Somerville Police are dead wrong to ticket cyclists at this intersection.

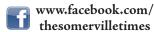
On more than one occasion I have seen cyclist forced off the road because the bike lane is between two car lanes, and cars turning right don't give way for them. Thank God there were no cars on the inside lane when I have seen this happen. Bikes should (cautiously) use the pedestrian lights at this intersection and get a jump on the traffic. It is better for everyone.

jeff says:

"Now how about apprehending the bloody sidewalk cyclists?"

Biking on the sidewalk is allowed unless specifically marked. It is marked in the center of Union Sq but I'm a little sympathetic. Biking (slowly) on the sidewalk seems better than navigating the one-way triangle and its intersections, or biking the wrong way in the bike lane (illegal).





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Freebie says:

The number of moving violation committed by drivers far exceeds those of cyclists and with a much more dangerous public threat. I can't ride half a mile without a car either parking in the bike pane or cutting me off in it when the car turns left into a marked, fully painted lane.

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Ward 5 residents weigh pros and cons of new high school

By Olivia Costanzo

About 60 residents from Somerville's Ward 5 attended a public meeting at the Visiting Nurses Association on October 5 to get informed and ask questions about the plan for a new Somerville High School.

A question and answer session at the end of the meeting revealed a divide between residents' opinions. Some were concerned about taxpayer cost, while others believe that the community benefit of the new facility exceeds concerns about the price tag.

"We are on the edge of losing our accreditation due to a tired facility," said Brandon Wilson, a city planner and mother of two Somerville High School Alumni. "They can't detail every issue with the building without turning people away from sending their kids there." Wilson supports the plan for the new high school.

On November 8, Somerville residents will have to answer to Question 5 on the ballot, which is a vote on a debt exclusion override. If it passes, it will allow the city to bond the money to supplement costs for the high school's reconstruction. The Massachusetts School Association will mitigate \$120 million, about \$312 per square foot of construction. The remaining \$120 million will be spread out as a home and business owner tax increase starting in 2018, until the projected completion in 2023.

'We are doing 21st century education at Somerville High School and our building is preventing us from continuing that," said the school's Headmaster John Oteri in the presentation. "Every time I walk into the entrance I see '1895." Oteri is referring to the entrance of the school's original building, which is still in use today.

According to Superintendent Mary Skipper, the layout of the building prevents execution of a "21st century" education plan, aside from a leaky roof and temperature control issues that threaten the school's accreditation.

The new school will allow vocational and academic courses to be held in classrooms near each other, allowing students and teachers to collaborate across fields. "It creates a synergy that is applicable in the real world," notes Oteri.

Some residents voiced their concerns about the resulting tax increase that would be imposed if the plan was approved by the ballot.

"There's a lot of development in this city and I can't afford it," said John Sullivan, 56, a landlord of two retired residents. "I can't keep raising the rent on my elderly tenants." Sullivan believes that Somerville's devel-



As residents voice concerns over the cost of the proposed high school renovation, officials emphasize the importance of updating the facility to modern standards.

opment is expensive, and rising taxes continue to drive people out of the city.

"I'm worried about the senior citizens," said Brian Brady, a retired resident. "My fixed income determines whether I can stay in Somerville or not."

taxpayers "Why should pay?" former Superintendent and school building committee member Tony Pierantozzi asked. "Because the new school will be a community resource on many levels."

The new school would include accessible community spaces to hold meetings and events in the building after hours. Brandon Wilson mentioned that many city committee meetings are held in nursing homes.

Deanna Cremin Playground renaming ceremony this Saturday

The new playground design

The park features include new

The playground also includes







One slam dance too many for one customer

Police were dispatched to P.A. Lounge last Saturday night on reports of a possible assault with injury.

Upon arrival, the officer met with the victim of the alleged assault who told them that a short time earlier he was on the dance floor inside the bar listening to a live band and slam dancing in a mosh pit when he felt a hard object hit his head from behind. The man said that he felt intense pain and what felt like sand pouring down from atop his head. When he checked his head it was gushing blood from where he felt the impact.

The man's girlfriend did not see who had perpetrated the act but did see broken glass on the floor and assisted the victim off the dance floor.

A witness reportedly told the officers that as the victim danced in the mosh pit he bumped into several patrons around the dance floor and at some point he bumped into a male patron, later identified as Eric Courtemanche, of Hudson, NH.

After the bump, the witness reportedly observed Courtemanche raise an object which was believed to be made of glass and slam it against the victim's head. The officers located Cour-

temanche inside the club and asked for his side of the story. Courtemanche reportedly said that the victim had bumped into him and that this caused a cut on his hand. The officers reported that the cut was likely caused by the breaking glass from the assault on the victim.

Courtemanche was placed under arrest and charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

SOMERVILLE POLIGE GRIME LOG

Arrests:

Derek Bouchard, of 7 Edgar Ave., October 10, 12:36 p.m., arrested at Broadway on charges of unarmed burglary, nighttime breaking and entering of a vehicle or boat, attempt to commit a crime, receiving stolen property under \$250, destruction of property over \$250, and burning a motor vehicle.

James Bovill, of 1440 Turnpike St., Stoughton, October 11, 7:12 p.m., arrested at Mystic Ave. on a warrant charge of shoplifting by asportation.

Bryan Nieves, of 57 Dudley St., Boston, October 13, 4:55 p.m., arrested at Myrtle St. on charges of not in possession of driver's license, possession of a class B drug, and improper use of a motor vehicle.

Dominika Perkins, of 605 Lexington St., Waltham, October 13, 8:29 p.m., arrested at Canal St. on charges of assault and battery on a police officer, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, larceny over \$250, and resisting arrest.

Tais Garcia, of 21 Dell St., October 13, 10:53 p.m., arrested at Wheatland St. on warrant charges of misdemeanor breaking and entering, person under 21 in possession of liquor, and furnishing a false name or Social Security number.

Arthur Tavares, of 11 Barrett St., Lynn, October 14, 1:26 p.m., arrested at Broadway on charges of motor vehicle operator giving a false name or Social Security number, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, open alcohol container in motor vehicle, and failure to stop or yield, and on warrant charges of failure to stop for police, operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor third offense, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, and marked lanes violation.

Ashley Tyler, of 92 Park St., Chelsea, October 14, 9:19 p.m., arrested at Highland Ave. on charges of drug possession to distribute, failure to stop or yield, and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Eric Courtemanche, of 43.5 School St., Hudson, NH, October 15, 11:26 p.m., arrested at Somerville Ave. on a charge of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Daniel Gilson, of 19 Queensbury St., Boston, October 15, 11:56 p.m., arrested at Central St. on warrant charges of failure to stop or yield and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.



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You have until October 28 to vote for your favorite category. To cast your vote, email us at thebestofsomerville@yahoo.com or mail in your ballot to The Somerville Times, 699 Broadway, Somerville, MA 02144. The winners will be announced Wednesday, November 9, 2016. If you don't see your favorite category here, simply add it to this list.

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LOCUS likes Union Sq. council idea



Union United, a Coalition of Union Square stakeholders, won a big victory Thursday night as LOCUS Strategy Leaders voted in favor of a Neighborhood Council for Union Square to bargain Community Benefits Agreements with the developers. While the vote was close, strategy leaders overwhelmingly spoke in favor of establishing a neighborhood council for Union Square. Union United is so encouraged that Mayor Curtatone announced publicly that he too is moving towards supporting community participation in bargaining a Union Square Community Benefits Agreement.

— Kevin Dickinson

Law firm donates bicycle helmets to Somerville students

By Charles Lane

The Boston law firm of Breakstone, White & Gluck has finished its 2016 Project Kid-Safe campaign, having donated over 400 bicycle helmets in the Somerville community.

The firm has donated over 10,000 bicycle helmets across Massachusetts since launching Project KidSafe in 2013, with a goal of encouraging children to wear a helmet every time they ride.

Breakstone, White & Gluck has made a donation in Somerville each year of its safety campaign, giving approximately 1,500 helmets overall to protect children from bike-related head injuries.

On June 4, 120 bicycle helmets were donated to the Somerville Kiwanis' Bike



Lots of local kids are riding safer thanks to the generous donations of cycling helmets by Breakstone, White & Gluck.

Safety Day. On June 15, the firm donated 300 helmets to 5th graders who completed the CYCLE Kids curriculum, which teaches bicycle riding and safety skills. The firm also supported the students of Groundwork Somerville, donating helmets and safety vests so they could safely travel around the city this summer.

For more information on Project KidSafe, visit www.bwglaw. com/bikes.

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Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



Rep. Christine Barber

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



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



Rep. Timothy Toomey

DISTRICT REPRESENTED: Twenty-sixth Middlesex. - Consisting of all precincts of ward 1, precinct 1 of ward 2, precincts 1 and 2 of ward 3, and precinct 1 of ward 6, of the city of Cambridge, and all precincts of ward 1 and precincts 1 and 2 of ward 2, of the city of Somerville, both in the county of Middlesex. The votes of the 2016 membership of 34 Republicans were compared with those of GOP House Minority Leader Bradley Jones (R-North Reading). The votes of the 2016 membership of 125 Democrats were compared to House Speaker Robert DeLeo (D-Winthrop). Beacon Hill Roll Call uses 319 votes from the 2016 House session as the basis for this report. This includes all roll calls that were not quorum calls or on local issues.

A total of 44 of the 125 Democrats voted with DeLeo 100 percent of the time. That means that more than a third of the Democrats always voted with DeLeo.

The Democratic representatives who voted the lowest percentage of times with DeLeo are Reps. Colleen Gary (D-Dracut) and James Dwyer (D-Woburn). Garry voted with DeLeo 90.2 percent of the time and Dwyer voted with DeLeo 91.4 percent of the time. No Democrat voted with DeLeo less than 90.2 percent of the time.

None of the 34 GOP members voted with Jones 100 percent of the time.

The GOP representative who voted with Jones the lowest percentage of times is Rep. Sheila Harrington (R-Groton) who voted with Jones 72.4 percent of the time.

The GOP representative who voted the most times with Jones was Rep. Bradford Hill (R-Ipswich) who voted with Jones 93.4 percent of the time.

REPRESENTATIVES' PERCENTAGE OF VOTES SUPPORTING THEIR PARTY'S LEADER IN 2016

The percentage next to the representative's name represents the percentage of times the representative supported his or her party's leader.

The number in parentheses represents the number of times the representative opposed his or her party's leader.

Some representatives voted on all 319 roll call votes. Others missed one or more of the 319 votes. The percentage for each representative is calculated based on the number of roll calls on which he or she voted and does not count the roll calls for which he or she was absent.

Rep. Christine Barber	99.4 percent (2)
Rep. Denise Provost	98.0 percent (6)
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tion. The major controversy has centered around the fact that the proposal would also allow access to restrooms and locker rooms, based on a person's gender identity rather than on their sex.

Supporters, noting 17 other states have approved similar laws, say this new civil rights law is already helping many transgender people lead safe and more productive lives. They argue that transgender individuals will no longer have to face the threat of discrimination in many public accommodations. They note that under prior Massachusetts law, there was no protection ensuring that transgender people would not be turned away from a restroom, locker room, hotel, restaurant, retail store and many other places simply because they are transgender.

Opponents say the privacy rights of children matter and asked how youngsters might react to a transgender classmate using the same bathroom. They argue that bathroom and locker room use should be based on the gender on one's birth certificate, not on an inner sense of feeling or expression. They say that male predators could use this law as cover to excuse their presence in women-only spaces and note that there have already been incidents reported where women's privacy and safety in public accommodations were violated.

PRESERVE RAPE EVIDENCE FOR 15 YEARS (H 4364) - The House and Senate approved and sent to Gov. Charlie Baker a bill that would require all rape kits to be kept for a minimum of 15 years and that rape victims be notified immediately of this law.

Current law allows the kits to be kept for 15 years but initially only requires they be kept for six months unless the victim files a request for an extension.

Supporters said this long overdue change will empower rape victims and lead to more convictions.

WELDING SAFETY (H 4455) - More than two years after the March 2014 deaths of Back Bay firefighters Edward Walsh and Michael Kennedy, the House and Senate approved and sent to Gov. Baker a proposal that would create a special commission to study welding regulations in Massachusetts and report back to the Legislature with recommendations by June 1, 2017.

The legislation was prompted by the deaths of Walsh and Kennedy who perished while fighting a fire that was caused by welders, working without a city permit, on a building next door to the brownstone in which they died. The commission would study current regulations and recommend whether changes and new regulations are warranted.



Sen. Patricia Jehlen DISTRICT REPRESENTED: Second Middlesex. - Consisting of the cities of Cambridge, wards 9 to 11, inclusive, Medford and Somerville, and the town of Winchester, precincts 4 to 7, inclusive, in the county of Middlesex.

THE SENATE: There were no roll calls in the House and Senate last week.

This week, *Beacon Hill Roll Call* reports on how often local representatives voted with their party leadership.

Rep. Timothy Toomey 99.1 percent (3)

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

TRANSGENDER RIGHTS BILLS TO BE ON

2018 BALLOT - Opponents of the new law that prohibits discrimination against transgender people in public accommodations by adding "gender identity" to existing Massachusetts civil rights laws have gathered the necessary signatures to put the law on the 2018 ballot and let voters decide whether to repeal it or not. Massachusetts law already prohibits discrimination in public accommodations on the basis of age, race, creed, color, national origin, sexual orientation, sex, religion and marital status.

Public accommodations are defined as "a place, whether licensed or unlicensed, which is open to and accepts or solicits the patronage of the general public." This includes hotels, restaurants, retail stores, malls, theaters, parks, medical offices, libraries and public transporta**PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION FOR INSTALL-ING A FIRE PROTECTION SPRINKLER SYS-TEM (H 4523)** - The Revenue Committee sent off to a study committee a bill that would provide a property tax reduction to owners of a two-family or multifamily residence who pays for the installation of a fire protection sprinkler system. The one-time credit would be equal to 30 percent of the price of installation. The proposal is a local option one that would only apply to cities and towns that vote to opt into the measure. Most measures that are shipped off to a study committee are never actually studied and are essentially defeated.

VIDEOTAPE MEDICAL PROCEDURES (H 4099) - The Public Health Committee sent to a study committee legislation that would allow a patient to

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videotape his or her doctor, without permission, performing any medical procedures. Current Massachusetts law allows doctors to refuse to be taped. That is part of a law that makes it illegal to tape any person without his or her consent.

Supporters of the bill say that patients should have this right in order to have a recording that can be useful if the patients bring a malpractice suit against the doctor. They noted the videos can also help hospitals learn from mistakes.

Opponents of the bill say doctors, like any other workers, should have a right to do their work in private. They argued the bill is an unnecessary invasion of privacy.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"As voters began to learn about the full impact of this law, we saw them often move from alarm to action. We look forward to spending the next two years continuing to raise awareness about the dangers of this law and making sure voters are fully educated on what is at stake." — Andrew Beckwith of Keep MA Safe, the group that has gathered sufficient signatures to put the law on the 2018 ballot and let voters decide whether to repeal it or not.

"The people of Massachusetts have a deep and long history of promoting fairness and inclusion. If the question of whether to continue to treat transgender people as equal members of our society ends up before Massachusetts voters in 2018, we are confident they will vote to

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retain the law and affirm the values of justice and equality that are the hallmarks of our Commonwealth." --MassEquality's Executive Director, Deborah Shields.

"This report draws a clear connection between weak state gun laws and higher levels of gun violence. I am proud to live and work in Massachusetts, where we have proven that effective, sensible gun laws save lives - period, and you don't need to ban guns in order to prevent most gun violence." — Stop Handgun Violence founder John Rosenthal on a new report by the Center for American Progress that shows Massachusetts was ranked as the state with the most effective gun violence prevention laws and lowest rate of gun violence.

"Finding the lowest price, even among generic drugs, is tough terrain for consumers to navigate. Consumers need to consult coupon websites, call stores, shop, compare and try to find the best price at a time they are already in a vulnerable position." - Barbara Anthony, Senior Fellow in Healthcare at the Pioneer Institute on its just-released report on the difficulty consumers have in finding prescription drug price information.

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 im-

portant to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session.

During the week of October 10-14, the House met for a total of 14 minutes and the Senate met for a total of 23 minutes.

Mon. October 10	No House session No Senate session
Tues. October 11	House 11:01 a.m. to 11:08 a.m. Senate 11:19 a.m. to 11:32 a.m.
Wed. October 12	No House session No Senate session
Thurs. October 13	House 11:02 a.m. to 11:09 a.m. Senate 11:05 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.
Fri. October 14	No House session No Senate session

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Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
96 Moreland St	5 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath Cottage	26	\$289,900	\$325,000
27 Montrose St	8 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath Colonial	1	\$470,000	\$560,000
13 Franklin Ave	5 room, 3 bed, 1f 1h bath Colonial	178	\$499,900	\$480,000
118 Heath St	7 room, 3 bed, 1f 0h bath Colonial	12	\$570,000	\$600,000

Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:

Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
326 Broadway U:25	4 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath Low-Rise	24	\$299,000	\$322,000
8 Fairview Terrace U:3	4 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	48	\$379,999	\$361,000
81 Hinckley St U:1	4 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	5	\$450,000	\$490,000
67 Pearson Ave U:1	4 room, 1 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	7	\$469,000	\$480,000
8 Fairview Terrace U:1	4 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	40	\$479,000	\$465,000
20-R Cross St U:2	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	34	\$499,000	\$530,000
101 Prospect Street U:2	5 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	5	\$500,000	\$535,000
19 Kingston Street U:3	6 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	20	\$524,000	\$532,000
425 Medford St U:1	6 room, 3 bed, 1f 1h bath 2/3 Family	16	\$525,000	\$551,000
31 Hancock Porter Square U:3	3 room, 1 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	20	\$529,000	\$529,000
38 Derby Street U:3	5 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	25	\$529,000	\$529,000
84 Clarendon Ave U:84	6 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath Townhouse	22	\$549,000	\$600,786
21 Oak St U:1	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	7	\$599,000	\$705,000
84 Pearson Rd U:1	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	16	\$614,900	\$735,000
	Recent Multi-Family Homes Sold in Somerville Ov	er the Past Mo	nth•	
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Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
32 Bradley St	2 unit, 11 total room, 6 total bedroom 2 Family	18	\$699,900	\$765,000
46 Atherton Street	2 unit, 13 total room, 5 total bedroom 2 Family	38	\$729,000	\$729,000
14 Indiana Ave	2 unit, 11 total room, 4 total bedroom 2 Family	20	\$749,000	\$810,000
57 Farragut Ave	2 unit, 11 total room, 4 total bedroom 2 Family	12	\$820,000	\$820,000
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\$815,000

2 unit, 11 total room, 5 total bedroom 2 Family

2 unit, 7 total room, 4 total bedroom 2 Family



Mount Auburn residents explore community resources at SCES

By Louise Carpenter

Familiarizing new doctors with community-based programs that support wellbeing is the goal of a new collaboration between Mount Auburn Hospital and Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES).

The joint effort is a four-part training program for residents that focuses on how home-based programs can help maintain patient health, explained SCES Clinical Director Annie Fowler.

"While doctors generally don't make direct referrals to SCES, we do think there is value in raising awareness about what we provide and how it can help maintain health," said Fowler. "If they know about a program that can help, that makes it more likely they'll recommend a provider within their practice get in touch with us to follow up."

The program combines traditional training with site visits. Residents accompany SCES staffers to client homes, to see firsthand how the services and supports are delivered.

Now in its second session, the collaboration was proposed by Dr. Daniel Solomon of Mount Auburn. In an email comment, he said community engagement is an important facet of resident training, citing the importance of social determinants of health.



Mount Auburn Senior Resident Stephanie Antoine (left) recently attended a training session with SCES Adult Protective Services Senior Case manager Norah Al-Wetaid, as part of a collaborative training on how the organizations can work together to support health and well-being. — Photo by Nathan Lamb

"We set out to design an experience that helps residents understand patients' illnesses in the social context of their lives, and to help them understand how issues like home safety, food and housing security, social networks and supports can affect the evolution of medical disease, especially for our most vulnerable populations," said Solomon.

Mount Auburn residents also spent time working at Boston Healthcare for the Homeless, along with other community efforts. Solomon said the SCES training would ideally lead to increased cooperation that will benefit patients.

"Our hope is that by exposing residents to organizations like SCES, they will learn to be patient advocates, and be able to leverage and engage community resources on behalf of patients," said Solomon.

The SCES training includes sessions focused on Homecare, Adult Protective Services, the SHINE health insurance assistance program, and volunteer programs that help clients meet their health care needs.

Speaking roughly halfway through the most recent training, Mount Auburn Senior Resident Stephanie Antoine said it has been time well spent.

"When I talk about SCES now, I know the people and the place," she said. "Knowing about how these programs work definitely makes it easier for us to refer people who are need of these services."

Monster Mashed-Up at SomerStreets

On Sunday, October 23, residents will flock to Somerville Ave. for the annual Monster Mashed-Up SomerStreets event, the final installment of the city's annual SomerStreets series from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. between Union Square and Spring St. The event is free and open to residents of all ages.



The celebration along Somerville Ave. will feature a costume parade and contest for residents of all ages, 100-pound pumpkins carved by artists using power tools, an Oktoberfest beer garden area, Milk Row Cemetery tours, live music on three stages, skateboarding extravaganza, interactive activities 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 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; no parking 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

All side streets heading toward Somerville Ave. open to abutters only 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

MBTA buses will be rerouted from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. For locations of rerouted bus stops, visit www.MBTA.com. No Parking along Somerville Ave. from Spring St. to Union

No Parking along Somerville Ave., from Spring St. to Union Sq., from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

For more information, visit www.somervillema.gov, or www. somervilleartscouncil.org.



Minestrone Soup

After a week of roaming around New York City eating pasta at Eataly, pastrami at Pastrami Queen and sneaking off to Ironbound, a neighborhood within Newark, New Jersey, dining at Fornos Spanish Cuisine for garlic pork chops, it was time to lighten things up a bit. tomatoes

2- 32 Containers of reduced sodium chicken stock or vegetable stock

1-1/2 cups of string beans, cleaned and cut into 1 inch pieces

2-150z cans of cannellini beans, rinsed



With the cooler weather, my first thought was a hearty minestrone.

2 tablespoons olive oil 3 medium carrots, peeled and diced 2 celery stalks, diced 1 small sweet onion, diced 1 small leek, cleaned and chopped 1 small zucchini, seeded and diced 1 teaspoon dried thyme 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano 1 1/2 teaspoon salt 3/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper 2 tablespoons tomato paste

1-14oz can of fire roasted diced

6 oz precooked pasta, ditalini, small shells, or small cavatelli

Parmesan cheese, grated and sprinkled over the soup (optional)

Add olive oil, carrots, celery, onion, leeks, zucchini, salt and pepper into an 8 quart stock pot. Sweat down the vegetables for 10-12 minutes. Add the tomato paste and cook down for another 3 minutes, stirring constantly. Add the tomatoes and chicken or vegetable stock along with the cannellini beans and green beans. Cook on medium-low heat for 45 minutes or until the vegetables are fork tender. Add the desired amount of pasta to each dish. Serves 8-10.

If you're interested in the restaurants around Newark, check out this site: goironbound.com.

Visit Dorothy's website at http://ddimarzo2002.wix.com/thymethief.

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Accountability needed in zoning process

This week, the Planning Board and Board of Aldermen will hold a public hearing on a new zoning proposal for Union Square. This proposal would make it easier for US2 to get special permits to proceed, while failing to assure that the important aspirations expressed in the Union Square neighborhood plan will ever be implemented.

Many of the goals outlined in the neighborhood plan, which was approved after nearly a year of extensive community input and revision, cannot be accomplished through zoning. The section on Managing Neighborhood Change includes recommendations like relocation assistance for businesses on the D parcels, rent stabilization vouchers, and a workforce education center. These are all excellent ideas, and the plan includes many more. They are not things that can be regulated by zoning.

suggests a special permit for formula businesses, which is not included in the zoning proposal. There may be other zoning-related items in the Neighborhood Plan that have slipped through the cracks.

The Neighborhood Plan also

With a Community Benefits Agreement, much can be agreed upon outside the restrictions of zoning. A CBA could include support for the programming of a community center, or living wages for workers in the development. But once the zoning is approved, there is little incentive for US2 to work with the City to ensure that these ideas are implemented. Last week, the LOCUS strategy leaders recommended a neighborhood council that could negotiate CBAs with developers. The zoning may need to incorporate provisions that give this neighborhood council a tangible role in evaluating and making recommendations regarding development proposals within the district.

The zoning proposal was filed with the Board of Aldermen in July, but no accurate map was made available to the public before the public hearing in October. This makes it difficult for community members, including those whose property would be affected by the new zoning, to properly assess the impact of the proposal. The proposal should be re-filed and re-advertised to give stakeholders an opportunity to understand its implications.

This proposal sets a precedent for new development in Winter Hill and all other areas around future Green Line stations. If we establish a blueprint that allows developers to move ahead with new zoning before committing to community benefits, we will miss out on a chance to partner with those developers in creating more livable communities.

In their thoughtful op-ed several weeks ago, members of Union Square Neighbors noted that the zoning contains many incentives for developers while taking input away from the general public. They wrote: "The zoning would allow developers to propose speculative projects on land they do not own. And it would reduce the public's ability to influence regulation of the highest impact developments. These would be consequences of the creation of an overlay district whereby multiphase projects covering 200,000 square feet (4.6 acres) or more, and comprising two lots or more, could obtain a Coordinated Development Plan Special Permit. CDPSPs would be a new form of entitlement created by this legislation."

http://www.thesomervilletimes.com/archives/70966

Last week, the Chamber of Commerce published a petition in this paper encouraging the Board of Aldermen to adopt the Union Square zoning as quickly as possible. This approach makes no sense for those who are concerned about community values like affordable housing, good jobs, small business protections, and open space. We don't hope to delay US2's development forever. But there is a window of time in which we as a community have the leverage to ask for the things we want. Once the zoning is approved, US2, whose president Greg Karczewski is a board member of the Chamber of Commerce, will have a green light to move forward with a Comprehensive Development Permit that increases their profit margin.

The Board of Aldermen has been diligently following the redevelopment process and seeking input from their constituents, but the zoning is the only part of the process where they can make their voices heard. Before this zoning is approved, we ask the aldermen to ensure there is a commitment from US2 to negotiate an enforceable CBA with the Union Square community that will ensure the success of their ultimate development.

— Union United Somerville

Dear Governor Baker,

I can't believe you would even think about decreasing our PNA (Personal Needs Allowance.)

Too many Nursing Homes and Rest Home Residents. We don't have enough to allow us to live our lives.

As you know, attempting to change the infringement of air flight noise pollution on our livelihoods has been a passion of mine. I share with you today a long awaited Conference to be held here in Somerville. Please help spread the word:

A day-long conference that brings some of the world's fore-

Now we merely sub-exist on hope, that's all we have, \$72.80 does not allow much. An increase to \$100 a month is a necessity, not merely a dream. You must have elderly relatives. How do they survive? I'm sure you give to them help: what about us? We are

most airport impact experts and environmental health scientists together with interested citizens and policy leaders.

That conference is going to be held on Saturday, November 5 at the new Partners Healthcare facility at Assembly Square, Somerville.

Highlights, including agen-

deserving. We did all the right things. Many of us even voted for you.

I realize Massachusetts has recently suffered a severe financial decrease and as always you cut the elderly dearly first. Always the elderly get butchered first. There must be something

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else you can do. We don't deserve to suffer as we do. A little more money would be a great deal for us, and thank you for not reducing our PNA to a lower amount.

Winter and colder weather is coming soon and we need supplies, warm clothing, boots,

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Sincerely Yours, Elena Lowry Somerville Home September 5, 2016





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linked in below. We have built in time for conversation. You are all invited to attend. And please get the word out quickly as well to other community members who might

be interested! The event is free but at-

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The ABC's of Question 2: The Charter School Debate

On November 8th, voters across Massachusetts will vote on whether to raise the cap on charter schools.

A "yes" vote supports this proposal to authorize up to 12 new charter schools or enrollment expansions in existing charter schools by the state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education per year.

A "no" vote opposes this proposal to authorize up to 12 new charter schools or enrollment expansions in existing charter schools, thereby maintaining the current charter school cap.

Many voters still aren't sure

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Lower speed limits can lead to a safer Somerville



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Soon you should see signs popping up around Somerville announcing that the citywide speed limit is 25 mph, unless otherwise posted. We are working to drop the speed limit from 30 to 25 on most roads for one simple reason: Because the data show that slowing down saves lives.

A growing body of research shows that, at the range of speeds people tend to drive in cities (about 20-40mph), for every mile slower you drive, you are less likely to cause severe injury or death should your car strike a pedestrian or cyclist. For example, the data show that when struck by a vehicle going 40 mph, only one in ten pedestrians survive. Conversely, when struck by a car going just 20 mph, nine out of ten pedestrians survive.

In Somerville, currently

more than 16,000 people including school kids—commute by foot, and 12.5% of our commuters travel by bike. Meanwhile, our annual pedestrian and bike counts show the numbers of walkers and cyclists are increasing each year. So making our streets safer via lower speed limits is not just the right choice here, it's a life-saving choice.

Slower speeds are safer for drivers as well. Slowing down not only decreases the likelihood of pedestrian fatality if a crash occurs, studies show that slower driving speeds can also lead to fewer crashes overall.

It's true, not all drivers obey the speed limit. But lowering the speed limit does act as a catalyst for behavior change. In London, which has had numerous lower-speed zones for a couple of decades, an analysis of data found that average speeds dropped by 9 mph when they dropped the speed limit from 30 to 20 mph. Every driver was not necessarily going 20 mph, but on average they were going 9 mph slower than before, and as I noted above, every mile slower makes a difference.

The efforts around increas-

ing safety by lowering speed limits here in Somerville have been going on for quite some time and a few people deserve recognition and thanks. Ward 3 Alderman Bob McWatters, who also serves on the Traffic Commission, proposed lowering the speed limit through a Home Rule Petition, which was approved by the Board of Aldermen and sent to the State legislature.

Before the legislature was able to take action on the Home Rule Petition however, Somerville's own State Representative Denise Provost successfully added language to the Municipal Modernization Act granting all cities and towns the ability to decrease speed limits to 25 mph in thickly settled areas, and to designate specific safety zones with speed limits of 20 mph.

Thanks to the final passage of Municipal Modernization Act (which goes into effect November 7), we no longer need the Home Rule Petition to lower speed limits, but it was instrumental in helping us to make our case to the state that this is something cities and towns need. And thanks to our Board of Aldermen, we were quickly able to get a 25 mph plan locally approved.

As an additional measure of safety, we intend to make use of the 20 mph provisions in the act as well. Just as we already do in school zones, we're aiming to establish 20 mph speed limit safety zones in vulnerable, pedestrian-centered areas. These include streets that pass by playgrounds, hospitals, parks, places of worship, and areas frequented by senior citizens (senior housing, assisted living facilities, and community centers that regularly host senior programming).

The data again makes a compelling case for this. AAA data shows that the likelihood of serious injury or death is increased for seniors hit by cars while walking. Researchers have found that London's 20 mph zones also particularly protect children. A study by the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine showed that over 20 years, the 20 mph zones saw a 50 percent reduction in collisions with children (aged 1-15 years) that caused serious injuries or death-50 percent. We can't ignore those numbers.

We also shouldn't delay. We're

aiming to roll out these changes quickly. Just last week the Board of Aldermen voted to accept the state policy allowing the reduction of speed limits throughout the city. The next step is for it to go before the Traffic Commission on October 20. Assuming they pass the proposal, we'll order new 25 mph signs swiftly, and continue our review for the 20 mph zones.

As the most densely populated city in New England, lowering speed limits is a crucial part of keeping all residents and visitors safe. But it is just that – a part of the bigger solution. We must also continue to invest in infrastructure improvements and a mobility plan that make it easier and safer for residents and visitors to get out and explore all that Somerville has to offer.

So while these changes are being rolled out, it's important to keep in mind what we can each be doing in the meantime to keep our neighbors and ourselves safe. Obey all traffic laws – that includes pedestrians and bicyclists too. Use crosswalks, be mindful of bike lanes, and slow down in residential neighborhoods because lives depend on it.

Reclaiming the Mystic



By Rep. Christine P. Barber 34th Middlesex District

accessing the park across busy roadways, Macdonald Park, like the Mystic River itself, is now experiencing a renaissance. I had the pleasure of walking in the park recently with fellow elected officials and members of local environmental organizations to discuss opportunities-and exciting new developments-for the Mystic River and parklands. And I also went canoeing in the river with Somerville 5th graders as part of a partnership between Groundwork Somerville, the National Park Service and Wilderness Inquiry, who work together to help young people learn about the ecosystem in our backyard. In our dense urban environment, it's critical that we are aware of and visit places like Macdonald Park, the largest park on the Mystic River. With the help of the Mystic River Watershed Association's new Mystic Greenways Program and stronger partnerships between state and local leaders, the Department of Conservation and Recreation, and city officials, there are exciting things happening to bring more people to the park.

Last year, I joined work that Sen. Jehlen and Rep. Donato have championed for years, in helping to secure \$250,000 in the state budget to fund design and construction work based on the Mystic River Master Plan, a detailed guide to restoring and improving the entire Mystic River watershed. Through generous private donations and matching funds from DCR, those funds were used to re-pave pathways and help eradicate some of the invasive weeds that strangle natural plants and make the park feel unsafe. The next phase of that project is to build a new boat launch for people to pull up kayaks and canoes. Additionally, we were able to secure state funding for a mechanical harvester to get rid of to the invasive water chestnuts that often cover the Mystic's surface. I will continue to work with the local delegation to secure funds to clean up the Mystic River and its



While Medford and Somerville are great places to live, one thing we often complain about is a lack of open space. For many, this means driving far to access a park or waterfront. We forget, or simply are unaware, that though we may be immediately surrounded by city blocks and urban streets, we live within 3 miles of over 60 acres of a waterfront park with beautiful trees, open space, and paths. Would you know what this is? It's the Mystic River and Macdonald Park, an underutilized gem near Station Landing and Mystic Valley Parkway.

Long ignored due to lack of upkeep and the difficulty of



surrounding parks; important in this effort will be collaborating with nearby cities to update our stormwater management systems.

As a member of the legislature's Joint Committee on the Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, I remain committed to taking steps to preserve our Commonwealth's natural resources. But the real work starts at home. This means I will continue to build upon the funding and partnerships that many have worked so hard to cultivate, and will keep working to make the Mystic River and local parks more accessible and essential to visit.

There is much more to be done – including plans for improved bike paths, more seating and performance space, more accessible areas for recreational activities, as well as safety improvements for crossing busy roadways. But it can happen. People didn't believe the Charles River could be a clean and Continued on page 17

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Illustrated by Jim Clark



Our View Of The Times



human activity, is a good symbol for such a remembrance. A place where natural beauty merges with the affirmation of life renewed.

Those who knew and loved Deanna will gather this coming Saturday to formally celebrate the renaming of the park in her honor. We think that she would be proud to be associated with it.

Back in March of this year, a resolution was put forward at the City of Somerville Board of Aldermen's regular meeting proposing that the city rename Otis St. Park to Deanna Cremin Playground, as a memorial to the Somerville resident who fell victim to murder 21 years ago.

Ward 1 Alderman Matthew McLaughlin sponsored the resolution, citing the

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the loss of his wife **Gail** in February and having emergency open-heart surgery, this guy never gives up. He's a retired "T" employee after 32 years and now working as a Unity Aide at Winter Hill Community Innovation School. He's loved and supported by all!

Another spot just noticed – we know, it's been there 70 years, but some of us are a little slow to try new things. If you're going to **Demet's Donuts** on Mystic Avenue, practically across the street is **Roberto's Fruit**, all fresh and priced way below supermarkets. The asparagus is the best, along with a huge assortment of fruit. fact that the park had only previously been named for a street running alongside the parcel, emphasized that renaming the public space in memory of Deanna Cremin would be a fitting honor to the victim of this yet-to-be-solved crime.

Speaking in favor of the proposal, Jesse Clingan, a friend of Deanna's, spoke eloquently to the Board, telling of Deanna's love of the outdoors and the way she cared for children, and often took them to the park to play with them.

Clingan has been tirelessly working on getting this rededication done, speaking with area residents and gathering assurances that no one would object to the renaming of the park.

A public park, with all its greenery and

We've been told that the course has seen a major increase in people applying for it, especially women. We can tell you first hand here that it's a great course and quite thorough. The same goes for this in Newstalk. The club has informed us that many residents of Somerville have called or gone to the club to find out about certification. A Utah Concealed Carry Permit Class will be offered at the club on October 22, presented by New England Firearms Academy. This class will enable the student to apply for a concealed carry permit in Utah which, once received, is honored by over 31 states, enabling the holder to carry concealed in each of these states. Saturday, October 22 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (there will be a break for lunch). If you would like to reserve a spot please send email with you name and phone number to: ccw-lrgc@earthlink.net.

One final note, happy birthday to Naomi Kiara Rose Harrison, who is two years old this week. One of Don and Pat's great-grand daughters. It's hard to believe, and she's so cute. To all the other Somervillens here and there celebrating this week, we wish you the very best of birthdays and many more to come.

Another special shout out to a great lady, Rosa Moccia, who is the better half of Victor's Deli in Ball Square. All these years she has smiled for everyone coming into her business and made people feel at home. She recently celebrated her 70th birthday, and if you look at her you'd think she was in her 40's. She's a very nice lady and has lots of fans here in Somerville and all around who come to Victor's. If you haven't been there in a while drop in and give her a happy birthday wish. Also, you might want to know that Victor's is now doing deliveries in the afternoon. Can't get out? Have a craving for their lunches? Call and order! ******

Box 308 - Bath, Maine 04530 and tune in to **Bob Bittner** on WJIB AM 740 for all the details.

Too bad we can't give **Demet's Donuts** of Mystic Ave. in Medford the **Best of Somerville** award. Still, they offer the best donuts and even better fresh breakfast sandwiches – and we mean fresh!

There's a new website in town. Check it out at www.somervillema.com. The

Happy birthday to a lot of our friends and fellow Villens here this week: Happy birthday to alderman lady **Maryann Heuston** of Ward 2, who is celebrating this week. We wish her well and many more. She's a nice person who is always considerate of others. A good friend of the paper, **Maureen Rielly**, herself a realtor out of Melrose, is celebrating this week. Also, a lifelong resident and popular lady, **Valerie Spinale**, is celebrating her birthday this week too. She's from a well-known East Somerville family. We wish her the very best and many more.

Don't forget, you can still donate to WJIB to help ensure that the FM station will get up and running next year. Relaxing, commercial-free music on the FM band 24 hours a day. Send your (non-deductible) check to WJIB - PO Somerville Times is on the site. Also check out **www.medfordma.com**. Someone asked online why we keep these two websites in *Newstalk*. We guess it's because we like them.

For those that might be interested in obtaining certification for firearms should look up the **Lawrence Rod & Gun Club**. They provide an extensive program at the end of which you receive certification for Massachusetts/NRA Certified Firearm Safety Classes. They run a class 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 website at www.lawrencerodandgunclub.org and read up about the course.

Look in on the SCATV Channel 3 program *The Real Estate Answers Show* as host Donald Norton of The Norton Group will be having as his guest Mayor Joe Curtatone. They will be discussing the upcoming ballot questions here in the city: Proposition 2.5 override and Question 2 on the ballot regarding the charter school issue. *Continued on page 17*

Festival del Maíz y Salsa Dance Party

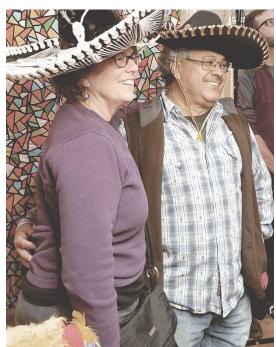
On Saturday, Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone, the city's SomerViva Immigrant Outreach & Service program and the Somerville Arts Council hosted a festival to mark "Día de la Raza."

The event commemorated the heritage and cultural diversity of Latin America and the intermingling and mutual influence of Latino and European cultures over time, both historically and here in present-day Somerville.

The festival celebrated corn, a potent symbol of Latino culture (with delicious corn-based food-arepas, chicha morada, tamales, pozole and esquites), and included many performances, including Latin Logic, an explosive band led by Manolo Mairena.



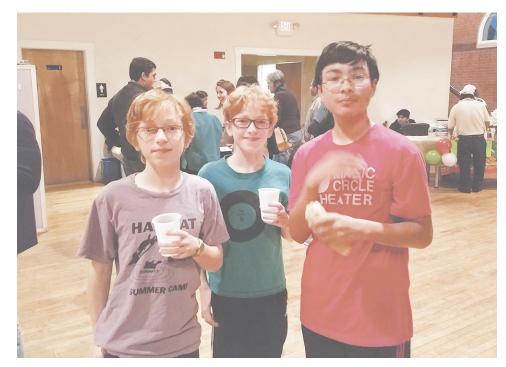
























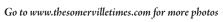












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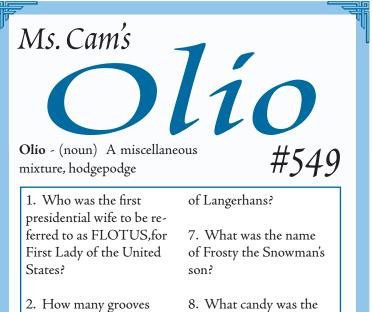


SPORTS

The som dog Tom Taylor Memorial 5k Fun Run



On Sunday som/dog took to historic Union Square in Somerville for their semi-annual Doggie 5k Fun Run. This year, they honored the late Tom Taylor, who served on the Somerville Board of Alderman from 1983 to 2013, and was an avid som/dog supporter. Tom's family set up a special team for the event called Tom's Pawsetters and they welcomed runners and walkers from across the city. — *Photos by Claudia Ferro*





3. How many letters are there in the Hawaiian alphabet?

are there on the edge of a

quarter?

4. What is the highest rating given a top quality diamond?

5. What is the name of the Patron Saint of Accountants?

6. Where are the Islands

9. What is Samhainopobia known as?

first wrapped penny candy

in America?

10. McDonalds is the world's biggest what?

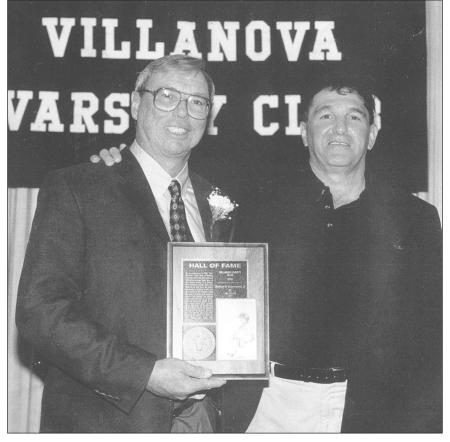
11. In which decade did *Godspell* open on Broad-way?

12. Which bestselling book did Colleen Mc-Cullough write?

Answers on page 23

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Sam Greenwood: Hall of Famer



Sam Greenwood was recently inducted into the Villanova University Baseball Hall of Fame. He is shown here with his best friend John Bairro, who grew up in the Somerville Housing Projects with him. Sam played with the Cincinnati Reds Minor League before his eyesight took away his ability to play. Sam lives in Tampa, FL, with his daughter Kelly and grandchildren. As good of an athlete Sam was, he is an even better person.

Community Media Day & Open House

Thursday, October 20th — 12:00 – 6:00 p.m.

SCATV will join other community media centers across the country for the newly sanctioned free speech holiday called "Community Media Day"

NOW WHAT IS COMMUNITY MEDIA DAY?

Community Media Day is a new annual celebration of voices that brings awareness to the importance of free speech and accessible media for all individuals to have their voices heard. More about national efforts are online here: http:// www.communitymediaday.com/.

On this day SCATV will open up their space from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m., offering many fun-filled activities for the general public to learn more about Somerville's premiere media center. They will have an outdoor pop-up radio booth, free hands-on youth media making projects, *Somerville Neighborhood News* Info sessions and news desk photo opps, TV studio training, green screen and PSA recordings and more. Please come on by, say hello and share why you support free speech.

Their full schedule is listed below:

What's on Somerville Neighborhood News

This week on the latest *Somerville Neighborhood News* – your source for local TV news:



Construction is underway at the Wynn Resorts across the Mystic River in Everett. On October 11 News Director Heather Aveson sat down with Wynn Boston CEO, Robert DiSalvio for an extended conversation about the development and the thawing relationship between Wynn and the City of Somerville.



Somerville Neighborhood News is a production of Somerville Community Access Television, made by professional journalists, volunteers and staff. The half-hour news show has as its mission to provide a lively, informative newscast focusing on the events, issues and information impacting Somerville residents.





COMMUNITY MEDIA DAY & OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE

Outdoor Pop-Up Boston Free Radio Booth Listen Live: www.bostonfreeradio.com

Thursday, October 20th 12pm - 6pm 90 Union Square

Other Free Fun Happenings

12pm - 6pm: Somerville Neighborhood News Info Session

12pm - 6pm: TV Studio Training & Electronic Soapbox / PSA Recordings

3-5pm: Youth Media Activity: Drone Camera Demo / Photography/Stop Motion 12-1pm: Celebrate Free Speech Kickoff with Alderman Matthew McLaughlin

1-2pm: Scout Magazine Takeove w/Em & friends

2-3pm: Boston Institute for Nonprofit Journalism Takeov w/Jason & Chris

> 3-4pm: Teen Intern Takeov w/Desi & Ben

> > 5-7pm: Villen's De w/Chris Haskell

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MICHAEL F. GLAVIN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, November 2, 2016 at the Visiting Nurse Association, 259 Lowell Street, 3rd Floor Community Room, Somerville, MA.

43-45 Oak Street: (Case # ZBA 2016-89) Applicant/Owner, We Close The Deal LLC, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to approve a renovation and expansion of a 2-story 4-unit residential building to 3-story 4-unit residential with finished basement and \$9.5 for parking relief. RB Zone, Ward 2.

45 Lexington Avenue: (Case # ZBA 2016-102) Applicant/Owner, 45 Lexington Development LLC, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to approve a renovation of a non-conforming 2-1/2 story two-family residential building with an expansion to finish the basement add a first floor addition with second floor roof deck and §9.5 for parking relief. RA Zone. Ward 5.

98 Highland Road: (Case # ZBA 2016-113) Applicant, Hardin Realty Development LLC, and Owners, Jennifer and Scott Hardin, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to finish the basement of a non-conforming three-family residential by adding a family room, bathroom, and two bedrooms and §9.5 for parking relief. RA Zone. Ward 5.

78 Bonair Street: (Case #ZBA 2016-115) Applicant and owner, Dipesh Nepal, seeks to add a second story pursuant to SZO §4.4.1 and a by-right second dwelling unit, and a Variance for the creation of a new non-conforming side yard setback under SZO \$5.5 Parking relief is sought for one space under SZO §9.13. RB zone Ward 1.

105 Cross Street: (Case # ZBA 2016-114) Applicant and Owner, Ayaz Hameed, seeks a Special Permit under §4.4.1 of the SZO to substantially alter an existing non-conforming structure, including increasing the Floor Area Ratio, § 9.4.2 to increase the net floor area, and §9.5 and §9.13 for parking relief. Zone RB. Ward 1.

36 Horace Street: (Case # ZBA 2016-106) Applicant and Owner, Maria Valente, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to substantially alter an existing non-conforming structure by demolishing the existing building and constructing a new, single-family dwelling. RB Zone. Ward 2.

<u>O Dane Street</u>: (Case ZBA 2016-76) Applicant, A Team Somerville, LLC, and Owner, Boston & Maine Railroad, seek Variances under §8.5 of the SZO to construct a 5-unit residential structure on an undersized lot, with non-conforming front and rear yard setbacks and non-conforming landscaped area. Special Permits under Article 9 are required for a shared driveway and a reduction in parking by reducing the amount of standard-sized parking provided and replacing it with compact spaces. RC zone. Ward 2.

545 McGrath Highway: (Case #ZBA 2016-110) Applicants and Owners, Matthew Martino & Paula Vancini, seek Special Permits under §4.4.1 and \$8.5 of the SZO to intensify the non-conforming rear and right yard setbacks as they convert a structure with a business use to one with residential/ Artist housing use. Applicants/Owners seek a Special Permit under Article 9 of the SZO for parking relief. NB Zone Ward 1.

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

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

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BOA talks GLX and more CONT. FROM PG 1

only around 2% of the total cost things into motion for twenty or of the extension.

The mayor believes it imperative that we invest. "We can all think of things we could do in the city with that money. However, we are receiving record low borrowing rates and the development community must chip in. How much we don't know now. There is a lot happening. But I'd rather be in this position than to say nothing is happening." The Board showed far less enthusiasm. Ward 4 Alderman Lafuente said he feels saddened by the rush to focus on the Green Line Extension. "Of course, the GLX is important. But when you look at it in the big scheme of things, probably not as important as infrastructure, or Winter Hill, or the high school. Things being put on the back burner, again." While he did not voice firm resistance to investing in the project, Lafuente urged the mayor to use caution and consideration: "We have to think about today and tomorrow. These decisions will put

thirty years."

Board President and Alderman at Large White voiced concerns regarding finances. The mayor said proudly, "We are in the best financial standing the city's ever been in,""Yes we are," White retorted. "But we are talking about doubling our debt over the next few years, that raises alarm."

A concern each member of the Board had regarding focus on the big three projects is that decisions and movements, specifically in Union Square infrastructure projects, are being made by the Redevelopment Authority, which was described by Ward 5 Alderman Niedergang as "a joke." "It is scary to me, and should be to anyone who is well informed that this Board has a lot of power over the future of Union Sqaure. It is simply not up to that responsibility. The elected representatives of the people should be making these decisions which are going to make or break the city going forward." The presentation wrapped up

with the BOA asking for more involvement for themselves and for residents. President White advised that all interested parties pay attention to BOA meeting agendas come November. Mayor Curtatone will be presenting to the Commonwealth late November or early December, and the Board sees it fit that Somerville get the information before

and reasonable call on whether it is alright to put trash in plastic bags neatly on the street." Niedergang referred to a person who was ticketed for this, despite the fact that there is no clear statement on the website or 311 that this is illegal. Alderman Sullivan voiced concern over ticketing for this. "What's wrong with giving residents a written warning? In this already troubled economy we're facing." Aldermen Heuston and White both stated frankly that barrels are needed to keep trash from attracting rats."We have totally turned this city around in the way we deal with trash and the way our city looks," said Heuston. "If there is a loophole allowing plastic trash bags on the curb, I will be working against it." Alderman Niedergang also proposed the idea of educating citizens on using the "Dutch reach" method when opening their car doors. This would entail opening with your right hand, forcing you to look out and back. "We've had accidents this year where cyclists were

killed - one was from being doored. This really is a life and death situation." There have been signs posted, but the Board wants more action, so they sent the item to the Department of Public Safety and Health.

Niedergang's fourth request was that the director of the SPCD (Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development) report to the BOA on development of a strategic plan for the city's role in job force development. "The mayor established a Jobs Advisory Committee which did quite a bit of work in 2012 and issued a good report. It seems though, that the recommendations in that report have not been adopted." The city has recently gained a new Director of Economic Development, and the board supports the request that he present a plan to work on job force training and development. All of these topics will be discussed either in special meetings or BOA regular meetings, all of which have agendas listed on the city's website.

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

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI 16 P 5263EA

Estate of: John N. Walcott

MIDDLESEX Division

Date of Death: 04/10/2016

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by:

Paula P. Walcott of Somerville MA

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition

The Petitioner requests that:

Paula P. Walcott of Somerville MA

be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in <u>an unsupervised</u> administration.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/08/2016. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file

a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHU-SETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

Witness, Hon. Edward F Donnelly Jr., First Justice of this Court.

Tara E. De Cristofaro Date: October 11, 2016 **Register of Probate**

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it becomes finalized.

"... we are talking about doubling our *debt over the next* few years, that raises alarm"

Alderman Niedergang brought up several other topics that warranted discussion: "Why don't our police officers wear nametags? Larger cities do, state police do. I think it'd be good for citizens to be able to identify them. I would at least like an explanation."

Next, "We need to make a clear

Backpacks donated to local middle and high school students

By Rebecca Danvers

Middlesex Federal Savings has partnered with Office Depot to fill 125 backpacks with school supplies to distribute to local students.

Converse, Inc. donated the backpacks. The Boys Girls Clubs of Middlesex County, RE-SPOND Inc., and the Somerville Homeless Coalition, distributed them to Medford and Somerville, middle and high school students. Backpacks were also available at the City of Somerville's Parent Information Center.

Each of the organizations distributing the backpacks provides outreach services to low-income and homeless families within our community. Youth related services offered by these agencies include after school programs, family shelters, food pantries, soup kitchens, prevention programs, support groups, and 24hour hotline services.

The Boys Girls Clubs of Middlesex County offer after-school programs to youth ages 6 to 18 in Somerville and Medford. "We were so excited to receive these backpacks," stated Lindsay Smythe, Executive Director, Boys Girls Clubs. "They're specifically helping our high school age members, a growing population in our Clubs.

Community support like this

generous donation of backpacks and age-appropriate school supplies from Middlesex Federal Savings makes a huge difference in our ability to help our members succeed in school."

RESPOND provides support services to victims and survivors of domestic violence. "Thanks to the amazing generosity of so many donors, such as Middlesex Federal Savings, the children in shelter were able to go back to school with new clothes and brand new backpacks filled with all the supplies needed to start school," said Jasmine Lopez, RE-SPOND's Director of Development and Communications.

The Somerville Homeless Coalition annually serves more than 2,000 people experiencing homelessness or hunger."We are so grateful to Middlesex Federal Savings for the donation of backpacks and school supplies to help the children we serve get off to a good start in school. Education is a key to breaking the cycle of homelessness and poverty," said Kathryn Benjamin, Director of Development, Somerville Homeless Coalition.

This effort was part of Middlesex Federal Saving's 125th anniversary local giving initiative. In addition to this donation, Middlesex Federal donated 125 toys to Toys for Tots and 125 children's books to the Somerville Public Library.



Middlesex Federal Savings' employees fill 125 backpacks with school supplies. Local nonprofit organizations distributed the backpacks to Medford and Somerville middle and high school students. Pictured back row left to right: Fran Encalada, Bonny Mello, and Karen Grindrod. Front row left to right: Catherine Kaminer, Elizabeth Farrell, Ron Gauthier, and Linda Dinkel.

The ABC's of Question 2: **The Charter School Debate**

Board cannot continue operating a school? Could charter schools be a financial bubble that could burst and overwhelm already stressed public education systems in the neediest districts?

charter school system where decisions are made behind closed doors of a board room with no parental/public input or recourse?

A "Yes" vote will increase the number of charters and offer Charter schools and district an alternative that comes with many risks.

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equities surrounding these two public school models, as well as, to plan for students returning to a district should charter schools close their doors.

Massachusetts schools are #1 in the country. Expanding charter schools at this time may put that prestigious position in jeopardy.

Reclaiming the Mystic

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years to come.

useful resource, and today it is a fundamental part of the Boston area landscape. It's time to put that kind of attention towards the Mystic River, equally deserving of our efforts. Enhancing the open space we have now will help generations use this valuable resource for

This is where you come in - to

make Macdonald Park a success

story and to make it more ap-

pealing to the thousands of residents who live nearby, we need you. You can visit the park, appreciate what is there, and then help us make sure the designs and plans for better access to the park suit your needs. Have you visited Macdonald Park or the Mystic River? How many times can you get there this fall? It's time to get out and take advantage—and ownership—of open space in our community.

schools are a two tiered system of public education. A "No" vote allows education

The question is: Are we truleadership to deal with the fundly ready to jump into a public ing and student population in-

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 11

The show is set for Friday evenings at 6:30 p.m. and various other times. Call SCATV for scheduling. The Real Estate Answers Show has been on the air here in the city off and on since 1992.

Alderman at Large Dennis Sullivan will bring his mobile neighborhood office hours across the city starting this Saturday for the next three Saturdays. He's held nearly 160 office stops since being elected to the board to meet and learn from residents and

share ideas. Sullivan will make the following stops as part of his spring office hours: Saturday, October 22 - outside the East Branch library on lower Broadway at 9:00 a.m., followed by the Union Square Dunkin' Donuts at 10:00 a.m.; Saturday, October 29 outside Dunkin' Donuts at the corner of Highland Ave. and Central Street at 9:00 a.m., followed by the Winter Hill Post Office at 10:00 a.m.; Saturday, November 5 - Ball Square at 9:00 a.m., Statue Park in Davis Square at

10:00 a.m., followed by Teele Square at 11:00 a.m.

National Take Back Day is October 22. Clean out your medicine cabinet and dispose of medication safely. Remove labels and place in a clear plastic ziplock bag. Bring the bag to the Somerville Public Safety Building, 24hour kiosk. Do not bring liquid medications to the kiosk. Instead, pour liquids into a zip lock bag and mix with inedible material such as coffee grinds, kitty litter, or saw dust. Seal the bag and place it in a regular garbage receptacle. Drop off locations: Public Safety Building, 220 Washington St. or Somerville Fire Department, 6 Newbury St.

Please join Katjana Ballantyne for Joint Open Office Hours with Senator Pat Jehlen, Rep. Christine Barber, and Ward 7 School Rep. Carrie Normand. Saturday, October 22, 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m., at Angelina Pizzeria, 230 Holland St., Teele Sq., Somerville.

— Kathy Sullivan Somerville

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Wednesday | October 19 East Branch Library Preschool Storytime 11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway

Thursday|October 20

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

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

Ave **Central Library** Lego Club 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

West Branch Library Lego Club

3:30 p.m.-3:45 p.m.|40 College Ave Central Library SCAP Community Outreach and

Education Team 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

Central Library Teen Program 3 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Saturday | October 22 Central Library Yoga for Kids Ages 3-7 with Janine 11 a.m.-12 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Sunday | October 23 Monster MashedUp @ Somer-Streets

2 p.m. – 6 p.m.|Somerville Ave **Central Library** Not a Fright in Sight 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Monday|October 24

Central Library Sing Along with Matt Heaton 11 a.m.- 12 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Central Library SHS teen group SomerPromise/SPS 2:45 p.m. - 4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Central Library Creative Drama with Laurie 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. |79 Highland Ave

Tuesday October 25

Central Library Homeschool Reading Group for Ages 13-15 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|79 Highland

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

Wednesday|October 26

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

MUSIC|ARTS Wednesday|October 19

Sally O'Brien's Bar Free Poker, lots of prizes! 8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room Exile on Elm Back Room Backroom Series: John Carty, Bonhomme Setter: (Double Bill) |7:30 p.m. Comedy Night With Jordan Handren-Seavey[10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 8:30 p.m.|256 Elm Street|(617) 623-9910

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

255 Elm Street Arts at the Armory

This is Not Your Grandmother's Lye Soap 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Thursday|October 20

Sally O'Brien's Spring Hill Rounders 7:30 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room Lunchtime Concert Series|1-2pm Dave Gallagher & The Donegal Rednecks|9:30 pm Backroom Series: John Hanifin Band with SONA|7:30 p.m. Scattershots|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge Jay Gillespie The 94s Max Clark Stephen Chopek The Only Humans 345 Somerville Ave

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

Orleans Restaurant and Bar 65 Holland St|617-591-2100 Bull McCabe's Krush Faktory

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

256 Elm St. |617-623-9910 Samba Bar & Grille 608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177 Somerville Theatre

Awkward Compliment's Thursday Night Comedy Night 8 p.m.|55 Davis Square

Thunder Road Jenna Lotti CD Release Party (Pop/ Soul) 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Matthew Connor St. Nothing, ORCHIDS (stripped), MANV 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Arts at the Armory Castle of Comedy 8:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave The Rockwell

Netflix and Chill 7 p.m. Roast Battle|9 p.m. 255 Elm St

Friday|October 21

Sally O'Brien's Larry Flint & The Road Scholars |6 p.m. HearNowLive presents Something Something Buy a T-Shirt, Vicky and The Vengents, The Skeleton Beats

The Vengents, The Skeleton Beats \$10 cover |9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Backroom Series :Sally Rogers and Claudia Schmidt|7 p.m. Ripcord|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge La Rock Ola 8:30 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave Orleans Restaurant and Bar

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Hair 8:30 p.m.|156 Highland Ave **The Rockwell** Sh!t-faced Shakespeare: Much Ado About Nothing|7 p.m. B.U.M.P|9:30 p.m. Dirty Disney|11 p.m. 255 Elm Street **Arts at the Armory**

Arts at the Armory Richard Cambridge's Poets' Theatre 8 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Saturday|October 22

Sally O'Brien's Patsy Hamel Band |6 p.m. Pete Cassani & The Peasants, Bitter Bastids, Trusty Sidekick \$5 cover|9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589 The Burren Front Room: Bluegrass Session|2 p.m. The BagBoys|5 p.m. Irish Session|9:30 p.m. Back Room The Burren Backroon Saturday & Sunday Jazz Brunch with Tom Pendergast 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Jeff Jam Family Dance Party!|4 p.m. Backroom Series Octavia & Hankus Netsky|7 p.m. Scattershot!|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge Jon O'Neal & The Bayou Boys|3 p.m. Fourshadow FREEVO Hera Lynn Twine BLOWW w/Mickey Rickshaw, Big Bad Bobby + Strange Changes|8 p.m. 345 Somerville Ave

345 Somerville Ave Orleans Restaurant and Bar Karaoke

65 Holland St On the Hill Tavern Live DJ Music

499 Broadway|617-629-5302 Bull McCabe's

Kevin Connolly Band 9 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Joshua Tree DJ El Sid! 256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

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

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

Thunder Road Otis Grove (Funk/Rock) 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Hair

8:30 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

The Rockwell Boston Delivered|2 p.m. Shit-Faced Shakespeare: Romeo & Juliet|6 p.m.

Similar Jones and Sounds Off|8:30 p.m. 255 Elm St

Sunday | October 23 Sally O'Brien's Bar

Sally O'ktoberfest all day food specials and beer garden featuring Busted Jug Band, Be Nice Or Leave Brass Band|noon 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room Beatles Brunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m. John Gannon & Friends Irish Session 3 7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Hair

4 p.m.|156 Highland Ave **The Rockwell** 255 Elm St

Arts at the Armory Cafe Raqs 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Monday October 24

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: Stump Trivia|8:30 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 P.A.'s Lounge

Free Music Mondays Luxury deathtrap Superteen Big Fred Meaghan Casey 345 Somerville Ave

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

Bull McCabe's Pub

Stump! Team Trivia 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045 **Thunder Road** The Murdock Manor Stripped Sets

The Murdock Manor Stripped Sets Monday Night Series 379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom The John Frazee Trio|6 p.m. New Music Night with DJ Bad Squirrel|8 p.m. 156 Highland Ave

Tuesday|**October 25** Sally O'Brien's Bar

TBA 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA's Lounge

Open Mic Night 345 Somerville Ave On The Hill Tavern

Stump Trivia (with prizes) 499 Broadway/617-629-5302

Bull McCabe's Pub The Ghetto People Band 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling Bee Night hosted by Victor and Nicole of

Egoart. The fun starts at 10:00p.m.

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131 **Samba Bar & Grille** 608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

PJ Ryan's Pub Quiz 10 p.m.|239 Holland St.|617-625-8200

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Hutson 7:30 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

345 Somerville Ave On The Hill Tavern 499 Broadway|617-629-5302 Orleans Restaurant and Bar 65 Holland St|617-591-2100

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Bearly Dead – Wednesday Night Grateful Dead Residency 8 p.m.

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608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

8:30 p.m.|256 Elm Street|(617) 623-

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Bagel Bards

Holland St

Crucible

9910

Joshua Tree Bar & Grill

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Crooked Horse, Rachel Marie

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Wednesday|October 19

Somerville Positive Forces 1 p.m.-3 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Central Library Library Staff Scheduling Meeting 3:30 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Somerville Reads: Screening of The

Income Inequality Reading Group 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. | 79 Highland Ave

Foster Grandparents Monthly Meet-

ing 9:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.|79 Highland

(Session 1)- 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. (Session 2)-7:15 p.m.- 8:15 p.m.

East Branch Library Drop in Knitting at the West Branch 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step

Saturday October 22

weekly to discuss their work

Sunday|October 23

The Somerville Flea

Unity Church of God

Family Groups

Union Square Farmers Market

Somerville Writers and Poets meet

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

Central Library Auditions for MAYBE. . . NOW Movie 1p.m.- 4:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

9 a.m. – İ p.m.|Union Sq Plaza

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

Thursday|October 20

West Branch Library Learn English at the Library!

First Church Somerville

6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Thunder Road

P.A.'s Lounge

Ten Dollar Mistake The Downtowners Andy California 345 Somerville Ave

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

Joshua Tree Bar & Grill Pub Trivia 10 p.m. 65 Holland St

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

Orleans Restaurant and Bar DJ starting at 10 p.m. 65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Bull McCabe's

Spotted Tiger 10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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The Burren Backroon Saturday & Sunday Jazz Brunch with Tom Pendergast 8am - 2:30pm Alan Kaufman & Friends Old Timey|5 p.m. Burren Lantern Series|8 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge 345 Somerville Ave

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

Highland Kitchen Sunday Brunch Live Country & Bluegrass Sunday Night Live Music 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

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Thunder Road Americana Sundays w/ Greg Klyma

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom The Pack A.D. She Keeps Bees, Salem Wolves 8 p.m. |156 Highland Ave

Arts at the Armory Pub Sing at the Armory Cafe 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday October 26

Sally O'Brien's Bar Free Poker, lots of prizes! 8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room Exile on Elm Back Room Backroom Series: Comedy Night With Jordan Handren-Seavey|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge Feat. Weapon ESP, Ghost of the Machine Hech Rhymes The Hashassins Phonetix Enter upstairs, meeting is in basement.

10 a.m.- 4 p.m.|52 Holland St

7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street

Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon

Monday October 24

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

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

Central Library Pack 3 Leaders Meeting 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Central Library Take Back Your Time Day 7 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Tuesday|October 25

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

Wednesday|October 26

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

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

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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.

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 – The current 5 week Yoga series started on Thursday, September 15 from 9:00 to 10:00am. This low-impact and easy-to-follow paced program lets you stretch and relax to help start your day. Contact Chris at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315 for more information and to sign up. Cost is \$20 for 5 classes.

Free Smoke Alarm/Carbon Monoxide Detectors -Starting April 1 – The Somerville Council on Aging, The Health & Human Services Department partnering with The Somerville Fire Department are offering free smoke alarm / carbon monoxide detectors (they are one unit) to Somerville older adults and residents with a wide range of disabilities. To qualify you must be an older adult, 60 years of age or older, and live in Somerville (own or rent) or a Somerville resident with a disability (Photoelectric Alarms with ADA Compliant Strobe Light are available.) There is a brief application that will need to be filled out, signed and returned. Please contact Maureen Bastardi, Outreach Worker at the Somerville Council on Aging, at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to request an application. This program is on a first come, first serve basis. This is a Federally funded grant and services will be provided until the grant is exhausted.

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Center. Did you know that you could be eligible for a free pair of diabetes shoes every year? If you have Medicare and diabetes, please book a ten minute shoe fitting appointment! Contact Natasha Naim at 617-625-6600, ext. 2317. You must make an appointment ahead of time.

Fiore's Restaurant – Thursday, November 10 – Check in time 10:45 a.m. at Holland Street and 11:00 a.m. at Ralph & Jenny Center with an approximate return time of 3:00 p.m. \$25 fee includes transportation, lunch (swordfish, eggplant parmesan or chicken piccata.) For additional information, please call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Wrentham Outlets - Sunday, November 13 - \$10 fee for transportation only. Check in time is 10:00 a.m. at our Holland Street Center with an approximate return time of 5:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Silver Sizzle Review - Friday, November 18 - Luciano's Lake Pearl in Wrentham, MA. \$20 fee includes transportation, lunch and show. The show features performances by former Radio City Music Hall Rockettes along with great comedy. Please contact the SCOA at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to reserve your spot. No refunds.

Cape Cod Cranberry Days – Monday & Tuesday, November 28 & 29 - 2 days / 1 night - For a fee of \$195 / pp double and \$225 pp single this trip includes roundtrip motor coach transportation, 1 night deluxe accommodation, 1 breakfast, 1 dinner and several guided tours including The Cranberry Harvest Experience, Sandwich Village Glass Museum, Chatham Village and Plymouth Winery just to name a few. Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 for more information or to reserve your spot.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

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. 2300 to sign up for our "Friendly Caller" Program.

The Halloween Celebration at the WHYC scheduled for Monday, October 31 is SOLD OUT.

The Weekend gateway to NYC scheduled for Saturday & Sunday, November 5 & 6 is SOLD OUT.

The day trip to Fiore's Restaurant scheduled for Thursday, November 10 is SOLD OUT.

The day trip to Luciano's Silver Sizzle Review scheduled for Friday, November 18 is SOLD OUT.

The Indian Head trip scheduled for December 6, 7 and 8 (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday) is BOOK SOLID.

The Holiday Celebration at the WHYC scheduled for Monday, December 12 is SOLD OUT.

The day trip to Yuletide Newport scheduled for Thursday, December 12 is SOLD OUT.

The trip to Atlantic City scheduled for Sunday, January 8 to Tuesday, January 10 is SOLD OUT.

Please note the Moonlighters are back:

Monday, October 24 - Rehearsal at the Holland Street Center

Mark your calendars for these great upcoming **LGBTQ Events:**

Monday, November 21 – Painting to Reduce Stress Monday, December 19 – Holiday Party

STAY ACTIVE:

Walking & Talking Group – Starting on Monday, May 4th at 8:30 A.M. - out of our Holland Street Center. We'll take a gentle 30 minute walk around the community every Monday - meeting in the downstairs lobby of the Holland Street Center. For more information or to sign up please contact Chris Kowaleski our Health & Wellness Coordinator at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315.

Weekly Exercise Class Schedule

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

Mondays:

1:00 Fit-4-Life Group C (H)

Tuesdays:

9:15 Strengthening - \$3 per class (H) 11:15 Fit-4-Life (C) 1:00 Dalcroze Eurhythmics*** 6:00 LBT Fit-4-Life* (H)

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 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) (5 week series) – On hiatus till January 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 One-on-one nutrition is on hiatus til further notice.

Wednesday|October 19

9:00 Bowling at Flatbreads 11:30 Lunch (RJ) 12:45 Bingo (RJ)

Thursday|October 20

Health & Wellness Fair at the Holland Street Center All other centers closed

Friday October 21

10:00 Book Club (H) 10:00 Watercolor Quilt (H) 11:30 Lunch (H) 11:45 Bingo (H)

Monday October 24

10:00 English Conversation (C) 10:30 Moonlighters (H) 11:30 Lunch (C) 11:30 Entertainment & Lunch (H)

New Arts & Crafts Group - Meeting every Thursday from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at our Cross Street Center located at 165 Broadway. Join us as we learn about a wide range of arts & crafts from weaving to watercolor pencils. We have some pretty amazing ideas already and would love for you to join us. For additional information please contact Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335.

Forming Friendships Social Group - Tuesday, October 25 from 9:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. at our Holland Street Center. Are you looking to socialize and meet new people? If so, this 6 week social group is for you. There is limited spots available so call soon to reserve your spot. Please call Katey at 617-625-6600, ext. 2318.

Halloween Super Bingo - Tuesday, October 25 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at our Ralph & Jenny Center located at 9 New Washington Street. Limited seating and transportation. \$10 fee - includes lunch, coffee, dessert, cards & prizes. For more information, please call Kim at 617-666-5223.

Diabetes Shoe Clinic – Monday, Thursday, November 7 – 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at our Holland Street

Monday, October 31 – No Moonlighters

Please make special note of our new office hours:

The Somerville Council on Aging's main office is located at 167 Holland Street (between Davis Sq. and Teele Sq.) Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

LGBTQ EVENTS:

LGBTQ Advisory Group -This group meets the second Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies. We are always looking for new members who would like to serve on the Advisory Group. Please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 if you have any questions or if you should need additional info.

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

Tuesday|October 25

9:30 Forming Friendships (H) 10:00 English Conversation (C) 10:00 Housing 101 (H) 11:30 Lunch (C, RJ) 12:00 Computer tutorial with Norbert (H) (by appointment only) 12:45 Super Bingo (RJ

Wednesday|October 26

9:00 Bowling at Flatbreads 11:30 Lunch (RJ) 12:45 Bingo (RJ)

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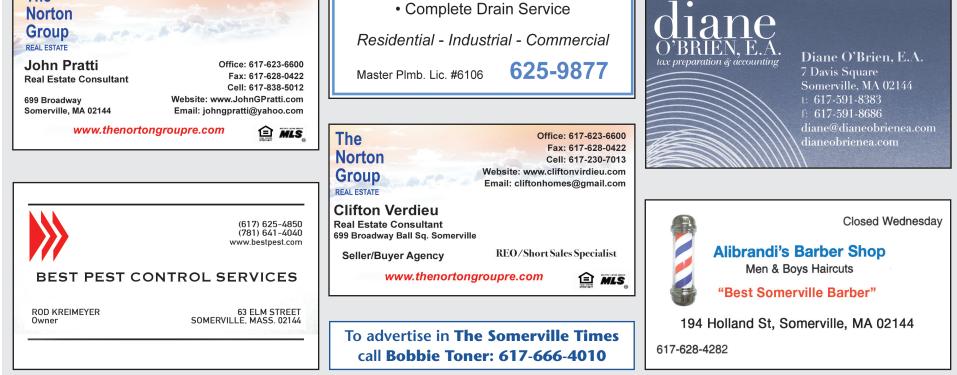
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comes from the walks she takes with her puppy through Somerville, looking at buildings and architecture at different times during the day. Oftentimes it is late at night or early in the morning that casts a unique perspective on the community. "I've been seeing little moments that I want to capture," she said. She finds buildings that usually go unnoticed such as little "mom and pop shops" the most interesting, often incorporating them into her work. "There's so many small and personable buildings in Somerville. There's something nice about how it feels like a little community." The best part about getting ready for the exhibition, Davis said, is having a goal to work towards. When she is not taking care of her puppy or at her job in downtown Boston, she paints. She expressed her joy in this continual creative process. "All of my paintings are iterative, so I'll come back to them and rework them, and look at them again," said Davis.

She credits this creative process to her background at BAC when she would work with a lot of different processes and mediums. "It's fun to experiment with different materials and I think that relates a lot to how I'm painting," explained Davis. The Sarah Eigen Davis Exhibition will open on November 6 from 2:00–4:00 p.m. at Center for Arts at the Armory in Somerville and will continue through the end of the month.

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7:30pm	Festival de Maiz y Musica	2:00am
8:00pm	HONK!	2:30am
9:00pm	Domestic Violence Vigil	9:00am
9:40pm	Push Ups for Veterans	12:00pm
10:00pm	Connecting Communities	1:00pm
10:30pm	Raising Families - Welcome Project	1:40pm
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7:00pm	ResiStat en Español	1:00pm
8:30pm	What the Fluff?	1:30pm
9:00pm	Connecting Communities "Fire Safety"	3:00pm

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6:41pm	Push Ups for Veterans
6:43pm	Concussion Foundation Announcement
7:00pm	Senior Circuit
7:30pm	Congressional Update
8:00pm	Raising Families - Welcome Project
8:30pm	School Committee Meeting - 10.24.16
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12:00am	Tracking Progress - Union Square Tour
1:30am	Aldermen at Work - Jack Connolly
2:00am	SomerViva en Español
2:19am	POW/MIA Flag Raising
12:00pm	School Committee Meeting - 10.24.16

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Wednesday, October 19

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9:00am	SHS Volleyball vs Medford	
11:00am	Concussion Foundation Announcement	
12:00pm	XQ: Super School Project Bus in Somerville	
1:00pm	Our Schools, Our City - Working Together	
2:00pm	SHS Girls Soccer vs Malden - 10.6.16	
3:30pm	SHS Boys Soccer v Chelsea	
5:00pm	SHS Volleyball vs Medford	
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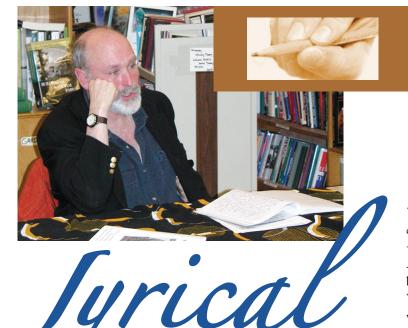
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Tuesday, October 25

9:00am	Highlander Forum
9:30am	XQ: Super School Project Bus in Somerville
10:00am	Connecting Communities - Fire Safety
10:30am	SHS Volleyball vs Medford
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3:00pm	Our Schools, Our City - Working Together
4:00pm	Highlander Forum
4:30pm	XQ: Super School Project Bus in Somerville
5:00pm	Connecting Communities - Fire Safety
5:30pm	SHS Volleyball vs Medford
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10:00pm	Our Schools, Our City - Working Together
12:00am	SHS Football vs Medford
2:30am	Public Domain Theater



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'Against Sunset: Poems' by Stanley Plumly'

This week our guest columnist is noted Somerville literary or driving to the center of the state critic Dennis Daly: or driving to the conter of the state where the noir-in-color painter Ed

Against Sunset: Poems by Stanley Plumly W.W. Norton & Company www.wwnorton.com 500 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10110 ISBN: 978-0-393-25394-8 84 pages – \$25.95 Cloth

Stanley Plumly hobnobs with dead people – romantic poets, contemporary poets, and personal relations. Whether citing real or imagined incidents from diaries or first-hand memories evoked from his past life, Plumly uses his verses to delve into the meaning of mortality and the mystery of life itself. He gently sorts out the strange draws and the nagging fears inherent in that "good night," and explores those inclinations with a lyricism that mesmerizes his undaunted readers.

Two exquisite, airy pieces act as bookends to this collection. The opening poem, Dutch Elm, celebrates a suburbia of the mind, the dreamy paths leading to a mnemonic self-nullification. Plumly uses the majestic elm trees of his past life as his metaphoric, solace-delivering vehicle. The protective canopy of these trees shelter the poet's most intimate moments and his deepest sorrows, a reality that shadows him like an afterlife. Here's the lyrical heart of the poem,

I miss in particular the perspective looking down the distances of all those Elm named streets disappearing

into dusk, the last sun turned the stained blue of church windows.

I miss standing there, letting the welcome dark make me invisible.

I miss the birds starting to sleep, their talking in their songs becoming

silent, then their silence. I even miss not standing there.

Against Sunset, Plumly's title poem and the last piece in this impressive collection, extols the half-light of rising and setting suns. Speed matters as life lines up against the backdrop of horizon and sunset. The word "Against" in the title seems to take on an alternative meaning devoid of negativity. Plumly links the fall and rise of death and birth in his concluding lines,

The horizon, halfway disappeared between above and below—

or driving to the center of the state where the noir-in-color painter Edward Hopper had once made lonely art of Depression downtown buildings bleaker than the rail yards and B&O freight cars. In the end you couldn't do it, drive or take the bus, be that tired again, so you won the Pulitzer and efficiency apartment that goes with full professorships at nearby NYU, as close as you could get to home in faraway Vermont.

Replete with multiple caesuras in the form of dashes, Plumly's To Autumn, which he bases on letters from John Keats to Richard Woodhouse and John Hamilton Reynolds, chronicles Keats' poetic walks that served up the heavily-misted landscapes for that poet's piece Ode to Autumn. Plumly knows whereof he speaks—he has written a book on John Keats. The poet fastens many of Keats' insightful quotations together with explanatory phrases and connective words. The process works spectacularly well. The poem opens this way,

A walk along the water meadows by the playing fields of the college—a mile-and-a-half to the hospice of St. Cross—a walk he takes almost every day in the "pleasantest town I was ever in," including a Sunday named for the sun cutting angles with its scythe, when it strikes him just how beautiful the season has become here at the end of summer, the gathering of light, the harvest coming in, "chaste weather—Dian skies… a temperate sharpness." He writes Reynolds that he "never liked stubble fields so much as now…

Keats' aforementioned letters were written a year and a half before his death.

Set in the heart of this collection, Plumly's thirteen-section poem, Early Nineteenth Century English Poetry Walks, amazes with its mosaic of famous lives pieced together by a twenty-first century denizen not unfamiliar with pastoral romance. Keats appears again, as does William Wordsworth, Samuel Taylor Coleridge, essayist Charles Lamb, Thomas Chatterton, and others. The constant movement of these artists in their walkabouts mimic their imagined realities and their romanticized fates. Each of the thirteen poetic sections is thirteen lines long. How unlucky! Section 11 explores the very nature of these walks. Consider these lines,

Walks. Coleridge walks, at his best, through abstraction thick as glass,

This poem by Wendell Smith haunts me:

A Poem of Horrors for All Hallows Eve

How can I get lighthearted and write A horrible poem for Halloween night; write a poem of horrors for All Hallows Eve or go trick and treating with Em and with Steve when I am surrounded by the news and what's worse my heart's growin' too heavy to throw off this curse of a total awareness that has been (God?) given to all who think they might have love in this livin'. So this holiday gives us hob goblins and trolls homeopathic prescriptions for what darkens our souls quick tastes of fake horrors faux bones, blood and potions so we can briefly avoid all our life's real emotions.

— Wendell Smith

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12. The Thorn Birds

night falls too or does it also rise out of the death-glitter of water?

And if night is the long straight path of the full moon pouring down

on the face of the deep, what makes us wish we could walk there,

like a flat skipped stone? I've seen the sun-path poured at dawn

on the flat other side of the country, but it was different, the yellow

morning red with fire, the new day's burning hours oh so slowly climbing.

Within the depths of this book, many of the poems center on certain dead poets. In Mortal Acts Plumly reminisces about Galway Kinnell in a lovely narrative with a heartfelt point. But the real interesting part happens on the way to the aforesaid point. Here's a taste of Plumly's irony,

You hadn't been there long, the job at Binghamton meant traveling by bus toward what Hart Crane calls "an improved infancy," both his sons's

and his own. There is no stopping Coleridge. Shelley, "borne darkly,

fearfully, afar," tries to walk on water, "far from shore." Keats,

in the thousand days before the end, walks in ever-closing circles

Sounds a bit like an academic exercise, doesn't it? Well, it's not. Plumly seems to know exactly what he's doing. He has reached back into the nineteenth century and grabbed hold of these melancholic constructions of country landscape, which have been disused in our new century, sets them in place, and then employs this context as a framework to his contemplation of mortality. Plumly then weaves his own personal contacts and concerns into this emotional panorama. The poetic consequences of these strategies both enlighten and comfort readers of this subtly-layered, rewarding book.

— Dennis Daly

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