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Doing the Monster Mashed-Up



It was ghoulish fun this Sunday as the Monster Mashed-Up @ SomerStreets event took over Somerville Avenue. More pictures and info on pages 12-13.
— Photo by Claudia Ferro

'Sustainable Neighborhoods' to address affordable housing needs

By Douglas Yu

The SomerVision plan is undergoing improvements improved in response to the gradual gentrification of neighborhoods, lack of affordable housing and forced out long-term Somerville residents.

The City of Somerville held a public meeting at City Hall on Wednesday as Mayor Joseph Curtatone launched a comprehensive affordable housing program called "Sustainable Neighborhoods."

Curtatone explained that a sustainable neighborhood is more than just buildings with great design and infrastructure, it also means, "maintaining a certain population of people who want to be part of the community and contribute to the community."

According the presentation, the Greater Boston area is one of the most expensive housing markets in the U.S., and during 2000 to 2007 Boston was the most gentrifying large city in the nation. In certain parts of Somerville, people are more concerned about their rent since the Green Line Extension

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Wanted: Somerville Poet Laureate

By Tom Bannister

The City of Somerville has announced that it will be creating the position of Poet Laureate for the City of Somerville. Candidates for the lofty appointment are being sought now.

Viewed as a means to advance the appreciation of poetry and poets in the city and elsewhere, the Poet Laureate will be charged with bringing poetry to parts of Somerville that may be in need of more familiarity with poetry such as youth, senior citizens, communities and schools.

According to the expectations outlined by the city, the Poet Laureate will be a person of vision with the ability to enact his/her vision.

The city expects the Poet Laureate to serve a term of two-years for which an honorarium of \$2,000 per year will be awarded.

A jointly defined contract specifying expectations of the public benefit required of the position will be worked out by the review committee and final applicant.

The city has said it is expected that the primary objective of the Poet

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Somerville Food Day Weekend starts this Thursday at 4 p.m. The Somerville Mobile Farmer’s Market will be hosting Mobile Market Parties all throughout Food Day Weekend for #SomervilleFoodDay14! On Thursday, October 23, join in at 268 Powderhouse Boulevard from 4 to 7 p.m. On Saturday, October 25, join in at 530 Mystic Avenue from 1 to 4 p.m. Each of these parties will include: The Mobile Market so you can purchase fresh, organic produce at the lowest prices around; Live music featuring your favorite local bands; Children’s activities from face painting to the Somerville Arts Council’s MUSCRAT art bus (only at the Mystic); A food mapping activity so we can collectively map food resources in our city; An urban growing activity to get your hands dirty harvesting vegetables as well as learning how to grow and compost at home; A recipe swap; and a raffle to give away awesome prizes.

East Somerville Main Streets is having a Pre-Trick or Treat Block Party Friday, October 31 at 6 p.m. This month they are hosting a Halloween get-together at Chuckie Harris Park. Stop by in your craziest costumes for some fun games, candy and a Halloween photo-shoot.

Happy Birthday to some of our fans and readers around the Ville. First of all, last week we wanted to congratulate Ms. Rosa Moccia along with her better half of Victor Moccia of Victors Deli in Ball Square. She’s such a nice lady and always smiling, serving the many customers and friends during the day. They are celebrating their young 60’s something birthdays. Also this week, Marie Civello is celebrating her birthday. We hope she has a great day. Former staff writer for *The Somerville Times* Harry Kane is celebrating this week as well. Donald Norton, Managing Editor of *The Somerville Times*, is also celebrating this week. Also celebrating is Sal DiMaggio of Somerville. We hope he has a great day. Happy Birthday to Phil Chisholm of Wigglesworth St. who celebrated his birthday on the 17th, a good guy who works at the Winter Hill Innovation Community School.

Over in Medford, City Councilor Adam Knight is having a fundraiser Wednesday, November 19

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to ‘Jingle Bell’ donation

jake says:
Uh, do the math. Some of these races pull in more than 5000 runners paying between \$20-\$40 to enter. Little to no overhead, since Auxie cops work for free, so a race can generate over 100k. How much of a so-called donation you think are going into the pockets of the local Alderman that allow the races to occur?

Matt C says:
Check out their website if you want to know who is supported:
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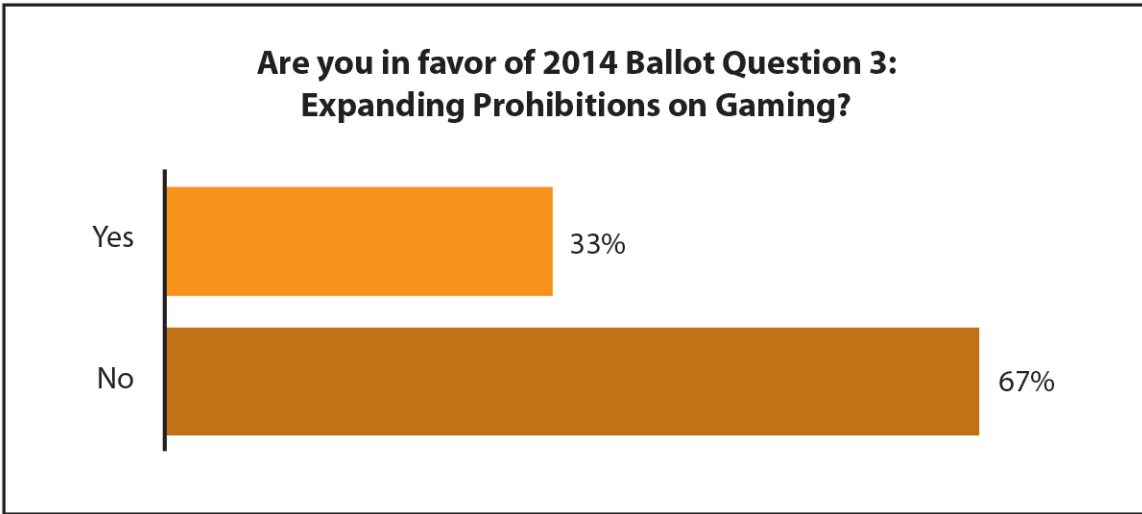
- Somerville High School Football Program
- Somerville High School Soccer Program
- Somerville High School Ultimate Frisbee Program
- Medford High School Track Program
- Wakefield High School Track Program
- Boston Triathlon Team
- David Martini and Nick Peters Scholarship Fund
- Sean Collier Memorial Fund
- Breast Cancer Fund

Last year a \$15,000.00 donation was made to Toys For Local Children.
Not saying this is perfect, and they should probably describe what their overhead is, but I there is more given back than \$1,500. If people really care about where the money goes, ask instead of making it up.

Log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com to leave your own comments

TheSomervilleTimes.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleTimes.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week’s poll concerned your views on whether or not you are in favor of 2014 Ballot Question 3: Expanding Prohibitions on Gaming. If you don’t agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com.



CORRECTION:

In October 8, 2014 edition of *The Somerville Times* in the Commentary article entitled *An opportunity to erase domestic violence misconceptions* the portion reading “Locally, the murder of Jennifer Martel by Jerry Remy ...” should have instead read “Locally, the murder of Jennifer Martel by Jared Remy ...”



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Special meeting held on 'Pay to Play' ordinance

By Jim Clark

A special meeting of the Board of Alderman was convened on Tuesday, October 14 to serve as a public hearing on the mayor's veto of the so-called "Pay to Play" ordinance, as well as to provide an opportunity for city officials and members of the general public to ask questions and make comments on the matter.

The controversial ordinance adopted by the Board of Alderman would have limited campaign contributions by property developers to \$250, compared to the current limit of \$500. The law would affect those who develop 10,000 square feet or more in the city. The mayor submitted his formal veto of the ordinance at the last Regular Meeting of The Board of Alderman on October 9.

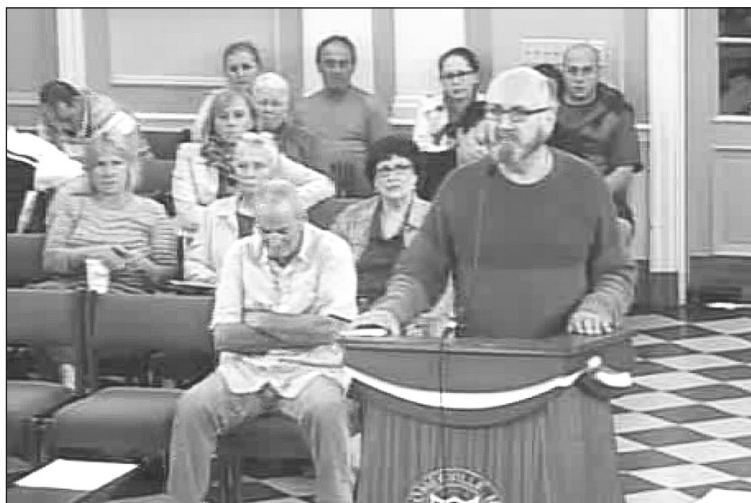
The meeting began with several members of the community coming forward to share their opinions about the ordinance and the veto. A clear majority of those who spoke urged the Board to vote to override the veto.

One woman who stepped up to speak said, "I think that we have a conflict of interest when you have big corporations giving campaign contributions. And I think the influence of these big money interests should be limited."

Rand Wilson, member of SEIU Local 888 and the Somerville Labor Coalition, remarked that he was only representing his own personal point of view when he said, "This is a vote where Somerville has to be a leader, and I think labor in general supports overturning Citizens United. We support transparency and we support more democracy."

After comments by the public, Ward 6 Alderman Rebekah L. Gewirtz formally moved that the Board vote to override the mayor's veto. Speaking in favor of the override, Gewirtz said, "There's no good reason that I've heard why we shouldn't take this simple step. We're not politicizing any Board, we're asking people to fill out a form. The end."

Alderman Maryann M. Heuston of Ward 2 indicated that if there were motion to put the matter back into Committee she would be voting that way. "I do support the intent of this," Heuston said. "But I do feel there are things we need to think about in terms of the logic of this." The Alderman went on to indicate that she had concerns about the



City residents and Aldermen weighed in on the "Pay to Play" ordinance veto at last week's Special Meeting of the Board.

effectiveness of the ordinance. "What is so magic about the difference between \$500 and \$250? \$500 is impropriety. \$500 is undue influence. \$250 is not. In fact, \$250 triggers nothing."

Ward 5 Alderman Mark Niedergang voiced his support of the veto override while indicating that he felt much more needs to be done saying, "I'm looking forward to working with all of you and with the mayor on substantial, radical campaign finance reform," said Niedergang.

Mary Jo Rossetti, Alderman At Large, said that she totally supports the concept of the ordinance but that she would not change her vote and go along with overriding the veto. "I think we're close, but we're not completely there yet," said Rossetti. "I can't in my heart of hearts vote for something tonight knowing that it's not grand enough. I believe that within a couple of meeting we can get there."

Rossetti expressed her wish to have the matter go back into Committee and stated that she would have undertaken steps to do so if she had been given the opportunity. A somewhat heated exchange followed as Board President William A. White Jr., Alderman At Large, suggested that she had not properly followed parliamentary procedure in an effort to make this happen.

Alderman At Large Dennis M. Sullivan expressed his support of the veto override. "I believe in my heart this is a modest change. I think it makes sense. It's not going to eliminate the appearance of a conflict of interest, but it's going to limit it," said Sullivan. "I have not heard one resident say they are against this proposal."

Matthew McLaughlin, Ward 1 Alderman, also favored the override. Commenting on the ordinance, he said, "I'm so angered and frightened by the amount of influence that developers have. People power can beat money. It will beat money."

Ward 7 Alderman Katjana Ballantyne joined the ranks of those supporting the ordinance. In her remarks she stated, "This ordinance is a modest step forward to limit the contributions for developers who are doing business with the city. Where the developers are looking out for their shareholders, I as an Alderman, along with my six other colleagues, want to look out for our constituents."

Robert J. McWatters, Alderman for Ward 3, said, "For the record, I represent Ward 3. I don't represent the administration. I don't represent developers. I represent my constituents and the voters of Ward 3. I conceptually disagree with this. I think if you want to get serious, let's stop taking contributions from developers – period. I would go on record as supporting that."

Ward 4's Tony Lafuente spoke in favor of the override saying, "I've said in public before, \$250 is not a big difference. Might as well stay at zero. However, it's a beginning, and that's what we do here."

Alderman At Large William A. White Jr. got the last word in saying, "When money talks the poor are silent. Neighborhoods can be silenced. What we have before us, I believe, is a finely tailored ordinance that has had considerable discussion, debate and legal weigh-in that can survive a challenge."

With all Aldermen having spoken, with the exception of Alderman At Large John M. Connolly who was absent, the vote was then taken.

Voting in favor of the veto override were Aldermen Sullivan, White Jr., McLaughlin, Lafuente, Niedergang, Gewirtz, and Ballantyne. Voting against the override were Aldermen Rossetti, Heuston, and McWatters. The veto override, requiring eight votes for passage, was not approved.

Graney steps down

By The Times Staff

It was announced by the Board of Directors of Union Square Main Streets that Mimi Graney is resigning as Executive Director. She will continue in the position until the end of the year to aid in the transition to a replacement Director.

Graney has served on several community and governmental committees including SomerVision, the City's comprehensive plan; the Board of Directors of the Artisan's Asylum; and on Massachusetts Creative Economy Council to develop a state-wide strategy to advance creative industries.

"With so much always happening here in Union Square it's tempting to stay forever. It's been a tremendous joy to serve this neighborhood but, after ten years, I'm eager for new challenges," said Graney.

"I'm grateful to the board, volunteers, supporters, business people, community and government partners for all their goodwill, friendship and support these past ten years. Together, we've brought so much growth to this neighborhood. Continuing to work together, the future looks so bright for Union Square."

Bringing her passion to nurture creative and economic ventures in other communities Mimi has recently launched Relish Management LLC in partnership with MaryCat Chaikin. The enterprise provides project management and consulting for sustainable placemaking, food-based and creative economy initiatives.

Union Square Main Streets is a non-profit organization working to advance the economic vitality of this Somerville business district. The founding Executive



Outgoing Union Square Main Streets Executive Director Mimi Graney.

Director of the organization, Ms. Graney began her appointment in January 2005. In this role she launched and grew signature programs including the Union Square Farmers Market and the annual Fluff Festival. During her tenure, the Green Line station to Union Square was secured, the 4-year effort to revise the Union Square zoning was completed, and dozens of new businesses blossomed in formerly vacant or under-utilized spaces.

Suzanne Bremer, President of the Union Square Main Streets board and long-time area resident said, "Mimi and the work that she has done has been a vital element in the transformation of our beloved square. Speaking for Union Square Main Streets and the community, we thank Mimi for all that she has done. She has brought us so far, and leaves big shoes to fill."

"Over the next three months," Bremer continued, "we'll be looking for our next executive director, and, following best practices, will use this transition to reevaluate our organization's strategic focus. With the coming of the Green Line Extension and the redevelopment of Union Square we're excited about the future of our square."

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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Alleged prescription pill dealing halted

Police officers were dispatched the corner of Cross and Pearl Streets last Thursday on reports that a street level drug transaction was taking place.

According to a witness report, a woman was observed counting out pills in the presence of two men at that location, which is directly across the street from East Somerville Elementary School.

Officers detained Jessica Shea,

of Dorchester, along with the two men who were reportedly also involved in the incident, and questioned her about the reported activity.

According to reports, Shea told the officers that she did not have any pills or anything else that would be of interest to them. As an apparent afterthought, she did state that she had a knife in her purse, which she handed over to the

officers. It was determined that the knife blade exceeded the legal limit according to the city ordinance.

Shea was then asked if her purse could be searched and she reportedly agreed, handing it over wide open. When asked if there were any pills or dangerous items in the purse she said that there were not, police said.

Upon inspection, a locked moneybag was found inside the

purse. When asked about it, Shea reportedly told the officers that it contained her prescribed Methadone.

The officers asked Shea to unlock the moneybag and she reportedly complied. The officers said that they discovered several pills of various types, envelopes containing cash, and the liquid methadone that she had mentioned. A prescription bottle for Clonazepam was also

found, bearing a man's name as the rightful user. Another bottle contained pills of various colors, which Shea reportedly admitted was Klonopin from different manufacturers.

Shea was subsequently placed under arrest and charges with drug violation near a school, distribution of a class C drug, possession of a class C drug, and violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon.

Davis Square hater cools off

While on walking patrol in the Davis Square area last week, a police officer noticed an altercation taking place between a man and two women in Statue Park.

As the officer approached, one of the women was reportedly heard to say, "You don't talk to my wife like that." According to the officer's report, the man re-

sponded by making vulgar anti-lesbian statements.

One of the women was holding the other one back from striking the man, according to reports.

The officer got between the feuding parties and eventually settled them down. As the women walked away towards the bus stop they reportedly called the

man, later identified as Edwin Grossett, of Boston, ignorant.

Grossett reportedly answered back and the officer told him that he needed to stop. Grossett said that he wasn't saying anything and that the officer needed to get the women away from him. The officer replied that the women had already left and that

he was only trying to agitate.

A short time later, Grossett reportedly followed where the women had left, down College Ave., in an apparent attempt to catch up with them. The officer, who had remained nearby, followed after Grossett in an attempt to intercept him.

The officer reportedly found that

one of the women had thrown her ice cream at Grossett when he approached them again and yelled at them. Again, one of the women was being held back by her companion from striking Grossett.

Backup was called in by the officer, and an ice cream wearing Grossett was placed under arrest for disorderly conduct.

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SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

Bruce Marshall, of 438 Ferry St., Everett, October 14, 12:04 p.m., arrested at 326 Beacon St. on warrant charges of conspiracy to violate drug law and possession of a class A drug.

Edwin Grossett, of 698 Massachusetts Ave., Boston, October 14, 6:45 p.m., arrested at Davis Sq. on a charge of disturbing the peace.

Irving Moran, October 15, 12:28 a.m., arrested at 288 Broadway on charges of malicious wanton destruction of property and felony nighttime breaking and entering.

Margaret Savoie, of 12 Tennyson St., October 15, 7:23 a.m., arrested at home on a warrant charge of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Ryan Chan, of 26 Douglas St., Medford, October 15, 7:48 a.m., arrested at 177 Powder House Blvd. on warrant charges of not in possession of license, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, and failure to stop or yield.

Jeremy Correia, of 33 Governors Ave., Medford, October 15, 1:36 p.m., arrested at Lincoln Pkwy. on warrant charges

of larceny from a building and felony daytime breaking and entering.

Fernando Arroyo, of 50 Walford Way, Charlestown, October 15, 2:33 p.m., arrested at Gorham St. on a warrant charge of refusing to provide a sample for DNA database.

Kelley Moran, of 37A Dunstable St., Charlestown, October 15, 8:49 p.m., arrested at 635 Somerville Ave. on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Steven Danca, of 17 Susan Dr., Saugus, October 15, 10:06 p.m., arrested at 230 Highland Ave. on warrant charges of nighttime breaking and entering of a vehicle or boat, use of a motor vehicle without authority, and larceny over \$250.

Jessica Shea, of 699 Adams St., Dorchester, October 16, 5:17 p.m., arrested at Cross St. on charges of drug violation near a school, distribution of a class C drug, possession of a class C drug, and violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon.

Kristina Robinson, of 22 Faulkner, Malden, October 17, 12:46 p.m., arrested at 49 School St. on charges of pos-

session of ammunition without FID card, conspiracy to violate drug law, and drug possession to distribute.

Jonathan Pabon, of 49 School St., October 17, 12:46 p.m., arrested at home on charges of possession of ammunition without FID card, conspiracy to violate drug law, and drug possession to distribute.

Kelvin Perez, of 22 Faulkner, Malden, October 17, 12:46 p.m., arrested at 49 School St. on charges of possession of ammunition without FID card, conspiracy to violate drug law, and drug possession to distribute.

Jamie Martis, of 23 MacArthur St., October 17, 1:26 p.m., arrested at Bow St. on charges of possession of ammunition without FID card, conspiracy to violate drug law, and drug possession to distribute, and on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, failure to stop or yield, and motor vehicle lights violation.

Wilvens Julce, of 20 Melvin St., October 17, 2:17 p.m., arrested at Otis St. on warrant charges of speeding and unli-

censed operation of a motor vehicle.

Michael Costa, of 52 Dickinson St., October 17, 8:18 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery.

Rakim Smith-Lartey, of 25 River Rd., October 17, 9:35 p.m., arrested at 25 Mansfield St. on a warrant charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Adao Franca, of 359 Medford St., October 18, 8:26 p.m., arrested at 292 Medford on charges of leaving the scene of property damage and operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

Ryan Whitney, of 15 Bradshaw Ave., October 19, 2:15 p.m., arrested at 77 Middlesex Ave. on warrant charges of assault and battery, larceny from a person, and threat to commit a crime.

Incidents:

Theft:

October 13, 2:00 p.m., police reported a theft at Sewall St.

October 13, 2:31 p.m., police reported a theft at Joy St.

October 13, 2:48 p.m., police reported a theft at Cypress St.

October 13, 6:09 p.m., police

reported a theft at Summer St.

October 14, 2:54 p.m., police reported a theft at Marion St.

October 17, 8:49 p.m., police reported a theft at North St.

Robbery:

October 15, 7:12 p.m., police reported a robbery at Liberty Ave.

October 19, 1:14 a.m., police reported a robbery at Auburn Ave.

Breaking & Entering:

October 16, 4:50 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Conwell St.

Vehicle Theft:

October 13, 1:20 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Highland Ave.

Assault:

October 14, 11:43 a.m., police reported an assault at Perkins St.

Destruction of Property:

October 13, 5:10 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at 30 Broadway.

Disorderly Conduct:

October 14, 6:45 p.m., police reported a disorderly conduct at Davis Sq.



STATE ELECTION
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Ordered: **In Board of Aldermen**
The Board of Election Commissioners is hereby directed to cause notice to be given in the manner prescribed by law that meetings of the qualified voters of this city will be held in the several polling places which have been designated by said Board for or within the voting precincts in which they respectively are qualified to vote, said polling places are located as follows, namely for;

WARD ONE

- Precinct 1. A room in the MICHAEL E CAPUANO SCHOOL, 150 Glen Street;
- Precinct 2. A room in the EAST SOMERVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL, 50 Cross Street - Glen Street Entrance;
- Precinct 3. A room in the EAST SOMERVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL, 50 Cross Street - Glen Street Entrance;

WARD TWO

- Precinct 1. A room in the THE POLICE STATION, 220 Washington Street;
- Precinct 2. A room in the ARGENZIANO SCHOOL at Lincoln Park, 290 Washington St;
- Precinct 3. A room in the LOWELL STREET FIRE STATION, 651 Somerville Avenue;

WARD THREE

- Precinct 1. THE ATRIUM, SOMERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL, 81 Highland Avenue;
- Precinct 2. THE ATRIUM, SOMERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL, 81 Highland Avenue;
- Precinct 3. A room in the DANTE CLUB, 5 Dante Terrace;

WARD FOUR

- Precinct 1. A room in the MYSTIC ACTIVITY CENTER, 530 Mystic Avenue;
- Precinct 2. A room in the WINTER HILL COMMUNITY SCHOOL, 115 Sycamore Street;
- Precinct 3. A room in the WINTER HILL COMMUNITY SCHOOL, 115 Sycamore Street;

WARD FIVE

- Precinct 1. A room in the DEPT OF PUBLIC WORKS GARAGE, 1 Franey Road;
- Precinct 2. A room in the BROWN SCHOOL, 201 Willow Ave - Kidder Ave Entrance;
- Precinct 3. A room in the ENGINE 7 FIRE STATION, 265 Highland Avenue;

WARD SIX

- Precinct 1. A room in the JOHN F KENNEDY SCHOOL, 5 Cherry St. - Sartwell Ave Entrance;
- Precinct 2. A room in the SOMERVILLE COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH, 31 College Avenue;
- Precinct 3. A room in the HOLY BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH, 14 Chapel Street;

WARD SEVEN

- Precinct 1. A room in the SENIOR CENTER, TAB BUILDING, 167 Holland Street;
- Precinct 2. A room in the WEST SOMERVILLE NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL, 177 Powder House Blvd - Raymond Ave, Entrance;
- Precinct 3. VNA ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY, 405 Alewife Brook Parkway;

ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2014

AT SEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING, when the polls shall open and there and then between that time and the closing of the polls, which shall be at EIGHT O'CLOCK in the evening, the said qualified voters will give their ballots for:

- A Candidate for Senator in Congress for the Commonwealth,
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- A Candidate for Lieutenant Governor for the Commonwealth,
- A Candidate for Attorney General for the Commonwealth,
- A Candidate for Secretary of State for the Commonwealth ,
- A Candidate for Treasurer for the Commonwealth,
- A Candidate for Auditor for the Commonwealth,
- A Candidate for Representative in Congress for the Seventh Congressional District,
- A Candidate for Governor's Council for the Sixth Councillor District,
- A Candidate for Senator in the General Court for the Second Middlesex District,
- A Candidate for Representative in General Court for the Twenty-Sixth Middlesex District, (To be voted for in all Precincts of Ward One and in Ward Two Precinct One)
- A Candidate for Representative in General Court for the Twenty-Seventh Middlesex District, (To be voted for in Ward Two Precincts Two and Three and all Precincts of Wards Three, Five and Six)
- A Candidate for Representative in General Court for the Thirty-Fourth Middlesex District, (To be voted for in all Precincts of Wards Four and Seven)
- A Candidate for District Attorney for the Northern District,
- A Candidate for Register of Probate for the Middlesex County.

QUESTION 1: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 6, 2014?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would eliminate the requirement that the state's gasoline tax, which was 24 cents per gallon as of September 2013, (1) be adjusted every year by the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index over the preceding year, but (2) not be adjusted below 21.5 cents per gallon.

A YES VOTE would eliminate the requirement that the state's gas tax be adjusted annually based on the Consumer Price Index.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the laws regarding the gas tax.

QUESTION 2: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 6, 2014?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would expand the state's beverage container deposit law, also known as the Bottle Bill, to require deposits on containers for all non-alcoholic non-carbonated drinks in liquid form intended for human consumption, except beverages primarily derived from dairy products, infant formula, and FDA approved medicines. The proposed law would not cover containers made of paper-based biodegradable material and aseptic multi-material packages such as juice boxes or pouches.

The proposed law would require the state Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) to adjust the container deposit amount every five years to reflect (to the nearest whole cent) changes in the consumer price index, but the value could not be set below five cents.

The proposed law would increase the minimum handling fee that beverage distributors must pay dealers for each properly returned empty beverage container, which was 2¼ cents as of September 2013, to 3½ cents. It would also increase the minimum handling fee that bottlers must pay distributors and dealers for each properly returned empty reusable beverage container, which was 1 cent as of September 2013, to 3½ cents. The Secretary of EEA would review the fee amounts every five years and make appropriate adjustments to reflect changes in the consumer price index as well as changes in the costs incurred by redemption centers. The proposed law defines a redemption center as any business whose primary purpose is the redemption of beverage containers and that is not ancillary to any other business.

The proposed law would direct the Secretary of EEA to issue regulations allowing small dealers to seek exemptions from accepting empty deposit containers. The proposed law would define small dealer as any person or business, including the operator of a vending machine, who sells beverages in beverage containers to consumers, with a contiguous retail space of 3,000 square feet or less, excluding office and stock room space; and fewer than four locations under the same ownership in the Commonwealth. The proposed law would require that the regulations consider at least the health, safety, and convenience of the public, including the distribution of dealers and redemption centers by population or by distance or both.

The proposed law would set up a state Clean Environment Fund to receive certain unclaimed container deposits. The Fund would be used, subject to appropriation by the state Legislature, to support programs such as the proper management of solid waste, water resource protection, parkland, urban forestry, air quality and climate protection.

The proposed law would allow a dealer, distributor, redemption center or bottler to refuse to accept any beverage container that is not marked as being refundable in Massachusetts.

The proposed law would take effect on April 22, 2015.

A YES VOTE would expand the state's beverage container deposit law to require deposits on containers for all non-alcoholic, non-carbonated drinks with certain exceptions, increase the associated handling fees, and make other changes to the law.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the laws regarding beverage container deposits.

QUESTION 3: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 6, 2014?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would (1) prohibit the Massachusetts Gaming Commission from issuing any license for a casino or other gaming establishment with table games and slot machines, or any license for a gaming establishment with slot machines; (2) prohibit any such casino or slots gaming under any such licenses that the Commission might have issued before the proposed law took effect; and (3) prohibit wagering on the simulcasting of live greyhound races.

The proposed law would change the definition of "illegal gaming" under Massachusetts law to include wagering on the simulcasting of live greyhound races, as well as table games and slot machines at Commission-licensed casinos, and slot machines at other Commission-licensed gaming establishments. This would make those types of gaming subject to existing state laws providing criminal penalties for, or otherwise regulating or prohibiting, activities involving illegal gaming.

The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

A YES VOTE would prohibit casinos, any gaming establishment with slot machines, and wagering on simulcast greyhound races.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the current laws regarding gaming.

QUESTION 4: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 6, 2014?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would entitle employees in Massachusetts to earn and use sick time according to certain conditions.

Employees who work for employers having eleven or more employees could earn and use up to 40 hours of paid sick time per calendar year, while employees working for smaller employers could earn and use up to 40 hours of unpaid sick time per calendar year.

An employee could use earned sick time if required to miss work in order (1) to care for a physical or mental illness, injury or medical condition affecting the employee or the employee's child, spouse, parent, or parent of a spouse; (2) to attend routine medical appointments of the employee or the employee's child, spouse, parent, or parent of a spouse; or (3) to address the effects of domestic violence on the employee or the employee's dependent child. Employees would earn one hour of sick time for every 30 hours worked, and would begin accruing those hours on the date of hire or on July 1, 2015, whichever is later. Employees could begin to use earned sick time on the 90th day after hire.

The proposed law would cover both private and public employers, except that employees of a particular city or town would be covered only if, as required by the state constitution, the proposed law were made applicable by local or state legislative vote or by appropriation of sufficient funds to pay for the benefit. Earned paid sick time would be compensated at the same hourly rate paid to the employee when the sick time is used.

Employees could carry over up to 40 hours of unused sick time to the next calendar year, but could not use more than 40 hours in a calendar year. Employers would not have to pay employees for unused sick time at the end of their employment. If an employee missed work for a reason eligible for earned sick time, but agreed with the employer to work the same number of hours or shifts in the same or next pay period, the employee would not have to use earned sick time for the missed time, and the employer would not have to pay for that missed time. Employers would be prohibited from requiring such an employee to work additional hours to make up for missed time, or to find a replacement employee.

Employers could require certification of the need for sick time if an employee used sick time for more than 24 consecutively scheduled work hours. Employers could not delay the taking of or payment for earned sick time because they have not received the certification. Employees would have to make a good faith effort to notify the employer in advance if the need for earned sick time is foreseeable.

Employers would be prohibited from interfering with or retaliating based on an employee's exercise of earned sick time rights, and from retaliating based on an employee's support of another employee's exercise of such rights.

The proposed law would not override employers' obligations under any contract or benefit plan with more generous provisions than those in the proposed law. Employers that have their own policies providing as much paid time off, usable for the same purposes and under the same conditions, as the proposed law would not be required to provide additional paid sick time.

The Attorney General would enforce the proposed law, using the same enforcement procedures applicable to other state wage laws, and employees could file suits in court to enforce their earned sick time rights. The Attorney General would have to prepare a multilingual notice regarding the right to earned sick time, and employers would be required to post the notice in a conspicuous location and to provide a copy to employees. The state Executive Office of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Attorney General, would develop a multilingual outreach program to inform the public of the availability of earned sick time.

The proposed law would take effect on July 1, 2015, and states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

A YES VOTE would entitle employees in Massachusetts to earn and use sick time according to certain conditions.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the laws regarding earned sick time.

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2014 Ballot Questions Statewide: Getting to know the issues

Each week prior to the November election The Somerville Times has presented the Statewide ballot questions, along with pro and con arguments, one at a time for examination and further consideration. We conclude the series this week with Question 4: Earned Sick Time for Employees.

QUESTION 4: Law Proposed by Initiative Petition Earned Sick Time for Employees

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SUMMARY

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A YES VOTE would entitle employees in Massachusetts to earn and use sick time according to certain conditions.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the laws regarding earned sick time.

ARGUMENTS

As provided by law, the 150-word arguments are written by proponents and opponents of each question, and reflect their opinions. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts does not endorse these arguments, and does not certify the truth or accuracy of any statement made in these arguments. The names of the individuals and organizations who wrote each argument, and any written comments by others about each argument, are on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

IN FAVOR: A YES vote will allow workers in Massachusetts to earn up to 40 hours of sick time a year to take care of their own health or a family member’s health. Workers will earn one hour of sick time for every 30 hours worked, and can use their sick time only after working for 90 days. Thousands of hardworking people in Massachusetts are forced to choose between going to work sick or losing a day’s pay – or worse, their jobs. Some are even forced to send a sick child to school to save their income or job. A YES vote on Question 4 will save jobs and income, allowing workers to spend more in the local economy, benefiting us all. Businesses providing sick time find that it reduces employee turnover, increases productivity, and helps their bottom line.

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AGAINST: Protect Massachusetts Small Businesses. Vote NO on Question 4. Question 4 would make Massachusetts the first state to require small and taxpayer funded employers to provide up to a week of mandatory paid sick time and family leave to all employees, including part-timers. The red tape and mandate would be costly to small businesses and taxpayers. When an employee at a typical office setting calls in sick, other employees usually step in to cover the workload. However, for customer service focused employers or employers with mandatory staffing levels, this may not be an option. These employers would be required to pay twice, once to the employee on leave and a second time to the employee working the shift. It would essentially double their payroll. One size does not fit all, and small businesses and their employees depend on flexibility to increase salaries and other benefits, not costly state mandates.

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Training future chefs at Somerville High School

By Gabriela C. Martinez

When you enter Highlander Café at Somerville High School, you will be greeted and led to a table by talented, energetic teenagers dressed in formal waitressing attire. As a starter, you could order a creamy roasted butternut squash infused with ginger or a pear and apple salad. For your entrée dish, you may choose a homemade chicken pot pie topped with a buttery, flaky crust. There are also options for vegetarians. The vegetable lasagna is made with tender eggplant, zucchini, summer squash, and roasted red peppers, all layered in between house made lasagna noodles and a ricotta-mozzarella cheese blend. All of this and more is created and prepared by Somerville High School's culinary arts students at the Highlander Café.

This year, the students at the Highlander Café have new teachers: Melissa Nova and Jeffrey Stuart. Both Nova and Stuart are accomplished chefs that have had extensive experience teaching and working in the field of culinary arts. Chef Stuart has taught for over ten at the high school level and post-secondary level at Johnson and Wales. He was nominated for Outstanding Vocational Teacher of the Year and won a gold medal the Cup of nations Culinary Arts Competitions in Quebec.

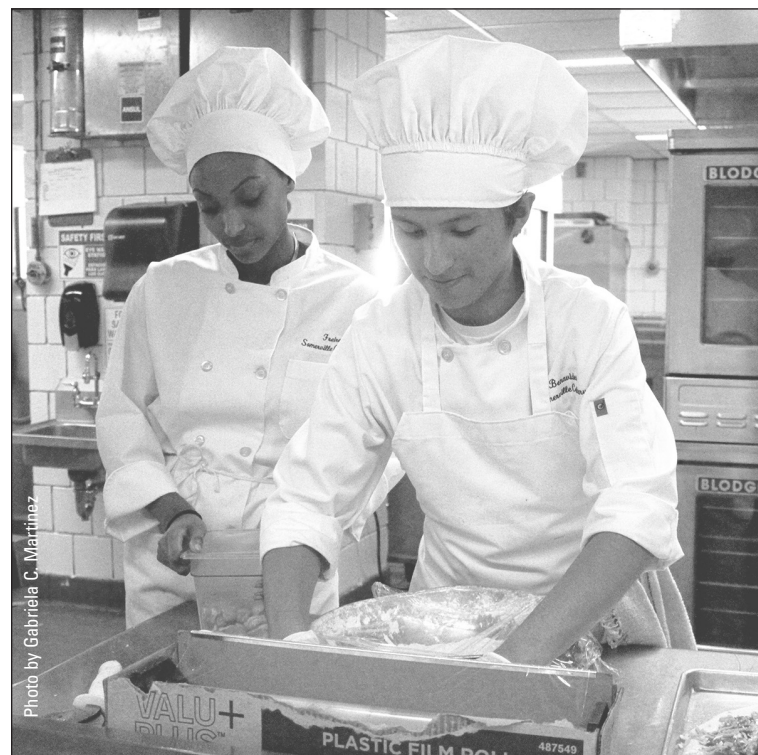
"I love my job. That's why I do it. I love these kids. Yes, I could be back in the industry and make four times what I'm making right now. But it's not about the money," Stuart promptly answered when asked about his relationship to his job.

Although this is her first year of teaching at the high-school level, Melissa Nova worked for



Chef Jeffrey Stuart (left) enjoys teaching a new generation of culinary artists the finer points of cooking.

— Photo by Claudia Ferro



The SHS Culinary Arts program students learn the essentials from the ground up.

four years as the Sr. kitchen manager at the Cheesecake Factory, where she was in charge of teaching and training the kitchen staff. Prior to that, Chef Nova worked in a French-inspired restaurant Lumiere in Newton and Masa Southwestern Bar and Grill as a sous chef.

"There is something more exciting about teaching young adults. You get to help them find a passion, guide where they want to go, and figure out what their next step is going to be. We offer a really great menu that is up to standard with the industry. We show the students the fundamentals of cooking, techniques. They learn the fundamentals of French cooking. They are actually the ones who prepare the food. The public gets to eat really delicious food for a really good price. And at the same time the students get to practice

what they've learned and what is like to work in the restaurant environment, which is fun, but is also takes a lot of discipline," says Nova.

Most of the students receiving technical Somerville High School's Culinary Department plan to go to culinary school upon finishing high school. Marissa Carr, who is seventeen years old, plans on pursuing her culinary arts degree at Johnson and Wales after receiving her high school degree. Lillian Batista, also seventeen, is interested in a career in Criminology, but is immensely passionate about cooking and working in the hospitality industry.

As part of their culinary arts curriculum, the students at Somerville High School are required to complete three hours of service each week by working as chefs or waiters at the High-

lander Café. They are also in charge of creating and preparing new dishes, such as holiday pastries and other seasonal favorites, for the public.

"I try to lean on the seniors and get their input, whether it is something they saw on TV or something their grandmother cooks. We often try to feature something that might be old school but with a nouveau twist to it. Our interpretation of the classic Shepherds Pie is much different than the classical interpretation," explains Chef Stuart.

Highlander Café, which has been operating for over thirty years, serves lunch on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and is open to the general public. The restaurant also offers in-house and off-premise catering for special events.

Wanted: Somerville Poet Laureate

CONT. FROM PG 1

Laureate will support and expand poetry in the city. The Somerville Arts Council and the City of Somerville will support the Laureate in networking within the community but the chosen candidate must do the actual work involved.

Those choosing to apply for the position must submit the following items no later than November 17, 2014: A one page contact info sheet with name, address, phone number, email, website (if applicable); proof of residence demonstrated by sending a copy of a utility bill, lease, phone bill (a jpg image of a current bill or statement is fine if emailing application, or a

photocopy of statement if mailing application); curriculum vitae/poetry-related bio; up to 20 pages of original poetry; a one to three-page vision statement with details as to how you will implement the public benefit component.

Either email PDFs of the above items to Gregory Jenkins at gjenkins@somervillema.gov with Poet Laureate in the subject header or mail the following documents to Somerville Poet Laureate, Somerville Arts Council, 50 Evergreen Ave., Somerville, MA 02145. Mailed-in submissions must be postmarked by the submission deadline of November 17, 2014.

A committee of local poets, teachers, and arts administrators, will review the applications and select at least three but no more than six applications to be finalists. The finalists will be interviewed in December with the expectation that they will further define their qualifications for the position.

The interview process will also allow the selection committee to ask more of the candidate. The committee will select a final candidate and an alternate who will be presented to Mayor Curtatone for his approval.

According to the city, the Poet Laureate will be reviewed and chosen on the basis of the four

criteria: Excellence in craftsmanship, as demonstrated by submitted original poems (25%); providing a vision for the position (25%); professional achievement in the field of poetry. Merit shall be proven by publication credits either in small press or large press publications; at least one collection, full size or chapbook published by a small press or large press; also, awards or recognition such as

grants, fellowships, prizes, and/or other recognition. (25%); A history of actively promulgating the visibility of poetry in Somerville's neighborhoods and literary communities through readings, publications, promotion of events, public presentations and/or workshops and other types of teaching and literary community involvement (25%).

The final appointment is expected to be made in early 2015.

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week.

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:

Rep. Denise Provost

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

Rep. Timothy Toomey

DISTRICT REPRESENTED: Twenty-sixth Middlesex. - Consisting of all precincts of ward 1, precinct 1 of ward 2, precincts 1 and 2 of ward 3, and precinct 1 of ward 6, of the city of Cambridge, and all precincts of ward 1 and precincts 1 and 2 of ward 2, of the city of Somerville, both in the county of Middlesex.

Sen. 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.

This week, *Beacon Hill Roll Call* looks at Question 4, one of the four questions on the ballot that will be decided directly by the voters in November.

The question asks voters if they want to require both public and private employers with 11 or more employees to allow them to earn and use up to 40 hours of paid sick time per year. Employees working for companies with 10 or fewer workers could earn and use up to 40 hours of unpaid sick time annually. All employees would earn one day of sick time for every 30 hours worked. Employees of an individual city or town would be covered only if the proposed law was approved or funded by the city council or town meeting or funded by the Legislature.

The Legislature has never voted on the ballot proposal. The Labor and Workforce Development Committee in 2013 approved a similar bill but it died in the Senate Ways and Means Committee, which did not act on it. That proposal required employers with 10 or more employees to give each worker up to 56 hours of paid sick time per year. Employees of companies with six to 10 workers would be entitled to up to 40 hours of paid sick leave while companies with fewer than six employees would only be required to offer 40 hours of unpaid leave. And just like the ballot question, this proposal would have given one day of sick time for every 30 hours worked.

Here are the official arguments, gathered by the secretary of state, by each side of the question:

IN FAVOR: Written by Raise Up Massachusetts. For more info, go to www.raiseupma.org or call 617-284-1260.

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AGAINST: Written by Retailers Association of Massachusetts. For more info, go to www.votenoquestion4.org or call 617-523-1900.

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ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

COACHES MUST LEARN CPR (S 1918) - The House approved a Senate-approved bill that would require all school coaches to complete a course in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) from the American Heart Association, American Red Cross or other state-approved agency by August 2015. The measure also prohibits local cities and towns from being responsible for the costs. Only final approval is needed by both branches in order for the measure to go to Gov. Deval Patrick. Supporters said this invaluable training costs about \$50 per person and will save many lives. They noted there are creative ways to pay for the training or to get the fee waived.

AUTOMATIC TAX CUT“POSSIBLE”ON JANUARY 1 - Gov. Patrick’s Administration and Finance Secretary Glen Shor said that sufficient economic growth in 2014 under the terms of a 2002 law might result in a tax cut for millions of Bay State taxpayers beginning in 2015. The cut would come from a reduction in the income tax rate and long-term capital gains tax from 5.2 to 5.15 percent effective January 1, 2015. This mechanism has already resulted in a tax cut in 2012, when it fell from 5.3 to 5.25 percent, and in 2013, when it fell from 5.25 to 5.2 percent. The decision will be made on December 16.

The tax cuts do not need the approval of the Legislature. They are part of a system devised by the Legislature when it approved a \$1 billion-plus tax hike pack-

age in 2002. The package set the long-term capital gains tax at 5.3 percent and froze the income tax rate at 5.3 percent instead of allowing it to drop to 5 percent in January 2003 -- a reduction that was approved by voters in 2000. The 2002 law also includes an automatic trigger that reduces both taxes by one-half of one percent each year that the state’s economic growth is at least 2.5 percent until each tax is reduced to five percent. Shor estimates that the new tax cuts will reduce state revenue by \$70 million in fiscal year 2015 and \$145 million in fiscal year 2016.

BAN HALLUCINOGENIC DRUG (H 4484) - The Judiciary Committee heard testimony on a bill that would make the hallucinogenic drug “25-1” illegal. Fifteen-year-old Emily Valentine of East Bridgewater died in June of organ failure after ingesting this drug that is also known by its street names “N-bomb” or “Smiles.” Emily’s mother Erin testified in favor of banning the drug that is typically sold over the Internet. “Her life is gone because of a five-dollar hit of a drug that is not even illegal,” Valentine said.

STATE GETS REAL ID EXTENSION - The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has granted Massachusetts a federal REAL ID compliance extension. The federal REAL ID Act establishes federal standards for state-issued driver’s licenses and identification cards so that they may be used to board commercial airline flights and to enter federal buildings and nuclear power plants. The one-year extension until October 2015 allows Massachusetts license and identification card holders to retain access to federal facilities.

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

During the week of October 13-17, the House met for a total of 16 minutes and the Senate met for a total of four hours and 58 minutes.

Mon. October 13	No House session No Senate session
Tues. October 14	House 11:01 a.m. to 11:09 a.m. Senate 11:00 a.m. to 3:51 p.m.
Wed. October 15	No House session No Senate session
Thurs. October 16	House 11:05 a.m. to 11:13 a.m. Senate 11:03 a.m. to 11:10 a.m.
Fri. October 17	No House session No Senate session

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COMMENTARY

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Paying to Play: Understanding State Laws and Local Efforts



By State Representative
Denise Provost (D-Somerville)

It has caught the attention of the Somerville press that legislation was passed this summer that will raise the limit on individual contributions to political campaigns from \$500 to \$1,000 per year, starting in 2015. Looking at this law only, it might appear that the legislature it is allowing more generous campaign contributions for everyone, even those who seem to benefit from particular electoral outcomes. This impression could make the “Pay to Play” ordinance recently endorsed by seven Somerville Aldermen seem at odds with the state law – here’s why it’s not. First of all, the increase in individual campaign contribution amounted to two lines in an eight page bill (about which there will be more later). It was included as a concession to the increased costs of printing, postage, and other campaign expenses since the \$500 limit was adopted in 1994. It does not mean that state law treats

all campaign donors in the same way, or subjects them to the same donation limits.

State Limits on Campaign Contributions: the Rest of the Story

The state’s campaign finance laws place different donation caps on different kinds of donors. These are aimed at reducing the role of campaign donations by those who might benefit from a particular election outcome more than the average citizen. Donor limits are based on assumptions about which sorts of donors may have such personal stakes.

Corporations, for instance, are prohibited from making campaign contributions to individual candidates in Massachusetts. This law – which was not changed by the recent legislation – applies not just to corporations, but also to trustees who are majority stockholders, partnerships, and limited liability companies. Conversely, candidates in Massachusetts are prohibited from accepting donations from corporations and other prohibited entities.

There are other kinds of vested interests in election outcomes which are subject to lower caps on campaign contributions. Holders of gaming licenses, and registered lobbyists, may con-

tribute no more than \$200 per year to an individual candidate. The recent legislation did not raise those limits, either.

Pay to Play: an effort to address “municipal lobbying?”

It seems to me that this is the kind of contribution limit that Somerville’s Board of Aldermen is aiming for with its “Pay to Play” ordinance. As I see it, the “Pay to Play” ordinance is an effort to restrict campaign contributions by those who are engaged in lobbying on the municipal level – which makes sense, since state law does not recognize such a thing as “municipal lobbying.” State law only addresses local lobbying “intended to carry out a common purpose” with “executive” or “legislative” lobbying.

Since state law does not address lobbying which is conducted purely at the local level, it would seem that a local ordinance is a reasonable response to concerns about the influence of property developers in Somerville’s local elections. And while in the ballpark with the state’s donation cap for lobbyists, the Board would be a little more generous than the Massachusetts Legislature, allowing donations of up to \$250 per year, versus the \$200 per year cap under state law.

So, I don’t see that the Alder-

men are at odds with the city’s legislative delegation, or the Legislature as a whole, on the issue of avoiding undue influence – or the appearance of undue influence. State law already regulates executive and legislative lobbyists, with registration and reporting requirements, and imposes political contribution caps. It’s not unreasonable that our local government would be similarly motivated.

So, what is in the rest of that Law Which Raised Campaign Contribution Limits?

Readers may be wondering what’s in the rest of the eight pages of the law raising donation caps. House 4366, *An Act relative to campaign disclosure and transparency*, primarily addresses “independent expenditures;” the “dark money” raised not by, but in support of, political campaigns. The law requires more public disclosure about campaign donors in our money-flooded, post-Citizens United elections.

Under recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions, money raised by so-called “Super PACs” (political action committees) has been allowed to pour into media markets for spending to promote – or oppose – candidates for office. No federal law requires disclosure of the identities of donors to these

committees. Massachusetts, however, now requires that “every individual, group, association, corporation, labor union, or other entity” that spends more than \$250 in a calendar year for (or against) a candidate has to report their identity, address, and the amount, data, and purpose of the expenditure.

Passage of H. 4366 – and the immediate effective date of the PAC donor disclosure requirement – has meant that Massachusetts voters get to know the identities of PAC donors. We learned, for instance, that the chief donor of the PAC supporting the gubernatorial campaign of Steve Grossman was his mother, Shirley Grossman. It’s also become public knowledge that the top contributor to the “Commonwealth Future PAC” – a group which has spent more than \$3.6 million to support Charlie Baker’s race – is the national Republican Governors Association.

Will disclosure of PAC donors help reduce the influence of “dark money” in political campaigns? Does reducing the annual amount of campaign contributions by registered lobbyists reduce the influence of money in politics? It’s not a bad thing to talk about how to achieve that goal – even in Somerville.

The Somerville Times
Best of Somerville 2014
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You have until October 31 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 5, 2014. If you don’t see your favorite category here, simply add it to this list.

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COMMENTARY

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Show your civic pride: Vote November 4th



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Somerville voters have often turned out in higher numbers than the percentage of voters in other towns. And I hope that two weeks from now, we'll see that same sense of civic duty continue that trend at the polls for our state election. But in September, Somerville had about an 18 percent turnout of registered voters for the state primary. That low

number was unfortunately in line with turnout across Massachusetts for the primary despite several contested races—some without incumbents, such as the race for governor.

I think the state can do better than that and I know Somerville can. But I'm also aware that voting requires more than just showing up one day and casting a ballot. Truly educating yourself about an election is hard and sometimes, frankly, tedious work. Candidates' stances on many issues need to be reviewed—making our schools better, making our streets safer, and repairing our roads and bridges are among the many challenges that elected leaders must both address immediately

and plan around for the future so that our state does not fall behind. The ballot questions take time to consider too: Should our gas tax go up and down based on the consumer price index? Should the bottle bill be expanded? Will we allow casinos in Massachusetts? Should workers have earned sick time? Arguments for and against each of these ballot questions exist—I've made some of them myself—and it takes time to learn the facts.

But most of us have to balance the time it takes to become an informed voter with many other demands on our time. Many of us work long hours and already feel short-changed on the time we have left to spend with our

families or friends, or taking care of the needs of our daily lives—and enjoying them. The parents among us want to spend the little downtime that we have with our children—helping them with their homework, taking them to the park, or simply feeding them and asking how their day was. With our daily demands, finding time to adequately educate ourselves can be a struggle.

But if we don't take the time to educate ourselves and cast an informed vote each Election Day, we miss the opportunity to directly affect the world we live in and that will await our children in their adult lives. We could impact the amount of money available to spend on parks near our homes where our children

play, sustainable transit, or job creation. Or we could suffer the cumulative effect of non-voting.

Voters are disproportionately from higher-income households, and are older and more partisan, as pointed out by the non-partisan organization MassVOTE. Ultimately, that participation gap means that critical votes about who has political power and how that power is wielded are not representative of the people as a whole. When we don't vote, it's more than us not having our own voice heard. It weakens the voice of others who share our concerns. This problem may seem obvious, but given how voter turnout can fluctuate so much and come in so low, it bears repeating.

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A common sense investment



By William C. Shelton

Boylton Yards will eventually produce more jobs and tax revenues than will a fully revitalized Union Square. For short money, the MBTA and the state could hasten that fate and make a critical investment in restoring the neighborhood to its former status as a center of commerce, employment, and connectivity, but without the unpleasant odors.

In the 19th Century when Union Square was Somerville's "downtown," Boynton Yards was its industrial district. Originally a marsh, the advent of railroads made it attractive for industrial development.

If you've ever wondered why you can't count seven of Somerville's "seven hills," or why there's no hill in Cobble Hill, it's because it became landfill. The former marsh became a site for rail yards, a glass factory, and three giant meat-packing plants which, along with their spin-off businesses, caused Somerville to be known as "the Chicago of the East."

All of them dumped their sewage and wastes, into Mill-

ers River (called Willis Creek during colonial times), which flowed into the Charles River and formed part of the border between Somerville and Cambridge. The resulting stench and public health problems moved the Commonwealth to enact the first anti-pollution environmental laws in Massachusetts.

In his book, *Inventing the Charles River*, Karl Haglund reports that these laws, in turn, became precedents and models for environmental legislation throughout the U.S.

By 1874, the Commonwealth ordered the River filled. Nearby Prospect Hill, once as tall as the flag on the monument that presides over it, provided the soil.

The Nissenbaums tell me that they don't have to dig far below their auto-recycling yard to find the River still rushing under it. Indeed, flowing underground water and inadequate storm sewers contribute to the flooding that periodically plagues Union Square.

The Somervision Comprehensive Plan and the Union Square Revitalization Plan designate Boynton Yards as a "transformative area" and anticipate infrastructure investments to improve its sewers, utilities, and streets. But one essential investment can be made now, and at a reasonable cost.

The Union Square Green Line station will be built on the

north side of the rail bed that forms the boundary between the Square and Boynton Yards. It could and should include a headhouse on the Boynton Yards side of the tracks.

The additional cost of designing and building it would be small in comparison to the Union Square extension's total cost. And building it now, as part of the station's construction, would be much less costly than doing so separately in the near future, when it will inevitably be needed.

A Boynton Yards land rush is in its earliest stages, with developers already making offers to landowners. They understand that the

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Life in the VILLE by Jimmy Del Ponte



The beautification of lower Broadway in East Somerville is ... beautiful. I passed by the old Broadway Theater building and started thinking about its history. The following is reprinted from The East Somerville Main Streets webpage. "...it used to be a magnificent theater which at one time was a great attraction for East Somerville. It was built in 1915 as part of an elaborate stock scheme but went bankrupt and was quickly sold to Arthur Viano in 1929. The Viano family ran the theater, which sat 1040 people, for the next fifty years until they closed its doors in 1982."

The Broadway Theater

Flat top Ice cream cones, cheap matinees, popcorn and a drink for 25 cents on a Saturday afternoon. A young couple sneaking a kiss in the balcony. A little girl's first movie with her dad to see *The Lady and The Tramp* in 1955. These are some of the memories shared by the people who attended The Broadway Theater in its heyday.

We never said, "We're going to the movie theater!" We said, "We're going to the show." Or simply "The movies." It was the place to go on a Saturday. A lot of kids also had jobs at the Broadway Theater cleaning up after a movie, selling tickets, or working the concessions stand. Someone recalls a boss nicknamed "Joe the Show." Do you remember playing a game

called "Banko" in between movies?

Don shares this gem: "I remember Monsignor Hogan telling us at church we couldn't see this movie or that movie because it wasn't good for us. Later after Mass it seemed like all the kids from church went to the forbidden movie just to see why we shouldn't go. It was a great place to have 25c for the movies and candy, and on Saturday you could stay there all afternoon watching several movies and cartoons. Once in a while Major Mudd would come out." Major Mudd had a kids show on Boston TV. I bet there are still some of those free dishes around your house that they gave away each week at the theater.

Rick recalls: "Hells Angels on Wheels,



1967, with Jack Nicholson. I wasn't supposed to see it but I snuck in and never got caught! The 1930's *Batman* serial ran there too."

Jody tells us: "One of the ice creams was called Tabbies." Another memory: "I saw *A Hard Day's Night* (1964) there and I remember paying for

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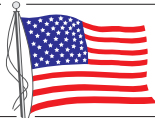
SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



The “Pay to Play” issue seems to be resolved once and for all.

The View Of The Times



With something as important as campaign finance reform, due diligence is essential. Constitutional issues must be cleared while getting the biggest bang for the buck, so to speak. That is, it must have teeth, but don't bite too hard. It's a delicate balance that must be struck, assuring that all sides of the issue

are thoroughly examined by lawmakers and everyday citizens alike. The Board of Alderman, in its quest to achieve a state of minimal political influence by developers in the city, has made a valiant effort in bringing a workable solution to the table. Some, however, find fault with the failed

ordinance and hope that the Board will examine alternative variations on the basic theme: limiting the amount of money that developers can contribute to the political campaigns in the city. The mayor found sufficient fault in the plan to veto the ordinance and – with the accompanying attempt by the Board of

Alderman to override the veto – it looks like it will be back to the drawing board for the reformers. We applaud their efforts and encourage the continuation of their quest. No sets of laws are entirely perfect, but we should always look to find the best solutions possible for every issue at hand.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

at the Medford Elks on Washington Street (off Salem Street exit). Adam is very familiar with Somerville having worked at Senator Charlie Shannon's office for a few years. Adam is young, newly elected in the last city elections over there, and he's a very popular person in both cities politician.

Candidate Nicholas Lanzilli, who is running for State Representative in Medford/Somerville (all of Ward 4 and 7 in Somerville only) is holding a fundraiser on Thursday October 23 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Please join in for a campaign fundraiser at Raso's Bar & Grille, 209 Mystic Ave., Medford. Enjoy some light food and meet with Nick. They ask for a suggested contribution of \$50/\$100/\$250.

A new arrival this past Monday early evening, born Naomi Kiara Rose Harrison who weighed in at 6 lbs., 12.3 oz., 18.5 inches long. The proud parents are Kaitlin Norton-Harrison and Jaleel Harrison. Kaitlin is the granddaughter of Donald and Patricia Norton here in Somerville. Kaitlin was born locally and lived her first few years here in Somerville. Kaitlin, Naomi and Jaleel now live now in Armington, IL.

We put out an additional three boxes

these past couple of weeks, while filling out application for another 20, including places you wouldn't expect. We want to make sure that the boxes are seen and easily assessable for our readers. Dunkin' Donuts on Middlesex Avenue, Dunkin Donuts at Twin Cities Mall and Dunkin Donuts McGrath and Broadway so far, with more to come.

Some of us attended a function recently that was catered by the Mt. Vernon Restaurant here in Somerville. What a fantastic spread they put out. Everyone at the event was so pleased about the food and they enthusiastically complimented the host. Mt. Vernon Restaurant still has it. Even though our city overflows with new and fantastic eateries, the classic Mt. Vernon stands right beside them.

Ward 3 Alderman Rob McWatters, who by the way is doing a great job in his first year in office, is actually doing what an Alderman is supposed to be doing, "contingents service." We know three people in the ward in particular whom he has helped put a tree in front of their driveway, and one person he helped get some veterans services. Alderman McWatters is holding a fundraiser at Sally O'Brien's, 335 Somerville Ave. on November 19. We know he's going to pack them in. Yes, we just

happen to like his work, along with several others on the Board.

Somerville Adult Evening School is offering right now FREE Zumba first lesson beginning this week, on October 23, 6-7 p.m. If you like it and want to return it's only \$30 for 5 classes. They are still accepting those adults who want to learn Yoga, Sewing, ESL, Intro to Computers, Drivers Ed Class and Academic Online Recovery. Register online at www.somerville.k12.ma.us. Select SCHOOLS and then select Somerville Adult Evening School, or better yet run – don't walk – to these fantastic offers at the High School on Tuesday/Thursday nights at 6 p.m. and talk to Principal Sophia Carafotes. By phone: 617 629-5250.

Tufts University's Halloween on the Hill will be offered by the Tufts Leonard Carmichael Society on Saturday, October 25. The annual celebration for Somerville and Medford students in grades K-2 will be held on the Tufts University campus from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Registration starts at 9:30 a.m. All students must pre-register by Sunday, October 19 in order to participate. To register your child, go to <https://sites.tufts.edu/tufts/lcs/> and click on the "Halloween on the Hill" tab under Programs. Students

will tour a haunted house, watch a fun-filled show, participate in Halloween-themed crafts, and more. Snacks, but not a full lunch, will be provided. Please send your child with a bag lunch. While most activities will take place indoors, children will be outside. Please make sure your child has appropriate outerwear.

Poetry October: For Poets & Other Wondering People. Friends of the Somerville Public Library presents a program for middle school writers and artists. This workshop series for middle school students will be held at the Central branch of the Somerville Public Library (Highland Avenue). All 5th through 8th grade students are welcome. Please bring poems. Email aball@tufts-medicalcenter.org to sign up, or drop in. Wednesday evening, 6:00-7:15 p.m. on October 22 and 29.

Learn to Skate (LTS)/Learn to Play Hockey (LTPH) for ages 4 and up begins October 18 and runs until early March, 2015. Sign up at the Somerville Rink Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. until the program begins, then on or after October 18, from 8-10:30 a.m. on Saturdays. \$90 registration fee for LTS/LTPH. For more info visit www.somervilleyouthhockey.org.

Monster Mashed-Up 2014

On Sunday, October 19, residents flocked to Somerville Avenue and Union Square for the annual Monster Mashed-Up @ SomerStreets event, the final installment of the city's annual Open Streets series. Approximately 7,000 attendees attended the free event.

The celebration along Somerville Ave. featured a costume parade for residents of all ages, 150-pound pumpkins carved by artists using power tools, an Oktoberfest area, Milk Row Cemetery tours, live entertainment, a craft fair and more, from Washington St. to Lowell St.





Photos by Claudia Ferro



SPORTS

Somerville Alibrandis honored by BoSox Club

By The Times Staff

At its annual awards luncheon, on September 24, the BoSox Club, the official booster organization for the Boston Red Sox, honored the Somerville Alibrandis Baseball Club, winner of the Yawkey League championship.

Teams representing seven levels of amateur baseball and softball in New England received trophies at the luncheon, held at the Boston/Dedham Hilton. Victor Rodriguez, assistant hitting coach for the Red Sox, was recognized as the BoSox Club Man of the Year for his contributions to the success of the team and for cooperation in

community endeavors.

This summer, the Somerville Alibrandis Club celebrated its twenty-fifth season of play in the Yawkey League with its fifth consecutive championship and its fifteenth win in the past eighteen years.

The team got off to a slow start, but turned the corner in early July. It went on to win its last ten regular-season games, which propelled it to the top-seeded position for the playoffs.

The team continued on a roll, winning its first eight playoff games, sweeping the first two rounds and going on to best the Al Thomas Athletics for the league title. The 18-game winning streak highlighted an overall season record of 34-8-1.



The Yawkee League Champion Somerville Alibrandis were recently honored by the BoSox Club.

Head of the Charles Regatta 50th anniversary



Rowing for Gentle Giant Rowing Club: EmilyKate Obrien (Somerville High School), Raquel Oppedisano (Somerville High School), Yutha Basuseto (Malden High School), Kaitlin Doherty (Somerville High School), and Katie Donahue (Arlington Catholic) all participated in the Head of the Charles regatta 50th anniversary event this past Saturday. Led by Coach Nick Carter, they finished 76th out of the 85 boats that were entered.

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Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. In which film did Richard Dreyfuss make his one line movie debut?

2. In 1982, the Orient Express restarted going from London to where?

3. Who said, "My whole life has been one of rejection. Women. Dogs. Comic strips"?

4. Who first starred in the film *The Boy in the Plastic Bubble*?

5. Where did the pineapple plant originate?

6. The dumb waiter was invented by whom?

7. What is the date of Superman's birthday?

8. What was the first patented uniform or costume in the US?

9. How long does it take to hard-boil a three-pound ostrich egg?

10. Who wrote Yale's *Bulldog* song?

11. A phlebotomist does what?

12. What jellybean flavors were Ronald Reagan's favorites?

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Somerville Pop Warner Game 7 results

The Pop Warner Game 7 scores for last week are as follows: F-Somerville 24-12 Everett; E-Somerville 14-6 Everett; D-Somerville 32-27 Everett; C-Everett 32-6 Somerville; B-Everett 40-12 Somerville; A-E Lynn 14-12 Somerville.

Boston Derby Dames looking for a home

By Tom Bannister

It's a sad day in Somerville when The Boston Derby Dames get invited to leave their Somerville home to make way for expansion of the building by its new owners.

That is the current state of affairs as the Bay State's premier WFTDA-sanctioned flat track roller derby league has been informed that it must vacate its current headquarters located in Somerville by January 2015.

According to the women-owned and -operated roller derby league, it has been using a Somerville warehouse as its central base of operations, which includes a training and recreational team for incoming skaters to learn the skills necessary to play, four home teams, a junior derby team (ages 7-17), C team for draft eligible skaters, B-level travel team, as well as nationally ranked all-star team The Boston Massacre, currently 22nd among 273

leagues from around the world.

With over 100 members in total, the Boston Derby Dames is on a frantic search to find a new home for this highly competitive athletic team that represents Boston internationally in the fast growing sport of roller derby.

Although a seasonal sport (typically spring and fall), the Boston Derby Dames requires a practice space throughout the year, as specific skills, practices, and scrimmages are held seven days a week.

With seasonal games being played at Shriners Auditorium in Wilmington and Simoni Rink in Cambridge, the Dames' need for a dedicated space for this Boston-centric team grows tight, and a plea has been entered to the public for support and assistance in finding a new home for this beloved sports team.

These Dames could use a break.

For more information about Boston Derby Dames, visit bostonderbydames.com.



The Boston Derby Dames are looking for a home, now that they know their time in Somerville is soon up.

Show your civic pride: Vote November 4th

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When we don't vote, we're not just silencing ourselves—we're muffling others who would stand up for our beliefs and for us.

How can we improve voter turnout? We're looking into ways that we might be able to improve elections here in Somerville and ways to make it easier to register to vote and cast your ballot. But perhaps the most important thing we can do is set an example for our families and our friends. Encouraging other people to vote doesn't have to be a political argument, imploring someone to vote one way or the other, or admonishing people for not

voting. We can set an example simply by taking the time to read good coverage of an upcoming election, learning about the candidates' stances and ballot questions, and letting other people know what's on the ballot. We can share news articles or useful websites, and information how to register or find a polling place.

We need to empower one another so that every person understands that their vote is important—not just to themselves, but to their community. I hope you will take the time to learn about this year's election, and I will see you on Nov. 4 at the polls.

What's on Somerville Neighborhood News

Here is what to expect on the latest Somerville Neighborhood Newscast. SNN is produced by the hardworking staff, volunteers and interns at Somerville Community Access Television. We hope you read, watch and share the latest Somerville news.



Visit the Kiley Barrel site near Union Square, march with the Emperor Norton's Stationary Marching Band in downtown Boston, hear how Tufts is trying to improve its treatment of victims of sexual abuse, learn what's up with the Union Square "Community Benefits Agreement," and explore the taxi-Uber conundrum. These stories and more on Somerville Neighborhood News #25 on Oct. 21 at 7 p.m., on Channel 3 if you have cable TV, or online at <http://www.somervilleneighborhoodnews.org>.



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LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on **Wednesday, November 5, 2014** at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

1234-1236 Broadway: (Case #ZBA 2014-74) Applicant, Yaron Gal Carmel, The Therapy Center for Mind and Body, LLC, and Owner, Yaron Gal Carmel, seek a Special Permit under SZO §7.11.7.2.a to expand the office use by approx. 800 sf, for parking relief under §9.5 and 9.13, and to alter the non-conforming structure to add a front entrance and lift. RC zone. Ward 7.

142 Holland St: (Case #ZBA 2014-81) Applicant and Owner, Putnam Realty Trust, seek a Special Permit per SZO §4.4.1 to expand a nonconforming structure to build a by-right 3-family structure and a Special Permit per SZO §9.13 for modification of the parking design standards. RC Zone. Ward 7.

7 Durham St: (Case #ZBA 2014-87) Applicant and Owner, 7 Durham Street, LLC, seek a Special Permit per SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure to build a by-right 2-family structure and a Special Permit per SZO §9.13 to modify parking design standards. RB zone. Ward 2.

56 Otis St: (Case #ZBA 2014-95) Applicant, Jack Hayes, and Owner, J&G Realty, seek a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming 6-family structure under SZO §4.4.1 to add a 3-story deck. RB zone. Ward 1.

20 Warwick St: (Case #ZBA 2014-99) Applicant and Owner, 20 Warwick Street, LLC, seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review under SZO §5.2 & 7.2 to build 3 single-family structures on the lot and a parking variance under §5.5 & 9.5 for 2 parking spaces. RB zone. Ward 5.

26 Warwick St: (Case #ZBA 2014-100) Applicant and Owner, 20 Warwick Street, LLC, seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review under SZO §5.2 & 7.2 to build 3 single-family structures on the lot and a parking variance under §5.5 & 9.5 for 2 spaces. RB zone. Ward 5.

746 Broadway: (Case #ZBA 2014- 101) Applicant, Nathan Murray, and Owner, D J Broadway Realty Trust, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure to alter the front stairs. RB zone / Ward 6.

761 Broadway: (Case #ZBA 2014-102) Applicant, Downtime Parking LLC, and Owner, The Seven Hundred Sixty One Broadway Nominee Trust, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.5.3 in order to expand an existing nonconforming use, an office (SZO §7.11.1) with three (3) car-sharing spaces, to an office use with six (6) car-sharing spaces (SZO §7.11.11.14.a). RB zone, Ward 6.

81 Cedar St: (Case #ZBA 2014-103) Applicant and Owners, Elke & Michael Perloff, see a Special Permit per SZO §4.4.1 to expand a nonconforming structure by adding a rear portico. RA Zone. Ward 5.

77 Munroe St: (Case #ZBA 2014-104) Applicant and Owners, Zelia Silva & Lauriene Dasilva, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a non-conforming three-family structure to create a second-story front porch. RA zone. Ward 3.

10 Hersey St: (Case #ZBA 2014-105) Applicant and Owners, Ruchika Madan and Michael Stantine, seek a Special Permit per SZO §4.4.1 to expand a nonconforming structure by adding a rear deck. RA Zone. Ward 3.

30 College Ave: (Case #ZBA 2014-106) Applicant and Owner, Mouhab Rizkallah, seeks a Special Permit per SZO §4.4.1 to increase the floor area on the existing third floor. CBD Zone. Ward 6.


49 Day St: (Case #ZBA 2014-108) Applicant, Dennis Serrano, and Owner, New Day Properties, LLC, seek a Special Permit with Design Review under SZO §7.11.7.1.b to establish a non-medical office use, a Special Permit under §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure to add windows and doors and §9.13.b for the number of compact parking spaces. CBD zone. Ward 6.

Copies of these applications are available for review in the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, located on the third floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, Mon-Wed, 8:30 am-4:30 pm; Thurs, 8:30 am-7:30 pm; and Fri, 8:30 am-12:30 pm; and at www.somervillema.gov/planningandzoning. 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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Docket No. MI 14P3351GD

NOTICE AND ORDER
Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor

In the interest of: **Xavier J Mendoza**
of **Somerville, MA**
Minor

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

1) Hearing Date/Time: A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on **06/26/2014** by **Mirian J Aguilar** of Somerville, MA
Mirian N Mendoza of Somerville, MA

Will be held **01/16/2015 08:30 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing**
Located **at 121 Third Street, Cambridge, MA. 02141, Courtroom #8**

2) Response to Petition: You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:

File the original with the Court; and

Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.

3) Counsel for the Minor: The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that the counsel be appointed for the minor.

4) Presence of the Minor at Hearing: A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds it is not in the minor's best interest.

ORDER TO PETITIONER(S)
IT IS ORDERED THAT copies of this Notice and the Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor be served in hand on the minor, (if 14 or more years of age and not the petitioner), the Guardian, the parents of the minor, and any other person if ordered by the Court, at least **fourteen (14)** days prior to the hearing date listed above.

If Service in hand cannot be accomplished on any interested party, **IT IS ORDERED** that copies of this Notice and the Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor be served on the interested party by leaving at and mailing by regular first class mail to last and usual place of residence of the interested party at least **fourteen (14)** days prior to the date of the hearing listed above.

If the identity or whereabouts of an interested party is **not known**, **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that copies of this Notice and Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor be served on all interested persons at least **fourteen (14)** days prior to the hearing date by mailing first class mail and by publishing a copy of the Order and Notice once in **Somerville Times Somerville** publication to be at least **Seven (7)** days prior to hearing date.

If required, services on the United States Veteran Administration and Department of Children and Families may be accomplished by regular first class mail at least **Seven (7)** days prior to hearing.

THIS IS A LEGAL NOTICE: An important court proceeding that may affect your rights has been scheduled. If you do not understand this notice or other court papers, please contact an attorney for legal advice.

Date: October 17, 2014 **Tara E. De Cristofaro**
Register of Probate

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
JOSEPH A. CURTATONE
MAYOR


MICHAEL F. GLAVIN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Committee on Legislative Matters, in concert with the Somerville Historic Preservation Commission, has scheduled a **public hearing on Monday, October 27, 2014 at 6:00 pm** in the Aldermanic Chambers, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, regarding proposed map amendments to the Somerville Historic District Ordinance. The map amendments propose to designate one additional property, 204 Morrison Avenue, to the Morrison Avenue Local Historic District (LHD) and to de-designate 72R Dane Street from the 72R Dane Street Local Historic District in the City of Somerville.

Property owners and residents of the community are invited to this hearing. The purpose of this public hearing will be to answer questions and receive public comments regarding the proposed map amendments for 204 Morrison Avenue and 72R Dane Street. The Board of Aldermen will use these comments to reach a decision and vote on the proposed map amendments at a later date. A copy of the Draft Preliminary Reports for each property is available for review at www.somervillema.gov (see the Historic Preservation Commission webpage), the third floor of City Hall (93 Highland Avenue), and the Central Library (79 Highland Avenue). Comments regarding the proposed map amendments may be given at the hearing or submitted in writing by Friday, October 31, 2014 to the Somerville Historic Preservation Commission, Attention Amie Hayes (or e-mail ahayes@somervillema.gov). Written comments may also be submitted to the City Clerk, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143.

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
JOSEPH A. CURTATONE
MAYOR

LEGAL NOTICE
Somerville Conservation Commission
Public Hearing

Applicant: Street Retail Inc. et al, c/o Federal Realty Investment Trust, 1626 East Jefferson Street, Rockville, Maryland 20852

Agent: VHB, 101 Walnut Street, Box 9151, Watertown, MA 02471


Location: Assembly Square Block 7, Somerville, MA 02145

The Somerville Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday October 28, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.** at City Hall, 3rd floor, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, regarding a Notice of Intent filed pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act, G.L. c. 131, § 40, for work described below.

The project consists of redevelopment of Block 7 at Assembly Square. The Block will be constructed as a parking lot with on-site rain gardens for management of stormwater. Construction of Block 7 will include full depth pavement, associated pavement striping and rain gardens for stormwater treatment. The proposed parking area will provide 284 surface parking spaces. Two rain gardens will be constructed, one west of Assembly Row and one east of Grand Union Boulevard wrapping around the southern limits of Revolution Drive to treat runoff sheet flow from the lot. Trees will be planted outlining the lot adjacent to Grand Union Boulevard and Foley Street. In the future, Block 7 will be redeveloped for mixed use.

The application can be viewed at the Mayor's Office Strategic Planning and Community Development, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville. Contact Rachel Kelly, Conservation Agent, at 617-625-6600 x2516 for more information.

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
OFFICE OF CITY CLERK
BOARD OF ALDERMEN

There will be a Public Hearing before the Board of Aldermen on **Monday, October 27, 2014, at 6:00 PM**, in the Committee Room, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, on the Order of Alderman Rebekah L. Gewirtz, Chair of the Committee on Legislative Matters, for public input related to amending the Local Historic District map by 1) de-designating 72R Dane Street as a single-building historic district, and 2) adding 204 Morrison Avenue to the Morrison Avenue Local Historic District.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND AND BE HEARD.

JOHN J. LONG
CITY CLERK

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION
JOSEPH A. CURTATONE
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The project consists of the build out of Block 6. Work includes the construction of a 557,000 GSF multi-level building, with 253,000 GSF parking garage on Block 6 with 447 residential units and approximately 40,000 GSF of retail and restaurant space. The Project also includes 671 structured parking spaces within the proposed building of which 447 are proposed for residential use and 224 are proposed for retail/restaurant use.

The ground floor of the building will house retail and restaurant spaces, residential unit access, and integrated parking accommodations. Upper building floors will house residential units and integrated parking accommodations for both the retail, restaurant, and residential spaces. Construction of Block 6 will include sidewalks and landscaping and the building will connect into the previously constructed subsurface utilities and stormwater management facilities in the surrounding roadways.

Work will include grading, excavating, filling, placing concrete, constructing the building and parking garage, installing underground utilities and landscaping. A second floor pool and with roof top container garden will be constructed on the new building.

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA. 02141**

MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. MI 14D3528DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING

Rachelle Belizaire vs. Gerson Pierre

To Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown of the Marriage 1B

The Complaint is on file at the Court.

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

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon:

Rachelle Belizaire
324 Ferry St., #C2
Everett, MA 02149

your answer, if any on or before **11/20/2014**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

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

Date: October 10, 2014.

Tara E. De Cristofaro
Register of Probate

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‘Sustainable Neighborhoods’ to address affordable housing needs

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(GLX) is making its way through the city, rendering those residential areas more expensive to live in the near future.

“Even without GLX, the city still faces regional housing issues and pressure,” Curtatone pointed out.

When SomerVison was finalized by the city in 2012 with a stated mission of making Somerville a more exceptional place to live, work, play and raise a family, one of the goals was to create an additional 6,000 housing units and 1,200 permanently affordable ones by the year of 2030.

Earlier this year, Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) partnered with the Somerville Community Corporation (SCC) and the City of Somerville to research and report on the impact that the GLX would have on the housing market in the city.

Now, based on MAPC’s report that the city needs 6,300 to 9,000 new units, Somerville seeks to revise goal to maximum recommendation of 9,000.

The shifting demographic is one of the causes of a stressful Somerville housing market, according to Curtatone.

“Forty-five percent of the world’s population live in the city,” Curtatone said. “And we know through a recent MAPC report that the 101 cities and towns in the Greater Boston area has a need for 435,000 homes from market, rental, workforce, and lease by 2040.”

According to the Metro Boston Community Types chart that was shown during the presentation, the highest demanded housing type, especially in the inner core of a city, is multifamily.

In the next couple of decades, most people in this world would be living in urban areas, said Curtatone. Therefore, dealing with such a high demand to live in the cities, such as Somerville,

should be of strategic concern.

Currently, approximately 3,450 affordable units in Somerville were created through the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, Inclusionary Zoning and Federal and State funding, subsidies and tax credits, according to the city. 26 percent of new housing units created in the past six years are affordable units.

Efforts have been made in the past to preserve a certain amount of affordable housing in Somerville. One of the most forward-thinking ones is the passage of Community Preservation Act (CPA).

“CPA’s committee has dedicated the majority of their funding towards affordable housing,” Curtatone said. “But it is not enough. We

“Even without GLX, the city still faces regional housing issues and pressure”

need to take some bold steps.”

The chart also shows that over 40 percent of Somerville households are cost burdened, which means these residents spend 30 percent or more of their gross income on housing.

“That’s before they start thinking about putting their kids in a soccer program, having fun and buying clothing,” Curtatone said. “It’s not just the people who are stressed, it’s the region.”

The city is going to tackle these pressing housing issues with six major actions to be proposed to the Board of Aldermen immediately. Those include 100 Affordable Homes Strategy, Comprehensive Zoning Reform, Tax Credits for Benevolent Landlords, Local Trans-

fer Tax, Setting New SomerVision Goal and Innovative Affordable Housing Design Competition.

Ward 7 Alderman, Katjana Ballantyne is concerned about the financial plan for implementing the new program. “The ‘Sustainable Neighborhoods’ program hasn’t been outlined in terms of details. If you develop affordable housing in new parts of Somerville, you haven’t necessarily generated more revenue for the city,” Ballantyne said.

Ballantyne questions if the taxes in certain parts of Somerville would go up in order to maintain the affordable real estate housing, and she also expressed her concern that there were not enough business spaces to offset the residential tax cost of affordable housing.

Curtatone agreed that taxing businesses to relieve residents of paying taxes for affordable housing was totally legitimate. He said that the city is building business office spaces in Union Square and Assembly Square, but it will take time to move forward in that direction. To attract builders and investors to commercial properties, the city also has to demonstrate that it has created a talent pool that would utilize those spaces.

A couple of Somerville residents who attended the meeting applauded the new program and hope to see it take place.

Curtatone said the new program is not intended to prevent new immigrants from moving into Somerville, and “in fact, we want them to move here and we want their kids to be able to stay here. They make up the very unique characteristic of this community, which is diversity, and that’s who we are.”

See the full presentation slideshow here: <http://www.somervillema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/sustainable-neighborhoods-presentation-10-15-2014.pdf>.

‘Youth Arts Arise’

Arts at the Armory is offering a free after school arts program for youth ages 11-19. Local artist instructors will lead workshops in a wide range of disciplines in visual and performing arts. The fall semester runs from October 7-December 16, every Tuesday from 3:30-5 p.m. An additional workshop will be offered every Monday from 3:30-5:00 p.m. starting November 3. The program is free but advance registration is required. Registration forms are available at www.artsatthearmory.org or in person at 191 Highland Avenue, Suite 1A. Older youth have the opportunity to earn a stipend of \$16 per workshop to assist the artist instructors. Contact Bridget Galway, education@artsatthearmory.org or (617) 718-2191, for more information.

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Answers

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| 1. <i>The Graduate</i> | 7. February 29 |
| 2. Venice | 8. Playboy Bunny outfits |
| 3. Charles Schulz | 9. 1 hour and 45 minutes |
| 4. John Travolta | 10. Cole Porter, in 1911, when he was a student there |
| 5. In South America – it didn’t reach Hawaii until the early nineteenth century. | 11. Draws blood samples |
| 6. Thomas Jefferson | 12. Coconut and licorice |

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Wednesday|October 22

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

Central Library

Fall Poetry Workshop for Middle School Students with Alan Ball
Cathy Piantiginij|617-623-5000 x2950
6 p.m.-7:15 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Thursday|October 23

Central Library

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

Friday|October 24

Central Library

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

Sunday|October 26

Central Library

Rosalita’s Puppets in The Haunted Woods
Cathy Piantiginij|617-623-5000 x2950
3 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Monday|October 27

Central Library

Sing-along with Jordan Voelker
11 a.m. - 12 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Tuesday|October 28

West Branch Library

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

Central Library

Homeschool Reading Group for Ages 11-13
Tammy McKanan 617-591-0216
9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.| 79 Highland Avenue

Wednesday|October 29

East Branch Library

Preschool: Not So Spooky Stories and Crafts
11 a.m. -11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway

Central Library

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MUSIC

Wednesday|October 22

Johnny D’s

Ian McLagan Yep Roc CD Release w/ Corin Ashley|7:15 p.m.
Doors open at 5:30 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

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
Comedy@10
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA’S Lounge

WEMF Radio|Mercy Music|The Mercy Case
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

On The Hill Tavern

499 Broadway|617-629-5302

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Bull McCabe’s Pub

The Nephrok All Stars
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Joshua Tree Bar & Grill

Pub Trivia

8:30 p.m.|256 Elm Street|(617) 623-9910

Arts at the Armory

Boston Music Collaborators
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Thursday|October 23

Johnny D’s

Bill Blumenreich Presents : Dan St. Germain
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s

Liz Morrison Band
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room
Acoustic/Bluegrass|9:30 p.m.
Back Room
Scattershot |10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA’S Lounge

WEMF Radio|Memoir
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

On The Hill Tavern

Live DJ Music
499 Broadway|617-629-5302

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Bull McCabe’s

Dub Down Featuring The Scotch Bonnet Band
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

Arts at the Armory

The Loop
7 p.m.Café|191 Highland Ave

Friday|October 24

Johnny D’s

Sugar Ray & The Bluetones|7:30 p.m.
Free Friday Featuring The Raunchy Randos plus Jonee Earthquake Band|10 p.m.17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s

Tom Hagerty Acoustic Band |6 p.m.
New Million Box, Poppun, The Spear-mint Sea |9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room
Irish Session|9:30 p.m.
Back Room
Jimmy’s Down
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

DJ
10 p.m.|65 Holland St

PA’S Lounge

WEMF Radio|New York City Skyscraper Sex Club|Peachpit|Squall|Black Oil Incinerator
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

The Rotary Prophets
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Joshua Tree

DJ McRiddleton
256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

Samba Bar & Grille

Live music
9 p.m.|608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Casey’s

Entertainment every Friday
173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Arts at the Armory

The Armory of Horror
6 p.m.|Performance Hall
Bluegrass Fridays at the Armory

7:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Saturday|October 25

Johnny D’s

Jeff Jam Dance Party|4 p.m.
Jay Geils Jazz and Blues Review|7 p.m.
Max Creek|10 p.m.
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s

Patsy Hamel Band |6 p.m.
Richie Parsons, Asa Brebner, The Nervous Eaters \$5 cover |9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Back Room
Scattershots
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

Karaoke
65 Holland St

PA’S Lounge

WEMF Radio|Those Mockingbirds|-Head Down|Six Times Seven|Ghosts and Shadows|Joe Skahan
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

On the Hill Tavern

Live DJ Music
499 Broadway|617-629-5302

Bull McCabe’s

BCAP & The Peoples
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

Arts at the Armory

The Armory of Horror
6 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Sunday|October 26

Johnny D’s

The English Beat|7 p.m.
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s Bar

Natalie Flanagan Band, Leon Rich, Trusty Sidekick|8 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room
Sunday Americana with Sean Staples, Eric Royer, Tim Gearan, Dave Westner and Dan Keller|7 p.m.
Back Room
Burren Acoustic Music Series
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA’S Lounge

345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

Samba Bar & Grille

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

Arts at the Armory

Between the Veils
1:30 p.m.|Café
Cafe Raqs
7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Monday|October 27

Johnny D’s

Stump! Pub Trivia|8:30 p.m.
Johnny D’s Comedy Showcase Presents: The Spank Bank Comedy
17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s Bar

Shawn Cater’s Cheapshots Comedy Jam |7 p.m.
Marley Mondays with The Duppy

Conquerors|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.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

On The Hill Tavern

499 Broadway|617-629-5302

PA’S Lounge

Americiana Monday
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

Bull McCabe’s Pub

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

Tuesday|October 28

Johnny D’s

The English Beat|7 p.m.
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s Bar

Thaddeus Merritt Trio
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room
Jason Anick and the Swingers|8:30 p.m.
Back Room
Open Mic w/Hugh McGowan
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

On The Hill Tavern

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

PA’S Lounge

Open Mic
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

Arts at the Armory

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

Wednesday|October 29

Johnny D’s

An Evening with Kevin So - CD Release|8 p.m.
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s Bar

Stupidity, Gymnasium, The Dents, Devotion (Pinansky & Gillis) \$8 cover|7 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room
Exile on Elm
Back Room
Comedy@10
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA’S Lounge

WEMF RADIO|Nuclear Special Forces|Rifle Diet|Rum Ham|NoTox
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

On The Hill Tavern

499 Broadway|617-629-5302

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Bull McCabe’s Pub

The Nephrok All Stars
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Joshua Tree Bar & Grill

Pub Trivia
8:30 p.m.|256 Elm Street|(617) 623-9910

Arts at the Armory

Broad Appeal: Not your average lady comedy show!
7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Wednesday|October 22

Third Life Studio

Beyond beginning Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal
7:30 p.m.|Level 2|33 Union Sq|www.nadirajamal.com

Thursday| October 23

Central Library

Fair Housing Commission Meeting
Vicki Wairi|617.625.6600 x 2588
12 p.m.- 12:55 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Central Library

Thruhiker: The Pacific Crest Trail
James Fox|617.623.5000
7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

West Branch Library

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

First Church Somerville

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

Third Life Studio

Roots and Rhythm
33 Unions Sq.| www.libana.com

Saturday|October 25

Central Library

An Introduction to Reiki
Janine Gilarde|617-610-0734
10 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Bagel Bards

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

Sunday|October 26

Unity Church of God

Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon Family Groups
7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street
Enter upstairs, meeting is in base-ment.

Third Life Studio

Discover Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.|33 Union Sq|www.nadirajamal.com

Monday|October 27

East Branch Library

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

Central Library

Pocket Change Occupational Interest
Laura Denison617-776-5193 x 237
3 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Tuesday|October 28

Central Library

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

Arts at the Armory

Prenatal Yoga
7 p.m.|Mezzanine|191 Highland Ave

Third Life Studio

The Art of Group Singing For Women with Susan Robbins, www.libana.com
7 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.|33 Union Sq

Wednesday|October 29

Third Life Studio

Beyond beginning Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal
7:30 p.m.|Level 2|33 Union Sq|www.nadirajamal.com

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

Holland Street: 167 Holland Street
Monday through Friday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

Cross Street Center: 165 Broadway
Tuesday & Wednesday 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
(617) 625-6600 Ext. 2335

Ralph and Jenny Center: 9 New Washington Street,
Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.
(617) 666-5223

Some exciting events in the coming weeks:

Mohegan Sun – Monday, October 27 – For a fee of \$25.00 you receive your transportation, \$10.00 Food Coupon and \$10.00 Free Bet. Check in times are 8:00 A.M. at Holland Street and 8:15 A.M. at the Ralph & Jenny Center. Approximate return time is 8:00 P.M. Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, Ext. 2300 for more information or to reserve your spot.

Honor Flight. Documentary – Monday, October 27 – 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. - Honor Flight is a heartwarming documentary about four living WWII veterans and a Midwest community coming together to give them the trip of a lifetime. Holland Street Center in the Atrium – lunch is available by request – to register please call Suzanne Norton at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2318

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

The trip to the Taj Mahal Resort in Atlantic City scheduled for October is **SOLD OUT**.

Halloween Super Bingo scheduled for Friday, October 31 is **SOLD OUT**.

Thanksgiving Super Bingo scheduled for Thursday, November 20 is **SOLD OUT**.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Monday, November 17th the **8th Annual Edith Chaille Memorial Transportation Fundraiser**. The Chaille Family, who own and operate Green & Yellow Cab Companies have been providing rides, FREE OF CHARGE, to over 5,000 of our older adults yearly. More information to follow.

LGBT EVENTS:

LGBT Lunch – Due to a holiday, Columbus Day, there will be no LGBT lunch in October. The next LGBT Lunch will be Monday, November 10.

LBT Women Fit-4-Life - Fitness and Nutrition Classes.

Classes are Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting at 6 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.

The Moonlighters

Have you heard of the SunSetters? How about the Moonlighters? The Moonlighters are an older version of the Sunsetters! Interested in joining? Led by Somerville Youth Arts Coordinator, Jimmy Del Ponte, the Moonlighters meet every Monday at 10:30 at our Holland Street Center and sometimes take their skills on the road. This year the Moonlighters will be performing with the Powers School of Music for a Holiday Concert in December. Keep an eye open for more details.

IMPORTANT NEWS:

The Somerville Council on Aging in conjunction with the Somerville Fire Department are installing free, new smoke alarms & carbon monoxide detectors to eligible Somerville older adults as part of the Senior SAFE Program. If you are an older adult (60 years of age or older) and live in Somerville (own or rent) please contact Maureen Bastardi, Outreach Worker at the Somerville Council on Aging at 617-625-6600, Ext. 2300 to find out how to get yours.

On Thursday, October 16 from 9:00 AM to Noon, the Somerville Council on Aging will be holding its 4th Annual Health & Wellness Fair. This year the fair is entitled “Mastering the Aging Process” and will be held at our Holland Street Center located at 167 Holland Street. If you are interested in being a participate or one of our sponsors please contact Suzanne Norton at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2318 to register or if you go to the SCOA’s portion of the City’s web site and go to the “Department Calendar” on that day.

STAY ACTIVE:

Mondays:

Wii Bowling, noon, Free. (H)
Fit 4 Life* Group C, 1:00 P.M. (H)

Tuesdays:

Strengthening, 9:15 A.M., \$3 per class (H)
Dalcroze Eurhythmics, Free, 1:00 P.M., (H)
LBT Fit 4 Life*, 6:00 P.M., (H)

Wednesdays:

Fit 4 Life* Group A, 8:45 a.m. (H)
Fit 4 Life* Group B, 9 a.m. (H)
Fit 4 Life* Group C, Noon (H)
Bowling @ Flatbreads, 1 p.m.
Zumba for All, 5:15 p.m., \$3 per class (H)

Thursdays:

Strengthening, 9:30 a.m. \$3 per class (RJ)
LBT Fit 4 Life*, 6 p.m.

Fridays:

Fit 4 Life* Group A, 8:45 a.m.
Fit 4 Life* Group B, 9 a.m.
Fit 4 Life* Group C 12 p.m.

*Fit 4 Life classes \$10/month & require pre-registration.

Upcoming Schedule:

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

Wednesday|October 22

10:00 Cards (RJ)
10:00 English Conversation (C)
11:30 Lunch (RJ, C)
12:45 Bingo (RJ)
1:00 Bowling at Flatbreads

Thursday|October 23

10:00 Current Events (H)
10:00 Knitting scarves for soldiers(RJ)
10:00 Cards (RJ)
11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara (H)
11:30 Lunch (H, RJ)
12:45 Bingo (H, RJ)
1:00 Mobile Farmer’s Market (H)

Friday|October 24

11:30 Lunch (H)
12:45 Bingo (H)

Monday|October 27

9:30 Special Screening & Discussion of “Honor Flight” sponsored by the Veteran’s Group (H)
11:30 Lunch (H)
12:30 Afternoon at the Movies – Mohegan Sun Trip

Tuesday|October 28

All Centers Closed
Senior Outing

Wednesday|October 29

10:00 Cards (RJ)
10:00 English Conversation (C)
11:30 Lunch (H, RJ, C)
12:45 Bingo (RJ)
1:00 Bowling at Flatbreads
Supper & Bingo at HAFB

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The Broadway Theater

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it with a fairly new Franklin half dollar piece that I wanted to save, but the Beatles were worth it!”

Here are some of the movies some former Broadway Theater patrons remember seeing: *Godzilla*, 1954, *The Blob*, 1958, *The Pirates of Blood River*, 1962, *The Cardinal*, 1963, *Beach Blanket Bingo*, 1964, *Wait Until Dark*, 1967, *Bonnie and Clyde*, 1967, *The Love Bug*, 1968, *Love Story*, 1970, *The Exorcist*, 1973, *The Towering Inferno*, 1974, *Jaws*, 1975,

Rocky, 1976, *Carrie*, 1976, *Saturday Night Fever*, 1977, *Smoky and the Bandit*, 1977, *Clash of The Titans*, 1978, and *Grease* in 1978.

Shirley: “I remember going there to see *Blazing Saddles* (1974) and *The Groove Tube*, also ‘74. It cost 32 cents for the matinee. I remember the large man who always had a cigarette hanging out of his mouth and the guy who looked like Alan Funt (*Candid Camera*) with a cigar, who worked there (Joe the Show?).”

An unknown patrons says, “Near the time it was closing they started playing questionable movies. It was a double feature of *The Van* and *The Pom Pom Girls*.”

It’s hard to drive by the site of the old Broadway Theater and not be bombarded with those marvelous old movie memories. Saturdays were sure special when you got to spend the afternoon with the smell of fresh popped popcorn, a wide variety of candy, and throngs of your excited friends waiting for the com-

ing attractions. We loved the cartoon of the singing, dancing refreshments advertising the concession stand. “Let’s all go to the lobby...”

Many present and past Somerville people have great stories to share about the enjoyable times spent at The Broadway Theater. Another past patron recalls walking outside after spending an afternoon in the theater and having to shield her eyes from the blinding sun. Remember that? I do.

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neighborhood has more acreage than Union Square proper and will accommodate much higher building densities, with maximum height limits ranging from 75 to 135 feet.

Situated between the amenities offered by Inman Square and a revitalized Union Square, it will be an attractive site for office space. And attractive as well for research and development facilities, which provide municipalities with the highest tax returns and lowest traffic and public safety costs.

East Cambridge is increasingly built out for commercial uses, while demand for space proximate to MIT/Kendall

Square's R&D cluster continues to increase. The MBTA's CT2 and 85 lines connect Boynton Yards to Kendall, while the Union Square Revitalization Plan promises that, "In a shorter timeframe, a transportation management agency (TMA) will be planned to provide shuttle service between Kendall Station, Boynton Yards, and the Union Square Green Line Station, thereby providing Red Line and Green Line connections to development in the Boynton Yards area."

With a headhouse in Boynton Yards, the Green Line would also connect it directly to the Longwood medical district. One



development group is already contemplating a quarter-billion-dollar life sciences campus with a Cambridge Street address, but almost all of the campus located within Boynton Yards, where it would create Somerville taxes and jobs.

Five years ago I wrote a column

advocating construction of a second headhouse at the south end of Assembly Square's Orange Line platform. I don't imagine that I influenced the decision to build it. But I am certain that, had it not been built, we would not see piles being driven today for a 770,000 square-foot office

building.

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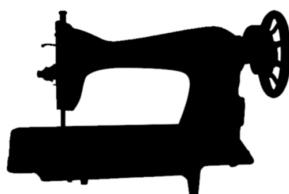
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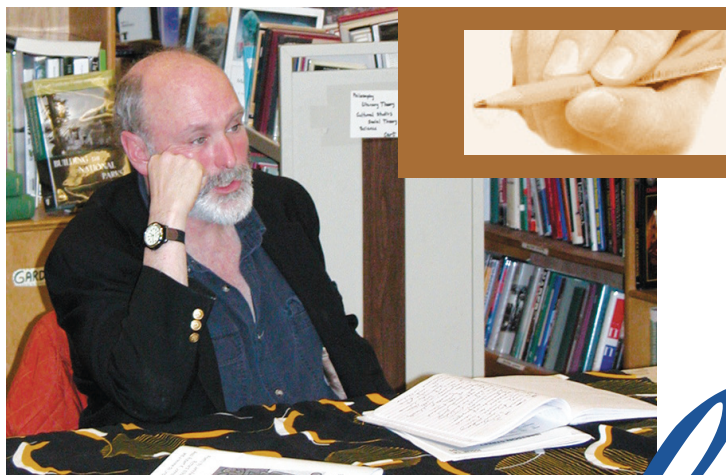
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6:30am	Road to Recovery	5:30pm	The Folklorist	12:00pm	Honk Festival	6:30am	Creating Cooperative Kids
7:00am	Somerville Film Group: Ways to Live Forever	6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)	12:30pm	Taking Back Your Health	7:30am	Eckankar
7:30am	Life Matters	6:30pm	Health is Wealth	1:00pm	Dr Gangrene Presents	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	7:00pm	Taking Back your Health (Live call-in)	2:00pm	Henry Parker Presents	9:00am	The Stephanie Miller Show (Free Speech TV)
9:00am	Somerville Journal & Somerville Times Reading	7:30pm	Active Aging	3:00pm	Telemagazine	10:00am	Net Neutrality Panel Discussion
10:00am	Somerville Neighborhood News	8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou (Live call-in)	4:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	11:00am	Nossa gente e Costumes
10:30am	Art at SCATV: Aaron Ellerbee	9:30pm		4:30pm	Culture Club	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)
11:00am	Abugida TV	10:00pm	Somerville Film Group: Ways to Live Forever	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol	1:00pm	Somerville Film Group: Ways to Live Forever
12:00pm	The Big Picture with Thom Hartmann Show	11:00pm	Potluck and Lecture Series with Arlington International Film Festival	6:00pm	Down the Lynde	2:00pm	Exercise with Robyn and Max
1:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	Friday, October 24		7:00pm	Somerville Film Group: Ways to Live Forever	2:30pm	Esoteric Science
2:00pm	Physician Focus	6:00pm	Somerville Film Group: Walt Whitman	7:30pm	Fluff Festival	4:00pm	Free Speech Television
2:30pm	Tap Water - a SCATV Production	7:30am	Shrink Rap	8:00pm	David Pakman (Free Speech TV)	5:00pm	Henry Parker Presents
3:30pm	What the Fluff Festival	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)
4:00pm	Free Speech Television	9:00am	Somerville Journal & Somerville Times Reading	10:00pm	Open Line News with Davey D	6:30pm	International School of Boston Presents
5:00pm	Energy Theater	10:00am	ArtBeat 2014	11:00pm	Gay News USA (Free Speech TV)	7:00pm	The Somerville Line
6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)	11:00am	The Art of Animation: a series of Karen Aqua	Sunday, October 26		8:00pm	Abugida TV
6:30pm	US2 100 Days of Engagement	12:00pm	Brunch with Sen. Bernie Sanders	6:00am	Program Celebrai	9:00pm	Dedilhando au Saudade
7:00pm	National Wildlife Federation	1:00pm	Tap Water	7:00am	Rompendo em Fe	10:00pm	Bate Papo com Shirley
7:30pm	Crossroads: a Search for An American Dream	2:00pm	Fluff Festival	8:00am	Effort Pour Christ	11:00pm	The Entertainer's Show
8:00pm	Somerville Pundits	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	Tuesday, October 28	
9:00pm	Bay State Biking News	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)	10:00am	International Church of God	7:00am	The Struggle
10:00pm	Art at SCATV: Aaron Ellerbee	5:00pm	Somerville Jazz Festival 2014	10:30am	Active Aging	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
10:30pm	SCATV: a year in review	5:30pm	Mystic Learning Center: Variety Hour	11:00am	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer	9:00am	Somerville Journal & Somerville Times Reading
11:00pm	The Entertainer's Show	6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)	11:30am	Taking Back Your Health	10:00am	Shrink Wrap
Thursday, October 23				12:00pm	Play by Play	11:30am	Ablevision
6:00am	Atheist Viewpoint	6:30pm	Shrink Wrap	12:30pm	Somerville Film Group: Ways to Live Forever	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)
7:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	7:00pm	Somerville Film Group: Ways to Live Forever	1:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	1:00pm	What the Fluff Festival?
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	8:00pm	Friday Shorts	1:30pm	Somerville Journal & Somerville Times Reading	2:00pm	Art at SCATV: Aaron Ellerbee
9:00am	Cancer Explained!	9:00pm	The Entertainer's Show	2:30pm	Life Matters	2:30pm	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show
9:30am	Girls Talk	9:30pm	Sifi Journal	3:00pm	Rompendo em Fe	3:00pm	Henry Parker Presents: Mass Incarceration
10:00am	Dead Air Live	10:00pm	The Somerville Line	4:00pm	Dedilhando a Saudade	4:00pm	Ring of Fire (Free Speech TV)
11:00am	Greater Somerville	11:00pm	Acronym TV (Free Speech TV)	5:00pm	International School of Boston Presents	5:00pm	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer (L)
11:30am	Ablevision	11:30pm	Somerville ArtBeat 2014	5:30pm	Honk Festival	5:30pm	The Literati Scene
12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show (Free Speech TV)	Saturday, October 25		6:00pm	Abugida TV	6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)
1:00pm	Chef's Table Series	6:00am	Arabic Hour	7:00pm	African Television Network	6:30pm	Culture Club
2:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking w/Candy	7:00am	The Somerville Line	8:00pm	Tele Magazine	7:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
2:30pm	Cooking with Georgia & Dez	8:00am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show: Halloween	9:00pm	Effort Pour Christ	7:30pm	Greater Somerville (L)
3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	8:30am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show: Halloween	10:00pm	Farrakhan Speaks	8:00pm	Dead Air Live
4:00pm	Free Speech Television	9:00am	Festival Kreyol	11:00pm	100-Second Film Festival	9:00pm	Energy Theater
5:00pm	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show: Halloween	10:00am	Tele Galaxie	Monday, October 27		11:00pm	The David Pakman Show (Free Speech TV)
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CITY TV 13/22							
Wednesday, October 22							
9:00am:	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	3:00am:	Voices of Somerville	2:45am:	Project STAR '14		Vibrancy in the Classroom
9:30am:	Connecting Communities – Fire Safety	9:00am:	SomerStreets: Monster Mashed Up	9:00am:	Project STAR '14	7:00pm:	SHS Boys Soccer v Madison Park - 10/22
12:00pm:	School Committee Meeting – REPLAY OF 10.20.14	12:00pm:	SomerViva em Portugues	12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	10:00pm:	SHS Football v Medford - 10/24
3:00pm:	Veterans in the ‘Ville	12:30pm:	Highlander Forum	12:30pm:	Keep Moving: Exercises for Older Adults	Saturday, October 25	
3:30pm:	Congressional Update	1:00pm:	What the Fluff? ‘14	1:00pm:	Domestic Violence Vigil	12:30am:	SHS Football v Medford - 10/24
6:30pm:	State Auditor Child Obesity	1:30pm:	SomerStreets: Monster Mashed Up	2:00pm:	State Auditor Child Obesity	3:00am:	SHS Football v Durfee HS - 10/11
	Performance Audit	2:00pm:	Connecting Communities – Fire Safety		Performance Audit	9:00am:	Highlander Forum - Student Leadership
7:30pm	HONK! Festival	2:30pm:	Veterans in the ‘Ville	3:00pm:	Congressional Update	10:00am:	Connecting Communities -Fire Safety
8:30pm:	Voices of Somerville	6:30pm:	Veterans in the Ville	7:00pm:	Senior Circuit	11:00am:	Our Schools, Our City - Vibrancy in the Classroom
9:00pm:	Domestic Violence Vigil	7:00pm	Highlander Forum	8:00pm:	Keep Moving: Exercises for Older Adults	12:00pm:	SHS Football v Medford - 10/24
10:00pm:	SomerViva em Portugues	7:30pm:	SomerViva en Espanol	8:00pm:	Talking Business	3:00pm:	Highlander Forum - Student Leadership
		8:00pm:	Talking Business	9:00pm:	SomerStreets: Monster Mashed Up	4:00pm:	Connecting Communities -Fire Safety
		8:30pm:	SomerStreets: Monster Mashed Up	10:00pm:	HONK! Festival	5:00pm:	Our Schools, Our City - Vibrancy in the Classroom
		9:00pm:	HONK! Festival	12:00am:	Voices of Somerville	6:00pm:	SHS Boys Soccer v Madison Park - 10/22
		10:00pm:	SomDog Festival	12:30am:	Keep Moving: Exercises for Older Adults	8:00pm:	SHS Football v Medford - 10/24
Thursday, October 23				1:00am:	Talking Business	Sunday, October 26	
12:00am:	HONK! Festival	12:00am:	Higlander Forum	1:30am:	SomerViva en Espanol	12:00am:	SHS Football v Medford - 10/24
1:00am:	Voices of Somerville	12:30am:	Veterans in the ‘Ville	2:00am:	SomerStreets: Monster Mashed Up	9:00am:	SHS Boys’ Soccer v Masconomet - 10/3
1:30am:	Domestic Violence Vigil	1:00am:	Talking Business	2:30am:	HONK! Festival	11:00am:	SHS Girls Soccer v Cambridge -9/3
2:30am:	SomerViva em Portugues	1:30am:	SomerViva en Espanol	9:00am:	Keep Moving: Exercises for Older Adults	1:00pm:	SHS Girls Soccer v Lynn - 9/8
9:00am:	Highlander Forum	2:00am:	SomerStreets: Monster Mashed Up	12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	3:00pm:	SHS Girls Soccer v Medford - 9/15
12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	2:30am:	HONK! Festival	12:30pm:	Keep Moving: Exercises for Older Adults	5:00pm:	Connecting Communities -Fire Safety
12:30pm:	Keep Moving: Exercises for Older Adults	9:00am:	Keep Moving: Exercises for Older Adults	1:00pm:	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte		Our Schools, Our City - Vibrancy in the Classroom
1:00pm:	Somerville by Design: Winter Hill Visioning	12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	1:30pm:	SomerViva em Portugues	6:00pm:	SHS Boys’ Soccer v Masconomet - 10/3
2:00pm:	Connecting Communities – Fire Safety	2:00pm:	Voices of Somerville	2:00pm:	Talking Business	8:00pm:	SHS Girls Soccer v Cambridge -9/3
2:30pm	Highlander Forum	7:00pm:	Senior Circuit	7:00pm:	Senior Circuit	10:00pm:	SHS Girls Soccer v Lynn - 9/8
6:30pm:	Connecting Communities – Fire Safety	7:30pm:	Keep Moving: Exercises for Older Adults	7:30pm:	Keep Moving: Exercises for Older Adults	Monday, October 27	
7:00pm:	Board of Aldermen Meeting - LIVE	8:00pm:	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	8:00pm:	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	12:00am:	SHS Girls Soccer v Medford - 9/15
Friday, October 24				8:30pm:	Board of Aldermen Meeting – REPLAY OF 10.23.14	2:00am:	Connecting Communities -Fire Safety
12:00am:	Highlander Forum	Monday, October 27				2:30am:	Our Schools, Our City -
12:30am:	Voices of Somerville	12:00am:	Senior Circuit			9:00am:	SHS Boys Soccer v Madison Park - 10/22
1:00am:	What the Fluff? ‘14	12:30am:	Keep Moving: Exercises for Older Adults			11:00am:	SHS Boys’ Soccer v Dracut - 10/9
1:15am:	Talking Business	1:00am:	Board of Aldermen Meeting – REPLAY OF 10.23.14			1:00pm:	SHS Girls’ Soccer v Methuen - 10/6
2:00am:	Connecting Communities – Fire Safety					3:00pm:	Highlander Forum - Student Leadership
9:00am:	Voices of Somerville	9:00am:	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte			4:00pm:	Our Schools, Our City -
9:30am:	HONK! Festival	12:00pm:	Board of Aldermen Meeting – REPLAY OF 10.23.14			5:00pm:	SHS Football v Durfee HS - 10/11
12:00pm:	SomerStreets: Monster Mashed Up					8:00pm:	SHS Boys Soccer v Peabody - 10/27
12:30pm:	Veterans in the ‘Ville	3:30pm:	Highlander Forum			10:00pm:	Highlander Forum - Student Leadership
1:00pm:	Highlander Forum	6:00pm:	Voices of Somerville			Tuesday, October 28	
1:30pm:	SomerViva en Espanol	7:00pm:	What the Fluff? ‘14			12:00am:	SHS Boys Soccer v Peabody - 10/27
2:00pm:	State Auditor Child Obesity	7:15pm:	SomerViva: Haitian Creole			2:00am:	SHS Football v Medford - 10/24
	Performance Audit	7:30pm:	Somerville by Design: Winter Hill Visioning			9:00am:	SHS Boys Soccer v Medford - 10/15
6:30pm:	SomerViva en Espanol	8:30pm:	Domestic Violence Vigil			11:00am:	Connecting Communities -Fire Safety
7:00pm:	Keep Moving: Exercises for Older Adults	9:15pm:	Highlander Forum			12:00pm:	SHS Boys’ Soccer v Masconomet - 10/3
7:30pm:	Veterans in the ‘Ville	9:45pm:	Project STAR ‘14			2:00pm:	SHS Girls’ Soccer v Methuen - 10/6
8:00pm:	SomerStreets: Monster Mashed Up	Tuesday, October 28				4:00pm:	Highlander Forum - Student Leadership
8:30pm:	SomerViva en Espanol	12:00am:	Voices of Somerville			5:00pm:	Connecting Communities -Fire Safety
9:00pm:	Congressional Update	12:30am:	What the Fluff? ‘14			6:00pm:	SHS Football v Medford - 10/24
9:30pm:	State Auditor Child Obesity	12:45am:	SomerViva: Haitian Creole			9:00pm:	SHS Boys Soccer v Medford - 10/15
	Performance Audit	1:00am:	State Auditor Child Obesity			11:00pm:	Connecting Communities -Fire Safety
Saturday, October 25				4:00pm:	SHS Football v Peabody - 9/19	12:00am:	SHS Boys’ Soccer v Masconomet - 10/3
12:00am:	SomerViva em Portugues	2:00am:	Domestic Violence Vigil	6:00pm:	Our Schools, Our City -	2:00am:	SHS Girls’ Soccer v Methuen - 10/6
12:30am:	Veterans in the ‘Ville					4:00am:	Chris Herren Speaks to SHS
1:00am:	SomerStreets: Monster Mashed Up						
1:30am:	Congressional Update						
2:00am:	State Auditor Child Obesity						
	Performance Audit						



OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Parting Words from Somerville writer Nora Piehl



I am including this interview with Nora Piehl because I am participating in the Boston Book Festival this month, and she is the Communications Director of the said festival and a former Somerville resident. Here is a description of the panel I am going to host:

McLean Hospital, a psychiatric hospital in Belmont, has been declared a national literary landmark because of the many creative geniuses who have been treated in its wards. This panel will discuss three noted McLean Hospital associated poets—Robert Lowell, Anne Sexton, and Sylvia Plath—through a poet's and clinician's perspective. Panelists Kathleen Spivack, author of *With Robert Lowell and His Circle*; Bob Clawson, Anne Sexton's confidante and manager of her band; Wendy Ranan, a psychotherapist and author of the poetry collection *The Quiet Room*; and Alex Beam, author of *Gracefully Insane: Life and Death Inside America's Premier Mental Hospital*, will discuss each of these poets, their experiences as patients at McLean, how their experience is reflected in their work, and how and what they managed to create with such a heavy burden of psychiatric illness. The discussion will be moderated by Doug Holder, who has facilitated poetry groups at McLean for more than three decades.

1:00PM Saturday, October 25

First Church Chapel, Berkeley & Marlborough St.

Well I am sad to report Somerville is losing a talented member of its literary community. Nora Piehl is reluctantly leaving town and moving to the suburbs with her young family. But I nabbed her for questioning before she departs these fertile grounds.

Piehl is the Director of Communications and Development for the Boston Book Festival. A former children's bookseller, Norah has also worked in the publishing industry for both university and trade publishers. She is an active writer whose essays, interviews and reviews have been published in *Publishers Weekly*, *The Horn Book*, *Brain, Child, Skirt!* magazine, *National Public Radio*, and many other publications, as well as in several print anthologies. Her short fiction has appeared in *Literary Mama*, *The Linnet's Wings*, *The Legendary*, *Printer's Devil Review*, and the anthology *Battle Runes: Writings on War*.

Doug Holder: Tell me about how you got involved with the Book Festival and bit of its history?

Nora Piehl: The Boston Book Festival is now in its sixth year. It was established in 2009 after our founding director, Deborah Porter, noticed that Boston was virtually the only major city in the world without a book festival. That first year, the organizers were expecting between three and five thousand people, and they got nearly twelve thousand attendees! Clearly the demand for this kind of programming was there, and we've continued to grow and expand ever since.

I started at the festival in 2011. I had worked in book publishing for a number of years and had also developed some experience in arts administration through some volunteer work I'd been doing. At the time, I was freelancing and not really looking for a full-time job, but when this opportunity presented itself, it seemed too perfect to turn down. It's such a small nonprofit (we have 2.5 employees) that I get to do a little bit of everything, and the job is anything but predictable or dull.

DH: Can you tell me about the highlights of this year's festival?

NP: This year we're featuring five keynote presenters. We're starting off on Thursday, October 23, with a great kickoff session featuring Herbie Hancock in conversation with Berklee president Roger Brown. Herbie has a memoir coming out in early November. On Friday the 24th Susan Minot, whose most recent novel is *Thirty Girls*, will be in conversation with young African journalist Dayo Olopade. And on Saturday the 25th

we have three featured presenters: kids' keynote Rick Riordan (author of the *Percy Jackson and the Olympians* series), noted architect Lord Norman Foster, and presidential historian Doris Kearns Goodwin. I don't know if it's a highlight exactly, but one thing people will definitely notice this year is that, due to construction at the Boston Public Library, we're unable to use any of their venues for programming. Instead, we're stepping outside of our Copley Square footprint to use venues all over Back Bay.

DH: How about your own background as a writer ... what are your ambitions?

NP: Lately I've mainly been publishing book reviews, so my biggest ambitions are to meet my deadlines most of the time! Seriously, though, I've recently stepped back from my volunteer arts administration position (see above), so I'm hoping to dedicate some of that newly-liberated free time toward writing – I've been kicking around a few essay ideas, particularly related to issues of parenthood and place, both of which are much on my mind lately.

DH: How was your stay in Somerville? You said you love the city – tell me why.

NP: I've lived in Somerville for the past four years. After living previously in some other Boston suburbs that will remain nameless, I was eager to be back in a real city, and to live on this side of the Charles for the first time. I've really come to treasure the people I've met and befriended while I've lived here, through my professional interactions, personal relationships, and activities like a writers' group I've attended periodically. I like that the neighbors on my street include educators, tradespeople, activists, musicians, and plenty of other "creative types." It's a great mix of long-time residents and newcomers – lots of families and kids, too. And I love being able to walk to everything, not just to my office in Harvard Square but also to the farmers' markets in Union or at the Armory, to my favorite restaurants and coffee shops, to the bookstore in Porter, to the cinema in Davis, etc., etc.

DH: Any great anecdotes that you can recall that you experienced during the Festival?

NP: Some of my favorite anecdotes actually happen right after the Festival, when I can see and hear what it meant to people. I remember the first year I was involved, in 2011, I was completely wiped out at the end of the Festival day – and starving, too. My boyfriend (now my husband) and I landed at the S&S in Inman. While I devoured a sandwich, I overheard a group of people at the next booth in vigorous discussion and debate – about one of the sessions they had just attended at the BBF! It really reminded me, even through my exhaustion, why the Festival is so important. It brings people together around great books and can start conversations that extend far beyond a single day.

DH: Tell me about the BBF Unbound program that has been a great success at the Festival.

NP: Yes, this has been a really great program for us. BBF Unbound started in 2012 with two sessions that were proposed to us by community groups. Both of those sessions – one on prison book and writing programs and one on writing by recent veterans – surpassed our expectations for quality and for attendee interest. So in 2013 we expanded the program to include several sessions all day, on everything from a survey of multicultural books for kids to an analysis of how the story of the Boston Marathon bombings was told in words and pictures. We love providing a way for individuals and groups to have a real voice at the Festival, and we're constantly surprised and delighted by the new topics people propose to us, most of which would never have occurred to us to develop on our own! We're accepting submissions for this year's program through July 15.

Lyrical

SOMERVILLE

edited by Doug Holder

Our feature this week: Dianne Silvestri is a physician, mother of four grown children, and stem cell bone marrow transplant recipient for acute leukemia. While tapering her careers in medicine and motherhood, she has indulged her sweet spot – poetry. She participates in Boston's PoemWorks Workshop for publishing poets. Her works have appeared or are forthcoming in *Earth's Daughters*, *The Comstock Review*, *The Pharos*, *The Somerville News*, *Evening Street Review*, *Steam Ticket*, and *Boston Literary Magazine*. Her chapbook *Necessary Sentiments* is scheduled for release soon from *Finishing Line Press*.



Buying a Pumpkin on Chemo

You are the one.
I circled the globes
on this hillock of orange
heads, moon faces like those
of us who've been taking too
much prednisone for too long.

I sidestepped calvaria
with sunken temples,
chimney crowns, glowing
perfection.

You there, passed by shoppers
who snub the nubby scar
across your forehead,
the dried abrasion
stubbled on your chin,
you are mine,
wounded vulnerable strong soul.

I will give you eyes
to find me likewise
free of hair, my face distorted,
marred. We'll celebrate
the brief season together.

— Dianne Silvestri

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