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## LEGOLAND breaks ground at Assembly Sq.



Photo by The Somerville Times Staff

Kids and grownups alike joined in the fun as the start of LEGOLAND's construction got underway.

By Jim Clark

LEGOLAND® Discovery Center Boston broke ground at Assembly Row last week, as State and local officials participated in the ceremonies heralding the commencement of construction of the family friendly entertainment venue.

A front-end loader dropped 50,000 LEGO® bricks, while Somerville Mayor Joseph Curtatone, Massachusetts Senator Patricia Jehlen, James Burleigh, Divisional Director, Midway Developments, Merlin Entertainments, and Russ Joyner, Vice President, General Manager, Federal Realty Investment Trust dug in to symbolically launch the project.

The LEGOLAND Discovery Center Boston is scheduled to open in May 2014. It will employ a staff of approximately 100 and will be one in New England to date.

“The entire Assembly Row development, and notably today the groundbreaking of LEGOLAND Discovery Center, is something that the City of Somerville and its residents have been looking forward to and will greatly enjoy,” State Senator Patricia Jehlen told those who gathered for the ceremony. “We are excited to welcome these new ventures to our city and to experience what LEGOLAND Discovery Center and the rest of the developments have to offer. Personally, my family and I are

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## History, heritage and costumes galore

By Erica Scharn

The Milk Row Cemetery was alive with action Sunday as a steady stream of attendees strolled through for *The Ghosts of Somerville: Up Close and Intimate*. Somerville High School Local History Club members and other volunteers, costumed and in character, brought history alive as they led tour participants around the city's oldest cemetery. “I appreciate this,” said a resident of Somerville’s Spring Hill. “I grew up in Somerville, never had a chance to be in here. I’m glad I finally got to come today.”

The tour of the cemetery took place October 20 as part of *Monster Mashed-Up @Somerville Streets*, which was the last in the 2013 *Somerville Streets* series. Established in 1804, Milk Row Cemetery is situated next to Demoulas Market Basket on Somerville Avenue (formerly called Milk Row). Historic Somerville, Inc. produced The 2013 *Ghosts of Somerville* in association with the Somerville Museum and the Somerville Historic Preservation Commission. For the second year, students

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Photo by Erica Scharn

Visitors to the historic Milk Row Cemetery got an up close and personal look at life, and death, as it once was.

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Candidate for Alderman in Ward One Matt McLaughlin is having a rally tonight, Wednesday, October 23 at the Mt. Vernon Restaurant, lower Broadway, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Join Mayor Joe Curtatone, current Ward One Alderman Maureen Bastardi, incumbent Ward Six alderman Rebekah Gwirtz and many more as they make the final push to elect Matt McLaughlin for Ward One Alderman. Matt surprised everyone in Ward One with his more than easy win in the recent primary elections. He faces candidate Elio LoRusso on November 5, Election Day.

This Saturday night, October 26, from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Somerville Veterans Memorial Skating Rink on Somerville Avenue, the 2nd Annual LGBT Halloween Skate Night will take place. All ages are welcome. Costume prizes will be awarded. \$10 covers admission, and skate rental is free. From those that attended last year's event, the word is they really enjoyed themselves. Everyone is welcomed to come and have fun.

A fundraiser will be held this Saturday night for Patricia (Tricia) McCollem Pimentel at the Somerville City Club. As many people may or may not know, Tricia is fighting Breast Cancer for the third time. Her family and friends will be hosting a fundraiser to help her and her family with financial obligations and medical expenses. 500 tickets will be sold in advance at \$20. These tickets will automatically be entered in a raffle where 50% goes to Tricia and 50% is divided in to prizes as follows: (2) \$1,000 and (6) \$500 prizes. You don't need to be present to win. If tickets are not purchased in advance there is a \$10 admission fee. Tickets purchased at the door will not be added to the raffle. There will be food, music and several different raffles. The organizer hopes to see as many faces as possible at an event aimed at supporting such a strong woman. If you or anyone you may know would like to donate anything for the event please contact Michelle DaSilva at michelledasilva720@hotmail.com.

Last week we mentioned a rumor flying around about a disturbance down at the Police Station with one of the officers. Well, this week we heard more about the

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Comments of the Week

Response to *Return of the red carpet in Union Square*

Mememe says:  
Where are your property taxes going? To pay someone to paint about art trends and perceptions. Great...

S. Politis says:  
What kind of ignorant comment is that? Property taxes do not fund the arts council. Do your research. In addition, if you don't understand the importance of the arts in society, stop buying clothing, cars, gifts, etc...because those are created by ARTISTS.

Mememe says:  
Per the FY14 budget line itmes  
Personal Services :\$223,883  
Ordinary Maintenance: \$111,000  
General Fund Expenditure: \$334,883  
So the city took \$334,883 from its taxpayers and spent it on these Art Council items. That is just what is on budget, their site is down, but they also had funding from other gov't sources, not to mention police and saftey funding.  
I fully support and understand the importance of arts in society, but when art is funded by gov't it is not art, it becomes propaganda. And this is at the same time that the mayor is yelling that there is not enough money for schools, cops and fire depts.

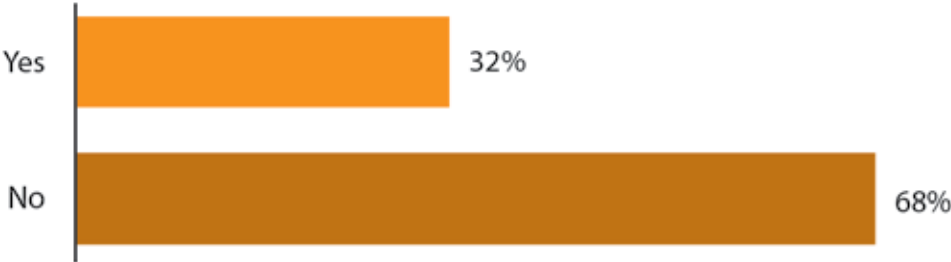
Christine Dorchak says:  
How wonderful to the ever budding artistry of Danielle Festa appear before our eyes in yet another creative exhibition. She gives so much to the world through her wonderful talents. It is my honor to work with her each week at our non-profit office in Arlington. Read more about Danielle at grey2kusa.org/who/office  
Brava!

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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 relieved Mayor Curtatone decided not to run for Governor in 2014 and remain the Mayor of Somerville. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com.

Are you relieved Mayor Curtatone decided not to run for Governor in 2014 and remain the Mayor of Somerville?



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# Marble maze madness with Somerville mathematics group

By Harry Kane

In an annual event held by the Somerville Mathematics Fund, high school students designed and built marble maze mechanisms out of various “junk” materials to create what’s known as a Rube Golderberg machine. You may recall a famous instance of one of these contraptions in the beginning of the film, *Back to the Future*. The Rube Goldberg machine achieves a simple undertaking, such as the delivery of a marble, and transforms the process into a complex, over-engineered invention.

But in this marble maze of madness, students were only given a select number of items to use in the building of their contraption. Their materials included pieces of paper, foam core,

lots of string and tape.

The savvy students were given their challenge: to design and build a marble maze which would go between the far corners of two side-by-side banquet tables at a rigidly held distance of two feet apart.

The student drops the marble, 4-feet above the table at one end, and the marble makes its way to the finish, explained Erica Voolich, president of the Somerville Mathematics Fund.

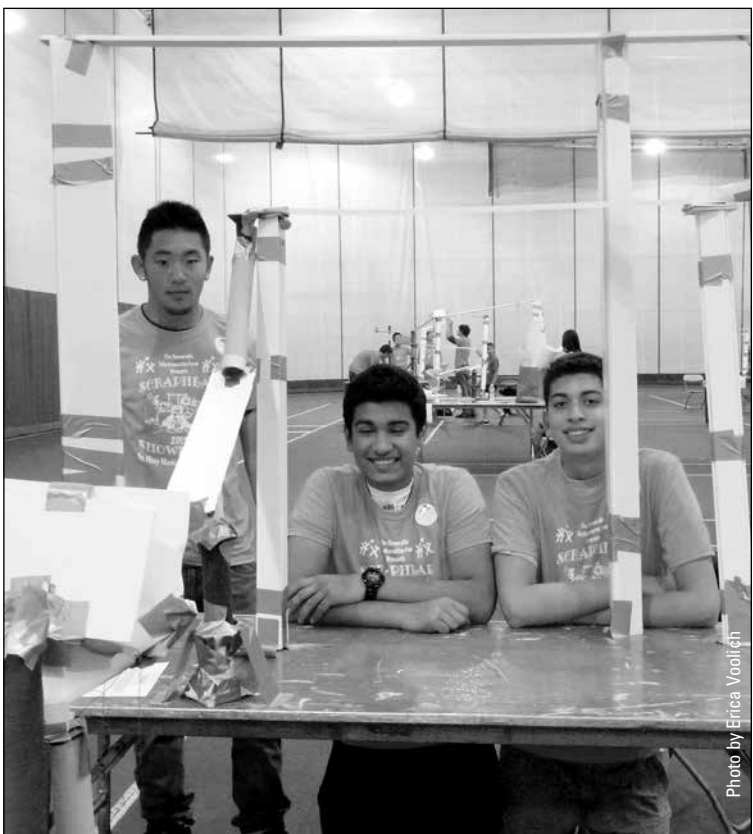
On Oct. 20, nine teams comprised of three high school students each, gathered in Gantcher Gym at Tufts University to compete in the ninth annual Scrapheap Showdown.

Students couldn’t simply construct a ramp from one end to the other because that wouldn’t get them any points. The point

system gave credit for creativity of designing obstacles and tricks for their marbles’ pathways. The teams worked intensely, building, testing and adjusting their mazes.

If your marble, for example, jumps between tables, you get points for that, explained Voolich. If your marble starts another process or marble going, you get points for that, too. All the various things your marble can do between when you started and when you ended is how you get the extra points. You also get points depending on how long it takes for your marble to get from start to finish.

“There wasn’t anything for them to do to prepare,” said Voolich. The kids do not know ahead of time what the challenge is going to be. “Every year we



The winning team “Back to Basics” – Elliot Rippe, Arjun Singh, and Daniel Portillo.

have a scrapheap challenge, and the kids find out about what the challenge is when they arrive.”

Each year the Board of the Somerville Mathematics Fund comes up with a challenge. The Board actually has to try the challenge ahead of time to make sure it works, explained Voolich. “It’s in doing the challenge ourselves each year that we then refine the rules so that we know how to score the various projects.”

The Somerville Mathematics Fund is an affiliate of Dollars for Scholars. They were

chartered in 2000 to celebrate and encourage mathematics achievement in Somerville.

A variety of community volunteers sit on the Board of the Somerville Mathematics Fund. The Board consists of a mathematician from Tufts, a former scholarship winner, a college senior at Harvard, an astrophysicist, and a computer scientist just to name a few, explained Voolich. But the main person that spearheads the challenge for the high school kids is Richard Graf, an architect who specializes in

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## LEGAL NOTICE

### CITY ELECTION CITY OF SOMERVILLE



#### OFFICE OF BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

##### Ordered:

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;

##### In Board of Aldermen

##### WARD ONE

Precinct 1. A room in the MICHAEL E CAPUANO SCHOOL, 150 Glen Street;  
Precinct 2. A room in the EAST SOMERVILLE BRANCH LIBRARY, 115 Broadway;  
Precinct 3. A room in the REILLY-BRICKLEY FIRE STATION, 266 Broadway;

##### 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. A room in the CUMMINGS SCHOOL, 42 Prescott Street;  
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 REILLY-BRICKLEY FIRE STATION, 266 Broadway;  
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;

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Precinct 1. A room in the JOHN F KENNEDY SCHOOL, 5 Cherry St. - Sartwell Ave Entrance;  
Precinct 2. A room in the CIAMPA MANOR, 27 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. ENGINE 6 TEELE SQUARE FIRE STATION, 6 Newbury Street;  
Precinct 3. VNA ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY, 405 Alewife Brook Parkway;

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# THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

## You can always tell from the smell

A police officer working a routine traffic detail on Mystic Ave. last Saturday stopped a car that had reportedly been traveling at 45 mph in a 30 mph zone.

As the officer spoke to the driver, he believed that he detected a strong odor of unburned marijuana coming from the interior of the vehicle.

The officer then asked the driver for his driver's license and registration, and then added, "And hand over the Marijuana you have."

The driver reportedly looked over to the passenger beside him, Horacio Moniz, 38, and Moniz handed over a bag containing what the officer believed was approximately an ounce marijuana.

When asked if that was all of the marijuana he had, Moniz reportedly told the officer, "Yes."

The officer walked to the passenger side of the car and reportedly spotted what appeared to be an additional bag of marijuana on Moniz's right, police said.

The officer then radioed for backup, and once additional officers arrived Moniz, the driver, and an additional passenger were searched.

The other bag the officer had spotted was retrieved and a small amount of marijuana was found in Moniz's pocket, wrapped in plastic, which the officer felt was consistent with packaging marijuana for sale.

Moniz was placed under arrest and charged with drug possession to distribute and possession of a class D drug.

## Hungry cabbie didn't catch a break

While serving as the Street Commander at the SomerStreets event last Sunday, a uniformed officer observed a taxi pass through a road barrier that was clearly marked "ROAD CLOSED" in the middle of School St.

The officer stopped the taxi and asked the operator, Syed Kasmi, 47, of Nashua, NH, why he had chosen to ignore the road closure barrier and warning.

Kasmi told the officer that he was hungry and needed to park somewhere so he could get something to eat, according to reports.

The officer said that Kasmi became argumentative with him, and when directed to park his vehicle at a designated spot, where a citation would be written, the cabbie reportedly accelerated away from the area.

The officer gave chase on his bicycle and, because of the heavy traffic, was able to catch up with Kasmi near the intersection of Summer Street and Central Street.

When ordered to pull over, Kasmi reportedly refused at first but eventually complied, while the officer was thrown from his bicycle in the process.

The officer ordered Kasmi out of the taxi and he was placed under arrest, charged with failure to stop or yield.

Because Kasmi had parked his cab in a handicap parking place it was towed away and impounded.

## A knife and an argument just don't mix

Police officers became involved in breaking up a fight at Foss Park last Thursday morning, after receiving reports of the disturbance in progress.

The incident reportedly developed as three males who were walking through the park became the targets of threats and harassment by 3-4 other males who were following them.

One of the suspects, Edwin Torres, 30, of Lynn, allegedly punched one of the victims in the back of the head and brandished a knife, according to the victim's report to police.

It was when a police officer happened onto the scene that Torres threw his knife into the grass and began to walk away, the victim reportedly said.

The officer said that he observed the suspects following the victims, but that he did not actually see a knife in Torres' possession.

The officer's attempt to stop Torres for questioning led to a struggle between himself and the suspect, as the officer attempted to bring Torres to the ground.

A subsequent search in the area that the victim indicated did turn up a knife, as reported by the victim.

Torres reportedly told police that the alleged victims were exaggerating their claims, and that there was only a little shouting and shoving, and he denied owning the knife that was found.

Police determined that there was probable cause to place Torres under arrest for assault and battery and assault with a dangerous weapon.

Crime Tip Hotline: 617-776-7210

### SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

**Arildo Oliveira**, 45, of 121 Vane St., Revere, October 14, 12:55 a.m., arrested at 608 Somerville Ave. on a charge of assault and battery.

**John Wrobel**, 51, of 64 Union Sq., October 15, 12:42 p.m., arrested at Fenwick St. on warrant charges of felony nighttime breaking and entering and municipal by-law or ordinance violation.

**John Graham**, 29, of 4 Norwood Ave., October 15, 8:10 p.m., arrested at 147 Pearl St. on a warrant charge of felony nighttime breaking and entering.

**Tyson Valcourt**, 19, of 10 Memorial Rd., October 16, 5:37 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery.

**Jason Furr**, 30, of 47 Lopez St., Cambridge, October 17, 8:16 a.m., arrested at Buena Vista Rd. on a warrant charge of assault and battery.

**Edwin Torres**, 30, of 498 Chestnut St., Lynn, October 17, 9:45 a.m., arrested at 219 Broadway on charges of assault and battery and assault with a dangerous weapon.

A **juvenile**, October 17, 5:41 p.m., arrested at 7 Mortimer Pl. on multiple warrant charges of misdemeanor breaking and entering.

**Horacio Moniz**, 38, of 25 McArthur St., October 19, 5:13 p.m., arrested at Butler Dr. on charges of drug possession to distribute and possession of a class D drug.

**Dirie Adan**, 20, of 20 Ware St., Cambridge, October 20, 12:47 a.m., arrested at 1 Lower Campus Rd. on charges of trespassing and disorderly conduct.

**Zaccaria Adan**, 21, of 20 Ware St., Cambridge, October 20, 12:47 a.m., arrested at 1 Lower Campus Rd. on charges of trespassing and disorderly conduct.

**Isadora Neves**, 18, of 182 Main St., Everett, October 20, 3:11 p.m., arrested at Canal La. on a charge of assault and battery.

**Syed Kasmi**, 47, of 109C Allds St., Nashua, NH, October 20, 5:13 p.m., arrested at 137 Summer St. on a charge of failure to stop or yield.

**Incidents:**

**Theft:**

October 15, 11:42 a.m., police reported a theft at Joy St.

October 15, 12:31 p.m., police reported a theft at Langmaid Ave.

October 15, 5:41 p.m., police reported a theft at 622 Somerville Ave.

October 15, 7:40 p.m., police reported a theft at Washington St.

October 16, 1:52 p.m., police reported a theft at Highland Rd.

October 17, 8:56 a.m., police reported a theft at Walnut St.

October 17, 3:08 p.m., police reported a theft at 1 Davis Sq.

October 18, 8:29 a.m., police reported a theft at Holland St.

October 18, 4:15 p.m., police reported a theft at Powder House Blvd.

October 19, 11:55 p.m., police reported a theft at 180 Somerville Ave.

October 20, 3:06 a.m., police reported a theft at Holland St.

**Breaking & Entering:**

October 18, 7:50 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Grant St.

October 20, 4:08 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Pearl St.

October 20, 5:08 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Bromfield Rd.

**Vehicle Theft:**

October 19, 3:02 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Linwood St.

October 20, 6:01 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Cross St.

**Assault:**

October 16, 5:37 p.m., police reported an assault at Memorial Rd.

October 17, 9:45 a.m., police reported an assault at 219 Broadway.

October 20, 3:11 p.m., police reported an assault at Canal La.

**Drug Violation:**

October 19, 5:13 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Butler Dr.

# Meet the Candidates: Board of Alderman

*The candidates for Board of Alderman were each asked four questions and invited to describe themselves and their vision for how best to serve their ward. Their responses are presented here in alphabetical order, based on their last names, ward by ward. Ward 4 candidate Tony Lafuente did not submit answers in time for publication.*

## The questions:

1. How do you see the role of the Ward Alderman?
2. What do you feel is the most important issue facing your Ward?
3. What are your thoughts on all the new or changing developments being built in your Ward?
4. Start up businesses now face a lot of obstacles in opening. How do you see your role in cutting the so called red tape to make it easier for new businesses with less local government interference?



**Elio LoRusso**  
**Ward 1**

**Answer 1:** The role of the Ward Alderman is to both represent and inform the residents of his or her ward about what is happening in City Hall and in the neighborhoods.

It's also to provide checks and balances to the Administration. Ward Alderman should never be a rubber stamp for the Mayor. My opponent has the support of the political machine. I'm the Independent candidate for Alderman in Ward 1.

**Answer 2:** Rats: There is a serious Rodent problem in Ward 1. They are everywhere – in our yards, on our sidewalks, even in our kid's playgrounds. This is a public health issue that needs to be addressed. The administration isn't interested in new ideas – they have given up on this issue. It will take an Independent voice working with other independent Aldermen to push the city to take this issue seriously. See my plan at [eliolorusso.com/rodents](http://eliolorusso.com/rodents).

**Answer 3:** I'm in favor of smart development, especially commer-

cial development that increases our tax base. Much of the residential development being pushed by the administration however, such as Highland Auto and Stop & Shop is wrong for the neighborhood. I've consistently been against it – even though it's cost me politically. This is another reason why it's important we have an independent Alderman who is willing to stand up to Mayor when he is wrong.

**Answer 4:** As a small business owner in Ward 1, I understand the difficulties people have with red tape. I'd like to streamline the planning process to make it easier for small businesses to open and thrive in our community. As the only independent candidate running for Alderman in Ward 1, I will be able to work with like-minded Aldermen to make this a reality.

**Bio:** Elio's story is shared by so many who call Somerville home. The son of immigrants, Elio was born in East Somerville and has lived in Ward 1 all his life. From his parents, he learned the values of hard work and community. He attended Little Flower School and Malden Catholic High School.

After graduating from Suffolk University, Elio went to work for the Somerville small business his father founded - Somerville Ornamental Iron Work. Learning the trade from his father, Elio eventually took the business over, and in the 16 years he has worked there, it has grown into a leader in the industry and now has eight full-time employees.

He lives on George St with his wife Juscelia and 4-year old daughter, Maria Gabriella.

Elio is running to be Ward 1 Alderman because he has the experience, independence and relationships to deliver solid leadership for our neighborhoods. These are important times for our city and ward. There are many exciting things are happening in East Somerville - from the Assembly Square development to the re-vamping of East Broadway – and East Somerville needs a strong voice who will stand up for residents during these times. Elio knows it's the people who live in our city that make Somerville special - not the politicians. As your Alderman, Elio will never be a rubber stamp for any administration. He will represent the residents of Ward 1.

To learn more about Elio and his campaign, visit <http://www.eliolorusso.com>



**Matthew C. McLaughlin**  
**Ward 1**

**Answer 1:** A ward alderman must be attentive to the needs of the

community for everyday services like trash disposal, snow plowing and being a conduit to government services. Another important aspect is that of community representative. I believe I best represent East Somerville and its diverse array of constituents.

**Answer 2:** The two issues I hear regularly are rats and parking. Both may potentially force people out of the community, which is something I have fought against for years. We need to combat the rat problem with all available resources and ensure that overdevelopment doesn't make parking impossible.

**Answer 3:** Development in East Somerville represents a tremendous potential for growth, but may also take away the things we love about

Somerville. I support developments in Assembly Square and Inner Belt Road and strongly support local hire citywide. I also fight to maintain parking and ensure developments fit the community.

**Answer 4:** The primary role of an alderman is to ensure their neighborhood is safe and clean, not only for residents but for potential new businesses. This is the best way to promote small businesses. The Lower Broadway overhaul will make local businesses more appealing to small businesses. This is a far more practical and realistic way an alderman can help business that will also help the community.

**Bio:** Matthew McLaughlin was born and raised in Somerville, graduating from Somerville High in

2000. He has been involved in the community since he was a teenager and has a long track record as a servant to the people. He enlisted in the Army in 2003, serving two tours in Iraq and attaining the rank of Sergeant. While still in the Army, he co-founded Save Our Somerville, a community group promoting youth services, local jobs, open space development, affordable housing and empowerment of working people. Matt graduated from Tufts University this spring with a degree in political science. Matt will represent the diverse array of interests in East Somerville and will bring the passion, energy and proven leadership he has provided Somerville for years.

I am seeking to represent East

Somerville because I can best represent the ward. If elected, I would be the only veteran serving on the board of alderman. East Somerville is also one of the last remnants of old Somerville as well as immigrant Somerville and also has a bright new future ahead of it. I want to strike a balance between the two, something that has not happened everywhere in Somerville. I believe my track record proves my level of commitment to Somerville and the people in it. A good imagination is not required to envision how I would be as alderman. I encourage everyone to learn more about me. You will find I am the candidate most committed to helping people in Somerville. [www.mattmclaughlin.org](http://www.mattmclaughlin.org)



**Maryann M. Heuston**  
**Ward 2**

**Answer 1:** I see this role as that of an advocate for basic quality of life issues for residents, insuring that needs are met and problems addressed, as well as one which navigates the larger spectrum of issues such as housing, jobs, infrastructure improvements and commercial development collab-

oratively at the city level. I believe we can embrace the future while retaining what is important and precious to all who live in the City by truly evaluating each issue and opportunity and staying ahead of the curve by defining neighborhoods and what will keep them intact.

**Answer 2:** 1. Preserve and respect neighborhoods- I will request a resident-driven planning and visioning process that will identify unique residential neighborhoods and identify the impact of zoning and development on those neighborhoods, and recommend changes to preserve what's important to residents. 2. Continued focus on flooding and drainage-This is a quality of life issue which affects many W 2 residents-I will request an expansion of the short term work already underway in the Washington/Dane street area and request that the City articulate a long term financial and structural commitment toward res-

olution of this issue.

**Answer 3:** Each development has its own benefits and unique set of challenges. Overall, as each is evaluated, impact on neighborhoods becomes very important. I have seen both old and new zoning impact a neighborhood adversely- so the answer is not necessarily to retain old zoning or to recommend new but, to make sure that any project sufficiently addresses the concerns of a neighborhood while making a positive impact on the overall vision of an area and contributes to the future vision of the City. In addition, since the only relief for the residential tax burden is to expand the commercial tax base, there should be a concerted effort to maximize that type of development.

**Answer 4:** Ward 2 has recently seen some new businesses spring up especially related to the food industry. From my perspective there needs to be a better coordination of all of

the required inspections and sign off which are very important, but which need to be coordinated and scheduled in a much more efficient way. We must also recognize that we may need additional staff to handle the volume of business coming our way and evaluate the demand in relation to the resources. Complaints I have encountered are related to lack of coordination and a clear pathway to an efficient outcome.

**Bio:** I am a lifelong resident of Somerville and grew up on Beacon Street in a working class family, attended UMass Boston, and was only able to pursue a Master's degree in Sociology at BU with the help of a research grant from NIMH.

As the Ward 2 Alderman I have worked hard on open space issues-one of my first acts was to transform a concrete island on Concord Ave to a green oasis- followed by a new Perry Park, Palmacci Park and two Community gardens. My first challenge as

an Alderman was to petition the State to reject the plans for the Argenziano School because it cut off a significant view and portion of open space to Lincoln Park residents and that fight was won. I led a Committee of the Board of Aldermen which took on the rodent issue in the city, a problem I was unafraid to make public, resulting in a new trash ordinance and I have recently been asked to revive that Committee to continue the work. More recently I have lobbied the City to come up with short and long term solution to the century old problem of flooding in Ward 2 and that was the motivation for my work on the pervious surface ordinance passed a few years ago. The elimination of the Waste Transfer station at Brickbottom was a priority that was accomplished to open Ward 2 up to new vistas and a better quality of life experience for Brickbottom residents. [www.facebook.com/HeustonforWard2](http://www.facebook.com/HeustonforWard2)

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# Meet the Candidates: Board of Alderman

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## The questions:

- 1. How do you see the role of the Ward Alderman?
- 2. What do you feel is the most important issue facing your Ward?
- 3. What are your thoughts on all the new or changing developments being built in your Ward?
- 4. Start up businesses now face a lot of obstacles in opening. How do you see your role in cutting the so called red tape to make it easier for new businesses with less local government interference?



Suzanne W. Bremer  
Ward 3

**Answer 1:** The role of the Ward Alderman is to represent the people of the Ward and see to it that city services are provided to residents and their concerns addressed. This is best done by listening, providing information, and leading the process that arrives at thoughtful, workable

solutions to the issues confronting both the Ward and the city.

**Answer 2:** The most pressing issue facing Ward 3 is how do we balance our quality of life with the changes that are coming to Somerville? We need to improve pedestrian safety in Union Square, and calm traffic on our narrow, residential streets. To preserve the diversity of our community, we need to provide housing options for folks of limited means, and for families with children. We need to create an environment that supports locally owned, independent businesses so that locally spent dollars stay in the local economy. We need to continue to invest in our schools so our children can succeed. In the face of climate change, we need to create more green space and tree cover. And we need to do this while preparing for the changes being brought by the Green Line Extension.

**Answer 3:** Future development

must fit into the fabric of existing neighborhoods. Development means different things in different parts of the Ward. In Union Square, discussions have focused on building height (55 feet vs. 45 feet) along Washington Street and Somerville Avenue. Historically, the buildings in Union Square were four stories tall, so today, allowing buildings of 45 feet would match the size and scale of the Square. On Spring Hill residents are concerned about shoehorning the maximum number of condominiums into backyards. Neighborhoods with trees and yards should be developed in ways that include trees and yards.

**Answer 4:** As Alderman, I will be a strong advocate for economic development. To fulfill the promise of SomerVision, we need to create 30,000 new jobs over the next 25 years. Attracting these jobs requires a consistent, sophisticated approach that spells out the advantages of

locating a business here – the deep and broad talents of our residents, proximity to the “idea factories” of near-by research universities, our transportation infrastructure, and a city government with a clear of rules and regulations, policies and procedures and a willingness to work with businesses so that we all benefit.

**Bio:** I’m running for alderman because Somerville is changing, and for Somerville to be an even better place to live, and remain the place we love, we need a strong, independent voice at City Hall. I want that voice to be our voice. I want our voice to determine the changes coming to our city.

I’m a mom. My wife Jane and I have lived in Somerville for more than 20 years, and we’re proud to be raising our two children here. In this time, I’ve come to love Union Square, the Prospect Hill monument and the dynamic energy of our city.

We’re at a critical moment in our

history, and we need to get it right. Future development must fit into the fabric of existing neighborhoods. We need to improve pedestrian safety in Union Square, and work to make sure that traffic doesn’t further clog our narrow, residential streets. We must attract businesses that work for us and want us to work for them. We need housing for people of modest means, and for families with children. We need to lead the charge on change, and not let the change lead us.

I’m a librarian. And as your ward alderman I will do what librarians always do – listen to questions, understand the concerns behind the question, gather information and present it in a way that we can arrive at thoughtful, sustainable solutions to the challenges that lie ahead. Together, we will build a better Somerville. [www.Suzanne-forSomerville.org](http://www.Suzanne-forSomerville.org)



Robert J. McWatters  
Ward 3

**Answer 1:** A Ward Alderman is the elected representative of the voters in that ward and, as such, has a duty to ensure that every voice is

heard. He or she has an obligation to be accessible to constituents, to listen to their concerns and to act in a manner that will achieve the best result possible for the Ward and the City of Somerville.

**Answer 2:** Presently, our ward and city are being negatively impacted by multiple public safety issues, specifically, the escalating rodent problem and recent outbreak of fires, 4 of which have been ruled as arson. Public Safety is always an important issue and my job, as an Alderman, would be to provide our public safety personnel with the resources needed to combat both of these problems, leaving no stone un-turned, so that our citizens and visitors are safe.

**Answer 3:** Somerville is a community “on the move”, making new de-

velopment inevitable. Having said that, development that grows the commercial tax base and provides some much needed tax relief for the city’s property owners, should be encouraged. A reasonable, stable tax rate would hopefully benefit Somerville’s non-property owners as well by keeping rents at an affordable level, making more of workers’ take home pay available to them.

**Answer 4:** If Somerville is going to successfully expand its commercial tax base, it needs to be business friendly. Just as the City Charter undergoes periodic reviews to keep it compatible with the times, so too should our business ordinances and permitting processes be reviewed to modify or eliminate outdated regulations and to make the entire permitting and licensing

processes less cumbersome.

**Bio:** I was born and raised in Somerville, living most of my life in Ward 3. I have a great love for the city and our neighborhoods and I have served on the Advisory Panel for the Little Sisters of the Poor for the past 12 years. I have a Bachelor’s Degree in Political Science from the University of Massachusetts and a Master’s Degree in Public Administration from Northeastern University. For the past 28 years, I have been a Probation Officer with the Massachusetts Trial Courts, working closely with various Police and Justice Departments. For the past 18 years, I have also served as the Clerk of Committees to the Somerville Board of Aldermen, under 3 City Administrations. That position

afforded me a unique perspective from which to observe the workings of our local government. Being present for countless discussions, presentations, debates and 18 years of the city’s fiscal budget hearings has prepared me to represent the residents of Ward 3. I believe that every resident has a voice in how government should operate and I will work to ensure that all sides of an issue are heard and evaluated, to achieve the best result possible for the Ward and the City of Somerville. I will be accessible to the residents and will work to keep Somerville moving forward by supporting job creation and responsible development - acting in a manner that is fiscally conservative to protect the taxpayers. [www.bob-mcwatters.com](http://www.bob-mcwatters.com)



Mark Niedergang  
Ward 5

**Answer 1:** A ward alderman’s role is to:

- Work closely with residents and city government to ensure constituents receive effective city services -- promptly, courteously, efficiently and fairly.
- Serve as a watchdog, ensuring that city government is competent,

honest, fair, transparent and cost effective.

- Serve as a legislator, shaping city laws, zoning and policy.
- Oversee the city’s budget and make sure that taxpayers’ money is spent wisely and efficiently.

**Answer 2:** The most pressing issue is the rat problem and constituent concerns such as parking, permits, streets, trees. The most important issue is real estate development. I will put the residents of Ward 5 first. I will work to protect our neighborhoods, revise the zoning code, and build more affordable housing to preserve Somerville’s character and diversity. I will advocate for commercial development that brings increased tax revenue and local jobs that pay a living wage.

**Answer 3:** Development must be good for Ward 5 residents and Somerville. Our three greatest development challenges are protecting our neighborhoods; expand-

ing our commercial property tax base; and more affordable housing. High-priced condos now dominate Somerville development. Commercial projects that bring significant tax revenue and living-wage jobs are rare. The results: a high tax burden on homeowners and displacement of long-term residents. I oppose outsized developments that negatively impact neighborhoods. I welcome commercial developments in appropriate locations.

**Answer 4:** Unnecessary and often uncoordinated bureaucratic requirements are constraining Somerville’s economic development, especially of small businesses. I will work with the Mayor to convene a commission of residents, business owners, business community leaders, Aldermen, Inspectional Services and the Mayor’s Office to:

- Review, step-by-step, every municipal requirement to start a business in Somerville.
- Make recommendations to con-

solidate, streamline, and where appropriate, eliminate those requirements.

- Monitor implementation of the recommendations.

**Bio:** Mark Niedergang has served eight years and been elected four times to represent Ward 5 on the Somerville School Committee. He’s made significant improvements in our public schools. In the 1990s, he worked in the Somerville Police Department and Mayor’s Office of Human Services under Mayor Michael Capuano. Mark raised over \$1 million to implement community policing.

Mark works as a project manager, planner and fundraiser for non-profit organizations, helping them achieve their goals. Currently he is Project Manager for the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Center of Excellence, a Brandeis University research center funded by the U.S. Bureau of Justice Assistance. He has a B.A. from

Tufts and a Masters in International Relations from Johns Hopkins University.

“Our city is changing, and we must shape that change to build the community we want. If I am elected, I will work hard to provide excellent constituent services to Ward 5 residents; protect and strengthen our neighborhoods; manage development wisely; preserve Somerville’s character and diversity; enrich our environment; extend the Green Line and the Community Path; keep more families in Somerville; and make city government fair, honest and open.”

Mark has lived in Somerville for 30 years. His family lives in and owns a two-family house on Conwell Street. His wife, Marya, is the Director of the New England Jewish Labor Committee. Their daughter Rae graduated Somerville High in 2010 and attends Tufts University. For more information: [www.Mark-Niedergang.com](http://www.Mark-Niedergang.com)



**Courtney K. O'Keefe**  
**Ward 5**

**Answer 1:** I see the role as connecting City Hall to the residents and vice versa. I see it this way because our residents deserve great services from our City and our City can benefit from the ideas and suggestions of

the residents. By making the connection to City Hall a two-way street, residents feel empowered and know that they make a difference in the place they choose to live.

**Answer 2:** Without question-development! Somerville is turning in to a Real Estate heaven for developers, but we have to ensure that there is a harmony between smart, neighborhood-friendly changes and maintaining a strong commercial tax base. I would like to see extensive research conducted, including cost and revenue loss projections to the City, being a mandatory part of submitted proposals and community meetings, as well as, being taken into consideration during the approval process.

**Answer 3:** I am concerned about the shift from commercial tax generating businesses to residential. Unfortunately, more businesses are following suit leaving neighbors to

live through the inconvenience and disruption that construction causes. On the other hand, I am excited about the rejuvenation of Magoun Square and the beginning of the Community Path Extension to Lowell Street. These have brought an amazing energy to residents who love the quality of life improvements both of these projects offer.

**Answer 4:** A good starting point is to research processes of neighboring cities. Are they doing something we can do better? Do they have a process that could work here? Next, I would meet with the owners of recently-opened businesses and gather their suggestions on how Somerville can improve. Lastly, I would work with Department Heads to create a predictable, working document that guides entrepreneurs through the journey of making Somerville the home for their business.

**Bio:** As a lifelong resident of Ward 5, I have had the honor of being involved in my community. For the past decade, I have advocated for increased economic vitality for our business districts, safer neighborhoods, fairer city Traffic and Parking policies, thoughtful development and the extension of the Green Line and the Community Path. I have spoken out against frivolous spending, increases in fees and fines and the outsourcing of our school custodians. I have supported local and Union hiring initiatives and voted for increased spending for our Fire and Police Departments and our Schools.

Although, I understand the importance of fighting for working class families as an individual, I also know the benefit of serving on boards and committees with other residents, ensuring that all members of our

community have a voice at City Hall. I have served on the Human Rights Commission, the Zoning Advisory Committee and the Board of Advisors for the Cambridge and Somerville Program for Alcoholism and Drug Rehabilitation.

This past April, I entered the Aldermanic Chambers as the Ward 5 representative with my roots planted firmly in community leadership and not in a political organization. As a result, I have received the endorsements of several labor organizations, among them, the Somerville Fire Fighters Local 76, the Somerville Labor Council and the Somerville Police Employees Association. But, on November 5th, I seek the most important endorsement of all...that of the Ward 5 residents so that I may continue to serve as your Ward 5 Alderman. WWW.CourtneyOKeefe.Com



**Rebekah L. Gewirtz**  
**Ward 6**

**Answer 1:** I see my role as a ward

alderman to represent the people who elected me. My first priority is to their needs and concerns especially with respect to development. Development projects must be good for neighbors and not just developers and must enhance the neighborhood and improve it.

**Answer 2:** Right now there are many formula business establishments attempting to come into Davis Square. Formula retail can strip away the uniqueness of neighborhoods and contribute to an "outdoor mall" feeling. I am proposing an ordinance that would subject formula retail to stricter review and additional standards.

**Answer 3:** There have been some

positive development projects in Ward 6 that I have supported. There have also been projects proposed that would provide for too many small units that increase transience, which are more problematic. It's important we maintain a good balance of small units and family sized housing to both allow new people to enter the market and allow families to grow and thrive here. In addition, having mixed use development in Davis Square and Ball Square is a priority for me. Davis is a model Transit Oriented Development area because we have such a great mix of local businesses, residents, and transit all together, making our area incredibly walk-

able and livable. It's important we preserve this and build upon the strengths of our community.

**Answer 4:** There are many start up businesses in Davis Square and I think that's a good thing for our local economy. Businesses that are not proposing a "new use" in a building can often go in by right. There are a variety of start ups on the second and third floors of Davis Sq office buildings. I am not aware that any have faced "red tape" to come in.

**Bio:** I have been a member of the Board of Aldermen for eight years. I have been a strong advocate for transparency and accountability in local government and I have brought an independent voice to

the Board. I am not afraid to ask tough questions and press an issue if I feel it would be harmful to any of our residents. I am running for re-election because there is more work to do to improve our community and make it the best possible place for all of our residents and local business owners. I have a quarterly e-newsletter that I post to my website about important community meetings, events and happenings, and key city issues. It also includes a "constituent corner" where I ask residents what they think about some of the hot issues of the day. To take a look at what I've been up to on the Board and to see my newsletter go to [www.rebekahgewirtz.org](http://www.rebekahgewirtz.org)



**Katjana Ballantyne**  
**Ward 7**

**Answer 1:** Constituent services must be the top priority for an Alderman. Street-by-street issues on each block affect our quality of life; trash, noise, street and sidewalk maintenance, trees, housing overcrowding etc. I'll work hard to respond to the every day con-

cerns that are important to resident families, seniors, professionals, and young people. As Alderman I'll also work on big picture issues, like inclusive government, supporting great schools, smart development, affordability and jobs.

**Answer 2:** Affordability. New development is expected in Teele Square, the Powder House School site, the empty MWRA building and future development is likely to accompany the Green Line Extension to Route 16/Boston Ave. We need to shape future projects to create local jobs, support city services, ease residential taxes and help keep Somerville affordable. We'll also need to work to mitigate harmful effects of development, so our neighbors are not forced out, especially families and seniors.

**Answer 3:** Development review should start in the neighborhoods concerned, so that we can be sure

that new development will work for the residents who live nearby. Future development in Ward 7, including the Powder House School, Teele Square and development that will come with the Green Line Extension, all represent potential benefits and pressures. As Alderman I'll work to bring residents into the review process early and for smart developments that work for residents first.

**Answer 4:** Small businesses drive the local, state and national economies. Somerville needs more small businesses in our squares and on our main streets to create local jobs, support city services, and reduce the residential tax rate. As Alderman I'll put my business start-up experience to work to help small businesses to get started and to stay here. I'll support a simplified permitting process for small businesses and planning for development that creates good, local jobs.

**Bio:** Katjana Ballantyne put herself through college and graduate school earning a B.A. in Political Science from St. Michael's College, Vermont, and an MBA with an entrepreneurship focus from Suffolk University, Boston.

She's worked for 27 years with international companies, start-ups, co-founded a local company, and local non-profits.

Now as the CEO of Girls' LEAP, Katjana brings talented people and resources together to train at-risk girls to champion their well-being for a lifetime, with safety skills and self-awareness.

Katjana has made Teele Square her home these past twenty years with husband Richard and her daughters; Iliana, a junior at Somerville High School and Sophia in Kindergarten at Unidos. She's raised her family here and fought for smart development, local jobs, better transportation and

great schools.

A committed Democrat, Katjana's campaign for Alderman is endorsed by the Progressive Democrats of Somerville (PDS) and the Sierra Club of Massachusetts. Katjana was elected to serve as a member of the Democratic City Committee for Ward 7 and elected as a Delegate to the State Democratic Convention. She was Ward 7 Canvass Leader for Elizabeth Warren's campaign and a volunteer for Edward Markey's Senate election

Katjana has been an inclusive community leader in her two decades of local volunteering. She has worked with community organizations to create affordable housing, provide new small business space and teach financial literacy.

Katjana wants to put her experience to work as Alderman to make Somerville even better for families, professionals, young people and seniors. [www.Katjana.org](http://www.Katjana.org)



**Joseph A. Capuano**  
**Ward 7**

**Answer 1:** Servicing constituents is the most important role of an Alderman. You have to listen to your neighbors and act on their behalf. Everyone can have an opinion (including an Alderman), but every

elected official should seek a consensus opinion on important issues. I have heard many people suggest ways to make our crosswalks safer, improve street lighting, increase rodent control, and control development - we deserve an Alderman who knows how to get these done.

**Answer 2:** The redevelopment of the Powderhouse Community School (PHCS) is the most important issue in the short term (over the long-term, it's the Green Line Extension). The City has total control over the possible sale of the PHCS and we have only one chance to get it right. My commitment to community involvement will serve the people well when it comes time to make final decisions and negotiate with any developer (or plan for open space).

**Answer 3:** A Ward Alderman must always protect the interests of those

who live here. Change can be good, but it must reflect the desires and needs of people who made Somerville so livable. By ensuring community input into every development, we make both the project and the community better. We should follow this approach for PHCS, the Teele Square "hole", the former MWRA building at Capen Court, any expansion by Tufts and for the Green Line Extension.

**Answer 4:** Every city says it wants to cut red tape, few succeed. The best way to do this is to have an effective and engaged Ward Alderman who knows what people want and how to get it done. I represent many businesses in my professional life; I've helped them expand and create jobs. As an Alderman, I would work with neighbors to decide what's best and then walk desirable businesses through the

process required in Somerville.

**Bio:** Having grown up here, attending Somerville Public Schools, there was never a doubt that I would come back after graduating from Boston College. My parents, grandmother, uncles, aunts, and cousins all live here. Together with my brother Mike and his wife Elizabeth, we own and live in a two-family home on High Street. Raised to be an active member of society, I mediated differences in High School and mentored children through the Big Brother Association in college. After college, I became the Deputy Chief of Staff in the Department of Economic Development for Governor Patrick. Today, I help business leaders navigate the complexities of government to create jobs. Housing prices forced out many of the young people who grew up with me. I'm proud that Ward 7 will soon wel-

come homeless Veterans on Broadway. This proves we can find ways to help people live in Somerville. We need to work hard to attract and retain young people, veterans, seniors, and families. No one wants to lose the diversity and vibrancy of this wonderful City.

I'm proud to have earned endorsements from organizations that represent working men and women, including the Greater Boston Labor Council, the Somerville Labor Coalition, and the Somerville Fire Fighters. I want to use the skills I've learned to help make Somerville a better place to live and work - from development issues, to the environment, to education, to city services - everyone deserves to be heard and respected. I respectfully ask for your vote on Tuesday November 5th. [www.joecapuano.com](http://www.joecapuano.com)

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**THE HOUSE AND SENATE.** *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records the votes of local representatives on three roll calls and local senators on two from the week of October 14-18.

**Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:**



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



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



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



**Sen. Patricia Jehlen**  
**DISTRICT REPRESENTED:** Second Middlesex. - Medford, Somerville, entire city, Woburn, ward 2, and Winchester.

**\$94 MILLION SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET (H**

**3700, S 1890)**  
House 155-0, Senate 36-0, approved different versions of an estimated \$94 million spending plan to close out the books on fiscal year 2013 that ended June 30. The Senate version now goes to the House for consideration. Provisions include \$20 million for low-income heating assistance; \$8.1 million for the recent special elections held in the state; \$81,517 to reimburse Watertown for expenses incurred in April during the search for the Boston Marathon bombing suspect; \$13 million for emergency shelters for the homeless; \$11.5 million for early education; and \$2.1 million for the Welfare Department to implement new monitoring and oversight programs.

Supporters said the package is fiscally responsible and funds necessary programs including several that are running out of money.

(A “Yes” vote is for the \$94 million budget.)

Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Carl Sciortino	Didn't Vote
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes
Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

**AUDIT WELFARE DEPARTMENT (H 3700)**  
House 42-112, rejected an amendment requiring the state auditor to audit the Welfare Department and issue a report to the Legislature by February 15. The audit would include monitoring and counting out-of-state usage of EBT cards, and verifying that social security numbers are being required prior to benefits being awarded.

Amendment supporters said it is time for another audit to ferret out waste and fraud and ensure taxpayer money is being well spent only on people who legitimately are needy. They noted an audit will also reveal if any recent reforms to the system are working.

Amendment supporters said the auditor recently conducted an audit and reported on fraud and waste and that the state is working on addressing those problems. They noted the auditor has said it is too soon for another audit.

(A “Yes” vote is for the audit. A “No” vote is against it.)

Rep. Denise Provost	No
Rep. Carl Sciortino	Didn't Vote
Rep. Timothy Toomey	No

**REQUIRE SIX HEARINGS ON TAX HIKES (H 3700)**  
House 31-124, rejected an amendment requiring the House and Senate Ways and Means Committees to hold at least six public hearings on any bill that raises taxes or fees and to give the public three days notice prior to each one.

Amendment supporters said this requirement will ensure the public has the opportunity to be informed about pending tax hikes. They pointed to the recently repealed tax on computer system design services and a new law tying future increases in the gas tax to the Consumer Price Index as incidents in which many people were not made aware of these hikes prior to their passage.

Amendment opponents said the amendment is poorly drafted and flawed. They said it does not differentiate between a multi-million tax hike and a \$1 increase in the

fee for a marriage license, and would require six hearings on each.

(A “Yes” vote is for requiring public hearings. A “No” vote is against the requirement.)

Rep. Denise Provost	No
Rep. Carl Sciortino	Didn't Vote
Rep. Timothy Toomey	No

**FLOOD INSURANCE (S 1890)**  
Senate 9-27, rejected an amendment that would provide \$100,000 for a grant program to distribute funds to cities and towns to be used to help lower their residents’ premiums for flood insurance.

Amendment supporters said that recent changes in flood insurance mandated by the federal government in 2012 have raised premiums for thousands of homeowners and also mandated that some homeowners who previously were exempt from the requirement buy it. They noted the funds can be used by cities and towns to directly help reduce premiums or to pay a coordinator who can help the community’s residents receive discounts through another program. They cited the case of one homeowner whose premium rose from \$1,300 to over \$68,000.

Amendment opponents said this issue needs to be addressed but that this piecemeal approach was not the way to go. They noted the Senate should study the issue more and address the problem in a comprehensive way.

(A “Yes” vote is for the \$100,000 program. A “No” vote is against it.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	No
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No

## ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

**SENIOR CITIZENS SAFETY ZONE (S 77)** - The House gave initial approval to a bill that would allow cities and towns to double speeding fines in areas adjacent to nursing homes, assisted living facilities, hospitals and senior housing and community centers.

**LIMIT SPEED IN HISTORIC DISTRICTS (H 3097)** - The House gave initial approval to a proposal that would allow cities and towns to set vehicle speed limits inside a historic district.

**MONEY FOR MILK FARMERS (H 751)** - The House gave initial approval to a bill that would reimburse small independent dairy farmers from a special insurance fund created in the 1980s to protect farmers when dairy processors go out of business without paying the farmer. The program is funded by the dairy farmers themselves and has been used in the past but has been mostly stagnant for years. Farmers would be reimbursed based on what they have contributed to the fund over the years. It is estimated that the state’s 100 or so dairy farmers would receive amounts ranging from \$10,000 to \$20,000 while still leaving a minimum of \$1 million in the fund, as required by law.

**PROTECT ANIMALS** - Lead sponsor Sen. Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester) announced that his recently filed Act Protecting Animal Welfare and Safety (PAWS) has attracted 75 legislators as co-sponsors including 22 Republicans and 53 Democrats. PAW’s centerpiece would

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create a statewide animal abuse registry of animal abusers that would have to be checked by animal shelters, pet stores and breeders before a person is allowed to buy or adopt the pet. Other provisions include establishing an anonymous animal abuse tip hotline and increased penalties for cruelty to animals. The bill was filed in response to the recent “Puppy Doe” case in which a dog was euthanized after she suffered extensive injuries, including a stab wound to her eye and burns to her body.

**ALLOW PUBLIC MEETINGS VIA INTERNET (H 2088)** - The Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight heard testimony on a proposal to allow city and town boards and commissions to hold their meetings and discussions online. The bill would change a current law that requires these meetings to be held in a physical building. Supporters said it is time to bring these meetings into the computer age and not require people to drive miles and spend hours at a meeting. Opponents said the change would be unfair to many who cannot watch the proceedings online including some seniors, people with disabilities and residents of rural areas that don’t have Internet access.

### QUOTABLE QUOTES

“I was just able to get some of the clothes for my kids. They told me if I didn’t do exactly as the letter said I would lose out on everything. I had to leave all my dishes and everything behind.” – *Daysi Avalos, mother of five, who was forced to leave her Dorchester apartment immediately and move into a motel shelter in Leominster after rental assistance she received from the state ran out last month.*

**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 14-18, the House met for a total of six hours and 22 minutes while the Senate met for a total of four hours and 49 minutes.

Mon. October 14	No House session No Senate session
Tues. October 15	House 11:07 a.m. to 11:16 a.m. Senate 11:01 a.m. to 12:12 p.m.
Wed. October 16	House 11:04 a.m. to 5:14 p.m. Senate 11:00 a.m. to 11:08 a.m.
Thurs. October 17	House 11:08 a.m. to 11:11 a.m. Senate 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Fri. October 18	No House session No Senate session

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## COMMENTARY

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## An investment in public transportation is an investment in the future



By Joseph A. Curtatone

The short and controversial life of the “tech tax” — the state’s proposed levy on software services — came to an end a few weeks ago. After a full-throttle revolt from the innovation sector, all parties — including the governor — agree the existence of such a tax would weaken the

power of Massachusetts as a magnet for entrepreneurs and innovators.

But this is also a time to consider a couple of important points: For one, the tech tax was passed as one part of a larger revenue package. And the objective of this revenue was to improve our transportation capacity and, one of the chief beneficiaries of transportation investments is the tech sector itself.

Ask any innovation expert where new ideas and new companies thrive these days and they’ll tell you Kendall Square in Cambridge, the Leather District and the Waterfront area in

Boston, and increasingly in cities like Somerville.

And what do they all have in common? Close proximity to public transportation, specifically, the Red Line.

Route 128 may be America’s “high tech corridor” but the Red Line is arguably its main artery. That’s because public transit helps create vibrant, high density neighborhoods, teeming with creativity and innovation; the kinds of areas start-ups are drawn to. Economic growth experts say these urban hubs create a “bump factor,” places where people can easily bump into each other; where ideas can perco-

late and capital can flow freely; where ideas thrive and talent is plentiful.

Companies located in these transit hubs are producing some of the world’s most cutting edge innovations in data analytics and mobile communications, robotics and clean energy, biotechnology and life sciences.

Since the Red Line’s arrival in the 1980s, Somerville’s Davis Square has continued to grow in popularity, both as a social and residential destination, but also as thriving business community. Today, Davis is home to a number of technology companies, from the online marketing

firm Echo Ditto to the digital production outfit Powderhouse Productions.

Meanwhile, on the other side of Somerville, another urban hub is springing up at Assembly Square. For a generation, this area was an industrial wasteland, home to an underused mall, a junkyard, and abandoned factories leeching pollution into the Mystic River.

Today, it’s home to a rebuilt retail center and new restaurants. The first of several office and apartment buildings are going up. Affordable housing is being expanded. And we’re reclaiming the river’s

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## Inequality in America Part 2: Economic Forces



By William C. Shelton

I was taught in my youth that America is the land of opportunity and that my nation is the most egalitarian in the world. This overlooked a significant number of Americans who lived in poverty. But it was truer for the United States than for many countries. In 1978 the median male worker in the U.S. earned

\$48,302 in today’s dollars.

Today America’s is the most unequal economy in the developed world. The distinction between the middle class and the poor has become blurred as more and more families hover above or slide below the poverty line. The median male worker today earns \$33,751 per year, 30% less than in 1978.

In that year, the average income for America’s wealthiest 1% was \$393,682. Today it is \$959,720, a 243% increase in constant dollars.

Until the great recession, this long descent into inequality was not the result of fewer jobs. Instead, lower paying jobs replaced

higher paying jobs. And compensation for middle- and lower-income jobs declined, even though worker productivity steadily increased. Meanwhile, the cost of healthcare, childcare, higher education, and housing in some markets increased faster than inflation.

Mainstream economists most often cite globalization and technology to explain increasing inequality. Robert Reich’s new film, *Inequality for All*, explores these trends. Some economists also cite demographic changes. Understanding economic forces is necessary, but not sufficient, to explain what happened.

**Globalization**

Goods, services, money, labor, and corporations now easily move around the world. The first General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) in 1947 substantially lowered trade barriers, initially creating an advantage for both American investors and workers. But by the 1970s, the other World War II belligerents had rebuilt their economies with new technology. And emerging third-world economies were beginning to dominate the simplest manufacturing sectors.

The Reagan era brought with it a worship of unfettered markets. The U.S. exported this “Washington Consensus,”

pushing for planet-wide deregulation, reduced public spending, privatization, and abolition of trade barriers.

Bipartisan policy legislation during the Clinton administration produced the North American Free Trade Agreement (1993), a new GATT (1994), and other trade agreements. These restricted the use of environmental protections, labor rights, and most tariffs as means of regulating trade.

They promised to increase economic growth, and they did. But the gains went to the wealthy.

“Free trade,” as opposed to “fair trade,” wiped out most clothing and

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Life in the  by Jimmy Del Ponte

## Electric Halloween



Soon the city will be offering Illumination tours for Halloween decorations. What a racket it’s turned into. There are now specialized stores that pop up a month before the 31st selling all things ghoulish and gory. Costumes and masks can cost upwards of a hundred bucks.

Back in the day we bought our flimsy Ben Cooper costumes at Woolworths, Bradlees, and Zayres. If the elastic on the thin plastic mask lasted all night you were lucky. If your parents made you wear a winter coat under your costume, that stunk!

We would grab a pillowcase and hit the streets. That was before candy had to be

x-rayed. Let’s face it, there are a lot more nuts out there who want to hurt people by messing with treats. That’s the scariest thing about Halloween these days. Another frightening thing is the way drivers don’t watch out for kids on Halloween or any other time for that matter. I actually used my body as a shield one year when a maniac was barreling down my street. For crying out loud slow the hell down, for at least one night!

Do some kids actually change costumes in order to hit the same houses twice or three times? Cool! And one of my biggest pet peeves about Halloween is these tiny “fun size” tidbits of candy. We had the big boys back then! And even worse are people who hand out “healthy treats.” Are you kidding me?

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# COMMENTARY

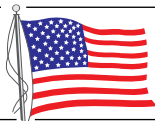
## SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



A choice has been made.

# The View Of The Times



Last week Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone made it official. He will not be running for the office of Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. And the world continued turning.

In a public statement first picked up on Facebook, the mayor cited personal and family considerations in forming his decision, and thanked those who encouraged him to seriously consider the run up The Hill.

We can only speculate – for now anyway – on what a Curtatone administration on the state level would be like.

Whether a supporter or a detractor, one cannot deny that the man is full of big ideas and conviction in his beliefs. It would certainly have made for an interesting time.

Whatever the long-term destiny of the man currently at the top in Somerville City Hall may be, we can salute his indefatigable spirit and commitment to personal and professional excellence.

There is a lot of business to conduct right here at home. Our world does indeed keep turning.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

rumor and who was involved, and now we hear that the police officer involved is on leave pending an investigation. We heard that a city official came into the station and was simply asking for information at the booth out in the lobby when the officer came out from behind counter and immediately shouted at the official. We also heard that the official was stunned by this officer's behavior. That would be interesting tape to rewind if it happened in the lobby of the station (we assume the station has cameras). Now, we only know this from various sources, but the question here is don't the police work for the city residents, its taxpayers? And don't residents deserve better than being verbally abused or harassed by our police officers? We think this kind of behavior from our Police Department is uncalled for, if this did happen. Don't you agree?

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While we are at it about the Police Station and questionable officers, how about a certain officer who was fired for a drug situation under a previous administration, and after a long time of appealing he gets back on duty? For a few years now. Well, this officer (we'll leave his name out for now) has a reputation of trying to intimidate certain residents here in the city. When actual proof was presented to the Police Department he was reprimanded (so the person was told), and that certain officer is still out there as of the other day, trying to intimidate and harass the same people. We were told here at Newstalk that the officer's demeanor and history has been collected very carefully with dates and incidents and is going to be turned over to higher authorities if he doesn't stop the harassment. What do you think about the actions of a police officer behaving this way? Better yet, should the Somerville Police Department's many respectable and fine officers be subjected to these small few who give a black eye to the department as a whole?

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Caroline Shea-Rosas, who recently lost the primary race in the Ward Five School Committee, ran as a real trouper. Besides being a nice lady with a growing family here in the city, she is disappointed that she lost the primary, but she has moved on and has endorsed Ross Richmond in the final election. Ross is a good guy, a new comer to the city but he comes from a teaching family and in conversation with him, you'll agree he's a nice person that doesn't sound like the usual politician. Caroline has made a wise choice here in her endorsement.

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This Saturday also is the St. Clements (4-1 record) vs. Marian (3-3) football game at Dilboy Field. Starting time is 4:30 p.m.

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Last week we congratulated Mike Browne and his lovely wife Maryanne on their anniversary, but we forgot to mention that two of their closest friends, Steve and Sheila MacEachern, also celebrated their wedding anniversary on same day. Also, a mistake was made last week with Mike Browne as well. The correct name for his new Facebook page is "Views of Historic Somerville." So, if you're on Facebook and are a true Villen at heart (EC residents that wannabe Villens excluded), you are encouraged to like the page and learn more about our fine city. Mike has a vast knowledge of historic points of interest and political facts regarding Somerville. Maybe we can convince him to write about some of them? Who knows, maybe?

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Happy Birthday this week here and around the Ville with some of our fans. First of all, a lovely lifelong resident celebrates this week, Hope August. As everyone knows, she is a nice lady who, by the way, teaches Zumba up at the high school. She's also retired now from the city, but looks great. A big Happy Birthday to Hope. It's a big week here. Well known real estate guy here in the city, Donald Norton, is celebrating, along with Marie Civello on the same day. A nice lady, always around Ball Square. Best wishes to

our own Harry Kane, who is celebrating this week as well. Happy Birthday to Donny Ostler from the Ville. Also from the Ville is Corey McGlashing, who goes to SHS.

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"Introduction to Horror Make-up" is being offered this Saturday, the 26th, at the Arts at the Armory on Highland Avenue, from 2 to 5 p.m. Just in time for Halloween. Learn the expert art of monster making by turning yourself into a zombie! Great for Halloween costuming, haunted houses, and horror movies. This Halloween forget the cheap mask. Learn some of the tricks of special effects makeup to turn yourself into a monster. You'll learn the various tools most commonly used in makeup design, the various types of makeup and how to use them to their best effects, shortcuts used by professional artist to make realistic scars, cheap and easy recipes for realistic blood you can actually eat, and techniques to make super realistic wounds, bruises, cuts and scars. For more information contact [mtmartino@svgfilms.com](mailto:mtmartino@svgfilms.com). To buy tickets online go to: <http://thezombiemaker.eventbrite.com>.

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Endorsements are flying in for several of the candidates running for office (send them in, we will put it here). Mark Niedergang, candidate for Ward Five Alderman was

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# LEGOLAND breaks ground at Assembly Sq.

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looking forward to the LEGOLAND Discovery Center. Building things is fun and a great way to learn.”

The indoor facility, measuring some 44,000 square feet, is designed to attract the interest of children aged 3 to 10, as well as their families. Millions of LEGO bricks will be available for play by visitors. Additionally, rides and various multimedia presentations will be an integral part of the experience.

“We’re thrilled about bringing the first LEGOLAND Discovery Center to New England,” Divisional Director, James Burleigh said. “This new attraction will be the ultimate destination for children and their families who love LEGO, and we can’t wait to begin delivering these unforgettable experiences this spring.”



Photos by The Somerville Times Staff

# Monster Mashed-Up SomerStreets

The City of Somerville hosted the final event in the 2013 SomerStreets series with a celebration along Somerville Avenue on Sunday, October 20. *Monster Mashed-Up @ SomerStreets* featured a costume parade for residents of all ages, 100-pound pumpkins carved by chainsaw artists, Oktoberfest, Milk Row Cemetery tour, live entertainment, craft fair and more along Somerville Ave. from Union Square to Wilson Square.



SPORTS

Mike Powers 2013 Yawkey Baseball Hall of Fame

By David Treska

Mike Powers has been a part of the Yawkey Baseball League since 1988, spanning over 25 years and in that time he has one of the most distinguished careers in the leagues history. A 5 time All Star Player and a 12 All Star Coach, his playing career started with the Cambridge Bucs and after a season there he joined the Somerville Highlander Alumni Baseball Club in the 1990 season. Mike was the starting and winning pitcher in the team's first game and was for the early part of the team's existence their best pitcher and a standout outfielder. Powers was a force in the old fall tournament, the Bill Stewart Memorial Cup leading the teams to 2 titles in 1991 and 1992 – being named the events Most Valuable Player in 1992.

In 1993 Mike was the winning pitcher at the very first YBL All Star Game at Fenway Park. Once the Alibrandis Club started to make the playoffs Mike was a mainstay in the middle of the order and had a knack to always come up with big hits, evidenced by his status as the team's career leader in grand slams and was recognized by his peers winning a Silver Slugger Award in 2001. At the same time Mike began to lead the team off the field as its field manager starting in the 1997 season. In that role Mike set himself apart as the winningest coach in the history of the Yawkey Baseball League posting a 316-79-3 record in the regular season, being named Manager of the Year in 1997, 2000, 2002 and 2003 and was the head coach at Fenway Park 6 times and lead the Yawkey



2013 Yawkee League Hall of Famer Mike Powers.

League to our firsts victory against the U.S. Military All Stars in 2008. In these 12 seasons as the manager he won 10 Yawkey Baseball League Championships, posting a record of 106-30 and highlighted by a record 9 titles in row from 1999 to 2007. Since his retirement from his career in uniform, he has worked behind the scenes with the team as general manager of the Alibrandis Club and with the Yawkey League in leading the All Star Committee – highlighted by teams that defeated the US Military All Stars and took home our first EMass All Star Classic Championship both in 2013.

SHS Freshman girls volleyball victory



The Somerville High School Lady Highlander's Freshman volleyball team celebrated a win on Wednesday, October 15 versus Everett High School bringing their season record to 10-3. The Highlanders won set one 25-16 and set two 25-12. Captain Emily Liberato had 10 unanswered serves in the first set and 9 in the second set. Brianna Jewers and Marissa Toner had great plays at the net. Phoebe Melchiskey and Halle Hughes had good digs in the back row. "This team plays very well together. They are tough on offense and defense. When they work together, they are a very tough team," said Coach Krista Invernizzi. The Highlanders combined for a sweep of Everett with JV and Varsity posting wins as well.

Ms. Cam's

Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. These are sometimes called Alligator Pears – 95% of the American crop are grown in California – what are they?

2. Which of these three wrote “She walks in beauty, like the night” – Shakespeare, Lord Byron, or Keats?

3. What was the occupation of Ali Baba of *Ali Baba and The Forty Thieves*?

4. What Hawaiian city's name means “Sheltered Bay”?

5. What is the mathematical relationship of 12 to 144?

6. What artist painted *The Starry Night*?

7. What was the original flavor of Twinkies?

8. Is it true that the British consume the most tea per capita?

9. What are whorl, arch, and loop the patterns for?

10. *Mork and Mindy* was created as a spinoff of what TV show?

11. What 19th century artist was best known for his paintings of ballet dancers?

12. What kind of furniture is a Highboy?

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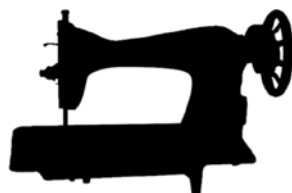
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LEGAL NOTICE  
OF PUBLIC HEARING

A **public hearing** for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on **Wednesday, November 6, 2013**, at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

**23-25 Calvin Street: (ZBA 2013-64)** Applicant and Owner, Philip Weiss, seek a special permit under §4.4.1 to reconstruct a nonconforming 3-family home previously lost in a fire with modifications including sideyard setbacks, rear setback, front decks for all units, and window and door alterations. RB Zone. Ward 2.

**21 Malvern Ave: (Case #ZBA 2013-65)** Applicant and Owner, Madeline Starr, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to build a dormer on the left side façade of an existing nonconforming two-family dwelling. RB zone. Ward 7.

**56 Wallace St: (Case #ZBA 2013-66)** Applicant, Kevin Kelleher, and Owner, Marla Wessland, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter the primary façade of an existing two-family nonconforming dwelling. Alterations will include the addition of a second story porch and the alteration of window to a door. RA zone. Ward 6.

**235 Lowell St: (Case #ZBA 2013-67)** Applicant, Edward Doherty, and Owner, John Ternullo, seek a Special Permit under SZO §7.11.1.c to construct six residential units; a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter an existing nonconforming structure; and a Variance under SZO §9.5.1.a for parking relief. In addition, a Special Permit under SZO §9.13.b is also sought to modify parking design standards. RC zone. Ward 5.

**52A & 54 Medford St: (Case #ZBA 2013-69)** Applicant and Owner Paul J. Morgan seeks a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming single-family house by expanding the 2nd floor by approx 200 sf. RB zone. Ward 2.

**7 Greene St: (Case #ZBA 2013-70)** Applicant and Owner, Creative Property Solutions LLC, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter the left side façade of a nonconforming dwelling due to the by-right addition of one dwelling unit. These alterations include the addition of a shed dormer, skylights and modifications to the rear deck. RB zone. Ward 2.


**104 Holland St: (Case #ZBA 2013-71)** Applicant/Owner R+R Capital Investments, LLC seek a Special Permit under SZO § 4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by adding roof decks, changing rear doors to windows, and adding a front door for 2 of the 3 residential units on Jay St. Zone RC. 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](http://www.somervillema.gov/planningandzoning). As cases may be continued to later dates, please check the agenda on the City's website or call before attending. Continued cases will not be re-advertised. Interested persons may provide comments to the Zoning Board of Appeals at the hearing or by submitting written comments by mail to OSPCD, Planning Division, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143; by fax to 617-625-0722; or by email to [dpereira@somervillema.gov](mailto:dpereira@somervillema.gov).

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A **public hearing** for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board on **Thursday, November 7, 2013** in the Aldermanic Chambers on the Second Floor of Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

**779 McGrath Hwy: (Case # PB 2013-05)** Applicant, Keith Mozer, and Owner, The Stop & Shop Supermarket Company, LLC, seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review (SPSR) to revise (SZO 5.3.8) a site plan that the Planning Board approved in Nov 2001 in order to add storage lockers for pick-up service offered by Stop & Shop. This site is part of a Planned Unit Development that was approved by the Board in Sept 2001. Zone BA / PUD-B. Ward 1.

**125 Broadway: (Case #PB 2013-19)** Applicant, Image One Industries, and Owner, Santander, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §6.1.22.D.5.a to modify signage at an existing commercial structure. CCD 45. Ward 1.

**38 Union Sq: (Case #PB 2013-20)** Applicant, East Boston Savings Bank, and Owner, Joseph Vaccaro, seek a Special Permit seeks under SZO §6.1.22.D.5 to install signage for a bank. Zone CCD 55. Ward 3.

**9 & 39 Medford St: (Case #PB 2013-17)** Applicant, Berkeley Investments, and Owner, Medford Freezer Realty, Inc., seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review under SZO §6.5.D.5 to alter an existing façade including signage & 7.13.E to establish 100 residential units including artist live/work space. The applicant seeks approval under SZO §9.17.2.B for modification of the parking/loading standards. Article 13 Inclusionary Housing will apply. TOD 100. Ward 2.

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

Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman

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Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
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MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. MI 13P4797EA

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate of:  
Clara D Moss

Date of Death: 08/14/2013

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by:

Mark D Moss of North Billerica MA

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

And also requesting that:

Mark D Moss of North Billerica MA

be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00a.m. on 11/05/ 2013

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

This estate is being administered under formal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but recipients are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

Witness, Hon. Peter C Di Gangi, First Justice of this Court.

Tara E. De Cristofaro  
Register of Probate

Date: October 08, 2013

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
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MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. MI 12P 2742EA

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate of:  
Frances M Ferrone

Date of Death: 04/17/2012

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by:

Guy V Ferrone of Somerville MA

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

And also requesting that:

Guy V Ferrone of Somerville MA

be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on 11/08/2013

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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Witness, Hon. Peter C Di Gangi, First Justice of this Court.

Tara E. De Cristofaro  
Register of Probate

Date: October 11, 2013

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THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION BY THE POWER VESTED IN IT THROUGH A SPECIAL ACT OF THE LEGISLATURE, CHAPTER 397 OF THE ACTS OF 1978, HEREBY AMENDS THE TRAFFIC ORDINANCES WITH THE ADDITION OF THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS:

**2013-31** Article V Section 5-15 “Handicapped Parking” is amended with the following addition: 44 Glen St; 86 Ten Hills Rd

**2013-32** rescind a portion of 2013-20 (Handicapped Parking at 34 Linden St) by removing the trial period; restriction now permanent

**2013-33** Article V Section 5-9.1 “Parking Meter Locations and Regulations” is amended as follows: Removal of two parking metered spaces on Summer St at Cutter Av (through Nov 15, 2013)

**2013-34** Article V Section 5-5 “Parking Locations and Prohibitions” is amended as follows: 15 Minute Parking at 514 Medford St for a 90 day trial period

**2013-35** Article V Section 5-5 “Parking Locations and Prohibitions” is amended as follows: No Parking Anytime on Cedar St at Franey Rd for a distance of 40ft (eliminate the first two spaces) for a 90 day trial period

**2013-36** Article V Section 5-5 “Parking Locations and Prohibitions” is amended as follows: No Parking Anytime on Medford St, left side, from Washington St to Somerville Av (during phase 2 and 3 of the McCarthy Overpass Project)

**2013-37** Article V Section 5-1 “General Prohibitions” is amended with the following addition: (v) Upon any Bicycle Lane

**2013-38** Article X Section 10-5 “General Towing Prohibitions” is amended with the following addition: (x) Upon any Bicycle Lane

**2013-39** Article XI Section 11-2 “Penalties” is amended with the following addition: Obstructing Bicycle Lane - \$50.00 fine.

PROMULGATED: SEPTEMBER 19, 2013  
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OCTOBER 23, 2013  
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MIDDLESEX ,ssDocket No. MI 13E0104PP

NOTICE OF PETITION TO PARTITION

**T0: Carlos Fernandez of Somerville in the County of Middlesex, and to all other persons interested.**

A petition had been presented to said Court by **Aura Motta of Somerville, Cheryl A. Baker of Billerica**, representing that they She holds as tenants in common 50% undivided part or share of certain land lying in Somerville, in the County of Middlesex, and briefly described as follows

The land in Somerville, Middlesex County, Massachusetts with buildings thereon being shown as Lot #61A, on a plan of land in Somerville belonging to Sarah R. McFayden, dated October 15, 1923, Charles J. Elliott, engineer, recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds Plan Book (sic) 326, Plan 42, Said Lot is bounded and described as follows:

WESTERLY: by Alewife Brook (sic) Parkway, seventy one and 16/100 (71.16) feet;

NORTHERLY: by a curved line to Fairfax Street, twenty three and 67/100 (23.67)feet;

NORTHEASTERLY: by Fairfax Street, one hundred six and 36/100 (106.36) feet;

SOUTHEASTERLY: by Lot # 58A on said plan twelve and 97/100 (12.97) feet;

SOUTHERLY: by Lot #58A on said plan , one (1) foot;

EASTERLY: by Lot # 58A on said plan, four (4.00) feet;

SOUTHERLY: by Lot# 60A on said plan, eighty-three and 72/100(83.72) feet;

Containing according to said, plan 4,872 square feet of land.

Setting forth that the petitioner desired that all said land may be ordered to be sold **at private sale or Public Auction, for not less than (\$525,000.00) FIVE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS** and praying that the partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law; and to that end, that the commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any portion of said land which the Court finds cannot advantageously divided, either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute and pay over the net proceeds thereof in such manner as to make the partition just and equal.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said Court at Cambridge before ten o'clock, on the Eighteenth day of November, **2013** the return date of this Citation.

Witness: HONORABLE PETER C DIGANGI, Esquire, First Justice of said Court this Seventh DAY OF October, 2013

Tara E. DeCristofaro  
REGISTER OF PROBATE COURT

MIDDLESEX, ssDocket No: MI 13E 0104PP

It is ordered that the notice of said proceedings be given by delivering or mailing by registered or certified mail a copy of the foregoing citation to all persons interested whose addresses are known fourteen days at least before said return day and if any person is not so served, by mailing a copy thereof to the last known address of such person fourteen days at least before said return date and by publishing a copy thereof **once** in each week for **three successive weeks** in the **Somerville Times**, a newspaper published in Somerville, last publication to be **one day**, at least before said return date.

Witness, HONORABLE PETER C. DIGANGI, Esquire, First Justice of said Court, this Seventh day of October, 2013.

Tara E. DeCristofaro  
REGISTER OF PROBATE COURT

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2005	Nissan	Quest	Vin # 5N1BV28U75N136662
2001	Hyundai	Tiburon	Vin # KMHUG25F91U245488

Date of Sale: November 21, 2013  
Time of Sale: 12:00: P.M.  
Location of Sale : 160 McGrath Highway, Somerville, MA. 02143

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IFB # 14-29CD

The City of Somerville, through the Purchasing Department invites sealed bids for:

**Fall Tree Planting and Related Services 2013**

An Invitation for Bid (IFB) and specifications may be obtained online at <http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/> bids or from the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143 on or after: **Wednesday, October 23, 2013**. Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: **Wednesday, November 6, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.** at which time sealed bids will be opened. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all bids if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

The contract term shall be for a period of thirty-six months, including planting for the first year and watering for all three years.

Prevailing wages apply. 5% Bid Deposit required.

Please contact Angela M. Allen, Purchasing Director, x3410, or email [amallen@somervillema.gov](mailto:amallen@somervillema.gov) for information.

Angela M. Allen  
Purchasing Director  
617-625-6600 x. 3400

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IMPORTANT PUBLIC NOTICE

The Somerville Housing Authority (SHA) announces a **PUBLIC HEARING** regarding the **FIVE YEAR and ANNUAL PLAN 2014** on Wednesday, December 11, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at Properzi Manor, 13-25 Warren Avenue, Somerville, Massachusetts. The Plan and related documents are available at the Somerville Housing Authority, 30 Memorial Road and the City of Somerville, Housing Division, 50 Evergreen Ave. Somerville, Massachusetts during regular business hours. A forty-five (45) day review and comment period will commence on **October 23, 2013**. Any questions may be directed to Paul Mackey, Deputy Director, at 617-625- 1152.

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE  
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT  
RFP # 14-34

The City of Somerville, through the Purchasing Department invites sealed proposals for:

**COBRA Administration Services for Dental Insurance Coverage**

The Request for Proposals (RFP) may be obtained via e-mail or in person from the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143 on or after **Monday, October 21, 2013**. Separately sealed Price and Non-Price Proposals will be received at the above office until **Wednesday, November 13, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.**, at which time sealed non-price proposals will be opened. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

• For information and proposal packages, please contact Orazio DeLuca by e-mail [odeluca@somervillema.gov](mailto:odeluca@somervillema.gov).

Angela M. Allen  
Purchasing Director  
617-625-6600 x. 3400

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The SCOA  
Moonlighters



Under maestro Jimmy Del Ponte, the Moonlighters have begun singing again. This is a wonderful group for those who sing well and those who can't but like to sing anyway. Come join in Monday mornings at 10:30 a.m. at Holland Street Center 167 Holland Street. Free.

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History, heritage and costumes galore

CONT. FROM PG 1

from the Somerville High School Local History Club participated in the event as re-enactors and guides, portraying Somerville residents buried in or associated with the cemetery. Fifteen students from the History Club spent their afternoon volunteering at the event. "They've been wonderful," said J. Brandon Wilson, Executive Director of the Somerville Historic Preservation Commission. "They love to get dressed up. And so we've been acquiring more and more clothing in order to dress them in appropriate attire. That's what you see today, a lot of it is very authentic and very elaborate." Before dispersing to the gravesites for the first tour, the students helped each other to adjust hats, gowns and capes. They posed for a group picture with Adda Santos, Advisor for the History Club and a history teacher at the Somerville High School. "It's like a big reenactment club. I

think in the process they learn a lot," said Santos. "And a lot of them are foreign-born. I think that's amazing, and that really shows Somerville as it is, how diverse it is, that all these kids from Nepal and China and Haiti are playing colonial Americans." The tour's eight stations highlighted Somerville residents from the 1600s through the 1800s, including Samuel Tufts, who fought in the Revolutionary War and owned the farmland that the cemetery was built on; Widow Anna Rand, who ran to warn Samuel Tufts about the British soldiers looking for a fight; Miss Clairiana Bailey, who wrote 75 inscriptions for the graves in the 1800s; and Sarah Wardwell, who was accused of witchcraft. Isabella Allen, seven, said that her favorite costume was Sarah Wardwell's. Her sister Lucinda (Luci), five, favored the British soldier's costume, which had 75 buttons and a bearskin hat that

they got to touch. "We came over just for this Milk Row Cemetery event," said Bruce Allen, the girls' father. The West Somerville resident had never been inside the cemetery before. "I want to learn more. It was interesting." The family stopped at the Civil War Soldiers Monument before leaving, where Barbara Mangum, President of Historic Somerville, explained that the monument is one of the oldest in the country. Colonel Lawrence (Larry) Willwerth III, a Somerville resident on the Boards of Historic Somerville and the Somerville Museum, greeted tour participants at the welcome station inside the wrought iron gates. "Like any community around Boston, there's a lot of hidden treasures and we want people to share their heritage," said Willwerth. "It's not just Somerville, I think it's part of our character as a society, that we need to preserve the past, so we understand the future."



Marble maze madness with Somerville mathematics group

CONT. FROM PG 3

repurposing old buildings. The assembly of the marble mazes took nearly four hours to complete. Each of the nine mazes was remarkable and sported differences in design. Marbles miraculously jumped the tables on what looked like ski runs, or shot out a track and were caught on the other table, went through loop-the-loops, flew through a hoop, zig-zagged back and forth, rode a "cup" elevator up or down, or triggered a mechanism that dropped down, raised up or in some way set off another marble. Some rang bells or started another marble continuing down the track, Voolich said. Isabel Stevens picked up her son at the end of the day when

the teams demonstrated their projects. This is the second year that her son, Ben Stevens, 15, has participated in the mathematics challenge. "Each team is given the same problem to solve, but it's amazing to watch the different approaches that each team takes, Stevens said. "It's really wonderful to see all the different solutions that the kids come up with." Stevens said that her son likes the real world application of the math concepts. The highlight for the sophomore student is at the end of the day, when he finally gets to try out what was built and see how it works. The team with the highest overall score, was "Back to

Basics" (Elliot Rippe, Arjun Singh, Daniel Portillo). Second place was the "Swerve" (Caterina MacDonald, Melissa Baptista, Rachel Berry). Third place was "Mr. Scrima" (Anthony Scrima, R J Bingham, John Mulcahey). Fourth place was "Junk Punks" (Kelly Cachimuel, Ben Stevens). "It was a fine day and the kids were really intently involved in it," Voolich said. The Somerville Mathematics Board has challenged the students every year for almost a decade, from making windmills to creating cantilevers out of paper. "There's been a variety of things that we've asked kids to do, and they rise to the challenge."



Third Place team "Mr. Scrima" – Anthony Scrima, R J Bingham, and John Mulcahey.

Electric Halloween

CONT. FROM PG 10

Where are my cage-free grade As? One year I wanted to be Zorro. My parents got me the mask, cape and hat, but would not buy me a sword, because I may poke my eye out. I was the only Zorro with a small plastic Bowie knife. That, along with having to wear brown shoes with my first communion suit may have scarred me for life. Last year I didn't put up my usual collection of spooky decorations because I was in pain waiting for my hip surgery. This year's excuse is that I don't want to fall off a ladder and hurt my brand new hip. So I discovered a house at

72 Electric Avenue near Teele Square that goes all out with decorations. Fred Pace has been putting up an elaborate Halloween display for about 20 years. The timer sets it all off at 5 p.m., complete with inflatables, spotlights, and creepy music and sound effects. Growing up, Fred's family gathered every Halloween to celebrate his aunt's birthday. Since then, it has been an important family time for him. He adds something new every year and says he has enough decorations to put out completely different displays every year. Fred converted to money and energy saving LED bulbs a

while back so his bills are kept pretty reasonable. His flamboyant spectacles have inspired his neighbors to get on board the "fright train." The house is also featured on the annual Christmas Illumination Tour, when Fred turns his house into the North Pole! At Halloween I personally miss the free doughnuts and cider that The Woodbridge Inn on College Ave. used to hand out. I may hang out my Jolly Roger pirate flag, and my inflatable spider, but that's it for this year. Now, be careful out there and have some nice safe fun, you crazy kids!

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Answers

1. Avocados

2. Lord Byron (1814)

3. He was woodcutter

4. Honolulu

5. 12 is the square root of 144

6. Vincent Van Gogh

7. Banana

8. No, the Irish consume more tea per capita

9. Fingerprints

10. Happy Days

11. Edgar Degas

12. A chest of drawers

# SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

**Welcome to our centers.** Everyone 55+ are encouraged to join us for fitness, culture, films, lunch and Bingo. 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.

**Holland Street Center** - 167 Holland Street

**Ralph & Jenny Center** - 9 New Washington Street

**Cross Street Center** - 165 Broadway

**Some Council on Aging highlights in the coming weeks:**

**Zumba for All with Cheryl.** Come at the end of the day, after work. Open to all. Wednesdays 5:15-6:15 p.m. Holland Street Center. \$3 for a class or \$15 for 6 classes. Get in shape this summer.

**Wii Bowling League** is here at Holland Street Center Mondays at noon. Free. If you haven’t tried this -come as you will love it. No bowling ball but you still swing and hope for the best.

**Yoga/Mediation** is coming to Holland Street, October 22. Preregistration is a must for this series. \$25 for 5 weeks. Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m.

**LGBT Events (Open to all ages):**

**Halloween Ice Skating Party,** Oct. 26, 8-10 p.m. Veteran’s Memorial Rink, 570 Somerville Avenue. Tickets \$10. Skates are free. More info at 311.

**“MOVIES TO COME OUT TO”**

All Dinners at 5:30 pm.

**Monday, October 28** - “Stonewall Uprising” - On June 28, 1969 the police raided the Stonewall Inn, a gay bar in Greenwich Village, New York City. The street erupted into violent protests which continued for six days and marked a turning point in the gay civil rights movement. Meal will be from Masala Indian Restaurant. Price: \$6. RSVP by October 25.

**Thursday, November 16** - Join us for a wonderful inter-generational event with local author, Becky Sarah, who is about to release her book ‘Grandmothering: Real Life in Real Families.’ It will be a book talk and discussion, focusing on the section of the book in which she talks about being a grandparent to grandchildren who have gay and lesbian parents. 6:00 p.m. at Holland Street Center.

**Monday November 25** - “The Love Part of This” - In the early 1970’s, Grace Schrafft and Grace Mocerì of Gloucester, MA left their husbands to be together. It is a heartbreaking, funny and extremely moving document of life and love. RSVP by November 20.

**“Positive Thinking”** with Roberta Robinson of Cambridge Health Alliance will be talking on how Positive Thinking is a mental attitude that admits into the mind, thoughts, words and images that are conducive to growth, expansion and success. Come learn new tricks to keep you on a positive path. Free. Stay for our

Monthly lunch.

**LBT Women Fit-4-Life Fitness and Nutrition Classes.** Tuesday and Thursday evenings. \$10 a month with scholarships available.

**Ralph & Jenny Center Weekly Events:**

**Cards and Games hour** at Ralph & Jenny at 10:00 a.m. every day the center is open. Come join your friends or make some new ones. Cards, Scrabble and Cribbage.

**Do you crochet or would you like to learn?** Thursdays at 10:45 a.m. at Ralph & Jenny Center. Join a great group in learning to crochet or share your projects you are working on.

**Weekly Gardening with Didi** - 10:00 a.m. every Thursday.

**Trip Corner:**

**Foxwoods** - October 22.

**Hanscom AFB for Bingo & Dinner** - October 30.

**Indian Head** - November 10-12.

**Penn Dutch** - December 2-6.

**Atlantic City/Taj Mahal** - January 12-14.

**STAY ACTIVE:**

**Wii Bowling League** - at Holland - Mondays at noon. Free.

**Zumba for All** - at Holland - Wednesdays at 5:15-6:15 p.m. \$3 or \$15 for 6 classes.

**Flexibility & Balance** - at Holland - Thursdays 10:00 a.m. Free.

**Flexibility & Balance** - at Ralph & Jenny - Wednesday 1:15-2:00 p.m.

**Strengthening Exercise with Geoff** - Tuesdays at 9:15 a.m. at Holland and 10:00 a.m. Thursdays at R&J. \$3.

**Walking Club** - at R&J - Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

**Fit-4-Life LBT** - Tuesday and Thursday Evenings.

**Fit-4-Life General** - Wednesday & Friday Mornings.

**October 23**

**Bowling at Flatbreads**|1 p.m.

**Holland Street Center**

Fit-4-Life A & B

Flexibility & Balance|1:15 p.m.

Zumba for All|5:15 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

**Cross Street Center**

English Conversation|10:30 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

**Ralph & Jenny Center**

Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

**October 24**

**Health and Wellness Fair**

**Holland Street Center**

LBT Fit-4-Life|6 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

**Ralph & Jenny Center**

Closed

**October 25**

**Holland Street Center**

Fit-4-Life B & C

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

**October 28**

**LGBT Movie Night**

**Holland Street Center**

A Veteran’s Perspective|9 a.m.

Moonlighters|10:30 a.m

Wii Bowling|12 p.m.

LBT Fit-4-LifeC|1 p.m.

LGBT Movie Night|Movies to come out in”|5:30 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

**October 29**

**Holland Street Center**

Strengthening Exercises|9:15 a.m.

Yoga/Meditation begins.|1 p.m.

LBT Fit-4-Life|6 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

**Ralph & Jenny Center**

Closed

**Cross Street Center**

English Conversation|10:30 a.m.

Super Halloween Bingo|12:45 p.m.

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## An investment in public transportation

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waterfront, building new parks and recreation areas. A movie theater and more retail spaces are also in the works.

We’re building yet another potential innovation center at Assembly Square, another neighborhood with a bump factor. And developers past and present will testify that none of it would have been possible without the lynchpin: a new Orange Line stop. Assembly, which is planned to open in fall 2014, will become the first new station on the MBTA since 1987.

This new stop will cost the state \$39 million. But the payoff is huge: In our first phase, we’re unleashing \$1.4 billion in private investment while creating more than 10,000 construction jobs and another 10,000 permanent jobs.

Once fully built, the Assembly Square project will raise \$24

million in new annual city revenues, which in turn will help us improve schools, build even more affordable housing, and bolster city services. And what will the state receive for its initial investment? \$16 million in annual tax revenue. Even with interest, it will pay for itself in just the first several years.

The challenge for the state is to make these kinds of transportation investments in other key regions, so we can jump-start other local economies.

Already we see signs. Quincy is hard at work on a \$1.6 billion revitalization of its downtown, a direct result of the presence of the Red Line. New Bedford is betting the commuter rail’s arrival will help it recast itself as a wind-energy center. Springfield is investing in a rebuilt Union Station and now awaits funding

for its rail extension from Boston. And the planned Green Line extension will bolster Medford and another part of my city, East Somerville, long under-utilized and, in some places, blighted.

We can remake every corner of the state if we make the right investments.

The threat of the tech tax forced innovation companies to engage in a rigorous public policy debate, many for the first time. Having won this fight, they’ll be tempted to walk away, content with their winnings. But now is the time for them to double down on the future, to stay at the table and help us build a transportation system worthy of a 21st century economy.

We all have a stake in growing the Commonwealth’s economy. It’s time to work together to make it happen.

## Somerville Neighborhood News Debuts Oct. 29



Next Tuesday, October 29, Somerville’s first local TV news program kicks off at 7:00 p.m. on Somerville Community Access Television (SCATV), Channel 3, and on the station’s website – <http://www.scatvsomerville.org/>. The debut of this biweekly half-hour program, with reporters and anchors from the community and from SCATV staff, takes a look at the upcoming elections for the Board of Aldermen, at the Assembly Square development and local hiring, at the Fluff Festival, the Trust Act, and other issues. Every newscast will end with an interview. Rep. Denise Provost will be Somerville Neighborhood News’ first guest and will be interviewed by News Director Jane Regan, an award-winning journalist who is also SCATV’s former executive director. In keeping with the newscast’s dedication to serving all of Somerville, some brief sections of the newscast are in one of the city’s many languages and are subtitled into English. The entire program will be available subtitled in 44 different languages on SCATV’s website. At a time when newspapers and local TV stations are laying off journalists left and right, Somerville is bucking the trend. All residents are invited to watch, to send in comments, and to come into SCATV in order to get involved in the program. To contact the news team with story tips, comments and information, write to [news@scatvsomerville.org](mailto:news@scatvsomerville.org).

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## Inequality in America

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consumer electronics production in the U.S., along with whole manufacturing sectors. The threat of outsourcing enabled corporations to extract wage and benefit concessions from workers and, in some cases, bust unions. Many middle-class jobs disappeared, and many that remained paid less.

Since 1990, job growth has been mostly in sectors not exposed to global competition like government, healthcare, and other services. Between 1999 and 2009, U.S. based multinationals created 2.4 million jobs abroad and eliminated 3 million at home.

### Technology

Technological change has been a driver of capitalist economics since the industrial revolution.

But digital technology has greatly accelerated the pace and global reach of change beyond that seen in previous generations.

New technologies eliminated many middle-skilled jobs—like production line work, fabrication, cashiering, secretarial work, and long shoring—while increasing demand for the higher skilled jobs required to design, implement, and manage the new technologies. This growing demand for higher skills was met, in part, by an expanding and lower paid work force outside the United States.

Jobs that sustained the broad middle of the labor market—people without college or highly technical training—disappeared. Jobs at the edges of the labor market increased, some

in high-skill high-wage occupations, and more in low-skill low-wage occupations like security services, food preparation, landscaping, and home healthcare.

### Demographic changes

Some economists point to the fact that median family income growth has slowed or reversed over the same period that single-parent households have increased as a share of all households.

And Sociologists point to an increase in “assortative mating.” Before the huge increase in women's labor force participation, enabled by the women's movement and obligated by economic necessity, men often married women who had less education or income than they did. Increasingly people tend to marry others who share their educational and/or

economic background, widening the wealth and income gap between families.

### Necessary but not sufficient

Globalization, technology, and demographics go only so far in explaining America's stark and growing inequality. The U.S. is less exposed to free trade pressure than any other of the developed countries that form the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, but it is the most unequal.

It's true that the incomes of workers with college educations accelerated in the 1980s and 1990s, but that trend has slowed, while technological change has increased. Also slowing over that period has been growth in high-skill high wage jobs. Now, they go to a

lucky subset of the college educated, while many are stuck in low-wage jobs or unemployed.

Single parent families are more common in Scandinavia, Canada, and Western Europe than they are in the U.S. In fact, U.S. economic inequality is growing faster among families with two parents than between those with one parent and those with two parents.

So an understanding of economic forces is necessary, but insufficient, to explain the hollowing out of America's middle class. All other developed countries had to cope with these changes, and most, to a greater extent than the U.S. Explaining this requires an understanding of political forces, and that is the subject of the next column.

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# Thomas Dolby shines his 'Invisible Lighthouse'

By Jim Clark

From the 80s onward to the present day, cutting-edge musical mastermind Thomas Dolby has taken audiences through a multifarious array of imaginary worlds of wonder.

His 1982 hit single *She Blinded Me With Science*, from the wildly popular *The Golden Age of Wireless* album remains a perennial favorite from the golden age of synth-pop and proto-electronica among fans and those who just happened to be there at the time.

No one-hit-wonder, Dolby has kept busy in the interim, creating more musical magic than can be imagined by most.

His latest effort is a "trans-media" performance piece entitled *The Invisible Lighthouse*, to be presented at The Somerville Theatre this coming Saturday evening.

The performance features a 45 minute film that Dolby shot and edited himself, along with musical accompaniment by himself, and live Foley sound effects provided by collaborator Blake Leyh.

Inspired by the knowledge

that a lighthouse that he grew up with on the coast of England had been decommissioned and left to topple from decay, Dolby created the audio-visual opus as a bittersweet tribute to the doomed structure.

"On the surface it's about the closing of this lighthouse," Dolby explains. "It's on the east coast of England and it's being threatened by coastal erosion, since it was closed down this year."

"It's been there since 1792, and it's actually the 11th lighthouse that's been recorded on that point, and the rest of them got washed away as well."

Sadly for Dolby, it's no longer a matter of trying to save the lighthouse, as he points out that the average weekend yachtsman has better navigational tools available on a smart phone than the lighthouse can now provide.

Even though the building has been bought by someone, it is nonetheless certain that it will eventually fall to the withering effects of the harsh coastal environment it is exposed to.

Though many can relate to the passing of dearly loved childhood icons such as this, the romanticized idea of the light-



Photo by Bruce + Jana

Thomas Dolby and collaborator Blake Leyh will be taking audiences on a multimedia excursion to the edge of the sea and beyond with "Invisible Lighthouse Live" this coming Saturday at The Somerville Theatre.

house, Dolby muses that sometimes our fondness for things that pass away from us can often be overly romanticized in our memories.

"There was this creek that I used to play by as a kid," Dolby says. "I went back there and what I remembered as a raging torrent was just a little trickle. Somebody else says there is this mountain I used to climb and it was just a little hill. Our mem-

ories play interesting tricks with us, and really that's the underscore of my film. The unreliability of our memories."

The current show as includes the showing of the film with music played by Dolby and sound effects provided by Blake Leyh, who uses classic old time radio style techniques to add realistic aural textures to the live presentation.

Narration is also interwoven into the production, and a Q&A session follows the film, allowing the artists and audience members to interact and share their thoughts and feelings about the presentation.

Dolby also breaks out some familiar songs from his past catalog, right up to his most recent release, *A Map Of The Floating City*.

"I've played at The Somerville Theatre before" Dolby reveals. "It's one of my favorite venues.

It's going to be a treat to do the show there."

Dolby believes that people will be fascinated by what Blake Leyh does. "He does footsteps on pebbles and twigs and leaves. The sound of the ocean is there by using a tray of ball bearings, and the sound is enhanced through his computer."

"So your attention is sort of constantly shifting from the screen to what I'm playing and the sound effects that Blake is making. And I think it's going to be a great fit for the Somerville Theatre."

One can be assured that when Thomas Dolby finds a good fit, great things will happen.

*Thomas Dolby's Invisible Lighthouse Live, featuring Live Foley artist Blake Leyh, this Saturday, Oct. 26, 8:00 p.m. at The Somerville Theatre, 55 Davis Square, Somerville.*

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endorsed by six local elected officials and eight organizations and unions recently. Some of them are Rep. Carl Sciortino, Alderman Rebeckah Gerwitz, Alderman Tony Lafuente, School Board members Adam Sweeting, Christine Rafal and Paul Bokleman are the elected ones. Mark was also endorsed by several local organizations and unions.

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Courtney O'Keefe, the current Ward Five Alderman, is running and she's endorsed by many local unions: Teamsters Local 25 and I.B.E.W. local 103, and more locally by the Somerville Police Employees Association and the Somerville Fire Local 76 as well. Other unions include Laborers Union 222, and Courtney was recently endorsed by the City's collective unions. Courtney was endorsed by Bill Roche, former Alderman of Ward One, and as well by former Ward Five Alderman Sean O'Donovan.

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Don't forget the event "Week-end for Sean Collier at Lyndell's Bakery" starting on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, October 25, 26, and 27. They will be selling individual custom half moon cakes dedicated to Sean Collier with his

Somerville Police badge number on them. \$1.00 for every half moon sold will be donated to the Somerville Auxiliary PD Sean Collier memorial scholarship fund.

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Our good friend Ricky Willette at DPW is recuperating from arm surgery. We wish him well and a speedy recovery. Rick is a great guy. He's needed back at DPW.

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Another close friend of The Times is Paula Clark, who is going in for arm surgery this Friday. She says they are going to send her home the same day, but with what she says is being done we find that hard to believe. We certainly wish Paula a speedy recovery. Paula is a fairly new resident of Highland Gardens on Highland Avenue, and loves it there. She says the people are so nice. We know that particular building run by the SHA is well maintained like all the rest of them. Like we said, she's a nice lady.

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Last week the citywide "Spelling Bee" was held at the Dante Club. Every year Sean Fitzgerald and the others work very hard putting this together. This year they had nine teams of

three and the winner was none other than the teachers at the West Somerville Community School, a very impressive win for them. The master of ceremonies was Superintendent of Schools Tony Pieratozzi and the judge for the evening was John Roderick. Congratulations to all the participants. Hopefully next year more will join in on the fun.

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Tonight, Wednesday, October 23, is the annual Somerville Rotary Club "Comedy Night" on Rte. 1. Thanks to all the local businesses that helped to donate to make this yearly event a success. The club works very hard making sure it's successful. Somerville Rotary is made up of local businesses and non-profits that meet weekly at the Mt. Vernon Restaurant at 12:15 p.m. every Tuesday. This year's president is Nancy Kavanagh, and she's doing a great job. If you'd like to find out what Rotary is all about and would like to talk to someone about joining, email Nancy at Nancy\_Kavanagh@ccab.org or just go online to the Rotary web site, you'll find online at our web site [www.thesomervilletimes.com](http://www.thesomervilletimes.com).



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**Tuesday October 29**

Mike Gent & The Rapid Shave 8 p.m.

**Wednesday October 30**

Sound Chalice 8 p.m.

**Thursday October 31**

Halloween Party with Honkytonk Masquerade

**Friday November 1**

Stan Martin Band 6 p.m.  
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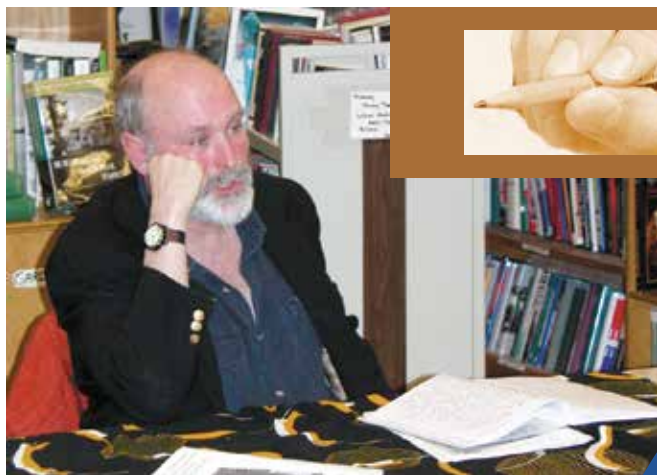
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7:30am	Life Matters	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	7:00pm	Energy Theater	10:00am	Bay State Biking News
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	10:00am	Energy Theater	8:00pm	David Parkman (Free Speech TV)	11:00am	Nossa gente e Costumes
12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	2:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
1:00pm	Somerville Housing Authority	2:30pm	Cooking with Georgia and Dez	10:00pm	Seeds of Death	1:00pm	SCATV Special: Pat Jehlen on Education Reform
1:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	3:00pm	Brunch with Sen. Bernie Sanders	11:00pm	Gay TV	3:00pm	Exercise with Robyn and Max
3:00pm	Medical Tutor	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)	<b>Sunday 10/27</b>		3:30pm	Esoteric Science
4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)	5:00pm	Greater Somerville	6:00am	Program Celebrai	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)
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7:00pm	Basic Buddha	6:30pm	Reeling the Movie Review Show	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	7:30pm	Play by Play
8:00pm	Somerville Pundits	7:00pm	Real Estate Answers Show	10:00am	International Church of God	9:00pm	Dedilhando au Saudade
9:00pm	Bay State Biking News	7:30pm	Contemporary Issues in Science	10:30am	Hello Neighbor	10:00pm	Bate Papo com Shirley
<b>Thursday, October 24</b>		8:30pm	Pat Jehlen on Education Reform	11:00am	The Folklorist	11:00pm	Fright Fest Horror Series
6:00am	Atheist Viewpoint	10:00pm	Stealing America: Vote by Vote	11:30am	Basic Buddha	<b>Tuesday, October 29</b>	
7:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	11:00pm	No Film Film Festival	12:00pm	Play by Play	7:00am	The Struggle
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	<b>Saturday, October 26</b>		1:00pm	Somerville Newspaper Reading	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	6:00am	Arabic Hour	2:30pm	Life Matters	12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
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3:30pm	Health is Wealth	8:30am	Culinary Kids	6:00pm	Abugida TV	5:00pm	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer
4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)	9:00am	Festival Kreyol	7:00pm	African Television Network	5:30pm	The Literati Scene
5:00pm	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	10:00am	Tele Galaxie	8:00pm	Tele Magazine	6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)
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<b>CITY TV 13/22</b>		1:00pm:	Honk!	9:00pm:	Domestic Violence Vigil	8:30pm:	SHS Boys Soccer vs Malden
<b>Wednesday, October 23</b>		2:00pm:	Tale of Two Canals	9:45pm:	Government Affairs Breakfast	10:30pm:	SHS Girls Soccer vs N Quincy
9:00am:	Tale of Two Canals	3:00pm:	The Better Homes Movement: 1922-30	12:00am:	Senior Circuit	<b>Saturday, October 26</b>	
10:00am:	Voices of Somerville	7:00pm:	City-Wide Spelling Bee Benefit	12:30am:	Keep Moving: Everyday Exercises for Older Adults	12:00am:	SHS Football vs Cambridge - 9/27
12:00pm:	School Committee Meeting – REPLAY OF 10.21.13	8:00pm:	Honk!	1:00am:	City-Wide Spelling Bee Benefit	9:00am:	ESCS Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration
3:00pm:	Baxter State Park Ribbon Cutting	9:00pm:	Tale of Two Canals	2:00am:	Domestic Violence Vigil	9:30am:	kid stuff - Fire Safety
6:30pm:	What the Fluff?	10:00pm:	The Better Homes Movement: 1922-30	2:45am:	Government Affairs Breakfast	10:00am:	SHS Girls Soccer vs Everett
7:00pm:	Voices of Somerville	<b>Sunday, October 27</b>		<b>EDUCATIONAL CHANNEL 15</b>		12:00pm:	SHS Boys Soccer vs Malden
7:30pm:	Honk!	12:00am:	City-Wide Spelling Bee Benefit	<b>Wednesday, October 23</b>		2:00pm:	SHS Girls Soccer vs N Quincy
8:30pm:	Union Square Walking Tour	1:00am:	Honk!	9:00am:	SHS Boys Soccer v Boston Latin - 10/11	4:00pm:	ESCS Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration
9:30pm:	Tale of Two Canals	2:00am:	Tale of Two Canals	11:00am:	kid stuff - Fire Safety	4:30pm:	kid stuff - Fire Safety
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12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	8:05pm:	SomerStreets: Monster Mashed Up	10:00pm:	SHS Girls Soccer vs Everett	10:30am:	SHS Boys Soccer v Boston Latin - 10/11
12:30pm:	Sit and be Fit	8:30pm:	Board of Aldermen Meeting – REPLAY OF 10.24.13	<b>Thursday, October 24</b>		12:30pm:	Boys Soccer vs Masconomet Reg.
1:00pm:	From Bow Street to Brickbottom – Historic Tour	<b>Monday, October 28</b>		12:00am:	SHS Boys Soccer v Malden	2:05pm:	kid stuff - Fire Safety
2:15pm:	Overview of Somerville By Design	12:00am:	Senior Circuit	1:30am:	SHS Boys Soccer vs Billerica	3:00pm:	SHS Football vs Everett
2:30pm:	Somerville By Design: E. Somerville – Washington St.	12:30am:	Keep Moving: Exercise for Older Adults	8:30am:	Our Schools, Our City - College Ready	5:00pm:	SHS Girls Soccer vs Matignon
7:00pm:	Board of Aldermen Meeting - LIVE	1:05am:	SomerStreets: Monster Mashed Up	9:00am:	SHS Football vs Cambridge - 9/27	7:00pm:	SHS Boys Soccer vs Billerica
<b>Friday, October 25</b>		1:30am:	Honk!	11:30am:	WHCIS Chorus Sings for Fenway Park	8:30pm:	SHS Boys Soccer v Boston Latin - 10/11
12:00am:	The Aldermen's Hour	9:00am:	SomerStreets: Monster Mashed Up	12:00pm:	Raising Families - Developmental Disorders	10:30pm:	ESCS Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration
12:30am:	What the Fluff? Festival	12:00pm:	Board of Aldermen Meeting – REPLAY OF 10.24.13	12:30pm:	SHS Boys Soccer vs Everett - 9/30	<b>Monday, October 28</b>	
1:00am:	Union Square Walking Tour	10.24.13		2:00pm:	kid stuff - Fire Safety	12:00am:	kid stuff - Fire Safety
2:00am:	The Better Homes Movement in Somerville 1922-30	3:30pm:	Public Meeting on City Self-Evaluation Plan	2:30pm:	East Somerville Community School Grand Tour	12:30am:	SHS Football vs Everett
9:00am:	Overview of Somerville by Design	6:30pm:	The Aldermen's Hour	3:00pm:	Our Schools, Our City -	2:55am:	SHS Girls Soccer vs Matignon
9:10am:	Honk!	7:00pm:	Muslim & Arab Community Panel	4:00pm:	Highlander Forum - Leadership	9:00am:	SHS Football vs Malden - 10/4
11:30am:	SomerStreets: Strike Up the Bands	8:00pm:	Voices of Somerville	5:00pm:	Our Schools, Our City - College Ready	11:30am:	ESCS Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration
12:00pm:	Somerville Reads: B.A. Shapiro	8:30pm:	Somerville Reads: B.A. Shapiro	5:30pm:	SHS Football vs Cambridge - 9/27	12:00pm:	SHS Girls Soccer v Malden - 10/7
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2:00pm:	Tale of Two Canals	<b>Tuesday, October 29</b>		8:30pm:	Raising Families - Developmental Disorders	3:00pm:	SHS Boys Soccer vs Cambridge - 10/9
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<b>Saturday, October 26</b>		12:30pm:	Keep Moving: Everyday Exercises for Older Adults	12:30am:	Highlander Forum - Leadership	<b>Tuesday, October 29</b>	
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## OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

### Stone Soup To City Lights: Jack Powers on Lawrence Ferlinghetti

*I wanted to publish this old interview I conducted with the founder of the famed Stone Soup Poets, the late Jack Powers. Many of the younger poets on the scene today may not be familiar with this granddaddy of the Spoken Word movement here in Boston. Here he discusses his relationship with iconic Beat Poet and Publisher Lawrence Ferlinghetti.*



Jack Powers.

Jack Powers is the founder of Stone Soup Poets, a venue of readings and publishing in the Boston and Cambridge area for over thirty years. He has provided a space for open poetry readings from poets from all walks of life. He has also published poetry books for a variety of known and unknown poets, including: Lawrence Ferlinghetti, who was a major player in the Beat Poetry Movement on the West Coast in the 50's. Jack recently visited Ferlinghetti in San Francisco where he still runs City Light Books. City Lights, the first all paperback bookstore, was founded by Ferlinghetti in 1953. Shortly after he formed a publishing house, creating his renowned Pocket Poet Series. Among the poets he published were: Allen Ginsberg, Gregory Corso, Jack Kerouac, Dianne DiPrima, to name just a few. I spoke with Powers about his recollections and his recent meeting with this legendary poet.

**Doug Holder:** Jack, you have told me more than once that Lawrence Ferlinghetti brought you back to poetry. What is it about the man that drew you to him?

**Jack Powers:** I think people of my generation were scared into a stasis in post-war America. I was turned on to Ferlinghetti when I read one of his books from the Pocket Poet Series *Howl* and other Poems by Allen Ginsberg. I came across it in a little bookstore at the corner of Mass. Ave and Huntington in Boston. In the late 50's I went out to San Francisco with a dear friend and discovered Ferlinghetti's City Lights Bookstore. I didn't actually meet Ferlinghetti until 1975. I was attracted to Ferlinghetti's poetry because it was written in the vernacular; he wrote about "high" things in the common tongue. Now in his 80's, he is still a very formidable presence. I feel he will be recognized as a great poet in his own right, beyond his role as a guru of the Beat Movement.

**DH:** Ferlinghetti, along with Peter Martin, launched the first all-paperback bookstore in 1953, and later formed a publishing house, starting with their Pocket Poet Series in 1955. Was your own publishing house, Stone Soup Publishing, modeled after Ferlinghetti's and Martin's efforts?

**JP:** It was impossible not to be influenced by something so beautiful. When I went out to "Frisco", and City Lights, I loved the feel of Grant St. (home of City Lights), and the crazy people. When I say "crazy" I mean the label that mainstream society gave them. Here were these creative people spreading their wings, amidst the stifling conformity of 1950's America. The energy that came from that little bookstore in North Beach was inspiring. Ferlinghetti kept his "tire in track" simply put: he didn't kill himself with booze and drugs, like so many others. Kerouac, for instance drank himself to distraction and died in his 40's. Ginsberg bathed in the Ganges and was a master of histrionics. Ferlinghetti remained the solid core. Ferlinghetti was and is the model of the sober,

committed artist. People could depend on him. He was the co-founder of the Beat Movement, but he was solidly planted like a tree. Every time I see Ferlinghetti I feel born again, flushed with new energy.

**DH:** Ferlinghetti published Ginsberg's "Howl" You published Ferlinghetti's "Jack of Hearts." Were there any similarities between the books?

**JP:** Ferlinghetti publishing "Howl" was a very natural development. He even wrote a poem "The Dog" in his book "Coney Island of the Mind", that was based on the poetical persona of Ginsberg: The Dog trots freely in the street and sees reality and the things he sees are bigger than himself and the things he sees are his reality Drunks in doorways moons on trees I believe Ferlinghetti and Ginsberg belong together. Like two dogs they walked the street and wrote about the stark reality...the wino, the aging drag queen, the ethereal shine of the moon on a tree. They were both living question marks, searching for a common truth.

**DH:** During your trip to the Coast you told me that Ferlinghetti showed you the cottage that he let Kerouac use to dry out and concentrate on his writing. Describe the setting, the feeling, the sense of place or presence there.

**JP:** I remember touching the desk Kerouac did his writing on. I wondered how many words flowed from here. How incredibly privileged I was to be there. I followed a nearby creek to the Pacific. I stood in the ocean and said: "Thank you, I understand." Just like the creek, we start out as a mere trickle and make that universal passage to the sea, the world at large, the cosmos, what have you. The shore puts you in contact with constant reality, like a heartbeat. After I got back to Boston, I had the most remarkable thing happen: I saw my own aura around my arms and legs. I feel Kerouac gave me this gift.

**DH:** Ferlinghetti is in his 80's now and you are in your 60's. Will you be able to carry the torch for him?

**JP:** I feel that I have to continue to carry the torch. I owe Lawrence for teaching me that each individual life means something. You don't have to be a Yale Younger Poet in order to say something. Lawrence believes as I do, that Americans are too into titillation, they don't read things that challenge them. I think the idea of producing challenging art forms is a common goal.



Lawrence Ferlinghetti.

The way to a man's heart is through his stomach – some say. Poet David R. Surette brings the sandwich from the banal to the High Holy. His latest poetry collection is *Wicked Hard*.



#### Sandwich

It was her sandwiches  
that did me in, made me say,  
I love you, the words that had never  
crossed my lips to anyone.  
It was how her hands moved,  
mixing the ingredients,  
mayo and pickle,  
spreading the tuna,  
the bread swelling  
in the middle from the abundance,  
threatening to pull the structure  
apart, and if it did, it was an ecstasy.  
She used only one can  
of tuna to feed us both when my mother  
could make a can feed a family of six,  
used peanut butter and jelly as thin  
coats of paint and lost deviled ham  
in the mayo but not you, dear.  
You knew that love is abundance  
especially at the beginning  
and in the face of future  
famine, you made sure we  
feasted in the good times.

– David R. Surette

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