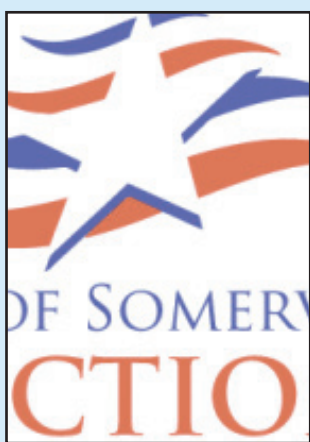




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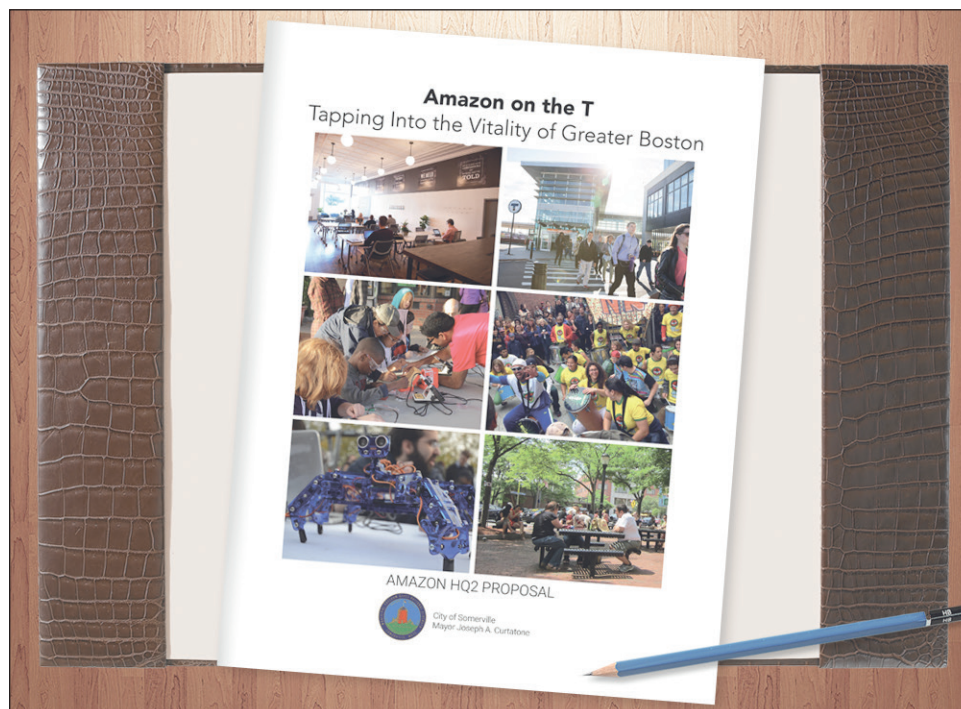
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## Somerville makes a collaborative pitch for Amazon HQ2



The hat is in the ring with the City of Somerville's proposal for "Amazon on the T" officially submitted.

By Jim Clark

The City of Somerville's collaborative "Amazon on the T" proposal inviting Amazon to establish its second corporate headquarters along the transit lines that link our adjacent Greater Boston communities has been submitted and was released to the public late last week.

Goliath online retailer Amazon's HQ2 will serve as a second corporate headquarters for tech company Amazon.com in North America, supplement its existing headquarters in Seattle, Washington.

So far, 238 proposals have been submitted by cities throughout North America, with some 24 sent in by cities in Massachusetts alone.

"Our proposal phases in with a collection of connected sites in Somerville, Boston, and Cambridge that support more than 8 million square feet of commercial

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## Hot sounds from Cold Specks

By Blake Maddux

Ladan Hussein was born in Etobicoke, Ontario, to Solami parents who had immigrated to Canada in 1987.

For a time, she studied political science at the University of Toronto with the intention of becoming a lawyer.

However, her passion for music made it increasingly unlikely that she would go on to handle legal matters on a daily basis.

"My career kind of took off," Hussein said in a recent phone interview, "and I got to play shows and make records. I did that instead of studying."

On her first two albums, 2012's *I Predict a Graceful Expulsion* and 2014's *Neuroplasticity*, Hussein cultivated a sound that she dubbed "doom soul." Both were released under her stage name, Cold Specks. To fans and the press, she identified herself as Al Spx.

It was not until a tweet dated March 20, 2015, that Cold Specks revealed to the public the name that her parents gave her.

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Cold Specks will be performing at ONCE Ballroom on Thursday, November 2. — Photo by Norman Wong

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Election Day will be here and gone, then the fireworks begin. Nice of Socialist **Sen. Bernie Sanders** (everything should be free) to stop over briefly here in Somerville, and we mean briefly. We hear that he needed GPS to find us this past Monday morning. He was here long enough (maybe an hour) to shake hands with the local politicians (imagine he never met any of them before) running for office, to say “Hi” and then endorse them. He gave the same endorsement as **Our Revolution Somerville** gave (you know, that large group of Socialists – approximately 40 members) who used to be called the **Pro-gressive Democrats of Somerville**, way back a few years ago. What we are wondering about is a couple of the candidates running look like they are trying to distance themselves from the long-time residents over the new Socialists? Bernie the Socialist Senator endorsed the following incumbents: **Alderman At-Large Bill White** and **Mary Jo Rossetti**, which surprised us. Wasn’t Bill a proud Republican not too long ago? Ward candidates **Alderman Matt McLaughlin** (not surprised here, remember he said he’s an activist first then an alderman), **Alderman Mark Niedergang** (again not surprised), **Alderman Lance Davis** (very surprised since he’s a billion dollar corporation lawyer), and those were just some of the incumbents. Here’s a bet: how many do you think he met and talked to before Monday’s endorsement? Again Sen. Bernie wasn’t here long; he probably had to get back up north to his multimillion dollar Island mansion he bought on that private island after the DNC convention last year. Just saying!

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Good for **Mac** down at **DPW** who is recuperating and will be back to work soon. We wish him well.

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*The Somerville Times’ Bill Shelton* wrote a column in August in which he described his experience as an **Airbnb** host and advocated for wise regulation and taxation of such uses by the city. As a result, he discovered that his own operation required a special occupancy permit. He reports that **Kelly, Jennifer, Jesse, Floyd, and Hans** at the **Inspectional Service Division** were all helpful, informative, and a pleasure to deal with.

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## TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

### Response to: *City officials, residents outraged by loss of Beacon St. trees*

**Vigil for a tree?** says:

What a slap in the face this is to all the Somerville families grieving the loss of a loved one from addiction. Is this stunt taking place because it is an election year? I’ve watched the video posted by Somerville Neighborhood News and learned all I need to learn about what our elected officials really care about. I’ve seen who attended this vigil and will not forget. They should remember that each addiction death affects at least 20 other people, so in recent years, at least 1000 people/voters have been affected by an addiction loss. And while the BOA is making demands of MA DOT for doing their job, how about they make demands of MA DPH? Maybe they could demand more treatment, prevention, and education? I won’t be holding my breath.

**George Landers** says:

How can you win in this city anymore?  
Traffic is a nightmare; cyclists are too numerous to count, and too many of them ignore common rules of the road, like God forbid they wait at a stop light or even slow down for a stop sign. Now the city is trying to widen the roads to accommodate the influx of these vehicles, and all hell breaks loose.  
I love trees, I know they are incredibly valuable to our ecology, but I also understand that living in a four square mile city with over 80,000 people in it, some things must change, and in this case, the removal of these trees was the best solution for our growth.  
You understand getting a tree removed in this city is almost impossible?  
I can assure you, if there was a better solution, your Alderman, MaryAnn Heuston would have stopped this cold.  
Want to see more trees, take a walk on our bike path.

**Old Taxpayer** says:

Okay, they were scheduled to be cut down anyway. So let’s just make the best of it. Maybe we confiscate the lumber from the trees and use it to build something for the ever increasing homeless population here in Somerville. If not enough then make beds for those that have no place to sleep. Make lemonade out of lemons. I could be more understanding if they were not going to the chopping block.

**missed the point** says:

George, you want us to travel to a special place where we keep the trees? Nice to have trees in your neighborhood. This is not for growth, this is for comfort and convenience to an obnoxious scoff-law group of cyclists. Its Completely unnecessary. I rearranged my day to stand at procession for Officer Remigio, whom I did not know. I doubt any of the tree mourners bothered. Everyone has their causes but equating this with a death is insulting.

**Truth** says:

Missed the point, you are so right. How many of the Pols that attended the tree vigil did you see at Officer Remigio’s procession? I’m guessing none, since there was no photo op or video made. What I’d like is for the city to tear down the awful trees they planted in the 80’s and 90’s. We in the neighborhoods have discovered as the trees mature that there is a huge problem with their sap. During certain times of the year if you even park near the tree your car is completely covered with sticky sap that is difficult to remove. I have even felt the sticky sap in the middle of the street. I’m guessing these trees must have been on clearance or something because I don’t know anyone who would want them!

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# City Election 2017: Mayor of Somerville

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

## For the Office of Mayor:



### Payton Corbett

Payton Corbett is running for Mayor because city government should work for all of Somerville’s residents – not just the select few insiders. He knows that our city is facing tough challenges, and he’s ready to act boldly to ensure that Somerville’s working families aren’t left behind.

The son of a truck driver and a nurse, service to others runs through Payton’s family. His mother worked as a hospice nurse for nearly 30 years, caring for patients in their final days. His father, a truck driver, was active in little league baseball and other youth sports, helping kids stay out of trouble and teaching teamwork. His sister Erin works as a social worker for a youth services department, and his sister Tara is a youth worker on Nantucket. Payton’s wife, Jenny, works at Harvard University as a collection curator.

Payton is a 34-year old Teamster who has spent his entire adult life living in Somerville. He has lived out his commitment to

the community through his extensive service to his local union. As an elected officer and steward in his union, Payton has gained valuable experience negotiating contracts, helping resolve grievances, and leading his sisters and brothers through a complex and evolving economy. These are all skills that have helped prepare Payton to serve all people of Somerville with professionalism and principle.

Payton knows that Somerville has become a more livable cities in many ways, but in recent years disturbing trends have taken hold. The mutually-reinforcing problems of runaway development and soaring costs of living have started to make

Somerville a city where SOME, but not ALL, can afford to live, work, and raise a family. Unfortunately, while Mayor Curtatone has sought headlines for his resistance to the Trump agenda (for which he deserves credit), he has worked to put in place policies that make Somerville prohibitively expensive to many who call it home. Payton knows the pressure of development and pricing firsthand- the apartment he and his wife share in East Somerville is being developed into nine condos, and Payton wants to bring new leadership and policies to City Hall to help his neighbors who are in the same situation as he is.

Somerville needs to make a concrete plan to ensure that working families can afford to live here. Payton will work to create a pathway to home ownership for middle and low income residents. Payton knows this is a reasonable and attainable goal – but it won’t be real-

ized by encouraging connected Big Developers to build luxury housing on every street corner. Communities all over this country have found innovative and progressive ways to deal with the housing crisis. New leaders can find developers, investors, and non-profits, who want to be good partners with this community.

As Mayor, Payton will work to protect our most vulnerable: seniors on fixed incomes who are struggling to keep up with their ever-increasing tax burden, and immigrants unfairly targeted by the federal administration.

A Payton Corbett administration will treat our hardest working city employees with the respect they deserve. Morale among city employees is at an all-time low. A majority of our municipal unions are without contracts, and many workers are paid 12 - 16% below workers in other comparable cities.

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### 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 COMMUNITY SCHOOL, 50 Cross Street – Glen Street Entrance;  
Precinct 3. A room in the EAST SOMERVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL, 50 Cross Street – Glen Street Entrance;
- WARD TWO**  
Precinct 1. A room in the THE POLICE STATION, 220 Washington Street;  
Precinct 2. A room in the ARGENZIANO SCHOOL at Lincoln Park, 290 Washington St;  
Precinct 3. A room in the LOWELL STREET FIRE STATION, 651 Somerville Avenue;
- WARD THREE**  
Precinct 1. THE ATRIUM, SOMERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL, 81 Highland Avenue;  
Precinct 2. THE ATRIUM, SOMERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL, 81 Highland Avenue;  
Precinct 3. A room in the DANTE CLUB, 5 Dante Terrace;
- WARD FOUR**  
Precinct 1. A room in the MYSTIC ACTIVITY CENTER, 530 Mystic Avenue;  
Precinct 2. A room in the WINTER HILL COMMUNITY SCHOOL, 115 Sycamore Street;  
Precinct 3. A room in the WINTER HILL COMMUNITY SCHOOL, 115 Sycamore Street;
- WARD FIVE**  
Precinct 1. A room in the DEPT OF PUBLIC WORKS GARAGE, 1 Franey Road;  
Precinct 2. A room in the BROWN SCHOOL, 201 Willow Ave - Kidder Ave Entrance;  
Precinct 3. A room in the ENGINE 7 FIRE STATION, 265 Highland Avenue;
- WARD SIX**  
Precinct 1. A room in the JOHN F KENNEDY SCHOOL, 5 Cherry St. - Sartwell Ave Entrance;  
Precinct 2. A room in the SOMERVILLE COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH, 31 College Avenue;  
Precinct 3. A room in the HOLY BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH, 14 Chapel Street;
- WARD SEVEN**  
Precinct 1. A room in the SENIOR CENTER, TAB BUILDING, 167 Holland Street;  
Precinct 2. A room in the WEST SOMERVILLE NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL, 177 Powder House Blvd – Raymond Ave, Entrance  
Precinct 3. VNA ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY, 405 Alewife Brook Parkway;

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

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# THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

## They proved he was on the property

A police officer was dispatched to a Glen St. residence last Thursday on reports of a harassment prevention order violation. Upon arrival, the officer spotted the alleged violator, Frank Chan, in the driveway of the residence, packing a bag. The officer noted that he was

acquainted with Chan from prior incidents. The officer asked Chan why he was at the location and he reportedly answered, “To get my stuff.” The officer then asked Chan if he had a restraining order in place against him, and he reportedly said, “I don’t have no papers

on me so who cares?” The officer explained to Chan that he was not supposed to be on the property, and he responded by saying, “Prove it, that I was on the property,” police said. The officer then spoke with the reporting party, who was visibly nervous. He stated “Please get

him away from me. I am very scared of that man.” The reporting party was holding his active restraining order. It stated that Chan was to remain 100 yards away from the residence. The officer estimated that Chan was approximately 20 yards from the residence and

was still in the driveway. The reporting party also stated that Chan had also been in the side yard, which is even closer to the residence. Chan was subsequently placed under arrest for violation of harassment prevention order and taken in for booking.

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### SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

**Luis Curbelo**, of 50 Allen St., October 16, 6:32 p.m., arrested at Broadway on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor 2nd offense.  
**Nathan Wellman**, of 69 Nor-

man St., Everett, October 17, 8:37 p.m., arrested at Somerville Ave. on a warrant charge of juror failure to attend.  
**Patrick Perkins**, of 10168 Deadker Dr., Philadelphia, PA, October 19, 6:36 a.m., arrested at Beacon St. on warrant

charges of disorderly conduct and miscellaneous municipal ordinance violation.  
**Frank Chan**, October 20, 12:11 p.m., arrested on a charge of violation of harassment prevention order.  
**Carl Clinton**, October 20,

3:38 p.m., arrested at Fellsway on a warrant charge of felony nighttime breaking and entering.  
**Arthur Shannon**, of 219 Western Ave., Allston, October 21, 8:15 p.m., arrested at Alewife Brook Pkwy. on charges

of possession of a class B drug, witness intimidation, threat to commit a crime, not being in possession of license, leaving the scene of property damage, operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor, and failure to stop for police.

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## Somerville makes a collaborative pitch for Amazon HQ2

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space – much of it shovel-ready – within thriving mixed-use neighborhoods with superior transit accessibility. Each location is adjacent to the MBTA Green or Orange T Lines, which will connect Amazon to every transit and commuter rail line in Greater Boston,” wrote Mayor Curtatone in his introductory letter in the proposal. “It’s a regional opportunity to have a strong presence in Massachusetts by creating an ecosystem around Amazon’s values of connectivity and modularity.” In an overview of the proposal released to the public last week by the city, the following points were highlighted:

**What and where?**

This is a smart-growth, regional, multi-city proposal. It promotes a collection of mixed-use sites that would spark not just office development, but also affordable and market-rate housing, retail, and R&D, directly adjacent to existing and coming MBTA Orange, Green, and Silver line stops in Somerville, Cambridge, Boston, Everett,

Chelsea, and Medford.

**Incentives:**

Our region is the incentive: With our world-class universities, diverse quality workforce, exceptional transit access, thriving arts and culture hub, and mixed-use permitted sites, we are certain that the opportunity to join and invest in our dynamic communities will be the primary incentive for Amazon.

Existing state and local incentives available to all are noted: The proposal includes only existing State-level incentives and financing programs already available from the Commonwealth such as the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Economic Development Incentive Program Credits (EDIPC) or District Improvement Financing (DIF), as well as the City’s brownfields cleanup loan program.

We also offer an incentive with deeper value than tax credits: We invite Amazon not just to set up shop here, but to become a partner in our long-range community vision for a sustainable, equitable, and opportunity-filled

future for all who live here. Essentially, we offer an exceptionally promising opportunity for Amazon to set a new standard for corporate citizenship.

**Sites details:**

The sites are woven into the dense and diverse fabric of their surrounding neighborhoods and are interconnected with the region’s world-renowned technology and higher education clusters.

The majority of sites included in the initial build-out are pre-permitted and shovel-ready.

Two options for phase one are presented:

A series of sites located along the Orange Line provides an initial build-out of up to 8.3M commercial square feet.

A series of sites located along the Green Line, providing an initial 8M commercial square feet.

An additional 3.8 million square feet is presented for possible expansion.

The full proposal can be downloaded from the city’s website: [Somervillema.gov/Amazon](http://Somervillema.gov/Amazon).

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# Beacon Hill Roll Call

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**THE HOUSE AND SENATE:** *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records local senators’ votes on several roll calls on over-riding some of Gov. Charlie Baker’s cuts of \$320 million in spending in the \$39.4 billion fiscal 2018 state budget. A two-thirds vote in both branches is needed for a veto to be overridden.

The House has restored the entire \$320 million and the Senate has restored only \$75.8 million but plans to over-ride other vetoes in the coming weeks.

House and Senate Democratic leaders say Baker’s cuts would hurt many people including the sick, seniors, chil-dren and minorities.

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

**\$2.5 MILLION FOR HIV AND AIDS (H 3800)**  
Senate 37-0, overrode a reduction of \$2.5 million (from \$30,834,416 to \$28,334,416) for HIV, AIDS, viral hep-atitis, sexually transmitted infections and tuberculosis programs.

(A “Yes” vote is for funding the \$2.5 million.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen      Yes

**\$275,000 FOR PROSTATE CANCER (H 3800)**  
Senate 37-0, overrode a reduction of \$275,000 (from \$550,000 to \$275,000) for prostate cancer awareness, education and research programs focusing on men with African-American, Hispanic or Latino heritage, family history of the disease and other men at high risk.

(A “Yes” vote is for funding the \$275,000.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen      Yes

**\$200,000 FOR STROKE PROGRAMS (H 3800)**  
Senate 36-1, overrode a cut of the entire \$200,000 for stroke treatment and prevention programs.

(A “Yes” vote is for funding the \$200,000. A “No” vote is against it.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen      Yes

**\$100,000 FOR DOWN SYNDROME PRO-GRAMS (H 3800)**  
Senate 37-0, overrode a cut of the entire \$100,000 for a Down Syndrome Program at the Children’s Medical Center at the University of Massachusetts Memorial Medical Center in Worcester.

(A “Yes” vote is for funding the \$100,000.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen      Yes

**\$1.1 MILLION FOR RECOVERY HIGH SCHOOLS (H 3800)**  
Senate 37-0, overrode a reduction of \$1.1 million (from \$3.6 million to \$2.5 million) for recovery high schools – public schools where students can earn a high school diploma and are supported in their recovery from alco-hol and drug use.

(A “Yes” vote is for funding the \$1.1 million.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen      Yes

**\$150,000 FOR JOB TRAINING FOR YOUNG ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES (H 3800)**  
Senate 36-1, overrode a cut of the entire \$150,000 for an employment training program for unemployed young adults with disabilities.

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen      Yes

## ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

**LGBT SENIORS (S 346)** - A bill being considered by the Elder Affairs Committee would require the De-partment of Elder Affairs to develop a curriculum and training program on the prevention and elimination of discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender iden-tity and expression.

The proposal is designed to improve access to services for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender elders and caregivers. The training program must be completed by all services providers who contract with or receive fund-ing from the Elder Affairs Department.

**CHILD CARE FOR CANDIDATES (S 386)** - The Elder Affairs Committee’s agenda also includes a bill amending a current law that prohibits the use of cam-paign funds by a candidate for personal use. The bill would allow a campaign to pay for childcare services for a candidate while the candidate is performing work or attending events directly related to his or her campaign.

**ALLOW NON-CITIZENS TO VOTE (H 388)** - Legislation before the Election Laws Committee would permit cities and towns to allow non-citizens over age 18 to vote in local municipal elections.

These non-citizens would be eligible only if they certify in writing that they live in the city or town and “intend in good faith to become a U.S. citizen and intend to begin that process, if eligible.” Communities could adopt this law if it is approved by the local governing body and by the voters on a local ballot question.

**INSTANT RUNOFF ELECTIONS (S 380)** - The Election Laws Committee’s agenda also includes legis-lation allowing cities and towns to use a “ranked choice voting” (RCV) system for their local city or town elec-tions. RCV is designed to ensure the election of can-didates that receive an absolute majority, rather than a simple plurality.

All candidates on the ballot are ranked by voters in order of their preference. If no candidate receives a majority of first choice votes, the candidate that received the least number of first choice votes is eliminated. The second choice of the voters who supported the eliminated can-didate now becomes their first choice and is added to the totals of the remaining candidates. The same process is repeated, if necessary, until a candidate is the first choice of a majority of voters.

Supporters say the system would prevent candidates in a crowded election field from being elected with less than 50 percent of the vote. They also argue that it prevents “spoiler” candidates from tipping an election and allows people to vote for their favorite candidate without fear of helping to elect their least favorite candidate.

Opponents say that RCV is confusing and does nothing to truly reform an election process that is controlled by fundraising and money.

**GENITAL MUTILATION, UNIVERSAL SIGNS ON PUBLIC BATHROOMS AND OVER-WEIGHT DISCRIMINATION** - The Judiciary Committee held a hearing on several bills including:

**FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION (S 788)** - Makes it a crime to perform female genital mutilation.

Supporters say that 6,000 women and girls around the world are subjected to genital mutilation annually and that 135 million have been the victims of this barbaric act.

They note that the procedure has no health benefits for women and girls and in fact can cause all kinds of health problems including bleeding, urinary problems and complications in childbirth sometimes leading to the death of the child.

**BAN DISCRIMINATION BASED ON HEIGHT AND WEIGHT (H 952)** - Prohibits discrimination on the basis of a person’s height or weight.

Supporters say that overweight people are often not hired or promoted because of their weight and note this type of discrimination is on the rise and is more accept-able and pervasive than race, gender or sexual orienta-tion discrimination.

They argue that often people are unaware they are being discriminated against until after they lose weight and are suddenly promoted. They note that weight discrimina-tion stems from the myth that obesity is a character flaw.

**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 leg-islators 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, re-search, constituent work and other matters that are im-portant to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legisla-tion 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 16-20, the House met for a total of 36 minutes and the Senate met for a total of seven hours and three minutes.

Mon. October 16      House 11:03 a.m. to 11:20 a.m.  
Senate 11:10 a.m. to 11:28 a.m.

Tues. October 17      House 11:03 a.m. to 11:09 a.m.  
No Senate session

Wed. October 18      No House session  
No Senate session

Thurs. October 19      House 10:58 a.m. to 11:11 a.m.  
Senate 11:01 a.m. to 5:46 p.m.

Fri. October 20      No House session  
No Senate session

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## City Election 2017: Mayor of Somerville

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With Somerville families facing some of the most serious challenges they have seen in decades, it's time for a mayor who stands up for the very people who contribute to making our city such a desirable place to live, work and raise a family.



### Joseph A. Curtatone

This city has always been my calling. By accident of birth, I got to be from the greatest city on the planet. I grew up exposed to the widest mix of people you can imagine, who worked incredibly hard to provide a good life for their families. It was a place where it never dawned on

us to look down on each other because we were all in the same spot together.

Even though those were lean times for Somerville, I still got exceptional opportunities as a kid from an immigrant family. I got to be in the marching band and play on the football team, and that really put the zeal to represent this city in my blood.

I became an alderman in my 20s. I've been mayor for 14 years. When my wife and I got married, she knew Somerville was part of the package. I'm proud to be raising my children here and even prouder to say they have better opportunities than the ones I had.

I've now been here long enough to see the arc of history, from the days when we were bent but unbroken, to today when we're tackling the challenges of prosperity. Along the way I've seen

Somerville achieve remarkable things that other cities don't even dare to dream.

In 2018, the major construction phase of the Green Line Extension starts because of our constant vigilance in making sure the state delivers on its promises. When GLX is finished, 85% of city residents will be able to walk to the train versus 15% today. This will provide better access to jobs, and improve our environment, taking 25,000 daily car trips off the road.

Last year Somerville voters overwhelmingly supported the City's plan to rebuild the high school, because it was the right thing to do. Since I became mayor, we've increased school spending 47% and our high school is now ranked Level 1 by the state. The percentage of Somerville students moving on to higher and further education has in-

creased from 59% to 80%. We're the greatest educational success story in Massachusetts, an urban school system committed to unlocking the potential of every student. When other cities ask how students still pay no fees for music or athletics, the answer is because our values come first.

We have some of the most aggressive affordable housing development in the state with 225 new units in the past six years and 330 in the pipeline. We have the largest owner-occupied tax exemption in Massachusetts to help seniors and families stay in our community. We need to go further, by passing a 1% transfer fee on real estate speculation in our city - carefully written with exemptions for lower-income households, long-term owners, and owners who sell at a loss - to generate the resources our community needs to address afford-

ability in our existing neighborhoods.

As Chair of the Metro Mayors' Coalition I brought our region together around combating global warming, and now we're undertaking a program to reduce our carbon footprint to zero by the year 2050. Global Warming isn't the only issue where Somerville can't stand alone. I'm working to bring neighboring communities together to address the regional housing crisis, and build 435,000 new housing units in Greater Boston by 2040.

We've been named the healthiest city, the best-run city, the greenest city, the most walkable, the most bikeable and we're just getting started. It has been the honor of my lifetime to part of all of that and I can't wait for what comes next. I'm asking for your vote on November 7th.

## Sen. Bernie Sanders comes to Somerville

By Eesha Pendharkar

Sen. Bernie Sanders came to Somerville on Monday to endorse 18 candidates for local office in Cambridge and Somerville. The Somerville and Massachusetts chapters of Sanders' grassroots movement, Our Revolution, organized the event at which the progressive Vermont Senator spoke.

The ONCE ballroom on Highland Avenue in Somerville was packed with Sanders' supporters as he talked about the importance of citizens getting involved in local elections. "What the political revolution is about is saying if we're going to be successful in taking on the billionaire class whose greed is destroying this country, we need a mass movement of people at the grassroots level who are going to stand up and fight back, which means getting involved which is what you are doing," he told the cheering crowd.

Sanders spoke about some of his 2016 presidential campaign key goals like affordable housing, healthcare for all and making universities tuition-free. He gave examples of successful grassroots movements electing progressive local officials in traditionally republican states like Alabama and Mississippi to motivate the crowd towards voting in the upcoming elections on November 9.

State Representative Mike Connolly moderated the event, introducing the endorsed candidates for alderman, alderman-at-large and city council. Newly elected state senator Paul Feeney, who was also endorsed by Our Revolution, spoke about the importance of citizens getting involved in local politics.

"I think there's good for the city to have all of this energy, all of this participation and all of these folks who are getting engaged in pursuing local office," Connolly said.



Sen. Sanders delivered a rousing endorsement of local and state level candidates up for election in November.

— Photos by Eesha Pendharkar

"It's a big deal for Bernie to come to Somerville," said Penelope Jennewein, who organized the event. "It's a commitment to the organization."

Jennewein said that she believed in the power of local activists and concerned citizens coming together to build a community. She said that Our Revolution Somerville had knocked on 4,000 doors across the city, talking to people to try and get them involved.

"He's an amazing figure for us to look up to," she said "But I'm more heartened seeing the hundreds of people show up."

The long line that snaked along Highland Avenue an hour before the event bolstered to Jennewein's hope that people would take an interest in local politics.

Jennifer Oberhauser from

Cambridge said she couldn't believe her luck when she heard that Bernie Sanders was coming to Somerville. "It's hard to keep your spirits up in the political climate these days and there's nothing more inspiring to me than seeing Bernie. Her son Gavin who accompanied her stood on a little folding stool she brought for him to get a better view of Sanders as he spoke. Oberhauser said since he hadn't seen Sanders speak before, she let him miss school to come to the event. "It's empowering to have these values reinforced and to reconnect with a community that believes in these values and I actually learned a lot about local candidates and got more clarity on who I'm voting for."

Our Revolution endorsements

included Bob Massie for governor, Ward 1 Alderman Matt McLaughlin, candidate for Ward 2 alderman JT Scott, candidate for Ward 3 alderman Ben Ewen-Campen, candidate for Ward 4 alderman Jesse Clingan, Ward 5 alderman Mark Niedergang, Ward 6 alderman Lance Davis, Alderman At-Large Bill White, Alderman At-Large Mary Jo Rossetti, and candidate for Alderman At-Large Will Mbah.

After endorsing these candidates, Sanders ended his speech on a hopeful note, drawing prolonged applause and cheering from the crowd.

"We will succeed in creating government that works for all of us, not just the 1 percent," said Sanders. "The political revolution is beginning and this is what it looks like."





# 'Haunted Hall' returns November 2



Join the City of Somerville on Thursday, November 2, for the annual "Haunted Hall" event on the City Hall concourse from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The family-friendly event will feature a costumed Halloween Stroll, safe Trick-or-Treating, games and activities, refreshments, a Haunted "Hallway" tour, and more. Young attendees are invited to participate in the annual "Halloween Stroll," stepping off at 6:15 p.m. Costumes are encouraged for all ages, and all "haunted" elements will be appropriate for attendees of all ages.

In the event of rain, the event will be held in the Somerville High gymnasium.

For more information, contact Jackie Rossetti at 617-625-6600 ext. 2614, or [JRossetti@somervillema.gov](mailto:JRossetti@somervillema.gov).

## Treasure Hunting with Bob

BY BOB ADAMS



### A Whale of a Tail Table

Years ago, I was out picking through people's trash in swank Arlington. I had waited until after sunset to go out in my pick-up truck.

I went to the Friendlies on Broadway, got a fribble and planned on cruising for a few hours up and down the streets looking for a nice score. I drove up on a promising looking pile in front of a well-kept single family house that had a for sale sign on the lawn. I parked and grabbed a small flashlight.

The pickings were good at this pile and I had the flashlight in my mouth leaving both hands free to sort through the pile. About this time, I saw the front door open and an old woman came out carrying a small cardboard box loaded with vintage kitchen stuff.

It was sort of awkward, me standing in the middle of her trash while she added to it. I said hello and she told me that she had a full basement which I could help myself to if I didn't charge her to cart it all away. Deal!

She led me to the basement's side entrance, turned on the light and walked down the stairs. She was keeping the washer and drier

but everything else had to go. There was a large thick oak table next to the washer. She told me that she sorted clothes on it and before that, it was her Dad's work bench but to get rid of it.

The top of the table was beat up. It was heavy and as I turned it to get it out of the basement, I saw the Gustav Stickley red sticker on the bottom. Sweet.

I found out it was a circa 1910 Library Whale Tail Table. I sold it a few weeks later to a dealer for \$400. He drove it to New York City and probably got \$800 for it.

There was other stuff in the basement, but that was the best item. The money was half my monthly rent for my store. Not bad.

*Bob Adams has been in Somerville 27 years but was a frequent visitor prior to moving here. He worked as a jeweler in a few shops in his younger years, owned his own shop for a bit, sold real estate for 10 years and is always hunting for his next treasure. He has been an antique and collectibles dealer for 30 years. He can be reached at [27winter@gmail.com](mailto:27winter@gmail.com).*

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# Dorothy's Corner

BY DOROTHY DIMARZO



## Sous Vide

Sous Vide, a French term meaning "under pressure" is a cooking method where you place a protein or vegetable into a plastic bag and vacuum seal it, or use the water displacement method with a freezer Zip Lock, (this information can be found on YouTube), cook it in a water bath at a specific and constant temperature as recommended by food safety guidelines\*. This technique was very popular in upscale restaurants in the mid 1970's and is still used today.

By cooking foods at lower temperatures for a specified period of time pasteurizes the food making it safe to eat as well as changing the texture and keeping in the moisture and nutrients that would be otherwise lost using traditional cooking methods at higher temperatures. For instance, you have a tough cut of meat that needs to be cooked for a long period of time to tenderize it, typically you would braise this cut of meat which

results in a well done piece of meat that has the potential to dry out if overcooked. But, by cooking the same cut using the sous vide method, you can successfully cook that same piece of meat not only keeping it moist, but also have the ability to control whether you want it well done or medium all while resulting in a tender and juicy piece of meat. For a complete guide to answer questions about time and temperature to reach pasteurization I would recommend going to [douglasbaldwin.com](http://douglasbaldwin.com)\*. If you're seriously wondering about giving this a try, I would recommend his book, *Sous Vide For The Home Cook*.

There are many other things you can cook using the sous vide method like chicken, fish, pork, ice cream bases, yogurt, eggs, vegetables and much more.

As an example, the picture above is a 2lb. tri-tip cooked sous vide for 6 hours at 132°. Once finished, I removed the meat from the bag, reserving the juices or purge as it's re-

ferred to, and patted it dry, seasoned with salt and pepper and grilled it for about 2-1/2 minutes per side just to seal in the juices. The purge can be used for making a sauce for your meal if desired.

A pretty convenient advantage of this style of cooking is you can make it all ahead! I mean days or even a couple of weeks in advance. Once your food is cooked, drop it into an ice bath for 20-30 minutes prior to refrigeration to bring the temperature to a quick and safe level to avoid bacteria growth. Once it's completely cooled you can either freeze it for another time or hold it for a few days in the refrigerator. Once you're ready to serve, preheat your sous vide water to about 10 degrees less than your original cooking temperature and reheat the item for 20-30 minutes. Then remove from the bag, pat dry, season, then either grill it or use a skillet to sear the meat. No need to let it rest, you can slice it right away.

This technology has become extremely popular with the



home cook giving the ability to cook a gourmet meal over and over for an affordable price. These units run anywhere from \$89-\$200 depending on the brand and bells and whistles you desire. Some of these units will connect with your Bluetooth so you can control the time and

temperature that you desire from your phone or computer. Others have the capability to connect to your home Wi-Fi Network as well. Happy cooking!

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



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## Local tech company to occupy historic Union Square post office

By The Times Staff

The former Union Square Post Office building will soon be home to RightHand Robotics, a local technology company that grew out of a team of researchers from Harvard, Yale and MIT.

RightHand Robotics is a leader in end-to-end solutions that reduce the cost of e-commerce order-fulfillment across industries, bringing the latest technological developments from the lab to the warehousing industry.

The company has seen incredible growth in the past two years, and has outgrown its space in local cleantech incubator Greentown Labs. The Post Office building will be an interim home for RightHand Robotics while it continues to grow and as Union Square Partners, LLC progresses in its ambitious plans to transform the building into a mixed-use development.

The move marks the first new commercial tenant to sign space in Union Square as plans for revitalization across the square get underway. RightHand Robotics' 30 employees will add day-time workers to the neighborhood which has seen an influx of energy in the retail sector recently.

The historic Post Office Building is just steps from recently opened NU Cafe and Juice Bar, Field and Vine and reopened The Independent. Around the corner, Bow Market will open in 2018 with dozens of new food, art and retail options.

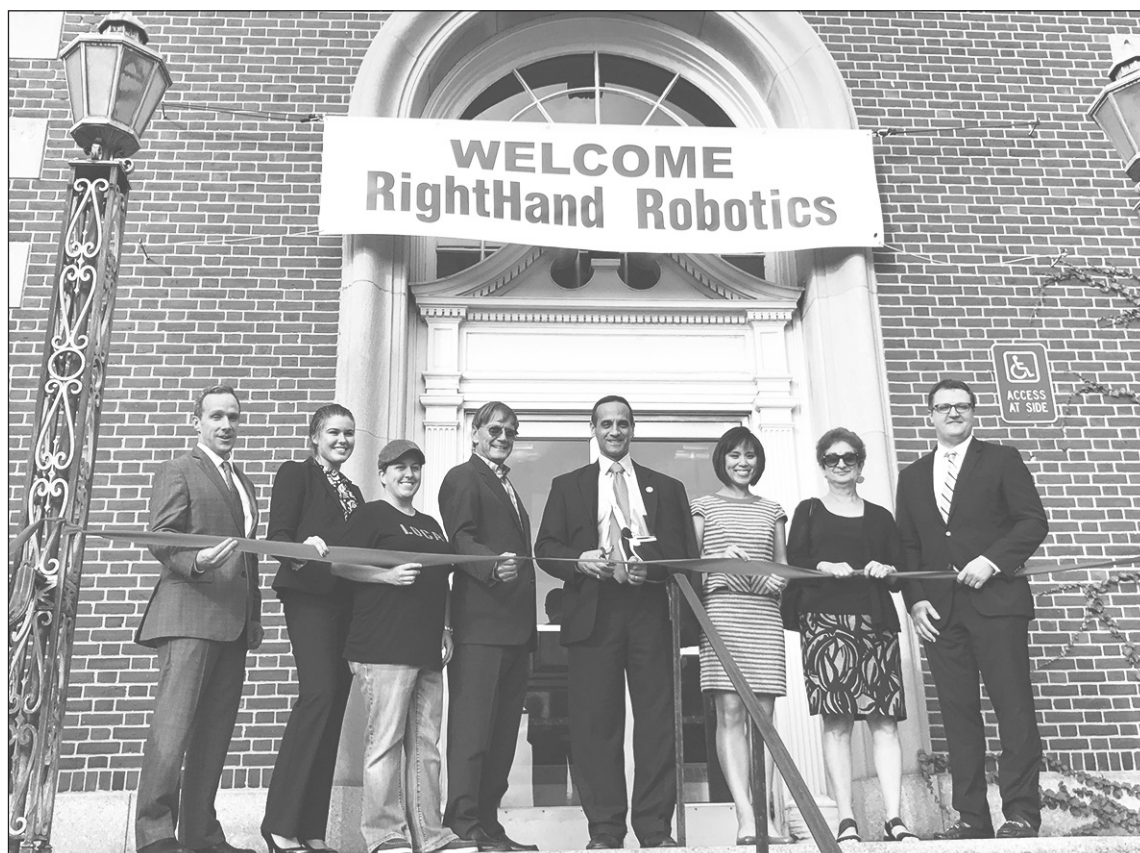
"The SomerVision plan is a promise to invest in the growth of a resilient economic base and create job opportunities within our community," said Mayor Joseph Curtatone. "RightHand

Robotics' move to this landmark building points to the progress we're making in turning Union Square into an employment center that creates local jobs, expands our tax base and supports local business growth."

"It's an exciting time to be living and working in Union Square. As we continue to grow we're committed to staying in the neighborhood that we've come to call home," said Nadia Cheng, head of operations at RightHand Robotics. "This location is especially important for attracting and retaining talent, and we're excited to be part of the growth we're witnessing throughout the square."

On the western side of Union Square the largest cleantech incubator in the United States, Greentown Labs is also expanding from 40,000 square feet to 97,000 square feet. "We are very excited for RightHand Robotics to be able to continue to grow locally after having been at Greentown Labs for two years," said Emily Reichert, CEO of Greentown Labs.

"It's clear that the team behind RightHand Robotics has an abundance of talent and passion," said Don Law of Union Square Partners, LLC. "We're pleased that we can provide the company with an interim space to experiment and grow in Union Square. It's a great solution for everyone. RightHand can continue its work in the square and activate the building while we continue our ambitious plans to ultimately transform the building into a dynamic space including a performance space, marketplace and shared office space."



Participating in the ribbon-cutting ceremony on Tuesday: (L to R) Tom Galligani, Director of Economic Development, City of Somerville; Liz Barno, Community Director, Greentown Labs; Courtney O'Keefe, Executive Director, Somerville Local First; Don Law, Union Square Partners, LLC; Mayor Joe Curtatone; Nadia Cheng, Head of Operations, RightHand Robotics; Esther Hanig, Executive Director, Union Square Main Streets; Greg Karczewski, President, Union Square Station Associates (US2).

"We're thrilled to be collaborating with Don Law and Union Square Partners and are excited to be able to provide the space for RightHand Robotics to grow right here in the neighborhood they love, Union Square," said Greg Karczewski, president of

Union Square master developer Union Square Station Associates (US2), which plans to develop Union Square into a 2.3 million-square-foot employment center that includes open space, new work spaces and housing. "This is another great

step moving Union Square forward as a thriving destination for employers and workers with a vibrant mixture of uses that meet the

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## Data Download with Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone



By Joseph A. Curtatone

*Taking a closer look at notable city data – and interesting numbers.*

### 58 percent census return rate:

Of the census forms mailed out in early 2017 to every household in Somerville, only 58 percent of them have been returned so far. Census responses do more than simply provide us with useful data; they also dictate the flow of some federal funding that is population based. As a result, taking the time to fill out and return your form is a simple and easy way to help fund city programs and services.

The city's census return rate

may also impact how long you stand in line on Election Day? If you failed to vote in the September 19 Preliminary Election and haven't returned this year's census form you could now be an inactive voter. To keep your voting status active – and to help avoid those longer lines on November 7 – return your census form to the City by emailing [census@somervillema.gov](mailto:census@somervillema.gov) or faxing it to 617-625-5643 no later than Tuesday, October 31. Blank forms can be found at [www.somervillema.gov/vote](http://www.somervillema.gov/vote) by clicking on the 'Census' tab.

**337 percent increase in meals tax revenue:** From Fiscal Year 2010 to Fiscal Year 2017, the City saw an increase in meals tax revenues of 337 percent, while hotels tax revenues increased by 144 percent. These dramatic figures – along with the 108 new businesses added to the Somerville economy last year alone (a 5.9 percent increase in only one year) – demonstrate some of the progress we're making toward shifting

the City's tax base from residential to commercial in an effort to aid affordability for our residents. **12 instances of double parking:** Davis Square is a vibrant neighborhood and a food and entertainment destination that attracts residents and visitors alike. The area is particularly lively on weekend evenings, which brings with it increased traffic and parking demand. New to the mix of challenges is the rising popularity of ride share services such as Uber and Lyft, which sometimes double-park when picking up and dropping off riders. A study of the area near the Citizens Banks on Elm Street noted 12 instances of double parking in traffic lanes in just two hours on a Friday night. And that's only one area of the Square.

Davis Square is a public transit hub, a key node on the community path, and a pedestrian center. Therefore double parking is more than simply a traffic and parking issue, it's also a safety is-

sue, and we're treating it as such. The City's Traffic and Parking Department is working with ride share services to establish potential designated pickup and drop-off zones in Davis Square that will reduce double parking and increase safety for all. Stay tuned to [www.somervillema.gov](http://www.somervillema.gov) for updates. We'll keep you apprised of all changes before they occur. **39 new community garden plots:** Somerville's 12 community gardens are home to 225 total individual raised bed garden plots that average 200 square feet each. These gardens do more than continue the longstanding tradition of growing food in Somerville. They also promote the Shape Up Somerville initiative goal of increased access to healthy foods as well as general wellbeing. Most community gardens are within larger park facilities, which provide wonderful opportunities for parents and children and others just passing by to observe and enjoy the efforts of the gardeners.

As is the case with other types of public open space in Somerville, the demand for the community gardens currently exceeds supply. There are more than 200 names on the waiting list for garden plots, and new gardeners can wait up to two years for a plot to become available. The City has added more than 39 plots since 2009 and continues to work alongside the community to explore ways to expand the Community Garden Program.

Data-based decision making is at the core of how the City of Somerville develops policy and sets priorities. Every day we check the latest 311 stats, and throughout the week we meet for in-depth review of departmental data and city trends. The monthly Data Download column shares some of the data we've been reviewing recently, as well as interesting updates. To see more Somerville Data, visit the online Somerville Data Farm at <http://www.somervillema.gov/datafarm/>.

## Plutocracy's moral essence



By William C. Shelton

I once worked for a week as a con artist. I was thirteen years old, and I got on the crew of a man who would take us to different neighborhoods across the metropolitan area, where we sold newspaper subscriptions.

He had printed up flyers telling potential buyers that we were "earning" our football uniforms, which would be given to us if we sold enough subscriptions. In fact, we were to be paid cash every week from the previous week's take.

Each day I felt a growing sense of shame about the lying. It intensified on the last day when, behind quota, the boss took us to a neighborhood as poor as my own. I realized that I had been seeing a pattern all week. The more affluent the neighborhood, the less willing its residents were to listen to our pitch and help us out. I ended up feeling so much disgust and guilt that I didn't

go back the next week – and so didn't collect my "earnings."

Time passed, and I learned to drive. I began to notice that drivers who flaunted traffic laws and cut me off in traffic disproportionately drove the most expensive cars.

In business school, I noticed that the students from the wealthiest backgrounds were most likely to be indifferent to harm the corporations we studied did to workers, communities, and the planet.

Today, there is a large and growing body of research confirming that I was not just imagining these patterns. It provides evidence of what moral leaders have been telling us for two and a half millennia: wealth corrupts morality.

The Buddha famously had to walk away from his wealth and princely prerogatives to achieve enlightenment. He was set on this path through contact with the poor.

Among the many things that Confucius said about wealth is this: "When wealth is centralized, the people are dispersed. When wealth is distributed, the people are brought together."

For the ancient Greeks, honor came from public service and the

pursuit of excellence. The pursuit of wealth for its own sake was unworthy, diminished people, and corrupted virtue. Tacitus and other Roman historians thought that imperial greed was an essential cause of the empire's downfall.

Jesus also had some things to say about the wealthy. Most well-known is, "It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven." And Muhammed taught that giving away one's wealth was the source of true prosperity.

Clinical and social science research is now bearing out these moral injunctions. Take, for example, my perception regarding scofflaw drivers.

Using video recordings, a University of California research team led by Paul Piff found that drivers of luxury cars were four times more likely to cut off other drivers than those driving inexpensive cars. And fully half the luxury car drivers drove through intersections with pedestrians in them.

Piff's team published these results, and those of five other experiments, in a National Academy of Sciences article entitled, *Higher social class predicts un-*

*ethical social behavior.* In one experiment, wealthier participants were twice as likely as poorer participants to steal candy from a bowl they were told was set aside for children.

In another, participants were told that those with the highest dice rolls would win \$50 in cash. People making \$150,000 per year were four times as likely to lie about their results as those making \$15,000 per year.

And wealthier subjects were more likely to lie in simulated negotiations and to approve of stealing at work.

It seems that the rich are not only deficient in morality, but, inextricably, in empathy and compassion as well. This is not just inferred from such evidence as the National Center for Charitable Statistics' finding that households earning less than \$50,000 per year give a 60% higher proportion of their income to charity than those earning \$200,000 to \$250,000.

It comes from clinical experiments. University of Toronto researchers showed subjects videos of child cancer patients. Lower-income viewers more powerfully manifested the physiological responses associated with compassion than did high-

er-income subjects.

University of North Carolina researchers used MRI technology to actually record the brain activity of subjects viewing photos of human faces and hearing their personal stories. The region of the brain associated with empathy was much less active for wealthier subjects than for poorer subjects.

And researchers at Yale found that lower-income subjects were much better at empathic accuracy, that is, reading others' emotions in real time.

The absence of empathy is an essential characteristic of psychopaths. Indeed, a German experiment in which stock market traders participated in the same computer simulation as psychopaths in high-security hospitals found that the stock traders' behavior was "more reckless and manipulative" than the psychopaths'.

Other studies find that higher income people are more likely to shoplift, commit adultery, and indulge in a range of vices. But you get the idea.

Add to all these studies what Harvard Business School's Michael Norton found out when he asked multimillionaires and billionaires how

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COMMENTARY

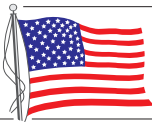
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Look what’s in Somerville’s shopping basket.

Our View Of The Times



Once again, Somerville is thinking big. Really big.  
The city and its neighboring partners are now competing with more than 200 like-minded communities across the North American continent, hoping to win the favor of e-commerce giant Amazon in becoming the site of its second corporate headquarters.

The stakes run pretty high in this horse race. The winner has the opportunity to realize tremendous gains in its economic standing. Potentially thousands of jobs opening up for local residents, skyrocketing property values, ancillary economic benefits, not to mention the sheer prestige of playing host to a major part of one of the world’s most dynamic and successful retailers in the history of retail.

But beware, buyer. There are potential downsides to the business of winning this honor. Where property values soar, gentrification often follows. Once steadfast denizens of their cherished communities can be priced out of their own home towns. We’ve seen it too often in the past. Also, contenders in this competition need to be cautious in promising too much in the way of incentives for being selected. What good is making a few gains if you’ve given away the store?

We have no idea what are chances are of being chosen for this mega-development. One thing’s for sure though. You can’t win it if you’re not in it.

And we are, without a doubt, in it now.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

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Check out [www.ocpf.us](http://www.ocpf.us) and plug in a name to find out who and how local politicians stand in fundraising. We’re looking it over and seeing who contributes to whom. Remember, it’s not illegal to accept money from special interests, including developers, lawyers or unions of any kind.  
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We heard that **Ms. Nasty** (self-appointed community activist, but the city departments and politicians know better) and **Mr. Wack Job** (pick a name) not associated with each other but testified over in Medford in favor of the 55 units to be built in **Magoun Square**. What a surprise, since here in Somerville they are both ANTI-DEVELOPMENT. We hid the names so that it sounded better giving their new nick names. We’ll leave it to you to figure out who they are. Remember, this is a gossip column, so relax and enjoy the ride. Those names will be revealed soon enough, and maybe get a picture or two of Ms. Nasty herself. But we like a little suspense in the meantime.  
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FYI, To the **FAKE NEWS OUTLET HERE IN SOMERVILLE**, you don’t go the AG or DA to file charges. Only the Police have the authority to issue a criminal complaint and or empower a Grand Jury for indictment. If you’re going to make up stories (you know who we mean) at least follow the letter of law. Bad enough nothing will come of what you’re saying, except for the personal hurt you have brought on TO MANY HERE IN THE CITY. Elections have consequences (**President Obama** once said), it will be over and your candidate will not win. **The mayor** will win handily. Then what are you going to do? Next time don’t get a beer truck driver who has said things that make him out to be a sexist and bigot (no offense to truck drivers). **SPECIAL NOTE:** Remember the car dealership owner who called to say that you were trying to intimidate them and call their dealership out if they didn’t give you a discount? That you’d write an article about them – being an Italian bigot – and no, we didn’t forget and we have all that information. Remember once again, elections have consequences. Some good and some bad!  
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Happy birthdays this week to the following: Big happy birthday to **Valarie Spinale**, who celebrates this week. A former East Somerville girl, she and her sisters were not to be messed with. Happy birthday to nice lady, **Marie Civello**. We wish her the very best. To our own **Donald Norton**, celebrating his 70th birthday this week. Happy birthday to **Charlie Houghton**, a local guy and fireman. We wish him a happy birthday. Our good friend **Richard (Dick) Hart** is celebrating this week. We wish him a great happy birthday. Happy birthday to another East Somerville well-known, **Sal DiMaggio**. We hope he has a great day. Happy birthday to **Barry Rollins**, who also celebrates this week. We wish him the best. And finally, **Erin DiBenedetto** is celebrating this week and we wish her a happy birthday. Erin is running for re-election over in Medford. She serves with distinction on the **Medford School Board**. Originally from Winter Hill, we hope she tops the ticket over there.  
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Happy 10th Anniversary to both **Feargal O’Toole** and **Melissa Hilbert**, who celebrated this past weekend. May they both have many more years of happiness. A nice couple, and Feargal is fairly well known here in the city as a good guy.  
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**The Stonecoast MFA Community** will be hosting a special fall reading at 2:00 p.m. on **Saturday, November 18** at **Arts at the Armory Cafe**, 191 Highland Ave.

in Somerville. Three readers are being featured: **Elizabeth Searle** (faculty member), **Anthony D’Aries** (alumnus) and **Kara Storti** (alumna). Stonecoast is a leading low-res MFA program in creative writing. There will be a Q & A for the audience and a reception with treats and beverages from the cafe after the reading. It’s free and all are welcome. For any questions email [stonecoastcommunity@maine.edu](mailto:stonecoastcommunity@maine.edu).  
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**St. Catherine’s Parish** will hold their annual **Christmas Bazaar** on **Friday, November 10**, from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m., and **Saturday, November 11**, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the parish hall, 179 Summer Street, Somerville. Silent Auction, games, raffles, jewelry, items for sale, etc. Free Admission.  
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**Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone**, **Ward 6 Alderman Lance Davis**, and the **City of Somerville Engineering Department** invite residents to a community meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss upcoming construction to drainage systems abutting a portion of the **Community Path**. The meeting will be held on **Thursday, November 2**, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the **Community Baptist Church** at 31

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# SkillsUSA Halloween carnival fundraiser

Kids of all ages attended a Halloween Carnival on Saturday, October 21, for an evening of ghoulish games, prizes, face-painting, raffles, music and loads of fun.

The Somerville High School gymnasium will be transformed into a Halloween hall of fun activities. \$5 admission and tickets will be sold for games. Proceeds will benefit the Somerville High School SkillsUSA program.



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# Monster Mashed Up at SomerStreets

The October installment of the City’s SomerStreets festival, “Monster Mashed Up,” took place on on Sunday, October 22.

Attendees enjoyed live music, a pumpkin carving exhibition, a costume parade for all ages, and much more. SomerStreets is the City of Somerville’s take on the internationally renowned Open Streets concept.



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SPORTS

SHS Girls Volleyball update



The Somerville High Girls Volleyball team played Everett at Everett High on Wednesday, October 18. The Freshman and Varsity teams won, and Junior Varsity lost to Everett. On Friday, October 20, they went up against Waltham at home. The Freshman team lost, Junior Varsity and Varsity won. They played in Somerville on Tuesday, October 24, in Somerville against Malden. The score was not out by our deadline. The next games will be Friday, October 27, at Somerville High against Peabody and on Monday, October 30, they will be away in Cambridge to take on Cambridge Public Schools. — Photos by Bobbie Toner

Ms. Cam's

Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. Which monstrous hurricane was called "Frankenstorm"?

2. What 1962 hit did Somerville native Bobby "Boris" Pickett co-write?

3. Besides orange, what other colors are pumpkins?

4. Is a pumpkin a fruit or vegetable?

5. What is the significance of seeing a spider on Halloween?

6. What actor played Dr. Frank-n-Furter in *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*?

7. Who wrote *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*?

8. Every Halloween Charlie Brown helps his friend Linus wait for what character to appear?

9. What is the name of the vampire muppet on *Sesame Street*?

10. What are the only mammals that can fly and the only ones that survive on blood?

11. Who is said to haunt the White House Rose Garden?

12. What is the smallest bat?

Answers on page 17



Coach Fenton honored by Patriots



Congratulations to Somerville High School Coach Fenton for being named the New England Patriots High School Coach of the Week after a three-game win streak. The Highlanders football program received a \$1,000 donation in his honor. Hall of Fame linebacker Andre Tippett's visit and the check presentation was featured on "Patriots All Access," which aired on Friday night.

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Students enjoy corn shucking event

Somerville’s annual corn shucking event earlier this month had students, staff members, parents/guardians, and community volunteers from Groundwork Somerville, Shape Up Somerville, UMass Extension, and Tufts shuck about 3,500 ears of “grown in New England” ears of corn! The corn came from Stamp Farms, a family-owned and operated farm in Rhode Island ([www.stampfarms.com](http://www.stampfarms.com)).



Students were able to enjoy the corn later that day, which was served with a local beef burger for lunch. The annual event kicked off National Farm to School Month. Corn is also our October Veggie of the Month. You can find recipes and fun facts about our featured Veggie of the Month on our Farm to School page.

Local tech company CONT. FROM PG 9

needs of the community.”  
The Union Square Post Office was bought in 2014 by Union Square Partners LLC, which is run by Don Law, president of Live Nation New England. A designated Local Historic District, the building is a protected landmark dating from 1935 and is listed on the National Historic Register.  
RightHand Robotics (RHR) is a leader in providing end-to-end solutions that reduce the cost of e-commerce order-fulfillment of electronics, apparel, grocery, pharmaceuticals, and countless other industries. RHR grew out of a team of researchers from Harvard Biorobotics Lab, the Yale Grab Lab, and MIT leading groundbreaking research in grasping systems, intelligent hardware sensors, computer vision, and applied machine learning. Each had robotics experience and recognized that their research collectively had the potential to radically transform the supply-chain industry. RHR was formed to bring these latest technological developments from the lab to the warehousing industry.



Mayor Curtatone addressed the attendees at the future home of RightHand Robotics.

Supporting Puerto Rico

Learn about Somerville’s three-phase donation drive to help victims of Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico. Visit <https://www.somervillema.gov/news/city-somerville-support-hurricane-victims-puerto-rico>.

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What’s on Somerville Neighborhood News

Somerville Media Center has been busy with coverage of various local elections and events. SMC is a leading community media center that enables our vibrant and diverse community to freely express its creativity, explain its ideas and share its cultures and values through our radio and TV channels. We encourage you to visit [somervillemedia.org](http://somervillemedia.org) to watch the full videos below but in the meantime, enjoy the teaser introduction to the Somerville Mayoral Debate and Bernie Sanders Visit to Somerville.



**Somerville Mayoral Debate**  
The Somerville Media Center produced and hosted the only Mayoral Debate at the center on October 23, 2017. Candidates for Somerville Mayor, incumbent Joe Curtatone and challenger Payton Corbett, faced off in the 28 minute program moderated by WBZ - TV and Radio political reporter, Jon Keller.  
**Bernie Sanders speaks at Our Revolution Somerville rally**  
On October 23, Our Revolution Somerville hosted US Senator Bernie Sanders at a rally in support of progressive candidates running for city council, school board and board of alderman. The rally was held at Once Ballroom in Somerville.

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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 8, 2017** at 6:00 p.m. in the **Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.**

**118 – 124 College Avenue (ZBA 2017-88):** Owner, Lacourt Realty, LLC, c/o Mouhab Rizkallah, seeks a Special Permit with Site Plan Review under §7.3 of the SZO to increase the number of dwelling units from four to seven (including one affordable unit) and parking relief under Article 9 of the SZO.

**ZBA 2017-105:** Applicant, Alan Moore of 23 Cherry Street seeks an Administrative Appeal under §3.1.9, §3.2, and §3.2.3 of the SZO and M.G.L. Chapter 40A §8 of a decision by the Inspectional Services Department (ISD) to issue a building permit (B17-001444) for the property at 21 Cherry Street which is tied to ZBA Decision 2016-25. The owner if 21 Cherry Street is Lacourt Foundation, LLC. RB zone. Ward 5.

**45 Kent Street (ZBA 2017-90):** Owner and Applicant, Angela Schifano, seeks Special Permits under §7.11 of the SZO to increase the number of units from two to three; under §4.4.1 to increase the non-conforming left side yard setback, and for an upward extension of both the non-conforming rear and non-conforming left side yard setbacks by increasing the height of the building by approximately 10 feet; to increase the FAR and GFA by more than 25%; parking relief under Article 9 of the SZO. RC zone. Ward 2.

**38 Oliver Street (ZBA 2017-41) (re-advertise):** Applicants and Owners, Mark J. Ahern & Polly Chin-Ahern seek Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to renovate a non-conforming 4-unit residential structure. Parking relief is sought under Article 9 of the SZO. RB zone. Ward 1.

**311 Highland Avenue (ZBA 2017-103):** Applicant, John Costello, and Owner, Lydia Rose Trust, John Costello Trustee), seek special permits to modify the signage requirements as permitted in the original zoning approval of ZBA 2014-120. RC zone. Ward 6.

**906-908 Broadway (ZBA 2015-32-E-1-10/17):** Applicant and Owner, Siyuan He, seeks a one-year extension under §5.3.10 to the Special Permits issued by the ZBA in 2015 to alter a non-conforming 2-family structure to add an approximately 2,000 square foot addition. RA zone. Ward 6.

**24 Hall Avenue (ZBA 2017-102):** Applicant, Justin Levine, as Manager of 24 Hall Ave LLC, and Owner, 24 Hall Ave LLC, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to increase the nonconforming floor area ratio (FAR) of the structure by finishing a portion of the basement. RA Zone. Ward 6.

**3 Royce Place (ZBA 2017-74):** Applicant and Owner, Black Wolf Special Opportunity II, LLC, seeks a Special Permit under §4.4.1 to alter an existing three-family structure and convert it into a two-family structure and a Special Permit with Site Plan Review (SPSR) under §7.2 to construct a single dwelling unit in a second principle structure on the lot. RB Zone. Ward 1.

**44 Broadway ZBA (2017-95):** Applicant & Owner, Lower Broadway Development, LLC, seeks a Variance under SZO §5.5 to demolish existing one-story commercial structures and replace them with a 6-story mixed-use building containing 8,696sf of retail/restaurant, 9,800sf office, and 27 residential dwelling units with structured parking under SZO §6.5. Zone TOD-55. Ward 1.

**5 Middlesex Avenue (ZBA 2017-96):** Applicant and Owner Somerville Office Association, LP seeks a Variance under §5.5 for the top of a wall sign mounted higher than 35' above finished grade under §6.4.14. Zone ASMD. Ward 1.



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Submittals may be viewed in-person 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-4:30 pm; Thurs, 8:30 am-7:30 pm; and Fri, 8:30 am-12:30 pm. Staff reports, plans and Board decisions, when completed, are posted online 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 a meeting. 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).

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant  
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The Somerville Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority invites sealed proposals from registered Engineering firms to provide professional design and construction administration services for the replacement of common area flooring at Highland Gardens (31-2), Ciampa Manor (667-6), and Properzi Manor (667-3) in Somerville Massachusetts.

The Estimated Construction cost is \$200,000.

The Award is subject to HUD requirements and guidelines. A briefing and site inspection is scheduled for 11:00 on Thursday, November 2, 2017 at 27 College Avenue, in Somerville, Massachusetts.

Response to this RFS must be submitted no later than 2:00 p.m., Thursday, November 9, 2017.

The RFS may be downloaded from the SHA website [www.sha-web.org](http://www.sha-web.org) under the bid opportunities tab or by contacting [brianl@sha-web.org](mailto:brianl@sha-web.org). **If downloaded you must email [brianl@sha-web.org](mailto:brianl@sha-web.org) to receive changes, or updates.**

Questions must be sent in writing to [brianl@sha-web.org](mailto:brianl@sha-web.org) no later than Thursday, November 2, 2017.

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IMPORTANT PUBLIC NOTICE

The Somerville Housing Authority (SHA) announces a **PUBLIC HEARING** regarding the **2018 Annual Plan** on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 4:30 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 31, 2017**. Any questions may be directed to Paul Mackey, Deputy Director, at 617-625-1152.

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Hot sounds from Cold Specks

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The first date of Hussein’s U.S. tour in support of her new album, Fool’s Paradise, is at ONCE Ballroom in Somerville on November 2. She spoke to *The Somerville Times* from a stop in Hamburg, Germany.

**The Somerville Times:** Although Cold Specks has always been your stage name, you used to use Al Spx as your “real” name. Why do you now identify yourself by your birth name?

**Cold Specks:** It’s just my name. I don’t know, I just kind of grew tired of pseudonyms. I already have a stage name. There’s no need for two.

**TST:** Why did you ever identify as something other than Ladan Hussein in the first place?

**CS:** It’s because people wanted to know my name after I gave them my stage name, and I was

always attracted to people like Bat Lashes or Flying Lotus. I always liked the idea of having a different name, but they always wanted to know the real name behind it. So I gave them a fake name behind the fake name. It’s just a collection of pseudonyms.

**TST:** Is it accurate, as some sources say, that the name Cold Specks comes from a sentence in James Joyce’s novel Ulysses?

**CS:** I was really in to X-Ray Spex at the time, and I just liked the way the words sounded together. It had nothing to do with any sort of attraction to that novel or James Joyce. I just liked how it sounded. And I also thought it represented my cold dead eyes. *(laughs)*

**TST:** What is the name’s connection to the band X-Ray Spex?

**CS:** I was just a big fan. [Lead singer] Poly Styrene, I was mostly a huge fan of her. She’s Somali, I’m Somali. She was making punk music, I was into punk. And I just identified with her in a way that I didn’t identify with someone like Joe Strummer or something. I worshipped her.

**TST:** What would you say are the overarching themes of your new album, *Fool’s Paradise*?

**CS:** There are so many. I like to summarize it as “love lost, diaspora dreaming, and apathy during the apocalypse.”

**TST:** How much did you know about your father’s music career in Somalia before you researched it while making this album?

**CS:** I knew bits here and there. Mostly I was really appreciative of his involvement in the scene

and him telling me about how his life was like in the 70s, and I realized we’re so much alike. It was nice to connect with him on that level, for sure.

**TST:** Who is speaking the passage in Somali at the end of the closing track, Exile, and what is that person saying?

**CS:** It’s my mother and it’s a prayer dedicated to me in which she wishes me good fortune. It’s her own words dedicated to me. She’s wishing me good fortune and all the love and peace of mind I could ever dream of. It’s just a really lovely message from my mother. She leaves me messages like that all the time. She’s a very sweet mother.

**TST:** How did Tim Kingsbury, the bassist for Arcade Fire, end up playing on some of the new album’s songs?

**CS:** Tim and I used to have a music studio together in Montreal. So I asked him to play on some songs and he was down. Probably one of the best things that came out of living in that city was getting to know a bunch of musicians and sharing a space with them. My friendship with Tim is one that I really appreciate having. His bass playing is divine.

**TST:** Do you still live in Montreal?

**CS:** I don’t live anywhere right now. I’m on tour right now. I gave up my apartment. *(laughs)* I’m trying to figure out a new city to move to.

*Cold Specks with La Timpa and Radclyffe Hall. ONCE Ballroom, 156 Highland Ave. Thursday, November 2. Doors at 8:00 p.m., show at 8:45 p.m.*



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# Halloween Party and Dance

On Tuesday of this week the City of Somerville held its “Halloween Party & Dance” for seniors at the Holiday Inn. The MC and DJ was the one and only George Landers, who was there to lead the group in song. Mayor Joe Curtatone and Middlesex County DA Marion Ryan sang many songs with the estimated 100 or so people present. Good food was provided by the Holiday Inn, along with trick or treat bags for the attendees and lots of music and entertainment. The crowd was very pleased.

— Text and photos by Donald Norton

# District Attorney Marian Ryan honored

District Attorney Marian Ryan was recently awarded the Providers’ Council 2017 State Employee of the year award at the 42nd Annual Providers’ Convention and Expo in recognition of her exemplary commitment and support of Human Service Providers. The award acknowledged District Attorney Ryan’s creation of Project CARE (Child Assessment and Response Evaluation) a first-of-its-kind public-private partnership to provide immediate services to children who experience opioid-related trauma.

Project CARE is a partnership between the Middlesex District Attorney’s Office, the Middlesex County police departments and the Mental Health Association of Greater Lowell to provide a 24-hour, 7-day-a-week rapid response intervention program for children who witness a parent or loved one suffer an overdose. The goal is to help these children cope with trauma, build resiliency and decrease the likelihood that substance abuse will be transferred from one generation to the next.

District Attorney Ryan was nominated for the award by Dan Nakamoto, Executive Director of the Mental Health Association of Greater Lowell. The Mental Health Association of Greater Lowell was the first organization to partner with the Middlesex District Attorney’s Office as part of Project CARE, to provide mental health services to children who experience trauma. The Mental Health Association of Greater Lowell works to communicate and coordinate, as needed, with the Department of Children and Families, the local schools and other partners after to provide services to children following opioid-related trauma.

# Plutocracy’s moral essence

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much more money they would need to be happier. “All said that they needed two to three times more than they had to feel happier.”

Add to that the finding that the wealthy tend to believe that they enjoy their superior status because they are innately superior and were born that way.

Now put it all in the context of ever increasing inequality, moving toward plutocracy. This

trend has taken us from a political economy in which the poor and middle class saw the largest income growth before Ronald Reagan took office, to the polar opposite today.

Add to that context a billionaire president who embodies all these traits, who cheats his contractors and business partners, runs cons like Trump University, lies whenever he’s not reading from a tele-

prompter, seeks to humiliate anyone who disagrees with him, and brags about sexually assaulting women.

If wealth makes people less empathetic and less moral while they remain certain of their own virtue, what help with making a better world can we expect from those who have the most power and resources to accomplish it? And what should we do about that?

## Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 11

College Ave. Impacted sections include the area between Willow Ave. and Grove St., and along portions of Winslow Ave. In 2015, the City began a study of the existing drainage system and determined that this portion of the system is in need of repair to improve the drain capacity and to reduce the frequency

and intensity of flooding. Interim repairs were made earlier this year, however a more permanent fix is required. For more information on the project, contact the **Somerville Engineering Department** at 617-625-6600 ext 5400, or email **Bryan Manter** at [BManter@somervillema.gov](mailto:BManter@somervillema.gov).

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Answers

1. Hurricane Sandy	6. Tim Curry
2. The Monster Mash	7. Washington Irving
3. Tan, green, yellow, red, white, blue	8. The Great Pumpkin
4. A fruit	9. Count von Count
5. It is thought to be the spirit of a loved one watching over the person who finds the spider	10. Vampire bats
	11. First Lady Dolly Madison
	12. Kitty’s hog-nosed bat



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

Central Library  
Music Production 101 with DJ Mac  
3 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

Friday|October 27

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

Saturday|October 28

Central Library  
Paper Crafting & Scrapbooking  
9:45 p.m. - 4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Monday|October 30

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

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

Tuesday|October 31

Central Library  
Homeschool Reading Group for Ages 14-16  
9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

East Branch Library  
BOO!k Bingo!  
3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

Wednesday|November 1

East Branch Library  
Preschool Storytime  
11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|115 Broadway

MUSIC|ARTS

Wednesday|October 25

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

The Burren  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.’s Lounge  
The Bonds, Treetorn, Enjoyer, Jason Tankerley  
7:30 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

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

Bull McCabe’s Pub  
The A-Beez – Funk & Soul  
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Thunder Road  
Bearly Dead – Wednesday Night Grateful Dead Residency  
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Highland Kitchen  
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

Aeronaut Brewing Co.  
Union Square Somerville Playlist presents: “Beer in the Great War”  
6 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

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

The Rockwell  
Anna Nalick  
8 p.m.|255 Elm Street  
Thursday|October 26

Sally O’Brien’s  
Natalie Flanagan Solo, Asa Brebner & The Naked ‘I’s, Trick Wallace Trio  
7:30 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-

666-3589  
The Burren  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896  
P.A.’s Lounge  
PR, TheFrostHeaves, GraveyardInThe-Atlantic, TheFaceGuitars  
7:30 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

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

Bull McCabe’s  
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Thunder Road  
Jaw Gems (Jam Band)  
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom  
Boy Harsher  
DJ Devil’s Advocate  
8 p.m|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.  
2 Beat  
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory  
The Loop  
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

The Rockwell  
WholeTone Opera’s The Werewolf|7 p.m.  
Sh!t-faced Shakespeare: The Taming of the Shrew|10 p.m.  
255 Elm St

Friday|October 27

Sally O’Brien’s  
Tom Hagerty Acoustic Band |6 p.m.  
HearNowLive presents Halloween Weekend Night I \$10 cover|9 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren  
Front Room  
Irish Session|9:30 p.m.  
Back Room:  
Bob Bradshaw Album Release Show w/Special Guest Franc Graham|7 p.m.  
Spike the Punch|10 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.’s Lounge  
TitansOfIndustry, FireForCavemen, TheWoodFloors, WatchingItBurn  
8 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

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

Bull McCabe’s  
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

Casey’s  
Entertainment every Friday  
173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Thunder Road  
Playing Dead – Dead-O-Ween Bash|8 p.m.  
379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom  
Air Traffic Controller  
Starman: Bowie Cover Band, Sun-cruiser, The Symptoms, DJ Day Glow  
8 p.m./10:30 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.  
Dingonek Street Band|6:30 p.m.  
Cocek! Brass Band|8:30 p.m.  
14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell  
Sh!t-faced Shakespeare: The Taming of the Shrew|7 p.m.  
WholeTone Opera’s “The Were-wolf”|10 p.m.  
255 Elm St

Arts at the Armory  
Venus in Fur  
7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Saturday|October 28

Sally O’Brien’s  
Patsy Hamel Band |6 p.m.  
HearNowLive presents Halloween Weekend Night II:  
Strangers By Accident, The Lady Comes First, Helen \$10 cover |9 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren  
Front Room:  
Irish Session|9:30 p.m.  
Back Room:  
The Social No.11|7 p.m.  
Red Square|10 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.’s Lounge  
DJ Axel Foley  
8 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

Orleans Restaurant and Bar  
Karaoke  
65 Holland St

Bull McCabe’s  
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

Thunder Road  
Los Fletcheros Spooky Halloween Bash! (Pop/Rock)  
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom  
Muertos at ONCE|6 p.m.  
DJ Metal Mariachi  
The Young Americans|8 p.m.  
Bikini Whale, The Ad Seeds  
156 Highland Ave

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

Arts at the Armory  
Venus in Fur  
7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

The Rockwell  
WholeTone Opera’s The Werewolf|1 p.m.  
Sh!t-faced Shakespeare: Much Ado About Nothing|7:30 p.m.  
255 Elm St

Sunday|October 29

Sally O’Brien’s Bar  
The Natural Wonders|4:30 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren  
Front Room  
John Gannon & Friends Irish Session|3 p.m.  
Los Goutos|9 p.m.  
Back Room  
Beatles Brunch|9 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Fiddler Gerry O’Connor with Kevin McElroy|4 p.m.  
Cousin Bobby and Mama’s Marmalade|7 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA’S Lounge  
345 Somerville Ave

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

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

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

Thunder Road  
Americana Sundays w/ The Beantown Buckaroos|7 p.m.  
379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom  
ACLU – Guitarmy|2 p.m.  
Club d’UKE, Matthew Stubbs & the Antiguas, Guitarzan, The Savtones, Amy Griffin with Kevin Patey, Axemunkee, OfficeR  
Ego Likeness|8:30 p.m.  
The Rain Within, Adoration Destroyed  
156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.  
Clippertones  
2 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory  
Venus in Fur  
3 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

The Rockwell  
WholeTone Opera’s The Werewolf|1 p.m.  
Sh!t-faced Shakespeare: The Taming of the Shrew|7 p.m.  
255 Elm St

Monday|October 30

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

The Burren  
Front Room

Bur-Run  
Helena Delaney, Johnny O’Leary & Friends Irish Session|9 p.m.

Back Room  
Stump Trivia|8:30 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.’s Lounge  
Squash, Mya Nus, Mothballs  
8 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

Bull McCabe’s Pub  
Stump! Team Trivia  
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Thunder Road  
Rocklawn Ave, Franklin Underground (Rock)  
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom  
Dame  
Shadow Age, Security|7:30 p.m.  
156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.  
Board Game Bonanza  
6:30 p.m|14 Tyler Street

Tuesday|October 31

Sally O’Brien’s Bar  
SYM Tuesdays  
8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren  
Front Room  
Jason Anick and the Swingers Swing/Jazz|8:30 p.m.  
Back Room:  
Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan|10 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA’s Lounge  
345 Somerville Ave

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

Highland Kitchen  
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

Thunder Road  
The Real Halloween Bash Featuring The ZILLA Show, Chameleon Culture, Strange Changes  
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom  
Heavy Metal Tuesday|7 p.m.  
Warning|8 p.m.  
Morne  
156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co  
Clue Trivia: The Murder of Dr. Nandu  
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell  
WholeTone Opera’s The Werewolf  
8 p.m.|255 Elm Street

Wednesday|November 1

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

The Burren  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.’s Lounge  
Justin Arena Project, Karyn Ann, Francesca Crowley, Mike Cantor  
7:30 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

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

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The A-Beez – Funk & Soul  
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Thunder Road  
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8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

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Dance With The Dead  
Gost  
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

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14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory  
MusiCares Dental Clinic  
2 p.m.|Performance Hall  
Wiretap Wednesday Open Stage  
7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

CLASSES AND GROUPS  
Wednesday|October 25

Central Library  
Mystery Book Club  
7 p.m.-8:15 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Central Library  
Roadshow Speech Practice  
7 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Thursday|October 26

Central Library  
Fair Housing Commission Meeting  
1 p.m.- 2 p.m.|79 Highland Ave  
Music Production 101 with DJ Mac  
3 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

East Branch Library  
Family Game Night  
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

Central Library  
You are Here Book Discussion  
7 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

West Branch Library  
Learn English at the Library  
6 p.m.-8 p.m.|40 College Ave

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

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

Friday|October 27

Central Library  
Indivisible Somerville: Weekly planning for Action  
10 a.m.-12 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

East Branch Library  
Book Group  
11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

Saturday|October 28

Central Library  
Getting Cozy @ the Library  
2:30 p.m.- 4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Union Square Farmer’s Market  
9 a.m.-1 p.m.|Union Square Plaza

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

Sunday|October 29

Central Library  
Study of Chapter 1 of Pirkei Avot  
Ethics of the Fathers  
1 p.m.- 2:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon Family Groups  
7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street  
Unity Church of God  
Enter upstairs, meeting is in basement

Monday|October 30

East Branch Library  
Chair Yoga at the East Branch  
10:30 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway

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

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

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

Tuesday|October 31

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

Wednesday|November 1

Central Library  
Affordable Housing Trust  
10 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|79 Highland Ave  
Marketing Meeting  
11 a.m.- 12 p.m.|79 Highland Ave  
NaNoWriMo: Come Write In

2:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave  
Mindfulness and Your Inner Strengths: Session 1  
6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!



# SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

**All clubs and groups welcome new members.**

**Holland Street:** 167 Holland Street

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

617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

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

**Cross Street Center:** 165 Broadway

Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

Wednesday – 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. (Please note time change) (617) 625-6600 Ext. 2335.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Blood Pressure Screening** – Cross Street Center located at 165 Broadway. November 16 and December 14. If you require additional information please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email [dhiggins@somervillema.gov](mailto:dhiggins@somervillema.gov)

[somervillema.gov](mailto:somervillema.gov).

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

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

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

**A Charlie Card Event** – Thursday, October 26 at the Holland Street Center from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. during our Annual Health & Wellness Fair. During the Fair, Ashley & Natasha will be available to help you obtain a new Senior Charlie Card. If you have questions please contact Ashley at 617-625-6600, ext. 2316 or Natasha at 617-625-6600, ext. 2317.

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

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

**Afternoon at the Movies** – Tuesday, October 31 at the Holland Street Center starting at 12:30 p.m. Just in time for Halloween, this month’s movie is Hocus Pocus starring Bette Midler. Runs approximately 1 hour and 36 minutes. You can sign up by calling Josephine at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

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

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

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

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

**Michael Buble Tribute with artist Scott Keo** – Tuesday, December 5 - \$83 includes transportation, lunch and show at Danversport Yacht Club. For questions, additional information or to reserve your spot contact Kim or Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

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

**Holiday Luncheon** – Monday, December 11 at the Highlander Café (high school atrium) \$10 – to RSVP please call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

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

**LGBTQ EVENTS:**

**LGBTQ Advisory Group** – This group meets quarterly in the conference room of our Holland Street Center at 4:30 p.m. and run for one hour. We are always look-

ing for new members who would like to serve on the Advisory Group. Please call Debby Higgins, Outreach Coordinator at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email [dhiggins@Somervillema.gov](mailto:dhiggins@Somervillema.gov) if you have any questions or if you should need additional information.

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

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

**STAY ACTIVE:**

**Weekly Exercise Class Schedule**

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

**Mondays:**

9:00 Walking Club (H)

11:00 Tai Chi (H)

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

**Tuesdays:**

9:15 Strengthening - \$3 per class (H)

11:15 Fit-4-Life (C)

**Wednesdays:**

8:45 Fit-4-Life Group A (H) – Exercise

9:00 Fit-4-Life Group B (H) - Nutrition

10:00 Fit-4-Life Group B (H) – Exercise

10:00 Fit-4-Life Group A (H) – Nutrition

11:00 Nutrition one-on-one (H)

12:00 Fit-4-Life Group C (H) - Nutrition

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

5:15 Zumba for All - \$3 per class (H)

**Thursdays:**

9:00 Yoga (H)

9:30 Strengthening - \$3 per class (RJ)

11:15 Fit-4-Life (C)

6:00 LBT Fit-4-Life\*(H)

**Fridays:**

8:45 Fit-4-Life Group A (H) - Exercise

10:00 Fit-4-Life Group B (H) – Exercise

\*All Fit-4-Life classes are \$10 per month and require pre-registration

**Every Monday**

10:00 English Conversation (C)

11:30 Lunch (C)

**Every Tuesday**

10:00 English Conversation (C)

11:30 Lunch (C, RJ)

12:00 Computer tutorial with Norbert (H)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

**Every Wednesday**

9:00 Bowling at Flatbreads

9:45 Coffee & Conversations (H)

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Wacky Wednesdays (RJ)

**Every Thursday**

10:00 Current Events (H)

10:00 English Conversation (C)

11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara (H)

11:30 Lunch (C, H, RJ)

1:00 Arts & Crafts (C)

**Every Friday**

9:45 Coffee & Conversations (H)

11:30 Lunch (H)

11:45 Bingo (H)

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6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	8:30pm	Somerville Pundits	12:00pm	TeleGalaxie	10:00am	2017 Election candidates Profiles
7:00am	Art at SCATV	9:00pm	SCOUTV	1:00 pm	Henry Parker Presents	10:30pm	SOM ARTS
7:30am	DW In Good Shape	9:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	1:30pm	Jeff Jam Halloween Special	11:00am	Community Lens
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	10:00pm	The rare groove revolution	2:00pm	Free Speech:In your own words	11:30am	DW conflict Zone
9:00am	DW Global 3000	10:30pm	TUTV	2:30pm	Don't forget to rock	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show)
9:30am	Esoteric Science	11:00pm	SCATV SECRET STASH: Public Access Boyz	3:00pm	Democracy Now	1:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
10:00am	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer	11:30pm	SMC Presents:Duck Village Stage Sessions	4:00pm	Banned Book Read a thon	1:30pm	DW Global 3000
10:30am	Somerville Storytellers	<b>Friday, October 27</b>		5:00pm	SCOUTV	2:00pm	Science 360
11:00am	Fallon's Daily Toast	12:00am	Signs of Life	5:30pm	Physicians Focus	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show	12:30am	Signs of Life	6:00pm	Totally working out	4:00pm	African Television Network
1:00pm	Health is Wealth	1:00am	Heavy Leather Topless Dance party	7:00pm	Startup TV boston	5:00pm	Tele Galaxie
1:30pm	Green Card Voices	2:00am	Free Speech TV	8:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	6:00pm	13 most haunted hotels
2:00pm	SOM ARTS	6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	8:30pm	Mim the movie Buff	6:30pm	The Kamla Show
2:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	7:00am	The Bill Press Show (Free Speech TV)	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e costumes	7:00pm	2017 candidate Profiles
3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	10:00pm	DIWHY The show	7:30pm	(LIVE) The Yellow Jacket Lady
4:00pm	NASA TV News feed	9:00am	SOM ARTS	11:00pm	The summer House	8:00pm	(LIVE) Somerville Overcoming Addiction
5:00pm	2017 Election Candidate Profiles	9:30am	Cambridge Calendar	<b>Sunday, October 29</b>		9:00pm	Dedilhando au Saudade
5:30pm	Going Postal	10:00am	The Yellow Jacket Lady	12:00pm	SCATV SECRET STASH: Flotilla	10:00pm	DIWHY The Show
6:00pm	Haitian Poetry in 3 languages	10:30am	Legacies	1:00am	Free Speech TV	11:00pm	The Summer House
7:00pm	Startup TV Boston	11:00am	NASA TV:Space caste weekly	6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	<b>Tuesday, October 31</b>	
8:00pm	LIVE: Somerville Pundits	11:30am	DW Tomorrow Today	6:30am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	12:00am	Free Speech TV
8:30pm	LIVE: Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show	7:00am	Nossa Gentes e Costumes	6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board
9:30pm	Don't Forget to Rock	1:00pm	Aging Well	8:00am	Effort Pour Christ	7:00am	Perils for Pedestrians
10:00pm	Duck Village Stage Series	1:30pm	Book Talk with Somerville Public Library	9:00am	Tele Kreyol	7:30am	Legacies
10:30pm	New Kids on the Rock	2:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	10:00am	Aging Well	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
11:00pm	Flotilla	2:30pm	DW Global 3000	10:30am	DW Conflict zone	9:00am	The Chef's Table Series
<b>Thursday, October 26</b>		3:00pm	Community Media Day Live	11:00am	The Chef's Table Series	10:00am	Estoy Sano!
12:00am	SCATV Secret Stash Hour	4:00pm	Community Media Day Live	12:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	10:30am	DW In Good Shape
1:00am	Free Speech TV	5:00pm	Community Media Day Live	12:30pm	The Literati Scene	11:00am	DW Tomorrow Today
6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	5:30pm	Community Media Day Live	1:00pm	Reeling Review	11:30am	2017 Election Candidate Profiles
7:00am	Sci-Fi Journal	6:00pm	Community Media Day Live	1:30pm	Green Card Voices	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	6:30pm	Community Media Day Live	2:00pm	StartUp TV Boston	1:00pm	Boston Free Radio presents Words on Film
9:00am	Road to Recovery	7:00pm	(LIVE) Fallon's Daily Toast	3:00pm	Tele Magazine	2:00pm	Somerville overcoming addiction
9:30am	SCATV Throwback Thursdays	8:00pm	(LIVE) Hip Hop Festival Marathon	4:00pm	Dedilhando a Saudade	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
10:00am	2017 Election Candidate Profiles	10:00pm	Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	5:00pm	African Television Network	4:00pm	Aging Well
11:00am	DW Focus On Europe	11:00pm	Box house productions presents	6:00pm	Monstrous Laughter Halloween Special	4:30pm	Mim The movie Buff
11:30am	Community Lens	11:30pm	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	7:00pm	Grolier Bookstore Documentary	5:00pm	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer
12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show	<b>Saturday, October 28</b>		8:00pm	Tufts Jumbo Sports	5:30pm	Cambridge Calendar
1:00pm	The Somerville Line	12:00am	Signs of life	10:00pm	2017 Election Candidate Profiles	6:00pm	What's new Massachusetts?
3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	12:30am	Signs of life	10:30pm	TUTV	6:30pm	Beyond Boston
4:00pm	Art at SCATV	1:00am	SCATV secret stash hour	11:00pm	Box House Productions Presents	7:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
4:30pm	The Struggle	2:00am	Free speech tv	11:30pm	SMC presents:Duck village stage session	7:30pm	2017 election Candidate Profiles
5:00pm	Boston Free Radio presents Words on Film	6:00 am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	<b>Monday, October 30</b>		8:00pm	Dead Air Live
6:00pm	Beyond Boston	7:00am	Tele Magazine	12:00am	Free speech TV	9:00pm	Public Access Boyz
6:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	8:00am	Democracy Now	6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	9:30pm	The Yellow Jacket Lady
7:00pm	(LIVE) Taking Back Your Health	9:00am	Community Lens	7:00	Aging Well	10:00pm	Real Estate Answers
7:30pm	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer	9:30am	Somerville Storytellers	7:30am	Going Postal	10:30pm	Graphic Content
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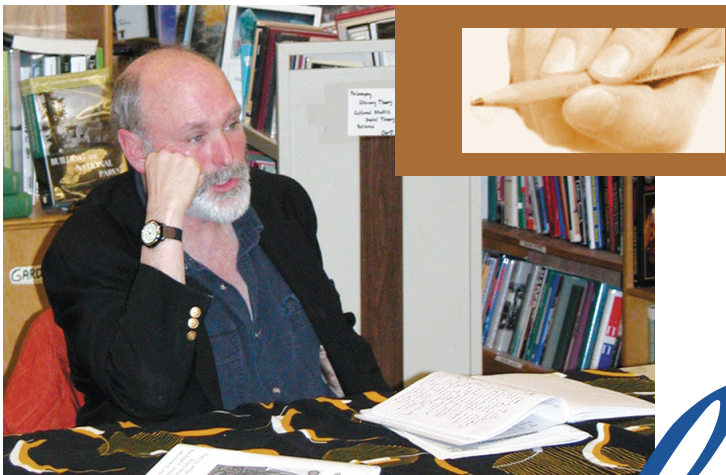
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<b>Wednesday, October 25</b>							
9:00am	Congressional Update	12:00am	Senior Circuit	6:30pm	Green Line Extension Public Meeting	11:30am	Connecting Communities - Fire Safety
9:30am	Get Your Flu Vaccine - PSA	12:30am	Congressional Update	8:00pm	Connecting Communities - Fire Safety	12:00pm	Board of Aldermen Meeting – 10.26.17
11:30am	Nathan Tufts Park Tree Evaluation	1:00am	SomerStreets: Monster Mashed Up	8:30pm	SomerStreets: Monster Mashed Up	6:30pm	Evolution of Hip Hop Festival
11:35am	SomerViva Español	1:30am	Nathan Tufts Park Tree Evaluation	9:00pm	Nathan Tufts Park Tree Evaluation	7:19pm	Domestic Violence Vigil
12:00pm	Honk!	1:35am	Aldermen at Work - Dennis Sullivan	9:05pm	Aldermen at Work - Dennis Sullivan	8:00pm	SomerStreets: Monster Mashed Up
1:30pm	School Committee Meeting - 10.16.17	2:04am	Union Square Walking Tour - 9.17.17	9:34pm	Honk!	9:00pm	BOA Finance Committee of the Whole
6:30pm	SomerViva em Português	8:30am	Rally Point	11:00pm	SomerViva Español	<b>Tuesday, October 31</b>	
7:00pm	Evolution of Hip Hop Festival	8:53am	Get Your Flu Vaccine - PSA	<b>Sunday, October 29</b>		12:00am	SomerStreets: Monster Mashed Up
7:50pm	Nathan Tufts Park Tree Evaluation	9:00am	BOA Finance Committee of the Whole	12:00am	SomerStreets: Monster Mashed Up	1:00am	Inclusion Drives Innovation
7:55pm	Get Your Flu Vaccine - PSA	12:00pm	Congressional Update	12:30am	Evolution of Hip Hop Festival	2:30am	SomerViva Español
8:00pm	Connecting Communities - Fire Safety	12:30pm	Aldermen at Work - Dennis Sullivan	1:19am	Raising Families “Special Needs Education”	8:30am	Sit & Be Fit Fibromyalgia Workout
8:30pm	Aldermen at Work - Dennis Sullivan	1:00pm	SomerStreets: Monster Mashed Up	2:00am	SomerViva Español	8:57am	Get Your Flu Vaccine - PSA
9:00pm	Congressional Update	1:30pm	Honk!	2:22am	SomerStreets: Strike Up the Bands	9:02am	Congressional Update
9:30pm	Upcoming Meeting Agenda	2:53pm	Get Your Flu Vaccine - PSA	9:00am	Inclusion Drives Innovation	9:31am	Nathan Tufts Park Tree Evaluation
<b>Thursday, October 26</b>		3:00pm	SomerViva Español	11:30am	Connecting Communities - Fire Safety	11:30am	Aldermen at Work - Dennis Sullivan
12:30am	Nathan Tufts Park Tree Evaluation	6:00pm	BOA Finance Committee of the Whole	12:00pm	Senior Circuit	12:00pm	Senior Circuit
12:35am	Talking Business “Quesadillas & Kimchi”	9:00pm	SomerStreets: Monster Mashed Up	12:30pm	Congressional Update	12:30pm	SomerStreets: Monster Mashed Up
1:00am	Union Square Walking Tour - 9.17.17	9:30pm	Evolution of Hip Hop Festival	1:00pm	Aldermen at Work - Dennis Sullivan	1:30pm	BOA Finance Committee of the Whole
2:02am	Congressional Update	10:19pm	Rally Point	1:30pm	Green Line Extension Public Meeting	6:30pm	Congressional Update
2:32am	Honk!	10:42pm	SomerViva em Português	3:00pm	Talking Business “Quesadillas & Kimchi”	7:00pm	Senior Circuit
8:30am	Sit & Be Fit Diabetes Workout	11:13pm	Get Your Flu Vaccine - PSA	6:00pm	Connecting Communities - Fire Safety	7:00pm	Get Your Flu Vaccine - PSA
8:55am	Get Your Flu Vaccine - PSA	<b>Saturday, October 28</b>		6:30pm	Congressional Update	7:25pm	SomerStreets: Monster Mashed Up
9:00am	SomerStreets: Monster Mashed Up	12:00am	SomerStreets: Monster Mashed Up	7:00pm	Senior Circuit	7:30pm	SomerStreets: Monster Mashed Up
12:00pm	Senior Circuit	12:30am	BOA Finance Committee of the Whole	7:30pm	SomerStreets: Monster Mashed Up	8:30pm	Honk!
12:25pm	Get Your Flu Vaccine - PSA	9:00am	Nathan Tufts Park Tree Evaluation	8:30pm	Board of Aldermen Meeting – 10.26.17	9:53pm	Raising Families “Immigration Law”
12:30pm	Congressional Update	9:05am	SomerStreets: Monster Mashed Up	<b>Monday, October 30</b>		10:21pm	Connecting Communities - Fire Safety
1:00pm	Honk!	9:35am	Talking Business “Quesadillas & Kimchi”	12:00am	Senior Circuit	10:51pm	SomerViva em Português
2:30pm	SomerViva Español	11:30am	Congressional Update	12:25am	Get Your Flu Vaccine - PSA	<b>Wednesday, November 1</b>	
3:00pm	Domestic Violence Vigil	12:00pm	SomerStreets: Monster Mashed Up	12:30am	Union Square Walking Tour - 9.17.17	12:00am	Senior Circuit
4:00pm	Upcoming Meeting Agenda	1:00pm	Green Line Extension Public Meeting	1:33am	Congressional Update	12:25am	Get Your Flu Vaccine - PSA
7:00pm	Board of Aldermen Meeting - LIVE	2:30pm	SomerViva em Português	2:02am	Inclusion Drives Innovation	12:30am	SomerStreets: Monster Mashed Up
<b>Friday, October 27</b>		3:00pm	Rally Point	9:00am	Green Line Extension Public Meeting	1:30am	Green Line Extension Public Meeting
		3:24pm	Get Your Flu Vaccine - PSA	10:29am	Get Your Flu Vaccine - PSA		

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<b>Wednesday, October 25</b>							
9:00am	SHS Girls Volleyball v Waltham	9:00pm	SHS Boys Soccer v Peabody	9:00pm	SHS Football v Triton Reg'l.	4:00pm	SHS Boys Soccer v Billerica
11:00am	SHS Boys Soccer v Peabody	11:00pm	SHS Girls Volleyball v Malden	<b>Sunday, October 29</b>		6:00pm	SHS Football v Lynn Classical
1:00pm	Our Schools, Our City - Extended Learning	<b>Friday, October 27</b>		12:00am	SHS Boys Soccer v Billerica	8:05pm	Our Schools, Our City - Extended Learning
1:30pm	SHS Post Secondary Fair	1:00am	SHS Boys Soccer v Billerica	1:30am	SHS Football v Triton Reg'l.	9:00pm	SHS Boys Soccer v Peabody
2:00pm	SHS Boys Soccer v Billerica	9:00am	Our Schools, Our City - Extended Learning	3:30am	Public Domain Theater	11:00pm	SHS Girls Volleyball v Malden
5:00pm	SHS Girls Volleyball v Waltham	10:00am	SHS Football vs Peabody [9.8.17]	9:00am	SHS Post Secondary Fair	<b>Tuesday, October 31</b>	
7:00pm	SHS Boys Soccer v Peabody	12:00pm	SHS Football vs Lynn English	10:00am	SHS Boys Soccer v Peabody	12:00am	SHS Girls Volleyball v Malden
9:00pm	Our Schools, Our City - Extended Learning	2:30pm	SHS Football v Lynn Classical	12:00pm	SHS Girls Soccer v Swampscott	1:30am	SHS Football v Triton Reg'l.
9:30pm	SHS Post Secondary Fair	5:00pm	Our Schools, Our City - Extended Learning	2:00pm	SHS Boys Soccer v Billerica	9:00am	Our Schools, Our City - Extended Learning
10:00pm	SHS Boys Soccer v Billerica	6:00pm	SHS Football vs Peabody [9.8.17]	4:00pm	SHS Girls Soccer v Danvers	9:30am	SHS Post Secondary Fair
<b>Thursday, October 26</b>		8:00pm	SHS Football v Lynn Classical	6:00pm	SHS Post Secondary Fair	10:00am	SHS Girls Volleyball v Malden
12:00am	SHS Girls Volleyball v Waltham	11:00pm	SHS Football v Triton Reg'l.	7:00pm	SHS Boys Soccer v Peabody	12:00pm	SHS Girls Volleyball v Waltham
2:00am	Public Domain Theater	<b>Saturday, October 28</b>		9:00pm	SHS Girls Soccer v Swampscott	2:00pm	SHS Girls Soccer v Medford
9:00am	SHS Football v Lynn Classical	1:30am	SHS Football v Triton Reg'l.	10:30pm	SHS Boys Soccer v Billerica	4:00pm	SHS Girls Volleyball v Malden
11:05am	Our Schools, Our City - Extended Learning	4:00am	Public Domain Theater	<b>Monday, October 30</b>		6:00pm	SHS Football v Triton Reg'l.
12:00pm	SHS Boys Soccer v Peabody	9:00am	SHS Girls Volleyball v Malden	12:00am	SHS Football v Triton Reg'l.	8:30pm	Our Schools, Our City - Extended Learning
2:00pm	SHS Girls Volleyball v Malden	11:00am	SHS Boys Soccer v Peabody	2:30am	Public Domain Theater	9:00pm	SHS Girls Volleyball v Malden
4:00pm	SHS Boys Soccer v Billerica	1:00pm	SHS Football v Triton Reg'l.	9:00am	SHS Football v Lynn Classical	10:30pm	SHS Girls Volleyball v Waltham
6:00pm	SHS Football v Lynn Classical	3:00pm	SHS Boys Soccer v Billerica	11:05am	Our Schools, Our City - Extended Learning	<b>Wednesday, November 1</b>	
8:05pm	Our Schools, Our City - Extended Learning	5:00pm	SHS Girls Volleyball v Malden	12:00pm	SHS Boys Soccer v Peabody	12:10am	SHS Girls Soccer v Medford
		7:00pm	SHS Boys Soccer v Peabody	2:00pm	SHS Girls Volleyball v Malden	2:00am	Public Domain Theater





Lyrical

SOMERVILLE

edited by Doug Holder

Dennis Daly writes: “Originating in Malay prior to the 15th century the pantoum probably developed from an oral tradition of rhythmic and repetitive rowing songs. Early pantoums were very short, but modern ones require no set number of stanzas. The following poem is included in *Pantoums*, my sixth book, recently accepted for publication by Dos Madres Press.”



Solitaire

Again the word begins a world  
With dawn and dusk and in-between.  
The breath of life both grew, then swirled,  
Awakened me from quarantine.  
  
With dawn and dusk and in-between  
The Ghost of Cause from north somewhere  
Awakened me from quarantine  
Like a gem set, a solitaire.

The Ghost of Cause from north somewhere  
A conscious thought he etches out  
Like a gem set, a solitaire,  
A singularity, no doubt.  
  
A conscious thought he etches out  
The breath of life both grew, than swirled.  
A singularity, no doubt.  
Again the word begins a world.

— Dennis Daly

OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

‘Windows’



Windows  
By Julia Denos  
Illustrated by E. B. Goodale  
Candlewick Press, 2017

Review by Lawrence Kessenich

The best books for small children take a simple concept and play it out in a way that isolates the subject and strikingly illustrates it, thereby focusing the child’s attention on it – and, for that matter, the attention of the adult reading it to the child. *Windows* does this with the subject of windows at dusk in an urban setting – in this case, Somerville, Massachusetts (although the area is not identified in the text, anyone who knows Somerville will recognize some of the stores and buildings, and the authors identify it in their bios).  
At the outset of the book, an unidentified child (I believe it’s a girl, although there is an androgynous quality that may be intentional) looks out the window as the sun fades and sees

...little windows  
lit up like eyes in the dusk  
blinking awake as the lights turn on inside  
a neighborhood of paper lanterns

She puts on her red hoodie and takes a walk through her neighborhood with her white dog (these colors contrast nicely with the city as its colors dims over the course of the book). As the child passes apartment buildings and stores and an abandoned house, the book’s narrator talks about some things one might see during a walk at dusk:

You might pass a cat  
or an early raccoon  
taking a bath

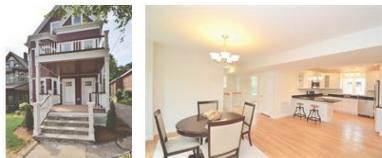
in squares of yellow light.  
  
The “yellow light” is from a window, of course, one of the many kinds of windows one might see on such a walk:

One window might be tall,  
with curtains drawn,  
or small,  
with a party inside.

An enjoyable two-page spread in the middle of the books shows no less than 18 windows with the kinds of things one could see through them as they are lit up inside in the evening. One can easily imagine a child being fascinated by what’s in each of these windows – and being prompted by the reader to find specific things in them.  
The palette of the illustrations throughout is deep gray-blues contrasted with the oranges-turning-to-purples of the sunset – and also contrasted with the lit-up windows. It’s a very pleasing palette that unifies the book, providing a sense of mystery throughout. The colors darken as the sun goes further and further down behind the horizon, and the child ends her walk with the most familiar window of all:

Then you arrive home again,  
and you look at your window from the outside.  
Someone you love is waving at you.  
  
and you can’t wait to go in.  
  
The books ends with the child, having completed her adventure in the near dark, sitting cozily beside her mother, who is reading a book, while through a picture window we see the darkened city with its window “eyes” alight.

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