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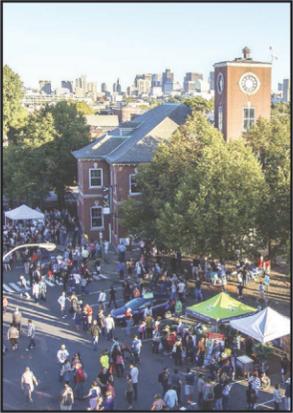
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Ward 4 ResiStat brings revitalization plan to life



Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development Senior Planner Melissa Woods and others filled Ward 4 residents in on details of the city's proposed revitalization plan. — Photo by Amy Swain

By Amy Swain

Residents of the Winter Hill area of Ward 4 gathered at the Healey School Thursday for the semi-annual discussion of resident statistics.

Melissa Woods, Senior Planner at the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, opened the meeting with excitement regarding the publication of the Winter Hill revitalization plan on the city's website.

Current talk of the city's resources being focused on the GLX and Union Square prompted the question, however, of whether this realistically means progress for Ward 4. "The city is smart fiscally," Woods said. "We have the right team, and this is still a priority. We do need to come to a path, and this may happen after other projects, but it is never a bad idea to document a vision."

Mayor Curtatone came to *Continued on page 17*

Deanna Cremin Playground gets its official dedication

By Donald Norton

A crowd of over 200 family, friends and residents showed up this past Saturday morning at the old Otis Street Park for the dedication of the newly renovated Deanna Cremin Playground.

It was a cold drizzly day, but it did not matter to the attendees who were excited with the park that has been totally renovated and has a unique design to it, and renamed in honor of Cremin.

The Somerville native was murdered back in 1992. She was just seventeen, full of life and looking forward to a wonderful future, when her life was cut short and to this day the culprit has never been found.

A vigil every year is held by her family to keep the memory alive so that one day the person responsible for her death might be brought to justice.

The family has been looking forward to the opening of this park and *Continued on page 8*



The memory of Deanna Cremin was honored on Saturday as friends, family, and others gathered at the newly renovated park for its official dedication ceremony. — Photo by Chris Pedersen

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

One of our many favorite contributors here at *The Somerville Times*, **Chris Haskell** has his own radio podcast show which airs every Thursday night. He calls his show *The Mix Of The Month* and it airs live on **bostonfreeradio.com** and on the **Boston Free Radio** Facebook page. Join Chris in this week’s show. He’s a good guy.

Due to forecasts of rain on Thursday, October 27, the city’s annual **Haunted Hall** event will be held **inside the SHS atrium and gym**, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

On **Saturday, November 12, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**, Brigham House Assisted Living, 341 Mt. Auburn St., Watertown, invites you to their **5th Annual Holiday Craft Faire**. Residents and their families are given the special opportunity to kick off their holiday shopping within the comfort of their own home. As always, the public is welcome and they encourage Watertown residents and surrounding communities to come in and support their local craft vendors. There will be plenty of holiday cheer, with complimentary sweet treats throughout the day, in addition to their huge raffle give-away. The Faire puts everyone in the holiday spirit, and Brigham House is looking forward to seeing everyone there. Local Somerville nice lady **Lynne Lenoir**, along with her partner **Dorothy DiMarzo**, have been busy preparing for this event, making things to sell, you can bet if these two lovely ladies are involved its got to be good.

Beginning this week, for the first time ever right here in Somerville, **early voting takes place at City Hall**. Check the city’s website at www.somervillema.gov for

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: **Lower speed limits can lead to a safer Somerville**

Selina K. says:

I support the lowering of speed limits in residential areas. Too often commuters try to dodge traffic on the major thoroughfares and end up clogging up our neighborhoods. This will help.

Matt C says:

How does this work without enforcement?

A. Moore says:

It makes them feel good Matt. The law reads we are supposed to drive safely and use some common sense and drive according to the conditions. But in real life how often do we see anyone going the speed limit? The problem as I see it is aggressive driving here and it looks like it is on the rise and getting more out of control from what I can see. I don’t see people obeying signs as it is, changing them will most likely result in the same thing.

Matt C says:

@A Moore. I agree, they can change the signs but that won’t significantly effect behavior. Changing the signs will just incur cost without any return in safety, driver or resident satisfaction.

Freebie says:

Matt, i would presume the city will start enforcing these limits and raking in some speeding ticket revenue to complement the parking ticket funds. Sounds like a win-win to me, take the funds from motor violations and build bike lanes and green space.

JPM says:

Sorry. But people who don’t pay attention to a 30 MPH limit are not going to ay attention to 25 MPH. Sounds like another revenue generator masquerading as health and safety law.

Matt says:

Freebie, they don’t enforce the limits they have.

MarketMan says:

If people want to slow down speeds, put in strategic speed bumps

Response to: **Air flight noise pollution conference**

Cynthia says:

Thank goodness this is being addressed. We can’t even have our windows open in the summer! 5:15 in the morning we get woken up by the planes coming in over our house, then you try to go to bed and fall asleep to the same thing. It is so frustrating and disruptive to what once was a peaceful neighborhood we lived in. I am grateful to see others are upset also...

Response to: **Minestrone Soup**

Margaret Powell says:

Mmm. What a nice idea. I’m going to be making some of this soon. Looks like a great recipe. Thanks Dorothy!

Response to: **Festival del Maíz y Salsa Dance Party**

Julian Forrest says:

A very cool event, lots of great food music and people. I hope they do it again.

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Bluntly Speaking by Ross E. Blouin, Publisher The Somerville Times

Strong support for Union Square zoning at Board of Alderman hearing

Supporters packed City Hall last week for a public hearing to discuss pending zoning changes required to advance over 15 acres of planned development in Union Square. The Union Square Neighborhood Plan, adopted this past year, stipulates the project include 60 percent commercial and 40 percent residential. The development will generate over \$10 million in new tax revenue annually and create over 5,000 new permanent jobs.

Mayor Joseph Curtatone briefed the Alderman on the overall economic development plans. He then asked the Aldermen to consider the financial ramifications for the entire city if the zoning is stalled. "If we don't move forward with this zoning, we will be solely responsible for paying for other infrastructure needs in Union Square which must be addressed regardless of the development of Union Square," Mayor Curtatone said, referring to the \$70 million of utility and streetscape improvements required in the square and the \$50 million the city must pay for the Green Line Extension.

Over 100 residents and local business owners attended the hearing, with a clear majority

speaking in favor of moving the zoning forward. As reported in the Times, the Somerville Chamber of Commerce submitted a petition with over 130 signatures from businesses and residents around the square in support of the new zoning. The petition stressed that other nearby cities are moving quickly to capture the same commercial business Union Square is seeking and needs.

Those speaking against the zoning noted opposition to specific portions of the Neighborhood Plan that was passed by the Planning Board by a 5-1 vote earlier this year. Some residents expressed concern as to how the City would enforce a development ratio of 60 percent commercial and 40 percent residential. Several Aldermen pressed City Planner George Proakis on the issue as did a number of residents who spoke. Proakis promised to come back to the Board with further information on the issue.

Concern was also raised about the pending Community Benefits Agreements. In his testimony, Greg Karczewski president of US2 (the City's Union Square Master Developer) noted the firm's commitment to community benefits, "Com-



munity benefits has been a high priority for many who have participated in the process. We remain committed to providing community benefits from the redevelopment and will work closely with the Board to finalize the community benefits program," he said. Karczewski remarked that US2 has already

invested over \$1million in support of community programs in the Square, including their investment to bring Workbar to Union Square as well as their sponsorship of Greentown Labs, the Fluff Festival, Holiday Stroll, a Small Business Assistance Program and the "Union Lunch" summer event.

The public comment period for this hearing has been extended and will close on October 28. Residents are encouraged to submit comments to the Board at Planning@somerville-ma.gov. The Board of Aldermen will review all public comment and is expected to vote on this issue later this fall.

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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Bag bagger bagged

Police last Sunday afternoon received a call from a Saks Off Fifth Loss Prevention Officer who reported an alleged shoplifting incident in progress.

Officers were dispatched to the Assembly Row location to investigate and while en route were reportedly informed by store staff via cell phone that a

man, later identified as Edward McVey, had been observed concealing expensive women's handbags on his person and that he had exited the store, and had gotten on a bicycle heading towards the MBTA station at Assembly Row.

The officers then proceeded to the Assembly Row MBTA

station where they reportedly spotted a man fitting McVey's description, on a bicycle and carrying plastic bags that appeared to be full.

As police the blue lights and siren on their cruiser, McVey reported continued onto the bike path behind the Partners Healthcare building where it

was not possible to follow with the cruiser.

The officers reversed direction and circled around the Partners building on the Grand Union Boulevard side where they caught up with McVey and pulled parallel to him.

McVey reportedly dumped his bicycle and attempted to hide in

the tall grass on the side of the bike path, but the officers caught him and held him for search and questioning. McVey reportedly had three leather purses from Saks concealed in the white plastic bags in his possession.

McVey was placed under arrest and charges with larceny over \$250 and resisting arrest.

SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

Lucas Binda, of 10 Webster Ave., October 17, 8:38 p.m., arrested at Prospect St. on charges of failure to stop or yield and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Daniel Merrill, of 130 Morrison Ave., October 18, 9:58 a.m., arrested on multiple warrant charges of unarmed robbery.

Nicholas Sanchez, of 3 Dana St., Revere, October 18, 2:25 p.m., arrested at Broadway on warrant charges of motor ve-

hicle not meeting safety standards and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

John McLean, of 3 Dana St., Revere, October 19, 10:06 a.m., arrested at Meacham Rd. on warrant charges of threat to commit a crime, assault, and disorderly conduct.

Michael Tomlin, of 62 Waldeck St., Dorchester, October 19, 8:31 p.m., arrested at Broadway on warrant charges of resisting arrest, assault and battery on a family or household member, disorderly con-

duct, assault and battery on a police officer, aggravated assault and battery, inhaling glue or a toxic substance, annoying telephone calls, and abuse prevention order violation.

James Meuse, of 52 Brook St., Wakefield, October 20, 10:09 p.m., arrested at Curtis St. on charges of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor second offense, violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon, and negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

Michael Turner, of 12 Unity Ave., Revere, October 20, 10:58 p.m., arrested at Shore Dr. on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

Louis Shropshire, of 21 Walker St., October 21, 7:29 p.m., arrested at Bond St. on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

Claudio Fontoura, of 98 Franklin St., October 23, 2:39 p.m., arrested at Mt. Pleasant St. on a charge of misdemean-

or breaking and entering, and on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

J. Dougherty, of 240 Albany St., Cambridge, October 23, 2:39 p.m., arrested at Mt. Pleasant St. on a charge of misdemeanor breaking and entering.

Edward McVey, October 23, 4:30 p.m., arrested at Canal St. on charges of larceny over \$250 and resisting arrest.

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COMMENTARY

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A New Somerville High: YES! Question 5: NO

By Jim Thomas

On November 8, Somerville residents will be asked to vote on Question 5, which would allow an override of Proposition 2½ to raise money for a new High School. As a parent of three recent graduates of Somerville High School, I agree that we need a new school. Unfortunately, Question 5 and the current building plan have many significant issues. Here are 5 things to consider on Question 5.

1. Could the city fund a new high school without Question 5?

While city officials clearly want the additional revenue and flexibility Question 5 would bring, we have the capacity to finance a high school project without it. Somerville can already raise taxes 2 ½% every year without an override, and that revenue is well in excess of the require-

ments for the project. In addition, new development should be adding to our tax base. Projections for Assembly Square alone were projected for an additional \$17 million per year.

The city has published charts showing the tax impact for Question 5 for various types of properties. For example, for an average 2 family the city would levy an additional \$4 in 2018; \$296 in 2025; and \$349 in 2027. What's unstated is whether the city also plans to also increase taxes to the 2½ cap. If they do, then the total tax increase will be much higher. For 2027, instead of a \$349 increase for a 2 family, the total would be \$1,826. Figure 1 illustrates this in more detail.

So why would we need Question 5? At its currently planned cost, the project would put a strain on city finances after 2024, when debt payments are scheduled

Total Property Tax impact - Question 5 plus regular 2 ½ increases

Assumes city raises property tax 2.5% every year.

		2018	2021	2023	2025	2027
Condo	Ques. 5 increase	\$2	\$31	\$80	\$160	\$189
	Annual 2.5% increase	\$71	\$296	\$456	\$623	\$799
	Total increase	\$73	\$327	\$536	\$783	\$988
Single Family	Ques. 5 increase	\$4	\$48	\$124	\$249	\$294
	Annual 2.5% increase	\$111	\$461	\$709	\$969	\$1,243
	Total increase	\$115	\$509	\$833	\$1,218	\$1,537
2-Fam	Ques. 5 increase	\$4	\$57	\$148	\$296	\$349
	Annual 2.5% increase	\$132	\$548	\$842	\$1,152	\$1,477
	Total increase	\$136	\$605	\$990	\$1,448	\$1,826

Selected years, includes residential exemption and CPA surcharge

Figure 1.

to rise. It could also affect our debt rating.

However, those aren't the only factors. The city has an ambitious set of city capital spending projects it is planning. While passing Question 5 does make it easier to finance the school, it also frees up capacity to help fund those other projects. So

what you are really voting on isn't just a school – it's an entire capital spending plan. Shouldn't we be debating the priority and need for those other projects before voting on this measure? And if any of those other projects are truly critical, the city always has the *Continued on page 17*

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Rep. Denise Provost

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



Rep. Timothy Toomey

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Sen. Patricia Jehlen

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

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

NO 2016 SALES TAX HOLIDAY - The Retailers Association of Massachusetts (RAM) released the re-

sults of a study of the effect on retailers of the Legislature and Gov. Charlie Baker's decision not to hold a Sales Tax Holiday this past August as it has done every year except one since 2004. The holiday allows consumers to buy most products that cost under \$2,500 on a weekend in August without paying the state's 6.25 percent sales tax. RAM said that the state was "penny-wise and pound-foolish" and that there was no clear benefit to the state but rather a "dramatic drop in local sales and hours worked."

"This is no surprise to anyone who understands consumers and the rapidly changing marketplace driven by mobile commerce," said RAM's president Jon Hurst. "RAM firmly believes the real winners of not holding the Massachusetts Sales Tax Holiday were the tax-free mobile commerce sellers [on the Internet]."

Hurst continued, "In these times of 365 days-per-year government-granted tax advantages of 6.25 percent to out-of-state sellers, the state chose to not give local employers a lousy two days to fairly compete on the same playing field. The state did not give our own residents the clear incentive to invest their important consumer dollars locally. And that decision backfired miserably for our local employers, their employees, and for the state."

In July, Gov. Baker, House Speaker Robert DeLeo and Senate President Stan Rosenberg all expressed concern over the state's anticipated \$750 million shortfall. Rosenberg said the holiday was too expensive to the state. DeLeo noted, "When you're talking about the shortfall that we're in, we considered to add another \$26 million to that shortfall, just doesn't make a whole lot of sense." Baker said the decision was out of his hands. "They control the ball a bit on this one," Baker said. "And I certainly have expressed my concerns about the fiscal situation we find ourselves in fiscal 2017 as well."

Legislative supporters of the past 11 holidays note that in 2015, consumers saved some \$26 million. Over the years, they have argued that the state's loss of that revenue is offset by increased revenue from the meals and gas tax revenue generated by shoppers on those two days.

Revenue Committee Chairman Jay Kaufman (D-Lexington), who has voted against the holiday in the past said, "Most credible economists agree that sales tax holidays are a gimmick that produces the illusion of retail profits and the reality of lost revenues for critical public services." He noted that an August sales tax holiday increases sales in August but suppresses them in June and July in anticipation of the holiday and in September and October after the holiday.

The Legislature did not hold a vote on the holiday this year. *Beacon Hill Roll Call* reviews local legislators' votes from July 2015 on the 2015 holiday.

2015 SALES TAX HOLIDAY (H 3659)

House 136-20, Senate 27-11, approved and Gov. Baker signed into law a 2015 Sales Tax Holiday.

(A "Yes" vote is for the tax-free holiday. A "No" vote is against it.)

Rep. Christine Barber	No
Rep. Denise Provost	No
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No

3-YEAR SALES TAX HOLIDAY (H 3659)

Senate 6-32, rejected an amendment establishing an annual two-day sales tax holiday on a Saturday and Sunday in August for the next three years. The state's revenue commissioner would designate the date by July 15 of each year.

Amendment supporters said the Legislature has approved a tax-free holiday one year at a time for many years and argued that it is time to establish it for a longer period of time. They noted that this would give consumers the opportunity to plan big purchases in advance and not have to sit around and see if the Legislature approves the holiday each year for the next three years.

Amendment opponents said that it is fiscally irresponsible to approve a three-year tax holiday. They argued that the Legislature should reserve the option to look at the state's finances each year and then decide whether the state can afford a sales tax holiday that year.

(A "Yes" vote is for the 3-year holiday. A "No" vote is against it.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen No

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"[We] strongly recommend that the Legislature and governor take steps necessary to increase tax revenues available to meet the state's urgent unmet educational and infrastructure needs." — *Board of Editors of Mass-Benchmarks, a journal of the Massachusetts economy published by the UMass Donahue Institute.*

"Marty for Governor." — *Cheers from a pro-union rally after Boston Mayor Marty Walsh told the crowd that he stands with them and opposes the Baker Administration's plan to privatize the MBTA's "money room" in Charlestown, the center of the T's cash handling operation.*

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION?

Beacon Hill Roll Call tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature's job and that a lot of important work is done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work, research, constituent work and other matters that are important to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session. During the week of October 17-21, the House met for a total of 29 minutes and the Senate met for a total of 30 minutes.

Mon. October 17	House 11:01 a.m. to 11:10 a.m. Senate 11:07 a.m. to 11:21 a.m.
Tues. October 18	No House session No Senate session
Wed. October 19	No House session No Senate session
Thurs. October 20	House 11:02 a.m. to 11:22 a.m. Senate 11:17 a.m. to 11:33 a.m.
Fri. October 21	No House session No Senate session

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

LEGAL NOTICE



**PRESIDENTIAL 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;

ON Tuesday, November 8, 2016

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:

Electors of President and Vice President, Statewide

- A Candidate for Senator in Congress for the Commonwealth,**
- A Candidate for Representative in Congress for the Seventh Congressional District,**
- A Candidate for Governor’s Council for the Sixth Councillor District,**
- A Candidate for Senator for the Second Middlesex Senatorial District, (To be voted for in all Precincts),**
- A Candidate for Representative in the General Court for the Twenty-Sixth Middlesex District (To be voted for in all Precincts of Ward One and Precinct 1 of Ward Two Only),**
- A Candidate for Representative in the General Court for the Twenty-Seventh Middlesex District (To be voted for in Precincts 2 and 3 of Ward Two, all Precincts of Wards Three, Five, and Six)**
- A Candidate for Representative in the General Court for the Thirty-Fourth Middlesex District (to be voted for in all Precincts of Wards Four and Seven),**
- A Candidate for Clerk of Courts for Middlesex County,**
- A Candidate for Register of Deeds for the Middlesex Southern District.**
- A Candidate for Sheriff for Middlesex County.**

QUESTION 1: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 3, 2016?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would allow the state Gaming Commission to issue one additional category 2 license, which would permit operation of a gaming establishment with no table games and not more than 1,250 slot machines. The proposed law would authorize the Commission to request applications for the additional license to be granted to a gaming establishment located on property that is (i) at least four acres in size; (ii) adjacent to and within 1,500 feet of a race track, including the track’s additional facilities, such as the track, grounds, paddocks, barns, auditorium, amphitheatre, and bleachers; (iii) where a horse racing meeting may physically be held; (iv) where a horse racing meeting shall have been hosted; and (v) not separated from the race track by a highway or railway.

A YES VOTE would permit the state Gaming Commission to license one additional slot-machine gaming establishment at a location that meets certain conditions specified in the law.

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

QUESTION 2: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 3, 2016?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would allow the state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to approve up to 12 new charter schools or enrollment expansions in existing charter schools each year. Approvals under this law could expand statewide charter school enrollment by up to 1% of the total statewide public school enrollment each year. New charters and enrollment expansions approved under this law would be exempt from existing limits on the number of charter schools, the number of students enrolled in them, and the amount of local school districts’ spending allocated to them.

If the Board received more than 12 applications in a single year from qualified applicants, then the proposed law would require it to give priority to proposed charter schools or enrollment expansions in districts where student performance on statewide assessments is in the bottom 25% of all districts in the previous two years and where demonstrated parent demand for additional public school options is greatest.

New charter schools and enrollment expansions approved under this proposed law would be subject to the same approval standards as other charter schools, and to recruitment, retention, and multilingual outreach requirements that currently apply to some charter schools. Schools authorized under this law would be subject to annual performance reviews according to standards established by the Board.

The proposed law would take effect on January 1, 2017.

A YES VOTE would allow for up to 12 approvals each year of either new charter schools or expanded enrollments in existing charter schools, but not to exceed 1% of the statewide public school enrollment.

A NO VOTE would make no change in current laws relative to charter schools.

QUESTION 3: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 3, 2016?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would prohibit any farm owner or operator from knowingly confining any breeding pig, calf raised for veal, or egg-laying hen in a way that prevents the animal from lying down, standing up, fully extending its limbs, or turning around freely. The proposed law would also prohibit any business owner or operator in Massachusetts from selling whole eggs intended for human consumption or any uncooked cut of veal or pork if the business owner or operator knows or should know that the hen, breeding pig, or veal calf that produced these products was confined in a manner prohibited by the proposed law. The proposed law would exempt sales of food products that combine veal or pork with other products, including soups, sandwiches, pizzas, hotdogs, or similar processed or prepared food items.

The proposed law’s confinement prohibitions would not apply during transportation; state and county fair exhibitions; 4-H programs; slaughter in compliance with applicable laws and regulations; medical research; veterinary exams, testing, treatment and operation if performed under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian; five days prior to a pregnant pig’s expected date of giving birth; any day that pig is nursing piglets; and for temporary periods for animal husbandry purposes not to exceed six hours in any twenty-four hour period.

The proposed law would create a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 for each violation and would give the Attorney General the exclusive authority to enforce the law, and to issue regulations to implement it. As a defense to enforcement proceedings, the proposed law would allow a business owner or operator to rely in good faith upon a written certification or guarantee of compliance by a supplier.

The proposed law would be in addition to any other animal welfare laws and would not prohibit stricter local laws.

The proposed law would take effect on January 1, 2022. The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

A YES VOTE would prohibit any confinement of pigs, calves, and hens that prevents them from lying down, standing up, fully extending their limbs, or turning around freely.

A NO VOTE would make no change in current laws relative to the keeping of farm animals.

QUESTION 4: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 3, 2016?

SUMMARY

The proposed law would permit the possession, use, distribution, and cultivation of marijuana in limited amounts by persons age 21 and older and would remove criminal penalties for such activities. It would provide for the regulation of commerce in marijuana, marijuana accessories, and marijuana products and for the taxation of proceeds from sales of these items.

The proposed law would authorize persons at least 21 years old to possess up to one ounce of marijuana outside of their residences; possess up to ten ounces of marijuana inside their residences; grow up to six marijuana plants in their residences; give one ounce or less of marijuana to a person at least 21 years old without payment; possess, produce or transfer hemp; or make or transfer items related to marijuana use, storage, cultivation, or processing.

The measure would create a Cannabis Control Commission of three members appointed by the state Treasurer which would generally administer the law governing marijuana use and distribution, promulgate regulations, and be responsible for the licensing of marijuana commercial establishments. The proposed law would also create a Cannabis Advisory Board of fifteen members appointed by the Governor. The Cannabis Control Commission would adopt regulations governing licensing qualifications; security; record keeping; health and safety standards; packaging and labeling; testing; advertising and displays; required inspections; and such other matters as the Commission considers appropriate. The records of the Commission would be public records.

The proposed law would authorize cities and towns to adopt reasonable restrictions on the time, place, and manner of operating marijuana businesses and to limit the number of marijuana establishments in their communities. A city or town could hold a local vote to determine whether to permit the selling of marijuana and marijuana products for consumption on the premises at commercial establishments.

The proceeds of retail sales of marijuana and marijuana products would be subject to the state sales tax and an additional excise tax of 3.75%. A city or town could impose a separate tax of up to 2%. Revenue received from the additional state excise tax or from license application fees and civil penalties for violations of this law would be deposited in a Marijuana Regulation Fund and would be used subject to appropriation for administration of the proposed law.

Marijuana-related activities authorized under this proposed law could not be a basis for adverse orders in child welfare cases absent clear and convincing evidence that such activities had created an unreasonable danger to the safety of a minor child.

The proposed law would not affect existing law regarding medical marijuana treatment centers or the operation of motor vehicles while under the influence. It would permit property owners to prohibit the use, sale, or production of marijuana on their premises (with an exception that landlords cannot prohibit consumption by tenants of marijuana by means other than by smoking); and would permit employers to prohibit the consumption of marijuana by employees in the workplace. State and local governments could continue to restrict uses in public buildings or at or near schools. Supplying marijuana to persons under age 21 would be unlawful.

The proposed law would take effect on December 15, 2016.

A YES VOTE would allow persons 21 and older to possess, use, and transfer marijuana and products containing marijuana concentrate (including edible products) and to cultivate marijuana, all in limited amounts, and would provide for the regulation and taxation of commercial sale of marijuana and marijuana products.

A NO VOTE would make no change in current laws relative to marijuana.

QUESTION 5:

Shall the City of Somerville be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond(s) issued in order to design, engineer, construct, and equip the new Somerville High School?

YES

NO

**Nicholas P. Salerno, Chairman
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BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS**

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Deanna Cremin Playground gets its official dedication

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what it means to have it named in Deanna's honor. It is just another way the community can come together and keep her memory alive.

Her mother and other relatives were all present to witness dedication ceremonies carried out by Mayor Joe Curtatone and Alderman Matt McLaughlin, who both worked hard to get the project done.

The festivities began with a performance by the Sunsetters, who sang for the crowd as it grew until it was time for the

ceremony to begin.

The park sits at the corner of Otis and Dana Streets, just off McGrath Highway at the bottom of the footbridge connecting one end of Otis Street to the other half.

The park has many features that a lot of families with young kids can go and enjoy themselves for a long time to come, such as a musical chimes set that the kids can play with and various slides and places to climb while the parents can sit and enjoy the park.

Deanna's mother, Katherine

Cremin, was so pleased with the design and the beautiful way the park came out. She was beaming throughout the entire ceremony and was very grateful to the city officials for working towards having this day in memory of her daughter.

The reward for any information leading to the identification of Deanna's murderer has been posted and is set at \$70,000. People are asked to call Somerville Police if they have any pertinent information.

— Photos by Donald Norton



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The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week



Eagle feathers #115

Fort Knox

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

There is a common cliché which states that a person wouldn't take an action "for all the gold in Fort Knox." It is in reference to an army fort by that name.

Interestingly enough, there are two different United States army forts with that title. The first and oldest Fort Knox was erected in the state of Maine and took twenty-five years to construct. It was built in response to the 1842 border dispute between the United States and England. Coincidentally, it was the same year that Somerville separated from Charlestown.



Built to stay, the fort was constructed of solid, local granite. Today, it is no longer active and has been renamed the Fort Knox State Historic Site and is one of Maine's most visited historical attractions.

The other Fort Knox is located in Kentucky. It is one of America's largest, covering 111,000 acres, and is one of the most active United States Army bases. Under its custody is the United States Bullion Depository where much of our country's wealth is protected. During World War II, the original United States Constitution, the Bill of Rights, the Declaration of Independence, and the Gettysburg Address were protected there. At that time, the British Crown Jewels and the valuables of other war-occupied countries were also held for safekeeping.

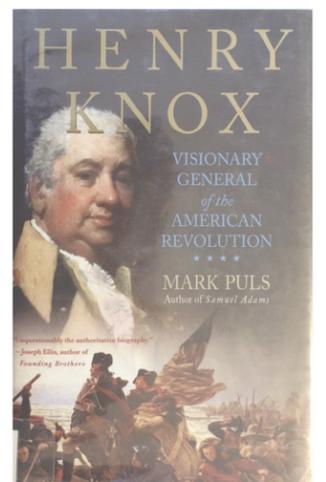
Both forts were named after the same remarkable man, the Revolutionary War's Major General Henry Knox. His life and deeds were once very well known. Five states honor his name in their towns. Nine states have counties named after him. In 1985 the United States Postal Service commemorated an eight-cent stamp in his memory. Massachusetts and New York State honor him with a highway through the Berkshires named the Knox Trail.

So who was Henry Knox, and what did he do? At the beginning of the revolution, he was a popular, well-read Boston bookstore owner and patriot. He belonged to a local artillery company and his vast knowledge of cannons and the military was brought to General Washington's attention.

This twenty-five year old soldier designed fortresses opposing Boston from Roxbury Crossing to the Somerville forts, especially Cobble Hill, the closest to the enemy.

Henry served at the Battle of Bunker Hill. He volunteered to retrieve captured cannons from New York's Fort Ticonderoga, a feat most thought

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'Villens United by Chris Haskell Community Media Day



It's official Villens! Somerville now has its own community media holiday!

In celebration of inaugural holiday on Thursday October 20, Somerville Community Access opened its doors to the public and Boston Free Radio took their live broadcasts to the streets of Union Square.

The newly founded city holiday showcases our outstanding local media outlets in print, online, or on the air. It also gives residents of Somerville the opportunity to come check out all the programs and opportunities that are available to them with a membership to BFR and SCATV.

Community Media Day kicked off at noon with Alderman Matt McLaughlin presenting SCATV and BFR with a plaque to commemorate Com-

munity Media Day as an official city holiday. The writers from *Scout Magazine Somerville* along with SCATV media director Erica Jones took to the airwaves of Boston Free Radio shortly after to talk about the new *Scout TV*, which is airing its premiere episode this week. Friendly locals and passers by stopped to hang out to interact with the media and to enjoy the live outdoor broadcast.

In the early afternoon The Boston Institute for Non-profit Journalism took over the BFR live broadcast to talk about their involvement in the local media scene. BINJ founder and editor at *Dig Boston Magazine* Chris Faraone and his colleague Jason Pramas sat in to discuss the importance of community media and the fun events BINJ has coming up over the next several weeks. They were followed by the an hour long local teen takeover of Boston Free Radio where some of the teenage members got to command the BFR live outdoor broadcast for an hour.

The outdoor festivities con-



cluded with my own show *The Villens Den* taking over the last few hours of the live outdoor broadcast. This week I was lucky enough to have comedian Al Park come on and talk about his live stand up comedy show *Something Big* and his other projects.

We were also joined by Megan Ward of *Old School Game Show* fame and local man about town Kevin Harrington. Singer/songwriter Ana D'Leon also drove down from VT to talk about her upcoming shows and perform a few songs for us. Despite the chill wind and constant interruptions from passing rush hour traffic the broadcast was a lot of fun. The beautiful music of Ana D'Leon was the perfect distraction.

While the BFR booth got all the face time for Community Media Day, there were many interesting projects going on within the building for the public. Although in truth, it's real-

ly no different from most days in the SCATV/BFR building. Whether it's *Fallon's Daily Toast* or the many other projects Fallon O'Brien has going on or the local media programs for the city's youth; there is always something fun going on at SCATV and you'll find a colorful cast of characters and friendly local faces hanging around the building any given day.

I myself have been lucky enough to work with and within the local community media over the last year with this column and my Thursday broadcasts on BFR. Local musicians, comedians, writers, and all the locals working on their own projects within the building. In that time I have met some truly interesting and all around good people. It's nice to have some place where you can meet with others to discuss ideas for media projects and work with others to make it a reality. I am honored to be a part of this

great community media circle we have in the Boston area and humbled by how welcoming and supportive those within the local media have been. I enjoy my creative projects both here at the newspaper and at Boston Free Radio immensely.

While the first annual Somerville Community Media Day was a success we are already looking towards plans for next year's festival. I hope to see you there. In the meantime both SCATV and Boston Free Radio have their doors open to the public everyday, so stop by if you would like more information on membership.

Later 'Villens ... enjoy those pumpkin spice coffees.



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Monday October 31
Shawn Carter's Cheapshots Comedy Jam 7 p.m.
Marley Mondays with Duppy Conquerors 10 p.m.

Tuesday November 1
Amy Kucharik's Friends with Benefits Tuesday residency
7:30 p.m.

Wednesday November 2
Free Poker, lots of prizes! 8 p.m.

Thursday November 3
BYO Bluegrass with Dave Rizzuti grassy Thursdays
7:30 p.m.

Friday November 4
Jim Coyle & King Blue 6 p.m.
The Restrictionists, Steve Walther Orchestra,
Daniel Mike 9 p.m.

Saturday November 5
Stan Martin & Wicked Heart 6 p.m.
Meghan's birthday! Dirty Water Brass Band, Psychic Dog,
Johnny Blazes & The Pretty Boys, PowerSlut
\$10 cover 9 p.m.

Sunday November 6
Wooden Leg with The Very 6 p.m.

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City of Somerville's 'Haunted Hall'

Join the City of Somerville on Thursday, Oct. 27, for the annual "Haunted Hall" event from 6 to 8 p.m. The family-friendly event will feature a costumed Halloween Stroll, safe Trick-or-Treating, games and activities, refreshments, a Haunted Pumpkin Patch tour, and more. Costumes are encouraged for all ages, and all "haunted" elements will be appropriate for attendees of all ages. Due to forecasts of rain, the event will be held inside the SHS atrium and gym. For more information, contact Jackie Rossetti at 617-625-6600 ext. 2614, or JRossetti@somervillema.gov.

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COMMENTARY

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Hey Somerville, let's set a new voter participation record



By Joseph A. Curtatone

As I stood in line to participate in the City's first ever early voting session on Monday morning, I met residents who were so excited to cast their vote in this year's election that they had been at City Hall since 7:30 a.m. Forty-five minutes later when I arrived and took my place in line, it stretched down our hall way, and it continued to grow until the polls opened at 8:30. What an incredible experience to watch our democracy at work! I was reminded then about what makes Somerville unique and special.

Strong, vibrant, tight-knit communities like ours are built from the ground up by residents who are engaged and involved in

many different ways throughout the city. Your civic engagement is essential to how efficiently and effectively our government is able to serve you, and many facets of our city's success depend on it. Civic engagement is important because it provides many opportunities for your voice to be heard and allows us as a government to be informed about public concerns and address them appropriately. Civic engagement can take on many forms – and we've seen them all here in Somerville – such as volunteerism or community service, activism, community organizing, non-profit work, public service, political advocacy, and of course voting.

I know some may become discouraged as a result of the foulness of this election cycle. But it's vitally important to remember what's at stake here. While the presidential race has taken much of the spotlight and will understandably be a big draw of this year's election, there's a lot going on at the state and local level

that deserves our attention too.

Just like other voters across the Commonwealth, you will have the opportunity to vote on four statewide ballot questions addressing issues of gaming slots, charter schools, farm animals, and marijuana. And some of these could have big impacts here at home.

But we also will have our own Somerville-specific question on the ballot. Question 5 is seeking voter approval to allow the City to implement a debt exclusion in order to fund the construction of a new Somerville High School. I recognize the deep complexity of the issue, so I strongly encourage you to visit www.somervillema.gov/highschool for more information. There you can find information about why we need a new high school including the current structural deficiencies and potential risks surrounding accreditation. You'll also see additional FAQs addressing topics ranging from how exactly the project will be funded to how much it will cost the average tax-

payer, as well as the City's potential mitigation efforts.

I've certainly kept it no secret as to what my thoughts are on some of the ballot questions. I've spoken out numerous times against expanded gaming and blindly lifting the charter cap, and I've also made it clear that I think a new Somerville High is necessary for the future success of the City. But I'm not here to get into that now. I want to instead ask you to research for yourselves. It's not enough to just show up and vote. True, successful civic engagement requires active participants to be well-informed. So take a few minutes to visit <http://bit.ly/2dQgHPw> and review the questions on this year's ballot. Discuss the issues with your friends and family, learn how it could impact you and your neighbors, decide for yourself what decision you believe to be best, and show up at the polls.

In the 2012 Presidential election, national voter turnout for the United States came in at

a disappointing 57.5 percent. Here in Somerville, 72.36 percent of us reported to the polls (a result of our population's active civic engagement I mentioned earlier). But I think we can do even better. Early voting is making it even more convenient this year for you to vote and let your voice be heard. We had 960 people show up to early vote on Monday, and we're hoping to get more and more in each day. For a complete list of early voting dates and times, please visit www.somervillema.gov/earlyvoting. And remember: If you can't make it out to vote early, you can still vote at your usual polling place on the Nov. 8 Election Day.

We're fortunate to live in a democratic country where we have the chance to be civically involved, and we're even more fortunate to live in a city where active and meaningful civic engagement is a priority. Let's not take that privilege and responsibility lightly. Let's get out the vote, Somerville.

Somerville deserves better



By William C. Shelton

Our city has the lowest proportion of green and open space in the Commonwealth because its elected officials colluded with residential developers rather than protecting their citizens' best interests.

Within a generation after Somerville's 1842 separation from Charlestown, increasing regional economic demand, improved industrial technology, and a flood of immigrants were reshaping a farming community and transit hub into an industrial center.

Developers hastened to turn farmland into housing for workers, many of whom had fled the Irish potato famine. The pace of immigration and development slowed somewhat during the Civil War, and then rebounded.

Some developers built grand

houses in East Somerville and on Winter Hill, marketing the area to affluent Bostonians as a leafy suburb. Streetcar lines built in the 1890s enabled family members who were not factory workers to commute to Boston service occupations.

In the same decade, a banking collapse and two panics smothered the market for Somerville's elegant homes. Developers shifted focus, buying up agricultural land and subdividing parcels into tiny lots with modest houses and no yards. They made such a killing that they began buying up the Winter Hill manses, razing them, and building brick apartment buildings.

Many residents felt that property should be set aside for parks and open space. But building on every available scrap was too profitable. City politicians even resisted allocating a skimpy amount of Prospect Hill land for a monument. A massive petition campaign persuaded them of the project's political expediency, and Somerville's most recognizable landmark was dedicated in 1903.

Union Square's redevelop-

ment offers an opportunity for city officials to begin correcting the errors of the past. But the zoning now before the Planning Board and Aldermen would compound those errors. It allocates only 15% of new development to open space, while counting wider sidewalks and passages between buildings in that calculation.

It was written to codify Union Square's Neighborhood Plan, which is the product of an intensive seventeen-month planning process. In every one of its public meetings, citizens said they wanted more expansive open space. The mayoral-appointed Civic Advisory Committee quantified the minimum amount at 34%.

It's difficult to visualize what 15% open space across a district looks like. If one's perspective is with the open space concentrated in the foreground, as it is in the Neighbor Plan examples, it doesn't look so bad. Otherwise, you wonder where the open space is. And 15% is worse than it sounds, since so much of Union Square is already built.

Contrast this with a town like Brookline. Although it already has ample parks and greenery, its zoning obligates developers to commit 35% of commercial projects' land area to open space. The South Boston Municipal Harbor Plan required that 40% of the Fan Pier and Pier 4 sites "be devoted to parks, plazas, and other pedestrian-usable public open spaces, exclusive of streets."

Most enlightened municipalities are requiring substantial portions of large-scale developments to be civic open space. And most enlightened developers understand that this increases the market value of what they build. To make it work, developers must be allowed to build denser projects.

Although we are often cited as New England's densest city, the human need for open space is not about reducing density. Manhattan is almost four times Somerville's density, yet it has four times our proportion of open space.

The need for open space is, instead, about the quality of the public realm. It is the common ground where diverse citizens

come together to experience their city and create their community. It is what transforms space into place. It reduces crime, increases property values, and without it, cities are unlivable.

The proportionately larger the public realm is, the broader can be the range of human interaction that it nurtures, and the greater can be our sense of being connected to a larger enterprise. The inverse is true as well.

Legislation regarding the public realm goes back to old England and to concerns that all city dwellers needed light and air to be healthy. The charming term that remains in English law is "preservation of the ancient lights."

In the middle of the last Century, legislation mandated green belts around English cities. Green belts now comprise 13 percent of English land. They curtail sprawl while keeping downtowns vital. And unlike in the U.S., this legislation and its enforcement is national, ensuring that developers and giant retailers cannot bully or seduce municipal authorities.

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COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Let's not scare one another too badly this year – please.

Our View Of The Times



For some of us it feels like forever since we've shaken off the cares and concerns that seem to be bearing down so heavily as we observe the divisions and discord that has been so prevalent over the past year or so.

The election is just around the corner, and it feels as though a great burden will be off our shoulders once it's over. A new

president will be elected, congressional seats will be filled, ballot measures determined. More than ever it seems as though so much is at stake with this particular election cycle, no matter which side of the aisle we align with.

But first comes an old friendly tradition: the celebration of Halloween. We are treated to the sights and sounds of kids

dressing up and role playing, going door-to-door gather their sweets, and just plain having fun in the doing.

Grown-ups have their celebration traditions too. Maybe it would be smart to cut loose a little bit this time around – safely, of course. Let out a little steam and spend at least one day when we don't quite take the world as seriously as we normally do.

Somehow it seems like this just might be what the (witch) doctor ordered.

So, take this advice and join in with the kids a little. Wear a silly costume. Cut loose at a festive party. Be a kid again, if only for this one day.

We often spend too much time at odds with each other. Let's consider uniting for once, in the name of good clean fun.

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details. Also, if you need an absentee ballot you can call 617-625-6600 for information about that. Next week we will have all the questions that will be on the ballot this year here in the city. Be sure to get your copy of *The Times* early.

Happy birthday to a lot of our friends and fellow Villens here this week: First of all to **Marie Civello** who is celebrating this week. Happy birthday to **Franzine Spinale Bolduc**, an East Somerville native. We wish her a happy birthday. Happy birthday to **Barry Rollins**, who is celebrating this week. Also, happy birthday to **Charlie Houghton**, a local fireman here in the city. Good guy and family man **Clifton Verdieu** is also celebrating this week. Clifton is a hard worker. He's a local real estate agent at **The Norton Group** and has helped many local Hatians buy and sell homes over the years. Also celebrating is local guy **Donald Norton**, now off his diet after shedding a total of 45 pounds in 50 days and still losing (on phase 4 of the diet). He's feeling great but no cake for him! Happy birthday to our good friend and great guy **Richard "Dick" Hart**, of the famous Hart family from Somerville. Nicest guy you'd ever want to meet. We know **Mary** his wife and **many kids**

and over **20 grandkids** will be celebrating all week with him. Happy birthday to **Sal DiMarggio**, who grew up here in the city in East Somerville. A nice guy and big time solid family man.

Victor's Deli of Ball Square now does deliveries. Check it out on Facebook and call them so you can have one of their famous Macaroni & Cheese dishes, or maybe you'd like the Chicken Parmagian with the great sauce that Victor's is noted for. Call today to have your lunch delivered to you from Victor's. And remember, you can get \$2 off your order of \$20 or more with the coupon we have on page 3.

Don't forget, you can still donate to **WJIB** to help ensure that the FM station will get up and running next year. Relaxing, commercial-free music on the FM band 24 hours a day. Send your (non-deductible) check to WJIB - PO Box 308 - Bath, Maine 04530 and tune in to **Bob Bittner** on WJIB AM 740 for all the details.

There was a Halloween party at the **Masonic Lodge** in Arlington where local attorney here in Somerville **Phil Privitera** is the head member. He held what he

calls the **Lodge of Horror, Halloween Family Costume Party**. Well attended by a large Somerville contingency, as well as **Senator DiDomenico**. What was interesting was that Phil invited a local mariachi band to play, **Estampa De America**. The band leader has a fantastic Mexican Restaurant in Union Square known as **El Potro Mexican Bar & Grill** at 61 Union Square. A great band, fantastic music and a great time.

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

Donald Norton, local real estate broker owner, with his wife **Patricia**, is in phase 4 of his diet. He officially lost 45 pounds in 50 days and is still losing it until he reaches 190. He's going to write about how he did it and how you too can lose anywhere from 20 to 40 plus pounds in 40 days without exercising and crazy foods or shakes or any of the dietary pills, directly working with a doctor who watches what you're doing daily. Look for his article over the next two weeks starting next week on the diet that has successfully helped many people. Feel

great, be healthier, and learn about the proper foods to eat and more.

There's a new website in town. Check it out at www.somervillema.com. *The Somerville Times* is on the site. Also check out www.medfordma.com. Someone asked online why we keep these two websites in *Newstalk*. We guess it's because we like them.

For those that might be interested in obtaining certification for firearms should look up the **Lawrence Rod & Gun Club**. They provide an extensive program at the end of which you receive certification for Massachusetts/NRA Certified Firearm Safety Classes. They run a class once a month, which is limited to 10 people and we hear that this is the place to go to learn safety when handling guns. Email gunclub@earthlink.net for more information and or go to their website at www.lawrencerodandgunclub.org and read up about the course. We've been told that the course has seen a major increase in people applying for it, especially women. We can tell you first hand here that it's a great course and quite thorough. The same goes for this in *Newstalk*. The club has informed us that

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Let's do the Monster Mash-up again

On Sunday, October 23, residents flocked to Somerville Ave. for the annual Monster Mashed-Up SomerStreets event, the final installment of the city's annual SomerStreets series between Union Square and Spring St.

The celebration along Somerville Ave. featured a costume parade and contest for residents of all ages, 100-pound pumpkins carved by artists using power tools, an Oktoberfest beer garden area, Milk Row Cemetery tours, live music on three stages, skateboarding extravaganza, interactive activities and more.





Go to www.thesomervilletimes.com for more photos

Photos by Kevin Dickinson



SPORTS

SHS Girls Varsity Volleyball update



The Somerville High School Girls Varsity Volleyball team played their last home game at SHS Monday night against Cambridge Rindge Latin. Before the game, the seniors were presented with a gift and family members presented each one with flowers. The Cambridge team won Monday night. Somerville plays their last game tonight (Wednesday) at Triton Regional High School. — Photos by Bobbie Toner

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Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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| 1. Where is the largest Halloween parade held? | 7. In Greek mythology, who killed the Gorgon? |
| 2. Who invented the television? | 8. What is the oldest swimming stroke? |
| 3. In golf, what name is given to the no. 3 wood? | 9. Who won six consecutive Wimbledon titles in the 1980s? |
| 4. Ringo Starr narrated which children's TV series? | 10. What was Casanova's day job? |
| 5. Who did Ray Bolger play in <i>The Wizard of Oz</i> ? | 11. Where was Bob Dylan born? |
| 6. Which 1993 Disney film starred Bette Midler as a witch? | 12. What was the Rolling Stones' first no. 1 hit? |

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El Potro Mexican Bar & Grill



This past Saturday night in Arlington, local Attorney Phil Privertra held a Halloween Party at his Masonic Lodge. About 100 people attended and had a good time. He had a good number of people from Somerville at the party and, as part of the entertainment, had a local Mariachi Band playing for the crowd. The band is from Somerville and owns a local Mexican restaurant called El Potro Mexican & Bar Gill at 61 Union Square. We have been told that they have the best Mexican food in the area. They now have three restaurants from here in Somerville to Lowell on Merrimac Street back down to Malden on Highland Avenue. Live entertainment with the Mariachi Band here in the city. Stop in and see for yourself. And if you are having a party and want some fantastic music, give them a call at 617-416-4100 or email info@medusa.com. You won't be disappointed.

— Donald Norton

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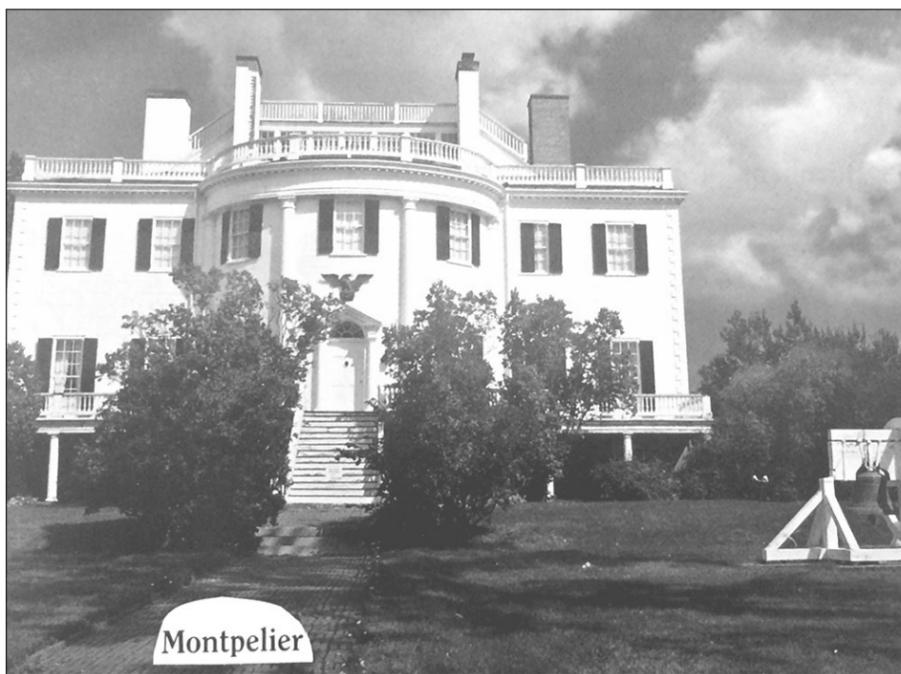


Seen here are some of the officers of King Solomon's Lodge who welcomed the District Deputy Grand Master to the lodge. Also on hand as a Halloween guest PM, the Grim Reaper, who was a hit with all who were present. The dinner was catered by the Mt. Vernon Restaurant, who did an outstanding job. Pictured left to right is Wor. Jonathan Bowers, Presiding Master, with Kevin Dickinson as Senior Warden, the Grim Reaper, and Zachary Atwell, Junior Warden. In the background is Wor. Lou Domenech, the Presiding Secretary. King Solomon's Lodge meets every third Thursday at 125 (rear) Highland Avenue in Somerville. All Master Masons are welcome to attend. — Donald Norton

Autism Medicaid Waiver Open Enrollment

Open enrollment for the Autism Medicaid Waiver continues through October 31. Applications must be postmarked between October 17 and 31. Open enrollment forms that were submitted in October 2015 are discarded during the 2016 open enrollment period; families must apply again to remain on the waitlist. Visit the Massachusetts Advocates for Children website (<http://massadvocates.org/open-enrollment-for-childrens-autism-medicaid-waiver-oct-16-30/>) to learn more about this crucial program or to download an application.

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impossible, but he accomplished it. It entailed moving fifty-nine heavy cannons for three hundred miles during the dead of winter. Over ice and through deep snow he, his men, and his oxen delivered 120,000 pounds of bulky ordnance for the American cause. Many of the heavy cannons were delivered to Cobble Hill and other Somerville forts. Under his orders, through the nights of March 2 to 4, 1776, Cobble Hill guns blazed across the Charles River into Knox's Boston terrifying the city. This created a diversion for 2,000 Americans to occupy Dorchester Heights. The fifty-six day Ticonderoga operation compelled the evacuation of the British Army and saved Boston.

In 1777, the Springfield Arsenal,

America's first, was built at his urging. Knox and his cannons were at Washington's side during every battle including the Delaware River crossing and the Yorktown surrender. For the next two years, he was in command of West Point's Fort. After all hostilities ceased, he was appointed America's first Secretary of War in 1785.

Later, he retired to his home, "Montpelier," in Thomaston, Maine. For twenty-five years, he fought for the birth of an American military academy to be established at West Point. He was happy to see its doors open in 1802 on the Fourth of July. General Henry Knox, the Father of American Artillery, was worth ... all the gold in Fort Knox.

Disasterpiece Theater 3000 Jr. at SCATV

Do you like bad movies? Like really, really, REALLY bad movies? Join a tribe of similarly snarky trash lovers every month for a brand new bad movie series, Disasterpiece Theater 3000 Jr.



In the vein of Mystery Science Theater, youth will provide live commentary while watching terrible films that should by all means be relegated to the deepest caverns of the Goodwill donation bin, but which have instead been unearthed for our collective viewing displeasure.

Monthly screenings will be held the third Thursday of the month, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the SCATV Main Studio.

The kickoff event will be a Halloween Party on Thursday, October 27, in which they will screen the legendary disasterpiece *Troll 2*. Please note that *Troll 2* is rated PG-13 and therefore may not be suitable for all age groups. Please visit the IMDB Parent's Guide for this title to decide whether this movie is right for your young person: <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0105643/parentalguide>. Many future movies will be rated G or PG, and they will never screen anything above a PG-13 rating.

Totally free and includes pizza. Folks showing up to the kickoff event in troll related costume or makeup will be entered to win fun prizes!

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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 2, 2016** at the **Visiting Nurse Association**, 259 Lowell Street, 3rd Floor Community Room, Somerville, MA.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

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The **Somerville Licensing Commission** is accepting applications under Chapter 142, acts of 2016 for:

FOUR available All Forms 7 Day Restaurant Licenses **or** Wine and Malt Restaurant Licenses for restaurants in Assembly Square District Area, **ONE** Available All Forms 7 Day Restaurant License **and** **ONE** available Wine and Malt Restaurant License for the Transformative Area(s), **THREE** available All Forms 7 Day Restaurant Licenses **and** **TWO** available Wine and Malt Restaurant Licenses for the Enhancement Area(s).

Interested Parties may obtain applications online at Somervillema.gov or at the City Clerks Office, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville. ABCC applications must be filed online at www.mass.gov/abcc/. The deadline for applications will be:

Monday, December 5, 2016 by 10:00AM for the January 9, 2017 Hearing, Monday, January 16, 2017 by 10:00AM for the February 13, 2017 Hearing, Monday, February 13, 2017 by 10:00AM for the March 13, 2017 Hearing. Kindly contact the Somerville Licensing Commission for further details or deadlines for any upco **TIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED (Both the ABCC and Somerville Licensing Commission applications are required).**

For the Commission
Andrew Upton
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**Attest: Lori Jean Batzek
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IMPORTANT PUBLIC NOTICE

The Somerville Housing Authority (SHA) announces a **PUBLIC HEARING** regarding the **2017 Annual Plan** on Wednesday, December 14, 2016 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, 2016**. Any questions may be directed to Paul Mackey, Deputy Director, at 617-625-1152.

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The **Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (SHPC)** shall hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 6:40 p.m. in the Third Floor Community Room, at the Visiting Nurses Association (259 Lowell Street) regarding proposals by: 1) F & L Realty Development, LLC to demolish a c.1870 wood frame house at 44 Medford Street and a c. 1870 wood frame house and restaurant at 46 Medford Street; 2) Eamon Fee to demolish a c. 1870 wood frame house at 19 Kent Court.

The subject of the hearing will be reviews of the initial determinations by the SHPC that under the City of Somerville Zoning Ordinance Section 7-28b(2), the structures are considered "Significant." Public testimony followed by discussion and a vote by the Commission will be taken regarding if the building should be "Preferably Preserved." For further information, please contact (617) 625-6600 x 2500 or historic@somervillema.gov.

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many residents of Somerville have called or gone to the club to find out about certification.

Look in on the SCATV Channel 3 program *The Real Estate Answers Show* this Friday night as host **Donald Norton of The Norton Group** will be having as his guest **Mayor Joe Curtatone**. They will be discussing the upcoming **ballot questions** here in the city, in particular **questions 2 and 5**, which he strongly supports. The show will also be on YouTube on the paper's website and The Norton Group RE site as well. Host Donald Norton of the Norton Group RE, right here in Somerville, has 39 years experience in the field.

Congratulations on a year of service to the Middlesex Bar Association as President to attorney **Damien Gillietti**, a fantastic attorney who practices out of Somerville, Cambridge and Malden courts. His experience in criminal matters is his specialty. We think he's the Perry Mason of the courtrooms here in the area today. A great mind, a fantastic attorney who knows the laws and hopefully someday will be a judge here in Massachusetts. He has earned it.

The election is finally creeping up on us here in Somerville with the state and national elections and finally the end of debates, ads and just down and out nasty campaigning. Now just make sure you go out and vote on November 8, or better yet there's no excuse for not going over to **City Hall on the 2nd floor to vote early**. We now have that available to the public. You don't have to wait in line on a cold dreary Election Day. We predict an 80/20 win for the democrats and, if you think about it, that's not such a hard bet, is it?

Rumor has it that at the local city and ward **Democratic Committee** meeting recently, some that were present from the beginning to end never heard a vote to endorse the questions on the ballot, never mind a vote total of those for and against the questions. But it appears that the secretary posted a vote taken on the question. Maybe the secretary, **Katie Wallace**, reads minds? Just saying.

Little Sisters of the Poor will be holding their annual **Christmas Bazaar on November 12 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**, at 186 Highland Ave. Somerville. Big Raffle Prizes, Christmas Items, Games, Baked Goods including Angela's famous Irish Soda Bread and lunch items including their popular beef stew. Mark your calendars. Don't miss this annual event running now for over 40 years. 617-776-4420 for info.

East Somerville Main Streets is hosting a **Halloween Block Party on Saturday, October 29, 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. at Chuckie Harris Park**. Free fun for all ages featuring Make your own Halloween Mask, Doughnut on a String Eating Contest, Face Painting, Fear Factor Game, Make Wearable Lights, Mini Trick-or-Treating and Halloween Family Photos. The event is put on by ESMS in collaboration with **Beautiful Stuff** project and **Parts & Crafts**.

Tufts University Department of Music Presents **Tufts Sunday Concert Series - Schubert's Winterreise**. Sunday, November 06, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. This iconic cycle of "horrifying songs" gazes into the abyss, in the aftermath of loss. Charles Blandy, tenor; Thomas Stumpf, piano. The Granoff Music Center is located at 20 Talbot Avenue on Tufts' Medford/Somerville campus. Admission is free and open to the public. For more information, please visit as.tufts.edu/music/musiccenter or call the Granoff Music Center Box Office at 617.627.3679

Lyndell's Bakery's 4th Annual Sean Collier Memorial Fundraiser



This past weekend, from doors open on Friday to doors close on Sunday, \$1 from every half moon cake sold went directly to the Somerville Auxiliary Police Sean Collier Memorial Fundraiser which helps Somerville High students interested in pursuing a career in law enforcement. — Photos by Bobbie Toner

Ward 4 ResiStat brings revitalization plan to life

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present one important topic: Question 5. Most are aware of the four questions on the ballot regarding state law. Somerville will have a fifth question, concerning raising property tax above the limit specified in the bylaws of the city specifically to fund the new high school. This is referred to as debt exclusion, and a 'Yes' vote would allow the

city to change taxing standards for this project only.

The question has no end date, but standards of debt exclusion would mean the city specifies the project the tax increase is for, and it would remain in effect until the project is paid off.

While the mayor tried not to be pushy on the matter, he clearly feels very strongly that this is

necessary: "The more we kick this down the road, the physical and financial liability increases. The building is not falling apart on our kids, no, but our accreditation is in jeopardy." The city's website has detailed information regarding plans for the project and average cost to the taxpayer.

Police Chief David Fallon revealed a new citywide speed limit

of 25 mph, unless otherwise posted. Some will be higher, and some, including around parks and hospitals, will be lower. London has adopted this model, and has seen very positive results that Fallon believes will translate to our densely populated city.

Fallon also discussed crime and prevention information, much of which focused on the

SPD's community engagement and trust building. "We're aware of what's going on nationally with policing across the country," the Chief said. "Our officers know we get our authority from the citizens of this city." In an effort toward full transparency, all police procedures, including search and seizure, are posted on the department's website.

A New Somerville High: YES! Question 5: NO

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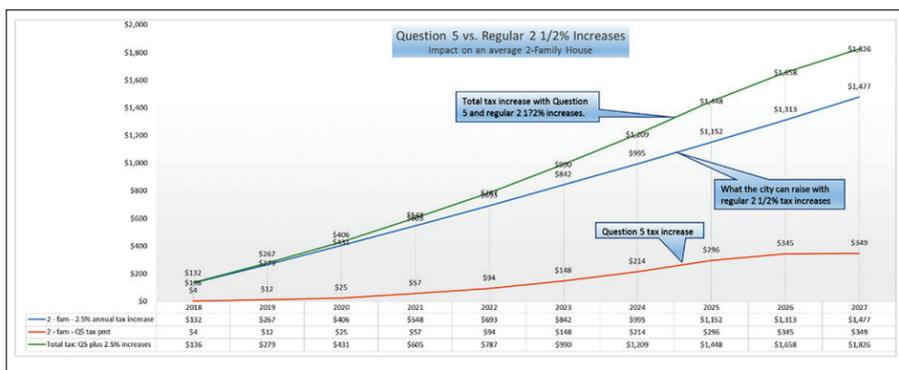


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option of putting them in front of the voters.

2. Question 5 is regressive

The property tax is regressive – it hits lower and middle income people the hardest. Unlike wealthier communities, Somerville has a very large number of these households. 37% of Somerville households earn a total of \$49,000 or less per year. 25% have incomes less than \$25,000 per year.

For the affluent, \$300 or \$400 dollars more per year may not be a big problem. For those living on the edge, it can be a significant portion of their disposable income.

To understand the impact, you also need to consider the large increases in taxes and fees in recent years. Property taxes on condos and single family houses have gone up 43% in the last decade. The tax bill for an average 2 family in Somerville is now about 15% higher than one in Cambridge. That makes it increasing-

ly harder for less affluent families to stay in the city.

3. Question 5 puts pressure on affordable housing

Over time, these tax increases can have a big impact on affordable housing. Much of what's affordable today is owned by small landlords, often people who bought a two or three family house years ago when prices were much lower. The immediate response to tax increases is to raise rents – that's not good for tenants. Long term, it increases the pressure for cash-poor residents to move out and sell, reducing the available housing stock. It does us no good if we build a handful of subsidized units if at the same time we lose hundreds of units to condo conversions.

4. The project cost is over 1/3rd higher than comparable projects

At a cost of \$256 million, the new Somerville High project will be by far the most expensive high school project

in Massachusetts. No project to date has exceeded \$200 million. Compared to recently planned high school projects, such as those in Winchester or Billerica, the projected cost for Somerville High is over \$100 higher per square foot.

City officials argue that costs have increased significantly in recent years and that the site is difficult and expensive to build on. It seems reasonable that the project may be more expensive, but \$100 more per square foot? If we truly believe we can't do better than this, we should ask our state representatives to start investigating pricing and bidding practices for public construction projects.

is a formal warning, and a probation period to rectify any issues. While there were references to the building issues in our last accreditation review, there was no formal warning issued. And Somerville High has shown improving results in recent years. It's not the kind of poor performing school that is a target for de-accreditation.

Finally, other communities have changed and delayed their school building plans and have still received funding. If Question 5 is defeated, Somerville could reprioritize other projects and go ahead with the project as is. Or we can delay and come up with a plan whose cost

	Number of Students	Total cost per Student	SHS % difference	Construct. Cost per SQ foot	SHS % difference
Somerville	1,590	\$161,006		\$581	
Winchester	1,370	\$94,818	70%	\$350	66%
Billerica	1,610	\$109,255	47%	\$434	34%

Figure 3.

5. A defeat of Question 5 does NOT put Somerville High at risk

Some proponents have suggested that if Question 5 is defeated the High School is in imminent danger of losing accreditation, and we won't be able to get state funding. Neither of these are accurate. Our accreditation is not up for renewal until 2020. If you are at risk, there

is more in line with other communities. We should build a new Somerville High, but let's do it at a reasonable cost, with the needs of all Somerville residents in mind. Yes to a new Somerville High. No to Question 5.

Jim Thomas is a long-time Somerville resident and a former candidate for School Committee.

Somerville deserves better

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The solution in Union Square is fairly simple: build higher.

US2 has been pressuring city planners to expeditiously approve new zoning and to limit open-space requirements to 15%. Their motivation for the

former is understandable. It's been twenty-eight months since the Somerville Redevelopment Authority chose them to be the Master Developer Partner, and they haven't been able to build anything.

They have the Beacon Sales and Green and Yellow Cab properties under agreement, the managers of which presented themselves at the October 18th public hearing as commonplace Union Square business people who just want-

ed the aldermen to approve good zoning—quickly. That zoning allows US2 to build twenty-story buildings on the Green Line block, Public Safety Building site, and Beacon Sales parcel.

So increase the allowed height

of buildings on the Cab property and on any parcel not next to existing homes. But among those buildings, create the public realm that Villens have deserved and been denied for a century and a half.

•••• VILLENS ON THE TOWN ••••

CHILDREN AND YOUTH**Wednesday|October 26**

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

Thursday|October 27

Halloween 'Haunted Hall' 2016
6 p.m.|City Hall 93 Highland Ave

East Branch Library

Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year olds
10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.|115 Broadway

Central Library

Afternoon Storytime
4 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Friday|October 28**Central Library**

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

East Branch Library

Book Group
11 a.m. - 12 p.m.|115 Broadway

Central Library

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

Monday|October 31**Central Library**

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

Central Library

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

Tuesday|November 1**Central Library**

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

Central Library

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

Central Library

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

Wednesday|November 2**East Branch Library**

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

East Branch Library

Sing along with The Music Man!
3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

MUSIC|ARTS**Wednesday|October 26****Sally O'Brien's Bar**

Free Poker, lots of prizes!
8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

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

P.A.'s Lounge

Feat. Weapon ESP,
Ghost of the Machine
Hech Rhymes
The Hashassins
Phonetix
345 Somerville Ave

On The Hill Tavern

499 Broadway|617-629-5302

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

Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Joshua Tree Bar & Grill

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

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Snowapple
Crooked Horse, Rachel Marie
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Arts at the Armory

AniMAtic Boston - Scary Tales From the Animation Biz

7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Thursday|October 27

Sally O'Brien's
Bryan Mac presents
8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

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

P.A.'s Lounge

Colbis the Creature
TBA
Lon Chaney Jr
345 Somerville Ave

On The Hill Tavern

Live DJ Music
499 Broadway|617-629-5302

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Bull McCabe's

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

Joshua Tree

256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Somerville Theatre

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

Thunder Road

Let's Wait (Electro Pop)
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Bob Schneider
Bonnie Bishop
8:30 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Arts at the Armory

The Loop
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

The Rockwell

The Pillow Men
8 p.m.|255 Elm St

Friday|October 28

Sally O'Brien's
Tom Hagerty Acoustic Band |6 p.m.
HearNowLive presents Mokita,
Offbeat Motif, Strangers By Accident
\$10 cover |9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

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

P.A.'s Lounge

The Good News
Girl On Top
Triax Coalition
City of Dis
Scrodello
8 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

DJ
10 p.m.|65 Holland St

On The Hill Tavern

499 Broadway |617-629-5302

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

DJ starting at 10 p.m.
65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Bull McCabe's

Be Nice or Leave Brass Band
10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Joshua Tree

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

Samba Bar & Grille

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

Casey's

Entertainment every Friday
173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Thunder Road

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

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Scissorfight
Roadsaw, Worshipper, Hey Zeus,
Gaskill
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

The Rockwell

Sh!t-faced Shakespeare: Much Ado
About Nothing|7 p.m.

255 Elm Street

Saturday|October 29

Sally O'Brien's
Johnnie Mac & The Local Forecast |6 p.m.
HearNowLive presents \$10 cover |9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room:
Bluegrass Session|2 p.m.
The BagBoys|5 p.m.
Irish Session|9:30 p.m.
Back Room
The Burren Backroom Saturday & Sunday Jazz Brunch with Tom Pendergast
8 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Jeff Jam Family Dance Party!|4 p.m.
Backroom Series Octavia & Hankus Netsky|7 p.m.
Scattershot!|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge

Tommy O'Doyle Comedy Matinee|2 p.m.
On the Drop (set 1)|9 p.m.
On the Drop (set 2)
Slow Poken' Turtle
345 Somerville Ave

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

Karaoke
65 Holland St

On the Hill Tavern

Live DJ Music
499 Broadway|617-629-5302

Bull McCabe's

TBA
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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DJ El Sid!
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Samba Bar & Grille

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

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Thunder Road

Hear Now Live Presents: Halloween
Hangover XI feat. Fire In The Field
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Ballroom of Horror
T-T)b, Triheart, Sam Mulligan
7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

The Rockwell

Shit-Faced Shakespeare: Romeo & Juliet|7 p.m.
Los Fletcheros|10 p.m.
255 Elm St

Sunday|October 30**Sally O'Brien's Bar**

What She Said|6 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room
Beatles Brunch|11 a.m.-3 p.m.
John Gannon & Friends Irish Session|3 p.m.
Back Room
The Burren Backroom Saturday & Sunday Jazz Brunch with Tom Pendergast
8am - 2:30pm
Alan Kaufman & Friends Old Timey|5 p.m.
Burren Lantern Series|8 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge

345 Somerville Ave

Bull McCabe's Pub

Dub Apocalypse
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen

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

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

Game Night
65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Samba Bar & Grille

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

Thunder Road

Americana Sundays w/ Greg Klyma
7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Ballroom of Horror - Family Day|12 p.m.
Matt Heaton & the Outside Toys
Ballroom of Horror|7 p.m.
Dust from 1000 years, Billy Baldwin,
Bedbug

156 Highland Ave

The Rockwell

Thirsty|2 p.m./8p.m.
255 Elm St

Monday|October 31**Sally O'Brien's Bar**

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

The Burren

Front Room
Bur-Run
Helena Delaney, Johnny O'Leary &
Friends Irish Session|9 p.m.
Back Room:
Stump Trivia|8:30 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge

Free Halloween show
L.S.C

Yoshi Walsh

Glass Mannequins
DJ Sawtooth
345 Somerville Ave

On The Hill Tavern

499 Broadway|617-629-5302

Bull McCabe's Pub

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

Thunder Road

The Murdock Manor Stripped Sets
Monday Night Series
379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Ballroom of Horror
Garbage Point, Lon Chaney Jr.,
Damnation
7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

The Rockwell

Halloween Mystery Theater
8 p.m.|255 Elm St

Tuesday|November 1**Sally O'Brien's Bar**

TBA
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

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

PA's Lounge

Open Mic Night
345 Somerville Ave

On The Hill Tavern

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

Bull McCabe's Pub

The Ghetto People Band
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen

First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling
Bee Night
hosted by Victor and Nicole of
Egoart.
The fun starts at 10:00p.m.
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

PJ Ryan's

Pub Quiz
10 p.m.|239 Holland St.|617-625-8200

Thunder Road

Thunder & Lightening Sessions Feat-
uring Nick Cabrera & Jack and Katie
7:30 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

156 Highland Ave

The Rockwell

Teaseday
8 p.m.|255 Elm St

Wednesday|November 2**Sally O'Brien's Bar**

Free Poker, lots of prizes!
8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

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

P.A.'s Lounge

Rapid River Boys
James Discovers

TBA

345 Somerville Ave

On The Hill Tavern

499 Broadway|617-629-5302

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

Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Joshua Tree Bar & Grill

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

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

DIIV

Pill

8:30 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

The Rockwell

HUSH - Silent Film, Live Music: The
Kid

7:30 p.m.|255 Elm Street

Arts at the Armory

Wiretap Wednesday Open Stage
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

CLASSES AND GROUPS**Wednesday|October 26**

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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.

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

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

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

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 on 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.

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

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

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

Diabetes Shoe Clinic – Monday, Thursday, November

7 – 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at our Holland Street Center. Did you know that you could be eligible for a free pair of diabetes shoes every year? If you have Medicare and diabetes, please book a ten minute shoe fitting appointment! Contact Natasha Naim at 617-625-6600, ext. 2317. You must make an appointment ahead of time.

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

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

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

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Friendly Caller Program - Do you know someone who could benefit from a friendly call? Maybe you are feeling isolated and want someone to talk to – or you just want someone to listen. Please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to sign up for our “Friendly Caller” Program.

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

The Weekend gateway to NYC originally scheduled for November 5th & 6th has been rescheduled to October 29th & 30th. Due to the change in date this is still available spots. Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Please make special note of our new office hours:

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

Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

LGBTQ EVENTS:

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

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

Mark your calendars for these great upcoming

LGBTQ Events:

Monday, November 21 – Painting to Reduce Stress

Monday, December 19 – Holiday Party

STAY ACTIVE:

Walking & Talking Group – Starting on Monday, May 4th at 8:30 A.M. – out of our Holland Street Center.

We’ll take a gentle 30 minute walk around the community every Monday – meeting in the downstairs lobby of the Holland Street Center. For more information or to sign up please contact Chris Kowaleski our Health & Wellness Coordinator at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315.

Weekly Exercise Class Schedule

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

Mondays:

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

Tuesdays:

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

11:15 Fit-4-Life (C)

1:00 Dalcroze Eurhythmics***

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

Wednesdays:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thursdays:

9:00 Yoga (H) (5 week series) – On hiatus till January

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

11:15 Fit-4-Life (C)

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

Fridays:

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

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

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

One-on-one nutrition is on hiatus til further notice.

Wednesday|October 26

9:00 Bowling at Flatbreads

11:30 Lunch (RJ)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

Thursday|October 27

9:00 Community Food Program (RJ)

10:00 English Conversation (C)

10:00 Current Events (H)

11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara (H) (by appointment only)

11:30 Lunch (RJ) Joint lunch with Holland – Portuguese Food

11:30 Lunch (C)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

Friday|October 28

10:00 Watercolor Quilt (H)

11:30 Lunch (H)

11:45 Bingo (H)

Monday|October 31

10:00 English Conversation (C)

11:30 Lunch (C)

1:00 Bereavement Support Group (H)

WHYC Halloween Celebration

Tuesday|November 1

9:30 Forming Friendships (H)

10:00 English Conversation (C)

10:00 Housing 101 (H)

11:30 Lunch (C, RJ)

12:00 Computer tutorial with Norbert (H) (by appointment only)

12:45 Super Bingo (RJ)

Wednesday|November 2

9:00 Bowling at Flatbreads

11:30 Lunch (RJ)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

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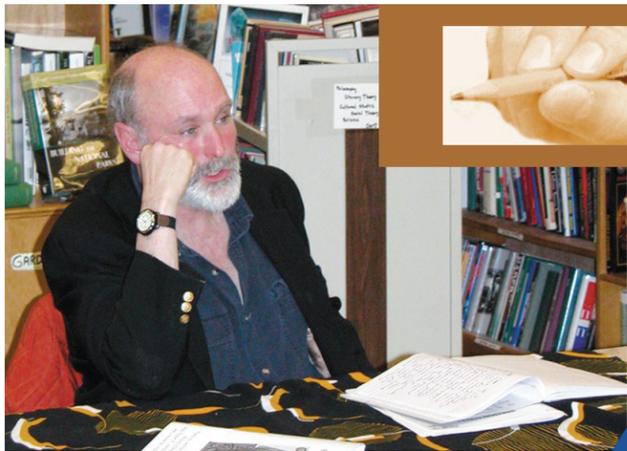
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7:30am Somerville Neighborhood News	7:30pm Mass Climate Action Network	2:00pm SCATV Presents: Duck Village Stage	2:00pm The Literati Scene	
8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	8:00pm Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou (Live call-in)	3:00pm Telemagazine	2:30pm SCATV Bulletin Board	
9:00am The Literati Scene	9:30pm Henry Parker Presents	4:00pm Chef's Table Series	3:00pm Exercise with Robyn	
9:30am Mass Climate Action Network	10:00pm Road to Recovery	5:00pm Tele Kreyol	3:30pm MAPS	
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10:30am Somerville Good Old Days	11:30pm Grown Up Storytime	7:00pm Gay USA	5:00pm Telegalaxie	
11:00am Chef's Table Series	Friday, October 28		6:00pm The Struggle	
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6:00pm Haitian Poetry	11:00am Somerville Story Tellers	9:00am Heritage Baptist Church		
7:00pm Creative Somerville Series	12:00pm Free Speech TV	10:00am Aging Well		
7:30pm MAPS on TV	1:00pm Health is Wealth	10:30am International Church of God		
8:00pm Somerville Pundits	1:30pm Aging Well	11:00am Chef's table Series		
8:30pm SCATV Bulletin Board	2:00pm Henry Parker Presents	12:00pm Middlesex Senate District Debate		
9:00pm Bay State Biking News	2:30pm Carven Salsa Dancing	Middlesex Representative District Debate		
10:00pm SCATV Presents: Duck Village Stage	3:00pm Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	Mass Climate Action Network		
11:00pm Warm up Wednesday	4:00pm Gay USA (Free Speech TV)	Monday's at 9		
11:30pm Rare Groove Revolution	5:00pm Reeling Review	Infinite Momentum		
Thursday, October 27		5:30pm Somerville Good Old Days	12:00pm The Thom Hartmann Show	
6:00am JuPrey Promotions	6:00pm Words on Film	Greater Somerville	1:00pm Aging Well	
7:00am The Struggle	6:30pm Finger on the Pulse	Dedilhando a Saudade	1:30pm Somerville Pundits	
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8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	7:30pm Fallon's Daily Toast	Abugida TV	2:30pm Health is Wealth	
9:00am Esoteric Science	8:00pm CTBS	African Television Network	3:00pm Taking back your health	
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11:00am Greater Somerville	11:30pm SCATV Bulletin Board	Simply Hanging with Pete and Nate	5:00pm Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer	
11:30am Legacies	Saturday, October 29		5:30pm Duck Village Stage	
12:00pm The Thom Hartman Show	6:00am Life matters	6:00am Health is Wealth	6:30pm Beyond Boston	
1pm-3pm SCATV Cooking Bloc	6:30am Eat well be Happy	6:30am Villain News Network	7:00pm Somerville Neighborhood News	
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8:30am Sit & Be Fit Balance & Fall Prevention	6:30pm Concussion Foundation Announcement	2:03am Ignite! Fire & Street Food Festival	8:00pm Congressional Update	
9:00am Fab Lab at SHS CTE	6:44pm POW/MIA Flag Raising	9:00am Diana Cremin Park Opening	8:31pm Raising Families - Welcome Project	
9:40am Concussion Foundation Announcement	6:58pm Push Ups for Veterans	9:30am HONK!	9:00pm ResiStat en Español	
12:00pm School Committee Meeting - 10.24.16	7:00pm SomerViva en Espanol	12:00pm Senior Circuit October 2016 "Creating a Delicious, Nutritious Meal"	10:30pm SomerStreets: Monster Mashed Up	
3:00pm Festival de Maíz y Música	7:30pm The Jews of Somerville & Greater Boston	12:30pm SomerStreets: Monster Mashed Up	11:00pm POW/MIA Flag Raising	
4:00pm Upcoming Meeting Agenda	8:45pm Fab Lab at SHS CTE	1:00pm POW/MIA Flag Raising	Tuesday, November 1	
7:00pm Board of Aldermen Meeting - LIVE	9:30pm Congressional Update	1:11pm Push Ups for Veterans	12:00am SomerStreets: Monster Mashed Up	
Thursday, October 27		10:00pm Aldermen at Work - Jack Connolly	12:30am ResiStat en Español	
12:00am Congressional Update	10:30pm What the Fluff?	1:30pm Festival de Maíz y Música	12:30am Congressional Update	
12:30am BOA Public Hearing - 10.18.16	Saturday, October 29		2:00am The Jews of Somerville & Greater Boston	
9:00am Fab Lab at SHS CTE	12:00am Festival de Maíz y Música	12:00am Diana Cremin Park Opening	9:00am SomerStreets: Monster Mashed Up	
9:40am Domestic Violence Vigil	12:32am Diana Cremin Park Opening	1:02am SomerViva em Português, "Festival Haiti e Brasil em Somerville"	9:30am The Jews of Somerville & Greater Boston	
12:00pm Senior Circuit "Creating a Delicious, Nutritious Meal"	1:33am Raising Families - Welcome Project	7:31pm Diana Cremin Park Opening	12:00pm Senior Circuit "Creating a Delicious, Nutritious Meal"	
12:30pm LOCUS Meeting - Union Square	2:00am SomerViva en Espanol	8:01pm SomerStreets: Monster Mashed Up	12:30pm BOA Public Hearing - 10.18.16	
6:30pm Domestic Violence Vigil	9:00am SomerViva en Espanol	8:31pm Board of Aldermen Meeting - 10.26.16	7:00pm Senior Circuit "Creating a Delicious, Nutritious Meal"	
7:09pm Fab Lab at SHS CTE	12:00pm LOCUS Meeting - Union Square	Monday, October 31		
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8:00pm ResiStat en Español	3:11pm Concussion Foundation Announcement	12:30am BOA Public Hearing - 10.18.16	8:00pm Diana Cremin Park Opening	
9:30pm SomerViva en Espanol	6:30pm Congressional Update	9:00am Diana Cremin Park Opening	8:30pm Prospect Hill Tower Re-Opening	
10:00pm Tracking Progress - Union Square	7:00pm Fab Lab at SHS CTE	9:30am SomerStreets: Monster Mashed Up	9:14pm Festival de Maíz y Música	
Friday, October 28		7:40pm POW/MIA Flag Raising	9:46pm Domestic Violence Vigil	
12:00am LOCUS Meeting - Union Square	7:52pm Push Ups for Veterans	10:00am Fab Lab at SHS CTE	10:30pm HONK!	
2:30am Fab Lab at SHS CTE	7:53pm Concussion Foundation Announcement	12:00pm Tracking Progress - Union Square	Wednesday, November 2	
9:00am Festival de Maíz y Música	8:08pm Aldermen at Work - Jack Connolly	12:00am LOCUS Meeting - Union Square	12:00am Senior Circuit "Creating a Delicious, Nutritious Meal"	
9:32am HONK!	8:37pm LOCUS Meeting - Union Square			
12:00pm SomerViva en Espanol	Sunday, October 30		12:30am HONK!	
12:30pm LOCUS Meeting - Union Square	12:00am Tracking Progress - Union Square	7:00pm Congressional Update	1:30am Connecting Communities "Fire Safety"	
		Tour - 9.25.16	2:00am Prospect Hill Tower Re-Opening	

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Wednesday, October 26		10:00pm SHS Boys Soccer v Chelsea	7:00pm SHS Volleyball v Cambridge	12:00am SHS Girls Soccer v Everett
9:00am SHS Football vs Medford	Friday, October 28		9:00pm SHS CTE "FabLab" Opening	1:30am SHS Girls Soccer v Matignon
11:30am Highlander Forum	12:00am SHS Volleyball v Cambridge	10:00pm Our Schools, Our City	10:00pm SHS Boys Soccer v Chelsea	9:00am Highlander Forum
12:00pm SHS Volleyball v Cambridge	1:30am SHS Football vs Medford	10:00am Highlander Forum	12:00pm SHS Girls Soccer v Matignon	10:00am SHS Girls Soccer v Matignon
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3:00pm SHS Girls Soccer v Matignon	10:00am Highlander Forum	12:00pm SHS Girls Soccer v Everett	1:00pm SHS Boys Soccer v Chelsea	1:00pm SHS Boys Soccer v Chelsea
5:00pm SHS Football vs Medford	11:00am SHS CTE "FabLab" Opening	12:00pm SHS Girls Soccer v Everett	3:00pm Our Schools, Our City	3:00pm Our Schools, Our City
7:30pm Highlander Forum	2:00pm SHS Volleyball v Cambridge	2:00pm SHS Girls Soccer v Everett	4:00pm SHS Football vs Medford	4:00pm SHS Football vs Medford
8:00pm SHS Volleyball v Cambridge	4:00pm SHS Football vs Medford	4:00pm Our Schools, Our City	7:00pm Highlander Forum	7:00pm Highlander Forum
10:00pm Concussion Legacy Foundation Announcement	7:00pm Our Schools, Our City	8:00pm Highlander Forum	8:00pm Our Schools, Our City	8:00pm Our Schools, Our City
10:30pm SHS Girls Soccer v Matignon	8:00pm Highlander Forum	9:00pm SHS CTE "FabLab" Opening	9:00pm MIAA Playoff: SHS Football v Beverly	
Thursday, October 27		9:00pm SHS CTE "FabLab" Opening	Tuesday, November 1	
12:00am SHS Football vs Medford	10:00pm SHS Girls Soccer v Everett	10:00pm Concussion Legacy Foundation Announcement	12:00am SHS Boys Soccer v Cambridge	
2:30am SHS Girls Soccer v Matignon	11:30pm Highlander Forum	11:00am Highlander Forum	1:30am SHS Girls Soccer v Everett	
9:00am Highlander Forum	Saturday, October 29		9:00am Our Schools, Our City	
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12:00pm SHS CTE "FabLab" Opening	2:00am SHS Football vs Medford	5:00pm Our Schools, Our City	12:00pm MIAA Playoff: SHS Football v Beverly	
1:00pm SHS Boys Soccer v Chelsea	5:00am Public Domain Theater	5:30pm Concussion Legacy Foundation Announcement	1:00pm SHS Volleyball v Cambridge	
3:00pm Our Schools, Our City	9:00am SHS Girls Soccer v Everett	6:00pm SHS CTE "FabLab" Opening	2:30pm SHS Football vs Medford	
4:00pm SHS Football vs Medford	11:00am SHS Volleyball v Cambridge	7:00pm Highlander Forum	5:00pm Highlander Forum	
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9:00pm SHS CTE "FabLab" Opening	3:00pm SHS Boys Soccer v Chelsea	Monday, October 31		
		5:00pm SHS Girls Soccer v Everett	2:30am	



OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

A Sentinel for our Times

Somerville Poet Ed Meek reviews the latest book of poetry by Dennis Daly, a regular guest contributor to my column...

Sentinel
Red Dashboard Press
107 pages. \$16.99.

A lot of poetry that falls under the heading of experimental today isn't poetry at all but prose written in lines of varying lengths. Nor is it very experimental. In fact, true invention in poetry is hard to come by and much of what fills our literary magazines sounds and looks the same, written in coffin like blocks with long sentences missing punctuation.

Dennis Daly, on the other hand, in his collection *Sentinel*, writes poems that are obviously poetry and good poetry at that. Daly's poems are usually metered and rhymed with varying patterns in quatrains. He revels in forms from sonnets to villanelles. He also loves old and rarely used words like flimflams and scallywag, bald-faced cahoots. And although he writes in conventional poetic forms, he brings new life to them with his content and language. *Sentinel* traffics in the events of our times. Daly like a character from a novel by John le Carre is, in a sense, spying on the spies. He's a double agent of poetry. Fortunately, he's working for us.

His concerns are many and the trouble lies deep. There are poems about drones, dead drops, sleepers, black boxes, moles, defectors, snipers, cowboys and carriers. Daly is out to decode this new world we live in under the eyes of the NSA and hackers from Russia and China, counterfeiters from North Korea, surveillance cameras wherever we go and, by the way, the guy on the train beside you may be taking a video of you now with his phone.

Confession, a poem based on an interview with a



former CIA Director, starts off like this: "Believe me it's all here on the surface/No geopolitical strategy/Just mirrors blooming in the wilderness." Daly is outing these torturers and government agents who in our name and with our tax dollars commit atrocious acts.

One of Daly's *Drone* poems begins: "We never heard the drone's dreadful hum."

And ends: "In God we trust." There is a clear moral center in Daly's poems – something that hasn't always been a factor in our foreign policy or our post-modern poetry.

These poems then often concern themselves with issues we seldom see poetry take on and they do so in poems that are well-structured, exhibiting a conventional mastery, and using contemporary language and metaphor. *Sentinel* is stocked with weighty issues that beg our attention, housed in an aesthetic rarely evident today.

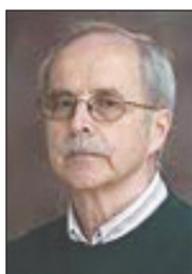
— Ed Meek

Lyrical

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English Professor William Harney of Endicott College believes the eyes are the windows to the soul. Focus your eyes on this poem:



Custody of the Eyes

Once, in Brittany,
While my wife and I peered from a parked car,
A nun pedaled her bike
Along the village causeway,
Her habit floating up, two
Baguettes in a wicker basket
Strapped above her back wheel.

We saw her but what did she see, her eyes
On a swath of road
Wide as her handlebars,
Her mind on God?

— William Harney

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Community Invited to Submit Logo Ideas & Sketches for Somerville's 175th Birthday

The City of Somerville is celebrating its 175th birthday, 175 years since we separated from Charlestown, and we're celebrating all year long. The events will kick off in January 2017, at the city's Mid-Term Address and Ceremonies, where it will unveil the official 175th birthday banner and logo. This is where you come in. They are seeking logo ideas and sketches to be considered for the 175th celebrations. Winning logo(s) will be featured on all banners, signage, and memorabilia for the year, and will receive a \$200 honorarium. Any member of the public is welcome to apply, though preference will be given to Somerville residents. Sketches and drawings are welcome. All skill levels are encouraged to participate. If you have a great idea, but are not an artist, we'll use your design for inspiration and make the final design in-house. If you are an artist who is willing to donate your time to this community-wide celebration, they are happy to accept a complete vector drawing that we can send right to the printer and will thank you heartily as well for volunteering to create a logo for our humble honorarium.

How to Apply

- Visit www.somervillema.gov/somerville175, and fill out the application form, including:
- Contact information: name, email, and phone number
- Your connection to Somerville
- Description of your proposed logo (why you chose the design, colors, images, etc.)
- Attach your proposed logo (.jpeg format)
- Submit by the end of business on Monday, November 21

Stay tuned to www.somervillema.gov/somerville175 for event updates and information. In the meantime, you are invited to visit the site and share a Somerville photo, memory, or story from your Somerville past, or idea for our upcoming celebrations.

Need More Info?

All rights for use of the winning design in promotional material must be given to the city. Questions? Email Somerville175@somervillema.gov.

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Answers

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| 1. New York City – the annual Greenwich Village Halloween Parade | 7. Perseus |
| 2. John Logie Baird | 8. Breaststroke – 16th century |
| 3. Spoon | 9. Martina Navratilova |
| 4. <i>Thomas the Tank Engine</i> | 10. Librarian |
| 5. Scarecrow | 11. Duluth, Minnesota |
| 6. <i>Hocus Pocus</i> | 12. <i>It's All Over Now</i> – 1964 |

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