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Happy Halloween to all. This year in particular, be careful driving around the city and watch out for young kids darting in between cars. We hope all is well with everyone and the kids enjoy the fun of the night showing off their costumes, before the PC Police ban them because they offend a small group of people. Most of us growing up couldn't wait for this holiday, dressed up in homemade costumes.

Don't forget to turn back your clocks this coming Saturday night (after midnight).

It was brought to our attention recently that candidate Lance Davis who is seeking the Ward 6 Alderman seat happens to be corporate lawyer for Oracle and who, by the way, claims to be Progressive at the same time. It turns out that attorney Davis is a registered Independent. Guess who is among his many endorsements, other then the usual political crowd who by the way are all registered Democrats and consider themselves as progressives? It seems that the Progressive Democrat Committee here in the city has gone outside their Democratic circle and endorsed Lance Davis over a true progressive, Elizabeth Weinbloom, who opposes him on Election Day. We are stunned that the Progressive Democrat Committee has done this, not endorsing one of their own and giving an endorsement to someone who is a corporate lawyer for one of the country's largest companies which in the past has laid off thousand of employees. Oh, we almost forgot, the union endorsements given to him were also a shock. Imagine, The Somerville Municipal Employees Association along with local 25 also endorsed Mr. Davis. If Mr. Davis gets elected he will have several different groups to thank, won't he?

Bad News down in the Inspectional Services Department. We hear through the rumor mill that there is some paperwork missing in the department. It seems as though someone submitted what we hear is fraudulent paperwork, including blueprints with fraudulent signatures on two buildings owned by the same owner on Holland Street.

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## TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

### Response to: Community Conversations Series: Race & Racism

Somerville long time resident says:

The mayor is a jerk he did this for a publicity stunt I see threw you idiots

Mitza 2015 says:

I'm sorry, but if Whites prefer to remain in the company of other Whites, and Blacks prefer to remain in the company of other Blacks, I find nothing wrong with that.  
Forced tolerance is a cure worse than the disease itself.  
There are also plenty of Black racists (i.e., Nation of Islam, New Black Panther Party, Black Hebrew Israelite Movement, ect.).  
The 60s are over... the 1860s and 1960s. Move on, liberals.

Freebie says:

Ironic once again. Most of our public schools expose our young Villens to a very diverse population, both ethnically and economically. Guess you just kinda miss that side of things if you don't attend the local schools. Goes to show you really do need to attend local schools to be a true local native.

Matt says:

It would be nice to see how different activities the city is doing work together towards a greater purpose, an example of this is the community policing model, the police/school partnership where a cop is paired with a class and follows them through school and these community discussions. Its all about creating understanding between the citizens and between citizens and law enforcement. We are a diverse city with people with lots of different backgrounds and experience, learning about one another is essential to living well and being a community.

A.Moore says:

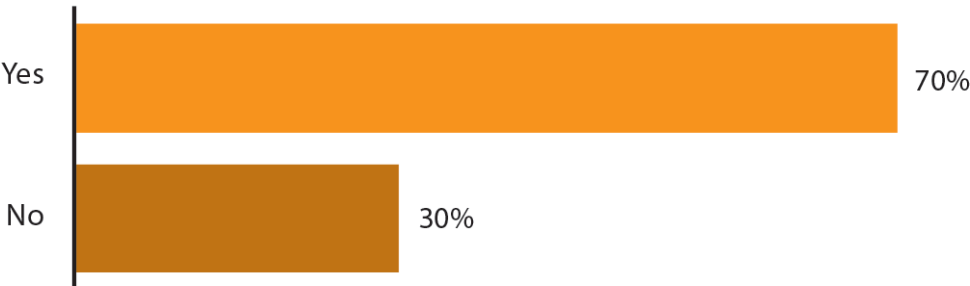
Matt, I disagree. My experience is that racism is bred in to kids from the parents. I see this with my own eyes. The fortunate part is some kids do get away from what they are taught and each one that does is not handing it down to the next generation. This i why it is so hard to do away with. I have seen this first hand where the next generation got out of the loop where the parents were very racist. Although racism still exists I see it as less actionable as opposed to years ago. What I mean by that for example is you can have several people in a group talking, one can be black and everyone is nice. The black person leaves and then the venom comes out. Where years ago it might have been a situation for some act of violence or oral confrontation. I don't know if it will ever really go away. Of course this is my opinion based on my long time on this planet.

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## TheSomervilleTimes.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleTimes.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week's poll concerned your views on whether or not you pass out candy on Halloween. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com.

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# Meet the Candidates: School Committee Members

On Tuesday, November 3, 2015, voters will cast their ballots for School Committee Members in Wards 1, 3 and 4. The Somerville Times asked each of the qualified candidates to answer six questions on their views relating to their possible tenure as Committee Members, as well as provide a brief biography of themselves. Their responses are presented here in alphabetical order based on their last names. As of our publication deadline, Vivaldo Meneses Jr., running for the Ward 3 seat, has not responded to the questionnaire. The first two candidates are presented here and the others continue on the following pages.



Andre Green – Ward 4

**Question #1: What do you see as the role of the School Committee Member in representing their ward?**

Foremost, any School Committee Member needs to serve as a tireless advocate for ensuring that the students of their ward are getting the best possible education, from any school in the city. Given the strong neighborhood ties at both the Healey and the WHCIS, Ward 4’s representative owes it to the community to give a bit more attention to them. Additionally, members have what I’ve been calling “soft power”, the informal ability to draw attention to issues, bring people together to solve them and raise the profile of things going on in the community.

**Question #2: What is your opinion on the importance of MCAS?**

I’m a data driven guy by profession; I appreciate the value of standards and assessment. But I also know faulty assessments lead to faulty behaviors. Assessing a school based on standardized tests is like assessing a marriage based on anniversary gifts: It’s nice to do well (and money helps a lot) but it doesn’t tell you about all the things needed for long-term success. I want to work towards a multi-faceted

evaluation system with a combination of qualitative and quantitative measuring tools-in which the use of standardized tests (that don’t drive the curriculum) may play a role.

**Question #3: What is the most pressing school related issue now facing your ward?**

Somerville schools have been improving for years now. The challenge before us now is making sure every student benefits from that improvement. It’s still too hard to for students to get the Special Education services they need; too many parents still face barriers to active participation in their children’s educations; and too many children still come to school-through no fault of their own-unprepared to make the most of their time in school. We then put our teachers in the impossible position of deciding which students get their attention-to all students’ detriment.

**Question#4: With the high rate of substance abuse in the city, at what grade level do you feel drug education should start?**

A lot of ‘substance abuse’ education is about teaching coping skills and good decision making. And that starts from Kindergarten. If you’re teaching our students good critical thinking and decision making skills, as well as providing adequate emotional supports, then substance education starting in 5th grade will fall on fertile ground.

**Question #5: Do you think the city budget allows for the programs needed in the school system or is too much money going to administration?**

The focus of every dollar spent by SPS should always be to ensure teachers and students have the resources they need to thrive. It is always my goal to keep those resources as close to the classroom as possible. That being said, anyone who has run a business knows that totally starving overhead can cost you money

cation. One facet of this is making sure there is open communication between residents and the School Committee; after all, we cannot answer how decisions will affect our students without input from their families. As a School Committee Member my role will be to reach out to and seek the input of the residents of my ward and then to represent their views on the Committee. My role will also be to make sure the residents of my ward have access to information about issues facing Somerville Public Schools.

**Question #2: What is your opinion on the importance of MCAS?**

In my opinion our ultimate goal should be fewer and fairer assessments, but I don’t believe we should eliminate them all together. Standardized assessments can be a useful tool for teachers, administrators, students, parents, and community members; however, they must be used in a productive way and we must eliminate the high-stakes

in the long-term. Allowing teachers to keep their focus on teaching requires that the district manages its \$75 million well. The estimated 3% spent on Central Administration seems like a reasonable cost to do that.

**Question#6: What do you see as the most important role of the new superintendent in relationship to the school committee?**

By law, the Superintendent is the CEO of SPS and responsible for the day to day management of the schools, while the School Committee sets policies and evaluates her performance. I am eager to work with Superintendent Skipper, who I think was an inspired choice. There’s a strong history of collaboration between Superintendent and Committee that I expect will continue. However, I anticipate a learning curve as she figures out the best way to support a relatively new board (only one member will have more than 3 years’ experience) and while we figure out how to best support her.

**Bio:**

As the grandson of sharecroppers and the first person in his family to complete a BA, Andre Green knows the power of a quality education to create opportunities and change lives. After graduating college at 19, Andre moved to Somerville to teach 5th grade at the former St.

Benedict’s school in East Somerville, a job he calls “the hardest thing he’s ever done.” After teaching, he worked briefly as a case manager in a juvenile detention center, teaching parenting and substance awareness classes. Spending five years as an IT consultant, he worked with schools to implement technological solutions for both management and curriculum. For the last six years Andre has worked at YouthBuild USA, an organization that helps disadvantaged youths get their GED or High School Diploma while developing job skills and building affordable housing in their communities. He’s spent time working as both a data analyst and in Federal Advocacy-recently helping convince a Republican House to spend \$2 million more than the President requested on disconnected youth. Andre serves on the board of the Welcome Project, an organization committed to improving the status and well-being of Somerville’s immigrant population, as well as serving on the Somerville Human Rights Commission, working to protect constitutional, civil, and human rights of residents. An avid trivia fan, Andre is a past champion on the television show “Jeopardy!” Andre lives with his wife Jessica and their daughter Madelynn on Governor Winthrop Road in a house that has been in her family since the 1950s.

## Sean J. Fitzgerald On the Issues

- ✔ Strong proponent of the Green Line extension into Somerville
- ✔ Long-time advocate of mixed-use, transit-oriented, green development at Assembly Square
- ✔ Engaged public education activist, committed to ensuring necessary resources to continue Somerville’s rise in educational excellence
- ✔ Ardent environmentalist, actively involved in Neighborhood Cleanups, Recycling Programs, and “Green” technology initiatives
- ✔ Committed to commercial development and small business growth, State House point person for the Massachusetts Legislature’s “Main Street Fairness” bill
- ✔ Strong supporter of the work of The Affordable Housing Task Force and Sustainable Somerville



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# THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

## SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

<p><b>Arrests:</b></p> <p><b>Brittany O'Donnell</b>, of 15A Tibbets Town Way, Charlestown, October 19, 4:51 p.m., arrested at McGrath Hwy. on a warrant charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.</p> <p><b>Andrew Carneiro</b>, of 422 Main St., Medford, October 19, 8:44 p.m., arrested at Temple St. on warrant charges of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and unsafe operation of a motor vehicle.</p> <p><b>Richard Alomar</b>, of 309 Summer St., October 20, 7:37 p.m., arrested at Broadway on a warrant charge of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.</p> <p><b>Garry Coughlan</b>, of 108 Bickerton Way, Hingham, Oc-</p>	<p>tober 20, 9:48 p.m., arrested at Broadway on a warrant charge of larceny by check.</p> <p><b>Cornelius Jackson</b>, of 300 Washington St., Dorchester, October 21, 1:44 p.m., arrested at Medford St. on a charge of shoplifting by asportation.</p> <p><b>Teresa Paribello</b>, of 20 Charlestown St., October 22, 2:25 a.m., arrested at home on a warrant charge of larceny over \$250.</p> <p><b>Richard MacDonald</b>, of 15 Albion Pl., October 22, 2:25 a.m., arrested at 20 Charlestown St. on charges of assault and battery and strangulation or suffocation.</p> <p><b>Michael Ripley</b>, of 49 Morton St., Mattapan, October 22, 8:55 a.m., arrested at Jaques St. on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a</p>	<p>suspended license, no inspection sticker, failure to drive in right lane, and destruction of property over \$250.</p> <p><b>Thiego Gava</b>, of 32 Lawrence, Everett, October 22, 10:57 a.m., arrested at Alewife Brook Pkwy. on a charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.</p> <p><b>Patrick Janeiro</b>, of 31 Tufts Ave., Everett, October 22, 11:54 a.m., arrested at Washington St. on a warrant charge of felony nighttime breaking and entering.</p> <p><b>Ryan Durigan</b>, of 98 West Quincy St., October 23, 3:59 a.m., arrested at Alewife Brook Pkwy. on a charge of felony nighttime breaking and entering.</p> <p><b>Leodan Salmeron-Molina</b>, of 171 Walnut St., October 23, 10:32 a.m., arrested at Mar-</p>	<p>shall St. on charges of trespassing and resisting arrest.</p> <p><b>John Lubin</b>, of 125A Alewife Brook Pkwy., October 23, 5:10 p.m., arrested at Memorial Rd. on a warrant charge of possession of a class C drug.</p> <p><b>Michelle Diaz</b>, of 5 River Rd., October 23, 7:23 p.m., arrested at Canal St. on a warrant charge of shoplifting by concealing merchandise.</p> <p><b>Melvin Knight</b>, October 23, 7:57 p.m., arrested at Rossmore St. on charges of receiving stolen property over \$250 and violation of city ordinance open container.</p> <p><b>Natalia Delrio</b>, of 655 Beach St., Revere, October 24, 1:51 a.m., arrested at Broadway on a charge of wanton malicious defacement of property.</p> <p><b>Yolanda Montiel</b>, of 125</p>	<p>Heath St., October 24, 1:51 a.m., arrested at Broadway on a charge of wanton malicious defacement of property.</p> <p><b>William Fiske</b>, of 4 Clifford St., Pittsfield, October 24, 4:59 p.m., arrested at River Rd. on warrant charges of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and failure to yield at an intersection.</p> <p><b>Cory Cotter</b>, of 962 Mass Ave., Arlington, October 25, 2:25 a.m., arrested at Holland St. on charges of resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, and wanton malicious defacement of property.</p> <p><b>Wilson Moya</b>, of 102 Elm St., Charlestown, October 25, 9:21 p.m., arrested at Broadway on charges of trespassing and violation of city ordinance open container.</p>
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## Community-centric design discussed for PHCS site

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comments, and Azar says all but seven have been incorporated into the design. “The proposal before you is a very Somerville proposal, based on the feedback we received from the community,” he said.

With space at a premium in Somerville, this building needs to serve many different purposes. There will be three price tiers for residential units: market-rate, live-work space for certified artists, and affordable housing for seniors, organized with the Collaborative Living Project (CLP). “We’re working with CLP to identify the housing needs for seniors in our community,” said Azar.

MarKa is working with other community organizations to program the park area. There is a large paved area on the eastern edge of the park, which is intended for the Somerville Bicycle Riding School. “It’s a space for biking and skating, but also a great scheduled space that can host farmer’s markets or art exhibitions,” said Brian Militana, the senior project manager.

Between the park and the building, MarKa envisions a 3,000 square foot function hall with offices and bathrooms. “We’ve been talking with all kinds of folks in the community, whether it’s martial arts or HONK! or CLP, tons of groups. It’s been really exciting,” says Militana. “What we want to do is create a space that would allow for collaboration.”

The commercial space on Broadway also caters to the neighborhood. “The idea is to attract small and local business in this area,” said Azar. “We are committed to local businesses. We don’t want chains in these spaces. We’re trying to create a culture of a very neighborhood and friendly place.

Azar kept the discussion positive and friendly. At the meeting last Wednesday, critical questions about whether the developer would use union labor, and about how the retail space would impact businesses in Teele Square were met with the promise of one-on-one meetings. Azar estimates that he has already met with between thirty-five and forty individuals to address their concerns.

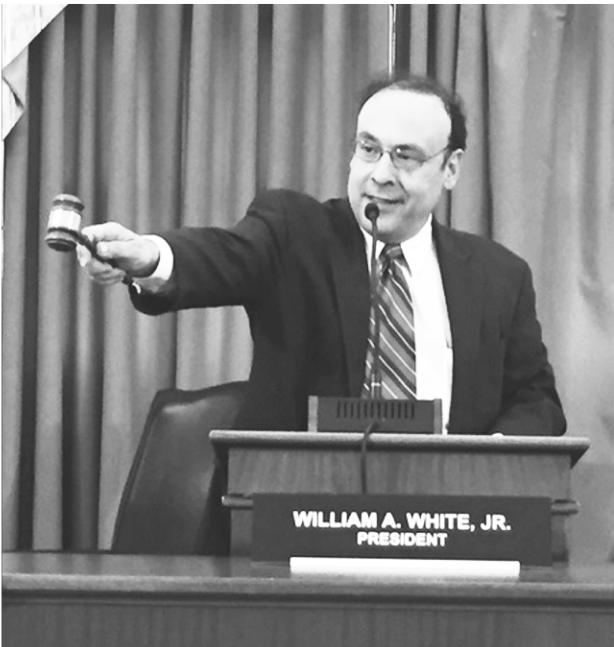
While there are still some questions as to how the building will be built and used, the hundreds of suggestions and partnerships provided a useful framework for the designers. “The community process really helped us to design toward something,” Sebastian Mariscal, the sole managing partner of MarKa, said. “They really helped us strengthen our design.”

The structural skeleton of the existing school building will remain intact, but the design proposes to remove exterior walls, making the building look more open. “We believe the right thing to do is to keep the building,” said Mariscal. “With demolition, the building goes to waste, and we didn’t feel that was the right approach. And we felt that there was some value in the building.”

The next meeting about the development will discuss construction at the Community Baptist Church on November 10.

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and stress associated with them. MCAS should not be the only measure used to evaluate students, teachers, or schools. Standardized assessments should not be a barrier to graduation. It's an important tool to have as a check-up but it's not the only way students' success should be measured.

**Question #3: What is the most pressing school related issue now facing your ward?**

Teacher (and staff) retention in all the Somerville Public Schools is the most pressing issue facing my ward; too many teachers begin their careers in Somerville and quickly leave once they have the experience on their resume to go to another district that offers greater support to its faculty and staff. I met many highly qualified teachers that live in Ward 4 and commute hours every week to teach in districts like Brookline and Lexington. We need to attract and retain the best teachers and support staff in our district if we want to give our students the best education.

**Question#4: With the high rate of substance abuse in the city, at what grade level do you feel drug education should start?**

Drug education should start in elementary school with a developmentally appropriate curriculum in the early grades, moving on to a more comprehensive and in depth curriculum as students progress through the program. From my experience working with this age group I feel they are curious and mature enough to handle this topic if approached appropriately. I also think that all teachers, regardless of the grade or subject they teach, should be trained to be comfortable talking about drugs with students, as often students see, and should be encouraged to see, their teachers as a safe resource to talk to.

**Question #5: Do you think the city budget allows for the programs needed in the school system or is too much money going to administration?**

We can always do more for our students, ask anyone in education and they will give you a handful of ideas for programs we can add that will benefit our students. However, we cannot do any of those things without the appropriate administrative support. We need a strong administration to deal with facilities, student safety and well-being, scheduling, curriculum support and more. It is important

that as a district we are always examining this delicate balance and making sure our administrative roles are filled with individuals that are efficient and effective.

**Question#6: What do you see as the most important role of the new superintendent in relationship to the school committee?**

One of the greatest assets I feel Mary Skipper brings to Somerville is her experience creating schools that are ready for the future. During her time with the Boston Public Schools she helped create a new high school that was based in technology. As Somerville takes on the task of renovating our high school and upgrading various other schools in the city she will be a great asset in making sure that our schools are providing our students with an education that will prepare them for the future.

**Bio:**

My name is Jamie O'Leary and I am running for School Committee in Ward 4. I come from a family of educators; both my parents were teachers in the NYC public schools for close to 30 years. My mother worked her way up from teaching to be an assistant principal, and has always been an inspiration to me. I have an un-

dergraduate degree in Art Education and a Master of Education degree in Special Education. I was a classroom teacher for 5 years, two of which were in the Somerville public schools, and have worked directly with youth for close to 10 years.

When my husband and I moved to Massachusetts and began to explore the area we immediately fell in love with Somerville. We like the convenience and diversity of an urban environment, but were really attracted to the sense of community in Somerville. We love that we know our neighbors and that we all look out for each other.

Now that I am working for a non-profit in educational policy I saw the opening on the School Committee as a perfect opportunity for me to contribute my knowledge and experience to the community. I have experience in the Somerville Public Schools working with the students, teachers, and staff. As a School Committee Member I will reach out to and involve a wide variety of community members before making any decision and, most importantly, I will make every decision with one question in my mind: "what is best for the students?"

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### Lee Erica Palmer – Ward 3

**Question #1: What do you see as the role of the School Committee Member in representing their ward?**

The School Committee is responsible for setting the overall educational policy and budget for our schools, and must be responsive to - and reflective of - the priorities of our families and the tax-payers. To successfully represent Ward 3 on the School Committee, I pledge to remain actively engaged in the community, attend and host community events (not just school-related), door-knock constituents to discuss issues and answer questions, and ensure that my contact information is available so I can always be reached for questions or comments. I also see the role as being a leader on the issues and values I hold most dear.

**Question #2: What is your opinion on the importance of MCAS?**

I am a strong advocate for multi-metric testing and assessments when determining optimal outcomes and how to achieve them. We need to know how our students and schools are doing, and how our district compares to other districts, but I am deeply concerned that our kids are being

over-tested. The focus on a single-metric, high stakes test (i.e. MCAS) naturally steers curriculum away from real learning time and instead focuses on teaching to the test. I also fear that companies pursuing profits, rather than educational research and teacher input, are driving this push for increased testing. I believe we should limit testing and assessments to those that meet our district's needs, not the interests of for-profit companies.

**Question #3: What is the most pressing school related issue now facing your ward?**

Besides the issue of over-testing, I believe we must prioritize health and wellness programming in our schools because healthy, well-fed, and active kids learn better. We serve our kids high-sugar foods and are down to just ten minutes of recess per day in most of our schools, yet the research shows us just how important healthy eating and exercise are for effective learning. Our district is doing great work to promote increased physical activity and nutrition education through additional funding from the PEP Grant, the Somerville Farm to School Project, and strong partnerships with UMass Extension and community groups. To be most effective, nutrition education and appreciation for fresh, local, healthy food must start in the earliest grades, and I will ensure that we continue to focus on this, while also improving the quality of the food we offer in our cafeterias.

**Question#4: With the high rate of substance abuse in the city, at what grade level do you feel drug education should start?**

Drug education, mental health supports and social-emotional learning all go hand-in-hand when it comes to supporting our children and the school community. I will be a strong advocate for appropriate funding to ensure our children have the

knowledge and the opportunities they need to make healthy choices and feel good about their future. Age-appropriate education and information about making healthy and safe choices can and should begin early in the public school process.

Question #5: Do you think the city

**budget allows for the programs needed in the school system or is too much money going to administration?**

High quality educational programming is not inexpensive. But I think we have made great investments in our schools, particularly in the


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last ten years, and I am encouraged to see the fruit of that investment as we are now the top urban performing district in the state and more families are choosing to stay and keep their kids in our schools. A high quality administration is necessary to guide and support the hard work of the front-line teaching staff. But, if elected to the School Committee, I pledge to always carefully scrutinize our school budget and actively gather input from the public to ensure that taxpayers' money is being used judiciously in the interests of our children first.

**Question#6: What do you see as the most important role of the new superintendent in relationship to the school committee?**

If elected, I am excited to have the opportunity to work with the new superintendent, Mary Skipper, as she brings a high level of experience, enthusiasm, and commitment to excellence to our district. I see the role of the School Committee as collaborating with the office of the superintendent, and all administrators and teachers, to achieve the best education possible for our children, while also holding the superintendent accountable for success in all aspects of her job as she leads our school community. As a member of the school committee I will actively bring all issues and concerns to the superintendent's office to ensure they are addressed swiftly.

**Bio:**

Lee Erica Palmer is an educator, community organizer, and civil rights attorney who has been an active and proud resident of Somerville's Spring Hill neighborhood for 11 years. Lee's son, Andrew, was born in Somerville and attends the Unidos program at the East Somerville Community School, the city's two-way English/Spanish language and cultural immersion program.

In her role as an educator, Lee taught high school Spanish in the Boston Public Schools. More recently she served as Executive Director of Keshet, a Somerville-based after-school and pre-school program. Additionally, she has worked with the Somerville School Department and the Somerville Family Learning Col-

laborative on projects and events that encouraged health and wellness and family involvement.

Lee is running for School Committee because she believes our schools have many strengths, but she also sees many areas for growth and opportunity. Specifically, Lee will be a strong advocate for testing and assessments that are right for our community, increased physical activity and nutrition education in the schools, expansion of our multilingual services to better engage with all our families, and high-quality and affordable out-of-school childcare and enrichment opportunities.

Please see <http://leericapalmer.org> for Lee's complete bio and position on the issues.



Steve Roix – Ward 1

**Question #1: What do you see as the role of the School Committee Member in representing their ward?**

The School Committee Member represents the people of their Ward in the setting the vision, goals, policies and reviewing and approving an annual budget for the District, collective bargaining, employing and evaluating the Superintendent. The role and authority of the School Committee is deliberately and precisely limited by state law. This results in our SC having many meetings and discussions about things that we don't directly control, yet its imperative for local democracy to have representatives well versed in the details, so they can be trusted to make the big decisions – setting goals, reviewing/approving the budget, evaluating/hiring the Superintendent.

**Question #2: What is your opinion on the importance of MCAS?**

Standardized testing, used in conjunction with the local "formative" assessments, is useful for identifying where our students and teachers need the most support. MCAS is far from "comprehensive" and I disagree with the punitive measures taken against teachers and schools for poor scores; and with using it as a graduation requirement. There are too many questions about standardized tests – identifying areas for improvement is one thing - but we should not override our educators and create a graduation barrier. In Somerville so many of our students have overcome so many challenges to get themselves through school – we shouldn't be creating another.

**Question #3: What is the most press-**

**ing school related issue now facing your ward?**

The number 1 problem for Ward 1 right now is affordability – I'm not sure how our families who rent and don't have high incomes are getting by, but I know it's getting tougher and tougher.

Not unique to Ward 1, I would say space - we're running low in some K-8 schools. More young families seem to be choosing Somerville schools if they're able. We've had class sizes significantly lower than the state average for a few years and we've been able to offer most families their first choice K-8 school. Class sizes may need to creep up a bit and more families may not always get their first choice.

**Question#4: With the high rate of substance abuse in the city, at what grade level do you feel drug education should start?**

It's never too early to help our students develop the social and emotional skills they need to make better choices about substance abuse later. We should - we will -teach our students about the devastating consequences of substance abuse. It's not as simple as giving kids a lecture about how "drugs are bad". Abuse and addiction are complicated -most addicts know its "bad" and yet addiction traps them anyway . This needs to be tied into a larger mental health and wellness competency curriculum. We have social emotional curriculum starting in Pre-K, maybe not directly about "drugs", but its related. I have heard our community loud and clear on this and I want to tap the expertise and energy of organizations like Somerville Overcoming Addiction.

**Question #5: Do you think the city budget allows for the programs needed in the school system or is too much money going to administration?**

I think the Mayor and Board of Aldermen support our schools financially. To their credit, its one of the areas where they have found near universal common ground in recent years. Part of that credit should go to our previous Superintendent and our (still current) Finance Director, who earned the trust of the administration and the Board because everyone knew they didn't waste a penny. Its important that the next School Committee and the new Superintendent continue to maintain that trust and I believe that we will.

**Question#6: What do you see as the most important role of the new superintendent in relationship to the school committee?**

I think the School Committee needs to come to an understanding with the Superintendent on a vision and long-term goals of the District. Having interviewed and now worked with the Superintendent as well as having heard feedback from the Community, I am confident we made the right choice, she is the leader to take us to the next level. Any District is better off when the School Committee and the Superintendent are pulling in the same direction. That necessitates clear communication and trust; and there is no better place to start that conversation than establishing common goals and vision.

**Bio:**

My wife Julie and I have lived on Pinckney Street since 2004. We have two boys, both enrolled at the East Somerville Community School: 7 year-old (second-grade) Troy and 5 year-old (kindergarten) Henry.

I grew up and attended public school in the North Quabbin "mill-town" of Athol. While we were far from wealthy – I was a "reduced-lunch" kid for much of my early school years – I was fortunate to grow up in a stable family who valued education and understood the importance of public schools in shaping and upholding community values. I worked (and borrowed) my way through college at WPI in Worcester and eventually obtained a BS in Civil Engineering. Since then I've had numerous jobs:

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## The Polyphonic Spree celebrates its beginning, middle, and later stages

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DeLaughter is also the founder of the Dallas-based record store and music label Good Records.

The Polyphonic Spree is currently on its 15th anniversary tour, which is called *The Trees Are Getting Harder to Climb*. Its stop in Somerville is on Halloween night at Johnny D's, and attendees are invited to don costumes for the chance to win prizes.

DeLaughter spoke to *The Somerville Times* by phone from a tour stop in Athens, Georgia.

**Somerville Times:** You are performing the whole of your 2003 debut album *The Beginning Stages of...* on this tour, right?

**Tim DeLaughter:** Yeah, we'll be doing that first, in its entirety. So we'll start off the show with that. It's about 34 minutes, and then when that's done, we'll take a short break, come back out and do a full-blown set of various songs through the years, a couple of covers, and surprises.

**ST:** How many people who performed on that album are still in the band?

**TD:** Four, including myself.

**ST:** Who are the others?

**TD:** Mark Pirro, Jenny Kirtland, and Jennie Kelley.

**ST:** Does the band have more former than current members?

**TD:** Oh yeah, totally. We've had quite a few people, well over a hundred. But we've been going for 15 years. It's not that bad for such a large group. At one point there was almost 30 people in the band, 28 on stage, and we toured like that for almost four years. Pretty crazy.

**ST:** How many are on this tour?

**TD:** 18 on stage, which is still a whole lot of people. But it's totally worth it, man. It's like 18 spirited human beings playing music and getting into it. At the price of a four-piece band, it's not a bad deal.

**ST:** What was it like to have toured with David Bowie when your first album came out?

**TD:** It was a huge break. He's been supportive of my band from the get-go. He was the first one to bring us to the UK, after which the band just kind of blew up. And then he got us on for his *Reality* tour, and another festival that he curated. We played with him there as well. He's been a huge support, and it was an amazing time just to see him every night. To watch David Bowie on a nightly basis is a kind of cool thing!

**ST:** Had *Learn to Love the Ride* already been released when it was chosen as the theme to *United States of Tara*?

**TD:** No, I created that for that show. My agent had said that there was a call for an original theme song for this show about this girl who has multiple personalities. And for some reason I thought it was a kid who had the multiple personalities, not a woman. I wrote the song and got my nieces and my kids to sing the back-ups in it. I turned it in, and they liked it and they go, "This is really great, we're really into this. We're going to have a meeting with [executive producer] Steven Spielberg and we'll see what he thinks about it and we'll go from there."

And then I'm flying back from Florida, and I pick up an *Entertainment Weekly* with a story on *United States of Tara* and I see Toni Collette is the woman, and it wasn't a kid at all. I was like, "Holy s---! I am not gonna get this. Putting those kids on there, that was ridiculous. What am I thinking?" So the next day I talked to P.J. [Bloom, the mu-



sic supervisor], and he said, "We had a meeting today and Steven loves the song. Everyone loves it and you got it." He goes, "There's only one thing. Steven said, 'Why are kids singing the back-up like that?'"

I got up for an Emmy for that song. I didn't win, I got beat by John Williams. But that was a really cool experience as well, because I cranked that song out in about five minutes.

**ST:** Would an episode of *VH-1's Behind The Music* about The Polyphonic Spree contain as much drama and intrigue as it would for any other band?

**TD:** We've been asked by them to do the show, and we declined. This is back in the day. We just thought we'd tell our own story later, and there will be a documentary made about The Polyphonic Spree. But I've been on both sides. I was in a four-piece rock band in the 90s, Tripping Daisy, and I've seen it all with that band and I've seen it with this band. This band socially is like really civilized (laughs). It is usually our least problem, navigating socially within ourselves.

I think people would be surprised on what it costs to be able to do what we do, and how we do on so little. We're really frugal, and there's a lot of moving parts that we're all a part of. It's real efficient and there's not much drama, just occasional drama. Like I said, it's pretty civilized and just really amazing musicianship. We've only had probably three instances in 15 years where we've had to ask someone to leave, so

we've been pretty lucky.

**ST:** How are things at Good Records?

**TD:** Good Records is doing fantastic. We just had Alice Cooper in there with his original band play an in-store, which is pretty amazing. It's doing really good. Vinyl sales are going through the roof. CD are now upstairs, the vinyl's downstairs. Kids are buying records again, so that's kind of cool.

It's kind of an institution for Dallas. We started that the same year we started Polyphonic Spree.

**ST:** Does the band have uniforms for this tour?

**TD:** Yeah. We're in the robes for the first part because it's *The Beginning Stages of...*, and then the second part is tunics. You'll just have to see it. They've changed. They're not the ones you've seen before. New look.

**ST:** Is dry cleaning a big item in the group's budget?

**TD:** You know what? The robes can be washed in a washer and dryer, so it's really not that bad. About three or four loads, and it's all white.

*The Polyphonic Spree with Telegraph Canyon and Party Bois. Johnny D's. Saturday, October 31, 7 p.m./Doors at 5:30 p.m. \$35.*

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Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



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



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



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



**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 HOUSE AND SENATE:** *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records local representatives' and senators' votes on roll calls from the week of October 19-23.

CORPORATE GENDER DIVERSITY (S 1007)

House 156-0, approved resolutions encouraging equitable and diverse gender representation in the leadership of Massachusetts companies. The resolutions call for all companies in the Bay State to adopt policies to increase the gender diversity on their boards of directors and in their senior management groups. Another provision says that by the end of 2018, all corporate boards with nine or more members should have a minimum of three women directors, and all boards with fewer than nine members should have a minimum of two women directors.

Supporters said that women are underrepresented in these positions and that diverse corporate leadership is good for business and for the state's economy. They argued it is time to close this gender gap.

(A "Yes" vote is for the resolutions.)

Rep. Christine Barber	Yes
Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes

AG CAN FILE CIVIL SUIT FOR WAGE VIOLATIONS (S 967)

Senate 27-11, approved and sent to the House a bill that would allow the attorney general to file a civil suit for injunctive relief, damages or lost wages and benefits for an employee and for the employee to receive triple damages if the suit is successful. Currently, the attorney general can only give either a civil citation or file a criminal complaint.

Supporters said the bill would allow the attorney general to help employees by giving the attorney general the same rights that employees currently have to file a civil suit. They noted this will help stop serious and harmful wage violations and protect workers.

Opponents said the bill contributes to the anti-business reputation of the Bay State. They said allowing triple damages goes too far and takes away all discretion from judges despite the circumstances of the case.

(A "Yes" vote is for the bill. A "No" vote is against it.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes
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TRIPLE DAMAGES (S 967)

Senate 12-26, rejected an amendment that would allow judges not to impose triple damages in wage violations cases.

Amendment supporters said mandating triple damages without exceptions takes away all discretion from judges despite the circumstances of the case. They argued that the law should be flexible because employers who make an honest error should not be required to pay triple damages.

Amendment opponents said that triple damages should automatically be awarded in order to discourage employers from holding back wages. They said this will send a message to other employers who are thinking about cheating their workers.

(A "Yes" vote is for giving a judge discretion. A "No" vote is against discretion and favors the automatic triple damages.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No
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EXPAND WORKPLACE DISFIGUREMENT COVERAGE (S 2033)

Senate 36-1, approved and sent to the House a bill that would expand the current law which covers only up to \$15,000 for workers who suffer from disfigurement of their face, neck or hands on the job. The bill mandates coverage for disfigurement anywhere on a patient and raises the award to 22.5 percent of the average weekly salary in the state.

Supporters said the \$15,000 is a paltry and outdated sum established almost a quarter of a century ago. They argued that the state should not pick and choose what parts of the body are covered.

The lone opponent said bills like this make it more challenging for companies to do business in the Bay State and make it one of the most expensive states in which to do business. They cited health insurance mandates and an increased minimum wage as some of the other things that discourage companies from locating here.

(A "Yes" vote is for the bill. A "No" vote is against it.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes
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DELAY IMPLEMENTATION OF DISFIGUREMENT CHANGES (S 2033)

Senate 9-27, rejected an amendment that would delay implementation of the expansion of the disfigurement law until a special commission researches the effect of the expansion, holds a public hearing and issues a report to the Legislature.

Amendment supporters said the Senate should not allow the bill to go into effect without determining its effect, costs and without considering other alternatives.

Amendment opponents said the amendment unnecessarily delays the bill and is unfair because workers who are disfigured during the period of the study will not get the expanded benefits.

(A "Yes" vote is for the study. A "No" vote is against it.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No
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ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

**ANIMAL ABUSE REGISTRY (H 1385)** - The Judiciary Committee held a hearing on a bill that would create a registry of Massachusetts residents convicted of abusing animals. It would be available for viewing only by animal shelters, breeders and pet stores, which would be prohibited from selling or giving animals to individuals on the registry.

Coalition to Protect and Rescue Pets, a statewide network of animal advocates, shelters and rescuers, says this legislation is long overdue and necessary to keep vulnerable animals out of the hands of sadistic people. Animal advocates were disappointed that the abuser registry and other important provisions were stripped from the 2014 law named for Puppy Doe, a dog so severely abused, she had to be euthanized.

**STOLEN VALOR (H 1641)** - House gave initial approval to a bill that would make it a crime for a person to misrepresent himself or herself as a veteran if he or she is not one. Violators would be subject to a one-year prison sentence and/or a \$1,000 fine.

**NEW DEDUCTIONS FOR TAXPAYERS** - The

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Revenue Committee held a hearing on legislation allowing taxpayers to annually deduct from their taxable income fees paid to a city or town for their child’s transportation to or from a public school and/or participation in an athletic, academic, enrichment or student activity program.

Supporters say many communities have imposed these user fees that are hurting middle and low-income families.

Opponents say the bill is fiscally irresponsible because no one has real figures on how many families are paying these fees and how much revenue the state would lose.

Other measures before the committee would allow taxpayers to deduct an amount equal to 50 per cent of the cost of tuition payments made to a college or university (H 3295) and allow prisoners of war to deduct their income for life (H 2657).

**REPEAL “ESTATE/DEATH” TAX (H 2612)** - The Revenue Committee also considered a proposal that would repeal Massachusetts’ estate tax, also known as the death tax -- a tax on the value of the decedent’s estate before distribution to any beneficiary. Many Republicans call it a death tax while many Democrats call it an estate tax. The first \$1 million is exempt from this tax and the tax on anything over \$1 million is a graduated one that according to the Department of Revenue’s website ranges from .8 percent to 16 percent.

Repeal supporters said this regressive tax is unfair and noted that Massachusetts is losing many residents, who move to Florida and other states where this tax does not exist.

Repeal opponents said the tax is a fair one and argued the state cannot afford the revenue loss.

**DEFIBRILLATORS IN ASSISTED LIVING (H**

**532)** - The Elder Affairs Committee held a hearing on legislation to require automated external defibrillators in assisted living residences.

**ELECT PRESIDENT VIA NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE (H 568)** - The Election Laws Committee held a hearing on a bill that would repeal a 2010 law that made Massachusetts a member of the Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote. The agreement requires states that join the pact to cast all of their electoral votes for the presidential candidate who wins a majority of the national popular vote in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The pact would become effective when states representing at least 270 electoral votes – a majority of the 538-vote Electoral College – join this compact.

This endeavor is led by Fair Vote, a national group that says California, Hawaii, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont, Washington and the District of Columbia have already joined the agreement. These states and D.C. possess 165 electoral votes – 61 percent of the 270 necessary to activate the agreement.

**LGBT SENIORS (H 526)** - The Elder Affairs Committee held a hearing on a measure that would require the Department of Elder Affairs to focus on the prevention and elimination of discrimination against seniors based on sexual orientation and gender identity and expression. It also mandates improving access to services for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender elders and caregivers.

The legislation would require all caregivers who receive funding from the state, or whose services are certified by the state, to be trained in the field of providing services to these groups.

**SMOKING CESSATION PROGRAMS (H 900)** - The Committee on Financial Services held a hearing

on a proposal that would provide all active and retired state workers with coverage for smoking cessation programs, including use of a nicotine patch and counseling sessions.

**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 19-23, the House met for a total of five hours and 42 minutes while the Senate met for a total of four hours and 27 minutes.

Mon. October 19	House 11:03 a.m. to 11:19 a.m. Senate 11:04 a.m. to 11:22 a.m.
Tues. October 20	No House session No Senate session
Wed. October 21	House 11:03 a.m. to 3:58 p.m. No Senate session
Thurs. October 22	House 11:01 a.m. to 11:32 a.m. Senate 11:09 a.m. to 3:18 p.m.
Fri. October 23	No House session No Senate session

*Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com*

Meet the Candidates: School Committee Members

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working for “heavy-civil” construction contractors, as a land development consultant and most recently working for nearly 10 years as a track designer and consultant in the freight railroad

industry. I am not a Somerville native, and I am acutely aware of that during campaigns. As I knock on doors in the neighborhood, I am very pleased to find myself continu-

ously learning new personal histories and perspectives on our neighborhood from the many good people of Ward 1, and many who’ve been around much longer than me. Native or not, my family and

I are deeply invested in our community and I believe that I am the right person at the right time to continue to represent Ward 1 on the School Committee. [www.steveroix.com](http://www.steveroix.com)



Kenneth Salvato – Ward 1

**Question #1: What do you see as the role of the School Committee Member in representing their ward?**  
As the role of the School Committee Member in representing our ward I

feel that maintaining contact with the teachers and parents as well as the students would help with the education of our children.

**Question #2: What is your opinion on the importance of MCAS?**  
I feel as if the MCAS is of extreme importance. Not only is it used as a measuring tool, it will help influence our education program. It is helpful for us to know what level our students are at with their academic studies.

**Question #3: What is the most pressing school related issue now facing your ward?**  
Absentee, tardiness and the dropout rate is very pressing in our school system. Introducing our children to the alternative schools that are available can help guide them and assure graduation.

**Question#4: With the high rate of substance abuse in the city, at what grade level do you feel drug education**

**should start?**  
Substance abuse is a topic that needs much attention. I believe that 6th grade is a starting point that can help give our children the guidance and knowledge that they may need if a situation develops.

**Question #5: Do you think the city budget allows for the programs needed in the school system or is too much money going to administration?**  
I strongly feel that too much money is going to administration. I would be very interested in analyzing the city budget and making adjustments where needed to further fund out school programs.

**Question#6: What do you see as the most important role of the new superintendent in relationship to the school committee?**  
As the new superintendent there are many important roles. In relationship to the school committee, I would encourage leadership, continuous contact with the stu-

dents and parents and develop meetings to exchange ideas and discuss any concerns.

**Bio:**  
Dear Friends and Supporters,  
My name is Kenneth Salvato, and as you know, I am running for School Committee, Ward 1 in the upcoming fall election. My family and I have been Somerville residents for over 40 years. Both my parents were long time employees for the City Of Somerville. I have spoken with many of our neighbors throughout the community and I will fight for our children and their education. I am passionate to ensure the needs of Ward 1 School Committee are met and satisfied. We need consistency and a full time member for Ward 1. I am that person. I ask for a chance. A CHANCE EQUALS CHANGE. We will meet again. I look forward to earning your vote. God Bless America and God Bless Somerville!!

## COMMENTARY

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## Vote next Tuesday in Somerville's local election



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Next Tuesday, Nov. 3, may be the most important day of the year for Somerville. That's because from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m., polling places will be open across the City for our local election, with voters casting ballots for candidates hoping to serve our community. There are 24 candidates for public office, and every registered voter in the City will have the opportunity to cast a ballot in a contested race. This has significant implications for the direction of our community over the next two years, but unfortunately, too often turnout in local elections falls short. In Somerville's last municipal elec-

tion two years ago, of the city's more than 46,000 registered voters, only a little more than 10,000 cast ballots. That's a 22 percent turnout. Given the importance of local elections, I believe we as a community can—and must—do better.

Why are local elections so important? Any democratic election is about representation, of course, and turnout has the biggest impact on representation in local elections. As Prof. Zoltan Hajnal has pointed out, groups that are small minorities nationally can be a much larger part of the population locally. Somerville's diversity is one of its greatest strengths and the source of much of our values, but as the non-partisan group Mass-VOTE points out, voters are disproportionately from higher-income households, older and more partisan. Hajnal's research suggests that if participation of racial and ethnic groups were even across the board, local election outcomes would probably look much different with greater

minority representation.

Representation matters because every person is paying for the cost of the services that the City provides. Everyone has a say in how they think their tax dollars should be spent, and so much of those tax dollars are spent locally.

Outside of health care, the biggest piece of the state budget is education—more than \$7.7 billion this fiscal year—and almost three-fifths of that is Chapter 70 aid that goes directly to cities and towns for funding kindergarten through grade 12. Education funding remains the largest piece of the City budget, too, accounting for almost a third of our local spending this year. The School Committee, working with the Superintendent, sets the educational goals and policies for Somerville Public Schools. When you cast your vote for a School Committee candidate, you're helping guide the biggest investment we make as a community, one that affects every aspect of our community, from our local

economy to the crime rate.

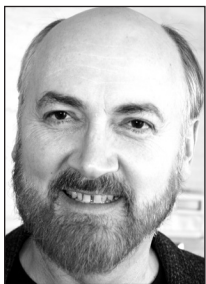
Spending on basic and essential services is also driven locally, like fixing the roads we drive on and the underground systems that deliver our water and sewer. In 2014, state and local governments accounted for 62 percent of capital spending on transportation and infrastructure, with the federal government accounting for the remaining 38 percent, according to the Congressional Budget Office. The difference is even more striking in the realm of infrastructure operation and maintenance—state and local governments provided 88 percent of that spending. It's here at the local level, with City staff working with the Board of Aldermen, where we set the policy and make the decisions that deliver these basic and essential services. Voting in local elections is one of the most important ways to shape how your tax dollars fund those services.

How we budget and spend tax dollars is about more than just dollars and cents, of course. A

budget is an expression of what a community values. We have to deliver basic services like drivable roads and water service, but budgets also include social and health services, investments in parks and open space, support for small businesses, and more. It's the community that has told us this kind of spending is just as essential as repaving roads and upgrading aging water lines. And it is local officials who take these values and put them into action, having a direct impact on our quality of life.

Whether you're a homeowner or a renter, a lifelong resident or recently settled down here, you have a stake and a say in the future of this community. Sample ballots for each ward are now available on the City Elections Department's site at [www.somervillema.gov/elections](http://www.somervillema.gov/elections), where you can also look up your polling place. Know where you vote, read up on the candidates and issues, and make sure you get to the polls next Tuesday, Nov. 3.

## Kendall Square's pain can be Union Square's gain



By William C. Shelton

Kendall Square's growing pains could be Somerville's economic gains. This is not a matter of wishful speculation. It is a statement of current and quantifiable market opportunity that exists for private developers and public leaders with vision, will, and capacity sufficient to seize it.

### The world's densest innovation cluster

In 1890, British economist Alfred Marshall observed that firms within a particular industry tend to cluster in a particular geographical location. He speculated as to why. A century later, Harvard Business School's Michael Porter explained the dynamics driving cluster formation.

Firms, particularly those that succeed through continual innovation, can thrive when they locate in geographical areas with concentrations of relevant re-

search institutions, skilled workers, capital sources, supporting industries, and competitors.

Porter says that there, relationship networks form "the social glue [that] binds clusters together." The resulting synergies increase productivity, accelerate innovation, and spawn new businesses.

The densest innovation cluster on the planet is located a mile from Boynton Yards. Not only have major Internet and IT companies like Google, Microsoft, Apple, Twitter, and Facebook located research operations in Kendall Square. Preeminent biomedical research institutions—MIT, Harvard, Broad Institute, Whitehead Institute—help center the world's leading biotech cluster.

As C.A. Webb, who until last month was the New England Venture Capital Association's Executive Director, recently observed, "This is not an office park. It's an ecosystem."

### Kendall Square is eating itself

An ecosystem's survival depends on the interaction of diverse species. A business cluster's survival depends not just on its industry's giants, but also on firms of every size and stage of development.

And increasingly, emerging and medium-sized firms cannot pay skyrocketing Kendall Square rents. Commercial real estate experts whom I speak with estimate that demand for space there is four times supply. In the words of one, "Kendall Square is eating itself."

The innovation cluster centered there requires these real estate operatives to find what they are calling "safety valves." Thus far, the safety valves have been the South Boston waterfront and the suburbs.

Last year, for example, Vertex Pharmaceuticals consolidated operations scattered among eleven Cambridge sites into one Fan Pier development that generates more property tax revenue for Boston than Somerville's entire commercial tax base combined.

Perhaps the factor most critical to an innovation firm's competitive advantage is its ability to recruit and retain talented employees, particularly those early in their careers. And a factor critical to that ability is a location with attractive amenities and populations.

Biotech managers identify Union Square and Boynton Yards as such a location—"dy-

namic," "cool," "sexy." But there are no office and R&D facilities there for them to move to.

### The opportunity

Somerville has the worst jobs-to-workers ratio in the Commonwealth. But biotech creates jobs across a wide range of skill levels, most with upward mobility.

Fifteen percent of jobs in biotech are held by people who have never gone to college. And for 22 years, Inman Square's Just-A-Start Corporation has been delivering biotechnician skills training to financially constrained adults.

Somerville has the worst commercial-to-residential property-tax base in the Commonwealth. Yet commercial property here pays 162% the tax rate of residential property but generates far lower municipal services costs.

That's why the city relies on uncertain state welfare to meet a quarter of its budget. That's why Somerville homeowners pay a \$12.61 tax rate while those in Cambridge pay \$6.99. Few real estate uses generate the tax revenues per square foot that biotech R&D facilities do there and could here.

Many locally owned Union Square businesses are languishing for the simple reason that the area does not have a significant daytime population. Meanwhile commercial landlords are increasing rents or not renewing leases in anticipation of renovating or replacing existing buildings with high-value residential uses.

Massive residential development would do little to bring daytime vitality and revive, expand, and diversify Union Square's retail and services business environment. But massive office and R&D development would do all of that.

Affordable family housing is disappearing in Somerville much faster than 20% of any new residential development can realistically replace. But housing prices are only half of the affordability equation.

The other half is family incomes sufficient to pay market rents. And innovation companies bring jobs, as well as tax revenues sufficient to train 'Villens to fill those jobs.

Those companies would prefer to conduct their operations as close to transportation nodes as possible

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COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Let’s all get out there and vote on November 3.

Our endorsements for the November 3 election

In the **Ward 1 School Committee** race, we endorse and hope you vote for School Committeeman **Steve Roix**, who was first appointed to the position after a long search by the School Board, and we think they got it right on picking Steve. He’s a family man, with his kids being in the system. Before being on the Board he was very active in the schools. Steve lives with his family on Pinckney Street, is a homeowner and someone who fits into the community. We have watched him on the Board and we hear nothing but positive comments regarding his tenure there. He listens to the concerns of both parents and homeowners alike. We think he deserves a chance at being re-elected and hope you see that as well.

For the **Ward 3 School Committee** race, we endorse and also hope you choose **Lee Erica Palmer** for the seat left open by retiring Adam Sweeting. Lee has been very active in the community here in Somerville for several years. She is an attorney who has worked in civil rights cases and has worked in the community since she made it her home. She is a parent living in Spring Hill. Lee has taught school, in particular high school, so she’s aware of the needs of students and teachers. We think her credentials speak for themselves. She’s more than qualified to be on the School Board and we hope you agree with us.

In the **Ward 4 School Committee** race, we endorse and hope you agree that **Jamie O’Leary**, running for the Ward 4 seat being vacated by present member Christine Rafael who is retiring, is the right choice. She is

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Amazing how things disappear. Could this be the real reason why permit issuing is delayed? Probably not, but we guess Goran Smiljic, the Department Head down there at ISD, had better get his friend Omar from the mayor’s office to help retrieve them, instead of trying out all our new restaurants for lunches. On the “empty desk” Inspectional Services Department front, we hear they are still empty and collecting dust. We heard on Facebook, of all places, that someone just might be applying for the job. We hope they hit our crack Personnel Department soon. We’re learning fast the inner workings of the various departments up in City Hall that are in the circle of issuing permits now. The Planning Department is the second ring in the circle of permits, which must be approved to move on to the next department. This is all laid out in the “Citizen Serve” program, which Mr. Smiljic brought here. Are the individuals in the Planning Department who review the permits for such things as kitchen and bathroom remodeling, repairing of stairs, roofs or even a window replacement qualified to do so? No wonder the system of the so-called “Citizen Serve” program is stalled and people are waiting weeks and sometimes months for their permits to be issued to do the work! Imagine how you’d feel if you were doing a major job like renovating a complete house or business and have to go through this process? It used to be you’d go to the Inspectional Services Department and pay for the permit, show the inspector what you’re going to do and they would be visiting the job site while working and even go after the work is done and sign off on the permit so that life can begin for homeowners and business people, and then they would be issued the permit. Are those days gone? Yet City Hall will tell you (including most aldermen) it’s a friendly city when it comes to permits and business. Well, aren’t we?

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**This Saturday, October 31, from 3 to 6 p.m., East Somerville Main Streets is holding its Halloween Block Party at Chuckie Harris Park on Cross Street East. They will have plenty of fun and free games and activities for the whole family, including: Make-your-own Halloween Mask with The Beautiful Stuff Project, Face Painting, Guess the Gross Food, Halloween maker-fun with Parts and Crafts, Family Photos, and more!**

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This Sunday, November 1 at 3p.m., at The Nave Gallery, 155 Powderhouse Blvd., it’s their Spontaneous Music and Live Painting event with the UnYoung (Blickenderfer/Masuko/Brunel), along with guest painters Iku Oseki and Michael Robbins. Suggested donation of \$10 is requested. Artwork will be auctioned off at the end of event. All proceeds to benefit The Somerville Homeless Coalition.

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**Happy Birthdays this week to some of our Villen and friends as well as friends of The Times: To our good friend Dick Hart of the famous Spring Hill Harts. What a nice guy, and a great family. We wish Dick a great day for himself. Another Villen celebrating this week is Barry Rollins. We wish him a big happy birthday. Alderman at Large Dennis Sullivan is celebrating this week. We bet he wants to top the election here. We wish him the very best. Over in Medford, we wish Erin DiBenedetto, who grew up here in Winter Hill and resides in Medford where she’s is up for re-election herself on the School Board, a Happy Birthday as well. We wish our own local real estate agent Clifton Verdieu of the Norton Group a special happy birthday.**

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There’s a new web site in town. Check it out at [www.somervillema.com](http://www.somervillema.com). The Somerville Times is on the site. Also check out [www.medfordma.com](http://www.medfordma.com).

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**Word of the Week: Self Indulgence: Excessive or unrestrained gratification of one’s own appetites, desires, or whims. Sound familiar?**

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Still time send in or call in or email in for our “Best of Somerville Awards.” The ballot is out so look it over and vote for your favorite and if you don’t see the category let us know or send in your recommendation. You can email, call and leave a message or drop off at the mailbox at the office located at 699 Broadway in Ball Square. Vote your favorite and the winners will be announced in the November 4 edition of *The Somerville Times*. Best of Somerville is done every year. You can go online to our website and check out the previous winners, and maybe they will be again?

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Last week we asked what is the difference between “likes” on Facebook and “actual posts read” and do you buy “likes.” One online poster gave us the answer, and we appreciate it. So, it’s not how many LIKES you have on Facebook, it’s how many has it reached, which in most cases is way less than the actual likes, right?

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# East Somerville Foodie Crawl

By Kristen Elworthy

Despite the sporadic rain interruptions, hundreds of people participated in the Fifth Annual East Broadway Foodie Crawl on Tuesday, September 26th, 2015, and helped to raise nearly \$14,000 to support East Somerville Main Streets (ESMS). This year, the crowd featured an increased percentage of local participants thanks to ESMS’s outreach to local schools. The event presented the vibrant flavors of about a dozen East Broadway restaurants, representing five continents as participants embarked on a walking tour of the neighborhood. Each restaurant provided a sample of the food, while experiencing the atmosphere of the restaurant.

The East Broadway Business District is home to some of the city’s best restaurants, trademarked by the authentic food that each serves. This year’s samples of food included: fried brie with strawberries, chicken quesadillas, meat pie with exotic fruit chutney, guacamole, fried to perfection chicken, baked ziti, spinach pupusas, Portabella quesadillas, Brazilian sausage with farofa, Ethiopian lentils with injera bread, Oreo waffles, pastel de tres leches, and many more items. The experience included the sights, smells, and tastes of Ethiopia, El Salvador, Haiti, Brazil, Mexico, Italy, and of course New England cuisines. This year the Foodie Crawl also included local pasta factory Deano’s Pasta, which offered pumpkin ravioli with their delicious three cheese sauce.

Participants at this year’s event also benefitted from the This Is East project, which has continued the revitalization of East Somerville through the installation of three community murals, and banners containing portraits of people in the neighborhood celebrating the neighborhood’s wealth in its diverse cultural legacy.

East Somerville Main Streets is committed to building a safe, sustainable and prosperous multicultural community by developing a vibrant business district at the neighborhood’s heart – all proceeds from the event will contribute to this goal.



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Our endorsements for the November 3 election

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married and is currently a home-owner in Winter Hill with her husband. She comes from a family of educators growing up in NYC. Jamie herself taught here in the Somerville Public Schools for about five years and is currently employed as an educator. She has a Masters of Education degree in Special Education. She's very personable and, according to her information, is someone who will listen to all sides of the issues presented by students, teachers and taxpayers before making her decisions. We hope you consider her for your vote on Election Day.

There is only one **alderman ward seat** open with two candidates competing, and that is in

**Ward 6.** We endorse and hope the residents of Ward 6 agree that a different kind of candidate in **Elizabeth Weinbloom** should be considered for your vote. Although it is an uphill battle against her opponent, who is endorsed by the established politicians, we think she should be given consideration for your vote. Although Weinbloom is not a longtime resident and only fairly recently moved to Somerville, we think she would represent a new blood on the present Board of Aldermen. We personally met her only recently and found her views to be consistent with what an alderman's job is and that's constituent's services. She works from home

as a writer and can devote a lot of time to the issues of Ward 6 and the city as a whole. We hope you consider her for your vote on Tuesday. Vote for Elizabeth Weinbloom for Ward 6 Alderman.

There are basically only five candidates running, four incumbents and one challenger for citywide **Alderman At Large** race, in which you can vote for any four of the five running. Only the top votes received will be re-elected or elected. In the past, there would be double-digit candidates running for Alderman At Large, but recently there has been very little activity in the city. So we're going to do something different. This year we're going to endorse them all and, of course, it's your vote for which of the four you like.

**William A. White Jr.**, who is currently the President of the Board of Alderman and who has been re-elected President several years, gets our endorsement because of his knowledge of rules and is one who knows how to be the person who can expedite the meetings. One thing you have to hand to Bill is his uncanny way sometimes of seeing the bigger picture and knowing how to get answers. Bill knows how to ask those questions that some might not get and see the bigger picture better than most. Bill White's experience on the board and his being able to address the real issues of what is going on in the city is one of the reasons he's been called the so-called brains of the Board of Aldermen. We support him and endorse Bill White for one of your four votes for At Large.

**John M. "Jack" Connolly Jr.** is

also an incumbent Alderman At large. Jack is friendly to everyone on all sides. He's been a fixture on the Board for many years and he certainly knows the issues. As of now he is, we believe, the longest serving alderman on the Board. He's a local businessman in Davis Square, where he runs an insurance agency. He knows the issues, no matter what is going on, and is probably already there on the job, getting answers to the problems. Jack is a born and raised guy who has devoted his entire life to the City of Somerville, going back to the 1970's when he worked under the Ralph Administration. He works well throughout the city, but his main base would be Davis Square, since that's home to Jack. He's a good person and we think he's an example of what an alderman should be. We hope you consider him for one of your four votes for Alderman At Large.

**Dennis Michael Sullivan** is also another incumbent Alderman At Large. He's the one alderman we noticed over the years who, if he has issues with something, he's on top of it and wants answers. Dennis originally started out on the School Board and jumped over to the alderman's seat many years ago. He's well known throughout the city for getting the job done. Dennis is also widely known for holding "Office Hours" at various locations throughout the city, several times a year, right out there meeting the residents of the city. It's a practice that Dennis has been doing for several years and it's actually a popular thing with a lot of locals, both old and new.

**Mary Jo Rossetti** first served

with distinction on the School Board, representing Ward 7 for about 10 years. She then ran for the Alderman At Large seat and was elected. Mary Jo is an outspoken, creative and very hands-on type of alderman. She knows the issues and she is not afraid to tackle some of the biggest ones. One example is the Logan Airport runway that causes everyone headaches with very low flights directed over our city. Mary Jo has made it a cause to get them to reroute the flights. We have met with and seen Mary Jo in action in the city since she's been on the Board and, frankly, we're impressed with her dedication to the job and therefore we hope you consider her for one of your four votes next week.

The only opposition in the race is **Sean Fitzgerald**. Sean is the one challenger seeking to gain one of the four seats on the Alderman At Large, and we support and endorse him. Fitzgerald is a fighter and he's really into what is going on in the city. He's knowledgeable about the city as a whole. Sean lives in West Somerville with his family as a homeowner and he participates in many local organizations. Sean has the credentials to do a great job once he's elected to the Board. He worked for former Mayor Dorothy Kelly Gay, and she endorses him in the race. He even worked for former Senator Charlie Shannon as his aide. Sean Fitzgerald is certainly well known and well versed in the issues, and we know he's a fighter. He listens to people, he has an open mind on various sides of issues, and he will fight for all of us. We hope you choose Sean for one of your four votes.

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Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. Which automobile company was established in 1899 in Torino, Italy?

2. The "Greenhouse Effect" is caused by the increase in the atmosphere of what gas?

3. What president's wife married her fifth cousin and did not have to change her last name?

4. Which is greater, the pressure in an automobile tire or the pressure in a bottle of champagne?

5. "When in the course of human events..." is the beginning of what famous document?

6. What former speaker of the U.S. House has a chair in peace studies named for him at the

University of Ulster?

7. What future Soviet dictator was training to be a priest before he became interested in Marxism?

8. Who called her autobiography *Stand By Your Man*?

9. Who wrote *East Of Eden*?

10. Which instrument is particularly associated with band leader Buddy Rich?

11. In what film did Angelina Jolie have her first leading role in a major film?

12. What kind of aircraft was developed by Sikorsky in the United States in 1942?

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ST CATHERINE'S PARISH

will hold their annual Christmas Bazaar on Friday, November 13, 2015 from 2:00-8:00 p.m., and Saturday, November 14, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the parish hall, 179 Summer Street, Somerville. Silent Auction, games, raffles, jewelry, refreshments, items for sale, etc. Free Admission.

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We're predicting less than a 20% voter turnout on Tuesday. We got our prediction from Alderman at Large Bill White, who knows figures and, frankly, is usually right.

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Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Michele Lee Haley, who passed away this week unexpectedly. She was very young and leaves behind many friends and grieving family members. They are asking for help paying for services. Donations can be made at [www.gofundme.com](http://www.gofundme.com). They have raised a few thousand, but need more. The wake will be at Doherty's this Thursday, 4-8 p.m. and the church service is Friday at St. Ann's. In lieu of flowers please go to the following web site to help the family out with the cost of the funeral: [www.gofundme.com/7274dt5g](http://www.gofundme.com/7274dt5g)

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Somerville High School's 50th (1965) had their reunion this past Saturday evening at Woburn's Crown Plaza. Several who still live in the city attended. The class attendance was about 156 including spouses. Everyone had a great time. Lots of memories, and without those nametags would have been challenging to recognize anyone.

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ResiStat meeting this fall will provide updates from city staff as well as the mayor and aldermen regarding ongoing projects and initiatives. Ask questions and share your feedback with neighbors: Ward 7: Mon., Nov. 2, West Somerville Neighborhood School, 177 Powder House Blvd.; Ward 4: Wed., Nov. 4, Healey School, 5 Meacham St.; Ward 6: Thurs.,

Nov. 5, Somerville Community Baptist Church, 31 College Ave.; Ward 5: Mon., Nov. 9, Kennedy School, 5 Cherry St.; Ward 3: Tues., Nov. 10, Somerville High School, 81 Highland Ave.; Ward 2: Mon., Nov. 16, Argenziano School, 290 Washington St.; Ward 1: Wed., Nov. 18, East Somerville Community School, 50 Cross St. All meetings run from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Come by at 6 p.m. to enjoy pizza and other refreshments while you talk with neighbors.

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It was nice to see Alderman Bob McWatters and his campaign manager and friend Zachary "Zak" Zasloff (remember that name, he's going to be around and involved here in the city) at the Little Sisters of the Poor "Pizza Party/Halloween Celebration."

# Little Sisters Pizza/ Halloween Party

By Donald Norton

Not one to forget about the elderly, Ward 3 Alderman Bob McWatters hosted a pizza party/Halloween celebration at the Little Sisters of the Poor this past Monday night, along with his associate and campaign manager Zachary “Zak” Zasloss, also a Ward 3 resident.

Reminding everyone its local election time, showing up and greeting everyone were Alderman at Large Dennis Sullivan, Alderman at Large Jack Connolly and Alderman at Large Bill White.

About 75 residents/staff and sisters of the home joined together in the dining room and enjoyed the pizza and other goodies and looked pretty happy when it was over.



— Photos by Donald Norton

# What’s on Somerville Neighborhood News

Two featured news headlines from *Somerville Neighborhood News* #51 are “Somerville Takes Race and Racism Conversations to the Neighborhoods” and “How the Arts Community and Somerville Non Profits Collaborate.”

In the first headline, SNN discusses how the city of Somerville is tackling the issues of race and racism through the platform of community conversations.



With the last two years full of highly publicized events involving race relations and the growth of the Black Lives Matter movement, it is now a critical time in the nation to face these issues. Mayor Curtatone and his administration recognize this and are bringing the national conversation to a local level, through Community Conversations.

The second story is how the Somerville arts and non-profit communities collaborate together on a public service campaign. Recently, one of Somerville’s most active non-profits teamed up with a local video production studio and a popular band to create a promotional video. Mark Alston-Follansbee is the Executive Director of the Somerville Homeless Coalition. “It all started because Macaela from Newfangled studios reached out to us,” says Mark. “She lives in Somerville, she sent us an e-mail: I appreciate the work you do, I live in Somerville, and I’d like to help. She said she wanted to do a video, and we needed a band to do a song in the background.”

These stories and more in the latest Somerville Neighborhood Newscast. You can watch the full newscast on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. or online at [www.somervilleneighborhoodnews.org](http://www.somervilleneighborhoodnews.org).

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (SHPC) shall hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 6:40 p.m. in the Third Floor Community Room, at the Visiting Nurses Association (259 Lowell Street) regarding a proposal by the JTD Realty Trust to demolish the single story buildings located at 17-27 Holland Street.

The subject of the hearing will be a review of the initial determination by the SHPC that under the City of Somerville Zoning Ordinance Section 7- 28b(2), the structure is 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](mailto:historic@somervillema.gov).

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| 2. Carbon Dioxide (CO2)  | 6. Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill |
| 3. Anna Eleanor Roosevelt married her 5th cousin, Franklin Roosevelt | 7. Joseph Stalin           |
| 4. Champagne has about three times as much pressure as a tire        | 8. Tammy Wynette           |
| 5. The Declaration   | 9. John Steinbeck          |
|  | 10. Drums                  |
|  | 11. Hackers (1995)         |
|  | 12. The helicopter         |

National Food Day served up

By Haley ED Houseman

Celebrated on October 24, National Food Day is a national day of awareness of American eating habits. This year's theme was "toward a greener diet."

Observing Food Day is a chance to spark dialogue about our diet, especially as it relates to support sustainable and organic farms. Thinking about these issues is also an opportunity to make plans for reducing hunger and improving food access.

In Somerville, celebrations of Food Day were lead by Groundwork Somerville, in partnership with a variety of local nonprofits and citizens. The environmental organization centers around urban farming, education and food access, a mission that dovetails with the priorities of Food Day.

The celebrations kicked off with a Cider Day on Oct 15, using the Groundwork Somerville's antique cider press. While volunteers pressed nearly 20 gallons of cider, they also celebrated their hard work and the local harvest season, nearly over. The apples were from local Somerville streets and farms in Western Massachusetts.

The celebrations included music and fun for 60 people. Members of the youth program made homemade tea bags as thank you



Groundwork Somerville's antique press was put into service as participants contributed to the cider production on Cider Day, a prelude to the National Food Day observance.

gifts to volunteers.

As Groundwork's Program Manager Jess Bloomer describes, the event "celebrated local harvest from the neighborhood or just a few miles away".

The second major event sponsored by the organization was the "Valuing Our Harvest, Combating Food Waste" event on October 17, which included a few hours to bring in the season's last harvest for the Mobile Market farmers' market truck. Later, in partnership with Green City Growers, Shape Up Somerville and Ross Richmond of the Somerville Backpack program, volunteers and

youth program participants were then invited to join the community in a series of interactive talks to learn more about reducing food waste. According to the organization, nearly 40% of food in America goes to waste. Local chef Peter Ungler of the Tasting Counter restaurant spoke about ways to prepare food to reduce waste, and offered tips. There were also vermicompost and compost demonstrations, in order to show how to recycle waste into gardening material.

The final event was a scavenger hunt on Food Day spanning the Union Square, Davis Square and East Somerville neighborhoods. It was also the final day of Mobile Market truck for the season.

A winter farm is still a busy place, with planning for next season and analyzing data from the harvest and market. In the off season, youth volunteers will be experimenting with ways to extend the growing season, including experimenting with hydroponics once a week at the STEM institute through a partnership with Groundwork Somerville. They will also continue vermicomposting at the farm sites, as well as working on social entrepreneurship and financial literacy projects. The youth volunteers will halve from 20 to 10 but they'll be tending to grow covers and tending winter crops to take home, distribute to shelters sell to local chefs interested in the truly local.

More information can be found at <http://somervillefoodday.blogspot.com/>



Groundwork Somerville's South Street Farm.

— Photos by Haley ED Houseman

Kendall Square's pain can be Union Square's gain

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for the same reasons that you or I would. So zoning the blocks immediately surrounding the Green Line station site for residential use would be a tragic squandering of economic, fiscal, and social potential that could

not be corrected for a century.

As recently as a year and a half ago, biotech managers were skeptical of Union Square and Boynton Yards as a viable location for their enterprises. For many, that is no longer so.

It's past time for Somerville's public officials, business leaders, and property owners to form a consortium with the goal of recruiting biotech and innovation industry firms and workspace developers.

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH  
Wednesday|October 28

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

Thursday|October 29

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

Friday|October 30

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

East Branch Library  
Freaky Friday!  
Meghan Forsell-617-623-5000 x2970  
3 p.m.-6 p.m.| 115 Broadway

Monday|November 2

Central Library  
Sing Along with Raquel Leburn of ABC Spanish in Motion  
Cathy Piantigini 617-623-5000 x2950  
11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Central Library  
Author Robin Reardon  
Eve Goldfarb-617-623-4556  
3:30 p.m -4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

West Branch Library  
Jeff Jam  
Annamarie Almeida-617-623-5000 x2977  
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM|40 College Avenue

Tuesday|November 3

Central Library  
Homeschool Reading Group for Ages 12-14  
Tammy McKanan -617-591-0216  
9:30 a.m -12 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

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

Wednesday|November 4

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

Central Library  
On D.E.C.K.: Post Halloween Fright Bash!  
Stephanie Santiago-617-625-6600 ext.225  
2:30 p.m -5:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

MUSIC|ARTS

Wednesday|October 28

Johnny D’s  
Jeff Jam Halloween Party  
Josh Kelley (Country / Singer-Song-writer) + Frank Drake  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

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

The Burren  
Front Room  
Exile on Elm  
Back Room  
Backroom Series:  
Comedy w/Steve Macone  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.’s Lounge  
Birdwatching  
Edgar Clinks  
Weird Medicine  
Wheatley Matthews  
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

Highland Kitchen  
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Joshua Tree Bar & Grill  
Pub Trivia  
8:30 p.m.|256 Elm Street|(617) 623-9910

Arts at the Armory  
Armory of Horror 2015: The Home-brewed Horror Movie Fest  
7 p.m.|Performance Hall  
notloB Music Presents Elizabeth and Ben Anderson  
7:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Davis Square Theatre  
The Woman in Black  
8 p.m.|255 Elm St

Thursday|October 29

Johnny D’s  
WERS Listeners Appreciation Party with NEMES  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s  
Bryan Mac, Seismic Gaps, Bottle Kids  
|8 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren  
Front Room  
Acoustic/Bluegrass|9:30 p.m.  
Back Room  
Backroom Series  
Scattershots  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.’s Lounge  
8 Bit Rocky Horror Picture Show|9 p.m.  
Minus World  
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  
Dub Down Reggae  
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

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

Somerville Theatre  
Awkward Compliment’s Thursday Night Comedy Night  
8 p.m.|55 Davis Square

Arts at the Armory  
Extremely Casual 11: wait, there’s more  
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Thunder Road  
A Wish For Fire  
379 Somerville Ave

The Davis Square Theatre  
The Wrathskellar|8 p.m.  
255 Elm Street

Friday|October 30

Johnny D’s  
Duke Robillard w/ Mike Welch  
Samba Viva (Brazilian Dance and Music)  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s  
Tuna Rangers |6 p.m.  
HearNowLive presents Atlas Lab, Jill McCracken & The Misadventures, Post-Modern Authors \$10 cover| 9 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren  
Front Room  
Irish Session|9:30 p.m.  
Backroom Series:  
Backroom Series Simon Townshend|7 p.m.  
Cover Up|10pm  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.’s Lounge  
Ghost Painted Sky|9 p.m.  
Lucretia’s Daggers  
Jack Romanov  
Mei O’Hara  
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  
TBA  
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Thunder Road  
Kat Wright & The Indomitable Soul

Band  
379 Somerville Ave

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

Davis Square Theatre  
The Wrathskellar|7:30 p.m.  
255 Elm Street

Arts at the Armory  
Armory of Horror 2015  
7 p.m.|Performance Hall  
Urban Elixir  
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Saturday|October 31

Johnny D’s  
Jazz Brunch  
The Polyphonic Spree 15th Anniversary Tour / Telegraph Canyon / Party Bois + Halloween Costume Contest!  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s  
Johnnie Mac & The Local Forecast |6 p.m.  
HearNowLive presents Halloween Hangover X: Ellis Ashbrook, The Lady Comes First, Colbis the Creature \$10 cover |9 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren  
Back Room Series|7 p.m.  
ScatterShot|10 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.’s Lounge  
ATR Burlesque show starting with performances by Johnny Badd and The Deaf Cats. After some burlesque dancing happens then Strangers With Knives will play.  
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

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

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

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

Arts at the Armory  
Armory of Horror 2015: Kids’ Day  
12 p.m.|Performance Hall  
Pocket Aces (Eric Hofbauer/Aaron Darrell/Curt Newton)  
7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Davis Square Theatre  
The Wrathskellar|7:30 p.m.  
255 Elm Street

Sunday|November 1

Johnny D’s  
Jazz Brunch  
Open Blues Jam! featuring Matthew Smart Band  
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s Bar  
Dave Mirabella of The Rationales, Chris Wagner of Modern DayIdols with Richie Askew, Jim DeTore of Shotgun Waltz|7 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

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

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

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

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

Arts at the Armory  
Heart Soul Voice Ensemble - Janna Maria Fröhlich and Joy Grimes  
7:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Monday|November 2

Johnny D’s  
Johnny D’s Comedy Showcase Presents: One Microphone (Stand-Up) Stump! Pub Trivia|8:30 p.m.  
17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

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

The Burren  
Front Room  
Bur-Run  
Helena Delaney, Johnny O’Leary & Friends Irish Session|9 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.’s Lounge  
Americana Mondays  
8 p.m.|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

Arts at the Armory  
Dan Moynihan: Spark New Ideas with Drawing Games!  
6:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Tuesday|November 3

Johnny D’s  
Howard Jones Solo  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s Bar  
Honkytonk Masquerade |7:30 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

The Davis Square Theatre  
The Teaseday Club  
7:15 p.m.|255 Elm St

Wednesday|November 4

Johnny D’s  
Bad and Blue (Hip-Hop/Jazz)  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

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

The Burren  
Front Room  
Exile on Elm  
Back Room  
Backroom Series: Máire Ní Chatha-saigh & Chris Newman  
Mick Flannery|10 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.’s Lounge  
Rachel Alix |8 p.m.  
Bill Dwyer  
Eric Gledhill  
Amanda McCarthy  
Matt Minigell  
Carissa Johnson

The Green Bullets/Henry Griffin  
Sam Jones  
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

Highland Kitchen  
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

Joshua Tree Bar & Grill  
Pub Trivia  
8:30 p.m.|256 Elm Street|(617) 623-9910

Arts at the Armory  
Wiretap Wednesday Open Stage  
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Davis Square Theatre  
Shit-Faced Shakespeare|7 p.m.  
255 Elm Street

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Wednesday|October 28

Central Library  
Book Sale Setup  
James Fox  
9 a.m.- 9 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Thursday|October 29

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

Central Library  
Preview: Friends of the Library Book Sale  
James Fox  
5 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

Friday|October 30

Central Library  
Friends of the Library Book Sale  
James Fox  
12 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Saturday|October 31

Central Library  
Friends of the Library Book Sale  
James Fox  
10 a.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

Sunday|November 1

Central Library  
Friends of the Library Book Sale  
James Fox  
1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue  
Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon Family Groups  
7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street

Unity Church of God  
Enter upstairs, meeting is in base-ment.

Monday|November 2

Central Library  
Chess Nigh  
7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

Tuesday|November 3

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

Wednesday|November 4

Central Library  
Board Game Night  
Ellen Jacobs-617-623-5000 x2914  
7 p.m.- 8:45 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

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

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

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

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

**Attention!** The summer hiatus is over! Bowling, Dalcroze Eurhythmics, Yoga and Walking Group are back! Please call Chris Kowaleski at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 for more information on any of our Health & Wellness programs, start dates and times and for registration.

**The Moonlighters are back** – Running through June, 2016 – Somerville’s Swinging Singing Seniors will be meeting at our Holland Street Center from 10:30 – 11:30 every Monday. Sing One – Sing All – Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 if you require additional information.

**The Farmers Market** is back – Running through Friday, October 30. The Mobile Farmers Market will be at the Holland Street Center every Friday from 11:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. The Somerville Mobile Farmers Market sells fresh, local and reasonably priced produce. Anyone using SNAP or WIC receives a 50% discount. Cash, credit, debt & farmers market coupons accepted.

**Fabulous array of vocal,** cabaret, and instrumental programs at Berklee School of Music. Dates: Monday, November 9th: Classical and Jazz Chamber Music; Monday, December 7th: Cabaret showcase; Monday, December 14th:: Backgrounds and Beyond background vocal ensemble; and Tuesday, December 15th: Berklee Marimba Concerts 1 and 2. Space extremely limited. Please call Janine Lotti at (617) 625-6600, ext. 2300 for details and to sign up.

**Afternoon At The Movies** – Tuesday, October 27 – 12:30 P.M. in the atrium at our Holland Street Center. This month’s movie is Aloha starring Bradley Cooper, Emma Stone and Rachel McAdams to name a few. This movie is rated PG-13 and runs approximately 1 hour and 45 minutes. Please contact Josephine at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to reserve your spot.

**Yoga** – Starting on Thursday, October 29 from 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. and running for 5 weeks (October 29th, November 5th, 12th & 19th and December 3rd) at our Holland Street Center. This is a class for all levels and there is a \$20. fee. You MUST RSVP – space is limited – please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to register or if you should have any questions.

**New York City Weekend Getaway** – Saturday & Sunday, November 7 and 8 - \$170.- per person / Double and \$250.- per person / Single. Start your Holiday shopping early, go see a play or just enjoy the sights. Coach transportation will drop you off at St. Patrick’s Cathedral and Macy’s Department Store on Saturday the 7th. After a great night’s sleep at the Sheraton Hotel in Stamford, CT and an early breakfast head back into NYC to see the 9/11 Memorial before heading home. Departs our Ralph & Jenny Center, Saturday, November 7th at 5:45 A.M. with an approximate return time of 7:00 P.M. on Sunday, November 8th. A \$50.- deposit is required upon reservation. Seats are limited and will fill up fast. Please call Connie at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to reserve your spot or if you have any questions.

**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. Please note that our Ralph & Jenny Center will be serving lunch only (at 11:30 A.M.) on Wednesday, October 21 and Wednesday, October 28.

Please note that our Ralph & Jenny Center will be serving lunch only (at 11:30 A.M.) on Wednesday, October 28.

The trip to Foxwoods / Let’s Make a Deal scheduled for Wednesday, October 28 is SOLD OUT.

The trip to New York City scheduled for November 7 & 8th is SOLD OUT.

Thanksgiving Dinner with Mayor Curtatone scheduled for Saturday, November 14th is BOOKED SOLID.

The Holiday celebration at the Winter Hill Yacht Club scheduled for Monday, December 14th is BOOKED SOLID.

The trip to Atlantic City scheduled for January 10th, 11th & 12th of 2016 is SOLD OUT.

Please note that the Monday morning Fit-4-Life Walking/Talking Group is now scheduled to start at 9:00 A.M.

Bowling at Flatbreads has resumed on Wednesdays at 1:00 P.M.

**LGBT EVENTS:**

**LGBTQ Advisory Group** – Monday, November 9th – 4:30 P.M. in the conference room located at our Holland Street Center. We are looking for new members and would love to have you as part of our group. This group meets the 2nd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies.

**LGBTQ Monthly Lunch** – Monday, November 9th – 11:30 A.M. in our Holland Street Center – more details to follow. This lunch happens the 2nd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies.

**LGBTQ Monthly “Movies To Come Out To”** – Monday, November 16th – 5:30 P.M. in the Atrium of our Holland Street Center. Yet to be determined movie and meal. This event happens the 3rd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies.

**LBT Women Fit-4-Life** - 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 Chris Kowaleski at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300.

\*If you require additional information or have any questions regarding the LGBT Lunch, Dinner & Movie or the Advisory Group please contact Maureen Bastardi at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2316 or email her at MBastardi@Somervillema.gov.

**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. Become more active – make new friends – boost your brain power – feel healthier. For more information or to sign up please contact Chris Kowaleski our Health & Wellness Coordinator at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315.

**The award winning Fit-4-Life Program** is NOW at our Cross Street Center – 165 Broadway – And there are still some open spots. A unique combination of exercise and nutritional support opportunity under the direct supervision of a certified exercise trainer and participate in individual and group counseling with a nutritionist. The cost to you is \$10.- a month that gives you access to fitness & nutritional Fit-4-Life classes each week. Limited scholarships are available – Need more information? Please contact Chris Kowaleski our Health & Wellness Coordinator at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315 or email him at CKowaleski@somervillema.gov This is for older adults 55+ Space is limited so sign up early.

**Weekly Exercise Class Schedule**

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

**Mondays:**

8:30 Walking / Talking Group (H)  
8:30 Fit-4-Life Group C (H)  
12:00 Nutrition Counseling with Mimi (H)  
1:00 Fit-4-Life (H)

**Tuesdays:**

9:15 Strengthening - \$3 per class (H)  
10:30 Fit-4-Life Cross Street\* (C)

1:00 Dalcroze Eurhythmics - \$2.00 (H)  
6:00 LBT Fit 4 Life (H)

**Wednesdays:**

8:45 Fit 4 Life\* Group A (H)  
9:00 Fit 4 Life\* Group B (H)  
12:00 Fit 4 Life\* Group C (H)  
5:15 Zumba for All - \$3 per class (H)

**Thursdays:**

9:00 Yoga (H)  
9:30 Strengthening - \$3 per class (RJ)  
10:30 Fit 4 Life (C)  
6:00 LBT Fit 4 Life\*

**Fridays:**

8:45 Fit 4 Life\* Group A  
9:55 Fit 4 Life\* Group B  
11:00 Nutrition Counseling with Mimi

\*All Fit 4 Life classes are \$10/month and require pre-registration\*\*If you are interested in our Yoga classes, please call Chris Kowaleski, our Health & Wellness Coordinator at 617-625-6600, Ext. 2315.

**Upcoming Schedule**

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

**Wednesday|October 28**

10:00 English Conversation (C)  
11:30 Lunch (RJ)  
12:00 Lunch (C)  
1:00 Learn about Thailand (C)  
1:00 Bowling at Flatbreads  
Foxwoods / Let’s Make a Deal  
Lunch only at R&J

**Thursday|October 29**

10:00 Cards (RJ)  
10:00 English Conversation (C)  
10:00 Scarves for Soldiers (RJ)  
10:00 Current Events (H)  
11:30 Lunch (H, RJ)  
12:00 English Conversation (C)  
12:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara (by appointment only) (H)  
12:30 Lunch (C)  
12:45 Bingo (H, RJ)  
1:00 Make & Take / Mandalas with art teacher Katherine Harvey (C)  
Strings & Things at Berklee

**Friday|October 30**

10:30 Farmers Market (H)  
11:00 Nutrition Counseling with Mimi (H)  
11:30 Lunch (H)  
12:45 Bingo (H)

**Monday|November 2**

9:00 Walking & Talking Group (H)  
10:00 Activities & Movie (RJ)  
10:30 Moonlighters (H)  
11:30 Lunch (H)  
12:00 Nutrition Counseling with Mimi (H)

**Tuesday|November 3**

10:00 Cards (RJ)  
10:00 English Conversation (C)  
10:00 Scarves for Soldiers (RJ)  
11:30 Lunch (RJ)  
12:00 Lunch (C)  
12:45 Bingo (RJ)  
Holland Street Center Closed – Election Day  
Berklee College of Music

**Wednesday|November 4**

10:00 Cards (RJ)  
10:00 English Conversation (C)  
11:00 Let’s Get Healthy With Mimi (H)  
11:30 Lunch (H, RJ)  
12:00 Lunch (C)  
12:45 Bingo (H)  
1:00 Bowling at Flatbreads

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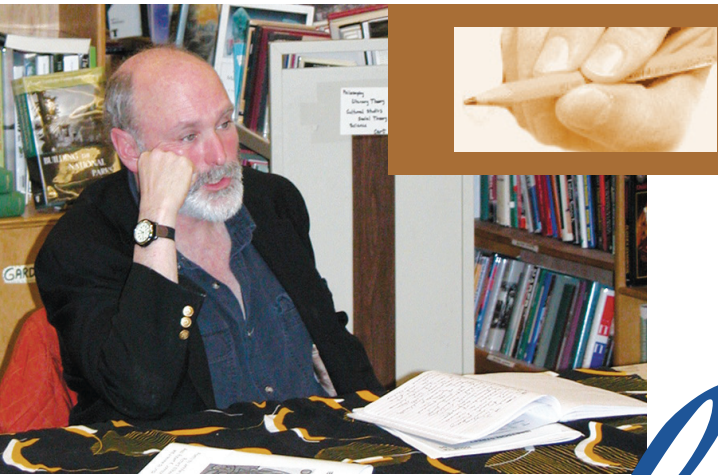
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<b>Wednesday, October 28</b>		7:30pm	Let's talk about Real Estate	3:00pm	Telemagazine
6:00am	Life Matters	8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou (Live call-in)	4:00pm	Halloween Movie Block
6:30am	Shrinkwrap!	9:30pm	SCATV Presents: Scary Stories	6:00pm	SCATV Archives
7:00am	The Struggle	10:00pm	Throwback Thursday!	7:00pm	JuPrey Productions
7:30am	Somerville Neighborhood News	11:00pm	Rare Groove Revolution	8:00pm	David Pakman (Free Speech TV)
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	11:30pm	MAPS	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes
9:00am	Greater Somerville Elections	<b>Friday, October 30</b>		10:00pm	Open Line News with Davey D
10:30am	SCATV Presents: Scary Stories	6:00pm	Eckankar	11:00pm	Gay News USA (Free Speech TV)
11:30am	13 Most Haunted	6:30pm	Healthy Hypnosis	<b>Sunday, November 1</b>	
12:00pm	Free Speech TV	7:00am	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer	6:00am	Program Celebrai
3:00pm	Healthy Hypnosis	7:30am	Color in your life	7:00am	Rompendo em Fe
3:30pm	Health is Wealth	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	8:00am	Effort Pour Christ
4:00pm	Free Speech Television	9:00am	Visual Radio	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church
5:00pm	SCATV Presents: Scary Stories	9:30am	SCATV Presents: Scary Stories	10:00am	Eckankar
6:00pm	This is East	10:30am	Greater Somerville Elections	10:30am	International Church of God
7:00pm	13 Most Haunted	12:00pm	Free Speech TV	11:00am	Halloween Movie Block
7:30pm	MAPS on TV	1:00pm	Visual Radio	1:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
8:00pm	Somerville Pundits	1:30pm	SCATV Presents : Scary Stories	1:30pm	Let's Talk Real Estate!
8:30pm	Greater Somerville live	2:00pm	Henry Parker Presents	2:00pm	Halloween Movie Block
9:00pm	Bay State Biking News	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	3:00pm	JuPrey Promotions
10:00pm	SCATV Presents: Scary Stories	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show	4:00pm	Dedilhando a Saudade
11:00pm	Visual Radio	5:00pm	Reeling Review	5:00pm	Halloween Movie Block
<b>Thursday, October 29</b>		5:30pm	Taking Back Your health	6:00pm	Abugida TV
6:00am	JuPrey Promotions	6:00pm	Somerville Stories Collection	7:00pm	African Television Network
7:00am	The Struggle	7:00pm	Gay USA	8:00pm	Telemagazine
7:30am	13 Most Haunted	8:00pm	Cinema Somerville	9:00pm	Halloween Movie Block
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	10:00pm	This is East	<b>Monday, November 2</b>	
9:00am	Greater Somerville Elections	11:00pm	Acronym TV (Free Speech TV)	6:00am	Health is Wealth
10:30am	SCATV Presents: Scary Stories	11:30pm	Rare Groove Revolution	6:30am	Greater Somerville Elections
12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show	<b>Saturday, October 31</b>		7:30am	Reeling The Review Show
1pm-3pm	SCATV Cooking Bloc	6:00am	SNN	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
1:00pm	Chef's Table Series	6:30am	Greater Somerville Elections	9:00am	The Stephanie Miller Show
2:00pm	Cooking with Geogria & Dez	7:00am	Halloween movie Block	10:00am	Visual Radio
2:30pm	Eat Well Be Happy	8:30am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	11:00am	All Things Victorian
3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:00am	Baystate Biking News	11:30am	Art At Scat
4:00pm	Free Speech Television	10:00am	Tele Galaxie	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show
5:00pm	SCATV Presents: Scary Stories	11:00am	Halloween Movie Block	1:00pm	Fallon's Daily Toast
6:30pm	SNN	1:00pm	Greater Somerville Elections	2:00pm	The Literati Scene
7:00pm	Taking Back your Health (Live call-in)	2:30pm	Visual Radio	2:30pm	Hollywood Makeover Show
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				4:00pm	Free Speech Television
				5:00pm	Telegalaxie
				6:00pm	Public Access Block
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				8:00pm	The Somerville Line
				9:00pm	Dedilhando au Saudade
				10:00pm	Bate Papo com Shirley
				11:00pm	Rare Groove Revolution
				11:30pm	Fallon's Daily Toast
				<b>Tuesday, November 3</b>	
				6:00am	Art At Scat
				6:30am	Esoteric Science
				7:00am	JuPrey Promotions
				8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
				9:00am	Chef's Table Series
				9:30am	Eat Well Be Happy
				10:30am	Cooking With Georgia and Dez
				11:00am	Road to Recovery
				12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show
				1:00pm	Greater Somerville Elections
				2:00pm	Exercise With Robyn
				2:30pm	Healthy Hypnosis
				3:00pm	Taking Back Your Health
				3:30pm	Physicians Focus
				4:00pm	Ring of Fire (Free Speech TV)
				5:00pm	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer
				5:30pm	The Literati Scene
				6:00pm	The Struggle!
				6:30pm	SCATV: The Library
				7:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
				7:30pm	Greater Somerville
				8:00pm	Dead Air Live
				9:00pm	Henry Parker Presents
				9:30pm	Let's Talk About Real Estate!
				10:00pm	Energy Theater
				11:00pm	The David Pakman Show

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<b>Wednesday, October 28</b>		<b>Friday, October 30</b>		8:00pm	SomerStreets Monster Mashed Up	2:02am	Domestic Violence Vigil
9:00am	Navigating Addiction	12:00am	Somerville: Past & Present	8:15pm	Haiti & Brazil Hit the Ville	2:34am	SomerViva en Español
12:00pm	Haiti & Brazil Hit the Ville	1:00am	Haiti & Brazil Hit the Ville	8:33pm	What the Fluff?	3:01am	Pity Party in Union Square
12:17pm	What the Fluff?	1:17am	Panel on Domestic Violence	8:48pm	Panel on Domestic Violence	9:00am	Ames Historic Project - Family Interview
12:32pm	Panel on Domestic Violence	3:01am	Pity Party in Union Square	10:32pm	Honk! 2015	12:00pm	Navigating Addiction
2:16pm	Voices of Somerville	9:00am	SomerViva em Português	<b>Sunday, November 1</b>		2:18pm	Congressional Update
2:44pm	SomerViva en Español	12:00pm	Connecting Communities - Fire Safety	12:00am	SomerStreets Monster Mashed Up	2:48pm	What the Fluff?
3:15pm	SomerStreets Monster Mashed Up	12:26pm	Navigating Addiction	12:15am	SomerViva em Português	4:00pm	School Committee Meeting Agenda
6:30pm	SomerViva en Español	2:45pm	What the Fluff?	12:44am	Connecting Communities - Fire Safety	7:00pm	School Committee Meeting - LIVE
7:00pm	Navigating Addiction	3:00pm	Voices of Somerville	1:11am	Haiti & Brazil Hit the Ville	10:30pm	Voices of Somerville
9:18pm	Pity Party in Union Square	6:30pm	Connecting Communities - Fire Safety	1:29am	Ames Historic Project - Family Interview	<b>Tuesday, November 3</b>	
9:55pm	Congressional Update	6:56pm	Navigating Addiction	2:01am	Congressional Update	12:00am	Haiti & Brazil Hit the Ville
<b>Thursday, October 29</b>		9:15pm	What the Fluff?	2:31am	Panel on Domestic Violence	12:17am	What the Fluff?
12:00am	Voices of Somerville	9:30pm	Voices of Somerville	9:00am	Congressional Update	12:32am	Domestic Violence Vigil
12:30am	SomerViva en Español	10:00pm	Congressional Update	12:00pm	Senior Circuit	1:04am	SomerViva em Português
1:00am	Honk! 2015	10:30pm	SomerViva em Português	12:30pm	Somerville: Past & Present	1:34am	Union Square Walking Tour - 9.20.15
2:06am	Congressional Update	<b>Saturday, October 31</b>		1:30pm	Voices of Somerville	2:42am	Ames Historic Project - Family Interview
2:36am	Ames Historic Project - Family Interview	12:00am	Navigating Addiction	1:58pm	Honk! 2015	9:00am	Honk! 2015
3:08am	Connecting Communities - Fire Safety	2:18am	Pity Party in Union Square	3:04pm	Connecting Communities - Fire Safety	10:06am	Congressional Update
9:00am	Connecting Communities - Fire Safety	2:55am	Congressional Update	6:30pm	Domestic Violence Vigil	12:00pm	Senior Circuit
12:00pm	Senior Circuit	3:25am	Ames Historic Project - Family Interview	7:02pm	Senior Circuit	12:30pm	SomerStreets Monster Mashed Up
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2:48pm	Honk! 2015	12:00pm	Panel on Domestic Violence	8:40pm	Union Square Walking Tour - 9.20.15	3:04pm	SomerViva em Português
4:30pm	Congressional Update	1:43pm	What the Fluff?	9:48pm	SomerViva em Português	3:31pm	Pity Party in Union Square
5:00pm	SomerStreets Monster Mashed Up	2:00pm	Ames Historic Project - Family Interview	10:17pm	SomerStreets Monster Mashed Up	6:30pm	Congressional Update
7:00pm	Congressional Update	2:32pm	Somerville: Past & Present	10:33pm	ADA 25th Anniversary Celebration	7:00pm	Senior Circuit
7:30pm	Voices of Somerville	3:32pm	Haiti & Brazil Hit the Ville	<b>Monday, November 2</b>		7:30pm	Connecting Communities - Fire Safety
8:00pm	Somerville: Past & Present	3:50pm	SomerStreets Monster Mashed Up	12:00am	Senior Circuit	7:56pm	Domestic Violence Vigil
9:00pm	SomerViva em Português	6:30pm	Voices of Somerville	12:30am	Ames Historic Exhibit Opening Reception	8:30pm	School Committee Meeting
9:29pm	Navigating Addiction	7:00pm	Somerville: Past & Present	1:33am	Voices of Somerville		

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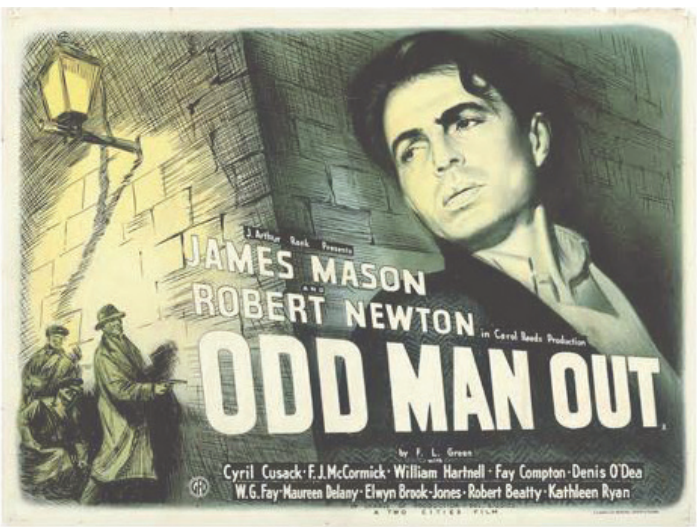
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10:00am:	SHS Scholarship Foundation Gala	2:00am:	Navigating Addiction	7:30pm:	SHS Girls Soccer v Medford	2:00pm:	Navigating Addiction
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8:00pm:	SHS Girls Soccer v Matignon	4:30pm:	SHS Scholarship Foundation Gala	9:00am:	SHS Girls Soccer v Stoneham	12:00am:	Navigating Addiction
10:00pm:	Connecting Communities - Fire Safety	5:30pm:	SHS Boys Soccer v Medford	11:00am:	SHS Football v Malden - 10/2	2:30am:	Public Domain Theater - October
10:30pm:	SHS Boys Soccer v Dracut	7:00pm:	SHS Girls Soccer v Medford	1:00pm:	Our Schools, Our City - Building Literacy	9:00am:	SHS Girls Soccer v Stoneham
<b>Thursday, October 29</b>		8:30pm:	Our Schools, Our City - Building Literacy	1:30pm:	SHS Scholarship Foundation Gala	11:00am:	Our Schools, Our City - Building Literacy
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9:00pm:	Connecting Communities - Fire Safety	12:00pm:	SHS Boys Soccer v Medford	2:00am:	SHS Girls Soccer v Medford	12:00am:	Navigating Addiction
10:00pm:	SHS Girls Soccer v Malden - 10/19	2:00pm:	SHS Volleyball v Methuen	9:00am:	SHS Scholarship Foundation Gala	2:30am:	SHS Girls Soccer v Lawrence
<b>Friday, October 30</b>		3:30pm:	Navigating Addiction	10:00am:	Connecting Communities - Fire Safety		



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Odd Man

Amok they’ll run. Over tea they’ll plot  
Forays of liberation. So fife  
And drum bring cheers, the heart’s tommyrot  
That taunts tyrant rule, the sharpened knife

Of order. Those boys will have their day,  
Long dreamed, the reverence and the homage.  
They’ll come to know infernal foreplay  
Like buttered turnips and boiled carnage.

Beware of multicolored daub-men  
Who paint blood, who dime their brothers out  
To tribal chiefs. Raiders comprehend  
Old routes. They strike, flee, walkabout.

After the brawl one stumbles forward,  
Burdened with foul sins of risen ghosts.  
He turns face to sleet, his men bestirred  
In misuse. He clings to life’s lampposts.

— Dennis Daly

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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

A Seat at the Bar:

WORKBAR UNION Brings Much  
Needed Work Space to Union Square



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While walking across Somerville Ave. in Union Square I noticed that the old Elegant Furniture storefront was inhabited by a new concept. So I took a detour from my usual haunts, the Bloc 11 Cafe, Market Basket, etc., and walked right in. At the front desk was Anne Sholley – the freckled-face and friendly “Space and Community Manager” of the WORKBAR. Like a grizzled reporter from the play *The Front Page*, I said, “Doug Holder, *The Somerville Times*.” Sholley proved to be a gracious host and explained to me that the WORKBAR is a “co-working space” founded by Bill Jacobson, a pioneer of this work space movement. Sholley explained that folks can rent space in this expansive venue on a daily, weekly or monthly basis.

Looking around the space I noticed a much welcomed veil of silence – unlike what you might find in the many bustling coffee shops in these environs. Sholley told me, “Many of the people who come here to work are independent workers – writers, people who work a distance from the home corporation, as well as small grassroots businesses. We offer office space on an ongoing basis.” And indeed, there were a series of long tables with computer outlets, with plenty of space for patrons to spread out and plug in.

Sholley said the WORKBAR at Union Square

holds many events, panels as well as demos from small companies to make it more of a community than an extended office.

Sholley believes the WORKBAR is in a great location, She opined, “Union Square is on the brink of being a great place for entrepreneurs with the much promised Green Line extension. There is a lot of energy here – it just feels awesome.”

WORKBAR is in partnership with US2, a master developer that is intimately involved with the gentrification of the neighborhood.

Sholley gave me a tour of the facility. She guided me to a number of small conference rooms – one of which is named after Somerville’s Hal Connolly – a 1956 Olympic winner for the Hammer Throw. There is also a mural by Somerville artist Crystal Burney that incorporates such Somerville hot spots as Brooklyn Boulder, etc. They also have a kitchen that offers free coffee and a variety of snacks.

I told Sholley that I might pay them a visit with stacks of papers to be graded, poems to write, and articles that have a deadline. Space is at a premium in Somerville, and now Somerville has a premium space.

For more info about Workbar go to <http://www.workbar.com>.

An Evening of Javanese Gamelan

The Tufts University Department of Music presents the Tufts Gamelan Ensemble’s Remembering Bapak Tentrem Sarwanto: An Evening of Javanese Gamelan on Saturday, November 14, 2015 from 8 p.m. – 10 p.m. in the Distler Performance Hall at the Perry and Marty Granoff Music Center. Gamelan Laras Tentrem and Rinengga Sih Tentrem, the Tufts gamelan ensemble, perform a concert of Javanese gamelan music under the direction of Barry Drummond. Guest artists include I.M. Harjito.



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