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## Be sure to vote in the State Election – Tuesday, Nov. 4

Polls are open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

## Our endorsements for the State Election



Massachusetts is set for the big election coming up next week. We invite you to peruse our special Election Day issue this week.

By The Times Staff

### Governor

We support and are voting for Republican candidate Charlie Baker for Governor. He has a thought out plan and vision for Massachusetts.

With all that's going on in the state now we think it's about time we elect someone who will be more responsive to the needs of everyone.

Charlie Baker has a proven record both in the public sector under Governor Weld and in the private sector, saving Harvard Pilgrim from going under.

He will make responsible decisions and his promise not to raise taxes is refreshing. We have been taxed and feed to death. Everywhere we go there is an added fee or tax to everything.

Another point that swung us to his side is the recent admission by his opponent, who might be interested in illegal aliens having the vote and Charlie clearly isn't for that. Not that it can happen, but the very idea just tells you the direction in which Coakley wants to steer Massachusetts, as opposed to the rational thinking of Charlie Baker.

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## 'Paint-By-Goya' creation hits the street

By Tom Bannister

A "paint by numbers" mural recreating Francisco Goya's masterpiece *The Parasol*, created by Somerville artist James Weinberg, was presented for the public's participation last week in Boston's Copley Square.

The interactive project, hosted by Santander Bank, invited those interested to fill in the painting by following a numerical color key and by adding the corresponding color to the mural in order to help complete the community work of art.

The project, which ran from Monday, Oct. 20 through Sunday, Oct. 26, was conceived in celebration of Santander's lead sponsorship, through Fundación Banco Santander in Madrid, of the Goya retrospective "Goya: Order & Disorder" at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston (MFA) with a goal bringing the community together to create and appreciate art while Goya to the masses.

"We designed the mural project to draw attention to the arts and give the public the experience of viewing and

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Francisco Goya's *The Parasol* got a community reproduction job at the "Paint-By-Goya" event last week.

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Don't forget next Tuesday, November 4, is Election Day. It's our duty to go out and vote so we can have a say in what's happening. Everyone should vote. There should be a line a mile long at each polling place. All the candidates that are running for office have worked hard for your consideration.

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East Somerville Main Streets is having a Pre-Trick or Treat Block Party on Friday, October 31 at 6 p.m. at Chuckie Harris Park. Stop by in your craziest costumes for some fun games, candy and a Halloween photo-shoot. To all those driving home early in the dark, please be careful of kids darting out in front of the cars.

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Coming up next week, November 6, The Somerville Rotary Club will be having its annual charitable event that is being held at Giggles, the Comedy Club, on Route 1 in Saugus. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. There will be lots of interesting stuff for its auction and raffles. The cost is \$25 for pizza, laughs and the opportunity to help Rotary support many local charities here in the City of Somerville. Tickets sold at the door. Don't miss it. If you haven't been to one of these shows you're missing out on a great evening of laughs and fun. Contact Donald Norton at 617-623-6600 x 11 for further information and tickets.

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Don't forget to set your clocks back this coming Saturday night, November 1, at midnight.

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Happy Birthday to some of our fans and readers around the Ville: Happy Birthday to Helena Lafuente, the wife of Tony. It looks like Tony robbed the cradle here. Also, Happy Birthday wishes go out to Dennis Sullivan, who is a brand new dad as well. Dennis is one of the four Aldermen at Large, and we hope he has a great day. Happy Birthday to Barry Rollins, who is known throughout the city. We hope he has a great day for himself. Also celebrating this week is our own Clifton Verdieu, who grew up here and is now married. They are expecting a new baby very soon. It's probably going to be a girl since that's the norm lately. We wish him the very best. He's also a local real estate agent here in Somerville. Our good friend Dick

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## TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

### Response to 2014 Ballot Questions Statewide: Getting to know the issues

nomore says:

Vote Yes on Question 1. The legislature has decided to be cowardly and take a pass on their job of enacting taxes. They passed a law increasing the gas tax and included a provision that it would increase every January based on the rate of inflation (however, it will never decrease with the rate of inflation). That way, when faced with angry constituents, our brave politicians can shrug their shoulders and say they had nothing to do with increases. By the way, this question does not eliminate the increase voted on last year, just the future automatic increases. Even the Globe recommends voting Yes on 1. Does your salary increase with the rate of inflation each year? And by the way, lawmakers have already latched on to this with their new bottle bill, which would increase bottle deposits automatically each year! Educate yourself, and know what you are voting for!

Joe Taxpayer says:

This is a no-brainer. Send a message to the politicians by voting YES!!!

Alex says:

Vote no. In very simple terms, good tax policy should place higher taxes on things you want people to use less of and place lower taxes on things you want people to use more of. It's not a secret – gas (and all fossil fuels) are really harmful for communities/the environment. And, we will inevitably move away from using them in time – either because it will run out, we will extinct-ourselves, or we will find new technology. Adding taxes to gas (which is all ready absurdly subsidized) will make people consume less gas – they will be more aware of how much gas they are using – opt to walk instead, etc. That will also make people healthier. And, you can always avoid the impact of the tax – ride a bike, take public transit, walk around.

Log onto [TheSomervilleTimes.com](http://TheSomervilleTimes.com) to leave your own comments

## TheSomervilleTimes.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleTimes.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week's poll concerned your views on whether or not you are in favor of 2014 Ballot Question 4: Earned Sick Time for Employees. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com.

### Are you in favor of 2014 Ballot Question 4: Earned Sick Time for Employees



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# Q&A: Candidates for Governor

By The Times Staff

The Somerville Times submitted six questions to the candidates for Governor, along with the opportunity to include a short bio/statement. The following answers were submitted by the candidates:

Charlie Baker



**1. After your defeat four years ago against Governor Patrick, what made you decide to run again for the office?**

I really enjoyed running for governor. My wife, Lauren, and I made many new friends and loved traveling the state and talking to the hard-working people of Massachusetts. I have always been drawn to public service; the time I spent working for Governors Weld and Cellucci were the most rewarding years of my professional life. I think Massachusetts is a great state with limitless potential but I don't think our state government is giving people the government they deserve right now. I decided to run for governor again because I believe I have the right skills and right experience to make Massachusetts great for everyone, with more jobs, better schools and stronger communities.

**2. If elected Governor would you continue to support and fight for the Green Line extension, alongside of the rest of Somerville's residents and delegation?**

If elected, I will continue to support the Green Line extension and work to ensure that the project is completed efficiently and on time. This project will be a catalyst for economic development in Somerville.

**3. Would you support the vote on Question 1 on the ballot if voted down by the voters?**

I believe that if the people's representatives want to raise taxes they should have to stand up and be held accountable. I respect the will of the voters and I look forward to reducing taxes across the board in a fiscally responsible fashion as Governor.

**4. What do you think of the one party**

**rule in Massachusetts?**

One party rule leads to a lack of transparency and accountability on Beacon Hill. The current political climate on Beacon Hill is one that is entrenched and protected by special interests who are all of the same party. I served eight years in the Weld and Cellucci administrations and saw how productive state government can be when both sides have to work together and compromise. As Governor, I will work across party lines to craft legislation that will make real and meaningful improvements to our economy and the lives of our citizens.

**5. What is your opinion on transparency in the present Administration?**

Over the past several years, there have been some concerning incidents that have shown that a lack of transparency is a problem that must be addressed. The failed Health Connector website which cost the taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars is a disappointing example of broken state agencies that need reform. I have proposed many reforms that will improve accountability in state government. My initiatives include ethics training, transparency in hiring, and annual random audits of agencies' hiring practices.

**6. What is an issue affecting Somerville you would address as Governor?**

Throughout my campaign, I have talked about the importance of economic development and affordable housing in cities across the Commonwealth. I will work with members of the community in Somerville to support the Assembly Square project and work to mitigate the impact on Somerville of the Wynn resort project. While supporting growth, I will also work with members of the community to ensure that housing remains affordable for its residents and that small businesses continue to grow and create jobs.

**Bio/statement:**

Charlie Baker is a Republican candidate for governor of Massachusetts. A former Secretary of Administration and Finance under Governors Weld and Cellucci, and former CEO of Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, Charlie has been a highly successful leader of complex organizations in both the private and public sectors.

As part of the Weld/Cellucci Administration, Charlie helped turn a billion-dollar deficit into a surplus, create a half million jobs, and enact ambitious education reforms. As Secretary of Administration and Finance, he oversaw a number of cost-saving reforms, modernizing state

government and making it more efficient.

As CEO of Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, Charlie led the company out of receivership to become the highest ranked health plan in the country for member satisfaction and clinical effectiveness six years in a row. During his tenure, Harvard Pilgrim was named one of Boston Business Journal's "Best Places To Work" for seven straight years.

Raised in Needham, Charlie attended public schools and is a graduate of Harvard College. He earned an MBA from Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University. Charlie and his wife, Lauren, have been heavily involved in numerous civic and charitable endeavors. They live in Swampscott, and have three children: Charlie, AJ, and Caroline.

Martha Coakley



**1. After your stunning defeat for US Senate race 4-years ago and how you fought back and got re-elected Attorney General, what made you decide to run for Governor this year?**

Martha is running for governor to be a voice for the people of Massachusetts who need one and to fight for everyone's interests, not just the interests of big corporations. Over the course of her career, she has continually stood up for the people of Massachusetts by going after the big banks on Wall St. that crashed our economy. As Governor, she will move Massachusetts forward and create an economy that is fair and prosperous for everyone.

**2. If elected Governor would you continue to support and fight for the Green Line Extension, alongside of the rest of Somerville's residents and delegation?**

Decades of underinvestment have left us with roads and bridges that are crumbling and a public transportation system that is seriously outdated. The condition of the Commonwealth's transportation system and other public infrastructure is critical

to supporting our economy, promoting economic growth in every region, and reducing our impact on the environment. With that in mind, the Green Line Extension is exactly the type of high-impact project that Martha would look to pursue, because meaningful investments in our infrastructure now will help ensure economic prosperity and save Massachusetts' taxpayers millions of dollars in the future.

As such, public transportation infrastructure is a critical link to connecting businesses, workers, and consumers to each other, and to economic hubs across the state, from metro Boston to Springfield.

**3. Would you support the vote on Question 1 on the ballot if voted down by the voters?**

Martha believes that if voters decided that the gas tax should not be tied to the consumer price index, then as a Commonwealth we would need to rethink the way that we invest in our infrastructure, our roads, bridges and rails.

**4. What do you think of the one party rule in Massachusetts?**

Over the last eight years in Massachusetts, Governor Patrick and the legislature have led the way forward for our Commonwealth. Our economy has improved thanks to the strategic investments Governor Patrick has made in education, innovation and infrastructure. And now families in Massachusetts have begun to rebuild after Wall St. crashed our economy. But that doesn't mean we should be complacent. We have a long way to go, and Martha understands that. Those cities outside of Boston need help to restart their economies, and Martha has a plan to invest \$500 million in those cities and towns that need it most with her regional economic plan.

The ability of the Governor to work with the legislature, regardless of their party, is essential to moving Massachusetts forward. Aside from the parties and politics, it's about the people. Martha is looking forward to working with elected officials, both Democrat and Republican, to serve the people of the Commonwealth.

**5. What is your opinion on transparency in the present Administration?**

In any administration, transparency in government is a critical part of people trusting the government that serves them. With that in mind, transparency will be a staple element in the Coakley Administration.

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## THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

From the family of Tina (Scimone) Pagliarulo we wish to thank the Somerville Police Department (especially Timmy Mitsakis, Stephen Jones and Paul Anderson) and all others involved in the wonderful traffic escort that was given to our mother on Tuesday, October 14, 2014. We are sure it made her feel special, like a queen (which she was). Second, we wish to thank the Doherty Funeral Services (especially Patrick, Nancy and Augie) for

their respect, dignity and professionalism that they showed us throughout the entire process. It comforted and made us feel good. Finally, we wish to thank all family and friends who showed their love and support of our beloved Tina, as the gates to heaven and eternal happiness were opened for her. We appreciate, thank and love you all, especially TINA!

Thanks again,  
The Pagliarulos

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# THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

## Pizza pit stop put on ice

A police officer who was standing at the corner of Kent St. and Somerville Ave. last Monday reportedly observed a vehicle jump the sidewalk on Somerville Ave., cross the burm and proceed into the parking lot of the strip mall there.

According to the officer, the driver exited the vehicle and

staggered towards the corner of the building on Kent St. and began urinating on the wall.

The officer approached the man, later identified as Kevin Moore, of Cambridge, and asked if he was all right. Moore reportedly responded that he wished for the officer to stop bothering him and that he

wanted a pizza. They were, at this time, standing in front of a Papa John's pizza restaurant.

According to the officer, Moore had a strong odor of alcohol, very red and glassy eyes, and was having trouble standing and speaking.

When asked if he had been drinking, Moore said that he

did not know and questioned why it mattered to the officer, police said.

The officer repeatedly asked Moore to perform some field sobriety tests, but he reportedly did not respond and first, and eventually asked the officer to leave him alone so he could get a pizza.

Moore reportedly got louder as he continued his refusals to cooperate with the officer, according to reports, and when he tried to walk past the officer he was restrained and placed under arrest. He was subsequently charged with operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

## Snip and grab team nabbed

Police were called to the Target store on Somerville Ave. last Sunday on reports that two individuals were seen attempting to cut security wires attached to merchandise.

Upon arrival, the officers were met outside by an Asset Protection Specialist, who report-

ed that the suspects were still in the store. They were further informed that on the previous evening the same suspects were observed cutting the security wires and taking merchandise out of the store before the police could arrive.

The officers positioned them-

selves by the exits and waited for the suspects to try to leave the building.

One of the suspects was stopped as he attempted to leave the store and was taken to the Asset Protection office.

The second suspect attempted to run past an officer when he no-

ticed that his accomplice had been detained, according to reports.

The second suspect was likewise detained and taken into custody by police.

The two men, Thomas Celona, of Cotuit, and Michael Leone, of Chelsea, were reportedly shown in the store security video clip-

ping the security wires and putting merchandise into plastic bags and pockets.

They were reportedly found to have nearly \$400 worth of store merchandise in their possession when detained. They were both placed under arrest for larceny over \$250.

## SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

### Arrests:

**Shawn Frederick**, of 7 Vine St., Medford, October 20, 2:37 p.m., arrested at 175 Fellsway on a warrant charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

**Patrick Scully**, of 394 Broadway, October 20, 4:04 p.m., arrested at 300 Alewife Brook Pkwy. on a warrant charge of uninsured motor vehicle or trailer.

**Ranny Nascimento**, of 221 Bennington St., East Boston, October 20, 7:18 p.m., arrested at Jaques St. on a warrant charge of miscellaneous municipal ordinance violation.

**Alton Matro**, of 68 Ather-ton St., October 21, 1:05 p.m., arrested at 10 Lowell St. on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

**Randolph Gilchrist**, of 6 William Pl., Medford, October 21, 2:04 p.m., arrested at Meacham St. on charges of possession of a class A drug and possession of a class B drug.

**James Marino**, of 41 Edward St., Medford, October 21, 7:39 p.m., arrested at Meacham St. on a charge of possession of a class A drug.

**Mark Harvey**, of 5 Newhall St., Dorchester, October 22, 7:22 p.m., arrested at 191 Inner Belt Rd. on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

**Randy Cannon**, of 4 Dux-

bury Rd., Mattapan, October 23, 7:14 a.m., arrested at 43 Third Ave. on a charge of larceny from a building.

**Undrei Jefferson**, of 8 Westville Terr., Dorchester, October 23, 1:35 p.m., arrested at 709 McGrath Hwy. on warrant charges of larceny over \$250 and miscellaneous municipal ordinance violation.

**Sean Kiley**, of 83 Gilman St., Quincy, October 24, 4:51 p.m., arrested at 300 Canal St. on a charge of larceny over \$250 and on a warrant charge of larceny over \$250.

**Nikia James**, of 10 New Town Court, Cambridge, October 25, 2:10 a.m., arrested at 330 Great River Rd. on a charge of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

**Clairedine Pierre**, of 55 Columbia St., Cambridge, October 25, 2:10 a.m., arrested at 333 Great River Rd. on a charge of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

**Lynn Winn**, of 52 Elmwood St., October 25, 7:01 p.m., arrested at 219 Broadway on charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a revoked registration, failure to signal, and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

**Thomas Celona**, of 53 Forest Hill Rd., Cotuit, October 26, 7:01 p.m., arrested at 180 Somerville Ave. on a charge of larceny over \$250.

**Michael Leone**, of 165 Cot-

tage St., Chelsea, October 26, 8:04 p.m., arrested at 180 Somerville Ave. on charges of larceny over \$250 and resisting arrest and on warrant charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and trespassing on state or county property.

**Kevin Moore**, of 60 Highland Ave., Cambridge, October 27, 12:46 a.m., arrested at 622 Somerville Ave. on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

### Incidents:

#### Theft:

October 21, 2:54 p.m., police reported a theft at Perry St.

October 21, 6:32 p.m., police reported a theft at Derby St.

October 21, 8:31 p.m., police reported a theft at Lexington Ave.

October 22, 12:16 p.m., police reported a theft at 276 Elm St.

October 23, 7:14 a.m., police reported a theft at 43 Third Ave.

October 23, 2:33 p.m., police reported a theft at Highland Ave.

October 23, 2:52 p.m., police reported a theft at 499 Broadway.

October 24, 6:33 a.m., police reported a theft at Broadway.

October 24, 4:53 p.m., police reported a theft at Temple St.

October 25, 9:11 a.m., police reported a theft at 75 Mystic Ave.

October 25, 11:55 a.m., po-

lice reported a theft at Houghton St.

October 25, 11:12 a.m., police reported a theft at Hudson St.

October 25, 1:08 p.m., police reported a theft at 81 Holland St.

October 26, 5:24 p.m., police reported a theft at Linden Ave.

October 26, 8:04 p.m., police reported a theft at 180 Somerville Ave.

### Robbery:

October 24, 8:18 p.m., police reported a robbery at Craigie St.

October 25, 1:19 a.m., police reported a robbery at Newton St.

### Breaking & Entering:

October 21, 9:50 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Wallace St.

October 21, 2:48 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Pinckney St.

October 25, 8:07 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Medford St.

October 25, 10:57 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Chandler St.

### Vehicle Theft:

October 21, 7:17 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at 75 Mystic Ave.

### Assault:

October 24, 10:14 p.m., police reported an assault at Broadway.

October 24, 10:39 p.m., police reported an assault at Broadway.

October 25, 2:10 a.m., police reported an assault at Great River Rd.

October 26, 3:41 p.m., police reported an assault at 150 Glen St.

### Destruction of Property:

October 22, 9:46 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at Warner St.

October 22, 10:20 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at 282 Somerville Ave.

October 23, 7:00 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Sycamore St.

October 23, 7:22 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Melvin St.

October 23, 7:44 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Oak St.

October 25, 9:44 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Partridge Ave.

### Drug Violation:

October 21, 2:04 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Meacham St.

### Disorderly Conduct:

October 24, 12:36 p.m., police reported a disorderly conduct at Memorial Rd.

### Liquor Violation:

October 22, 7:22 p.m., police reported a liquor violation at Inner Belt Rd.



# Q&A: Candidates for 34th Middlesex District State Representative

**By The Times Staff**

*The Somerville Times submitted five questions to the candidates for the 34th Middlesex District State Representative seat, along with the opportunity to include a short bio/statement. The following answers were submitted by the candidates:*

**Nicholas A. Lanzilli**



## 1. Why did you decide to run for this office?

I want to be part of the social, educational and financial responsibility the job requires. Recognizing the large, working, middle class families that make up this district and with whom I grew up with, and having no specific agenda but to listen, hear and represent the concerns which have been ignored by politicians is reason good enough for me to run.

While some people talk about getting involved, I want to act and be involved. We can do better and deserve better. I will be a leader that this District can call on and work diligently for on their behalf.

## 2. What would your priority be in your first term of office concerning Somerville?

I am not running on any particular agenda, but rather on the idea that common sense will direct my responsibility. I plan to be a responsible supporter of our children's education and act accordingly. I shall investigate recent talks surrounding a new high school or renovating the old one and what financial needs may be required. I plan to work and support getting more funding for our public sector workers so that they have the necessary tools and equipment to keep Somerville safe. I shall investigate work necessary to fix our infrastructure as required or requested.

## 3. Do you support the Green Line Extension? Please explain why.

I have been an advocate for the Green Line extension finally coming to the Somerville, College Avenue location being part of the original, Big Dig, mitigation requirement.

That being said, the further proposed Green Line expansion from College Avenue to the Medford, Route 16 Mystic Valley Parkway location needs to address concerns of all residences and businesses to be affected

While campaigning and walking and talking with my neighbors and businesses to be affected by this possible expansion, I hear their concerns. As their representa-

tive, I shall advocate ensuring their issues and concerns are addressed, resolved and mitigated responsibly.

## 4. Are you for the repeal of the Gas Tax Law, presently Question 1 on the ballot?

The taxpaying people of the entire Commonwealth are hard working people who deserve to have leaders who represent them with common sense, intelligence and responsibly.

I would not abdicate my legislative responsibility by hiding behind a proposed tax law (allegedly long overdue) not requiring my vote ever to change it. As such, I am against attaching the gas tax to the rate of inflation. Compounding this gas tax law with the proposed 36% National Grid electric rate increase scheduled for this winter are additional financial burdens challenging taxpayers everyday struggle to meet their debt obligations and for some to survive.

## 5. What do you think of one party rule in Massachusetts?

My involvement in this race is not about a one party rule or not but rather electing an individual, such as myself, that realizes the extreme positioning of both Democrats and Republicans serves no purpose but to cause great discord.

This being the outset of my political career and wanting to engage in the greatest amount of exposure as to why I am running, I decided to run as an un-enrolled candidate. To achieve my goal for this election has demanded community support, political expenditures and family and friends commitments that has come at a high value of success.

### Bio/statement:

Hello,

I am Nicholas Lanzilli, a candidate for the office of State Representative for the 34th Middlesex District. I am a lifetime Medford resident, a Medford High School graduate and a college graduate of the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA. I work as an associate construction consultant.

For those of you who have yet to hear about me or meet me, let me tell you why I am seeking your support to be your new state representative.

While I do appreciate that both Medford and Somerville are dynamic communities that honor its history by wanting to build upon its' life of economic and educational building blocks, I want to have the opportunity to be part of how our cities' futures can best promote the greatest benefit for its citizens.

To do this, we need to employ realistic, common sense decisions for our state and city's social and financial, issue, solving ability.

Major campaign issues of mine have been: (a) supporting the Green Line Extension to Rt. 16 in Medford upon resolution of community impact issues, (2) public school education programs and ensuring that our kids have the opportunity to a great education (3) effective drug programs for drug abuse (4) And

protecting and supporting our seniors and retirees.

I ask you to keep an open mind as I listen to your concerns and you to my positions. I welcome this opportunity in presenting myself and my platform to be your new State Representative of the 34th Middlesex District

Thank you.

**Christine Barber**



## 1. Why did you decide to run for this office?

I am running for State Representative because we live in a vibrant, diverse community and I believe we have the opportunity to work together as neighbors to strengthen our community and improve the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. I bring experience working in state government, commitment to people in our communities, and dedication to the shared progressive ideals of Medford and Somerville to be an exceptional advocate. My work in and around the State House has taught me that it is possible to improve the lives of my neighbors and strengthen the community through good policy decisions.

## 2. What would your priority be in your first term of office concerning Somerville?

The number one priority is ensuring that the Green Line Extension is completed to Rt. 16 in Medford and that it includes community input to meet all of our local needs. I am strongly committed to moving the Green Line through the process to become a reality in our neighborhoods.

## 3. Do you support the Green Line Extension? Please explain why.

I strongly support the Green Line Extension, which will serve thousands of people who are currently without good access to public transportation. The Green Line will reduce car usage and have significant environmental effects, it will bring substantial business to the local economy, particularly to small businesses, and it will help make our neighborhoods more connected. Massachusetts has a legal commitment to complete the Green Line Extension, but this will require close coordination with the community to make sure that everyone's needs are heard and addressed throughout planning and construction.

## 4. Are you for the repeal of the Gas Tax Law, presently Question 1 on the ballot?

I am opposed to the repeal of the law that indexes the Massachusetts gas tax to keep up with inflation, Question 1 on the ballot. Repair of our roads and bridges keeps us safe. It is vitally important that this funding is available to maintain our roadways as well as public transportation. Without this law, a number of projects slated for Somerville and Medford will be at risk. And loss of this funding could result in a withdrawal of federal funds toward the Green Line Extension.

## 5. What do you think of one party rule in Massachusetts?

Since Massachusetts elected a Democratic Governor to work with the majority Democratic House and Senate, our state has seen strong gains in a number of areas. Currently, Massachusetts ranks first in education, energy efficiency, health care coverage, veteran's services, economic competitiveness, precision manufacturing, life sciences and a number of other areas. We need only look at the dysfunction in Washington to understand the failures of partisan politics. In Massachusetts, there is strong support for the ideals of the Democratic Party and it has created meaningful results in our state.

### Bio/statement:

Christine Barber has spent her career advocating for working families and local communities. As a leading staffer in the State House, she helped craft the largest expansion of health care coverage in the history of Massachusetts. She has continued to work for the past eight years as a senior health policy analyst both in Massachusetts and across the US. She listens to patients' problems with the health care system and stands up to industry to work toward high-quality, affordable health care for everyone.

Christine is a leader in the Somerville Community Corporation, working with residents to bring development that works for the local community. She is Vice Chair of the Ward 4 Democratic Committee and a leader in the Progressive Democrats of Somerville, a group that has helped to elect Democrats at the local and state levels.

Christine is the daughter of a public school teacher and manufacturing plant manager. After graduating from college, Christine joined the Jesuit Volunteer Corps and served as a community organizer working with low-income women and their families. Christine earned her Masters of Public Administration from the University of Massachusetts Amherst and her Bachelor's degree from the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester.

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# Somerville Police motorcycle officer injured in accident



According to the Somerville Police Department, Traffic Officer Robert Hickey was involved in a motor vehicle crash while operating a police motorcycle at 9:10 a.m. on Monday. This crash occurred at the intersection of Medford Street and Pearl Street and involved a 1995 Honda Odyssey operated by a male out of Malden, MA. Officer Hickey, a 20 year department veteran, was transported to Mass General Hospital via Cataldo Ambulance suffering from serious but non-life threatening injuries. The crash is under investigation by the Somerville Police Accident Reconstruction Team.

— Photo by Donald F. Norton

## Shooting on Otis St.

By Tom Bannister

A shooting on Otis St. was reported to have taken place at approximately 8:00 p.m. Monday evening.

A 25-year-old man was reportedly shot in the arm and taken by ambulance to Mass General hospital. The wound is said to not be life-threatening.

Witnesses have reported that four or five shots were heard, but it was not known if the victim was the intended target.

The Somerville Police Department

has issued the following statement about the incident:

“On Monday, October 27, 2014, at 7:50 p.m., the Somerville Police Department received 911 calls reporting gunshots heard in the vicinity of Otis St. and Cross St. Responding Officers were met by a 25-year-old male victim who appeared to have sustained a gunshot wound to his left arm. The victim’s injury appeared to be non-life threatening and he was transported to Massachusetts General Hospital via

Cataldo Ambulance. Police searched the area to no avail for two male Hispanic suspects in their late 20s that fled the scene in an unknown direction. This incident is under investigation by the Somerville Police Department and the Massachusetts State Police Ballistics Division. If anyone has any information regarding this incident, please contact Detective Jonathon Thermidor of the Somerville Police Criminal Investigation Division at 617-625-1600, extension 7231.”

## ‘Paint-By-Goya’ creation hits the street

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painting one of Goya’s masterpieces,” said Peter R. Greiff, Head of Communications and Corporate Affairs at Santander. “This project brings the community together to create and

appreciate art and is one of the many ways in which we show our commitment to Boston and New England.”

The community “Paint-By-Goya” mural is inspired by the

170 paintings, prints and drawings of Goya’s work that are included in the “Goya: Order and Disorder” exhibition, which is on view at the MFA now through January 19, 2015.

## Halloween Fun at ‘Haunted Hall’

The first annual “Haunted Hall” event takes place on Thursday, Oct. 30 from 6 to 8 p.m. at City Hall and the City Hall concourse. The family-friendly event will feature a costumed Halloween Stroll, safe Trick-or-Treating inside City Hall, games and activities, refreshments, a Haunted Walkway tour, and more. Youngsters are invited to participate in the annual “Halloween Stroll,” relocated from the Community Path for this event, stepping off at 6:15 p.m. Costumes are encouraged for all ages, and all “haunted” elements will be appropriate for attendees of all ages. For more information, contact Jackie Rossetti at 617-625-6600 ext 2614, or JRossetti@somervillema.gov.



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Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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| 1. It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown is a very popular animated Halloween television special based on a comic strip by which American cartoonist? | largest of the Hawaiian Islands?  |
| 2. In which country did the practice of trick-or-treating originate?  | 8. Who was the first US president Barbara Walters interviewed?  |
| 3. The fear of Halloween is known by what other name?   | 9. What type of rock is granite?  |
| 4. What popular fruit was named after a papal estate outside Rome?  | 10. What is the name of the atmospheric gas which screens out the sun's harmful ultraviolet radiation?  |
| 5. Who wrote the words for My Fair Lady and Camelot?  | 11. How much did Weight Watchers founder Jean Nidetch weigh in 1963 when she came up with the concept that helped her shed pounds and make a fortune? |
| 6. What type of shop was the Little Shop of Horrors?  | 12. What part of the human body can expand 20 times its normal size?  |
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- Monday November 3**  
hawn Carter's Cheapshots Comedy Jam 7 p.m.  
Marley Mondays with Duppy Conquerors 10 p.m.
- Tuesday November 4**  
Ian Fitzgerald, Hannah Fair, Meadows Brothers
- Wednesday November 5**  
Free Poker, lots of prizes! 8 p.m.
- Thursday November 6**  
BYOBluegrass Party grassy Thursdays 8 p.m.
- Friday November 7**  
Hashtag Hoedown with Frank, Jimmy & more 6 p.m.  
Asa Brebner Band, Cal Cali Band, Tsunami of Sound, Last Ones \$5 cover 9 p.m.
- Saturday November 8**  
Tom Hagerty Band 6 p.m.  
Steve Walther Orchestra, Axemunkee, Johnny Blazes & the Pretty Boys \$5 cover 9 p.m.
- Sunday November 9**  
Fiendish Thingies 8 p.m.



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# Our thoughts on the four State ballot questions

Questions: 1 – YES • 2 – NO • 3 – NO • 4 – YES

By The Times Staff

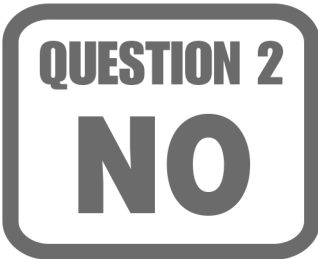
## Question #1: Vote “yes” to stop the new law going into effect for automatic gas tax increase

The legislators voted to enact a law to take effect January 1st that would give automatic tax increases on the gas tax and those increases are to be connected to the CPI (Consumer Price Index) every year. The problem is that it is automatic and we will have no say in either increasing it, or leaving it alone or even decreasing it. The law they propose allows no decrease in the gas tax. Accordingly, we already pay for each gallon 26.5 cents in state gas tax and another 18.4 cents for the federal tax, so that every time you go to the gas pump you have to spend about \$6.73 for taxes for every 15 gallons purchased. Of course the legislators want us to go along with it. What is even worse is that they, along with AAA, are telling us to vote “yes,” and even using scare tactics in their commercials. Nowhere in the proposed law does it say what the money is going towards, never mind having new streets, highways and bridges. This law would just automatically increase taxes every year. Imagine, this happens every year and the legislators can in all good conscience say they did not vote for the increase because it is the law. Either way, AAA or the legislators must think we are stupid. The ad by AAA is misleading. Ask yourself what happens to the existing .44 cents per gallon. Where does it go? You might be surprised at the whole answer. If, for nothing else, we think our legislators should not make any tax automatic. They should go on record each year and then have the courage to make the revenue go towards improving our roads and bridges. If you agree then vote “yes” to remove this law. Check out the web site <http://www.tankthegastax.org>.



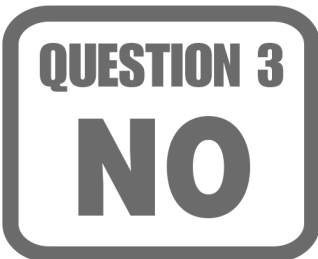
## Question #2: Vote “no” to expand the beverage container deposit law

This law would expand the present deposit bottle bill from what we know today to include a host of other containers from non-alcoholic, non-carbonated drinks with certain exceptions. This is just another money grab by the state. We already have a waste program, you know the large green barrels that were given for free, and we are saving individually without paying the deposit. We think a “no” vote would be sensible to keep this law off the books. A “no” vote is good for consumers in the long run. Check out the web site <http://www.noonquestion2.com>.



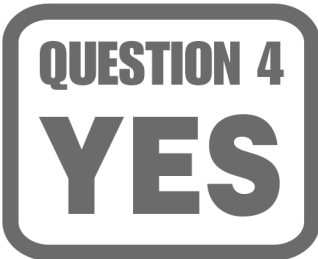
## Question #3: Vote “no” to do away with current law for gaming and casinos

We lose over a billion dollars to Connecticut and Rhode Island gaming casinos with Massachusetts residents driving down there or taking buses that leave the city and state every week. We believe this law, which was enacted for the casinos that have already been planned for both Everett and Springfield, would create a boom for construction and permanent jobs for both areas. Springfield is desperately in need of this boost to help pick up their economy. We also think that tax revenues for both local communities and the state will benefit greatly, which is why the law was enacted in the first place. We support keeping those estimated billions of dollars here in Massachusetts. We also think to vote this law out at this stage would be harmful to all concern right now. As far a casino in Everett is concerned, we think it will not hurt our area or tax base at all. We think it will help to make the Assembly Row area even better. We think voting “yes” now would be the wrong thing to do. Casting a “no” vote is the right thing to do. Check out the web site <http://www.protectmassjobs.com>.

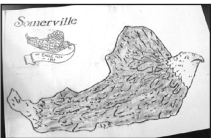


## Question #4: Vote “yes” on this proposed law, earned sick time for employees

This proposed law would require employers with certain conditions (companies with 11 or more workers) to offer earned sick time. A “yes” vote will allow workers in Massachusetts to earn up to 40 hours of sick time a year to take care of their own or a family member’s health. Workers would earn one hour of sick time for every 30 hours worked. They can use their sick time only after working for 90 days. A “yes” vote for this initiative is a fair and equitable solution for a worker who otherwise might have to choose between losing a day’s pay or staying home to take care of their health or a family member’s health. Voting “yes” on this question is the right thing to do. Check out the web site <http://www.raiseupma.org>.



# The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week



Eagle feathers #64

## On Guard!

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

Olympia was her name ... fencing was her game ... and acting was her fame.

Her immigrant mother and father came to America from Greece and named her after the fields of Olympia, the site of the ancient games. As a young girl, she grew up in the tough ethnic neighborhoods of Lowell and Somerville and learned to be a scrapper while living here before, during, and after World War II.



She volunteered at Christmas time to ring Salvation Army bells; and with her love of books and reading, she haunted the Somerville Library. She diverted her aggressions to basketball courts, and later by taking up fencing with the Boston Fencing Club, the oldest in the nation. In this arena, she found that she fit like a glove, winning the New England Fencing Championship three years in a row.

This energy was paramount in her life-long development into the Oscar-winning actress of today whose star decorates Hollywood Boulevard. After her high school years, she trained for and survived the dangerous occupation of physical therapy. It was risky, because this was during the country’s worst Polio epidemic years. She then returned to school at Boston University, pursuing her life-long passion of acting.

Olympia perfected her craft and won the laurel-wreath of acting, an Oscar, for the movie Moonstruck. This opened the floodgates to other acting opportunities, in movies such as Working Girl, Steel Magnolias, Mr. Holland’s Opus and Look Who’s Talking. These and many other opportunities also came her way.



She became so popular that she was selected to introduce her cousin, the past Massachusetts Governor and then Democratic Presidential candidate to the Democratic National Convention. Another leaf in her laurel cap was the naming of four Greek salad dressings after her. To some, this put Olympia on the same table as Newman’s Own.

Applause and laurels to Somerville’s actress and champion, Olympia Dukakis. Touché!



# Beacon Hill Roll Call



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

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



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



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



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

In a recent *Beacon Hill Roll Call* report, we listed the votes of local legislators on the proposal to repeal the indexing of the gas tax to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) beginning in 2015. The tax would be adjusted annually, without a vote of the Legislature, based on any increase or decrease in the CPI. There is no limit as to how high the tax could go but it could not dip below 21.5 cents per gallon. This proposal to repeal the indexing is now on the November ballot as Question #1.

In order to give a more complete picture, we are again listing state legislators' votes on the repeal of the indexing but adding votes on a transportation package that includes several tax hikes as well as the indexing of the gas tax to inflation beginning in 2015.

**REPEAL AUTOMATIC GAS TAX ADJUSTMENTS**  
House 53-95, Senate 8-31, rejected an amendment that

would repeal the indexing of the gas tax to the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

(A "Yes" vote is for repealing the indexing of the gas tax to the Consumer Price Index (CPI). A "No" vote is against repeal and in favor of the indexing.)

Rep. Denise Provost	No
Rep. Timothy Toomey	No
Sen. Sal DiDomenico	No
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No

**VOTE ON APPROVING MILLIONS IN TAX HIKES PLUS INDEXING THE GAS TAX**  
House 106-47 and Senate 34-6, approved a transportation package that includes an estimated \$500 million in tax hikes plus the indexing of the gas tax to the CPI beginning in 2015.

Gov. Deval Patrick vetoed the package. The House 123-33, and the Senate 35-5, then overrode the veto and the hikes became law. Patrick said he vetoed the package because it did not raise enough revenue.

Some supporters said the package is a reasonable and responsible one that will provide millions in revenue to begin to solve many of the structural and financial problems that plague the state's transportation system. House Speaker Robert DeLeo said, "I think that we have provided a good piece of legislation providing proper financing for transportation for many years to come."

Other supporters said they reluctantly voted for the package as the lesser of two evils. They said they would rather vote for these hikes than vote to sustain the governor's veto and have the process start from scratch again with the looming prospect of passage of an even bigger tax package that Patrick wants.

Sixteen Democratic legislators who voted in favor of overriding the veto of the tax hikes had previously voted against the hikes. One of these legislators, Rep. Josh Cutler (D-Duxbury), said, "This override was a vote against the governor's push for even higher taxes. It's as simple as that." MassGOP Chairman Kirsten Hughes had a different perspective. "(Some) Democrats caved in to the Beacon Hill bosses and voted for a massive tax hike that even some Democrats said will hit middle class families hard," said Hughes.

The 16 Democrats who initially voted against the tax hikes and later voted for them include: Sens. Kathleen O'Connor Ives (D-Newburyport) and James Timilty (D-Walpole); Reps. James Arciero (D-Westford), Brian Ashe (D-Longmeadow), Bruce Ayers (D-Quincy), Sean Curran (D-Springfield), Josh Cutler (D-Duxbury), Stephen DiNatale (D-Fitchburg), Diana DiZoglio (D-Methuen), James Dwyer (D-Woburn), Colleen Garry (D-Dracut), Danielle Gregoire (D-Marlborough), Paul Heroux (D-Attleboro), Thomas Petrolati (D-Ludlow), Walter Timilty (D-Milton) and Jonathan Zlotnik (D-Gardner).

Opponents said the proposed tax hikes will hurt already overburdened taxpayers and businesses and urged the state to live within its means. House Minority Leader Bradley Jones (R-North Reading) said, "(The) vote in the House of Representatives is about one thing and one thing only -- a crippling tax increase. Massachusetts taxpayers should not be lulled into a false sense of hope that the \$500 million tax increase approved by House

Democrats is better than the nearly \$2 billion increase being pushed by Gov. Patrick."

(Both roll calls are listed. The first one is on approving the hikes. The second is on overriding the governor's veto of the hikes. On both roll calls, a "Yes" vote is for the tax hikes. A "No" vote is against them.)

Rep. Denise Provost	Yes/Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes/Yes
Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes/Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes/Yes

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

**ALLOW LIQUOR STORES TO OPEN EARLIER ON SUNDAYS (H 228)** - Sunday, October 26 is the first Sunday that liquor stores are allowed to open at 10 a.m. Prior to the law going into effect, these stores were prohibited from opening until noon. A total ban on Sunday sales of alcohol was state law until 2003 when it was repealed.

Supporters say the measure allows Bay State liquor stores to compete with those in border states that open before noon on Sundays.

Opponents say studies have shown the earlier hours do not increase liquor sales but rather spread existing sales out over a longer period of time.

**FLOOD INSURANCE (H 3783)** - A law that prohibits creditors from requiring homeowners to purchase flood insurance in amounts that exceed the outstanding balance of their mortgage took effect on October 21. Other provisions prohibit lenders from requiring coverage for the contents of a home or including a deductible of less than \$5,000.

Supporters say this would help reduce premiums for homeowners affected by new federal regulations that threaten to drive up the cost of flood insurance.

Opponents express concern that the bill would leave some homeowners with insufficient insurance and said the bill protects banks at the risk of homeowners.

**OFFICIAL GROUNDHOG (H 2864)** - Ms. G., the popular groundhog at the Massachusetts Audubon Society's Drumlin Farm, as of October 29 is the official groundhog of Massachusetts. Ms. G. is the Bay State counterpart to Pennsylvania's Punxsutawney Phil. The measure also requires that the popular groundhog be used as a mechanism to educate elementary school children on the importance of meteorology.

The bill was filed by Rep. Alice Peisch (D-Wellesley) on behalf of elementary school students at the Hunnewell School in Wellesley. Many of these types of bills are filed by legislators on behalf of classes of students as part of an exercise for youngsters to learn about the legislative process.

**VOLLEYBALL (S 1627)** - Volleyball will be the state's "official recreational and team sport" effective October 29. The proposal was sponsored by former Sen. Michael Knapik (R-Westfield) and Rep. Aaron Vega (D-Holyoke) on behalf of elementary school students at the Maurice A. Donohue School in Holyoke to help them learn about the legislative process. Supporters noted that



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volleyball was invented in 1895 in Holyoke by William Morgan. Legislation making basketball the “official state sport” (different from the “official recreational and team sport”) was signed into law in 2007. Many Patriots and Red Sox fans disagree with both of these designations.

**DISABLED VETS’ TAX EXEMPTIONS (H 2617, H 3645)** - Two bills that offer tax exemptions for veterans have been stuck in a House committee for more than a year after being given initial approval in October 2013. One bill would make more disabled veterans exempt from the auto sales tax and auto excise tax. Current law offers these exemptions to disabled veterans who buy a disabled veterans license plate for their car. The proposal would also offer the exemptions to disabled veterans who qualify for but have not purchased the special plate. The second measure exempts from the excise tax disabled veterans who lease cars. Current law only provides the exemption for a disabled veteran who buys the car.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

Last week, Gov. Patrick announced that the state had awarded a \$566.6 million contract to CNR MA, a Chinese rail car manufacturer, to supply the MBTA with 284 new Red Line and Orange Line cars to be assembled in Springfield. Some critics said the contract should not be awarded to a Chinese company because of China’s

human rights violations.

“The board and the governor made a terrible mistake by awarding them the contract. Massachusetts people are blessed with a legacy of fighting for human rights and freedom. I believe today, by their (the board’s) vote, their great record was tainted, deeply tainted ... The profit goes directly into the Chinese government and therefore strengthens a regime of continuing oppressing its own people.” — *Chai Ling, one of the student leaders in the 1989 Tiananmen Square protests in China.*

“We should vet any company we are doing business with from around the world on their human rights record ... There are a lot of people who have questioned the human rights record of the Chinese.” — *Rep. Byron Rushing (D-Boston), noting the state has refused to do business with countries that have poor records on human rights including South Africa and most recently Myanmar.*

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 im-

portant to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of 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 20-24, the House met for a total of one hour and 37 minutes and the Senate met for a total of four hours and 17 minutes.

Mon. October 20	House 11:01 a.m. to 11:09 a.m. Senate 11:10 a.m. to 3:18 p.m.
Tues. October 21	No House session No Senate session
Wed. October 22	No House session No Senate session
Thurs. October 23	House 11:04 a.m. to 12:33 p.m. Senate 11:02 a.m. to 11:11 a.m.
Fri. October 24	No House session No Senate session

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6. What is an issue affecting Somerville you would address as Governor?

Here in Somerville, we are lucky to have wonderful innovation and creative economies. Martha knows this well, as her campaign headquarters are based in the Assembly Row area of Somerville. Assembly Row—and its new T stop—is a great example of the kind of growth we can create in Somerville.

Somerville has a growing innovative and creative economic base, and as governor Martha will continue to support the investments Governor Patrick has made in our state’s booming innovation sector, and Martha will also continue to provide

support to help foster our creative sector here in Somerville.

Bio/statement:

A native of Berkshire County in Western Massachusetts, Martha has charted a career as a distinguished prosecutor before serving as Middlesex District Attorney and now as the Commonwealth’s first female Attorney General. She is a voice for fairness for those who need it most, and brings people together to drive innovative solutions to our biggest challenges.

Martha has successfully prosecuted some of the Commonwealth’s most dangerous criminals and brought landmark cases to protect consumers, taxpayers,

civil rights, and the environment.

Martha has been a national leader in addressing the economic crisis by holding big banks accountable and keeping people in their homes, protected civil rights as the first Attorney General to successfully challenge the Defense of Marriage Act, tackled fraud and corruption, championed major initiatives to address the costs of health care and energy, and recovered hundreds of millions of dollars back for the Commonwealth’s taxpayers. Martha is a passionate advocate for public safety, bringing justice to victims of crime and their families while implementing innovative

prevention programs in our schools and communities.

Martha was born and raised in North Adams. Her father was a World War II and Korean War veteran and a small business owner. Her mother was a homemaker raising five children. Martha was part of the first female class to attend Williams College, and received her J.D. from the Boston University School of Law. Martha lives in Medford with her husband, retired police Deputy Superintendent Thomas F. O’Connor, Jr., and their Labradors, Jackson and Jefferson.

Read more at <http://www.marthacoakley.com>.

The Somerville Times Best of Somerville 2014 Cast your vote!

You have until October 31 to vote for your favorite category. To cast your vote, email us at [thebestofsomerville@yahoo.com](mailto:thebestofsomerville@yahoo.com) or mail in your ballot to The Somerville Times, 699 Broadway, Somerville, MA 02144. The winners will be announced Wednesday, November 5, 2014. If you don’t see your favorite category here, simply add it to this list.

Best of Somerville Foods & Restaurants

- Best Breakfast
- Best Combination Breakfast & Lunch
- Best Italian Food
- Best Chinese Food
- Best Mexican Food
- Best Variety and all around Restaurant
- Best Seafood
- Best Irish Pub
- Best Local Bar
- Best Thai Food
- Best Hamburger at a Reasonable Price
- Best Hamburger at Any Price
- Best Mac & Cheese
- Best Hot-Dog
- Best Roast Beef Sandwich
- Best Pizza

- Best Drink
- Best Bakery
- Best Sub Shop
- Best Coffee Shop Franchise
- Best Coffee Shop local
- Best Bar Food

Best of Somerville Services

- Best Chef
- Best Electrician
- Best Plumber
- Best Attorney
- Best Teacher
- Best Politician
- Best City Worker
- Best Insurance Agent
- Best Real Estate Agent/Realtor
- Best Real Estate Rental Agent
- Best Bank Teller

- Best Bank Employee
- Best Waitress
- Best Waiter
- Best Bartender
- Best Cook
- Best Caterer
- Best Barber
- Best Hairdresser
- Best Boss
- Best Employee
- Best Doctor
- Best Nurse
- Best Eye Doctor
- Best Orthodontist
- Best Mortgage Officer
- Best Somerville Artist
- Best Somerville Poet
- Best Somerville Writer
- Best Somerville Celebrity

- Best City Elected Politician
- Best City Employee DPW
- Best City Employee City Hall/Annex

Best of Somerville Businesses

- Best Somerville Bank
- Best Real Estate Company
- Best Insurance Agency
- Best Creative Business in 2014
- Best Gas Station
- Best Auto Body Shop
- Best Tow Company
- Best Law Firm
- Best Convenient/Neighborhood Store
- Best Travel Agency
- Best Somerville Non Profit Agency
- Best Newspaper

Best Idea in 2014



## COMMENTARY

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## Housing affordability a monumental challenge that needs your support



By Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone and Ward 5 Alderman Mark Niedergang

We need bold action to address housing affordability in Somerville. Somerville is thriving, and lots of people want to live here. Young people want to live in hip cities and baby boomers are returning to the urban core. However, many of the people who have helped make our beloved city a wonderful place to live are being forced out by rising rents and home prices. What's at risk is the ethnic, racial and socio-economic diversity we treasure and the legacy that generations of working-class and immigrant families have established in Somerville. We cannot lose that.

There is a growing crisis across

the region; Greater Boston's housing supply has not kept up with population growth and demand causing escalating housing costs regionwide. The demand for housing near public transit is even more intense. So ironically, the Green Line Extension—so important for our economy, good jobs, environment and quality of life—intensifies the affordable housing challenge we face. Every time we hold an affordable housing lottery, we are inundated with a flood of applications from lower-income households. Middle class families with children looking to settle here find a dearth of options in their price range. Artists, teachers, social workers and even our own city employees are struggling to stay. And speculators are contacting homeowners, offering cash, looking to profit from the work we've put in to make Somerville a great place to live, work, play, raise a family and retire.

This month, we launched the Sustainable Neighborhoods initiative—a comprehensive plan

that builds upon the city's many ongoing initiatives to address affordability. Very specific immediate steps are included in this initiative, but we're just getting started and the effort will grow as we quickly identify additional solutions to pursue. As a key step toward this, we are creating a Sustainable Neighborhoods Working Group, engaging community members and city staff with a broad range of expertise and experience.

We don't have the luxury of time, so we'll be asking the Working Group to make its initial recommendations in the early spring. Earlier this year, the city partnered with the Metropolitan Area Planning Council and the Somerville Community Corporation on a report that detailed the likely effect of GLX on housing affordability. Somerville could become a mostly professional, upper-middle class community if we do not undertake decisive action—and if the 101 cities and towns in Greater Boston fail to do their part in

creating the 435,000 new homes needed by 2040.

Somerville has steadily addressed the need for affordable housing for years, but we need to step up our game in this changing and intensifying regional real estate market. This year, we passed legislation that gives Somerville residents the highest property tax exemption of any city or town in the Commonwealth and increased our linkage fee, which will produce an additional \$1 million for affordable housing over the next decade. We adopted a rezoning plan for Union Square that increases the required number of affordable units in residential projects around the future T station. Our community overwhelmingly passed the Community Preservation Act that is raising millions of dollars, much of which will be used to create affordable housing. We assist first-time homebuyers and help rehab homes in return for capping rents. Somerville has done a lot on the issue of affordability—

ty—but it's not enough.

We need to be bold and audacious. We can pick low-hanging fruit and not push ourselves out of our comfort zone, and still do some good work. But affordability is a problem that is growing; if we stay safe and comfortable, we will never catch up.

As part of the Sustainable Neighborhoods initiative, we will propose to increase the percentage of new housing developments that are affordable and expand our inclusionary zoning law to include housing for middle-income families and mandate more multi-bedroom family homes. We will seek an increase in our SomerVision goal, aiming for 9,000 new homes with at least 1,800 of those permanently affordable. We will seek historic changes to state law that will give us the power to offer tax incentives to landlords who keep rents affordable, and to allow us to levy a transfer tax on real estate speculators looking to make big profits by buying and quickly selling

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## Life in the by Jimmy Del Ponte

### Halloweens gone by



This article was originally published on October 28, 2009.

The worst part about trick or treating was trying to fit that flimsy costume over your bulky winter coat if it was cold out - but it didn't stop us from having a blast. I can't begin to tell you how much my son's mask and accessories set me back this year. It's shameful. My justification was how excited he got when he put on the get-up and wore it to a classmates costume party.

The old Ben Cooper costumes came in that small box with the cellophane covered opening so you could see the mask. The mask was the thinnest possible plastic available at the time. It had the skinny elastic held in place by putting the little metal ends through the holes in the mask. I often ended up breaking the elastic. Sometimes the holes in the mask would split and spread open. Dad would have to make a new hole or tape the hell out of it. I'm pretty sure the wool hat Mom made me wear under the mask helped break the elastics. That combined with the fact that I had a pretty big head to begin with.

Those costumes were okay except for the fact that the masks only covered the

front of your face. Your hair, ears, head and neck were exposed. For us kids, those costumes were great. Woolworths and WT Grants were our Halloween Costume headquarters.

I'll never forget those houses where you would get a handful of loose, unwrapped popcorn dropped into your sack. Sometimes it would be a few pennies scattered over the Milky Ways and Three Musketeers bars.

Here are some of my friend's recollections of Somerville Halloweens of yesterday:

- Those were the days. There were so many houses to go to, and your parents didn't have to worry about any houses to stay away from. And the candy bars were BIG. We used to fill up our bags, go home and dump them out, then head out again for more. I had so much candy one year, I still had some left in January.

- The Healey School Parades - all the kids in the school would dress in costumes and walk some of the streets. The kids loved seeing some of the teachers in costumes and all the parents would stand on the sidewalks cheering and taking pictures. Did anyone else carry noisemakers such as metal clickers or spinners?

- It was a tradition to go to Nana &

Nonno's house on Westwood Road so they could give us an apple with a quarter inside! Hey, what can I say, it was the 50's.

- When it rained we still went out - as "fishermen" with yellow slickers and those wide yellow hats. We finished our small block and then went out to Cedar Street to the triple deckers - 3 times the candy in one house!

- I actually don't have any memories, but I do know that the late Bobby "Boris" Pickett who wrote and recorded Monster Mash was from Somerville. He grew up watching horror movies at his father's movie theater and got the idea to imitate Boris Karloff, which inspired him to write Monster Mash.

- My mom dated Bobby "Boris" Pickett when she was younger.

- My favorite Halloween memory was that apartment building on the corner of Park and College next to the library. It was all elderly people and they used to come down into the lobby where they had a table set up. They gave us doughnuts and real apple cider. Sometimes if you had a really good costume-they would ask you to go upstairs to show someone who could not make it down to the lobby - can you image anything like that today? We also used the "go home,



dump and run policy" to re-fill our bags. The Woodbridge Inn (formerly on College Ave where Ciampa manor is now) also gave donuts and cider.

- There was an elderly couple somewhere in our neighborhood (Francesca and College Ave area), they made the taffy themselves and when they ran out they would apologize and offer you either some homemade cookies or a quarter.

- You guys lived in the rich neighborhood. We only got pennies.

- The old days are alive and well in my neighborhood (Lexington Ave)...we have so many Trick or Treaters we can barely keep up with them. We've counted as many as 200! I agree with everyone's memories above about hitting as many streets as you could and filling pillowcases with candy. We always had home-made costumes, none of

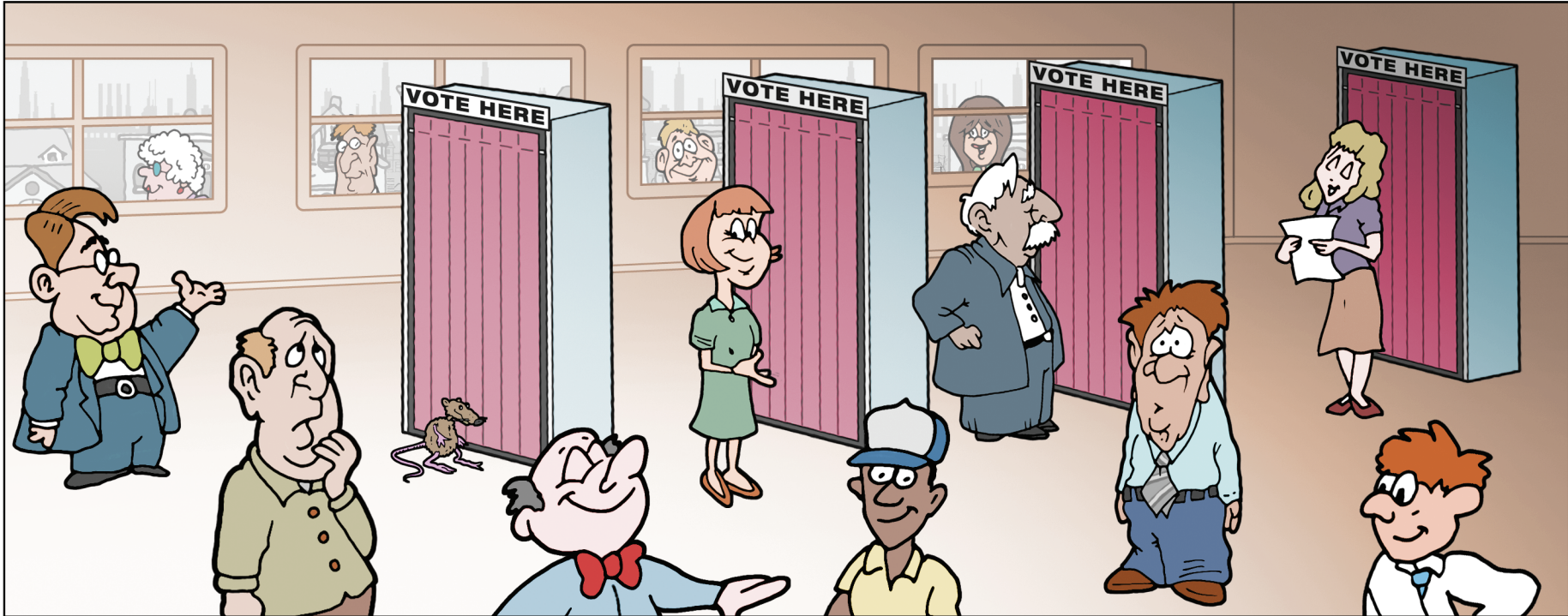
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# COMMENTARY

## SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Be sure to join the crowd and vote on Election Day.

### Our endorsements for the State Election CONT. FROM PG 1

We hope you join with us here at *The Somerville Times* in voting for Charlie Baker for Governor. We need to get away from the extreme left part of the Democratic Party of today. Look over his record online on his website and compare it to his opponent's. <http://www.charliebaker2014.com>.

#### Attorney General

We endorse and support Maura Healey for Attorney General. She has the experience, and we feel she is more qualified to do this job.

She has been with the AG's office now for many years and has made it clear that she does not need to be a work in progress. We strongly support her for the job. She has a proven track record in the Attorney General's office. <http://www.maurahealey.com>.

#### Secretary of State

For Secretary of State we have always supported and continue to support William Galvin, by far the best Secretary of State we have probably ever had. He has

always been a leader and continues to bring to this office more and more to help the residents of Massachusetts.

We cannot say enough about his role as Secretary of State and what he's done. He is a man with conviction, dedication and ethics that we need, so continue to support him along with us as we endorse William Galvin for Secretary of State. <http://www.billgalvin.org>.

#### District Attorney

Of course, we endorse Marian Ryan for District Attorney. We did so during the primary and we still do. She is from here and has local roots, and she is qualified for the job of Middlesex County District Attorney. Governor Patrick thought so when he appointed her last year when DA Leone resigned. Ryan has worked almost her entire law career in this office as an ADA. We are proud to support her for the job.

#### State Representative 34th Middlesex District

We endorse Christine Barber for Somerville/Medford State Representative of the 34th Middlesex District because she is right now the best choice for the voters here in Somerville. Even though she seems to be a one-issue candidate and leans more to the extreme left, her opponent from Medford is a nice guy, but his answer regarding the Green Line extension did not sit well with us. We need to have someone who is strongly in favor of it and will continue to work with all the residents and politicians of Somerville to keep the Green Line moving and become a reality.

We also feel she would work well with Denise Provost, the other State Representative here in Somerville, whom we also support. Other than that, we wish Barber would be less extreme in her progressive views, but for now she is going to get our vote (all who work here at *The Times* live in the district). Let's hope she works hard over the next two

years to represent us well. We think Christine Barber is the best-qualified candidate at this time. <http://www.christinebarber.org>.

#### State Representative 27th Middlesex District

We endorse for Somerville/Medford State Representative of the 27th Middlesex District current State Representative Denise Provost. We think she has done a great job representing us, the residents of Somerville.

She is dedicated and strongly committed to representing the entire city and all its residents, not just a small few. Provost is everywhere. She makes her presence known and is outspoken in her views.

If you didn't know anything, you do know where Provost stands on most of the issues. She is not extreme, but is very fair and you can talk to her about the various issues. You might not agree, but she is always available to talk to anyone. <http://www.deniseprovo.org>.

### Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

Hart, a man with many friends and relatives, an awesome guy, is always a willing and a chartable man. He has enough grandkids to fill up a room. A happy birthday to Erin DiBenedetto, who is from Somerville but now in Medford and serves on the school board over there. We certainly wish her all the best as well. Another big happy birthday to former Alderman and present SRA board member, the one and only James "Jim" McCarthy Senior who is celebrating this week. We don't want to make a big deal out of it, but he is a nice guy and is still very popular here in Somerville.

Well known local Attorney Phillip Privitera, who served as Past President re-

cently of the Middlesex Bar Association, will be honored on November 6 at the Montvale Plaza by his peers for outstanding service to the Association for the past two years. Attorney Privitera is a great family man, attorney and all around nice guy. We wish him the very best and congratulate him on receiving this award. We hopefully will have pictures to show. He deserves the honor by his peers.

Ward 6 Alderman Rebekah Gewirtz and her husband Andrew will be having a baby soon. Her due date is on Election Day, and how appropriate since mom is an Alderman. We hear she's voting by absentee ballot just in case. We wish both her, her husband

and baby all the very best.

Happy Anniversary to Matthew Kreimeyer and his lovely wife Terri DiJoseph who recently celebrated their 10th Anniversary. We wish them 100 more years of health and happiness. Matthew is head of Best Pest here in Somerville, located on Elm Street. It's been a family business for many years with his famous dad Rod. And we mean, who doesn't know Rod?

Over in Medford, City Councilor Adam Knight is having a fundraiser on Wednesday, November 19, at the Medford Elks on Washington Street (off Salem Street exit). Adam is very familiar with Somerville and worked at Senator

Charlie Shannon's office for a few years. Adam is newly elected in the last city elections over there and he's a very popular person in both cities.

Ward 3 Alderman Rob McWatters, the "contingents service Alderman," is going to have a fundraiser after the elections on November 19 at Sally O'Brien's on Somerville Avenue. He's very popular here in the city and we wouldn't be surprised to see the place packed. We did hear he's going to have some surprise guests who might just attend.

Somerville Adult Evening School is offering right now FREE Zumba first lesson beginning this week, on October 23, 6-7 p.m. If

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# Lynne Lenoir’s pictures of old Somerville

By Donald F. Norton

Going through some old boxes recently, Lynne Lenoir, a lifelong 4th generation resident of the city, found some of these interesting photos of old Somerville.

From the parade of 5 former mayors on Highland Avenue to a picture of Hodgdon Real Estate & Insurance, she thought she would share them with us.

Her grandfather had a sign company back in the day and her father Al, Jr. was in Real Estate. Lynne, herself an RN, is proud of her heritage and these pictures.

The picture of the happy girls from Somerville High was taken in 1906. The girl in the middle is Esther Phelan.

Lynne was over in Medford not to long ago and purchased the other Somerville picture book, which pre-dates the one done in the 70's. Some of the pictures in the book are displayed here.

We thank Lynne for allowing us to show the rest of the city some of the old time pictures. Lynne is very proud of her family and the positive glimpse that they contributed of our City of Somerville.



Photos courtesy of Lynne Lenoir





# ESCS celebrates Hispanic heritage

By The Times Staff

On October 10 the ESCS school community came together to celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month. Songs, poems dances and informative presentations helped students understand and appreciate the contributions Hispanic Americans have made to the United States and the world.



Photos by Claudia Ferro





# Somerville High Auditorium has a new look

By Donald F. Norton

The Somerville High Auditorium is done and ready for use, after repairs were made for the damage that was done in 2012.

In January of this year, the Board of Aldermen authorized the city to borrow \$2.6 million to renovate the Somerville High School auditorium, kitchen and cafeteria. All of these areas had been damaged by Hurricane Sandy in 2012. The amount was later increased to \$3,090,000 in July. Some of that money used will come from an insurance claim to help pay for damages.

The Auditorium has been given a totally new look: new chairs, floor lighting, stage and lighting for the hall, totally transforming auditorium.

When the work was being

done, the huge letter “S” was found to have been covered up from the last update in the 70’s and is now restored to full view. Alderman at large Bill White, himself one of only a few aldermen who actually graduated from the high school, was recently quoted as saying, “The auditorium looks great. Restoring the old Somerville High logo was an excellent idea and it brought back memories since it was covered when the city renovated the auditorium when I was a student there.”

When asked if the pool was finally covered up under the stage he would not say, other than the pool’s existence was to remain a secret. For many decades everyone wondered if it was real or a myth.



The repairs at Somerville High School’s auditorium are breathtaking. — Photos by Donald F. Norton



# MTA building loses its roof

By Donald F. Norton

A long deserted building at the corner of Avon and School Streets lost big portions of its roof from the huge winds and rain that struck the city throughout last week.

The property, which has a huge fence around it and has been abandoned for many years, is apparently owned by the MBTA own. According to the neighbor directly on the other corner, former Mayor Dot Gay, mentioned that they bought their home in 1973 and the building has sat there unoccupied for all that time. She saw that a big portion of the roof came off and notified the city and local Ward 3 Alderman Bob McWatters. Alderman



The unused building at the corner of Avon and School Streets sustained serious damage to its roof during last week’s patch of rough weather. — Photos by Donald F. Norton

McWatters immediately put forth an order at the last Board of Alderman meeting for the city to notify the owners to do something about it and to report back to the Alderman.

Dot Gay has said that over the years she has asked them to take care of the building and that it has been standing there doing absolutely nothing for many years, as far as she knows.

Online records show that it is the property of the MBTA, and it is rumored that the MBTA used the property many years ago when the city had the old electrical buses which have long

since been gone.

It has been suggested by many concerned residents that the city should look into seeing if the MBTA might want to sell the property.

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## SOMERVILLE ROCKS!

Somerville Youth Arts Coordinator Jimmy Del Ponte, The Somerville High School Music Department and The Communications Department announces **Somerville Rocks!** The semiannual concert, now in its fifth year, features bands and solo singers and is sure to be an exciting evening. The performers range in age from 12 to 17 and includes students from Somerville High School, along with several elementary schools. The Somerville High School Jazz Band along with The Advanced Guitar Class will perform. Also on the bill are Stress Fracture, and Tenacious Three. The show will be held at The East Somerville Community School on Friday, November 7 at 7 p.m. and admission is free.



## SPORTS

# Local veteran attends Patriots Football Skills Camp

By Tom Bannister

Frank Ellis of Somerville spent a dream day at Gillette Stadium working on his football skills with New England Patriots alumni while being cheered on by Patriots mascot Pat Patriot and New England Patriots cheerleaders, all courtesy of CVS Health.

In a salute to some of the men and women across New England who have served our country, CVS Health and the New England Patriots teamed up to host the third annual CVS Health/New England Patriots Football Skills Camp for Veterans.

CVS Health worked with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Boston Adaptive Sports program to afford more than 30 military veterans of all abilities the opportunity to work on their football skills on the field at Gillette Stadium alongside former Patriots players. Veterans who participated in the event included men and women from Connecticut, Massachusetts, and

Rhode Island, as well as some of their family members.

The CVS Health/New England Patriots Football Skills Camp for Veterans kicked off in "New England Patriots style" with veterans from all branches of the military experiencing the thrill of taking the field through an entryway comprised of Patriots flags.

It continued with veterans sharpening their football skills at blocking, throwing and kicking stations run by Patriots alumni Jon Williams and Garin Veris.

The special camp included opportunities to get autographs from and take pictures with the Patriots alumni, cheerleaders, and mascot Pat Patriot. As part of the camp, the veterans were treated to lunch at CBS Scene, as well as tickets for a visit to The Hall at Patriot Place presented by Raytheon. The camp was an extension of CVS Health's overall commitment to supporting America's military heroes and to individuals of all abilities.



U.S. Army Veteran Frank Ellis sprints onto the field at Gillette Stadium for a running drill. He is joined by U.S. Air Force Veteran Paul O'Connor of Raynham, MA.

## What's on Somerville Neighborhood News

Here is what to expect on the latest *Somerville Neighborhood Newscast*. SNN is produced by the hardworking staff, volunteers and interns at Somerville Community Access Television. We hope you read, watch and share the latest Somerville news. One news segment covered in the latest SNN is entitled: Taxi Wars by reporter Elijah Kaplan.

New, relatively unregulated "ride sharing" transportation companies like Uber and Lyft earn the praise of travelers but are prompting protests from traditional taxi drivers and others.



Across the country, and the world, the media, public officials and others are discussing how to regulate the multi-million dollar industry. Some places, like Germany, have banned the service altogether. In Somerville and the Greater Boston Area, discussions are underway, but so far no regulations, much less bans, have been announced.

In Somerville, Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone likes and has used the services, City Hall reports, but also wants to make sure local taxis aren't put out of business. "He's a staunch supporter of innovation and he's a strong advocate for entrepreneurs and new businesses that are creating new models and new jobs," Denise Taylor, Director of Communications and Community Engagement for the City of Somerville, told *Somerville Neighborhood News* (SNN). "Uber is no different. The Mayor loves Uber and Lyft. He's used both services himself. But he's also relied for a long time on our traditional taxi services so he understands and believes strongly that we need to find a solution that will both allow new businesses to enter the market while making sure that our long-time businesses aren't put at some kind of disadvantage."

For the full news segment visit: [www.somervilleneighborhoodnews.org](http://www.somervilleneighborhoodnews.org) or watch it on Ch.3 Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

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# Halloween safety tips

By The Times Staff

Halloween evening this year will be made a safe and fun filled night for Somerville Trick-or-Treaters, thanks to the efforts of the Somerville Police Department and the Somerville Auxiliary Police and School Crossing Guards.

On Friday, October 31, in addition to the regular Somerville Police force, approximately 15 volunteer members of the Auxiliary Police and 40 School Crossing Guards will take up positions throughout the city to assist residents of Somerville, particularly younger Trick-or-

Treaters, in crossing our busy streets.

Schools and city buildings and will also be closely monitored to prevent any damage to public property.

The above-mentioned public safety agencies ask the public to please remember the following important safety tips when Trick-or-Treating with friends or with young children:

Parents should...

- Instruct their children not to open their candy until they return home.
- Inspect all candy for tampering before their children eat it.

• Make sure an adult accompanies children.

• Know what route their children will be taking.

• Have a set time limit for children to return home.

Children should...

• Always be accompanied by an adult.

• Make sure that any accessories, such as fake guns, knives, and other potentially dangerous items are not mistaken for the real thing.

• Make sure all costumes are visible in the dark, and/or utilize safety equipment to make them visible to other pedestrians and

motorists.

• Stay in a group and communicate where you will be going.

• Only go to homes with porch lights on.

• Remain on well-lit streets and always use the sidewalk.

• Obey all traffic and pedestrian regulations.

• Always walk. Never run across a street.

• Only cross the street as a group in established crosswalks.

• Never accept or consume food items or drinks.

• No treats are to be eaten until they are thoroughly checked by an adult at home.

• Notify police or other authorities immediately of any suspicious or unlawful activity.

After trick-or-treating...

• Wait until children are home to sort and check treats. Though tampering is rare, a responsible Adult should closely examine all treats and throw away any spoiled, unwrapped or suspicious items.

• Try to apportion treats for the days following Halloween.

• Although sharing is encouraged, make sure items that can cause choking (such as hard candies), are given only to those of an appropriate age.

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### IMPORTANT PUBLIC NOTICE

The Somerville Housing Authority (SHA) announces a **PUBLIC HEARING** regarding the **2015 Annual Plan** on Wednesday, December 10, 2014 at 6:30 p.m., at Properzi Manor, 13-25 Warren Avenue, Somerville, Massachusetts. The Plan and related documents are available at the Somerville Housing Authority, 30 Memorial Road and the City of Somerville, Housing Division, 50 Evergreen Ave, Somerville, Massachusetts during regular business hours. A forty-five (45) day review and comment period will commence on **October 27, 2014**. Any questions may be directed to Paul Mackey, Deputy Director, at 617-625-1152.

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## Housing affordability a monumental challenge that needs your support

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houses. We anticipate that the Working Group will come up with even more audacious proposals that may be controversial—but this is a debate we must have for the sake of preserving the character of the community we love.

We understand that supply and demand is a major factor fueling this regional crisis—not just in Greater Boston, but up and down the eastern seaboard. However, we also know that we cannot just build our way out of this problem. We must examine every opportunity, every possible leverage point to enhance the affordability of our community. Everything is on the table. The answers cannot come from elected officials and city staff alone—they must come from the community. If

you have a perspective to lend, an idea to pursue, share your thinking with us. Apply to serve on the Sustainable Neighborhoods Working Group. We will also need your support as we seek changes that are likely to evoke organized opposition. Cities everywhere are struggling with the challenge of creating a desirable, successful community and keeping that community affordable at the same time. We are not alone and we can learn from others and provide leadership ourselves. It is a monumental task ahead of us, but if we unite as a community and as a region, we can retain the soul of our city.

Community members interested in serving on the Sustainable Neighborhoods Working Group

should submit a short statement detailing their interest and applicable skills and knowledge along with a current resume (if available) to Kelly Donato, Somerville Housing Division Director of Special Projects (KDonato@somervillema.gov, (617) 625-6600 ext. 2560. The deadline for applications is Friday, Nov. 7.

For more background information and initial ideas that are part of the Sustainable Neighborhoods initiative, see Mayor Curtatone's presentation of October 15, 2014 to the Board of Aldermen's Housing and Community Development Committee at <http://www.somervillema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/sustainable-neighborhoods-presentation-10-15-2014.pdf>.

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## Halloweens gone by

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these plastic things with a big picture on the front of the box of who you were supposed to be! In my neighborhood, all of the kids visited the drugstore on Summer between Belmont and Lowell (I'll get back to you with the name I'm drawing a blank). The owner gave out candy, but also took a picture of every group of kids who came in. Then after Halloween, he hung all of the pictures in the store. It was so much fun to go up and look at all of the pictures and find yourself in one of them!

• One grown up trick or treater re-

called: "Some of the things we did on Halloween (as kids) could still get us jail time today! Thank God we could run fast in those days!"

• Halloween back then was GREAT! My Dad would dress us up in his clothes. Sometimes we would be hobos and my brother was even a bride one year! We would fill up our pillowcases a few times. We would go to every house and every street we could think of, and when we got to the houses you would have to wait on the sidewalk because there were so many kids packed on the porches. We would go home,

where my parents would check and make sure the candy was okay, then my sister and brothers would trade candy! My mother would put the candy in our empty costume boxes write our names on them and we'd have candy for months! I miss those days!

Thanks to all my Somerville friends for sharing their Halloween memories. Now hit the streets, and remember to be careful. There are always those idiots who drive too fast on Halloween. A word to the wise: Slow down. I may have a pocketful of grade A's!

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10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m.|79 Highland Avenue  
**East Branch Library**  
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Stupidity, Gymnasium, The Dents, Devotion (Pinansky & Gillis) \$8 cover|7 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589  
**The Burren**  
Front Room  
Exile on Elm  
Back Room  
Comedy@10  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896  
**PA’S Lounge**  
WEMF RADIO|Nuclear Special Forces|Rifle Diet|Rum Ham|NoTox  
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

**On The Hill Tavern**  
499 Broadway|617-629-5302  
**Orleans Restaurant and Bar**  
65 Holland St|617-591-2100  
**Bull McCabe’s Pub**  
The Nephrok All Stars  
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045  
**Highland Kitchen**  
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131  
**Samba Bar & Grille**  
608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177  
**Joshua Tree Bar & Grill**  
Pub Trivia  
8:30 p.m.|256 Elm Street|(617) 623-9910  
**Arts at the Armory**  
Broad Appeal: Not your average lady comedy show!  
7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

**Thursday|October 30**  
**Johnny D’s**  
The Women in Comedy Festival presents: The Halloween Edition of Kelly loves Johnny : A Rock & Roll Comedy Show hosted by Kelly MacFarland featuring The Dirty Dottys|7 p.m.  
Afropop Night with Alidu and Federator N°1|10 p.m.

17 Holland St|617-776-2004  
**Sally O’Brien’s**  
Oysters Rockabilly Band |7:30 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589  
**The Burren**  
Front Room  
Acoustic/Bluegrass|9:30 p.m.  
Back Room  
Scattershot |10 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896  
**PA’S Lounge**  
Geekbeat Radio Presents|The Video Game Music Choir|Wake Me For Coffee/La Belle Indifference  
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557  
**On The Hill Tavern**  
Live DJ Music  
499 Broadway|617-629-5302  
**Orleans Restaurant and Bar**  
65 Holland St|617-591-2100  
**Bull McCabe’s**  
Dub Down Featuring The Scotch Bonnet Band  
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

**Joshua Tree**  
256 Elm St. |617-623-9910  
**Samba Bar & Grille**  
608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177  
**Somerville Theatre**  
Awkward Compliment’s Thursday Night Comedy Night  
8 p.m.|55 Davis Square  
**Arts at the Armory**  
The Armory of Horror  
6 p.m.-10 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

**Friday|October 31**  
**Johnny D’s**  
Jeff Pitchell & Texas Flood with Special Guest Charles Neville|7:30 p.m.  
BOOTY VORTEX Halloween Party|10 p.m.  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004  
**Sally O’Brien’s**  
Ryan Taylor & friends’ Halloween Spectacular |6 p.m.  
Hear Now Live presents Apollo Blue, Patch of Grass, The Forz |10 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**  
Front Room  
Irish Session|9:30 p.m.  
Back Room  
Scattershots  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896  
**Orleans Restaurant and Bar**  
DJ  
10 p.m.|65 Holland St  
**PA’S Lounge**  
WEMF RADIO|The Foo Frighters (A Tribute to Foo Fighters)|Honest Thieves|Jack Romanov|Right On Red|Tokyo Tramps  
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557  
**On The Hill Tavern**  
499 Broadway |617-629-5302  
**Orleans Restaurant and Bar**  
DJ starting at 10 p.m.  
65 Holland St|617-591-2100  
**Bull McCabe’s**  
Halloween with the Metro|10 p.m.  
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

**Joshua Tree**  
DJ McRiddleton  
256 Elm St. |617-623-9910  
**Samba Bar & Grille**  
Live music  
9 p.m.|608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177  
**Casey’s**  
Entertainment every Friday  
173 Broadway|617- 625-5195  
**Arts at the Armory**  
The Armory of Horror  
6 p.m.-10 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave  
**Saturday|November 1**  
**Johnny D’s**  
ROCKSTAR HALLOWEEN with Cheap Trickery, First Class Fool and Pretendica - Pretenders/Elastica Tribute Band|8:30 p.m.  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

**Sally O’Brien’s**  
Josh Lederman’s CSARs|1 p.m.  
Stan Martin & Wicked Heart|6 p.m.  
Hear Now Live presents San Lorenzo, Hot Molasses, Fashion Snake \$10 cover |10 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589  
**The Burren**  
Back Room  
Jimmy’s Down  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**Orleans Restaurant and Bar**  
Karaoke  
65 Holland St  
**PA’S Lounge**  
WEMF RADIO|Otter|Dynamo|Buxton Cliff|Roses  
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557  
**On the Hill Tavern**  
Live DJ Music  
499 Broadway|617-629-5302  
**Bull McCabe’s**  
Banna Phnetic Cities & States  
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**  
Halloween Family Day  
12 p.m.- 4p.m.|Performance Hall  
The Armory of Horror  
6 p.m.|Performance Hall  
Somerville Songwriter Sessions  
8:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

**Sunday|November 2**  
**Johnny D’s**  
Bill Blumenreich Presents : Richie Kotzen|7 p.m.  
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004  
**Sally O’Brien’s Bar**  
Amber Casares |8 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**  
Front Room  
Sunday Americana with Sean Staples, Eric Royer, Tim Gearan, Dave Westner and Dan Keller|7 p.m.  
Back Room  
Burren Acoustic Music Series  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896  
**PA’S Lounge**  
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557  
**Bull McCabe’s Pub**  
Dub Apocalypse  
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045  
**Highland Kitchen**  
Sunday Brunch Live Country & Bluegrass  
Sunday Night Live Music  
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131  
**Orleans Restaurant and Bar**  
Game Night  
65 Holland St|617-591-2100  
**Samba Bar & Grille**  
Live Band & DJ  
608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

**Monday|November 3**  
**Johnny D’s**  
Johnny D’s Comedy Showcase Presents: The Spank Bank Comedy|7 p.m.  
Stump! Pub Trivia|8:30 p.m.  
17 Holland St | 617-776-2004  
**Sally O’Brien’s Bar**  
Shawn Cater’s Cheapshots Comedy Jam |7 p.m.  
Marley Mondays with The Duppy Conquerors|10 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589  
**The Burren**  
Front Room  
Bur-Run  
Helena Delaney, Johnny O’Leary & Friends Irish Session|9 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896  
**On The Hill Tavern**  
499 Broadway|617-629-5302

**PA’S Lounge**  
Americiana Monday  
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557  
**Bull McCabe’s Pub**  
Stump! Team Trivia  
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

**Arts at the Armory**  
The Meadows Brothers, Ian Fitzgerald & Hannah Fair  
7 p.m.,|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

**Tuesday|November 4**  
**Johnny D’s**  
Bill Blumenreich Presents : Member’s Lounge Stand-Up Comedy Taping |7:30 p.m.  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

**Sally O’Brien’s Bar**  
Ian Fitzgerald, Hannah Fair, Meadows Brothers  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589  
**The Burren**  
Front Room  
Jason Anick and the Swingers|8:30 p.m.  
Back Room  
Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**On The Hill Tavern**  
Stump Trivia (with prizes)  
499 Broadway|617-629-5302  
**PA’S Lounge**  
Open Mic  
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557  
**Bull McCabe’s Pub**  
The Ghetto People Band  
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045  
**Highland Kitchen**  
First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling Bee Night  
hosted by Victor and Nicole of Egoart.  
The fun starts at 10:00p.m.  
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

**Samba Bar & Grille**  
608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177  
**PJ Ryan’s**  
Pub Quiz  
10 p.m.|239 Holland St.|617-625-8200  
**Arts at the Armory**  
Teen Open Mic Night  
7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave  
**Wednesday|November 5**  
**Johnny D’s**  
Rhett Miller |7:30 p.m.  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

**Sally O’Brien’s Bar**  
Free Poker, lots of prizes!  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589  
**The Burren**  
Front Room  
Exile on Elm  
Back Room  
Comedy@10  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896  
**PA’S Lounge**  
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557  
**On The Hill Tavern**  
499 Broadway|617-629-5302  
**Orleans Restaurant and Bar**  
65 Holland St|617-591-2100

**Bull McCabe’s Pub**  
The Nephrok All Stars  
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045  
**Highland Kitchen**  
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131  
**Samba Bar & Grille**  
608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177  
**Joshua Tree Bar & Grill**  
Pub Trivia  
8:30 p.m.|256 Elm Street|(617) 623-9910

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

**CLASSES AND GROUPS**  
**Wednesday|October 29**  
**Third Life Studio**  
Beyond beginning Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal  
7:30 p.m.|Level 2|33 Union Sq|www.nadirajamal.com

nadirajamal.com  
**Thursday|October 30**  
**Central Library**  
Affordable Homeownership Opportunity: Fair Housing Commission Wairi|617.625.6600 x 2588  
5:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue  
**West Branch Library**  
Learn English at the Library!  
(Session 1) 6 p.m.-7 p.m.  
(Session 2) 7:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m.  
40 College Avenue

**First Church Somerville**  
Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step program for people with problems with money and debt. 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|89 College Ave (Upstairs Parlor).  
For more info call: 781-762-6629  
**Third Life Studio**  
Roots and Rhythm  
33 Unions Sq.| www.libana.com

**Saturday|November 1**  
**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 2**  
**Central Library**  
reserved for Friends of the Library Book Sale  
James Fox  
1 p.m.- 5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave  
**Unity Church of God**  
Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon Family Groups  
7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street  
Enter upstairs, meeting is in basement.

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

**Monday|November 3**  
**Central Library**  
reserved for Friends of the Library Book Sale  
James Fox  
9 a.m.- 9 p.m.|79 Highland Ave  
**East Branch Library**  
Learn English at the Library!  
(Session 1) 6 p.m.-7 p.m.  
(Session 2)7:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m.  
115 Broadway

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

**Tuesday|November 4**  
**Central Library**  
reserved for Friends of the Library Book Sale  
James Fox  
9 a.m.- 9 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

**Arts at the Armory**  
Prenatal Yoga  
7 p.m.|Mezzanine|191 Highland Ave  
**Third Life Studio**  
The Art of Group Singing For Women with Susan Robbins, www.libana.com  
7 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.|33 Union Sq

**Wednesday|November 5**  
**Central Library**  
reserved for Friends of the Library Book Sale  
James Fox  
9 a.m.- 9 p.m.|79 Highland Ave  
**Central Library**  
Mystery Book Club  
7 p.m.-9 p.m.|79 Highland Ave  
**Third Life Studio**  
Beyond beginning Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal  
7:30 p.m.|Level 2|33 Union Sq|www.nadirajamal.com

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!



# SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

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

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

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

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

**Some exciting events in the coming weeks:**

**New York City** – Saturday & Sunday, November 1st & 2nd – For a fee of \$174.00 per person double occupancy or \$249.00 per person single room you will receive your hotel room & motor coach bus transportation. Departing from the Ralph & Jenny Center at 5:45 A.M. on Saturday the 1st with an approximate return time of 7:00 P.M. on Sunday the 2nd. Planned stops at St. Patrick's Cathedral and Macy's Department Store. There is never a lack of things to do or see in NYC. Seats sell fast and are limited. A \$50.00 deposit required upon reservation. For additional information or if you have any questions please contact Connie at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300.

**Thanksgiving with the Mayor** – Saturday, November 15 – From 4:00 to 6:00 P.M. at the Somerville Holiday Inn located at 30 Washington Street. The Mayor is holding a Thanksgiving dinner with all the fixings for Somerville older adults and Somerville veterans. You must RSVP to reserve your spot. Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, Ext. 2300 to RSVP or if you have any questions.

**Thanksgiving Super Bingo** – Thursday, November 20 – 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at our Ralph & Jenny Center – 9 New Washington Street. Your \$10. Fee includes lunch, coffee, dessert, cards & prizes. Come & have a fun filled day! Limited seating and transportation available so please call Kim at 617-666-5223 to reserve your spot or if your should have questions.

**Hu Ke Lau & Bright Nights** – Tuesday, December 16 – Are you ready for an unbelievable day? Departing the Holland Street Center at 9:30 A.M. and the Ralph & Jenny Center at 9:45 A.M. with an approximate return time of 8:00 P.M. For a fee of \$58.00 you will enjoy a delicious lunch at Hu Ke Lau in Chicopee and be mesmerized by the beautiful dancers, soothing music and colorful costumes in the after lunch show. It will be as if you were spending the holiday season in Hawaii. (Time and weather permitting a side trip to the Holyoke Mall will follow the show) Then dinner – with a choice of Prime Rib or Scrod followed by a spectacular illumination tour through Forest Park - more than 2 miles and over 500,000 lights that will take your breath away. Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to RSVP, with your dinner choice or if you have any questions.

**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:**

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

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

The trip scheduled to Atlantic City on January 11th is **SOLD OUT**

Thursday, October 30th will be the last Mobile Farmer's Market for the season.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

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

**LGBT EVENTS:**

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

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

**The Moonlighters**

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

**IMPORTANT NEWS:**

The SCOA is NO LONGER excepting applications for free smoke alarms / carbon monoxide detectors.

The Ralph & Jenny Center will remain closed on Mondays and will resume Mondays after the first of the New Year.

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

**Men's Group** – Meets the first Tuesday of each month from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. This group is facilitated by our volunteer, Norbert DeAmato. Are you recently retired? Looking to connect with other men in the community? Join our men's group where you can connect with old friends and make new ones. All men 55 and over are welcome. Come chat about what is on your mind! If you have any questions or require additional information, please give us a call at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300.

**Caregiver Support Group** – Meets the third Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Our Social Worker, Suzanne Norton, leads this group. Are you caring for a parent, relative, spouse or close friend? Feeling isolated or overwhelmed? You are not alone! Come share your experience and practical support. Open to all and new members are always welcome. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 and ask to speak to Suzanne.

**Veterans Group** – Meets the third Monday of each month from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Our Social Worker, Suzanne Norton, leads this group. Are you a veteran? The Veterans Group is the perfect opportunity to socialize, have solidarity, to reminisce and to meet other veterans. If you are interested or require additional information, please call 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300.

**English Conversations** – Meets every Tuesday & Wednesday at 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at our Cross Street

Center located at 165 Broadway. Ana Price, our Cross Street Director, leads this group. No books, no tests, no stress – just a great group of older adults from all over the world who help each other to listen, speak and learn English.

**STAY ACTIVE:**

**Mondays:**

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

**Tuesdays:**

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

**Wednesdays:**

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

**Thursdays:**

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

**Fridays:**

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

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

**Upcoming Schedule:**

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

**Wednesday|October 29**

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

**Thursday|October 30**

10:00 Current Events (H)  
10:00 Knitting Scarves for Soldiers (R)  
10:00 Cards (R)  
11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara  
11:30 Lunch (R, H)  
12:45 Bingo (R)  
1:00 Mobile Farmer's Market (H)

**Friday|October 31**

Halloween Super Bingo (H)

**Monday|November 3**

11:30 Lunch (H)

**Tuesday|November 4**

Election Day

**Wednesday|November 5**

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

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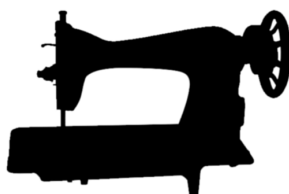
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<b>Wednesday, October 29</b>		5:00pm	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show: Halloween	12:00pm	Honk Festival	6:00am	Ablevision
6:30am	Road to Recovery	5:30pm	Eat Well Be Happy Cooking Show	12:30pm	Taking Back Your Health	6:30am	Creating Cooperative Kids
7:00am	Somerville Film Group: Ways to Live Forever	6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)	1:00pm	Dr Gangrene Presents	7:30am	Eckankar
7:30am	Life Matters	6:30pm	Health is Wealth	1:30pm	MAPS Health Connector	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	7:00pm	Taking Back your Health (Live call-in)	2:00pm	Henry Parker Presents	9:00am	The Stephanie Miller Show (Free Speech TV)
9:00am	Somerville Journal & Somerville Times Reading	7:30pm	Active Aging	3:00pm	Telemagazine	10:00am	Net Neutrality Panel Discussion
10:00am	Somerville Neighborhood News	8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou (Live call-in)	4:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	11:00am	Nossa gente e Costumes
10:30am	Art at SCATV: Aaron Ellerbee	9:30pm	A Taste of Theater	4:30pm	Culture Club	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)
11:00am	Abugida TV	10:00pm	Somerville Film Group: Ways to Live Forever	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol	1:00pm	Somerville Film Group: Ways to Live Forever
12:00pm	The Big Picture with Thom Hartmann Show	11:00pm	Bay State Biking News - Rerun	6:00pm	Down the Lynde	2:00pm	Exercise with Robyn and Max
1:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	<b>Friday, October 31</b>		7:00pm	Somerville Film Group:	2:30pm	Esoteric Science
2:00pm	Physician Focus	6:00pm	Somerville Film Group: Walt Whitman	7:30pm	Fluff Festival	4:00pm	Free Speech Television
2:30pm	Tap Water - a SCATV Production	7:30am	Shrink Rap	8:00pm	David Pakman (Free Speech TV)	5:00pm	Henry Parker Presents
3:30pm	What the Fluff Festival	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)
4:00pm	Free Speech Television	9:00am	Somerville Journal & Somerville Times Reading	10:00pm	Open Line News with Davey D	6:30pm	International School of Boston Presents
5:00pm	Energy Theater	10:00am	ArtBeat 2014	11:00pm	Gay News USA (Free Speech TV)	7:00pm	The Somerville Line
6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)	11:00am	The Art of Animation: a series of Karen Aqua	<b>Sunday, November 2</b>		8:00pm	Abugida TV
6:30pm	SCATV Presents: US2 100 Days of Engagement	12:00pm	Brunch with Sen. Bernie Sanders	6:00am	Program Celebrai	9:00pm	Dedilhando au Saudade
7:00pm	National Wildlife Federation	1:00pm	Tap Water	7:00am	Rompendo em Fe	10:00pm	Bate Papo com Shirley
7:30pm	Crossroads: a Search for An American Dream	2:00pm	Honk	8:00am	Effort Pour Christ	11:00pm	The Entertainer's Show
8:00pm	Somerville Pundits	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	<b>Tuesday, November 4</b>	
8:30pm	The Steve Katsos Show	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)	10:00am	International Church of God	7:00am	The Struggle
9:00pm	Bay State Biking News	5:00pm	Somerville Jazz Festival 2014	10:30am	Active Aging	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
10:00pm	Art at SCATV: Aaron Ellerbee	5:30pm	Mystic Learning Center: Variety Hour	11:00am	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer	9:00am	Somerville Journal & Somerville Times Reading
10:30pm	SCATV: a year in review	6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)	11:30am	Taking Back Your Health	10:00am	Shrink Wrap
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<b>Thursday, October 30</b>		7:00pm	Somerville Film Group: Ways to Live Forever	12:30pm	Somerville Film Group: Ways to Live Forever	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)
6:00am	Atheist Viewpoint	8:00pm	Friday Shorts	1:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	1:00pm	What the Fluff Festival?
7:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	9:00pm	The Entertainer's Show	1:30pm	Somerville Journal & Times Reading	2:00pm	Art at SCATV: Aaron Ellerbee
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:30pm	SiFi Journal	2:30pm	Life Matters	2:30pm	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show
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10:00am	Dead Air Live	11:30pm	Somerville ArtBeat 2014	5:00pm	International School of Boston Presents	5:00pm	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer (L)
11:00am	Greater Somerville	<b>Saturday, November 1</b>		5:30pm	Honk Festival	5:30pm	The Literati Scene
11:30am	Ablevision	6:00am	Arabic Hour	6:00pm	Abugida TV	6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)
12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show (Free Speech TV)	7:00am	The Somerville Line	7:00pm	African Television Network	6:30pm	Culture Club
1:00pm	Chef's Table Series	8:00am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show: Halloween	8:00pm	Tele Magazine	7:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
2:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking w/Candy	8:30am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show: Halloween	9:00pm	Effort Pour Christ	7:30pm	Greater Somerville (L)
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3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	10:00am	Tele Galaxie	11:00pm	100-Second Film Festival	9:00pm	Energy Theater
4:00pm	Free Speech Television	11:00am	Dead Air Live	<b>Monday, November 3</b>		11:00pm	The David Pakman Show (Free Speech TV)

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CITY TV 13/22			12:00pm:	Highlander Forum	12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	9:00pm:	SHS Football v Medford - 10/24			
Wednesday, October 29			1:00pm:	What the Fluff? '14	12:30pm:	Keep Moving: Exercises for Older Adults	Saturday, November 1				
9:00am:	Talking Business		1:30pm:	SomerStreets: Monster Mashed Up	1:00pm:	Somerville By Design – Winter Hill 10.29.14	12:00am:	Playoff Football: SHS vs Marblehead			
9:30am:	Veterans in the 'Ville		2:00pm:	Connecting Communities – Fire Safety	2:00pm:	SomerStreets: Monster Mashed Up	9:00am:	El Sistema: A Harvest Concert			
12:00pm:	HONK! Festival		2:30pm:	Veterans in the 'Ville	2:30pm:	Talking Business	9:30am:	Tommy Cremens Memorial Bench Unveiling			
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2:00pm:	Greentech RFI Launch		7:30pm:	SomerViva en Espanol	8:00pm:	Talking Business	3:30pm:	SHS Girls Soccer v Everett - 10/29			
2:30pm:	Union Square Walking Tour 9.21.14		8:00pm:	Talking Business	8:30pm:	School Committee Meeting – REPLAY OF	5:30pm:	El Sistema: A Harvest Concert			
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8:00pm:	Somerville by Design – Union Square		9:30pm:	Domestic Violence Vigil	12:30am:	Keep Moving: Exercises for Older Adults	Sunday, November 2				
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10:00pm:	SomerViva em Portugues		Sunday, November 2			3:30am:	Voices of Somerville	3:00am:	SHS Boys Soccer v Peabody - 10/27		
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# OFF THE SHELF

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## 'City of Eternal Spring' by Afaa Michael Weaver



*City of Eternal Spring*  
by Afaa Michael Weaver  
Review By, Paige Shippie

Paige Shippie, one of our talented students at Endicott College, took on the challenging task of reviewing poet Afaa Michael Weaver's new collection of poetry *City of Eternal Spring*. Weaver recently won the Kingsley Tufts Award in Poetry.

In *City of Eternal Spring*, Afaa Michael Weaver is on a journey of not only self discovery, but uncovering the origins of everything that has presented itself in his existence. As the Chinese String Theory would have it, this journey is never ending because as long as something is in existence, then it has a certain pull on the world and destiny (no matter how minuscule).

Weaver charts out his discovery in his travels through Eastern culture and his struggle with memories that haunt him from the past. He aims to reinvent himself, but it is a slow process that sometimes requires him to forget his past life and past ego all together.

The titles that Weaver uses are usually underplayed; they are at a surface level while beneath there is vast life and rich imagery and meaning to dig up in his poetry. Underneath, there is a vivid scene that makes one travel to different worlds and everywhere and every moment in between. Weaver at first takes a tactile and tangible stance with his words and then broadens it out to be more metaphorical and legend-like. Weaver starts by capturing a picture, and then focusing with his creative lens on the ideas he wants to bring to the focal point. Like a camera, he freely zooms in and out and to varying degrees of the macroscopic world. In this method, he ties together the idea that everything is unified, whole and interconnected through themes that Weaver can only begin to describe through intense imagery.

Weaver's original imagery is also used to stitch the seams of his emotion together, and there is never a cliché in sight: "Where a blossom lifts its head and thrives where flowers die," (3). Sometimes Weaver's beautiful imagery is highlighted in a off key way that allows its original connotation to transform into something seen as sad or painful; beauty is a recurring theme throughout Weaver's poetry that always seems to spring from pain.

Weaver is heartfelt, genuine, honest, and revealing with the moments of clarity that he has uncovered in his world of uncertainty. He is not afraid to open himself up and be vulnerable to potential heartache and ridicule if it means he will become stronger as a man and have a better grasp of his own identity and where he stands in the world. "Except what I know is me, a man who melts, falls apart to be repaired in broken spaces," (5,6). One continuously stumbles upon feelings of tragedy and loss in Weaver's prose, but at the same time, one can take away the wonder and bewilderment that he expresses about himself and his place in the world.

In Weaver's *Chinese Theory of Strings*, he doesn't hesitate to flip his perception of the world upside down and question everything. He skillfully plays on alliteration and onomatopoeia throughout the

poem while inventing his own method for assessing what is alive, dead, being and what constitutes as our own identity: "but I must believe all sound is evidence of life." (7)

"the way a mirror leads us to love the face it shows us/ as we are tempted by our eyes to become what we see," (7). Mirrors show the limits of our physical embodiment or identity as humans; they show permanence and something that cannot be altered. Mirrors however can be deceptive, and Weaver attributes this deceptive quality to mirrors multiple times. "I am Chinese in the mirror," (8). Reflections pose as a double entendre in their meaning.

To Weaver, mirrors merely reflect the outer appearance, the external self, the shell of a human being. In no way does it reflect one's identity, ability, or true self that resides in the core of one's being. Sometimes this core resides in the heart for Weaver, sometimes it's in his head or stomach; on many occasions his soul is in his throat; "The way to a scream that jacks open my mouth but holds sound hostage," (8). Here Weaver shows that he is trapped in his body within the bonds of humanity, seeking a greater purpose and an endless expanse of knowing.

Weaver continuously tests the limits and potential of his own human experience: "I have come here to be what I cannot be," (8). Weaver will not be limited by what he judges from his own reflection because he is not on a journey where his physical identity matters, he is on a journey to discover his inner being, potential and how much he is willing to sacrifice for his soul. As Weaver has written, "a caterpillar dreams itself beautiful," (10). Weaver believes he can become the being that he wants to be and abandon the hurt he has felt while in his prior identity.

Weaver amplifies the ways of Taoism in his poetry that result from his heavy exposure to Eastern Culture. He believes that being lost can lead to true discovery: "A place where rain is breath, and summer mist, the gas that lets you dream of being lost." Taoism is also characterized by a positive, active attitude toward the occult and the metaphysical (theories on the nature of reality). Weaver has set up for himself a lifetime search for true meaning and purpose and will not only enlighten his soul, but will touch others with his words through his journey.

About reviewer Paige Shippie:

I am currently enrolled in the Honors Society and by May 2016, I will graduate from Endicott College with a Bachelor of Arts in English, Creative Writing concentration, and Studio Art Minor. As an artist, my interests span subject matter and I employ various uses of media. As a singer and performance artist, I enjoy being a member of ECHO, or (Endicott College Harmonic Overtones), as well as having a presence in Endicott's Jazz Band (as a vocalist). As a writer, I compose lyrics for Jazz Band and submit poetry for publication in Endicott's Literary Review Magazine. Since the summer of 2013 I've been working on a sci-fi novel called, *The Doppelganger Effect*. As a studio artist, I sculpt with copper wire and clay, paint in acrylic, illustrate in pencil, pen, and charcoal and am open to working with just about anything I can get my hands on.

# Lyrical

## SOMERVILLE

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Bagel Bard Dona Stein writes: "After a Stegner Fellowship in Poetry at Stanford University and some years in California teaching, writing, and publishing, I lived in Colorado also teaching, writing, and publishing, but also producing and hosting a radio program, *The Poetry Show* on KRFC FM in Fort Collins, Colorado. My most recent poetry collection is *Alice in Deutschland*."



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Why don't the churches open their doors?  
Will I steal candles, smash stained glass,  
prise tiles from lovely mosaic floors,  
bend the candle snuffer of solid brass?

Would I wrest down the sorrowful statues,  
scrub blood from their dark feet?  
I want to hear St. Lucy refuse  
her plate of proffered eyes, add my muted bleat

of Lordy, I just want some peace, that's all,  
some quiet to ease the constant repetition  
of human riot, meanness, hurt each to all  
in our brilliant species' oppression.

Let the organ resound with Widor's  
toccata in F Major that exhausts  
the organ mistress in her organ slippers,  
let me rest my forehead on the uppermost  
scroll of the pew before me, its cool wood  
a balm, let me hear the hidden choir exult.

— Dona Stein

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