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## Have a Safe and Happy Halloween

from the publisher and staff of The Somerville Times



## Board of Aldermen approves 'A Call to Prevent Nuclear War'



Somerville resident and peace activist Christopher Spicer Hinckley addressed the Board of Aldermen last week, sharing his feelings on the importance of nuclear disarmament.

By Jim Clark

At last week's regular meeting of the City of Somerville Board of Aldermen, a resolution urging the US government to take steps to avoid nuclear war, such as renouncing the first use of nuclear weapons, taking nuclear weapons off hair-trigger alert, and ending the unchecked authority of the President to launch a nuclear attack was voted on and approved.

The resolution, originally sponsored by Ward 5 Alderman Mark Niedergang and signed onto by Alderman At-Large Mary Jo Rossetti, Alderman At-Large Wilfred N. Mbah, Ward 3 Alderman Ben Ewen-Campen, Ward 2 Alderman J.T. Scott, reads in full as follows: *Continued on page 4*

## A vigil in memory of the 11

More than 100 people gathered in the social hall of Temple B'nai Brith Sunday evening for a vigil for the victims of the Saturday, October, 27 shooting at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh, where eleven congregants were murdered and others wounded. Rabbi Eliana Jacobowitz, who organized the event in a quick response to the devastating shooting, said the gathering offered people the chance to come together to reflect in a communal space and to reassure congregants at unsettling time when many may have felt wary to be in a synagogue.

"Being able to come together in our synagogue building ... helps renew our sense that it is okay to come to temple," Rabbi Jacobowitz said.

There were no adequate words to express his emotions, Mayor Joseph Curtatone told those gathered, including Board of Alderman President Katjana Ballantyne, Aldermen Bill White and Mark Niedergang, a longtime member of TBB, along with the city's Chief of Police, David Fallon.

Curtatone condemned the anti-Semitic violence saying, "This is not a tragedy. It is murder."



A vigil was held at Temple B'nai Brith honoring those who were tragically shot dead while attending services at Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh, PA, on Saturday. — Courtesy of Temple B'nai Brith

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**Happy Halloween** to everyone! We hope everyone out there is careful driving tonight, when children might be out trick or treating. Be safe!

It's about 50 days to **Christmas**. Get your shopping done early so you're not caught out there along with everyone else.

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Happy birthday this week to several locals: Happy birthday to a former alderman and great guy, **Dennis Sullivan**. A nice guy who served Somerville for many years and is still young. We wish him a very happy birthday. Happy birthday to **Eric Erb**, from Somerville, who is celebrating this week. Happy birthday to another good guy who served Somerville years ago, **Charles Chisholm**. He's had some major health problems lately but is getting along better and hopefully will be walking this year after his many surgeries. We hope he has a great birthday. Big happy birthday to our own a great real estate agent here in Somerville, **Clifton Verdieu**, who grew up in East Somerville. He works out of the **Norton Group RE** office. And finally, happy birthday to another great guy and writer, **Timothy Gager**. A talented and great guy. We hope he has a great day. Happy birthday to everyone here and from the city celebrates this week. We wish every one of them a very happy birthday.

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## TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

### Response to: Newstalk – October 24

Oh Boy says:

The letting 'illegals' vote scare tactic is crap. Anyone who immediately associates 'immigrant' with 'illegal' or 'undocumented' is a moron. The overwhelming majority of non-citizen residents in Somerville are 100% legal, and doing every single thing that the US Govt has asked of them or required them to do. But because they don't have full USA citizenship status (think Big Papi, until his last couple of years on the Sox), they can't vote. They have all the necessary papers to maintain their legal residency, buy homes and pay property taxes, open businesses and pay commercial taxes and payrolls, raise families in Somerville and send their children to Somerville schools to be raised as the next generation of Somervillians – but they can't vote. That is what this proposal is about. Not letting 'the illegals' vote. So calm down – or go back to panicking about The Caravan in Guatemala instead.

T says:

I'm not sure you're correct. When the BOA publicly discusses it we'll find out. However, legal or illegal doesn't matter. Voting is a right reserved for citizens. If you want to vote, become a citizen. If you're legal that shouldn't be a problem.....

The Ville says:

Btw Oh boy the proposal by the Mayor and the Alderman is preposterous. What is wrong in going through the process and becoming a naturalized citizen in which all legally documented immigrants will be able to vote. The problem in this country is politicians are sworn in to up hold the Constitution but that is an impediment and distraction in their governance. I am so tired about hearing undocumented illegals. The fundamental problem is it is wrong no matter how the politicians spin their own interpretation of the law. As a country we welcome everyone, however, let's enforce the laws of the land. The immigrants who are documented and going through the process will have the right to vote but not until they become citizens which is the legal way under our laws. Sixteen year olds absolutely shouldn't be allowed to vote. Have you ever had a conversation with a teenager that age? The Alderman should ask them what branch of government they represent and my guess is they would be clueless.

Wayan Effington says:

So, the Man of A Thousand Monikers (aka "Voice of Reason" "Are you joking!" etc) chimes in with his lightweight wit and wisdom on this issue. No surprise that his shabby brand of ignorance is on full display here. Mr. (fill in today's moniker), most 16 year olds that I know would put your alleged intellect to shame in a snap (actually, your average field mouse would do that). Your bigotry is repulsive, as usual. That said, of course these proposals should be rejected. Historically, adults and U.S. citizens enjoy voting rights. There is no good reason why this should change. Bad idea that will go down in flames.

Bob Ross says:

Let's not let inconvenient laws and the US Constitution get in the way of passing a radical leftist ideology by the BOA.

Villinous says:

Nowhere in the Constitution does it say anything about local residents not being able to vote on local matters. And I've met more rational 16 year-olds lately than 66 year-olds.

Demosthenes says:

I'm guessing the previous Alderman is Connolly, from his numerous op-eds in this publication. Two years of cooling his heels seems to have suited him poorly. It's unfortunate that there's so much attention drawn to the expansion of the voter base ideas, when they were not the meat of the group's proposal – interesting issues like ranked choice voting were way more important. We live in a city where the primary is the general, and broad fields can have strange and unexpected consequences. Ranked choice voting would be a great way to help prevent those.

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Life in the

VILLE

by Jimmy Del Ponte

# Sox Ville!



Another World Series title for the Boston Red Sox! You all know what that means. We can finally get some sleep again. I tell my kids over and over again how lucky they are to be living in this this era when Boston sports teams have been so successful (Bruins, Celtics, and of course The Pats). Boston Teams have won 11 championships since 2000.

The Red Sox were in the World Series in 1967 (first time in 31 years). I still have the front page of *The Herald*

announcing it) I remember the frenzy that Boston and all of New England was surrounded by. The Impossible Dream season started with clinching the American League pennant but sadly it turned out to be just that, an impossible dream.

I was 14 In 1967 when everyone in Somerville and surrounding areas were wearing Red Sox hats and shirts and getting psyched to win it all. A lot of people who didn't care at all about baseball suddenly became baseball fans when the Red Sox started their historic run for the World Series in '67.

Announcers Curt Gowdy, Ken Coleman, Ned Martin and Mel Parnell narrated the excitement. But alas, it wasn't meant to be.

When Bob Gibson struck out George Scott for the final out in game 7 against The St. Louis Cardinals, the impossible dream became the possible nightmare, and I cried. That was when my Dad got frustrated and became a hat wearing Yankees fan. I remember how strange I felt because he was wearing a Kiss 108 jacket that I gave him, with a Yankees hat! I learned to live with it (I still have his hat). And I know I wasn't the only one in Boston who cried in '67.

And then 2003 happened when we got really close until the Damn Yankees snatched victory from Red Sox nations grasp. I swore at the TV and cried a little once more. Then 2004 came around and it was sweet vin-

dication! Disappointments in 1986 and 1995 faded ('86 ended ugly). There was nothing like it when the Red Sox won their first World Series in 86 years.

Everybody remembers where they were when the Sox won it all in 2004. One of the warmest memories of that '04 win was when family members decorated their deceased Sox fan loved ones' graves with Sox memorabilia. After the final game in '04, Davis Square was packed with loud and rambunctious party people.

After Sunday night's final game, Davis Square was quiet as a mouse. Spoiled or tuckered out? I was so sure that The Red Sox would win the 2018 World Series, I wrote most of this story Sunday morning. Spoiled!

Over the past few weeks Red Sox fever again gripped the region big time. Folks proudly wore their Red Sox hats and shirts at Y-Not variety, McKinnon's Meat Market, Ball Square Cafe, 968 The Shop, and Victor's Deli. We bought Sox gear at Modell's and BJ's. I dragged out my official Red Sox spring jacket I got in '04 and wore it proudly, and will wear it until it gets too cold. We can all be proud of the Red Sox. Hopefully some of us will be at the parade.

Red Sox World Series fever sort of overshadowed some of the excitement of Halloween. I was going to dress up as an elected official but the costume company wouldn't sell me just the back half of the horse!

## Somerville businesses supporting Boston Red Sox



Somerville businesses such as Middlesex Federal Savings bank in Teele Sq. (pictured here) supported the red sox throughout their run-up to yet another championship win by setting up festive displays on their premises. This and other businesses in the city send their congratulations to the World Champion Boston Red Sox!

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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

## Boys caught playing rough

Police were dispatched to a Broadway apartment last week on reports of a fight. Upon arrival, the officers located James MacNeil, of Waltham, in the lobby preparing to leave the building. The officers asked MacNeil what apartment he was coming from he was reportedly unable to give a clear answer. He stated that he was just over at a friend's place. The officers detained MacNeil while they went upstairs

to check the scene. An injured individual was located and MacNeil was asked to come up to the third floor. The victim had sustained injuries to his head and face, and had significant amount of blood on him. Somerville Fire and EMS personnel responded and treated the victim, who was then transported to Somerville Hospital. Another individual involved in the incident told the officers that MacNeil had assaulted him

with his fists and a set of brass knuckles. MacNeil was pat frisked and a hard object was felt. MacNeil was asked what it was and he did not reply. The officers retrieved a set of brass knuckles with what appeared to be dried blood on them, the victim's ID, a headphones zipper pouch, one butterfly folding knife, and one rolled up and dollar bill held by tape. The other involved individual stated that it was MacNeil who

had assaulted him with closed fist punches and with the brass knuckles. The victim was in a state of shock and could not give a detailed account of what had occurred. Both MacNeil and the other man denied the assault and blamed each other. Another search of MacNeil was conducted and within the headphones zipper pouch the officers discovered a clear baggy with a white rock-like substance

believed to be cocaine, along with seven small yellow baggies. MacNeil was placed under arrest on charges of possession of a class B drug, violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon, carrying a dangerous weapon, and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon. Police took the victim's statement, recovered a bloody T-Shirt from the hallway, and photographed the blood smears on the outside of the apartment.

## SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

**Christopher McMilion**, of 85 Holden St., Holden, October 22, 9:36 a.m., arrested at Washington St. on a warrant charge of distributing photograph of unsuspecting nude. **James MacNeil**, of 9 Garden-er St., Waltham, October 23,

7:36 a.m., arrested at Broad-way on charges of possession of a class B drug, violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon, carrying a dangerous weapon, and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon. **Soheyland Gonzalez**, of 24

North St., October 23, 5:69 p.m., arrested at Inner Belt Rd. on a warrant charge of drug possession to distribute. **Brendan Sullivan**, of 5 Phillip Rd., Billerica, Octo-ber 24, 1:21 a.m., arrested at Central St. on charges of negligent operation of a mo-

tor vehicle, drinking alcohol from an open container in a motor vehicle, and operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor. **Adrianna Sousa**, of 48 Lau-rel St., October 25, 11:15 p.m., arrested at Merriam St. on a warrant charge of juror failure

to appear. **Fabien Jolly**, of 259 Massa-chusetts Ave., Waltham, Oc-tober 27, 9:31 p.m., arrested at Summer St. on charges of reckless operation of a motor vehicle and operation of a mo-tor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

## Board of Aldermen approves 'A Call to Prevent Nuclear War'

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"WHEREAS: Nine nations collectively have approximately 15,000 nuclear weapons in their arsenals, most of which are far more destructive than those that killed hundreds of thousands of people in Hiroshima and Naga-saki, Japan, in 1945; and WHEREAS: The detonation of even a small number of these weapons would have catastroph-ic human and environmental consequences that could affect everyone on the planet; and WHEREAS: The United States maintains several hun-dred nuclear missiles in un-derground silos on hair-trigger alert, capable of being launched within minutes after a presiden-tial order, which greatly increas-es the risk of an accidental, mis-taken or unauthorized launch; and WHEREAS: The United States continues to reserve the right by formal, stated policy to use nuclear weapons first, which reduces the threshold for nucle-ar use and makes a nuclear war more likely; and WHEREAS: The U.S. Presi-dent has the sole and unchecked authority to order the use of nu-clear weapons; and WHEREAS: Over the next 30 years, the United States plans

to spend an estimated \$1.7 tril-lion to replace its entire nuclear arsenal and the bombers, mis-siles and submarines that deliver them with more capable, more usable versions; and WHEREAS: Taxpayers spend over \$2 million every hour of ev-ery day to maintain the U.S. nu-clear arsenal; and WHEREAS: The United States, as well as Britain, China, France and Russia, are obligated under the Nuclear Non-Prolif-eration Treaty to take concrete steps toward eliminating their nuclear arsenals; and WHEREAS: In July 2017, 122 nations approved the Tre-aty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons which makes it illegal under international law to devel-op, test, produce, manufacture, or otherwise acquire, possess or stockpile nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Som-erville Board of Aldermen calls on the United States to lead a global effort to prevent nuclear war by:

- renouncing the option of us-ing nuclear weapons first;
- ending the sole, unchecked authority of any U.S. President to launch a nuclear attack;
- taking U.S. nuclear weapons

off hair-trigger alert;

- cancelling the plan to replace its entire arsenal with enhanced weapons; and
- actively pursuing a verifi-able agreement among nucle-ar-armed states to eliminate their nuclear arsenals; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this resolution be com-municated to Somerville's U.S. representative and senators in Congress."

Prior to hearing from guest speaker Christopher Spicer Hinckley and taking a vote on the resolution, Alderman Nie-dergang addressed the matter, telling the Board, "Generally, we don't get into what's viewed as foreign policy in this body. But I will argue, I think, and Mr. Hinckley will too, this is some-thing that affects all of us."

Niedergang then read from a news report on the U.S. pull-ing out of a long standing arms treaty with Russia based on the claim that the Kremlin breached the accord on intermediate range weapons.

Niedergang also cited a Mas-sachusetts Peace Action News-let-ter article from November, 2017, reporting on a conference entitled *Presidential First Use of Nuclear Weapons: Is It Legal? Is*

*It Constitutional? Is It Just?*

"So this affects us because our money is going for this. Yours and mine and everybody in Somerville," Niedergang said. "Our tax dollars that we pay to the federal government is going to pay for these nuclear weapons programs."

Mr. Hinckley, a Somerville resident a peace activist, then addressed the Board, express-ing his thoughts on the matter saying, in part, "Today, the sto-ry is in league with a movement of people. Ploughshares, they're called, out of the second chapter of Isaiah. And the fourth verse is, 'We shall turn our swords into ploughshares and we shall train for war no more.' It's a faith filled pledge that God has given to the people of peace. And this is a banner of the ploughshares."

Hinckley went on to briefly re-view the history of the disarma-ment movement and emphasize the importance of disarmament in the modern era.

After Hinckley's address, Al-derman At-Large Mary Jo Ros-setti expressed her support for the resolution as presented to the Board.

Alderman At-Large William A. White Jr. told the Board that he had reservations about the

resolution, explaining his view that the complicated nature of arms negotiations, coupled with the latest advances in Russia's capabilities for delivering nucle-ar weapons to selected targets was a matter of concern for him. "That's not in my pay grade," White said. "If I were going to vote on this, I would have to lis-ten to foreign policy experts, etc. There are a lot of issues on this."

White indicated that he would not attempt to block passage of the resolution, but that he would not be voting in favor of it.

Niedergang countered that "the U.S. is the most power-ful military force in the world, much more so than back when this policy of first use of nucle-ar weapons was developed." He further asserted that there was no defense against a nuclear weapon being delivered and that they are only used for deterance and that any first strike capabili-ties would not be used by a sane leadership.

The resolution was passed by a majority of the Board members present, with Alderman White and Ward 7 Alderman Katjana Ballantyne abstaining.

The resolution will be referred to the city's representative in Congress for further action.

# SCW Voices: SCW, AAUW to host salary negotiation workshop for women

By Kristen Strezo, Co-Chair of the Somerville Commission for Women

Women face a double-edged sword when it comes to salary negotiation and that's leaving us behind in the workforce. Because of this, the Somerville Commission for Women (SCW) has partnered with the American Association of University Women (AAUW) for the AAUW Work Smart program, which focuses on pay negotiation education, on Thursday, November 8, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

As 58.6 percent of the workforce is women working or looking for work, according to U.S. Department of Labor, we need to discuss salary negotiation and the gender pay gap now.

Unfortunately, statistics paint a grim picture of pay inequity. AAUW's 2017 study found that U.S. women working

full-time are paid on average about 80 percent of what white men are paid. This equates to a 20 percent pay gap, and even worse for women of color.

According to a Harvard Business Review study, women typically don't feel comfortable negotiating their pay and raises. There's reason for women to pause because even if women do negotiate, for there may be backlash in the office. Kathleen McGinn, Harvard professor at the Kennedy School, said that women were oftentimes penalized for negotiating: sometimes seen in a negative light or even ignored afterwards.

Luckily, there are ways for women to fight pay inequity. Salary negotiation workshops have proven to help. Participants at our AAUW Work Smart program will learn about the pay gap and how predominant it is in the U.S. They'll

also have a chance to practice salary negotiation as well as how to respond to salary offers. Additionally, participants will learn how to research their worth based on pay scales and experience.

Join us at the Culinary Arts Bistro (inside the Somerville High School) from 6:30 to

8:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 8. Our event is free and open to all Somerville women.

Sign up on Eventbrite (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/aauw-work-smart-in-boston-at-somerville-commission-for-women-tickets-51311740798>). For questions about our event, please contact Chris Hosman at [chosman@somerville-ma.gov](mailto:chosman@somerville-ma.gov) or (617) 625-6600, ext. 2406.

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## State allocates \$1.2M for playing field improvement project at Foss Park

The Baker-Polito Administration announced on Friday that the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will replace the multi-sports field and field lighting located at Foss Park in the City of Somerville.

The \$1.2 million project will include

synthetic field turf installation, field drainage improvements, and field lighting and pathway upgrades and installation. Construction at the park will begin in the spring and is expected to be completed in the fall of 2019.

"The Baker-Polito Administration



works incredibly hard to ensure that every region of the Commonwealth has great access to recreational resources," said Department of Conservation and Recreation Commissioner Leo Roy. "We are pleased to make critical investments to Foss Park in the City of Somerville, and once completed the multi-sports field will be a welcome community addition for the public to enjoy."

Additionally, the DCR and the City of Somerville are currently coordinating a public meeting for later this year regarding future improvements to be made at Foss Park. The public will have an opportunity to provide input as these improvements are considered. Once a date has been finalized, a notice will be distributed informing the public of the meeting.

"I want to thank Governor Baker and DCR Commissioner Roy for recognizing the importance of this facility to Somerville and the Region through both the recent splash pad improvements and now this significant investment in the athletic field," said Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone. "Our community-based Fields Planning process identified the great importance of both renovating this field and replacing

the noisy and polluting gas-fed lighting with proper and permanent sports lights. The Commonwealth's commitment to providing a modern facility will allow this field to better meet the substantial demands of the local and regional community. We are also pleased that the DCR has agreed to hold a joint public meeting on this news as well as the overall future for the 14-acre park."

"The DCR commitment to repair this field with an organic based permeable turf field will allow intensive use of this field. It will be accompanied by tree plantings, safer access, and environmental improvements to be designed at a public meeting planned by the city and DCR in December. It should be part of a comprehensive, collaborative, and community-based plan by the city and DCR for all the open space in the city. These parks are a legacy of investment by our predecessors, and we need to continue to preserve and add to our open space," said Senator Patricia Jehlen.

In 1951, the Metropolitan Parks Commission (MPC), the DCR's predecessor agency, acquired the land that would become Foss Park from

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**THE HOUSE AND SENATE:** There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week. This week, *Beacon Hill Roll Call's* final part of a 3-part series on the November 6 ballot questions focuses on Question 3.

In 2016, the House 118-36, and the Senate 33-4, approved and Gov. Charlie Baker signed into law a measure that prohibits discrimination against transgender people in public accommodations including restrooms and locker rooms, based on a person's gender identity rather than on their biological sex. The Senate did not have a roll call vote on the final bill. The 33-4 Senate vote is on an earlier version of the measure.

Question 3 asks voters if they approve of that law that has been in effect for two years. The law added "gender identity" to existing Massachusetts civil rights laws that already prohibits discrimination in public accommodations based on age, race, creed, color, national origin, sexual orientation, sex, religion and marital status.

Public accommodations are defined as "any place that is open to and accepts or solicits the patronage of the general public including hotels, stores, restaurants, theaters, sports facilities and hospitals."

Gender identity is defined as "a person's sincerely held gender-related identity, appearance, or behavior, whether or not it is different from that traditionally associated with the person's physiology or assigned sex at birth."

The law also requires restrooms, locker rooms and other places that have separate areas for males and females to allow people access to and full use of those areas consistent with their gender identity.

"This needs to be repealed because no woman should be put in the position where her body is exposed in a way she doesn't want or is uncomfortable with," said Debby Dugan, Chairwoman Of Keep MA Safe, the organization that collected sufficient signatures to put the repeal question on the ballot. "It needs to be repealed because no woman should be forced to choose between her livelihood and being made to touch a man's genitals. It needs to be repealed because the law allows convicted sex offenders to claim a protected class to prey upon women. As the law stands now women are forced into these very positions, which is why it needs to be repealed."

"We are urging voters to vote Yes on 3 this Election Day to uphold the state law that protects transgender people from discrimination and harassment in public places, such as restaurants, retail shops and medical offices," said Matt Wilder, a spokesman for the Yes on 3 Campaign.

"We all deserve to be treated with dignity and respect and that's what this law does," continued Wilder. "In the two years since it was passed there has been no increase in public safety incidents in public places, including restrooms and that is why the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association, the Massachusetts Major City Chiefs Association and the state's 50 leading sexual assault prevention agencies all support upholding the law."

"The bill was not needed to address discrimination," said Rep. Marc Lombardo (R--Billerica). "The Mass Commission Against Discrimination said they didn't need this bill to protect the rights of transgender people because of the previously settled *Jette v. Honey Farms* case heard by the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court. This bill was about gender identity and a radical left push to eliminate societal and scientific norms about

gender. This bill allows boys to use girls' locker room in school and if a young female student complains, she would have to go to counseling. This bill allows men to use women's bathrooms and any father who speaks up to protects his daughter's privacy can be subject to jail time. This bill allows 5-year-old kids to choose what gender they want to be."

"The eyes of the nation will be on Massachusetts this November as Bay Staters across the commonwealth will decide whether to protect equality for transgender people," said Sarah McBride, National Press Secretary of the Human Rights Campaign. "The right of transgender people in Massachusetts to access restaurants, public transportation and hospitals is on the line with Question 3. If successful in repealing protections in Massachusetts, anti-equality extremists will be emboldened to undermine equality for LGBTQ people around the nation. But by voting Yes, voters across Massachusetts will have the chance to make clear that the heart of the commonwealth is big enough to love and welcome all people."

Here are the official arguments, published by the secretary of state.

**IN FAVOR:** Written by Susan Donnelly, Freedom for All Massachusetts. [Www.freedommassachusetts.org](http://Www.freedommassachusetts.org)

Keeps Massachusetts welcoming and fair.

Prevents discrimination in places like stores, restaurants, and hospitals.

Protects transgender youth and adults.

Lets transgender people go about their daily lives, including in restrooms, which we all need to use.

We all value safety and privacy, including transgender people. This law has been in place for two years with no increase in public safety incidents. Harassing people remains illegal, and those who commit crimes are still prosecuted.

That's why experts who support the law include:

Law enforcement, including the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association and Massachusetts Major City Chiefs of Police.

Women's organizations and the Massachusetts Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence.

The Massachusetts Parent-Teacher Association.

Transgender people are our neighbors, co-workers and friends who contribute to our thriving communities. A Yes vote upholds basic values of fairness, dignity and respect for all.

**AGAINST:** Written by Debby Dugan of Keep MA Safe. [Www.keepmasafe.org](http://Www.keepmasafe.org)

Voting No repeals the "Bathroom Bill" law and prevents men from entering women's bathrooms, locker rooms, dressing rooms and intimate spaces. The law violates the privacy and safety of women by allowing any man identifying as a woman, including convicted sex offenders, to share women's facilities. Under the law, any attempt

to block a man from entering the women's locker room, dressing room, or bathroom could result in individual penalties of up to \$50,000 and a year in prison. Businesses are also affected, like a female spa owner who faced a discrimination claim for declining to wax the genitals of a man identifying as a woman. No law should make women and girls feel unsafe and exploit their privacy and security. The Legislature passed a law that goes too far, even refusing to include a provision to exclude convicted sex offenders. A No vote protects women's privacy.

**2016 VOTE ON TRANSGENDER RIGHTS**  
The House 117-36, Senate 33-4 approved the law that prohibits discrimination against transgender people.

The Senate did not have a roll call vote on the final bill. The 33-4 Senate vote is on an earlier version of the measure.

(A "Yes" vote is for the law that prohibits discrimination. A "No" vote is against it.)

Rep. Christine Barber	Yes
Rep. Mike Connolly	Not yet elected
Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

**EXEMPT SENIORS FROM AUTO EXCISE TAX (H 1568)** - Exempts seniors over 65 with income below the federal poverty line from the automobile excise tax. The current federal poverty line is \$12,060 for a single person and \$16,240 for a married couple.

**HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION?**  
*Beacon Hill Roll Call* tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature's job and that a lot of important work is done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work, research, constituent work and other matters that are important to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late-night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session. During the week of October 22-26, the House met for a total of three hours and 17 minutes and the Senate met for a total of three hours and 51 minutes.

Mon. October 22	House 11:05 a.m. to 11:23 a.m. Senate 11:04 a.m. to 11:27 a.m.
Tues. October 23	No House session No Senate session
Wed. October 24	No House session No Senate session
Thurs. October 25	House 11:01 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Senate 11:04 a.m. to 2:32 p.m.
Fri. October 26	No House session No Senate session

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at [bob@beaconhillrollcall.com](mailto:bob@beaconhillrollcall.com)

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# BOA bullies? No, it's about accountability; we are doing our job

By Ward 3 Alderman Ben Ewen-Campen and Ward 5 Alderman Mark Niedergang

We write in response to Jack Connolly's op-ed of September 26, 2018, BOA bullies block members' reappointment.

Some background: On August 28th, the Board of Aldermen (BOA) took the highly unusual step of voting against the confirmation of two Mayoral appointees, both whom of have served for 20 years, one a member of the Planning Board and the other the Chair of Somerville Redevelopment Authority (SRA). We want to explain why we voted against their confirmations, and why Connolly's criticisms of the BOA's vote are so wrong.

When it comes to regulating development in Somerville, nearly all of the legal decision-making power is held by three boards: the Planning Board, the Zoning Board of Appeals, and the SRA. These boards oversee everything from small changes by home-owners, all the way to enormous developments such as those in Assembly Square and Union Square. The members of these boards are not elected, they are appointed by the Mayor, and are subject to confirmation by the Board of Aldermen - a process that, in the past, has often been described as a rubber stamp.

Jack Connolly argues that the BOA should have re-appointed these individuals because of their long service to Somerville, their resumes, honors, and because they are "native Somervillians." He says nothing whatsoever about their records, statements, and specific votes on the Planning Board and the SRA. Ask yourself: do you think our City has been holding developers to high enough standards in recent years?

We believe the confirmation process should be about one thing: accountability. What's important is how these individuals vote, what they say at meetings, and the questions they ask. One of the BOA's most important duties as the legislative branch of City government is to provide a check and balance on the power of the executive, the Mayor. This is especially important for Somerville, which has a strong-Mayor form of government.

Accountability is critical if government is to represent the community's views and exercise the will of the people. We Aldermen are directly accountable to the voters, and must stand for re-election every other year if we want to keep our jobs and keep on making important decisions. But when it comes to these powerful, appointed boards, the confirmation process is the only way these positions are held accountable. This BOA takes that responsibility seriously, because we do not believe the people of Somerville elected us to be rubber stamps.

Given the huge amount of real estate development in Somerville in recent years, and its impact on residents' lives, there has been increasing public scrutiny of these appointed boards. A number of high-profile decisions by the SRA and the Planning Board - and the manner in which they were made -- have shaken the public's trust in our City government. In some cases, large majorities of the public who expressed their opinions were outraged not only by the decisions, but by the lack of due diligence and serious questioning by these boards.

Many of the decisions that have been questioned by the public were made regarding development in Assembly Square and Union Square. Often, these decisions seemed to favor large developers and gave them advantages that many felt were not in the best interest of Somerville's residents. If you want to learn details about some of these votes by the Planning Board and the SRA, you can check out Ewen-Campen's September 22, 2018 Ward 3 newsletter at <https://tinyurl.com/yd79pd7h> and Niedergang's memo for the August 28th meeting, "My views on SRA, Planning Board and ZBA re-appointments," at [http://somervillecityma.iqm2.com/Citizens/Detail\\_Communication.aspx?Frame=&MeetingID=2757&MediaPosition=&ID=1715&CssClass=](http://somervillecityma.iqm2.com/Citizens/Detail_Communication.aspx?Frame=&MeetingID=2757&MediaPosition=&ID=1715&CssClass=)

could have in directing development, these powerful boards need to take community concerns about affordable housing, green space, equity, and sustainability far more seriously, rather than viewing them as impediments to development or growing our tax base. We need qualified, independent, and responsive appointees on all of these boards - people who will get the best possible deal for the City, hold developers to the highest standards, and engender trust from the public while making contentious and difficult decisions.

We both know dozens of qualified Somerville residents who have written and spoken in public extensively about development issues, many with professional expertise, who would love to serve on these boards. Many have applied to do so and been turned down by the Mayor. Connolly's statement, "It's going to be real difficult for the Mayor...to recruit and fill many of the positions on the various boards and commissions charged with handling the city's business..." could not be more out-of-touch and inaccurate.

By no means do we expect to agree with every decision made by these boards. But we all need to have faith in the fairness and transparency of the process, especially on decisions we disagree with. These boards need to take public input seriously, do extensive analysis, ask lots of tough questions, and take as long as is

necessary in rendering important decisions.

This Board of Aldermen is taking our obligation seriously. We take no pleasure in rejecting a Mayoral appointee; it is not fun or pleasant to criticize someone's performance in public and to their face. But it's our job. For anyone interested in the BOA's lengthy deliberation on the two re-appointments that Connolly discusses, there is a full video available of this meeting here [http://somervillecityma.iqm2.com/Citizens/Detail\\_Meeting.aspx?ID=2757](http://somervillecityma.iqm2.com/Citizens/Detail_Meeting.aspx?ID=2757). If you watch it, you will see how seriously BOA members carried out their duties. While two re-appointments were rejected at this meeting, two others were approved.

There are now quite a few open positions on these key boards and also on many other boards and commissions. This is an opportunity to bring new blood, greater diversity, and more highly-qualified and talented people into these important positions. We urge the Mayor NOT to do as Connolly suggested and just ignore the BOA's votes, which were both 8-1 against re-confirmation. To allow these discredited appointees to continue to serve indefinitely (which, unfortunately, is within the Mayor's legal power under state law), would be to ignore the will of the people. We urge Mayor Curtatone to propose new, highly-qualified applicants to fill these positions as soon as possible.

## Somerville Veterans' Memorial Parade

On Sunday, November 4, the Veterans Memorial Parade will step off at noon from the City Hall Concourse, and continue through Davis Square to Teele Square. Somerville's will be one of only two parades in the region in honor of Veterans Month in November (the second is the Veterans Day Parade currently planned in Boston for November 11).

The November 4 parade will have 87 units, including Somerville officials, community groups and organizations, the Somerville Police and Fire Departments, local, regional, and national veterans' organizations and members from each of the armed service branches, and much more. The parade route continues along Highland Ave. through Davis Sq., ending at the intersection of Holland St. and Broadway in Teele Square. A viewing stand will be set up in the heart of Davis Square.

The 2018 Somerville Veterans' Memorial Parade Grand Marshall is Sean Horgan. Marine Corps Veteran Sean Horgan is proud to call Somerville home and lives with his family in the Davis Square area. Sean is involved in an organization called Team Rubicon that unites the skills and experiences of military Veterans with first responders to rapidly deploy emergency response teams to areas in need of disaster relief. He is also an active member of the Greater Boston Veteran's Collaborative which brings together Veteran service provider to streamline outreach processes and create a positive working relationship with those providers to ensure all Veterans receive the benefits and services they deserve. Sean recently deployed with Veterans from Massachusetts to aid victims of Hurricane Harvey in Texas. In November 2017, he was named the Somerville Veteran of the year for his many acts of selfless devotion to his fellow Veterans and their families.

The Aleppo Shriners return as a parade highlight to help honor the service and sacrifice of so many who have served our country. This display of more than 20 units, a parade favorite throughout the region, entertains crowds of thousands throughout New England each year as they bring awareness to its great philanthropy, the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

For more information or if you have questions about Veterans services or events, contact Bryan Bishop at 617-625-6600 ext. 4710 or [bbishop@somervillema.gov](mailto:bbishop@somervillema.gov).



# Two new Somerville Fire Department firefighters



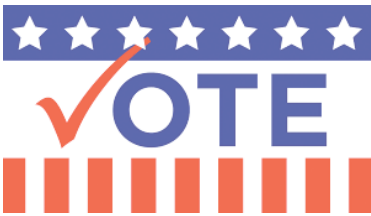
Two new firefighters were sworn in during the Tuesday, October 23, Board of Aldermen meeting. Seamus Lynch and Troy Martini will start orientation with the department on November 5 for two weeks and then report to the MA Firefighting Academy in Stow. Pictured L to R: Troy Martini, Chief Charles Breen and Seamus Lynch. — Photo courtesy of Somerville FD

# Early voting still underway

Early voting in Somerville continues through November 2.

Avoid the crowds at the polls next week.

The full schedule of hours is on the Elections Department website: <https://www.somervillema.gov/elections>.



# Treasure Hunting with Bob

BY BOB ADAMS



## Poldark in Somerville

My wife's obsession with the English TV show, Poldark sparked an interest in the metal tin for me. However, in the show, they mine copper in Cornwall. Ha. Wrong. It was tin they mined in Cornwall. But, I guess nobody knows what tin is (or doesn't care) so, they changed it to the more exciting copper mining.

I kept running across the tin alloy, pewter, in my search for sterling silver. Pewter is usually around 95% tin and a bit of copper to harden it. Those two metals make up the alloy. It looks similar enough to silver and is made into the same bowls, trays, mugs, etc. that it's worth a quick inspection. After seeing an item and discovering it was pewter and feeling cheated, I'd put it back on the shelf. Not anymore.

I did a quick search for tin prices on the internet and found pure tin selling for ten dollars a pound. Not bad. Silver sells for two hundred and fifty dollars a pound but, the shelves at the junk stores aren't overflowing with silver. I figured if I can purchase tin (pewter) items from the second hand stores for one to two dollars a pound, I could make some money off of it.

I found a company out in Pennsylvania that buys tin products. And, they'll send a truck out to pick it up. No need to drive out there to drop it off. They pay five dollars a pound too. Not bad again. They have to make a buck too. The hitch is, to schedule a pick-up, they'll need a minimum of five hundred pounds. Wow. I've got some collecting to do.

For the last couple of months. I've been buying all the pewter I can find under two dollars a pound. I'm up to about forty pounds now. Only four hundred and sixty pounds to go. With luck, I'll have the minimum pick-up amount before this buyer out in Pennsylvania retires and closes up shop.

Hopefully, the price of tin won't crash between now and then. And, hopefully, my wife won't divorce me because I have a quarter ton of tin in the basement. Wish me luck.

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

# The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week



Eagle feathers #165

## The War to End all Wars

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

Renowned engineer Dr. Frederick Stark Pearson was the man who brought electric light and power to Somerville and many other cities around the world. He and his wife lived on College Avenue near the Powder House.



The couple was sadly two of the 1,198 souls, including 128 Americans, who perished in the torpedoing of the luxury ship Lusitania. Its 1915 sinking by a German submarine helped end American neutrality and launched our country into World War I, also known as "The War to End all Wars."



The war would last another three years with American involvement from 1917 to 1918. New England's 26th Army National Guard Division was the first to arrive in France and its battle cry, along with the American troops who would follow, was "The Yanks Are Coming." They were titled the Yankee Division and had just spent a year guarding the Mexican border and combating General Francisco "Pancho" Villa's Mexican bandits.

World War I memorials are scattered across the city in the form of street names, parks, statues and squares. They honor the city's soldiers, sailors, and marines who gave their lives for our freedom.

• Trum Field was named after Corporal Richard Trum who was killed in action on November 1, 1918, just ten days before the

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# OSPCD Executive Director Michael Glavin retiring

After a decades-long distinguished career in community planning and economic development, including seven years at the helm of the city's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD), Michael Glavin has announced his retirement. Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone has named the city's current nationally respected Director of Planning George Proakis the new Executive Director of OSPCD. Mayor Curtatone also announced that current Somerville Senior Planner Sarah Lewis, who led numerous community-based urban planning and design projects nationally before joining the city staff in 2016, will be the new Director of Planning. The transition will take place in late November.

An alum of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute with degrees in architecture and urban and environmental studies, Glavin's career began with an internship with the city of Cohoes, NY, where he rose through the ranks to run the Planning and Development Department and led successful housing and downtown revitalization efforts. After returning to his hometown of Boston, his notable career included serving as Boston Redevelopment Authority Deputy Director for Institutional Development as well as Director of Community Development for the City of Chelsea. A passionate supporter of affordable housing, his extensive economic development experience also extended to community reinvestment work for Bank of America, FleetBoston Financial, and BankBoston, where he ensured and guided meaningful investments in low-income communities.

Glavin assumed the directorship of OSPCD in 2011 at the start of a period of substantial growth in Somerville. During his tenure, among many achievements, he worked in concert with Mayor Curtatone to realize the first phase of the community's ambitious goals set forth in SomerVision, the city's 20-year comprehensive plan. In pursuit of the plan's core goals for job creation, housing, open space, and more, he provided steady leadership as the department advanced complex and transformational projects including Assembly Row, Union Square, the Green Line Expansion, zoning overhaul, and more. In doing so, he introduced strategic staff additions, departmental reorganization, and long-range planning initiatives that enabled the department's continued progress, including new staff in the areas of parks, open space, urban forestry, bicycle infrastructure, and economic development, as well as the development of neighborhood plans, long-range open space and field master plans, and the recent establishment of the Office of Housing Stability.

"It has been an honor for me, and a tremendous benefit to our city, to have a talent of Michael's stature steering OSPCD's efforts so thoughtfully and deftly these past seven years," said Mayor Curtatone. "He may have served mainly out of the public eye, but the evidence of his outstanding, results-driven leadership can be seen across this city. In the greatest possible example of what it means to be a true public servant, he guided OSPCD staff during a period of unprecedented progress in realizing our community's shared goals. Whether in the historic increase in the production of affordable inclusionary housing, the greatest increase in our commercial tax base since the 1920s, the substantial increase in job creation, or other critical growth called for in SomerVision, he has driven his team's extraordinary efforts to advance our community's vision for this city. He leaves for the next phase of his life with my deepest respect and is deserving of our community's sincere gratitude."

"It's been a great privilege to work under a Mayor with such tremendous vision and understanding of the community's needs and potential, as well as the ability to inspire the best in all of us," said Glavin. "I also appreciate the opportunity I've had here to work with so many colleagues in city government dedicated to the needs of the community."

Glavin will be succeeded as Director of OSPCD by the city's current Director of Planning George Proakis, who is a nationally respected and award-winning planner with 16 years of public sector planning experience. Proakis brought a wide breadth of experience to the city when he joined the staff in 2010. Previously, over his seven years as Associate Planner, Chief Planner, and then Planning and Permitting Director for the City of Lowell, he led groundbreaking work that balanced conservation and historic preservation with needed investment and strategic development in the urban core. In Lowell, he also oversaw many of the key areas contained within OSPCD in Somerville, including plan review, conservation, transportation, community development block grants, finance and administration, long-term planning, and urban design.

In Somerville, Proakis worked side-by-side with Mayor Curtatone and other departments to usher in a new era of community-based planning. The city's SomerVision, Somerville by Design, Neighborhood Planning, and Station Area Planning initiatives are a direct result of his ability to attract top talent, inspire creative and community-driven approaches, and deliver responsive results that weave together state-of-the-art practices and technical requirements with

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## Somerville thinks bigger, strives harder, and celebrates more

### We also should be the city where more vote



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Having spent my whole life in Somerville, I've met almost every type of person you can imagine. I've met people of every race, creed, color, faith, age, and more. I've met people from all walks of life and from all around the world. I've met people who'd give you the shirt off their backs and others who'd try to steal it. Yet the one thing I haven't met is someone without an opinion.

One of the absolute best things about Somerville is people will tell you what they think. Living in Somerville not only means

you can meet all types, but you get to hear everything too. It's fantastic. Yet not everybody votes. That I don't understand. We have a city full of amazing, opinionated people, but some of them skip making their voices heard via the voting booth.

I don't care what your opinions are. I don't care if you disagree with me about 100% of everything. Please vote. It is a simple act that makes our entire system work better.

Some people may be hesitant to vote because polls have convinced them the outcomes are foregone conclusions. We've seen many instances of how that's not always the case, but, even if it is, more support for the candidates or causes you believe in adds weight to those victories. And if you're on the losing side of a vote, at least you stood up and made your voice heard. I've lost count of how many losing votes I've taken over the years. I'm glad I took every single one

of them. I appreciate that I had the opportunity to support my opinions and my values.

I know you've likely heard before that people have struggled, fought, and died for your right to vote, but it's true and deserves saying again. It's the basis of government of, by, and for the people. We also keep trying to make it easier to do. If you have conflicts next Tuesday, we have early voting taking place at City Hall through the end of this week.

As it turns out, in Somerville we're considering expanding voting rights in local elections to include students aged 16 and 17 and resident immigrants. These are people who can't vote in state and national elections, but would love to have their voices heard at the local level. Regardless of your view on that, the point is plenty of people who can't participate in the democratic process wish they could join those of us who can. They

think we're in on a good thing, and they're right about that.

The other thing that gets overlooked is we are in an era of big data. Voting numbers get crunched every which way, and it does shape policy decisions at the state and national levels. No matter who you are, you fit into a set of demographics. If more people like you show up to vote, politicians see that data, along with how it affects the results. If you're part of a demographic that doesn't show up, it makes it easy to ignore your issues.

Ideally, what we should get is full participation. That way we get to see what the totality of the people actually think rather than a distorted picture based on who showed up. I particularly encourage anyone who feels run down, overlooked, underrepresented, or left behind to vote. We need to hear from you most of all, so that we have a government that works for everybody. Don't

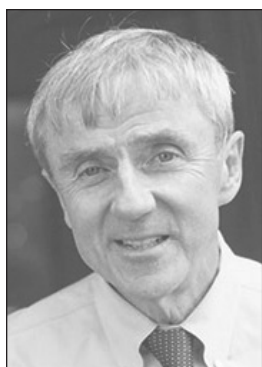
think your vote doesn't matter. The very act of you showing up influences the process.

Finally, it's no secret we live in contentious times. This isn't the first time it's happened. The way we get through these is we vote our way forward. We settle our issues at the ballot box, then take action based on those votes. It is a search for prevailing opinion, and it starts with each of us making our opinions part of the process.

I know you've got opinions. Now turn those opinions into votes. I've always considered Somerville to be a unique place. We think bigger, strive harder, and celebrate more. We also should be the city where more people vote. Setting a higher standard is kind of our thing. Make sure you vote early or on Tuesday, Nov. 6. Make sure everybody you know does the same.

We get the best results when everybody votes, so vote.

## Zoning overhaul update



By Jack Connolly

Last night, a public hearing was held in East Somerville regarding one of the least understood but most relevant to our everyday lives: ZONING.

Citizens, property owners, business owners and Chamber of Commerce folks all chimed in on what is necessary: Update the current zoning, last updated in 1990.

The BOA, as the city's legislative body, must approve this proposal with eight favorable (never an easy task) votes. The updated proposal was submitted by highly regarded City Planner (Now Director of OSPCD) George Proakis and his capable team.

Up until this month, this update has been sitting in the BOA deep freezer, despite concerted

efforts by Proakis and staff, to put into play.

Proakis maintains this is a like a computer company (like Microsoft and Apple) updating its software platform of the operating system to a new and improved edition, which can periodically be enhanced with a new version from time to time. So far, the BOA has not made this much of a priority.

So what will the new Zoning edition do generally?

The 2018 edition will be organized by district, improved by the use of pictures and color displays, eliminate a lot of the legal jargon so confusing in the current version. In residential areas, it will down zone "Resident B" and combine with the current "Resident A" into one district, since these properties are so similar.

Now, no matter what you may want to do to add on or update your home or investment property, a special permit is required, and a trip to the Planning and Zoning Board, which can take not just a few weeks, but months, for a relatively minor project, like a deck or a dormer

The updated Zoning code edition will replace the Art Overlay District with a Fabrication district, which will preserve space for artists, and can be mapped anywhere in the city. The new Zoning edition will also replace the outdated Design Review Committee with the Urban Design Commission; a good and needed move. Also, there will be eight overlay districts, all with commercial to residential ratios, civic space requirements, and adjustments can be made depending on future economic conditions. In addition, there will be standards for new Parks, Commons, and Plazas (11 different types in total).

I'm just touching on only a few of the updates more than necessary. For a complete review, go online and see [www.somerville-zoning.com](http://www.somerville-zoning.com).

You should be able to go to that same city website and see a video of the testimony offered at last night's public hearing. As well, the BOA usually allows written testimony to be submitted for a period of time after these public hearings. Check the website or call the City Clerk John Long

at 617-625-6600, ext. 4100, for more info.

Complicating this even more is the retirement of Mike Glavin, the veteran Exec Director of the City Office of Special Planning and Community Development, who will be succeeded (you don't replace this type of talent) by current City Planner, George Proakis, one of the most talented City Planners in the region.

He (Proakis) must now juggle the long and winding road to secure eight votes from the BOA for the Zoning overhaul, and at the same time, take over the pilot seat in the office of Special Planning and Community Development; Look for Mayor Joe to try his powers of persuasion with BOA members, some who will certainly be looking to trade their vote for their own desires. Hope he is talking, not texting, those BOA members.

Those BOA members really need to pick up the pace in the Land Use Committee of the BOA (chaired by Ward 6 Alderman Lance Davis) since there are only 3 maybe 4 regular meetings left in this calendar year.

This Board has not made much of an impact with the "Our Revolution" take over team, as the Revolution has little to brag about; The 1% Transfer Tax Home Rule petition approved by the BOA went to the State House, where after a routine hearing, appears to be long-dead on arrival.

Little progress has been made on much discussed "Affordable Housing." Whatever happened to that 500-unit project on Clarendon Hill involving the Somerville Housing Authority, the city, and a private developer? How about the "Condo Conversion" update? Right of First Refusal? Land Trust?

Lots of talk, but no apparent action. I understand that the latest topic for aldermen is the decision to consider lowering the voting age to 16, and to allow non-citizens to vote; another initiative that will require approval by the State House.

Looks like it's time for BOA members to establish some priorities, and a time frame to get these things done: After all, isn't that what they were elected to do?

COMMENTARY

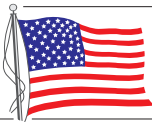
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Happy Halloween, Somerville!

Our View Of The Times



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

The mid-term election is just around the corner, and it feels as though a great burden will be off our shoulders once it’s

over. The balance of power in Washington is in play, state seats will be filled, ballot measures determined. More than ever it seems as though so much is at stake in this particular election cycle, no matter which side we align with.

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

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

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

Somehow it seems like this just might be what we all need.

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

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

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New fall **Learn-To-Skate** classes for children, ages 4 to 18 at the local ice rink in Somerville will be held at **Founders Memorial Rink**, 581 Somerville Ave. in Somerville, starting on **November 4**, at 2:00 p.m. Use hockey, recreational or figure skates. Beginner, intermediate and advanced classes are available. For information and to register, call **Bay State Skating School** at 781-890-8480 or visit online at [www.BayStateSkatingSchool.org](http://www.BayStateSkatingSchool.org).

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Miss watching the **Board of Aldermen meetings** on TV? You can view them in their entirety on **Comcast channel 22**, as well as on **YouTube**. Watch your city at work and see how these dedicated members of our community are serving you, the public. We can’t say this enough, watch the meetings on either cable broadcast live, or go online to YouTube to watch them. You will find some pretty hysterical information there about what’s happening in the city. This should be required viewing for everyone who cares about what is happening here. Even the committee meetings are online. After all, the Board of Aldermen is voting to spend your money. Wow, the raises some department heads are getting. Ask yourself, if you own property has your taxes gone down or stayed the same over the past 14

years? And do you remember what they kept telling us what the benefit of Assembly Square would be to our tax base? Watch and remember. Don’t let a small minority of a certain group run our city, be aware of what is going on, and VOTE.

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Have you thought you’d like to do some writing, a little story about Somerville as either a newbie or Villen? We have about 80K people and we would love to hear about your adventures here in the city. Maybe you want to write about a particular subject like our **Bob Doherty** and **Dorothy DiMarzio**, or like **Jimmy Del Ponte** with his stories about the city. Or maybe you’d like to express your opinion like **Bill Shelton**. Not just the politicians, but those from our community. Give us a call at 617-666-4010 or email [news@thesomervilletimes.com](mailto:news@thesomervilletimes.com) and tell us about your idea. We would love to tell it to the rest of Somerville.

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We’re still reading the lease on the **Winter Hill Yacht Club**, which has about two years left. We found something about there is not supposed to be a fence. We’ll get back to you on this. We’re reading it and we think if the city presses hard enough, along with the state delegation, the city can turn this is into a commu-

nity place for the citizens of Somerville. Someone sent us some documents – about 40 pages or so – about the club, their lease and membership list. We’re going over it and will update next few weeks. But again, we think it’s a shame all that beautiful land and docks, and most especially the clubhouse, is being used by those that don’t even live here in the city. A vast majority – we hear 80%. maybe more – live outside of the city. It’s state own land (belongs to the people) and they pay rent, but are they current? What is the amount they pay to the state? What benefit does Somerville get from it now? We know that some former criminals are members there. Actually we heard someone say the other day, “If you’re indicted, you’re invited.” Go by and check it out.

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**The Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (SHPC)** is now accepting nominations for the **2019 Preservation Awards**. During its annual celebration in honor of **Historic Preservation Month** in May 2019, the Commission will honor Somerville residents who performed significant restoration or maintenance efforts on designated historic buildings, or on non-designated buildings erected before 1967. The nomination period is open through **Wednesday, Novem-**

**ber 21, 2018**. Eligible property owners must have completed restoration and preservation work between January 2016 and December 2018. Owners may nominate their own property, or may be nominated by others in the community. Eligible projects include, but are not limited to, removal of inappropriate siding materials, repair or restoration of damaged or missing architectural details, removal of enclosed porches or inappropriate windows, repainting with historic colors, and additions that are “historically sympathetic.” In addition to the formal award certificates from the City of Somerville and the Massachusetts State House, Somerville High School students will present winners with an original architectural rendering of their property. Nomination forms are available on the city Website at [www.somervillema.gov/Preservation](http://www.somervillema.gov/Preservation) Awards, the first floor lobby of City Hall, or the Preservation Commission’s Office on the second floor of City Hall. For additional information, contact **Brandon Wilson**, **Kristi Chase**, **Preservation Planner**, or **Logan Capone**, **Preservation Planning Intern** at 617-625-6600, ext. 2500 or via e-mail: [kchase@somervillema.gov](mailto:kchase@somervillema.gov) or [lcapone@somervillema.gov](mailto:lcapone@somervillema.gov).

# ESMS Halloween Block Party

East Somerville Main Streets hosted families and local nonprofits to enjoy Halloween themed activities and enjoy a beautiful fall weekend on Sunday at Chuckie Harris Park.

Fun family-friendly Halloween activities included family photos, donut on a string eating contest, trick or treating, mask making, Fear Factor guessing game and more.



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Photos by Claudia Ferro

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Dear Editor,

On behalf of the following members of the Special Legislative Commission on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Aging, we strongly urge Massachusetts voters to vote Yes on 3 to uphold the existing transgender anti-discrimination law which ensures that dignity and respect continue to be our guiding principles in Massachusetts.

On November 6, Massachusetts voters will have the opportunity to keep a 2016 law in place that protects transgender people from discrimination in public places like health clinics, subways, nursing homes, assist-

ed care facilities, medical offices and other important public spaces. Transgender people should have the same basic protections as everyone else - to live their lives with authenticity, privacy and dignity. This is especially important for older adults in our community to be able to age safely with the dignity and respect they deserve.

According to SAGE, a national advocacy organization for LGBT elders, LGBT older adults need to rely on formal systems of care far more frequently than other elders. They are much more likely to live alone, without children or partners to care for them. Many of them have experienced harassment, bullying and discrimination throughout their lives and especially in public spaces. Anti-discrimination protections, such as our current law, are vitally important to ensure that LGBT elders have access to the services they need in order to live safe and healthy lives.

This law is about protecting the freedom of all Massachusetts residents - including those who are transgender - to live their lives free from discrimination. Please vote YES on 3 to continue treating people fairly in Massachusetts.

Sincerely,

Senator Barbara L'Italien,

Co-chair, Special Legislative Commission on LGBT Aging

Rep. Danielle Gregoire

Co-chair, Special Legislative Commission on LGBT Aging

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Clinical Psychologist and Attorney at Law

Transgender Older Adult

Paul Glass,

LGBT Older Adult from Cape Cod

Dear Editor,

I am a 32-year-old teacher and mom from Somerville. My health history is complicated by severe Crohn's disease that I have struggled with since I was 21. I have had three surgeries at MGH. Recovering from abdominal surgery is difficult, and I relied on nurses for everything including sitting up, pain management, using the bathroom, bathing, and caring for my pre-

term baby after a difficult Caesarean section.

The competent and attentive care I received was not only due to the talent and experience of the nurses, but also due to the nurse to patient ratios that MGH voluntarily uses. I remember my partner and I repeatedly saying to each other that we felt like I was the only patient on the floor, only to find out that the floors were at capacity each time.

As a person with a chronic illness, a mother, and someone who works with children every day, I want this type of nursing care to be available to everyone who needs it – not just those people with all of the privileges (insurance, location, transportation, etc.) that I benefited from to seek care at a facility with such ratios.

I teach my seventh-graders about social contract theory. Even as young adolescents, they understand that we have to look beyond ourselves when thinking about social/legal issues. It seems naive to me to rely on the goodwill of hospital executives to put these common sense ratios into place – I certainly won't assume that goodwill when it comes to my own healthcare and that of my family and students.

As a teacher, I am all too familiar with the difficulty of serving in a women-dominated profession and trying to pursue necessary changes in conditions to be an effective professional, to put my talents and expertise to use.

I ask you to vote yes on ballot question one. Every person deserves competent and attentive hospital care, not just those fortunate enough to go to MGH.

Please vote yes on ballot question one.

Sara Marx

Somerville

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Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. When was the first World Series played?

2. What teams played in the first World Series?

3. What team has had the most appearances in the World Series games?

4. How many times have the Boston Red Sox played in the World Series?

5. What has been the largest number of innings played in a World Series game?

6. What plant does linseed oil come from?

7. In what year was the first test tube baby born?

8. What movie did Angelina Jolie make her screen debut in alongside her father, Jon Voight?

9. What song was inspired by Blake Shelton losing his older brother in a car accident?

10. What is an affineur?

11. Who owns Instagram and WhatsApp?

12. What was Queen's singer Freddie Mercury's real name?

Answers on page 17

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State allocates \$1.2M for playing field improvement project at Foss Park

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the City of Somerville. The land parcel was dedicated to WWI soldier Saxton C. Foss in 1955 by the state legislature. Currently, Foss Park's multi-sports field's natural turf is in denigrated condition with drainage issues and dysfunctional light features. The Foss Park playing field improvement project is the latest example of the Baker-Polito Administration's efforts to increase public access within the state park's system. Last month, the Administration also announced a \$1.2 million project to replace the football field and the existing track located at Lake Park in the City of Worcester.

"I am so pleased that DCR is making investments in Foss Park, the largest open space in Somerville and a critical green space in our community with many uses. Securing funding for Foss has been a significant priority for advocates, residents, and the Somerville delegation for several years, and I am looking forward to the upcoming community meeting to hear about residents' ideas for improvements to the entire park space, and discussions of further investments in Foss Park," said Representative Christine Barber.

"Foss Park is one of the most important recreational resources in our community, and the Commonwealth's \$1.2 million investment will help make this resource even more useful to the public," said Representative Mike Connolly. "I am grateful to our legislative delegation for supporting this investment in the 26th Middlesex District, and I look forward to working with the City of Somerville, DCR, and local residents as we continue to refine the vision for the park."

"Since DCR owns and controls most of the public parkland in Somerville, I will be delighted to see how final plans for the long overdue renovation of Foss Park reflect public input and meet community needs for green space," said Representative Denise Provost.

Introduction to College Basics

Families of Somerville High School 11th graders are invited to an "Introduction to College Basics" information session on Thursday, November 1, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in the SHS Auditorium.

They will introduce the basics of the college process and families will have time to talk to their student's counselors individually to discuss any questions they have. This is a great event to help families understand how to start preparing for college.

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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**OF PUBLIC HEARING**

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the **Zoning Board of Appeals** on **Wednesday, November 7, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.** in the **Aldermanic Chambers, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.**

\*\*\* Cases are sometimes postponed to later dates. To sign up for emails to inform you of a [change of hearing date](#) for a project near you, please use the URL associated with your address of interest that appears at the end of this legal notification.\*\*\*

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**2 Village Terrace Unit #5 (ZBA 2018-132):** Applicant and Owner, Michael Bell, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming building by adding a rear balcony and staircase to the second floor. RC zone. Ward 2.

**22-24 Fountain Avenue (ZBA 2018-117):** Applicant, Prospect Realty Advisors, Inc. and Owner, Anthony J. Megna, seek Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to alter a non-conforming property by increasing the gross floor area (GFA) by more than 25% after moving the existing building to the front of the property and adding a rear addition. Special Permit for a non-conforming rear yard setback. Parking relief under Article 9 of the SZO. RB zone. Ward 1.

**292 Beacon Street (ZBA 2018-118):** Applicant and Owner, Kenn Spera, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §7.11.1.c and §9.13 as well as a Variance under §5.5 and §8.5 to construct a new four-story wood framed structure with five dwelling units and underground parking. RC Zone. Ward 2.

**30 Franklin Street (ZBA 2018-126):** Applicant, David Choi, and Owner, Ibrahim Ibrahim, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by converting the existing single family into a two family, increasing the height to 2.5 stories, and constructing an addition to the house. RB Zone. Ward 1.

**161 Linwood Street (ZBA 2015-49-R2-10/18):** Applicant, Phil Naffah, Harvey Signs, and Owner, Herbert Chambers, seeks a Revision to a previously approved Special Permit (ZBA 2015-49) for signage. IA Zone. Ward 2.

395 Alewife Brook Parkway (ZBA 2018-40): Applicant, 395 ABP, LLC and Owner, G.E. & M. Auto Service, Inc., seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review (SPSR) to construct a four-story, 23-unit residential building. Affordable units to be provided under Article 13 of the SZO. Special Permit for parking relief and to provide compact spaces under Article 9 of the SZO. NB zone. Ward 7.

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292 Beacon St: <http://eepurl.com/doJIAr>  
30 Franklin St: [http://eepurl.com/dLdr\\_o](http://eepurl.com/dLdr_o)  
161 Linwood St: <http://eepurl.com/dLdsDM>  
22-24 Fountain Ave: <http://eepurl.com/dLdC6E>  
395 Alewife Brook Pkwy: <http://eepurl.com/dLdlBY>

Submittals may be viewed in-person in the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, located on the third floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, Mon-Wed, 8:30 am-4:30 pm; Thurs, 8:30 am-7:30pm [www.somervillema.gov/planningandzoning](http://www.somervillema.gov/planningandzoning).

As cases may be continued to later dates, please check the agenda on the City's website or call before attending a meeting. Continued cases will not be re-advertised. Interested persons may provide comments to the Zoning Board of Appeals at the hearing or by submitting written comments by mail to OSPCD, Planning Division, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143; by fax to 617-625-0722; or by email to [planning@somervillema.gov](mailto:planning@somervillema.gov).

Attest: George Proakis, Planning Director  
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**PURCHASING DEPARTMENT**  
**RFQ 19-39**

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**Spring Hill Sewer Separation Design Services**


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Sealed bids will be received until **Wednesday November 21st, 2018 at 2:00pm.** Late bids will not be considered. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all bids if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

**Please contact Michael Richards at 617-625-6600 x 3403, or email [mrichards@somervillema.gov](mailto:mrichards@somervillema.gov) for information and the bid package.**

**Michael Richards**  
**Assistant Purchasing Director**

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**CITY OF SOMERVILLE**  
**PURCHASING DEPARTMENT**  
**RFQ 19-40**

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OSPCD Executive Director Michael Glavin retiring

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community goals. He also led his staff in ongoing and ground-breaking work to establish a new zoning code for Somerville through intensive community process. His accomplishments and leading-edge efforts led to his recent recruitment to serve as a Lecturer for Planning and Design at Harvard University and as a member of the Board of the prestigious Boston Society of Architects.

“George is a world-class talent that could easily be working for any major city in the U.S., but he has made a commitment to this city because he believes in our human-centered vision. We are fortunate to have such an expert in the field ready to continue his service in a new role as OSPCD Executive Director,” said Mayor Curtatone. “George brings not only intricate technical knowledge and documented success,

George is a humanist. He is keenly keyed into the human impacts of planning and design and believes deeply in community process, which makes him the right director not for just any city, but especially for our city.”

“My confidence in George has given me great comfort knowing OSPCD will be in the hands of someone so qualified and capable and as alert to community needs,” said Glavin. “I have no doubt that he will build on OSPCD’s current efforts and work with Mayor Curtatone and the community to take the department’s work to a new level.”

Proakis will be succeeded as Director of Planning by current Somerville Senior Planner Sarah Lewis, who has worked with municipalities nationwide on community-based planning, land use, and zoning. She has not only led numerous intensive commu-

nity engagement processes but has taught other planners how to do so at both the highly regarded National Charrette Institute and the University of Maryland. Her previous work includes projects for Ayers Saint Gross, Torti Gallas and Partners, and work alongside her mentor, internationally renowned new urbanist Dhiru Thadani.

In Somerville, alongside the Planning Department team, Lewis has facilitated progress on the largest transformation development areas in the city including taking the lead in moving community goals for Boynton Yards from a Neighborhood Plan with significant infrastructure challenges to a live project with its first two buildings permitted and moving forward. She also facilitated the Xmbly project in the outer area of Assembly Row, including 1 million

square feet of office space and 500 new housing units including 100 affordable units. She played a key role with her colleagues in working with constituents on the Zoning Overhaul drafts to bring forward a version that intricately incorporates extensive community input.

“Sarah has played a critical role on a daily level in ensuring that when a project comes in that it’s consistent with our neighborhood vision. She has skillfully maintained high standards for improving design proposals from developers and working collaboratively to adjust plans as needed to address both community input and planning best practices. Meanwhile, her experience and commitment to in-depth public process is a perfect fit for Somerville. This combined with her deep knowledge of urban design,

placemaking, architecture, and zoning will be critical in moving the Planning Department forward,” said Proakis.

“OSPCD takes on a substantial realm of issues from the design of a streetscape to the delivery of an affordable housing project to the preservation of our neighborhoods to the ease with which a resident can add a dormer to their home and their neighbors can be informed of it,” said Mayor Curtatone. “It is critical that the department’s staff have the insight, experience, and community-minded ethos that will make each of these things better for the community and the city as a whole. That’s why we always seek the best staff whether internally or externally. In this case, the best were present among our current team. Somerville will be well served by this new leadership within OSPCD.”

LEGAL NOTICES

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
JOSEPH A. CURTATONE  
MAYOR

MICHAEL F. GLAVIN  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE  
OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board on **Thursday, November 8th, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.** at the **Visiting Nurse Association (VNA), 3rd floor Community Room, 259 Lowell Street, Somerville, MA.**

\*\*\* Cases are sometimes postponed to later dates. To sign up for emails to inform you of a change of hearing date for a project near you, please use the url associated with your address of interest that appears at the end of this legal notification.\*\*\*

**Cambridge Crossing (formerly NorthPoint) Neighborhood Development Plan Revision (PB 2014-29-MA3-0818):** Applicant/Owner DW NP Property LLC c/o DivcoWest Real Estate Services requests an Amendment to the Approved NorthPoint Neighborhood Development Plan under SZO \$5.7.8 to update the total gross square footage in Somerville from 747,458sf to 858,969sf. North Point Special District (NPSD). Ward 1.

**Cambridge Crossing Parcel EF Revision (formerly NorthPoint) (Case # PB 2017-23-MA1-0818):** Applicant/Owner DW NP Property LLC c/o DivcoWest Real Estate Services requests a Revision to a Design & Site Plan under \$6.6 and \$5.4 of the Somerville Zoning Ordinance for a reduction in floor to floor height to accommodate a taller penthouse without increasing the height of the building, minor elevation revisions, and changes in materials. North Point Special District (NPSD). Ward 1.

**311 Somerville Avenue Signage (Case # PB 2018-16):** Applicant/Owner Edson Lino International Optical requests a Special Permit for a new wall sign under SZO \$6.1.22.D.5. Commercial Corridor District (CCD-55). Ward 3.

**112 Broadway (Case # PB 2016-11-R1-1018):** Applicant and Owner, Augusto P. DaCunha, seeks to extend a Special Permit by one year under \$5.3.10 of the SZO. Commercial Corridor District (CCD-55). Ward 1.

**UPDATED NOTICE: 290 Revolution Drive (Case # PB 2018-12):** Applicant, WP East Acquisitions, and Owners, CDNV Assembly LLC & Somerville Office Associates Limited Partnership, are seeking a Special Permit with Site Plan Review-A (SPSR-A) final level approval of 290 Revolution Drive ("Alta XMBLY" formerly called "Block 23") of the Planned Unit Development Preliminary Master Plan (PUD-PMP PB#2018-07) approved by the Planning Board on June 7, 2018. The proposal is to develop a 84'-11" high 8-story building containing 324 multi-family units and 5 townhouse units with approximately 188 parking spaces on internal structured parking levels supported by ground floor retail space under Somerville Zoning Ordinance (SZO) Article \$6.4.9 and \$5.2. The Applicant also is requesting waivers under \$6.4.7.A.2 to reduce parking requirements, \$13.3.5 right of refusal, and \$16.10.2 effect of zoning changes on approved PUD plans (regarding the siting of housing proposed as Section 7.16 of the Somerville Zoning Ordinance). The uses include those approved in the PUD-PMP and is subject to inclusionary housing requirements. Assembly Square Mixed Use District (ASMD). PUD-A Overlay District. Ward 1.

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Cambridge Crossing (formerly NorthPoint) Neighborhood Development Plan Revision: <http://eepurl.com/dl3z5j>  
Cambridge Crossing Parcel EF Revision (formerly NorthPoint): <http://eepurl.com/dl3AuP>  
311 Somerville Ave Signage: <http://eepurl.com/dl3AXj>  
112 Broadway: <http://eepurl.com/dKCalc>  
290 Revolution Drive: <http://eepurl.com/dEpV31>

Submittals may be viewed in-person in the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, located on the third floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, Mon-Wed, 8:30 am-4:30 pm; Thurs, 8:30 am-7:30 pm; and Fri, 8:30 am-12:30 pm. Staff reports, plans and Board decisions, when completed, are posted online at <https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/ospcd/planning-and-zoning>.

As cases may be continued to later dates, please check the agenda on the City's website or call before attending. Continued cases will not be re-advertised. Interested persons may provide comments to the Planning Board at the hearing or by submitting written comments by mail to OSP-CD, Planning Division, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143; by fax to 617-625-0722; or by email to [planning@somervillema.gov](mailto:planning@somervillema.gov).

Attest: Michael Capuano, Chairman  
As published in The Somerville Times on 10/24/18 and 10/31/18  
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Somerville Museum  
Exhibits and Programs

Stop by the Somerville Museum at 1 Westwood Rd. to enjoy a variety of programs that explore urban environmental issues of Somerville, then, now, and future.

Museum Curator, Pennie Taylor, presents Triple Decker Ecology, an interdisciplinary installation by artist David Buckley Borden and collaborators that includes both local artifacts and new works inspired by the Somerville Museum's historic collection.

The exhibit will be on view through December 9, 2018. To learn more about upcoming events, visit: <http://somervilmuseum.org/>.

Somerville Museum

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| 1. 1903   | 7. 1978, Louise Joy Brown                               |
| 2. The Boston Americans defeated the Pittsburgh Pirates | 8. <i>Lookin' to Get Out</i> – 1982                     |
| 3. The New York Yankees                                 | 9. <i>Over You</i> – written with Miranda Lambert       |
| 4. 13   | 10. A person who helps with the process of aging cheese |
| 5. 14 innings, in 1916, 2005, 2015                      | 11. Facebook, Inc.                                      |
| 6. Flax   | 12. Farrokh Bulsara                                     |

West Branch Library to close for renovations

Beginning in January 2019, the 109-year-old West Branch Library will undergo renovations to expand and enhance programming and resources, community space, and operations, following a lengthy community process which culminated earlier this year.

The West Branch Library will close to the general public in mid-November to provide time for staff to prepare for the renovation. During the temporary closure, a small, temporary branch library location will be available at the Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., 2nd floor, with potential additional locations to be determined at a later date.

Note: the temporary space will not offer full programming, but will serve as a physical location for book drop-off and pickup, and other in-person functions.

The Library, listed on the

National Register of Historic Places, is unable to meet the needs and expectations of the community and staff in its current condition, and will undergo renovations over the course of approximately 18 months beginning in January 2019.

"Somerville is a vibrant community with a rich history, including historic architecture, and it is vital that we protect and preserve our historic landmarks while also providing accessible, inviting spaces for all of our community members," said Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone. "I am excited that this long-awaited project will finally be underway, and I know that it will better serve the needs of our community members for years to come."

The goals of the West Branch Library renovation include interior and exterior improvements, including but not limited to:

- Construct an accessible entry and install an elevator to meet ADA requirements and accessibility goals
  - Create multipurpose & flexible spaces that can host a variety of library-sponsored programs and events, for all ages, and meeting space for use by the public
  - Maintain & expand children's programs, designated quiet reading and study areas
  - Modernize systems, improve bathrooms, and renovate the overall interior and exterior
  - Increase educational opportunities, community partnerships, and adult offerings
  - Create a landscape that provides ample green and open space
  - Restore the skylight on the second floor
- Renovations are expected to be complete by mid-2020. "Our community members and



library patrons have advocated for many years to see this project happen. The West Branch has served as a much loved facility despite its need for renovations and this project will enable it to provide access to programming and resources to the everyone in the community for generations to come. I am proud to have been a part of the collaborative process and I look forward to seeing this project come to fruition," said Ward 6 Alderman Lance Davis.

"It is wonderful to see a commitment to West Branch that is going to offer new spaces and opportunities for it to continue its long tradition of nurturing, comforting, educating, and inspiring Somervillians for generations to come," said Cathy Piantigini, Acting Director of Libraries. For updates and additional information about the project, visit [www.somervillema.gov/departments/programs/west-branch-library-renovation](http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/programs/west-branch-library-renovation)

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**CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

**Wednesday|October 31**

**East Branch Library**  
Not-So-Spooky Preschool Storytime  
11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway

**Central Library**  
Homeschool Reading Group  
10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.  
Somerville Positive Forces  
1 p.m.-3 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**Thursday|November 1**

**West Branch Library**  
Singalong with Emily Hall  
11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|40 College Ave

**Central Library**  
Preschool Storytime for 3 to 5-year-olds  
10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m.  
TELL (Teen Library Leaders) Meeting  
3:45 p.m.-5:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**West Branch Library**  
Lego Club!  
3:30 p.m.-5 p.m.|40 College Ave

**Friday|November 2**

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

**East Branch Library**  
Music with Emily!  
11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway

**Saturday|November 3**

**East Branch Library**  
East Branch Block Party –Somerville Reads 2018  
12 p.m-3 p.m.|115 Broadway

**Monday|November 5**

**Central Library**  
Sing Along  
10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|79 Highland Ave

**West Branch Library**  
Evening Storytime  
6 p.m.-6:30 p.m.|40 College Ave

**Tuesday|November 6**

**West Branch Library**  
Preschool Storytime  
11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|40 College Ave

**Central Library**  
Homeschool Reading Group  
10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.  
Teen Game Day  
2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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**MUSIC|ARTS**

**Wednesday|October 31**

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

**The Burren**  
Backroom Series with Brian O'Donovan (of "A Celtic Sojourn" on WGBH)|7:30 p.m.  
Comedy Night with Arty P.|10 p.m.  
Liam O'Connor |7:30 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

**Bull McCabe's Pub**  
The Nephrok Allstars  
10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

**Once Somerville**  
Halloween Clownfest - candy, psychic

readings and balloons!  
Robot Clean- a Misfits Tribute, Driven Sane, Lucreatia's Daggers  
7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

**Highland Kitchen**  
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

**Aeronaut Brewing Co.**  
Halloween Spooktacular with the John Williams Scary Movie Jam Band  
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

**The Rockwell**  
Screening of 'Bram Stoker's Dracula'  
8 p.m.|255 Elm St

**Thursday|November 1**

**Sally O'Brien's**  
BYO Bluegrass with Dave Rizzuti  
grassy Thursdays  
7:30 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**  
Scattershots|10 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

**Bull McCabe's**  
Krush Factory(Dub Down)  
10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

**Thunder Road**  
379 Somerville Ave

**Once Somerville**  
Mom Jeans.  
Just Friends, Awakebutstillinbed, Retirement Party  
3:30 p.m./8:30 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

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

**Arts at the Armory**  
The Memory Palace  
7:30 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

**Friday|November 2**

**Sally O'Brien's**  
Busted Jug |6 p.m.  
HearNowLive presents Halloween Hangover with Semi-Good Lookin' & Zagnutt \$10 cover |9 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**  
Backroom Series with Tom Bianchi  
Spike the Punch |10 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**Once Somerville**  
Roky Erickson  
White Mystery, The Evil Streaks  
8:45 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

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

**Bull McCabe's**  
Ali McGuirk First Fridays  
10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

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

**Thunder Road**  
The Dodos, Wild Pink  
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

**Aeronaut Brewing Co.**  
Dan & the Wildfire  
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

**The Rockwell**  
Sh!t-faced Shakespeare: The Taming of the Shrew  
7 p.m.|255 Elm St

**Arts at the Armory**  
Klezmer at the Armory  
7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

**Saturday| November 3**  
Sally O'Brien's  
Stan Martin Band |6 p.m.

HearNowLive presents Halloween Hangover with Stickup Boys \$10 cover|9 p.m  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**  
Alice Howe Full Band CD Release|7 p.m.  
Mugsy |10 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**Orleans Restaurant and Bar**  
Karaoke  
65 Holland St

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

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

**Thunder Road**  
The Breakfast – 20th Anniversary Show!  
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

**Once Somerville**  
Troy Ramey and Lilli Passero w/ special guest Rachel Silverman  
7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

**The Rockwell**  
Sh!t-faced Shakespeare: The Taming of the Shrew|7 p.m.  
Comedian Eric Jackman: "State of Disunion"|9 p.m.  
255 Elm St

**Aeronaut Brewing Co.**  
Lexington High Jazz Combo|2 p.m.  
Luke DeRoy|8 p.m.  
14 Tyler Street

**Arts at the Armory**  
Massachusetts Cheese Festival 2018  
10:30 a.m.|Performance Hall  
DART 2018: Saturday Evening  
6:30 p.m.|Performance Hall  
Somerville Songwriter Sessions  
7:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

**Sunday|November 4**

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

**The Burren**  
Beatles Brunch 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.  
Backroom series with Tom Bianchi|7 p.m.  
Kaiti Jones, Terry Klein, Prateek|7:30 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

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

**Thunder Road**  
Americana Sundays with The Beantown Buckaroos  
7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

**Once Somerville**  
156 Highland Ave

**Aeronaut Brewing Co.**  
BYOP: Possum feat. Dave Fredette & Therese Bellino  
12:30 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

**Arts at the Armory**  
Box Not Found & Peridot  
4:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

**Monday|November 5**

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

**The Burren**  
Back Room:  
Stump Trivia|8:30 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**Bull McCabe's Pub**  
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

**Thunder Road**  
379 Somerville Ave

**Once Somerville**  
156 Highland Ave

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

**Arts at the Armory**  
Queer Tango  
6:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

**The Rockwell**  
Smoke & Shadows: Burlesque and Variety Show  
8 p.m.|255 Elm St

**Tuesday|November 6**

**Sally O'Brien's Bar**  
Watch the election returns with your pals at Sal's |7 p.m.  
Mystical Misfits|8:30 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**  
Front Room  
Jason Anick and the Swingers Swing/Jazz|8:30 p.m.  
Open Mic Night with Aaron Yang|10 p.m.  
Silver Arrow Band|7:30 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**Bull McCabe's Pub**  
Ghetto People Band  
10 p.m.|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

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

**Thunder Road**  
#IVOTED Concert featuring Sunshine Riot, Dan Masterson & More! (Free with Voting Poll Picture!)  
7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

**Once Somerville**  
156 Highland Ave

**Aeronaut Brewing Co**  
14 Tyler Street

**Arts at the Armory**  
Smut Slam  
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

**The Rockwell**  
Wine & Crime Gals: LIVE!  
6 p.m.&9:30 p.m.|255 Elm St

**Wednesday|November 7**

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

**The Burren**  
Backroom Series with Brian O'Donovan (of "A Celtic Sojourn" on WGBH)|7:30 p.m.  
Comedy Night with Arty P.|10 p.m.  
Tommy and Sandra O'Sullivan|7:30 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

**Bull McCabe's Pub**  
The Nephrok Allstars  
10 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

**Once Somerville**  
Partner  
Honey Cutt  
8:30 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

**Highland Kitchen**  
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

**Aeronaut Brewing Co.**  
Open Mic with Mike Morrissey  
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

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**CLASSES AND GROUPS**

**Wednesday|October 31**

**Central Library**  
Drop-in Knitting/Needlecraft  
12 p.m.-2 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**Thursday|November 1**

**West Branch Library**  
Learn English at the Library!  
6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|40 College Ave

**East Branch Library**  
Drop In Craft Night  
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

**Central Library**  
Yoga at the Library  
6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

**Friday|November 2**

**Central Library**  
Independent Short film casting call  
12 p.m.-2 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**Saturday|November 3**

**Union Square Farmers Market**  
9 a.m.-1 p.m.|Union Sq Plaza

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

**Sunday|November 4**

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

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

**Monday|November 5**

**Central Library**  
Creative Drama Workshop with Laurie!  
4 p.m.-5 p.m.  
Chess Night  
7 p.m.-8:45 p.m.  
Science Fiction & Fantasy Book Club  
7 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

**West Branch Library**  
Exit West Discussion- Somerville Reads 2018  
7 p.m.-8 p.m.|40 College Ave

**Tuesday|November 6**

**Central Library**  
Handicapped accessible icon Small Business Support Info Session  
4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.  
Somerville YIMBY Nov. General Meeting  
6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.  
Learn English at the Library  
6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**Wednesday|November 7**

**Central Library**  
Drop-in Knitting/Needlecraft  
12 p.m.-2 p.m.  
Opening Reception: Union Gulf: 1947-2017  
5 p.m.-6:30 p.m.  
Voices of Migration, Panel Discussion - Somerville Reads 2018  
7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**West Branch Library**  
Board Games!  
3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|40 College Ave

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.

CENTER LOCATIONS, TIMES & SCHEDULES

**Holland Street Senior Center:** located at 167 Holland Street (between Davis Square and Teele Square) Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Fridays: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. 617-625-6600, Ext. 2300

**Cross Street Center:** located at 165 Broadway (East Somerville) Mondays & Tuesdays - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Thursdays - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. 617-625-6600, Ext. 2335 Fax: 617-625-1414

**Ralph and Jenny Center:** located at 9 New Washington Street (behind the Holiday Inn) Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. 617- 666-5223

**Main Office:** located at 167 Holland Street (between Davis Square and Teele Square.) Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. 617-625-6600, Ext. 2300 Fax: 617-625-0688 TTY: 866-808-4851

ONGOING PROGRAMS

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

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

**Free Groceries Every Month?** – You may be eligible for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program! CSFP is a once a month food distribution for individuals 60 years of age or older. You may be eligible to receive two free bags of food once a month containing healthy shelf stable products. Proof of identity and age are all that is required to apply. Must apply beforehand. Pick up at the Ralph & Jenny Center, 9 New Washington Street on the 4th Thursday of every month unless otherwise specified. For more information or to apply please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 – applications are available at the front desk of our Holland Street Center.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Country Western Line Dancing** – The 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month at our Holland Street Center. \$3 per class – no experience needed. For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot call Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321.

**Expressive Art for Healing Group** – November 13 and 27 and December 4 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at our Holland Street Center. Explore the healing power of the creative arts. In this group we will use collage, image making and mediation for expression, connection and discovery. Attendance for all meetings is encouraged but not required For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot please contact Natasha by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2317.

**Wrentham Outlets** – Sunday, November 11 - \$10 per person – Check-in time is 10:00 a.m. at Holland Street with an approximate return time of 5:00 p.m. Get your holiday shopping done early. Lunch is on your own. For additional info, questions or to reserve your spot please contact Connie by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

**Dollar Days at the Movies** – Tuesday, November 13 -

doors open at 11:30 a.m. movie starts at noontime. \$1 per person – Chappaquiddick - For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot please call Josie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

**Paint Day with Raquel Kaplan** – Wednesday, November 14 – 9:30 a.m. - \$10 per person due at time of reservation – space is limited. No experience needed. Lunch and bingo to follow. For additional info or to reserve your spot please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

**Annual Festival of Trees** – Sunday, November 18. \$30 per person – Buffet lunch at the Chateau Restaurant – First come first serve basis. Check in time is 12:00 p.m. at Holland Street with an approximate return time of 5:30 p.m. For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

**MGM Springfield Casino** – Monday, November 26 - \$49 dollars per person. Enjoy the Golden Carral Buffet and Grill as well as the Annual Forest Park Christmas display. Check in time is 7:00 a.m. at Holland Street and 7:15 a.m. at Ralph & Jenny with an approximate return time of 8:00 p.m. For additional information, questions or to reserve your spot please contact Connie by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

**Blood Pressure Screening** – Cross Street Center located at 165 Broadway. Scheduled for the 2nd Thursday of each month: September 20, October 11, November 8 and December 13. If you require additional information please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email [dhiggins@somervillema.gov](mailto:dhiggins@somervillema.gov)

**Blood Pressure Screening** – Holland Street Center located at 167 Holland Street. Scheduled for the 1st Thursday of each month: September 13, October 4, November 1 and December 6. If you require additional information please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email [dhiggins@somervillema.gov](mailto:dhiggins@somervillema.gov)

LGBTQ EVENTS

**LBT Women Fit-4-Life** - Fitness Class is Thursday evenings starting at 6:00 P.M. \$10 a month fee - scholarships available & it just might be covered under your insurance. We have available slots and would love to have you. If you have any questions or require additional info, please contact our Health & Wellness Coordinator, Chris Kowaleski at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2315.

**LGBTQ Lunch** – Come, relax, enjoy lunch and talk with your peers. Scheduled lunch dates for 2018 are October 17, November 14 and December 12.

WEEKLY EXERCISE AND NUTRITION CLASS SCHEDULE (Please cut out and save)

**Monday:**  
Keep Moving Walking Club\*\* - 9:00 a.m. (H)  
Tai Chi – 11:30 a.m. (H)  
Fit-4-Life Group C - 1:00 p.m. (H)

**Tuesday:**  
Strengthening - 9:00 a.m. (H)  
\$3 per class (H)  
Fit-4-Life - 11:00 a.m. (C)  
Bike Club – 12:15 p.m. (H)

**Wednesdays:**  
Fit-4-Life Group A (exercise) - 9:00 a.m. (H)  
Fit-4-Life Group B (nutrition) - 9 a.m. (H)  
Fit-4-Life Group B (exercise) - 10:00 a.m. (H)  
Fit-4-Life Group C (nutrition) - noon (H)  
Fit-4-Life Group C (exercise) - 1:00 p.m. (H)  
Zumba 4 All - 5:15 p.m. - \$3/class (H)

**Thursdays:**  
Yoga - 9:00 a.m. (H)  
Fit-4-Life - 11:15 a.m. (C)  
LBT Fit-4-Life, 6:00 p.m. (H)

**Fridays:**  
Fit-4-Life Group A - 9:00 a.m. (H)  
Fit-4-Life Group B - 10:00 a.m. (H)  
Fit-4-Life Group A (nutrition) 10:00 a.m. (H)

**Adventure Group – Please call for details**  
**\*All Fit-4-Life classes are \$10 per month and require pre-registration**

HOLLAND STREET GROUP INFORMATION

**Book Club** – Meets the third Friday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. This group self-facilitates. Group members choose both fiction and non-fiction titles on a quarterly basis. Books are available on reserve at the Central Branch of the Somerville Library. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300.

**Caregiver Support Group** – Meets the third Tuesday of each month from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Our Social

Worker, Ashley Speliotis, facilitates 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 Ashley at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2318.

**Conversations of the Heart** – Meets bi-monthly on Mondays from 1:00 to 2:00 P.M. at our Holland Street Center. Social Worker, Natasha Naim, facilitates this group. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2317.

**De-cluttering support group:** - If you have concerns around your clutter, this group may be for you. This closed group meets both in spring and fall for 6-8 weeks. This group is co-facilitated by Natasha Naim and Marina Colonas. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2317.

**Veterans Group** – Meets the third Monday of each month from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Our volunteer, Norbert DeAmato, facilitates 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 in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300.

CROSS STREET GROUP INFORMATION

**Coffee & Conversation** – Meets every Monday, Tuesday & Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Maureen Bastardi, Program Coordinator and Sandy Francis, Cross Street Center Volunteer, work together to facilitate this group. Come meet people from all over the world and join in the discussion of a different topic every day. Conversation is followed by the Fit-4-Life exercise program and then lunch. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335.

**Arts & Crafts** – Meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month starting January 11th - from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Join us in a relaxing atmosphere as we learn about a wide range of arts & crafts from weaving to watercolor pencils. Maureen Bastardi, Program Coordinator facilitates this group. Must call a week in advance if you plan on attending. This is necessary to ensure we have enough material for everyone. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335.

**Social Service Drop In** – The 3rd Thursday of every month Social Workers, Ashley Speliotis and Natasha Naim will be taking turns and having a Drop-in Social Service hour from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Cross Street Center. They will be available to address any of your Social Service needs. Stop by or if you need additional information please call Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335.

**Game Hour** – Every Tuesday from noon to 1:00 p.m. at our Cross Street Center. Join us for lunch and activities. Immediately following lunch we will have a “Game Hour.” Yahtzee, Sorry, Jenga, Cards, Scrabble, Checkers, Clue, Qwirkle, Dominoes, Uno & Connect 4 are available to play. Community Cooks provides us with a family style lunch on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays and Food Services provides us with lunch on the off days. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Maureen at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335.

**Gardening Club** – Meets the second Monday of each month starting at 9:00 a.m. and running for an hour most times. Principal Master Gardener, Vilma Sullivan, facilitates this group. A different topic each month ranging from gardening tips & secrets to inexpensive greenhouses. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300. This group does not meet in January and February.

**Golden Gals: a.k.a. Women’s Group** - Meets the last Tuesday of the month from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Social Worker, Ashley Speliotis, facilities this group. A fun, safe, social group to discuss women’s issues and growing older. Next date: December 26th - For more info, please call Ashley at 617-625-6600 ext. 2318.

RALPH & JENNY GROUP INFORMATION

**Knitting Blankets** – Every Tuesday & Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Join us as we knit blankets for babies. If you are interested in joining, have any questions or require additional information please call Judy at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Historical Fact CONT. FROM PG 8



Armistice ended the war. A road that abuts the park honors Charles E. Ryan who was killed in action on July 17, 1918. An eagle-topped Richard Trum Memorial honors 29 Magoun Square servicemen who lost their lives in World War I.

♦ Foss Park honors Saxton Foss, Harvard class of 1910, who was killed in action. He was the son of Somerville’s distinguished poet, Samuel Walter Foss.

♦ Conway Park celebrates the memory of Sergeant Patrick Conway who was killed in action on October 14, 1918, during an attack on Bois de Brioules, France.



♦ Dilboy Field on the Alewife Brook Parkway, Dilboy V.F.W. Post in Davis Square, and the statue in front of Somerville City Hall, all honor Private George Dilboy. Memorials also acknowledge him in the Massachusetts State House, New York City and Chicago. He was the first Greek American Recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor and gave his life along with 148 other Somerville servicemen during World War I.

November 11 this year, marks the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I. Armistice Day, as it was known until 1954, was dedicated to honor these soldiers and their cause. The peace treaty was signed in 1918 at the 11th hour of the 11th day in the 11th month (November.) It was often referred to as The Great War.

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By Bobbygeorge Potaris



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191 Highland Ave., on Saturday, December 1, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. We have limited number of wreaths for pre-sale - 100 wreaths. Payment information: You can pay when at the time of pick-up by cash or check (made payable to the Friends of the Community Growing Center).

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By Amy Dresner

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Review by Timothy Gager

This is an important book, considering the heavy weight of the opioid crisis in this country. It is important because the story and the author are very real in this struggle. It is important because people need to meet people like Amy to understand alot of this crisis.

Unlike our President's attempt to placate the African American population by bringing Kanye West to The White House, there are no popular drug addicts invited to wow the Oval Office. Why? Because what we learn in actual recovery holds the key to fighting this crisis. It's not less drugs on the street, but rather more sober people in recovery willing to help others.

Amy Dresner was one of the featured guests at the last Dire Literary Series, October, in Somerville, and she was as real as it gets. Her book, *My Fair Junkie: A Memoir of Getting Dirty and Staying Clean*, chronicles her struggles with her disease, which included six trips Rehab Hospitals, four psychiatric wards, four suicide attempts, multiple Emergency Room visits, endless rounds therapy, a slew of fired sponsors, and as a cherry, a felony arrest for assault with a deadly weapon. Society doesn't have much empathy for events such as this. The average citizen (oh, to be average) is not about to rally to battle anything having to do with serious drug and alcohol use and the wreckage in brings.

But aren't they? When you read this book, you're rooting awfully hard for the author. She tells her story with self-effacing humor, combined with real life terror. It is both frightening and hilarious. She is vulnerable and as some say about alcoholics and addicts when using, an ego-maniac with an inferiority complex.

The book alternates life before recovery with her court ordered work on The Clean Team (a wonderful double meaning) a street sweeping unit in Los Angeles. The Clean Team works convicts to beautify the city and to cover the terms of their sentences. While doing this dirty work, Dresner simultaneously was living in a sober house, going to AA meetings, meeting with a sponsor and doing the required work on herself. Her story reports the importance of what losing everything, and becoming humble really means. These are extremely measurable traits for being and staying clean and



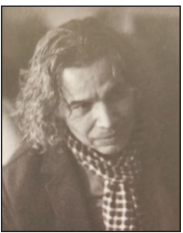
sober, according to The Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous. The book though, isn't about Alcoholics Anonymous, but rather is about a brave and determined journey of one single individual. It is the kind of book which has already helped so many people, and should be on the reading list for those not in recovery, as well, as those who don't even have a problem with drug and alcohol use. "The book also helps me stay accountable, I mean, I can't exactly promote it if I'm skyping into readings from my seventh rehab!" Dresner told me.

*My Fair Junkie: A Memoir of Getting Dirty and Staying Clean* is funny, well written, and entertaining, while offering hope. It presents a person who had no hope left, tried multiple times to get sober, only to fail each time, as a strong person who succeeds triumphantly in the end.

As someone who knows their way around the rooms of AA, Dresner's book took me from, no, not me, to I totally identify with so much of this, but one doesn't have to have these kind of experiences to enjoy this book. My only criticism of *My Fair Junkie* came after meeting Amy Dresner a few weeks ago. She is someone who is successful, talented, and extremely alive, but the book wraps up too quickly to give this justice. I, for one, would like others to see her the way she lives in the world right now, as a strong woman, and a powerful example to those in recovery. We might never see Amy Dresner invited to The White House, but you can read the book in your own house, and learn, first hand, what this crisis really is about.

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Love ballad to the Charles River

It all started with your sharp body  
As if you were a tree –lined path  
Caressing  
The sand and the flow of the waist  
And the row of stamens  
Lead us to the soft shore  
Once again, in her saddle, the concave moon  
Pierces your lubricating springs.  
To reach you, one crosses the bridge  
That swells your belly with pleasure  
And night of confessions  
Everything started with you  
On your bed you were waiting for us  
You were waiting  
In the furious time  
Of unpredictable candor  
That why any one can love you  
Because the silence of your clay  
Is a delight.  
Because your unknown steps  
In the besieged city.  
Is a delight.  
When your waters move, turbulent  
Defeat the anxiety of a the springtime heart.  
And when the more they swell, the stronger  
In the summer the taste of your lips  
And your cool shore how it penetrated  
The soul in love  
Hidden in the bushes  
And your brown perfume  
Accompany me to kiss her  
In very manly victory  
It all star with you my captain  
You have not the immensity of the Amazon river  
But you have the little things  
From of my island's litter river  
Look for her because she has escaped  
Between the heaven and earth  
And give her my oars and my compass  
Because  
The woman gets involved with us  
When she discovers the fluid of your stream.

— Juan Casillas Alvarez

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