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Somerville preps for big election

Candidates and supporters rally forces for final push



The big moment for candidates and citizens alike is approaching, with Election Day just around the corner.

By Jim Clark

For the City of Somerville's batch of 2017 political hopefuls, the final countdown has begun. The long arduous path towards Election Day, November 7, 2017, is at last reaching its end.

Several incumbents, including Mayor Curtatone, are facing challenges in the citywide contest. Four ward alderman seats are in contention, and voters will be choosing four Aldermen At-Large to serve fresh terms. Additionally, School Committee members in wards 1 and two are to be elected.

The race has brought celebrity to the city as well, with Senators Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren stumping for their chosen candidates at well-attended rallies.

The voting takes place next Tuesday. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Go to <https://www.somervillema.gov/vote> for polling stations and general information.

It's CryptoParty time!

By Ahmed Sorour

Suffering the fallout of the Equifax hack? Email password stolen? Victim of identity fraud? Maybe it's time to party.

Last week, CryptoParty-Boston held its monthly meetup at Sprout & Co. in Somerville. What is a CryptoParty? Going by the name, you couldn't be blamed if the image of cowed cypherpunks (vis-a-vis *Mr. Robot*) hacking to the backdrop of German disco music entered your mind. Of course, nothing could be further from the truth.

One floor above Somerville Bike Kitchen, and sharing space with Boston's open science lab (BosLab), CryptoParty-Boston held its first meeting on October 21, 2012. Since then, an eclectic collective of participants come together once a month to discuss digital security, and learn how to leverage technology to better protect and advance their rights.

Activists, privacy advocates, and of course, technology enthusiasts and professionals can all be counted among the

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Civic activists and those concerned or curious about the present state of digital privacy and its effect on Civil Liberties are encouraged to attend a local CryptoParty for informed insight, advice, and a general good time.

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Governor Charlie Baker will deliver the keynote address at the Somerville Chamber of Commerce 71st Annual Dinner & Powderhouse Awards on Wednesday, November 8. The reception will begin at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner. It will be held at the Holiday Inn, 30 Washington Street. Tickets are \$100 per person for Chamber Members, or \$800 per table of eight guests. Non-member tickets are \$150 per person, or \$1200 for a table of eight guests. Reservations are being accepted at "General Payment" at <https://somervillechamber.org/submit-payment/> or by contacting Joanne Haley at 617-776-4100, joanne@somervillechamber.org.

Ward 2 Alderman Maryann Heuston recently received the endorsement of Congressman Mike Capuano. He applauded her work in Ward 2 and was pleased to encourage the residents of Ward 2 to return her to office.

Happy birthday's this week: We want to wish Alderman At-Large Dennis Sullivan the very best of birthdays. Of course, he is hoping to top the At-Large ballot next week and so do we. Happy birthday, neighbor. Happy birthday this week to Charlie Chisholm, who is undergoing a real tough operation at MGH. We wish him well and, of course, that this operation and its success puts him back on his feet once again after a year being in and out of the hospital. Happy birthday to one of our own favorite people: poet, writer and nice guy, Timothy Gager. You can spot him around Davis and Union Squares. And happy birthday to the many more who are celebrating this week as well.

We read that State Representative Denise Provost is one of 11 State Representatives to file or work on Continued on page 11

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: *Plutocracy's moral essence*

Scott Hayman says:

Right on Bill. Couldn't agree more. My father worked for the Salvation Army (he was not a Salvationist, but a civilian employee/social worker). I used to help him set up all the bell ringer/Christmas Kettle spots all over Central and Western MA. I spent hours watching people exit grocery stores and department stores. Almost without variance, people with less money put more money, more frequently into the Christmas Kettles than people with more money by a long shot.

ritepride says:

a friends daughter worked at a Friendly's near NH border. A NH family came in weekly and always left a good (\$3-5) tip. After they won MA Lotto they came in and left a 50 cent tip. She gave it back to them and said they need it more than her. Dem dat has getz! Let us hope in the end that family really gets it back.
Knew another person who over period of years showed her boss how to get federal grant money and electrical power rebates, plus other ways to make more \$\$ for the company. What did this person get back... a layoff notice even though there were many more employees with less seniority.

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John Connolly

Somerville’s first medical marijuana dispensary opens in Davis Square

By The Times Staff

Sage Naturals, Inc., a nonprofit provider of medical cannabis, has announced the opening of the first registered medical marijuana dispensary in the city of Somerville, located in the heart of Davis Square.

The Sage Naturals dispensary at 240 Elm St. offers a diverse menu of naturally cultivated and competitively priced cannabis flowers, oils, extracts and edibles for patients with a valid Massachusetts Medical Use of Marijuana card. The dispensary features a spacious and welcoming design with eight service counters staffed by knowledgeable patient advocates.

“Our goal at Sage Naturals is to help people feel better by producing the best possible natural medical cannabis for the patients of Somerville and surrounding communities,” said Michael Dundas, CEO of Sage Naturals. “Voters of Somerville overwhelmingly supported medical marijuana in the 2012 state-wide ballot initiative and we are pleased to finally fulfill this unmet need.”

Sage Naturals is conveniently located for patients who live in and around the city of Somerville, just a three-minute walk from the Davis Station on the MBTA’s Red Line and surrounded by on-street and off-street parking. The dispensary is open seven days a week from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The dispensary’s 5,000-square-foot retail space is located below street level (underneath the Bfresh Market) at the corner of Elm and Chester streets. The dispensary’s main entrance is on Elm (next to Dunkin’ Donuts), and the exit and wheelchair-accessible entrance are on Chester (across from the legendary Red-bones Barbecue). Cash and deb-

it payments are accepted.

Sage Naturals serves people of all walks of life who are living with medical conditions such as ALS, cancer, chronic pain, Crohn’s disease, glaucoma, hepatitis C, HIV/AIDS, multiple sclerosis, depression, anxiety and Parkinson’s disease. The dispensary offers unique cannabis strains containing high levels and ratios of CBD, a compound that has wide-ranging medical benefits without the psychoactive properties associated with the THC cannabinoid. More information about obtaining a medical marijuana certification is available on the Become a Patient page of Sage Naturals’ website at <https://sagecannabis.org>.

The dispensary’s products, sold in air-tight, child-resistant packaging, are supplied by Sage Naturals’ state-of-the-art production facility, where the organization grows over 60 strains of cannabis. Sage Naturals also creates its own line of edibles, including honey sticks and caramel chews, and is the exclusive provider of Zoots, a national brand of cannabis-infused edibles, in the Massachusetts market.

The Somerville dispensary is the second location opened by Sage Naturals. The first dispensary, located at 1001 Mass. Ave. in Cambridge, between Harvard and Central squares, debuted in March. A third dispensary under construction in Needham is licensed and scheduled to open around the end of the year. Each dispensary employs about 30 people.

The growth of Sage Naturals coincides with increased participation in the industry by the organization’s leadership. In July, Dundas was appointed by State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg to the 25-member Cannabis Advisory Board, a panel of experts



Sage Naturals, Inc. celebrated its grand opening in Davis Square last week with a ribbon cutting ceremony and presentation of checks to the Somerville Homeless Coalition and the Community Action Agency of Somerville. — Photos by Claudia Ferro



who will advise state regulators and report to the Cannabis Control Commission. The CCC will assume oversight of the medical marijuana market from the state Department of Public Health. As part of its grand opening celebration, Sage Naturals made \$3,000 in donations to two local nonprofit organizations – \$1,500 to the Somerville Homeless Coalition, which

provides supportive services to homeless and near-homeless individuals and families, and another \$1,500 to the Community Action Agency of Somerville, which works to reduce poverty among local families and individuals. The mission of Sage Naturals is to provide patients with safe and legal access to high-quality medical cannabis. The state-reg-

istered, nonprofit organization produces its premium cannabis products according to the highest specifications of quality, purity and consistency at a custom-designed and constructed cultivation facility. Sage Naturals operates registered retail medical marijuana dispensaries in Cambridge and Somerville, with an additional location under development in Needham.



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Alderman at Large

THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

A few pints of beer and a shot later

Police officers were dispatched to a Walnut St. location last week on reports of a motor vehicle accident.

Upon arrival, the officers located a parked box truck that had significant damage to the undercarriage and rear drive assembly.

An automobile which had sustained heavy damage to the driver's side quarter panel, and front tire as well as the assembly for the wheel was parked nearby.

Bystanders pointed out a man standing on the sidewalk as the operator of the box truck. The man, later identified as Bela Pakular, was asked by the officers if he needed medical attention, which he reportedly declined. The officers then asked Pakular if he was operating the truck, and he reportedly acknowledged that he had been driving it.

According to reports, Pakular was swaying from side to side and stumbling around. He was asked for his license and registration, which he provided, but not without difficulty, police said. Pakular searched slowly through his pockets until he located his license.

He attempted to enter the passenger side of the truck, police said, and stumbled, almost falling out into the street. Once inside the truck, he slowly looked through loose papers, finally locating the registration, according to reports.

At this point the officers noticed his eyes to be extremely glossy and bloodshot. They could smell the odor of an alcoholic beverage emanating from his breath, and he was slurring his words.

Pakular reportedly admitted to consuming a few beers and a shot of liquor earlier. Due to fear that he would fall and injure himself, Pakular was asked to sit down in front of the police cruiser.

While field sobriety tests were administered to Pakular, an officer spoke with the passenger in the truck, who stated he and Pakular worked all day, and stopped for drinks at a Chili's restaurant. At the restaurant, he and Pakular reportedly consumed "a few pints of beer, and a shot."

Inside the truck, nips of alcohol were reportedly located, as well as a beer bottle cap. Five out of the six pack of beer were located under the rear bumper of a parked car next to the disabled truck.

The passenger reportedly admitted that he attempted to hide the beer from the police and also admitted to him and Pakular consuming the alcohol inside the passenger compartment of the truck.

The officers allowed the passenger to gather his belongings and leave the scene. In the meantime, Pakular had reportedly failed his testing, and the opinion was formed that he was intoxicated.

I placed Pakular under arrest for operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

A citation was issued to Pakular, as well as two copies of information exchange forms. The owners of both parked vehicles were located and provided the information to file a crash report.

SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:				
Bela Pakular , of 411 Windsor St., Cambridge, October 23, 7:37 p.m., arrested at Grandview Ave. on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle	Nicholas Stiles , of 10 MacArthur St., October 26, 3:23 p.m., arrested at Broadway on charges of disorderly conduct, assault with a dangerous weapon, and assault and battery.	Danni Mahoney , of 47 Conwell Ave., October 27, 5:13 p.m., arrested at home on warrant charges of assault and battery on a person over 60 or disabled and witness intimidation.	Blaise Conway , of 353 Lexington St., Woburn, October 27, 9:44 p.m., arrested at Grand Union Blvd. on warrant charges of attempt to commit a crime	and felony nighttime breaking and entering. Kirby Calixte , of 66 Vernon St., October 28, 9:00 a.m., arrested at home on a charge of drug possession to distribute.

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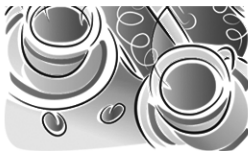
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Community Path meeting

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone, Ward 6 Alderman Lance Davis, and the City of Somerville Engineering Department invite residents to a community meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss upcoming construction to drainage systems abutting a portion of the Community Path. The meeting will be held on Thursday, November 2, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Baptist Church at 31 College Ave. Impacted sections include the area between Willow Ave. and Grove St., and along portions of Winslow Ave.

In 2015, the City began a study of the existing drainage system and determined that this portion of the system is in need of repair to improve the drain capacity and to reduce the frequency and intensity of flooding. Interim repairs were made earlier this year, however a more permanent fix is required.

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE: *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records local senators’ and representatives’ votes on roll calls from the week of October 23-27.

HANDICAPPED PARKING (H 3973)

House 152-0, approved legislation cracking down on the misuse of handicapped parking placards including increasing the period of license suspension for wrongful use or display of a placard from 30 to 60 days for a first offense and from 90 to 120 days for a second offense.

Another provision would prohibit the obstruction of the expiration date or placard number and subject an offender to a \$50 fine. The measure also prohibits making a false statement on an application for a placard and imposes a fine of \$500 for a first offense and \$1,000 for subsequent offenses.

Supporters said it is time to crack down on these offenders who are taking spaces that should be used by a handicapped person. They noted a recent report by the Inspector General revealed widespread abuse of these placards. They noted that many placards still in use belonged to people who had died and said the placards can be used to park all day at most metered spaces, resulting in millions of dollars in lost meter fees to cities and towns.

The Senate has approved its own version of the bill and the House version now goes to the Senate for consideration.

(A “Yes” vote is for the bill.)

Rep. Christine Barber	Yes
Rep. Mike Connolly	Yes
Rep. Denise Provost	Yes

PROTECT STATE AND LOCAL PUBLIC EMPLOYEES (H 3974)

House 151-0, approved a bill that provides all state and municipal workers with the same protections provided to private workers under the federal Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA).

Supporters said an average of 28 municipal workers per week suffer injuries serious enough to be out of work for five days or more. They noted this protection would cover some 450,000 state and local public workers who perform jobs that are sometimes just as dangerous as private sector ones.

The Senate has approved its own version of the bill and the House version now goes to the Senate for consideration. The main difference is that the Senate bill sets an effective date of September 1, 2018, while the House sets it at July 1, 2019.

(A “Yes” vote is for the bill.)

Rep. Christine Barber	Yes
Rep. Mike Connolly	Yes
Rep. Denise Provost	Yes

CRIMINAL JUSTICE CHANGES (S 2185)

Senate 27-10, approved a bill making some major changes to the state’s criminal justice system including repealing mandatory minimum sentences for low level drug offenders, reducing and eliminating some fees and fines, making changes to the bail system and the juvenile justice system, allowing for compassionate release of ill inmates, raising from 18 to 19 the age at which someone

can be charged in adult court and making dangerousness hearings available in more cases and allowing longer detention of defendants on a dangerousness finding.

Supporters said the bill is a balanced one that updates many laws and repeals some arcane laws while still protecting the public. They argued that the bill is a big step toward ending the vicious cycles of incarceration and crime.”

“This bill is about lifting people up instead of locking them up, while focusing attention on the most serious offenders,” said its sponsor Sen. Will Brownsberger. Assistant Majority Leader Cynthia Creem (D-Newton) said, “I am proud to say that this bill touches on every phase of the criminal justice system, from the front end of the system, including more diversion and expansion of addiction treatment opportunities, to the back end including sentencing, prison programing and solitary confinement reforms. This bill goes a long way to modernize our system in line with our principles of rehabilitation and reduced recidivism.”

Opponents said that the bill goes too far and weakens the state’s criminal justice laws in many ways.

“There are aspects of the bill which we believe hold out promise and which we embrace, but still feel that too many aspects of the bill throw it far out of balance.” said nine of the state’s eleven district attorneys in a letter. “This undermines the cause and pursuit of fair and equal justice for all, largely ignores the interests of victims of crime, and puts at risk the undeniable strides and unparalleled success of Massachusetts’ approach to public safety and criminal justice for at least the last 25 years.”

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes
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FELONY THRESHOLD (S 2185)

Under current law, a person who commits theft under \$250 is charged with a misdemeanor and above \$250 with a felony which carries a stiffer sentence. A section of the criminal justice bill debated last week proposed raising the \$250 threshold to \$1,500. Senate 15-22, rejected an amendment that would decrease the proposed \$1,500 threshold to \$1,000.

Amendment supporters said that the hike from \$250 to \$1,500 is excessive and argued that \$1,000 is a reasonable compromise. They said the hike to \$1,500 would result in serious theft being categorized as a minor misdemeanor.

Amendment opponents said the \$250 threshold has not been raised since it was established in 1987. They argued that the \$1,500 threshold would put Massachusetts in line with other states in the area.

(A “Yes” vote is for the hike to \$1,000. A “No” vote is for the hike to \$1,500.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No
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CHARGE STUDENTS WITH ASSEMBLY DISRUPTION (S 2185)

Under current law, anyone who disrupts an assembly of people meeting for a legal purpose is subject to up to one month in prison and a \$50 fine. A section of the criminal justice bill debated last week would exempt students from being charged or convicted of this type of violation

if the alleged disruption is within the school building or at a school-sponsored event. Senate 11-27, rejected an amendment that would eliminate the proposed student exemption and keep the current law in place.

Amendment supporters said current law has worked well. They argued that schools should have the flexibility whether to charge students or not.

Amendment opponents said the change is aimed at encouraging use of the criminal justice system for school discipline issues only if there is no other tool available. They noted that under current law students can still be charged with other more serious offenses.

(A “Yes” vote is for not exempting students. A “No” vote is for exempting students.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No
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ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

HOME CARE REGISTRY (H 3821) - The House approved a proposal requiring the Department of Elder Affairs to establish a home care worker registry that would list everyone, employed by a home care worker agency, who provides personal care, homemaker, companion or chore services.

POTHOLE DAMAGE (H 2255) - The Judiciary Committee held a hearing on a bill that would allow plaintiffs to bring a suit in small claims court against a city or town for damage to their tires or rims because of potholes. Current law requires the suit to be filed in district court.

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 23-27, the House met for a total of nine hours and 8 minutes and the Senate met for a total of 14 hours and 43 minutes.

Mon. October 23	House 11:01 a.m. to 11:21 a.m. Senate 11:08 a.m. to 11:25 a.m.
Tues. October 24	No House session No Senate session
Wed. October 25	House 11:03 a.m. to 3:38 p.m. No Senate session
Thurs. October 26	House 11:04 a.m. to 1:43 p.m. Senate 11:04 a.m. to 1:27 a.m. on Friday
Fri. October 27	House 11:03 a.m. to 2:57 p.m. Senate 1:02 p.m. to 1:05 p.m.

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

Sen. Elizabeth Warren endorses Mayor Curtatone

By Donald Norton

This past Saturday at a packed Sally O'Brien's – both inside and out – about 150 people attended as U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren endorsed Mayor Joseph Curtatone for reelection.

State Senator Pat Jehlen took to the microphone and made a gracious introduction for Senator Warren, who spoke of the many attributes of Mayor Curtatone and his vision for Somerville.

Warren pointed out how the mayor insisted on working with

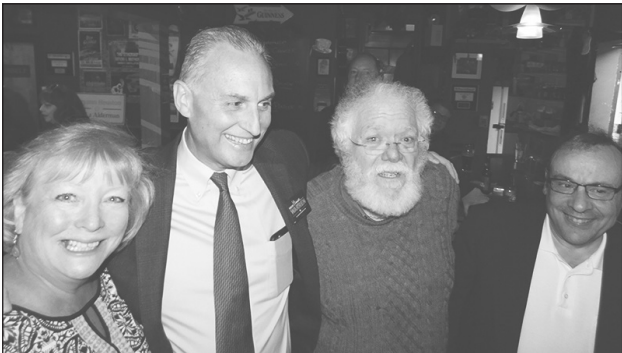
everyone to make the Green Line a reality for the city and how he has been a great mayor for the City of Somerville. She then formally announced her endorsement for his re-election on November 7.

With that she introduced Curtatone and he thanked the senator for her kind words and her endorsement. Next, he introduced the members of the Board of Alderman that were present and thanked them all for their support.

— Photos by Donald Norton



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18 Forster St	7 room, 3 bed, 1f 0h bath Colonial	33	\$779,900	\$845,000
14 Bartlett St	7 room, 4 bed, 2f 0h bath Victorian	33	\$799,900	\$800,000
54 Prescott St	8 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath Colonial	14	\$799,900	\$815,000
46 Highland Rd	8 room, 5 bed, 2f 1h bath Victorian	7	\$1,275,000	\$1,300,000
7 Cedar Street Place	10 room, 4 bed, 2f 1h bath Contemporary	17	\$1,469,000	\$1,490,000

Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:

Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
290 Highland Ave U:3A	4 room, 3 bed, 3f 0h bath Low-Rise	22	\$975,000	\$1,015,000
290 Highland Ave U:PH B	4 room, 2 bed, 2f 1h bath Low-Rise	1	\$1,032,000	\$995,000
39-A Oxford St U:Left	6 room, 3 bed, 3f 1h bath Townhouse	287	\$1,099,995	\$1,025,000
2 Loring Street U:C	7 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath Low-Rise	18	\$1,195,000	\$1,160,000
12 Clyde St U:1	6 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath Townhouse	36	\$1,324,900	\$1,315,000
10 Clyde St U:1	8 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath Townhouse	36	\$1,369,900	\$1,349,000
8 Clyde St U:1	8 room, 4 bed, 2f 1h bath Townhouse	70	\$1,399,900	\$1,355,000
38 Chandler Street U:B	9 room, 4 bed, 3f 0h bath 2/3 Family	38	\$1,775,000	\$1,735,000

Recent Multi-Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:

Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
95 -97 Ten Hills Road	2 unit, 14 total room, 7 total bedroom 2 Family	49	\$1,150,000	\$1,000,000
114 Highland Road	3 unit, 13 total room, 6 total bedroom 3 Family	16	\$1,375,333	\$1,390,000
65 Josephine Avenue	2 unit, 13 total room, 5 total bedroom 2 Family	5	\$1,425,000	\$1,550,000
33 Central Street	2 unit, 15 total room, 6 total bedroom 2 Family	43	\$1,678,000	\$1,570,000
31-33 Wheatland Street	3 unit, 22 total room, 9 total bedroom 3 Family	34	\$1,689,000	\$1,700,000
74 Morrison Avenue	3 unit, 13 total room, 7 total bedroom 3 Family	16	\$1,848,000	\$1,902,000

East Somerville’s Halloween Block Party 2017



On Saturday, October 28, East Somerville came together at Chuckie Harris Park for this year’s Halloween Block Party. The event featured make-your-own Halloween mask, doughnut on a string eating contest, face painting, Fear Factor game, mini trick or treating, Halloween family photos and much more. The event was put on by East Somerville Main Streets in collaboration with Beautiful Stuff Project and Parts & Crafts.

— Photos by Claudia Ferro

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Union Square Portraits: Conversations about America – with Alberto

By JT Thompson

Fatou: the Senegalese hair braider at Aisha, an African hair salon ten minutes' walk from the center of Union Square.

The salon, which is next door to a small computer repair shop on a mostly residential street, is a simple affair. Three chairs by a wall of mirrors. Against the opposite wall, another chair, tilted back for hair washing. Beside it is a large and, to me, bewildering array of hair extension products. The walls are a cheery orange, and there is a large flat screen TV showing the news. A sign in the window says: Cornrows. Weaves. Threads. Dreads. Twist. Walk-ins welcome.

When I walk in, Fatou is sitting by the window reading a magazine. She's wearing skin tight aqua tights and a green long sleeved, boat neck t-shirt with white stripes. Her hair is permed, the ringlets touched with highlighting, and she has thick gold hoops in her ears.

She looks up, eyes me for a moment or two, and then asks skeptically, "Can I help you?"

At first Fatou is wary and reluctant, but I manage to charm her into talking with me. Fatou is a big woman, in her 50s, with a robust laugh, and an amused air of skepticism about most things. She's seen a lot, and is able to laugh even about things that are

close to her heart.

"I came to the U.S. from Senegal in 1991," she tells me. "My husband, he was already working here, at a bank in Washington DC. He was a...how do you call that in English..." She asks me, "Do you speak French?"

"No, I'm sorry, I don't."

"Well, he was a kind of diplomat. We traveled a lot, parties in London, Paris. We came to Somerville when he retired."

"Why haven't you retired?"

"Oh, I love my job. I'm not doing it because of money. I love it."

"What do you love about it?"

"Oh, everything!" She laughs her big laugh. "I like making people happy. I love it. The women who come in here, they're from everywhere. We like to talk."

"What did you know about the States before you came here?"

"Very little. But I like it here. It's safe," she says firmly.

"Did you not feel safe in Senegal?"

"Oh, no. My country is very peaceful. We have no war. Very, very nice. I go back every year."

I ask her what she enjoys doing away from the salon.

"I hang out with my kids. Four boys, 14, 16, 22, 24. All born here. I don't have a friend. I don't like friends." She grins. "Say, you have trouble with your husband. You talk with a friend to get their ideas. That friend have a friend. And that friend have a

friend. Then your story is out! I don't want to have that." She laughs.

"It can be hard with children," she continues. "There is no fast money. If you want to get rich quick, you're going to be in trouble. You have to be willing to work hard. A lot come here from other countries – they sell drugs. They sell guns. They kill people. I tell my children, go out of the house safe, go to work safe, come home safe. I tell them, all that is shiny is not gold." Her big laugh again.

"But, maybe they have a friend who is showing them different things. Outside the house. You do the best you can. But you don't know." She shrugs and smiles with her eyebrows raised.

I ask her what she likes about America, if there are things she thinks are great.

Fatou thinks for a moment.

"America really..." She stops, and a stern look passes across her face. "Some people don't understand. They need to understand. Just stay away from trouble. Do your job. People come here, they in trouble at home, they poor, they want to get rich quick. They don't get it." Fatou shakes her head and laughs again.

"But like I say, if you stay safe, you can do anything here. You can have an education, you can have anything. In America, you can get anything you want.

A photograph of the storefront of 'Aisha African Hair Braiding by Fatou'. The sign is white with black and red text, displaying the name 'AISHA' in large letters, followed by 'African Hair Braiding by FATOU' and the phone number '617-864-3473'. Below the sign is a dark window with a reflection of a street lamp.

Aisha, African hair braiding salon where Fatou enjoys her work.

Get a job. But still, some people want to kill people. America gives a chance to everybody. Freedom to do anything you want. Just stay away from trouble!" She smiles.

A customer comes in and Fatou greets her in French. Fatou turns to me and excuses herself. "Very nice talking to you," she says, with a look of amusement. When I leave, Fatou and her

customer are happily chatting in French. I can't understand what they are talking about, but they understand each other.

Portion of the Community Path to close for repairs in November

Community Path (Buena Vista Rd. to Cambridge Line) expected to be closed for approximately one month during excavation. Detour routes available at www.somervillema.gov/detours

The City of Somerville's Engineering Department announced this week that a portion of the Community Path, between Buena Vista Rd. and the Cambridge line, will undergo much anticipated repairs to the drainage system and a retaining wall to address recurring flooding issues and improve safety along the path. Bicycle and pedestrian traffic will be detoured for approximately one month, beginning in mid-November, as crews excavate in this area. Detour routes can be found at www.somervillema.gov/detours, and will be posted on sawhorses along this section of the path over the next several weeks.

In total, the project is expected to last through January, and the path will be repaved to a final condition in Spring 2018, though an interim pavement layer will be installed at the completion of the project for the duration of the winter. Work hours for this project will be Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. until approximately 4 p.m., unless otherwise noted. While work is being conducted to the retaining wall on the south side of the path, contractors do not anticipate needing access to private properties, though all abutters will be notified prior to the start of work in November.

If you have questions about impacts to your property, contact the Somerville Engineering Department at 617-625-6600 ext. 5400.

A black and white photograph of the Community Path. The path is a wide, paved walkway lined with trees and streetlights. A person is walking on the path in the distance.

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Be Somerville



By Joseph A. Curtatone

A monthly look at ways to get involved with your city: Don't just live in Somerville, be Somerville

Things may slow down in other places as the holiday season approaches, but not in Somerville. From Election Day and community meetings to scavenger hunts and planting outings, November is shaping up to be a busy month. I often encourage you to get involved with your community and inform you of ways that you can do so, but I think it's important to look back at a previous example that reminds us of just how important your engagement and participation is.

When I think about community process and community involvement in Somerville, Union Square planning immediately comes to mind. Community members showed up to meeting after meeting. Sometimes residents agreed with one another, while other times they challenged and pushed each other to consider other views. But ultimately, we worked together to identify and envision shared priorities for the future Union Square. One of those priorities

was to bring more daytime traffic to existing businesses by increasing commercial tenants in the area. Just last week we celebrated the move of RightHand Robotics and their 30 jobs to the old Post Office building, which means the first commercial tenant in the "new" Union Square has arrived and more are sure to follow.

Why not be a part of making the meetings below future examples of successful civic engagement and resident participation? I hope you'll find time to get involved in what you care about most.

— Mayor Curtatone

Municipal Election, 11/7

Election Day is right around the corner, and with various contested races around the city, it's important that you show up on Tues., Nov. 7, and let your voice be heard. View a sample ballot and find your polling place at www.somervillema.gov/vote.

Community Path Drainage Repairs Meeting, 11/2

Join City staff to discuss upcoming construction of drainage systems abutting a portion of the Community Path. Impacted sections include the area between Willow Ave. and Grove St., and along portions of Winslow Ave.

When/where: Thursday, Nov. 2, at 6:30 p.m. at Community Baptist Church, 31 College Ave.

Somerville Bulb Blitz, 11/4 and 11/7

Since 2011, more than 14,000

tulips and daffodils have been planted in Somerville as a part of the annual Bulb Blitz. Join in on this year's planting fun and enjoy the fruits of your labor come spring. Upcoming planting sessions are taking place on Saturday, Nov. 4, from 10 a.m. to noon at various locations across the city and then again on Tuesday, Nov. 7, with Groundwork Somerville at South Street Farm (138 South St.) from 3 to 5 p.m. For location information, visit somervillema.gov/events/2017/11/04/somerville-bulb-blitz.

Prospect Hill Park Community Meeting, 11/8

City staff and Alderman Bob McWatters invite you to attend a community meeting about the rehabilitation of Prospect Hill Park.

When/where: Wednesday, Nov. 8, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Somerville High School auditorium

Davis Square Site Studies Open House, 11/1 & 11/13

Join us for our next round of Davis Square Neighborhood Plan discussions. City Planning Department staff will be showing potential development on sites in the Davis Square core. These two meetings will build off of one another. The first will show site layouts, height, and potential jobs/housing numbers. The second will refine layouts based on your feedback and start to show design details. Both meetings are an open house format so drop by anytime. Questions?

Contact planning@somervillema.gov for more information.

When/where: Wednesday, Nov. 1, and Monday, Nov. 13, from 6 to 8 p.m. at First Church UCC, 89 College Ave.

Brickbottom Process Meeting, 11/16

Join the Somerville Planning Department for a pre-meeting to discuss the upcoming Brickbottom Neighborhood Planning process before it gets started and also learn how it relates to the zoning overhaul and other city initiatives.

When/where: Thursday, Nov. 16, at 6 p.m. in the Police Academy Room, 220 Washington St.

'Villens at Work' Scavenger Hunt

The City of Somerville has begun a Workforce Development Strategic Plan to help guide investment in the local workforce system and we need your input. The 'Villens at Work' scavenger hunt will help the City learn about your career goals as well as introduce you to the many businesses, workers, and skill-building programs in the city. Complete the tasks and you'll be entered to win a \$200 gift card to a Somerville restaurant of your choice. New challenges, along with additional bonus prizes, will be released every two weeks. The scavenger hunt ends December 1. For more information, visit somervillema.gov/departments/programs/workforce-and-talent and click on the 'Strategic Plan' tab.

Retirement Board Vacant Position

The Somerville Retirement Board is currently accepting applications to fill its vacant 5th Board Member position. The Retirement Board meets once per month (and other times as needed) and reviews and makes investment management decisions while also processing all disability applications. The selected applicant will be required to complete 18 hours of educational training during the three-year term and to file an annual Statement of Financial Interest with the Commonwealth. Applicants cannot be an employee, a retiree, or official of the City of Somerville. Interested applicants should submit a statement of interest and resume to mpasquariello@somervillema.gov or to the Somerville Retirement Board, City Hall Annex, 50 Evergreen Ave., Somerville, MA 02145-2819, Attention Executive Director. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

City Newsletter

For weekly updates on city cultural and civic events, new services and programs, and more, sign up for the City e-newsletter at www.somervillema.gov/newsletter.

City Calendar

Look up city events and meetings (as well as agendas and minutes) 24/7 on the City calendar at www.somervillema.gov.

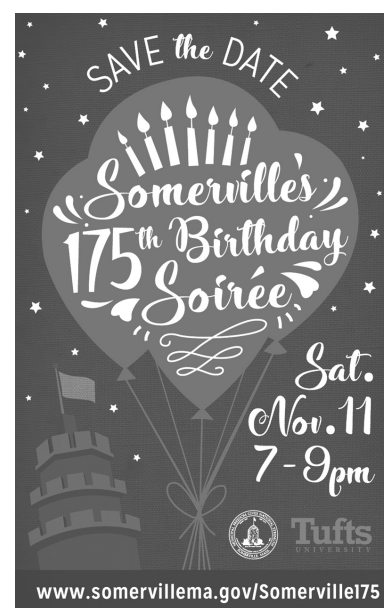
Tickets Now on Sale for Somerville's 175th 'Birthday Soirée'

Join the City of Somerville and Tufts University on Saturday, November 11, for the finale in a series of events celebrating the 175th anniversary of Somerville's separation from Charlestown. The "175th Birthday Soirée" will be hosted in Tufts' Aidekman Arts Center from 7 to 9 p.m. on November 11, and will feature live music by local and University artists, food from local restaurants, and a cash bar in addition to samples of a special edition 175th Birthday beer by Aeronaut Brewing Company. Attendees will also have access to the Aidekman Art Gallery and its current exhibit "Chinese Myth, Folklore, and History," featuring a 74 foot mural by artist Yuan Yunsheng.

The "Soirée," a black tie optional event, is open to anyone 18 or older. Tickets are now available at www.somervillema.gov/Somerville175, but quantity is limited. Tickets are \$20 each, and include passed appetizers and samples of the special 175th Birthday brew. (If you have questions or concerns, please email the address above for information on applying for special pricing due to financial hardship.)

Note on attire: The event is black tie optional, and business casual minimum. Come as you prefer, but feel free to use this as a chance to wear your fanciest attire or, if you prefer, come dressed in your favorite Colonial-era clothing to join the Somerville Historic Preservation Commission and Somerville High School's Local History Club

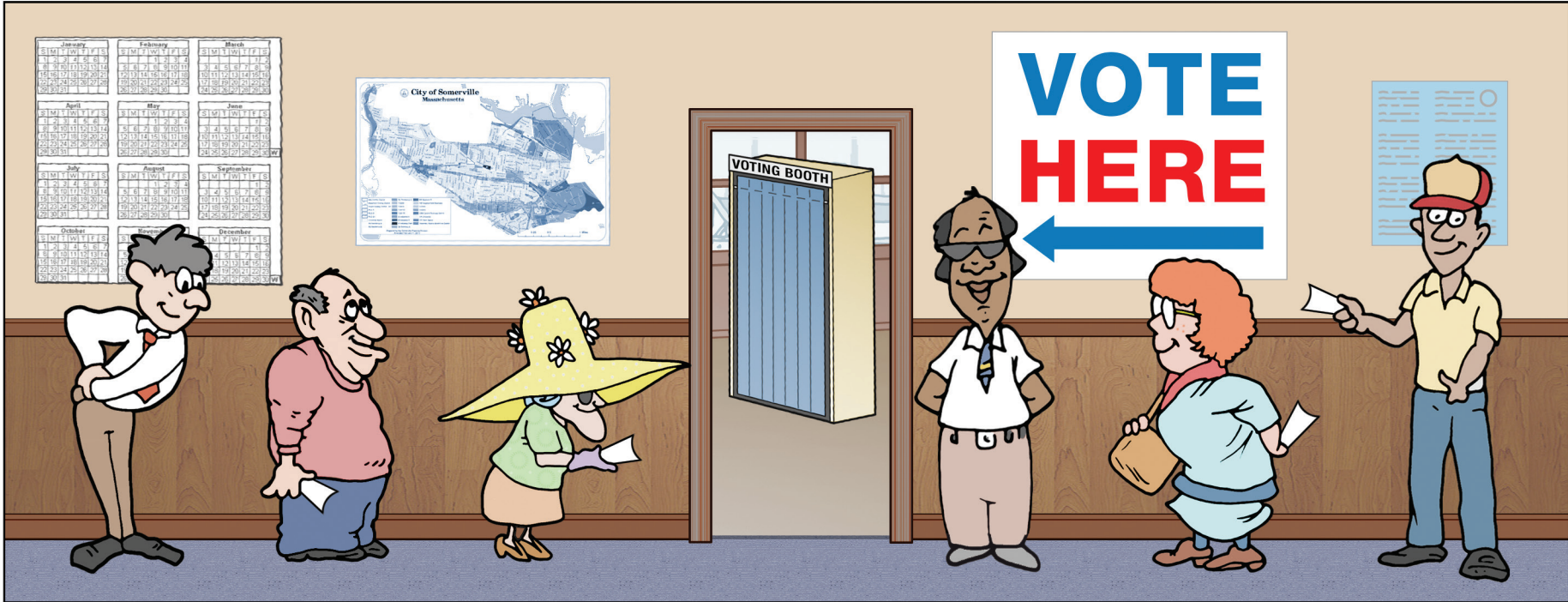
For more information, visit www.somervillema.gov/Somerville175, email Somerville175@somervillema.gov, or contact Jackie Rossetti at 617-625-6600 ext 2614.



COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Don't forget to get out and vote on November 7.

Our endorsements for the November 7 election

Mayor of Somerville
2017 could have been exciting year in the mayoral race, except for a strong challenger failing to show up. The challenger this year was, in our words, a naive person who we feel might have been led to the slaughter by some very sour individuals and fake news in the city. We aren't alone in thinking that politicians should never run unopposed. Opposition and competition is always good. It brings the best out of the candidates, having and an honest debate on the issues. Things that we as voters care about, not name calling or making accusations against each other. That is just not good. It makes for poor

voter turnout and people being disillusioned by politicians in general.
We support and endorse **Mayor Joseph Curtatone** for re-election this year.
You may not totally agree or disagree on his strong political stands, and residents – in particular some old time residents – are not all happy with his banners and the stands that he takes. Some of the older or longtime residents are constantly complaining about the direction in which the city has gone. Some of them even want the return to the old days here in Somerville. Some miss the families that used to live here that have been forced out of the city. Then there are those residents that

have moved here recently as well as many longtime residents who agree with Joe Curtatone politically.
As longtime residents in Somerville ourselves here at The Times, we are glad that the old days of the gangs, midnight fires, boarded buildings, blighted areas such as deserted Davis and Union, the vacant land over at Assembly with the mall basically closed along with other shops and places are over. We don't miss that and we're sure if everyone thinks about it, they don't either. There is much more work for this administration to do and we need to think about the city as it is in the present time, not the old days, when it

comes to electing the Mayor.
We think Joe Curtatone has done a great job in all aspects of the city. He has personally overseen the rebirth of the city in many ways. We think his biggest accomplishment is Assembly Square. Think about it, a \$200 million budget, a city of about 78K residents, about 1K municipal employees, needs to have a strong chief executive officer such as Joe Curtatone to continue successfully. From the present new look to the future of Union Square, Davis Square, Assembly Square, East Somerville, West Somerville in Teele Square and the Powderhouse School, the modernization of
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a bill for illegal residents (some prefer to call them undocumented) being allowed the right to vote. Does this mean anyone can vote without registration in the future? What do you think?

A rumor (what isn't a rumor nowadays), maybe its FAKE news, but we heard from a few that shortly after the election **DPW commissioner Stan Koty** will be replaced by **Rick Willette**. We asked the mayor and he said "no comment." You know how these rumors fly. We think **Tom Barry** would make a good DPW Commissioner as well as Rick, since Tom sort of runs the place now, doesn't he?

The endorsement of **Sen. Elizabeth Warren** for **Joe Curtatone** for mayor went over well. Supporters of both were notified at the last minute, but they got about 150 to 200 to attend at **Sally O'Brien's**. We heard that the city unions were contained down the street and not allowed to be in front of Sally O'Brien's.

We also heard that someone dressed as an Indian, dressed as Pocahontas, walked by Sally's while Sen. Warren was there. In any case, a big shout out to the rude Warren worker who stood in front of the photo op and, even when asked to step over to the side, didn't move.

Botanical Names for the Fearful at the **Somerville Garden Club**. Wish you could remember the name of that plant, or wonder why botanical names seem so complicated? **Judith Sumner** a botanist and author who specializes in ethno-botany, flowering plants, plant adaptations, and garden history will help sort it out discussing *Botanical Names for the Fearful* on Wednesday, November 8 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Sumner teaches medicinal botany at the Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University and at the Garden in the Woods, the botanic garden of the New England Wild Flower Society in Framingham, Massachusetts. Her lectures are highly sought after by inquisitive students of all ages, and she

has been honored with awards for excellence in teaching. She is the author of *The Natural History of Medicinal Plants* as well as numerous scientific publications. All Somerville Garden Club meetings are free and open to the public. 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Meetings are held at the **Tufts Administration Building, (TAB)**, 167 Holland Street, second floor, wheelchair accessible. Parking is available, and the building is a ten-minute walk from the Davis Square MBTA stop. For additional information please visit www.somervillegardenclub.org.

The George Dilboy Post 529's Annual Marine Corps Birthday Celebration will be held on **November 10**. All veterans are invited and encouraged to attend. This year marks the 242nd anniversary of the **United States Marine Corps**. For the past 20 years, members gather each year to honor those that served and continue to serve our country by providing toys for disadvantaged children. Last year they were able to provide needed

financial support to the United States Marine Corps **Toy for Tots program** which helps needy children, thanks to the support of local donors and businesses. This year they seek community assistance to continue this financial support in the form of money, gift certificates or other raffle items. All gifts are tax-deductible. Please make checks payable to the George Dilboy Post 529 c/o Toys for Tots, or call 617-666-8794 and they will make arrangements for a club officer to pick up the donation if it is more convenient.

Meet your neighbors and spend a couple of hours planting flower bulbs that will sprout this spring. **The 7th annual Somerville Bulb Blitz** takes place this weekend on **November 4** from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the **East Broadway Library**, 115 Broadway; **Hodgkins Curtin Park**, Holland St.; **ArtFarm**, Poplar St. and McGrath Hwy. and then on **Tuesday, November 7** at **South Farm**, 138 South St. from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

The only candidate with proven experience and a record of success

During this campaign, you've heard a lot of attacks on me, my family, and my administration.

I know not everyone is happy with every decision I've made, but Somerville only moves forward if our leaders welcome the criticism, and strive to take input seriously.

I've always brought people together to improve our city, and that's why I'm proud Somerville has made so much progress over the last 2 years:

- **Approved \$50 million to keep the Green Line Extension moving forward.** Thanks to this investment, the first federal funds for GLX have been disbursed, and the project is being built after decades of delay.
- **Put the strongest pay-to-play rules in the state on the books, capping campaign contributions from developers and prospective city contractors.** This set the stage for the creation of the Clean & Open Elections Task Force, which is currently studying how to increase participation in elections, expand early voting, move to publicly financed elections, and more.
- **Passed the 20% inclusionary zoning ordinance,** which requires at least 20% of units in large developments to be kept affordable, the highest rate in the state.

- **Authorized bond to pay for the new Somerville High School,** which was overwhelmingly approved by voters last year. This project will provide our students and community with a facility as successful as our best-in-the-state urban public schools.
- **Passed the Union Square Overlay District zoning,** which will create at least 157 affordable units, thousands of jobs, and ensure that in Somerville development around the Green Line Extension happens on the terms we set as a community.
- **Led the Metro Mayors' Coalition to adopt Carbon Neutral 2050,** to stand up to the do-nothing Trump administration and commit our region to take real, actionable steps to take on climate change by reducing our communities carbon output.
- **Launched Vision Zero Somerville an initiative to maintain and increase road safety for multi-modal users.** I believe that severe crashes are really preventable incidents, and should be unacceptable. Somerville is taking action to become the most walkable, transit-friendly city in America, and as a community we must be bold and bolster our dedication to safer streets.

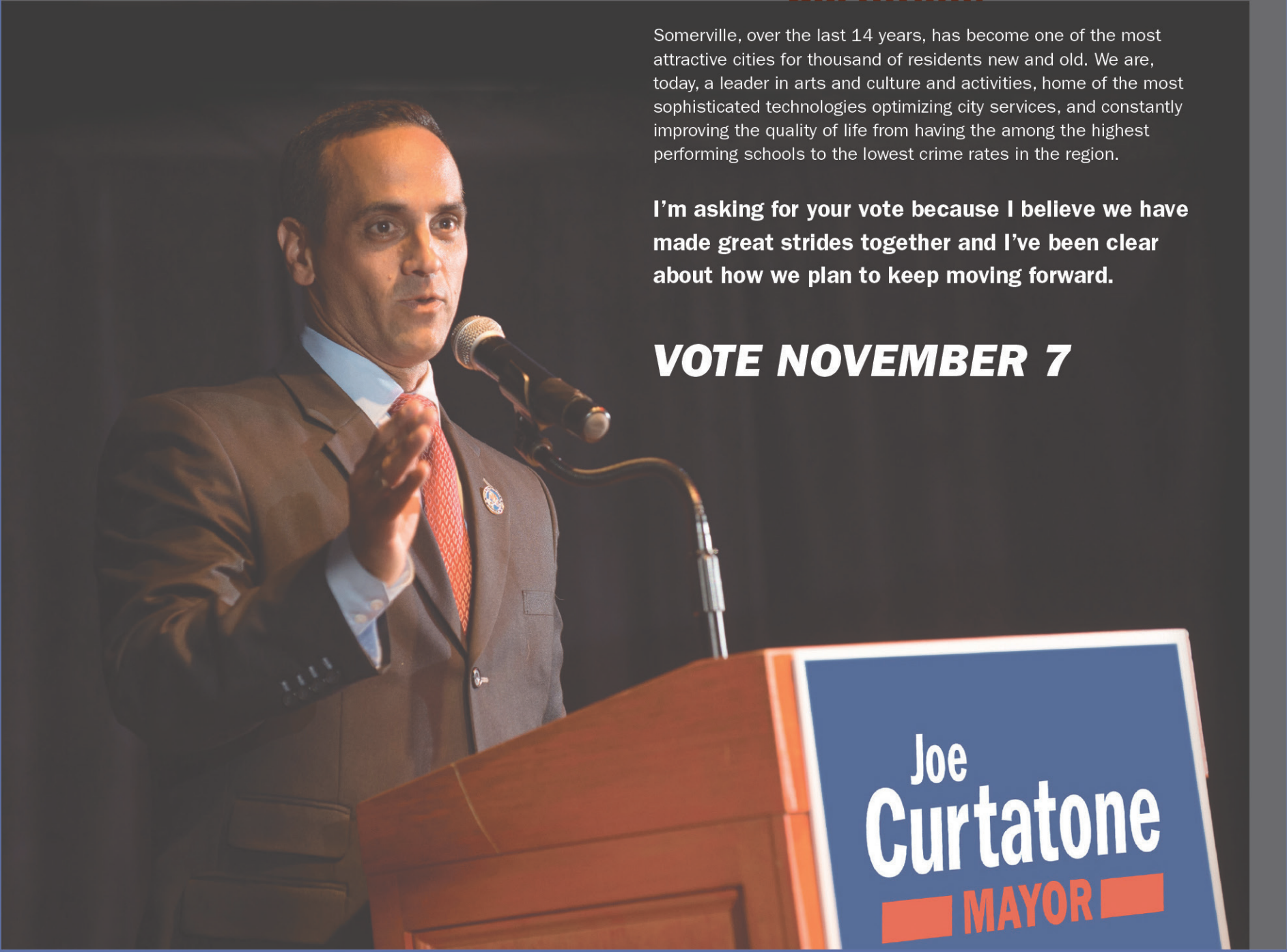
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This election is about who can lead our city. Leading a city takes more than offering criticism. It takes real leadership, a proven commitment to working with people to address the concerns of the community, and a clear agenda laying out concrete plans to move our city forward. It means respecting people who disagree with you, and knowing that you won't always get the perfect outcome every time because compromises that move our community forward are still progress.

Somerville, over the last 14 years, has become one of the most attractive cities for thousand of residents new and old. We are, today, a leader in arts and culture and activities, home of the most sophisticated technologies optimizing city services, and constantly improving the quality of life from having the among the highest performing schools to the lowest crime rates in the region.

I'm asking for your vote because I believe we have made great strides together and I've been clear about how we plan to keep moving forward.

VOTE NOVEMBER 7



Maryann Heuston



Ward 2 Alderman

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I have worked with many of you since becoming the Ward 2 Alderman and together we have seen positive results in our neighborhood.

Whether it be advocating for affordable housing for all members of our community to much needed tax relief through the 35% residential tax exemption, the protection and creation of open and green spaces, attention to traffic calming, encouraging a creative economy in re-use of old buildings, your support has always been instrumental in helping me do my job as your Alderman.

There is so much more to do though, that is why I'm asking for your vote this Nov 7th!



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"I am proud to support a progressive fighter like Maryann Heuston for Ward 2 Alderman of Somerville. In all the years I've known her, Maryann has only cared about one thing - providing solutions to challenges facing her constituents. Maryann's results driven leadership on the Board has delivered time and time again for us, lets deliver for her on election day."
- Congressman Mike Capuano

"I endorse Maryann because she is a fighter for her neighbors in Ward 2. She's not content to take the easy road by just pointing out problems, she digs in to find creative solutions that work."
- Somerville Mayor Joe Curtatone

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Scrapheap Showdown: Get Over It!

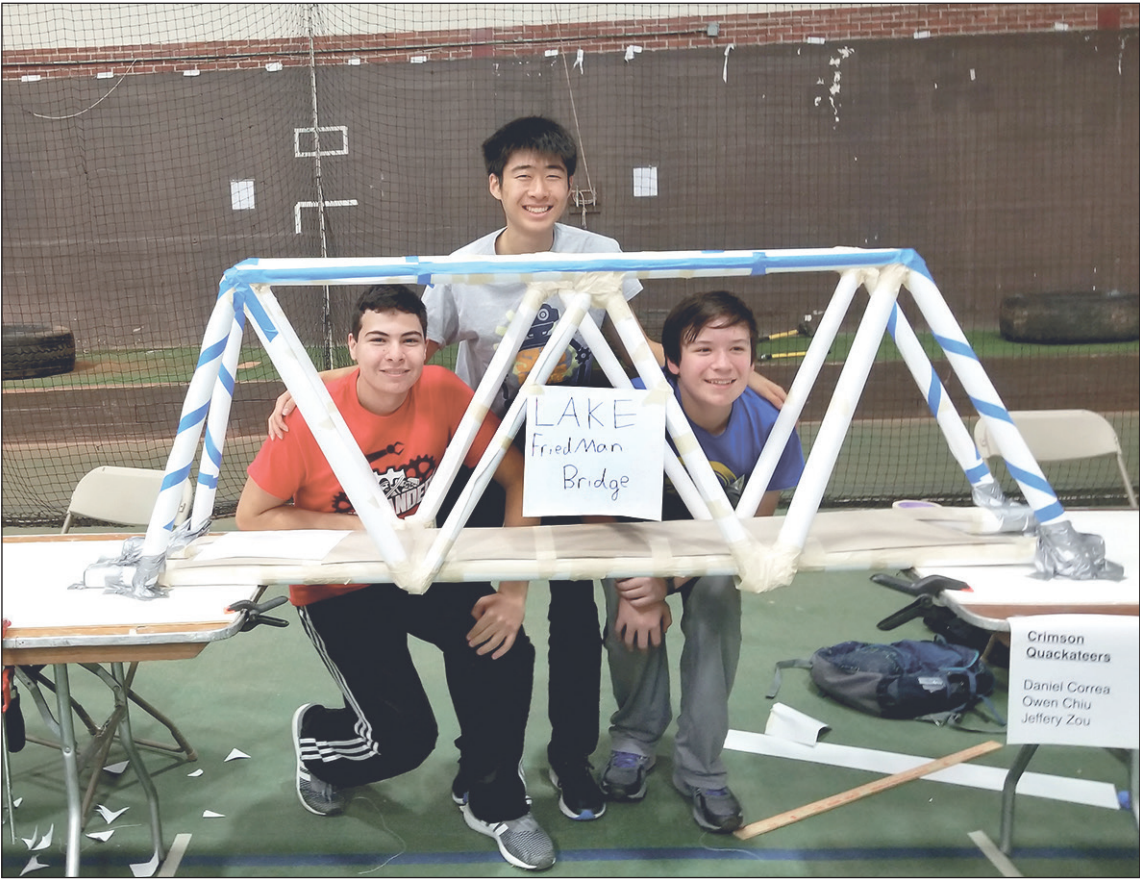
By Erica Dakin Voolich

On October 29, 30 high school students on 10 teams gathered in “The Cage” in Cousens Gym at Tufts University to compete in the 13th annual Scrapheap Showdown. Instead of the usual interesting “junk” in the center of the room when the students walked in, there were piles of paper along with large cones of string. The students were given their challenge: to design and build a four-foot-span paper bridge. The teams worked intensely, designing, building, testing, reinforcing, and adjusting their bridges.

Time was called after 3 hours. Now was the time for the competition. Each of the ten bridges employed differences in design from suspension to trestles and

combinations of other features. The students’ bridges competed against each other, tested for their ability to withstand “traffic” — a remote-controlled car driven across. Their bridges’ centers were measured for height above the table with points given for each inch above the table height up to 6 inches. The third challenge involved supporting maximum weight spread over the span of the bridge with minimal deflection. A bamboo skewer was placed in the middle of the bridge. The change height of the bridge could be measured by the displacement machine built by Richard Graf for a previous Scrapheap Showdown.

The bridges were going to be measured to two inches of deflection from adding weighs spread across the span of the



The victorious Crimson Quackateers team.

bridge road bead. The winning bridge was able to support more than 108 pounds with less than two inches of deflection in the center of the roadbed. The 2nd place team was able to support 82 pounds.

The team with the highest overall score, was Crimson Quackateers (Owen Chiu, Daniel Correa, Jeffery Zou). The second place team was the Honeybees (Tristan Brown-Vazquez, Max Nadeau, Nikolas Protopapas). Third place was the Shrimps (Kenia Arbaiza, Kristina Gurung and Tayara Romero). The Fourth place team was Team Take Dubs Part 2. (Qijin Chau, Gabe Kafka-Gibbons, Samuel Saron). Fifth place was Striking Panthers (Desi Feldman, Robert Lavey).

The teams could choose their prize in the order they finished. The prizes donated were: three \$100 gift cards (donated by Anne Button), four Red Sox tickets (donated by Sam Voolich), three \$50 RedBones BBQ gift cards, 3 \$50 Amazon gift cards (donated by Jay Landers and Jasper Lawson) and a combination of Museum passes (4

Science Museum including 4 to the Omni Theater, 2 Museum of Fine Arts and 2 Children’s Museum, donated by Vinny Tajeda and Maggie Rabidou).

There was a prize for aesthetics sponsored by Jay Landers, it was a hard choice to choose the “best looking” but the winners were the Striking Panthers.

This event was for both fundraising and an intellectual challenge--all funds raised go towards a Somerville Mathematics Fund scholarship for an outstanding Somerville mathematics student. All competitors and volunteers went home with Scrapheap Showdown teeshirts donated by Gerald and Debra Bickoff of Commercial Cleaning Service.

Designers and refiners of the challenge were: Anne Button, Chase Duclos-Orsello, Zachary Faubion, Adam Foster, Monica Fernandes, Miriam Gates, Richard Graf, Jay Landers, Zbigniew Nitecki, Erica Voolich, and Michael Voolich. Stanhope Framers donated the foam core. Fleming Printing Co. donated the “roadbeds” made from chipboard, Michael Morgan and Pa-

tricia Murphey-Sheehy, teachers at Somerville High School, recruited student teams. Amy Weiss designed the T-shirts and Yongkang Yu designed the poster advertising the event at the high school.

Sponsors of the event included Winter Hill Bank, RedBones BBQ, CliftonLarsonAllen LLP, Commercial Cleaning Service, Jay and Jasper, Susan Weiss, and our most wonderful host, Tufts University. Various members of the Board worked on all aspects of organizing the event and worked to make it a success along with community volunteers Tony Johnson and Clarissa Westney.

The Somerville Mathematics Fund was chartered in 2000 to celebrate and encourage mathematics achievement in Somerville. In January, they will be looking for teacher grant applications; and in April, they will be looking for scholarship applications. For more information or to volunteer or to make a donation, call 617-666-0666, e-mail mathfund@gmail.com, or go to www.somervillemathematicsfund.org.

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Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge
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1. What did the The Energy Policy Act of 2005 do?	7. Who founded the Missionaries of Charity?
2. What two states do not observe daylight saving time?	8. What was Data's cat named in Star Trek: The Next Generation?
3. What are the only apples native to North America?	9. Don Henley and Glenn Frey were members of which band?
4. What laundry detergent used the ad line "Ring around the collar"?	10. What is a pomologist?
5. Who created the TV game show Wheel of Fortune?	11. What is the official state beverage of Massachusetts?
6. How many days does a cat stay in heat?	12. Frigophobia is the fear of what?

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Our endorsements for City Elections 2017

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Beacon Street. How about the as many as 400 jobs opening at Greentown Labs on Somerville Avenue? The new housing and shops, and he has led the charge for the Green Line expansion, and now we can see the reality of it happening. These and other things the administration is working on now will make Somerville a destination a place to live and work. We need Mayor Joe Curtatone’s progressive, capable and visionary leadership to keep us moving forward.

We hope you along with us here at The Times, VOTE TO-RELECT MAYOR JOE CURTATIONE once again. He deserves it on many levels, whether you are an old-time Somerville resident or new to our city. He has done a great job, and will continue to do so. The best is yet to come, and we can’t wait.

Ward 1 Alderman

We strongly support constituent and investment service for aldermen, and therefore we urge the election of **Elio LoRusso** for Ward 1 Alderman.

The present alderman was elected four years ago with the hope that he would continue to move East Somerville forward, listen to residents and return calls. Constituent services is key to being an alderman. It is not how many Board resolutions you put forward (the present alderman boasts that he has placed 600 board orders). Residents who have daily issues need to know they can rely on someone to call City Hall and get something done. That hasn’t happened in the past four years. Many residents of Ward 1 have complained that they don’t see the alderman around, they can’t reach him. And when they do he files a Board order, instead of picking up the phone and calling the appropriate department heads and ask to be the front person for the residents. We don’t need an activist as an alderman, we need a constituent alderman. Filing board orders (he’s done 600 over four years) means it’s not something that gets to the various department right away and when it does, it can stay there with nothing getting done.

In the past, Ward 1 had a fighter and a responsible alderman with former Alderman Bill Roche. He returned phone calls. He answered people. He made sure whatever the concerns the resident had was taken care of.

We need to change Ward 1. We hope the residents of East Somerville in Ward 1 see that a change is needed. We want to see Elio LoRusso elected. He is not only a lifelong resident of the ward, he is married and is raising his family there. He owns his own business and employs other residents of East Somerville. Simply put, as his campaign slogan says, he’s vested in the community. He has one promise: you call him for any issue and he’s there and will stay on it until the problem is solved or an answer is given. East Somerville is a special place to live and work. A community of many lifelong residents and many more new ones. We think they all deserve representation and a solid voice to speak on behalf of all East Somerville. Vote for ELIO LORUSSO FOR

WARD 1 ALDERMAN.

Ward 2 Alderman

We strongly support constituent and investment service for alderman, and therefore we strongly urge the re-election of **Maryann Heuston** for Ward 2 Alderman.

Ward Two Alderman Maryann Heuston has worked hard – very hard – for her ward. Over the past several years, she has worked closely with the administration to move Union Square forward into a new place for all of us to be proud of. Think of all the accomplishments she has made, in particular Beacon Street. It has been a long time coming, but both the city and state have just about finished the long stretch along our southern boundary on the Cambridge line. She has worked to hold and keep the developer’s feet moving, making it work with the neighbors and community while building new homes. She has worked hard with developers, business and the administration to create a new vision on Somerville Avenue with Greentown Labs that will soon be opening its beautiful huge space that will employ over 400 people and have community access. Maryann worked hard to make sure this project was on track and stayed on track.

We know she is responsive to her constituents. She attends many Board meetings and various other meetings and she is always at every single neighborhood meeting answering questions and listening to the residents. She gets what the job is. Simply said, she’s put her imprint in the ward and the City of Somerville as a whole. Finally, she’s also worked hard to make sure the Green Line extension gets done. We encourage you to VOTE FOR MARYANN HEUSTON TO CONTINUE HER WORK IN WARD 2.

Ward 3 Alderman Ward

We strongly support another constituent alderman, Ward 3 Alderman **Bob McWatters** for re-election.

It shouldn’t be a surprise to anyone that we support and strongly endorse Ward 3 Alderman Bob McWatters for re-election. We were with him four years ago when he first ran. We knew then he would be the best choice for alderman, representing his constituents with pride. Bob’s middle name should be Constituent Alderman. He got it. He’s an alderman first and an activist second. He’s always attending neighborhood meetings, Board of Aldermen meetings, subcommittee meetings and serving on various other boards.

He’s relentless. When a constituent calls him regarding a matter, it doesn’t make any difference who that person is, Bob listens and then acts. What’s even better, he follows up and makes sure the issue gets resolved. He isn’t filing hundreds of Board orders to get things done, he simply picks up the phone and calls whoever he needs in city government and gets the job done.

Bob has worked with neighborhoods when it comes to developers, and in one major situation on one of his streets he went against the developer and for the

neighborhood. This guy walks his ward not only during election time but almost daily. He can be seen walking around talking and meeting people, finding out if there are issues he can address. Bob has lived in Ward 3 all his life and he’s raised his family there. There isn’t anything he doesn’t know about in his ward. Ward 3 has had the honor of having a longtime alderman with Tom Taylor, who was in the seat until four years ago. He was a fantastic, dedicated and generally nice person who listened. Now, for the past four years, his successor Ward 3 Alderman McWatters, is still carrying Tom’s torch of leadership.

Therefore, we hope the voters of Ward 3 re-elect Ward 3 Alderman Bob McWatters so he can continue the kind of service an alderman is supposed to give, instead of someone who is apparently only going to represent a certain few. VOTE TO RE-ELECT WARD 3 ALDERMAN BOB MCWATTERS.

Ward 4 Alderman

By now the residents of the city know that *The Times* sees an alderman as someone who will be responsive to the residents’ needs and get the job done. We are sorry to see Alderman Tony Lafuente leave office. He has done a magnificent job as far as we can see over these past few years. But now we come to a new decision in the ward once again, so we looked to see who would best represent it and the neighborhoods of Winter Hill and Ten Hills, and we can only come to the conclusion that candidate **Jesse Clingan** should be elected Ward 4. This was not easy to decide, because we think an alderman should think constituent services first, taking care of the needs of the residents and listen to their problems. There are two candidates running in Ward 4, both brand new to the active political scene. Omar Boukili is also a candidate and we have nothing negative to say about him and his candidacy, but we also haven’t seen him do the work necessary to get elected.

If for nothing else, we can say that Jesse Clingan ran a decent campaign. He knocked on every door, from what we can tell. He went everywhere in Ward 4, we hope he continues to do so. He has made his presence known to everyone in the ward. We think that anyone who worked as hard as he did deserves a chance. He ran on the issues that he thinks are important. We know he listens to individuals in the ward, and they were very impressed. He did it the old fashioned way, not relying on anyone else. He did the job and he’s deserves to be ELECTED WARD 4 ALDERMAN, AND WE HOPE YOU SUPPORT AND ENDORSE JESSE CLINGAN ON NOVEVEMBER 7.

There are no races in Wards 5, 6 and 7

We think the work done by Ward 5 Alderman **Mark Niedergang** is OK. He’s very busy being involved in other campaigns. He’s attended several neighborhood meetings over his tenure as alderman. Frankly, in a couple of neighborhoods in his ward the residents were

not happy with how he handled certain issues. Again, another alderman who thinks the show of pushing Board orders at the twice monthly Board meetings is better than having a good relationship with the various department heads, where things could be handled easily.

We think he needs an opponent next time around. We hope other members of the Ward 5 community step up and think about that.

Ward 6 is represented by Alderman **Lance Davis**. We have no issues with him. He’s doing a fine job, from what we hear. He’s been responsive to neighborhood issues and he is listening and then acting.

Ward 7 is Represented by Alderman **Katjana Ballantyne**. Again, we have no issues with Alderman Ballantyne. She is responsive and she is involved. She got it. She’s listens to her constituents. We like her positions on most everything she has done. She has no opponent this year.

Alderman At-Large

There are four Aldermen At-Large. They run city wide and you can vote for one, two, three or four, whatever you choose. The top four vote-getters will be elected on November 7.

WE ENDORSE THE FOLLOWING CANDIDATES FOR ALDERMAN AT LARGE:

Alderman At-Large **Dennis Michael Sullivan**. He’s dedicated, involved and listens to the residents. We love his idea of having “Office Hours” all over the city. It’s amazing that no one else does this. We bet Dennis listens to more people doing that than any of the rest of the alderman, especially the Aldermen At-Large. Dennis Sullivan deserves to be re-elected. He does work hard, and you can tell he’s very involved with the issues. He has actually become better and better every year. We think he deserves a return to the Board.


We strongly support and endorse ALDERMAN AT-LARGE DENNIS MICHAEL SULLIVAN FOR RE-ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 7. WE ASK FOR ONE OF YOUR FOUR VOTES FOR ALDERMAN AT-LARGE DENNIS MICHAEL SULLIVAN.

Another candidate for re-election who we strongly support is Alderman At-Large **John M. “Jack” Connolly**.

Jack – as he is named – is around all the time. Involved in the community from west to east, he’s there. He knows, running a business as he does, what it’s like to be responsive to the issues at hand. Another alderman, by the way, that gets it. He’s a constituent alderman who knows what he is doing when a resident of the city calls. He’s on it. He calls departments personally and then responds to the constituent. He works well with other aldermen and frequently attends meetings out in the neighborhoods. We know he’s been there a long time, but he’s still doing a great job and we support his re-election.

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LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

A **public hearing** for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on **Wednesday, November 8, 2017** at 6:00 p.m. in the **Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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


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

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Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant
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A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Thursday, November 16, 2017** in the Atrium, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** on the application of JAXV Davis Square, LLC d/b/a Hulun Beir, 5 Holland St., Somerville, MA for Wine & Malt 7 Day Restaurant License, Common Victualler License and Entertainment by Devices License.

For the Commission
Andrew Upton
John J. McKenna

Attest: Lori Batzek
Administrative Assistant

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For the Commission
Andrew Upton
John J. McKenna

Attest: Lori Batzek
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For the Commission
Andrew Upton
John J. McKenna

Attest: Lori Batzek
Administrative Assistant

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For the Commission
Andrew Upton
John J. McKenna

Attest: Lori Batzek
Administrative Assistant

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A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Thursday, November 16, 2017** in the Atrium, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** on the application of Bow Market Entertainment, LLC d/b/a Bow Market, 337 Somerville Ave., Somerville, MA for an All Forms 7 Day Restaurant License, Common Victualler License, Entertainment by Devices and Performers License and an Extension of Premises (Outdoor Seating) License and Open before Noon on Sunday Licenses.

For the Commission
Andrew Upton
John J. McKenna

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A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Thursday, November 16, 2017** in the Atrium, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** on the application of Somerville BBQ Co., LLC d/b/a Smoke Shop BBQ, 325 Assembly Row., Somerville, MA for an All Forms 7 Day Restaurant License, Common Victualler License, Entertainment by Devices and Performers License and an Extension of Premises (Outdoor Seating) License and Open before Noon on Sunday Licenses.

For the Commission
Andrew Upton
John J. McKenna

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REQUEST FOR DESIGN SERVICES

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

The Estimated Construction cost is \$200,000.

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

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

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

Questions must be sent in writing to brianl@sha-web.org no later than Thursday, November 2, 2017.

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The City of Somerville, through the Purchasing Department invites sealed bids for:


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Potential vendors may obtain a Request for Information (RFI) packet at the Purchasing Department, City Hall (first floor), 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143 OR online via the department's website: <https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing>

RFI packets are available for **pick-up or download** from **November 1st until November 8th 2017.**

Vendors must return their completed and sealed RFI packet by Monday, November 15th 2017, at 12:00 noon

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
OFFICE OF CITY CLERK
BOARD OF ALDERMEN

There will be a public hearing before the Board of Aldermen on Thursday, **November 9, 2017, at 7:00 PM**, in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, to determine the percentage of local tax levy to be borne by each class of real and personal property for Fiscal Year 2018, as required by MGL c40 s56. At this public hearing, Marc Levy, Chief Assessor and Chairman of the Somerville Board of Assessors, will provide all information and data relevant to making a determination, including the fiscal effects of the available alternatives. The public will have the opportunity to present oral or written testimony.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND AND BE HEARD.

JOHN J. LONG
CITY CLERK

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A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Thursday, November 16, 2017** in the Atrium, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** on the application of Black & Yellow Boston, LLC d/b/a Which Wich Superior Sandwiches, 410 Artisan Way, Somerville, MA for a Common Victualler License and an Entertainment by Devices License.

For the Commission
Andrew Upton
John J. McKenna


Attest: Lori Batzek
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LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

A joint public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board on **Monday, November 20, 2017** at 6:00 p.m. in the **Albert F. Argenziano School Cafeteria, 290 Washington Street, Somerville, MA**. The purpose of this hearing will be to receive public comments concerning the following:


Union Square CDSP - PB#2017-20 (238 Washington St; 273 Somerville Ave; 269 Somerville Ave; 269 Rear Somerville Ave; 261 Somerville Ave; 259 Somerville Ave; 228 Washington Street; 234 Washington Street; 26 Prospect Street; 30 Prospect Street; 27 Bennett Street; 50 Prospect Street; 40 Bennett Street; 41 Bennett Street; 42 Bennett Street; 43 Bennett Street; 44 Bennett Street; 49-51 Allen Street; 4 Milk Place; 258 Somerville Avenue; 20-22 Prospect Street; 42 Prospect Street; 50 Webster Ave; 520 Columbia Street; 56 Webster Ave; 41 Webster Ave; 45 Webster Ave; 47 Webster Ave; 48 Webster Ave; 35 Prospect Street; 70 Prospect Street; 223 Washington Street; 231 Washington Street; 237 Washington Street; 9 Union Square; 2 Union Square; 298 Somerville Ave; 290 Somerville Ave; 286 Somerville Ave; 41 Union Square; 1 Bow Street): Applicants Somerville Redevelopment Authority (SRA) and Union Square Station Associates LLC (US2), the Master Developer for the Union Square Revitalization Plan, a M.G.L. Chapter 121B "Urban Renewal Plan", seek a Coordinated Development Special Permit (CDSP) under Sections 5.8 and 6.8.5.C (formerly known as 6.7.5.C) of the Somerville Zoning Ordinance (SZO), and related Special Permits pursuant to Sections 6.8.11.F (formerly known as 6.7.11.F) for a Residential principal use, 6.8.6.A.3 (formerly known as 6.7.6.A.3) for partial payment in lieu of civic space, and 6.8.6.E (formerly known as 6.7.6.E) for off-site compliance to consolidate Arts & Creative Enterprise uses of the SZO, as well as waivers under Sections 5.1.2.2 (certified plot plan) and 5.1.2.7 (2' contours) of the SZO, for the review of a multi-lot development that establishes general phasing parameters, analyzes the impacts related to build-out, and identifies subsequent Design & Site Plan Review applications. CCD-45, CCD-45-C, CCD-55, CCD-55-C, NB, TOD-70, and TOD-100 zones. USOD Overlay District. Wards 2 & 3.

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Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman
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LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

A joint public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board and the Board of Aldermen Land Use Committee on **Tuesday, December 5, 2017** at 6:00 p.m. in the **Aldermanic Chambers, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA**. The purpose of this hearing will be to receive public comments concerning the following:

An amendment to Zoning Ordinance, Article 15, to establish a Project Mitigation Fee for Job Creation and Retention

An amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, Section 15.5, to update the Project Mitigation Contribution for Affordable Housing

An amendment, submitted by 18 registered voters, to the Zoning Ordinance, Article 15, to update the housing linkage fee and create a job creation and retention linkage fee


An amendment, submitted by 18 registered voters, to the Zoning Ordinance, Article 15, to update the housing linkage fee

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Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman
Attest: Alderman Lance Davis, Chair, Land Use Committee of the Board of Aldermen
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LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

A joint public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board and the Board of Aldermen Land Use Committee on **Wednesday, November 15, 2017** at 7:30 p.m. in the **Aldermanic Chambers, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA**. The purpose of this hearing will be to receive public comments concerning the following:

An amendment to Section 7.15, titled Medical Marijuana Facilities, of the Somerville Zoning Ordinance, extending the temporary ordinance until June 30, 2019.

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.

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 OSPCD, Planning Division, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143; by fax to 617-625-0722; or by email to planning@somervillema.gov.

Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman
Attest: Alderman Lance Davis, Chair, Land Use Committee of the Board of Aldermen
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It’s CryptoParty time! CONT. FROM PG 1

attendees. Three volunteers from the local ACLU graced last week’s gathering. A co-founder and chair of the Massachusetts Pirate Party is a regular.

“Do I really need to be concerned with data privacy? I’m not doing anything wrong!”

“What’s ‘TOR,’ and is it really as safe as everyone says?”

“Is there a private way to message my friends, and what’s ‘Signal’?”

“Which is more secure, an iPhone or Android smartphone?”

“I’m a lawyer/journalist/activist... how can I operate responsibly?”

If any of the above sounds familiar, or you’ve asked yourself similar questions, maybe it’s time to pencil a slot for the next CryptoParty into your calendar. The technically adept offer insight and advice, while activists, advocates, and those with privacy concerns provide a window into their field and real world challenges.

Every day now, it seems news of yet another data breach affecting millions, or a new law (Section 702

anyone?) exposing intimate communications comes to light. While naturally, this has piqued the interests of many into the world of digital privacy and security, the phenomenon is more than a passing fancy for the people of CryptoParty. For some, knowledge merits action.

CryptoPary-Boston meets the last Wednesday of each month at Sprout & Co., 339R Summer St., Somerville, MA. More information can be found at their website: <https://www.cryptoparty.in/boston>.

Want to write local Somerville stories?

Call 617-666-4010

and speak to the Assignment Editor

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Answers

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1. Extended the length of daylight saving time by four weeks

2. Arizona and Hawaii

3. Crab apples

4. Whisk

5. Merv Griffin

6. 4 to 10 days

7. Mother Teresa

8. Spot

9. The Eagles

10. Someone who cultivates fruit trees

11. Cranberry juice

12. Becoming too cold

Somerville native honored by Celtics



On Monday night the Boston Celtics will honor Somerville resident and Medal of Honor recipient Tom Kelley as a Hero Among Us, on the court during the game against San Antonio.

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH
Wednesday|November 1

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

Thursday|November 2

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

Central Library
TELL (Teen Library Leaders) Meeting
3 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave
Music Production 101 with DJ Mac
3 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

East Branch Library
Lego Club
3:15 p.m.-4:45 p.m.|115 Broadway

Friday|November 3

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

East Branch Library
Sing Along with Matt Heaton!
3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

Monday|November 6

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

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

Tuesday|November 7

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

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

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

Wednesday|November 8

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

Central Library
Teen Game Day
2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

MUSIC|ARTS

Wednesday|November 1

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

The Burren
Front Room
Americana Jam with: Grain Thief|9 p.m.
Backroom Series: The Press Gang|7:30 p.m.
Comedy Night With Jordan Handren-Seavey|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

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

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

Highland Kitchen
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
Dance With The Dead
Gost
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
The Rusted Bucket Band
14 Tyler Street

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

Thursday|November 2

Sally O’Brien’s
Meghan Chiampa birthday spectacular: Sarah Donner, The Rusted Bucket Band
Steve Walther Orchestra \$5 cover
9 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room
Matt Borrello, Mike Verge & Company|9:30 pm
Backroom Series: DALA|7 p.m
Scattershots|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.’s Lounge
Ten Dollar Mistake, Dead Country Gentlemen, In Ivy, RaiBard
7:30 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

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

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

Thunder Road
Barb Wire Dolls (Mötörhead Music, Greece/LA) – Hard Rock
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
Cold Specks Fool’s Paradise World Tour 2017
La Timpa, Radclyffe Hall
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
So Sol
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory
Phoenix Orchestra: Broken Banners
7:15 p.m.|Performance Hall
FiImprov
7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

The Rockwell
Highly Personal Trash Record Release Show|8 p.m.
255 Elm St

Friday|November 3

Sally O’Brien’s
Busted Jug |6 p.m.
Chris Hersch & The MoonRaiders, Ghost Truckers \$5 cover|9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room
Irish Session|9:30 p.m.
Back Room: David Wilcox (Two Nights!)|7 p.m.
Jimmy’s Down|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.’s Lounge
SaltyGreyhound / ManhattanMurder-Mystery / BottleKids / RatherBe
8 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

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

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

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

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

Thunder Road
Booty Vortex (Funk/Disco)
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
Cattle Decapitation
Revocation, Full of Hell, Artificial Brain
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Forrest Presents feat. Xenia Dunford & Jan Marie @Aeronaut.
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
Tongue in Cheek presents: Nevertheless She Persisted
7:30 p.m.|Performance Hall

Listen to This !!! - Improvisational Soundscapes, Visuals, and Dance feat. Judi Silvano & Bruce Arnold plus Jenny Herzog & Jim Guttman
8 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Saturday|November 4

Sally O’Brien’s
Stan Martin Band |6 p.m.
The Melatonins, City Rivals, The Dents, Abbie Barrett Band \$10 cover
|9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room:
Irish Session|9:30 p.m.
Back Room:
David Wilcox (Two Nights!)|7 p.m.
Scattershots|10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.’s Lounge
Monty’s Lobster, The Cosmic Vultures, Hubstyle, Newfane
8 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Karaoke
65 Holland St

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

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

Thunder Road
Orgone (Modern Soul / Funk)
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
Brujeria
Powerflo, Pinata Protest, INTESHIT
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
The Wolff Sisters|8 p.m.
14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory
2017 Massachusetts Cheese Festival
11:30 a.m- 5 p.m.|Performance Hall
Somerville Songwriter Sessions
7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

The Rockwell
Sh!t-faced Shakespeare: Much Ado About Nothing|7 p.m.
255 Elm St

Sunday|November 5

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

The Burren
Front Room
John Gannon & Friends Irish Session|3 p.m.
Los Goutos|9 p.m.
Back Room
Beatles Brunch|9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Ro Colegrove and Jeff Butcher|7:30 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA’S Lounge
345 Somerville Ave

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

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

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

Thunder Road
Americana Sundays w/ Greg Klyma (Homecoming Show)
7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
Primitive Man
Bell Witch, Churchburn, Upheaval|8:30 p.m.
156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory
Laugh While You Can
7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Monday|November 6

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Shawn Carter’s Cheapshots Comedy|7 p.m.
Marley Monday with The Duppy Conquerors reggae|10 p.m.

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

P.A.’s Lounge
345 Somerville Ave

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

Thunder Road
The Void Union (Ska)
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
Despised Icon
On Broken Wings
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

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

The Rockwell
Smoke and Shadows
8 p.m.|255 Elm St

Tuesday|November 7

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

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

PA’s Lounge
345 Somerville Ave

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

Highland Kitchen
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
Red Across Blue, Dan Barracuda (Prog Rock)
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

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

Aeronaut Brewing Co
Indie Trivia
8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

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

Wednesday|November 8

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

The Burren
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.’s Lounge
345 Somerville Ave

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

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

Thunder Road
Bearly Dead – Wednesday Night Grateful Dead Residency
8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave
Highland Kitchen
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom
Lee Ranaldo
Pigeons, DJ Carbo
8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.
Hannah Rose Baker Live + Poets & Pints

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory
Been Out Here Teen Open Mic
6 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

The Rockwell
MIC Presents: The Contenders (ft. Jay Nash & Josh Day)
8 p.m.|255 Elm St

CLASSES AND GROUPS
Wednesday|November 1

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

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

Thursday|November 2

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

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

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

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

Friday|November 3

Central Library
First Fridays at the Library
4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Saturday|November 4

Central Library
Lin Ryan Author Event
10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|79 Highland Ave
Bystander Intervention Training
12:30 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave
Social Anxiety Support Group
1:15 p.m.-3:15 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

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

Sunday|November 5

Central Library
Opening Reception - Jessa Piaia
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 6

Central Library
Chess Night
7 p.m.-8:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

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

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

Tuesday|November 7

Central Library
NaNoWriMo: Come Write In
1 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Central Library
Learn English at the Library
6 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Wednesday|November 8

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

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

Holland Street: 167 Holland Street

*Monday through Friday 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.
617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

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

Cross Street Center: 165 Broadway

Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.
Wednesday – 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. (Please note time change) (617) 625-6600 Ext. 2335.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Blood Pressure Screening – Cross Street Center located at 165 Broadway. November 16 and December 14. If you require additional information please contact Debby

Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email dhiggins@somervillema.gov.

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

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

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

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

Massachusetts Equipment Distribution Program will be joining our Low Vision Support Group – Tuesday, November 14 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. MassEDP provides adaptive telephone equipment to people who have difficulty using the telephone due to issues such as hearing or vision loss. Please contact Ashley at 617-625-6600, ext. 2318 with questions or to sign up.

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

Be SEEN! (Be Somerville Energy Efficient Now) – Tuesday, November 28 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. This program educates residents about city, state and federal programs to help make homes more energy efficient. Tenant, landlord or homeowner – there is a program for you. Please contact Natasha at 617-625-6600, ext. 2317 with questions or to RSVP.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

LGBTQ EVENTS:

LGBTQ Advisory Group – This group meets quarterly in the conference room of our Holland Street Center at 4:30 p.m. and run for one hour. We are always looking for new members who would like to serve on the

Advisory Group. Please call Debby Higgins, Outreach Coordinator at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email dhiggins@Somervillema.gov if you have any questions or if you should need additional information.

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

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

STAY ACTIVE:

Weekly Exercise Class Schedule

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

Mondays:

9:00 Walking Club (H)
11:00 Tai Chi (H)
1:00 Fit-4-Life Group C (H)

Tuesdays:

9:15 Strengthening - \$3 per class (H)
11:15 Fit-4-Life (C)

Wednesdays:

8:45 Fit-4-Life Group A (H) – Exercise
9:00 Fit-4-Life Group B (H) - Nutrition
10:00 Fit-4-Life Group B (H) – Exercise
10:00 Fit-4-Life Group A (H) – Nutrition
11:00 Nutrition one-on-one (H)
12:00 Fit-4-Life Group C (H) - Nutrition
1:00 Fit-4-Life Group C (H) - Exercise
5:15 Zumba for All - \$3 per class (H)

Thursdays:

9:00 Yoga (H)
9:30 Strengthening - \$3 per class (RJ)
11:15 Fit-4-Life (C)
6:00 LBT Fit-4-Life*(H)

Fridays:

8:45 Fit-4-Life Group A (H) - Exercise
10:00 Fit-4-Life Group B (H) – Exercise

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

Every Monday

10:00 English Conversation (C)
11:30 Lunch (C)

Every Tuesday

10:00 English Conversation (C)
11:30 Lunch (C, RJ)
12:00 Computer tutorial with Norbert (H)
12:45 Bingo (RJ)

Every Wednesday

9:00 Bowling at Flatbreads
9:45 Coffee & Conversations (H)
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Wacky Wednesdays (RJ)

Every Thursday

10:00 Current Events (H)
10:00 English Conversation (C)
11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara (H)
11:30 Lunch (C, H, RJ)
1:00 Arts & Crafts (C)

Every Friday

9:45 Coffee & Conversations (H)
11:30 Lunch (H)
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Our endorsements for City Elections 2017 CONT. FROM PG 15

We strongly support and endorse for re-election Alderman At-Large John M. “Jack” Connolly. WE ASK THAT ONE OF YOUR FOUR VOTES FOR ALDERMAN AT-LARGE GO TO JOHN M. “JACK” CONNOLLY.

Our third choice for Alderman At-Large is **Mary Jo Rossetti**. Her dedication to various issues and responsiveness to residents stems from her experience on the School Board for 10 years, representing Ward 7. She is without a doubt one of the nicest and smartest people to hit City Hall. She comes to Board meetings fully prepared and you can tell that by the questions that she asks. She knows how to listen to residents who have concerns and knows how to pick up a phone and call City Hall and talk to the various department heads which she, like all aldermen should, knows and becomes friendly enough with to resolves issues that her constituents might have. She took on the airport noise issue years ago and is still constantly pressing Logan Airport officials to get something done about it. She is there to do a job and we honestly believe she loves it.

We strongly urge that one of your four

votes for ALDERMAN AT-LARGE GOES TO MARY JO ROSSETTI ON NOVEMBER 7.

Our fourth choice for Alderman At-Large is **William A. White Jr.** Some say Bill is the brains behind the Board of Aldermen. He’s been elected and re-elected President of the Board for several years now by the rest of the Board. Alderman At-Large Bill White works very hard and his research proves it. He is one of the best when budget time comes around. He reads and researches all the various departments to see if there is any waste or needlessly allocated money to that department. He is a good alderman. He is responsive to residents, both new and old. He knows the issues, whether it’s the present zoning to the new zoning, or Assembly Square or what’s happening at the Powderhouse School. He’s made his mark on the Board of Aldermen. Some might say he is one who is not afraid to ask tough questions of the administration.

We strongly urge and support ALDERMAN AT-LARGE WILLIAM A. WHITE JR. FOR RE-ELECTION

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Another choice?

Yes, we’ll throw out this name for Alderman At-Large. We think you should take a look at **Stephanie A. Hirsch**.

She has been actively working very hard this year, doing all the right things running for office. Down to the basics of knocking on thousands of doors and talking to thousands of residents. We like that. Like Jesse Clingan in Ward 4, we see that Stephanie has worked hard to gain support, not from so-called organizations, but from her own strong efforts. It shows that she wants the job. We think that even though we picked four candidates already, we had to mention her in her efforts to get elected. If by chance she does get elected, we think she will be a great addition to the Board. If she doesn’t get elected, we hope she doesn’t go away. We hope she stays involved and considers running again.

We don’t know much about the candidates in the **Ward School Committee** races, but what we do know is the following:

In Ward 1 we support and ask for your

vote for **Kenneth M. Salvato**, a lifelong resident and active locally in the ward. We think because it’s an open seat the residents of Ward 1 should CONSIDER KENNETH M. SALVATO AS THEIR SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE.

The Ward 2 School Committee seat is currently held by **Dan Futrell**, and from what we see and hear he’s doing a great job representing Ward Two, we encourage the voters to consider RE-ELECTING DAN FUTRELL TO THE WARD 2 SCHOOL COMMITTEE SEAT.

The Ward 3 School Committee member is currently **Lee Erica Palmer**, and although she has no opponent we think she should have one in two years. We think she waited to pull the stunt she did at one of the School Committee meetings. As a city official, elected by Ward 3 voters to represent both the residents and the children, she sat down during the pledge of allegiance. The entire Committee stood as usual, but not Palmer. WE STRONGLY URGE ALL THOSE THAT ARE PATRIOTIC TO LEAVE THIS ONE BLANK ON NOVEMBER 7.

Aging Well highlights New Memory Café

A free social gathering for people with forgetfulness or memory loss was recently featured on Aging Well, a monthly production of Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES).

The Cambridge Connections Memory Café was launched in August, with the goal of providing a social outlet for people with memory loss and their caregivers, explained SCES Clinical Director Annie Fowler.

“A lot of times when people start to deal with memory loss they may start to isolate because they know something is going on and they’re uncomfortable with it,” said Fowler. “This is an environment that is very welcoming to anyone, with activities and conversation to help people avoid that isolation.”

The new café is a joint venture with the Cambridge Council on Aging (CCOA) and was described as part of larger Dementia Friendly Communities movement, which seeks to provide support and understanding for people with memory loss. A core principal of memory cafes is that they focus on ability, not diagnoses.

“The idea of a memory café is that one anyone who is experiencing forgetfulness or any change in thinking can come and put that aside, there is no expectation that somebody share what their condition is,” said Maryellen McEleney of the CCOA. “It’s really an opportunity to say ‘I’m going to have fun today and enjoy myself.’”

Memory cafes started in Europe in the late 90s and have become increasingly popular in the United States. Having coordinated another local memory café for the past 18 months, Cambridge Connections coordinator Nancy Quigg-Gonsalves said that each is unique.

“One of the nice things about a memory café is that, as you develop your core group, they kind of drive the activities,” she said. “It’s about their interests and what they like.”

Cambridge Connections is open to the general public and convenes on the third Friday of each month from 10 to noon at the Cambridge Citywide Senior Center.

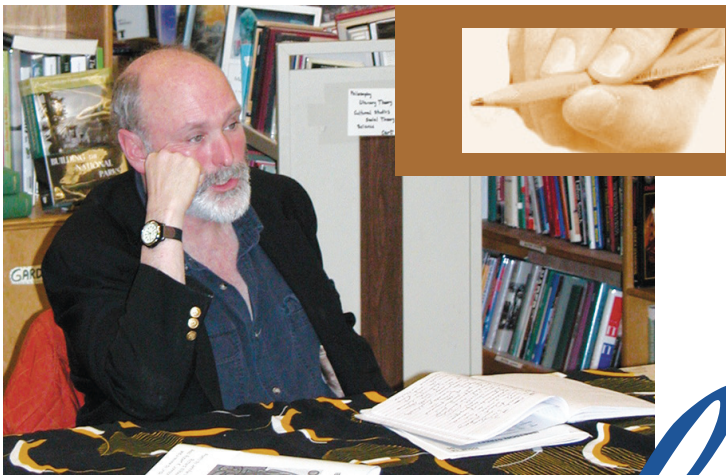
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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Interview with Poet Ben Berman:

A Bard who goes beyond the immediate apparent

Recently I had the pleasure to interview poet Ben Berman. Berman is a thin, wiry man who sports an amused smile and doesn't take himself too seriously. He has the look of a man who is curious about the world. I can picture him closely examining a leaf or an ant with his children for an extended length of time.

Berman's first book, *Strange Borderlands* (Able Muse Press, 2012), won the Peace Corps Award for Best Book of Poetry and was a finalist for the Massachusetts Book Awards. His second book is *Figuring in the Figure*, forthcoming from Able Muse Press in 2017. He has received awards from the New England Poetry Club and fellowships from the Massachusetts Cultural Council and Somerville Arts Council. He is the poetry editor at *Solstice Literary Magazine* and teaches in the Boston area, where he lives with his wife and daughters.

I interviewed Berman on my *Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer* TV show on Somerville Community Media TV.

Doug Holder: Ben, you defected from Somerville to the environs of Newton, Mass. Why?

Ben Berman: My wife lived in Somerville for 10 years. We dated for four years, and lived together in Somerville. We lived in Teele Square for a while. After we got married and had our daughter we moved to Newton.

DH: Is Somerville a good place to reside for a poet?

BB: Somerville is a great place to be a poet. There is such creative energy. The Somerville Arts Council is such a good organization. It is very supportive. The city is very diverse.

DH: In your new collection, *Figuring in the Figure*, you explore the facade of the immediately apparent. In the suburbs – where you live now – behind the broad and manicured lawns, lurks the rawness, the unruly entanglements of the world.

BB: I think of this book as a follow up to my other book, *Strange Borderlands*. It is based around my experience with the Peace Corps in Zimbabwe and what it was like being a stranger in a strange land.

Figuring... deals with a very different place, the small, local life, but the rawness exists in this seemingly placid environment.

DH: Some say you have to be a wild, Charles Bukowski-like figure to be a poet. How does domesticity suit you?

BB: In some ways it helps, in terms of giving me some routines and rituals to keep me writing. There are many complexities, entanglements, being a father and a husband. Small moments of domestic life are entry ways into broader ideas.

DH: It has been said we detach ourselves to feel more fully. Do you detach yourself when writing?

BB: Writing requires detachment to feel the experience fully and write about it.

DH: How have your children affected your writing? Does their sense of wonder ignite yours?

BB: Entirely. My kids see the world entirely differently. They could spend an hour just looking at an ant. I try to see through my kids eyes. It gets me out of the "routine" of seeing.

DH: Tell me about your involvement with *Solstice Literary Magazine*.

BB: It is an online magazine that has been around for eight or nine years. Lee Hope started it. It was connected to Pine Manor College. We produced two print anthologies. It is a wonderful journal.



On staff we have folks like Regie Gibson, Richard Hoffman, Danielle Georges, and many others.

DH: Why do you write poetry?

BB: It is a centering practice. It is a ritual I need to engage in or I won't feel right. It allows me to slow down and connect with my life. I love to play with language, and find meaning in the world. I get up around 3:00 a.m. every morning, check the web, have a cup of coffee, and free write. I go where it directs me.

DH: You teach at Brookline High, in Brookline, MA. Is it a help or hindrance?

BB: To teach is very demanding, so it sort of makes me make time for my writing. I am lucky to have bright and creative kids in my classes. I love to introduce kids to reading, and they introduce me to new writers. That can only help.

THE UNDERSIDE

My friend confides in me how his wife cheated—well, not cheated, but sent racy photos of herself to other men—how she created some online profile with a phony name—Lady Falcon—and how he stumbled upon this one day when he used her phone to order a pizza. They'd been so stable, he tells me, maybe they needed this breach to save their marriage from growing stale. In front of us, a hawk's perched on a branch, calmly pecking at a squirrel's entrails. We're sitting side-by-side on the bench but see different things through the tangled crosscutting of limbs in front of us. My friend mentions that he'll hide some of the details from his analyst because the man can find subtext even when they chat about sports—which makes me feel bad about my own feigned attention—how my mind spirals and spurts like a squirrel getting chased up a tree, then scrambles to piece together the excerpts—it's just that I'm tired of the puppetry... my friend says ...some childhood desire... he adds ...while residing on my property—but what an impotent word—resides—just hearing it makes me long for nude photos of his wife. On the underside of the branch, now—directly under the hawk—is another squirrel, his floppy tail pointed stiff—this must be duende, I think—ready to spring at the slightest flap of a wing. How should I have reacted? my friend asks, as the squirrel fixes to flip.

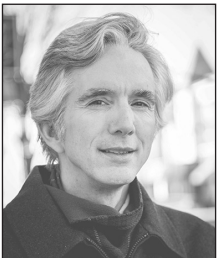
— Ben Berman

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The Xerces Blue

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