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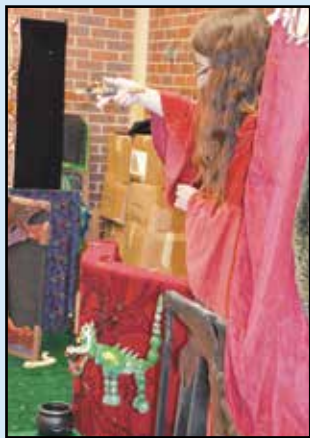
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## Somerville Police Chief resigns



Somerville Chief of Police Thomas Pasquarello is resigning from service beginning next month.

By Jim Clark

It was announced on Monday that Somerville Police Chief Thomas Pasquarello will be stepping down from his position on the force, effective Dec. 1, 2013.

Citing a need to give his time and attention to a family member who is in need of round-the-clock care, Pasquarello submitted his resignation letter to Mayor Curtatone on Monday.

Chief Pasquarello has served the City of Somerville for just over three years, having taken over the post in August of 2010. During his tenure as Police Chief, the crime rate in Somerville has reportedly fallen significantly.

Mayor Curtatone said of Pasquarello, "I sincerely thank Chief Pasquarello for his work over the past three years in further reforming the department and instilling within the police station's walls our values of transparency and community engagement, and for working to reduce crime and increase safety for all community members. I wish him well in his future endeavors and thank him on behalf of our community."

Pasquarello reciprocated by saying, "I wish to thank the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen for their support

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## Residents submit holiday wish list for Lincoln Park

By Harry Kane

The city invited residents to a meeting at the Argenziano School last Wednesday to solicit input for the Lincoln Park renovations. Around 100 park enthusiasts gathered in the cafeteria to listen to a brief Powerpoint presentation about the 6.6 acre green space and offer their suggestions for improvements.

Lincoln Park is one of the largest recreation spaces in the city. The major components of the Ward 2 park include a soccer field, basketball court, baseball diamond and playground.

Several of the components are in need of repair, said Arn Franzen, Director of Parks and Open Space. "It's very difficult to maintain a field that's in such constant use." The soccer field is "unsafe by most standards."

He noted the water feature is in poor condition but still functional and that the existing play structures in the children's play area aren't in the greatest shape.

"This is an important

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Director of Parks and Open Space Arn Franzen's "listening session" gathered feedback from community members regarding their hopes and wishes for the future of Lincoln Park.

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The city elections are over and, since our paper was sent to the printer Tuesday afternoon, the final results will be online at [www.thesomervilletimes.com](http://www.thesomervilletimes.com). We offer everyone that ran for public office this year a big thank you for taking the stand and running, and if you lost yesterday, please try again.

The 67th Annual Somerville Chamber of Commerce Dinner is this week, Wednesday November 6, and will be held at the Holiday Inn on Washington Street. At the annual dinner a lot of awards recognizing several businesses and businessmen and women alike will be handed out. This year's top award, known as the John W. Fitzgerald Lifetime Achievement Award, will be presented to local businessman Tom Bent for his work on behalf of the Chamber. The keynote speaker this year is MassChallenge founder John Hawthorne, CEO of MassChallenge, a startup accelerator and competition designed to catalyze a startup renaissance by connecting high-impact startups from around the world with the resources they need to launch and succeed.

This Saturday, at the Clarendon Hill Presbyterian Church, 155 Powderhouse Blvd., Somerville, MA, they along with Nave Galley, will be hosting a dinner and concert benefit to give thanks to our veterans and support the important work of the Somerville Homeless Coalition and the local chapter of the Volunteers of America. Open to the public, veterans and their families are free but there is a \$20 suggested donation for the concert and dinner and a \$10 suggested donation for either the dinner or concert separately. Proceeds to benefit the Somerville Homeless Collation and local veterans groups here in the city. Tickets may be purchased at the door or online: <https://www.eventbrite.com/event/8913004035>. The dinner is at 6:00 p.m. and the concert is at 8:00 p.m.

Happy Birthdays this week here in the Ville and outside of the Ville, so when you see them wish them a good and happy birthday: First of all, Mike Buckley Jr. is celebrating this week, as is Kenny Costa. Danielle Toppi, who

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## TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

### Response to LOL, LMAO, and 2MI

Somerbreeze says:  
Every time I ride the subway, go for a walk, or go out for dinner, people have their eyeballs glued to their so-called Smartphones, etc...  
Symptomatic of some obsessional psychosis engulfing us; we've finally become a Nation of Strangers, after all!  
Pathetic.

Steve Keenan says:  
Some would argue that "information is power." I don't know-what do you think?

Somerbreeze says:  
@ Steve Keenan – Yes, "information is power," but information overload is downright dangerous!

ME says:  
It's TMI not 2MI, if you are going to be snarky, at least get it right.

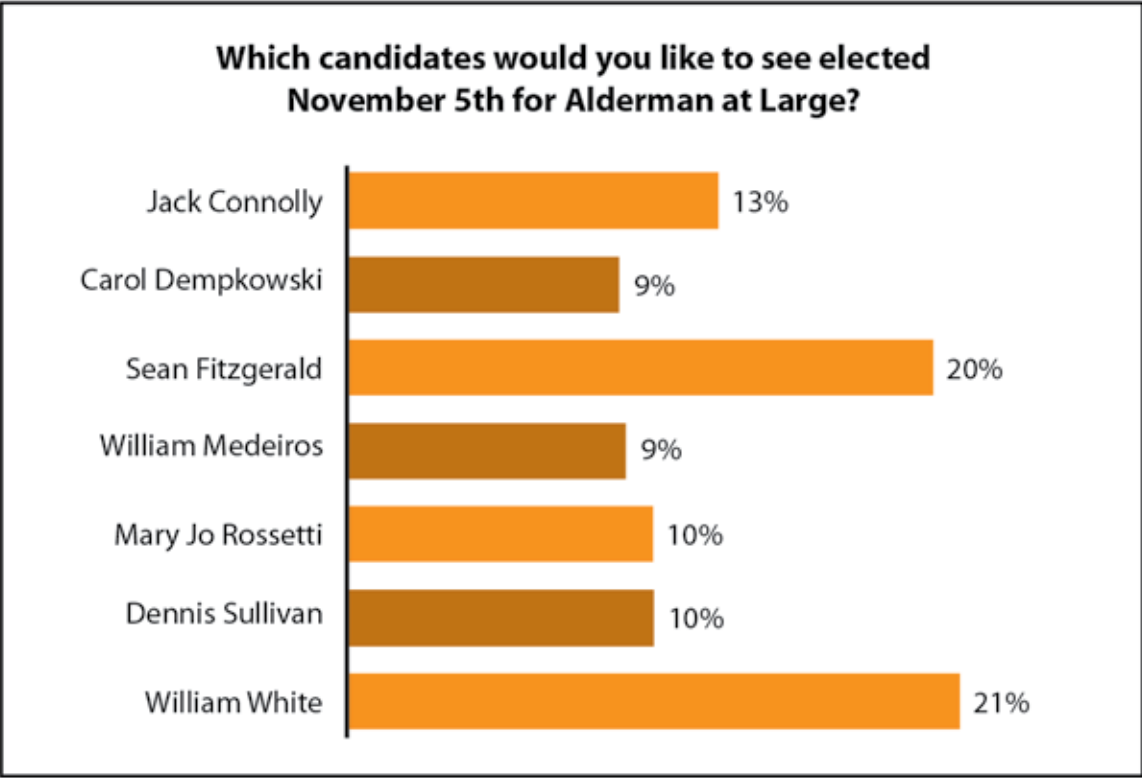
Billy Sullivan says:  
Hey ME ...GO SNARK YOURSELF !

Steve Keenan says:  
@Somerbreeze-I hear you-point taken and understood.

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## TheSomervilleTimes.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleTimes.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week's poll concerned your views on which candidates you would like to see elected November 5th for Alderman at Large. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com.





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# Veterans group to donate commemorative chair

By Harry Kane

On Friday, a chair will be placed in City Hall to bring awareness to prisoners of war or service members who are missing in action. The chair dedication ceremony will take place at noontime on the first floor of City Hall next to the City Clerk's office.

The origins of the chair memorial can be traced back to a tradition at military installations. In the dining hall, during chow time, a table setting will be set up for those service members who are held in captivity or are unaccounted for.

The idea to put a chair in public spaces like town halls was begun by the group of Vietnam era veterans called Rolling Thunder. They feel strongly about bringing attention to the fact that so many service members have never been recovered, remain missing in action, and so many people have been held as prisoners of war in the past.

There are about 95 chapters of Rolling Thunder across United States who spread awareness about MIA service members, according to Joe D'Entremont, president of Rolling Thunder Massachusetts Chapter 1. Their mission is to establish a memorial in public locations across the Commonwealth.

Some 92,000 service members are still unaccounted for since World War One. Originally the group began by donating POW -



A chair commemorating military service members who are missing in action or have been taken as prisoners of war will be installed in City Hall.

MIA Flags. "We figured we'd take it a step up," D'Entremont said.

There are 42 chairs in public spaces in the Commonwealth. The first chair in Massachusetts was donated to the Spinners Baseball Club at LeLacheur Stadium in Lowell in June of 2012. Some other notable locations where the commemorative chairs are sitting include Fenway Stadium, Gillette Stadium and Boston City Hall. On Friday, Somerville

will receive their chair.

The black chair is accompanied by an American flag, black MIA-POW Flag, and a commemorative plaque. The plaque will read, "You are not forgotten."

"It reminds the public of the sacrifices made by our service men and women, said Ward 5 Alderman Courtney O'Keefe, who is the chair of the Veterans' Services Committee. "It's a constant reminder of how blessed we are."

# Special Veteran's Group presentation



Photo by Jim Buckley

Tempered Steel's Wounded Warriors came to Holland Street to speak to the Somerville Council on Aging Veteran's Group on Monday, October 28. Luana Schneider and guest speaker, Staff Sergeant George "Chris" Campbell, a disabled/wounded veteran, presented a touching multi-media presentation and discussion. Many older veterans were able to relate to the stories shared that day as well as share their own thoughts, stories and reflections about their service. It was a great time had by all and a special opportunity for healing the wounds, united together.

# Residents submit holiday wish list for Lincoln Park

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meeting for the city. This is an important meeting for the neighborhood," Franzen said, standing before the attendees at the meeting.

The Lincoln Park meeting was setup to be a "listening session" and involve the public's ideas in the redesigning of the park. "We want to hear what people's opinions are, what they want to see," Franzen said. The design process won't start until the city understands community needs. A tentative date has been set for a follow up community meeting on Dec. 2.

The city has renovated other parks recently and the focus, Franzen said, has been on community gardens, new tree plantings with improved walkways, seating and play spaces.

In Somerville, the total public open space is 141 acres, which is roughly 5.5 percent of the city. But only 45 percent of that land is public open space owned by the City of Somerville. Those open spaces are city parks, schoolyards, recreation fields and cemeteries.

Following the presentation, residents were asked to divide into small groups and discuss amongst themselves the ideas they had for the park. People recorded their recommendations for the park and handed them into Franzen.

Some suggestions for the park included an improved school playground with

swings, a rubber running path around the outside of the park, a shaded pavilion with tables and grilles, a space for skateboarders and trick bike riders, improved play structures with a water feature, a sports scoreboard for the baseball diamond, and a public bathroom.

One of the big reservations held by constituents that were repeatedly voiced during the discussion are the current restrictions associated with the field. The school has the field until 6 p.m. and the Somerville Youth Soccer League uses the field until 9 p.m. After that, the field is locked and tightly controlled to keep dogs off, according to city officials.

Catherine Thompson of Marion Street said, "It should be open to the neighbors and to the sports, not just one or the other." Thompson likes the idea of the entire park being accessible to everyone and not just the select few that reserve that section of the park. "It should be unique," she added. "Keep it as natural as possible."

Thompson also suggested an improved water fountain that could include a lower fountain for dogs. She said that a designated dog park area would be beneficial and protect the other areas from dog feces.

Thompson's daughter, Emily, 9, also had some renovation ideas, which included a tree house, mural, public art or a statue.

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# THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

## Always use your seat belt

While monitoring traffic on Broadway last Friday evening a police officer queried the registration of a passing vehicle and learned that the car's owner had a revoked license.

The officer then activated his blue lights and pulled the car over.

As the officer approached the vehicle he noticed that the female passenger in the front seat and a male passenger in the back seat were moving as if they were about to exit the vehicle, according to reports. The officer told them to remain in the car while he questioned the driver

of the car.

While speaking to the driver of the car the officer reportedly noted that the two passengers seemed to be very nervous and fidgety. As neither passenger was wearing a safety belt the officer asked for their names so that he could write them citations.

The front seat passenger identified herself as Katelyn Paquet and gave the officer a date of birth. The back seat passenger identified himself as Jonathan Berenson and likewise supplied a date of birth.

The officer then returned to his cruiser whereupon he called in a

request for backup, as he felt it was possible that the two passengers might attempt to flee at any moment, police said.

As a result of a records query, it was learned that Berenson had several active warrants out for his arrest. The female passenger's supplied name and birth-date yielded no record matches.

The officer returned to the car and asked the female if she had any form of identity in her possession. She then reportedly produced a wallet and as she looked through it the officer reportedly spotted a plastic straw and a small baggie, which

he judged to be drug paraphernalia, based on his experience and training.

The officer then reportedly requested that the woman be truthful and tell him if there were drugs in the car. The woman then reportedly began to cry as she looked at her zippered wallet.

The officer reportedly retrieved 14 pills and a small quantity of what appeared to be crack cocaine from the woman's wallet.

The officer determined that the pills were various dosages of Oxycodone.

When Berenson was asked to

give the correct name and birth-date of the woman he reportedly tried four different times with negative results.

She was finally identified as Katelyn Paquet, 19, of Arlington, and was placed under arrest and charged with possession of a class B drug and failure to wear a seatbelt.

Jonathan Berenson, 23, of Malden, was also placed under arrest on warrant charges of forgery of check, larceny over \$250, utter false check, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, and receiving stolen property under \$250.

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### SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

**Lori Connolly**, 40, of 33 Bradley St., October 28, 11:39 a.m., arrested at 400 Somerville Ave. on a warrant charge of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

**A juvenile**, October 28, 4:02 p.m., arrested at 50A Memorial Rd. on a charge of assault and battery.

**A juvenile**, October 28, 4:02 p.m., arrested at 50A Memorial Rd. on charges of assault and battery and assault and battery on a police officer.

**Robyn Smith**, 29, of 305 Riverside Ave., Medford, October 29, 9:34 p.m., arrested at 256 Elm St. on a charge of disorderly conduct.

**Travis Beausoleil**, 34, October 29, 10:47 p.m., arrested at 22 Mt. Pleasant St. on warrant charges of possession of a class A drug, shoplifting by asportation, and delivery of drugs to a prisoner.

**Rudy Umana**, 18, of 10C Memorial Rd., October 30, 1:53 p.m., arrested at 91 Highland Ave. on a warrant charge of witness intimidation.

**Alexander Fedele**, 18, of 238 Broadway, October 30, 4:26 p.m., arrested at home on charges of nighttime breaking and entering of a vehicle or boat, assault and battery, and receiving stolen property over \$250.

**Michael Lee**, 28, of 543 Adams St., Dorchester, October 31, 10:16 a.m., arrested at 775 McGrath Hwy. on a warrant charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

**Elija Lewis-Jean**, 20, of 28 Ripley Rd., Boston, October 31, 10:16 a.m., arrested at 775 McGrath Hwy. on charges of carrying a firearm with ammunition and drug possession to distribute.

**Aziz Nacer**, 30, of 22 Lebe-non St., Malden, October 31, 5:10 p.m., arrested at Adams St. on a warrant charge of abuse prevention order violation.

**Diane Richardson**, 60, of 3307 Chestnut West, Randolph, October 31, 6:29 p.m., arrested at 30 Washington St. on a charge of sexual conduct for a fee.

**Benjamin Feuerstein**, 21, of 16 Curtis Ave., November 1, 1:30 a.m., arrested at Hillsdale Rd. on a charge of destruction of property over \$250.

**Zachary Wener-Fligner**, 22, of 97 Baystate Rd., Boston, November 1, 1:30 a.m., arrested at Hillsdale Rd. on a charge of malicious damage to a motor vehicle.

**John O'Callaghan**, 52, of 249 Hurley St., Cambridge, November 1, 12:52 p.m., arrested at Florence St. on charges of conspiracy to violate drug law

and being present where heroin is kept.

**Miguel Robles-Pacheco**, 35, of 80 Evans St., Dorchester, November 1, 12:52 p.m., arrested at Florence St. on charges of conspiracy to violate drug law, resisting arrest, trafficking in heroin / morphine / opium, and drug violation near a school or park.

**Katelyn Paquet**, 19, of 43 Egerton Rd., Arlington, November 1, 9:26 p.m., arrested at 855 Broadway on charges of possession of a class B drug and failure to wear a seatbelt.

**Jonathan Berenson**, 23, of 47 Gilbert St., Malden, November 1, 9:26 p.m., arrested at 855 Broadway on warrant charges of forgery of check, larceny over \$250, utter false check, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, and receiving stolen property under \$250.

**Marcos Guerrero**, 24, of 16 Linden St., Medford, November 2, 12:35 p.m., arrested at 113 Washington St. on a charge of violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon.

**Rufino Santos**, 40, of 7 Everett, November 2, 3:51 p.m., arrested at 5 Ellsworth St. on a charge of destruction of property over \$250 and on a warrant charge of disorderly conduct.

Incidents:

Theft:

October 29, 8:36 a.m., police reported a theft at Adams St.

October 29, 10:41 a.m., police reported a theft at School St.

October 30, 9:12 a.m., police reported a theft at 5 Middlesex Ave.

October 30, 9:43 p.m., police reported a theft at Walnut St.

October 31, 2:04 p.m., police reported a theft at Highland Ave.

October 31, 6:34 p.m., police reported a theft at Broadway.

October 31, 9:04 p.m., police reported a theft at 230 Highland Ave.

October 31, 11:58 p.m., police reported a theft at Park St.

November 2, 3:05 p.m., police reported a theft at Houghton St.

Robbery:

October 31, 10:43 p.m., police reported a robbery at Edgar Ave.

October 31, 11:46 p.m., police reported a robbery at Broadway.

Breaking & Entering:

October 29, 5:07 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Morrison Ave.

October 30, 12:36 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Cutter St.

October 30, 12:46 p.m., po-

lice reported a breaking & entering at Prescott St.

October 30, 6:19 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Willow Ave.

October 30, 6:53 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Tremont St.

October 31, 12:01 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Fremont St.

November 2, 9:39 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Harold St.

November 2, 10:18 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Alston St.

Vehicle Theft:

October 30, 8:49 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Glenwood Rd.

Assault:

October 31, 10:43 p.m., police reported an assault at River Rd.

November 1, 3:42 a.m., police reported an assault at Tennyson St.

Drug Violation:

November 1, 12:52 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Florence St.

November 1, 9:26 p.m., police reported a drug violation at 855 Broadway.

Disorderly Conduct:

October 29, 9:34 p.m., police reported a disorderly conduct at 256 Elm St.

# A call to Somerville artists

## The Phone Art Box Project is on the line

By Blake Maddux

Located directly in front of Somerville High School, the intersection of Highland and Vinal Avenues is a spot that many motorists and pedestrians pass on a daily basis without giving it a second thought.

On Sunday afternoon, however, a modest crowd – including children who had come with their parents – assembled here in order to appreciate a new addition alongside the heavily traveled thoroughfare.

Shortly before 2 p.m., artist Rachel Mello began setting up a table on which to place coffee and hot cider from Diesel Café, as well as strawberries and gluten-free cookies that she picked and baked herself.

The occasion on this brisk and slightly windy afternoon was a planned tour of several unattended phone boxes that have served as canvases for local artists.

The Phone Art Box Project is, like the Switchbox Project before it, an effort on the part of the Somerville Arts Council to transform into objects of beauty that which would otherwise go (at best) unnoticed.

Mayor Joseph Curtatone appealed to the Somerville Arts Council to join forces with the Nave Gallery for this endeavor. Gregory Jenkins, Director of the Somerville Arts Council, and Nave Gallery Director Susan Berstler were both on hand for each of the tour's six stops.

As the 2 p.m. starting time approached, the 20 or so individuals who were present busied themselves with lively conversation, which included the inevitable talk of the previous night's World Series game. With the passing of several more minutes, it was clear that Mayor Curtatone, who was scheduled to lead

the spectators from phone box to phone box, would not be arriving.

Therefore, Rachel Mello unassumingly began fielding questions and comments about "This Is a Long Distance Call," which is her contribution to the Phone Art Box Project.

After admiring Mello's work, Berstler and Jenkins led other interested attendees a couple of blocks down to Highland Pizza. This is the location of an as yet untitled piece by Jude Griffin, who is an instructor at the Quincy Art Association.

"I was thinking about calling it 'Sea Flowers,'" Griffin said, "because it's made of seashells in a flower shape."

In contrast to the pastoral scene on display in Mello's phone box, Griffin said that the graffiti and chipping paint on the side of the box that she used gave it an "urban look" and provided an engaging juxtaposition with her creation.

"Collecting the right mussel shells took a long time," she explained. "I collected a big bucket, but I ended up being able to use only about 20 percent of them."

Ahmed Sheikh, the owner of Highland Pizza, described the piece as "beautiful."

"They did a nice job," he added. ("They" are Griffin and her husband Doug Biggs, whom Griffin credited as the co-artist.)

However, Sheikh did encourage Griffin to repaint the sides of the box, which she has agreed to do.

"I really love the idea of reclaiming these old, rusty eyesores for public art," Griffin said. "We noticed that people are walking by the store as they always do, and then as they pass the box, they double back. People are taking cell phone photos. It's been fun."

Mayor Curtatone remained a



Can you hear me now? If not, you may be talking into the wrong box, ever since the Somerville Arts Council's Phone Art Box Project has come to town, turning old phone boxes into new works of art.

no-show at subsequent stops at Hub Glass, the location of Pauline Lim's "We Have to Talk," and in Ball Square, where one will find "Little Library" by Akil Williams and James Fox. (The name of the latter is literal – it contains an inventory of free books that the Friends of the Somerville Public Library restocks each week.)

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## Somerville Police Chief resigns

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throughout my tenure as Chief of Police. It is with mixed emotions that I am forced to make the decision between the ever-increasing demands required of a chief for such a vibrant city as Somerville, and the sudden demands required for a sick family member now needing constant medical care at home. I also wish to thank all the members of the Somerville Police Department who made possible the accomplishments of the past three years."

An interim acting chief will be appointed by the mayor. The acting chief will manage the de-

partment while a permanent replacement is selected, but will not be eligible to assume the role of permanent Chief of Police.

The selection process is defined by the City Charter and City Ordinance, and will involve a Police Chief Selection Committee consisting of the City's Director of Personnel, one member of the Board of Aldermen appointed by the Board President, the director of the City's multicultural affairs commission, two members of the general public appointed by the Mayor, two members of the general public appointed by the

Board President, and two sworn officers of the Somerville Police Department, one representing the patrol officers' union and one representing the superior officers' union, both elected to represent by those respective unions.

Three to five candidates will be considered as finalists and will take part in a public interview with the selection committee, in which citizens may also submit written questions ahead of time.

Chief Pasquarello has agreed to make himself available to assist with the transition to a new Chief.



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### Thursday November 14

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### Friday November 15

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The Wednesdays 9 p.m.

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# Mary Louise Daly awarded with Tina DeLellis Distinguished Service Award

The Somerville Homeless Coalition recently held its fifth annual luncheon in memory of Tina DeLellis at the Highland Kitchen in Somerville. The Luncheon is a tribute to Tina DeLellis, the beloved owner of Johnny D's, and a notable business leader in Somerville. Those who knew her said that Tina was famous for treating anyone who walked in the door like family, a quality easily replicated by her daughter, Carla DeLellis, who now runs Johnny D's.

The Somerville Homeless Coalition holds its annual tribute to Tina as a reminder of the power of community. "Tina was a real fixture in Davis Square, and her death was devastating to many members of the community," said Mark Alston-Follansbee, Executive Director of the Somerville Homeless Coalition; "We want to keep her memory alive." The Tina DeLellis award recognizes an individual who has made a significant contribution to helping improve the quality of life in Somerville. This year's honoree, Mary Louise Daly, has been an active advo-

cate of affordable housing. As Mark Alston-Follansbee describes, "After raising her family in Cambridge and looking for affordable housing for herself, Mary Louise moved into Clarendon Hill Towers, only to learn that she and 500 other families might face a huge rent increase. Along with others, Mary Louise helped organize the Clarendon Hill Tenants Association and kept buildings affordable for residents."

*Mary Louise  
serves as a  
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of the Tina  
DeLellis award*

Ms. Daly cites her work organizing the Clarendon Hill Tenants Association as a catalyst for her to participate more actively in affordable housing. She went on to sit on the board of the Citizen's Housing and Planning Association (CHAPA) and spent over sixteen years on the board of the Somerville Afford-



Mary Louise Daly, front, third from right, celebrates her award with family and friends on October 25.

able Housing Trust Fund, which seeks to "preserve and create affordable rental and homeownership units," as well as "direct programs that directly assist homeowners and renters who fall into the low to moderate income level (below 110% of area median income). Mary Louise Daly is known throughout the community as

someone who fights for what is right, and who knows how to get things done, accompanied with a sense of humor and humility. For almost 25 years she has organized and worked for affordable housing in our community; we are all awed by her energy and perseverance and grateful for her example. Mary Louise serves as a

perfect recipient of the Tina DeLellis award, because her work echoes the mission of the Somerville Homeless Coalition to provide homeless and near homeless individuals and families with individualized supportive services and tailored housing solutions with a goal of obtaining and maintaining permanent housing.

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# Beacon Hill Roll Call



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**THE HOUSE AND SENATE.** *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records the votes of local representatives on four roll calls and local senators on two from the week of October 28-November 1.

**Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:**



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



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



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



**Sen. Patricia Jehlen**  
**DISTRICT REPRESENTED:** Second Middlesex. - Medford, Somerville, entire city, Woburn, ward 2, and Winchester.

**HELP MILITARY FAMILIES (H 3720)**

House 155-0, approved the VALOR II Act, a bill that would expand financial and education benefits and many other services for veterans, active-duty military personnel and their families. Provisions include increasing the buffer zone of 500 feet to 1,000 feet for demonstrations at any military funeral; allowing college students who are called to active duty the option to complete their courses at a later date or withdraw and receive a refund of all tuition and fees; and allowing private-sector employers to give preference to veterans and spouses of 100 percent disabled veterans.

Supporters noted that one in three homeless people in the nation are veterans. They pointed out that one in five Massachusetts veterans suffer post-traumatic stress and 11 percent suffer traumatic brain injuries. They said the state should provide the proposed additional benefits and opportunities to the thousands of Bay State veterans who have served and are still serving our nation.

(A “Yes” vote is for the bill.)

Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Carl Sciortino	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes

**SUPPORT RULING ON HOUSING ELIGIBILITY (H 3735)**

House 126-29, upheld the ruling of the acting House Speaker that a proposed amendment to the VALOR II Act was beyond the scope of the bill and would not be allowed on the House floor for debate and a vote. The amendment would have required all current tenants and new applicants for subsidized public housing to provide their social security number for use by the state in verifying their eligibility.

Supporters of the ruling said that verifying eligibility for housing has nothing to do with expansion of benefits for military members and their families.

Opponents of the ruling said it is outrageous that currently people can get subsidized housing without producing a social security number.

(A “Yes” vote is against the amendment being allowed for consideration. A “No” vote supports allowing consideration.)

Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Carl Sciortino	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes

**APPROVE \$1.4 BILLION FOR HOUSING (H 3727)**

House 151-2, and Senate, on a voice vote without a roll call, approved and sent to the governor the conference committee’s version of a bill allowing the administration to borrow \$1.4 billion over five years for public and affordable housing. Provisions include \$500 million to renovate and modernize many of the state’s 45,000 public housing units; \$55 million in loan guarantees to assist homeowners with blindness or severe disabilities to make their homes accessible; and \$45 million for loans for the development of community-based housing for individuals with mental illness and intellectual disabilities.

Supporters said that Massachusetts has the 4th highest average home sale price in the nation. They noted this package will help thousands of people remain in their

homes or find new affordable housing in the state.

Opponents expressed concern that another \$1.4 billion is being approved for housing without assurances that the benefits will be reserved for people with proper legal documentation.

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

Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Carl Sciortino	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes

**PROCEDURES FOR WELFARE REFORM BILL (H 3728)**

House 125-29, voted for an order that would set procedural parameters for debate on the upcoming bill making changes in the state’s welfare system. The order required the bill to be filed by 5 p.m. Friday November 1 and all amendments to be filed by 5 p.m. Monday November 4.

Supporters said the time period was reasonable and allowed for adequate time for the process.

Opponents said that legislators would need more time to read the bill before crafting amendments and more time to file them.

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

Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Carl Sciortino	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes

**REGULATION OF COMPOUNDING PHARMACIES (S 1899)**

Senate 38-0, approved a bill that would increase the state’s oversight and regulation of compounding pharmacies and the state agencies that regulate them. The House already approved a similar measure. The Senate version now goes back to the House for consideration.

The proposal comes a year to the month after an outbreak of fungal meningitis infected hundreds of people across the nation and killed 61, prompting an investigation that led the State Board of Pharmacy to revoke the license of the New England Compounding Center in Framingham, the pharmacy found to have compounded the drugs that caused the infections. Provisions include establishing a specialty license for all sterile and non-sterile compounding pharmacies and mandating unannounced, detailed inspections of all licensed pharmacies.

Supporters said the bill sets many new standards and requires more transparency from the pharmacies, which will save lives. They argued it will hold pharmacies to high standards in quality control and sterility, and would bring compounding pharmacy operations out of the shadows and put them in a regulatory framework to ensure the tragedies will never happen again.

(A “Yes” vote is for the bill.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

**LABELING OF MEDICATIONS (S 1899)**

Senate 37-0, approved an amendment to the pharmacy bill that would require hospital pharmacies to label pharmaceuticals as sterile or non-sterile. Supporters said

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this would help guarantee that the drug delivered to a patient was in fact the drug prescribed and help prevent medical errors.

(A “Yes” vote is for the amendment.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

**BUYERS MUST NOW PAY 6.25 PERCENT SALES TAX ON AMAZON SALES** - November 1 marked the first day that a 6.25 percent sales tax is being collected on every online purchase made by Massachusetts residents on Amazon.com. Amazon is voluntarily collecting the state sales tax for online purchases as a result of negotiations with the state, without the usual process of a bill having to be passed by the Legislature and signed by the governor. Currently, Amazon.com, Overstock.com and other Internet companies are exempt from collecting the tax under a 1992 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that Internet retailers only have to charge sales tax in states in which they have a “physical presence.”

**MAKE PARENTAL LEAVE GENDER NEUTRAL (H 1774)** - The House gave initial approval to a bill previously passed by the Senate that would change the state’s female-only maternity leave law to a gender-neutral one. The law gives parents of a newborn or adopted child eight weeks off, with or without pay at the discretion of the employer, and the right to return to their job after that period.

Supporters noted that it is unfair for leave related to the birth of a child to be reserved for women exclusively. Further House and Senate approval is necessary before the measure is sent to Gov. Patrick.

**WEST NILE VIRUS (H 1932)** - The House gave initial approval to a bill requiring the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health, when issuing public health warnings about the dangers to humans associated with the West Nile Virus, to include all known risks to pregnant women.

**SCHOOL BUS DRIVER DAY (H 2880)** - The House gave initial approval to a bill establishing School Bus Driver Day on October 20, recognizing the “invaluable contributions of the commonwealth’s school bus drivers to the safe delivery of the state’s children to and from school” and recommending that the day be observed in an appropriate manner by the people. The measure was approved on October 30, so the day of honor for the drivers will be delayed almost a year, until October 20, 2014.

**SHAKEN BABY SYNDROME AWARENESS WEEK (H 2881), RARE DISEASE DAY (H 2774)** - The House gave initial approval to two other commemorative bills -- establishing a Shaken Baby Syndrome Awareness Week in April and a Rare Disease Day in February.

**POSSIBLE BAY STATE HOSTING OF 2024 OLYMPICS (S 1840)** - Gov. Deval Patrick signed a measure creating an 11-member commission to study the possibility of the Bay State hosting the Summer Olympic Games in 2024.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

“Amazon is paving the way for taxation without legislation. They are collecting an online sales tax before lawmakers have the opportunity to vote on the merits of the tax.” – *Paul Craney, Executive Director of Massachusetts Fiscal Alliance, on the decision by Amazon to begin collecting a 6.25 percent sales tax on online purchases made by residents of Massachusetts.*

“This was a targeted fare hike at a vulnerable population.” – *Sen. Ken Donnelly (D-Arlington), commenting to the Transportation Committee on the MBTA’s increase in fares for its Ride service, which provides transportation to those with limited mobility.*

“I tried to grow a beard but Michelle, she wasn’t having it.” – *President Barack Obama, explaining his clean-shaven appearance on a visit to Boston on the day the Bearded Red Sox trounced the Cardinals in the World Series.*

“I filed this legislation to prevent the creation of a new generation of nicotine addicts.” – *Rep. Jeffrey Sanchez (D-Jamaica Plain), on his bill that would extend the current restrictions on tobacco products to e-cigarettes, including prohibition of their sales to minors and prevention of their use where smoking is banned.*

**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 28-November 1, 2013, the House met for a total of eight hours and 59 minutes while the Senate met for a total of seven hours and 4 minutes.

Mon. October 28	House 11:00 a.m. to 11:14 a.m. Senate 11:04 a.m. to 11:12 a.m.
Tues. October 29	No House session No Senate session
Wed. October 30	House 11:08 a.m. to 4:20 p.m. Senate 1:00 p.m. to 4:19 p.m.
Thurs. October 31	House 11:05 a.m. to 2:38 p.m. Senate 11:02 a.m. to 2:39 p.m.
Fri. November 1	No House session No Senate session

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COMMENTARY

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Boston Strong Sox finish the race by bringing us together



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Boston Strong. That phrase has resonated throughout our community these past six months. It echoes from the Boston Marathon finish line at Copley Square, down the corridor of Boylston Street, into the baseball cathedral that is Fenway Park, down the Pike and be-

yond. The unceasing refrain has carried through the Red Sox season, ever since a senseless act of violence marred one of the greatest days in New England, a day when people gather to cheer athletes from around the world as they push themselves to strive for greatness, for an achievement summed up in three simple words: finish the race. Last Wednesday, the Red Sox finished their own race with a world championship. In doing so, they lifted a community that has come together after an attack on an event that embodies the best of Boston, Massachusetts and all of New England.

Marathon Monday is our day. The temperature is starting to rise as we anxiously await the blossoming of spring and our sidewalks are filled with cheering crowds. There are no politics or divisions. There is only a spirit of unity and celebration of sport at its best. It's easy in today's cynical age to cast a skeptical eye on the use of "Boston Strong" in reference to sports victories. It's also understandable. Should we know better than to use a phrase coined to express solidarity and conviction after a deadly terrorist attack as a rallying cry for winning what's only a game? Have we lost our perspective?

No, we haven't lost our perspective. The point of Boston Strong isn't that the Red Sox won a championship. This may sound blasphemous, or perhaps a bit easy to say after a World Series victory, but ultimately it didn't matter whether the Red Sox won the World Series. Boston Strong is about the way this team played the game. This year, we had a team filled with players who formed a true bond with one another (with hirsute visibility) and with our community. The camaraderie on the field was matched by players, without any prompting or publicity seeking, visiting bombing victims in hospitals and carrying the weight of those victims' stories with them when they'd run out of the dugout for each game. It's a team full of grinders, dirt dogs, guys who leave everything out on the field and fill their dugout—with the Boston Strong 617 jersey hanging behind them in that dugout—with unceasing support for one another. Like the Marathon runners, the Red Sox are our players from around the world. There are Red Sox from the United States, Dominican Republic, Canada, Venezuela, Japan, Aruba and Puerto Rico, but

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Inequality in America Part 3: Political Forces



By William C. Shelton

Over the last thirty years, globalization and technological change have transformed economic reality. All developed countries had to cope with these forces, and most, to a greater extent than the U.S. But America became the most unequal in wealth and income. So stark national differences

in inequality are not so much the result of global economic forces, but of how nations manage them. They are political differences rather than economic differences. Changes in employee compensation and in public policy have driven America's growing inequality. Both are determined by who has power in the marketplace, government, and civil society. Declining union power The graph on page 17 tells a compelling story. The lower line is the percent of the workforce that was unionized, going back to 1917. The upper line is the percent of national income that

went to the wealthiest 10% of Americans over the same period. To a remarkable degree, the two lines inversely track each other—the more the workforce is unionized, the less unequal is the distribution of income, and vice versa. Collective bargaining enabled unionized workers to get substantially better compensation than nonunionized workers. The more sectors of the economy that unionized, the more compensation increased in many nonunionized sectors as well. Unionization had a more powerful impact on limiting inequality in the U.S. than it did elsewhere, since public policy in

most developed countries provides universal healthcare, ensures that the minimum wage is a living wage, and funds public retirement accounts that are more generous than our Social Security. Through their political power, unions advanced public policies that wove a social safety net, supported by a progressive income tax and a regressive payroll tax. Improved worker compensation sustained stable demand for goods and services. But moneyed interests passed legislation that constrained unions' ability to organize. Then a conservative filibuster in 1978 blocked labor law reform. The

1979 Chrysler bailout set the "too-big-to-let-fail" precedent. Ronald Reagan's union busting and anti-worker Labor Relations Board further weakened unions, as did trade deals with Mexico and China. The unraveling safety net Developed societies have social policies that smooth over market failures, reduce the economic insecurity of job loss and recession, and ensure that those who are unable to work still have a human existence. U.S. social policies have always been meaner than those of other developed countries. Nevertheless, social security dramatically made the

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Life in the VILLE by Jimmy Del Ponte



In the cellar of my grandpa's house in West Somerville, you can still see wine barrels, bottle cappers, and other winemaking paraphernalia. I have the last known bottle of his wine. Please enjoy this entertaining and informative story by my friend Anthony Accardi.

Thanksgiving is just weeks away and the fall harvest season as we know it will come to a close. For the old time Europeans however, the fall harvest traditions actually started back in August.

For my family, mushroom picking usually kicked off the fall harvest. I remember my grandfather and his friends driving up to the Maine/Canadian border to pick mushrooms. Only those from "his generation" knew which ones were safe to eat. To my knowledge, they never got it wrong, as I cannot remember anyone ever getting sick. By this time of year, the mushrooms have now all been picked and placed into mason jars for preservation. Some are preserved in a brine and some are marinated for that unique taste. Next in the harvest line of succession were the tomatoes, also carefully placed into Mason jars. The tomatoes had been

picked from the garden or for those without gardens, had been purchased at the Chelsea Produce Market. They had all been boiled, ground up and placed into their new glass homes. Fresh pasta sauce (yes, I call it sauce) for the next year was just a trip downstairs to the cellar. The only thing left to do now is to take one last trip to the Chelsea Market to buy the grapes. It is October in Somerville and it is time to make the wine. Soon the gutters will be purple from the cleaning of the oak barrels and the discarded empty grape crates which will be left at the curb for the weekly trash pick up. Homemade wine is a European tradi-



tion that they brought to this country back in the early 1900's. Many thought wine making would have faded away once all the elders had passed on. Still, their children and even their grandchildren carry on this tradition. In my old neighborhood on Winter

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# COMMENTARY

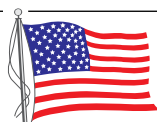
## SIGNS OF THE TIMES

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Somerville salutes and says "Thank you" to our brave veterans, past and present.

## The View Of The Times



Veterans Day is one occasion that all Americans can relate to equally. There is virtually no one in this land that has not been affected positively by the sacrifices made and courage shown by the many who have served their country in uniform.

We may disagree on the policies and actions undertaken by the government

itself, but all right thinking people surely stand with loyalty and pride alongside those who serve and protect us against those who would do us harm.

And so we take this one day out of the year to shine a light on these courageous individuals who have given wholly of themselves so that we all might live more freely.

As we do so, let's make a special effort to connect in a real way with those around us who have served and quietly settled back into civilian life, content in the knowledge that they have done their share. Let's make sure they know that we believe they did their share.

As it has been said in Holy Scripture,

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." That anyone should do this for us is humbling beyond all measure. We must do our utmost to express our heartfelt gratitude for this.

And so, as this special day comes, seize the opportunity to do so. It only comes along once a year.

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works at the city is celebrating as well. Carla DiSalvo Dyer's birthday is also this week.

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**This Saturday at Dilboy Field will be St. Clements vs. Cathedral. It should be a good game with St. Clements so far 6-1 and Cathedral 6-1. This is round two of the playoffs. Contact the school for kickoff time.**

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Little Sisters of the Poor on Highland Avenue will be having their annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 9, starting at 9:00 a.m. Start your Christmas shopping early and help support a great local charity, the Home at the Jeanne Jugan Residence. They also will be having a drawing. For more info online go to [www.littlesistersofthepoor-grboston.org](http://www.littlesistersofthepoor-grboston.org)

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**The next ResiStat meeting is scheduled for Ward 7 on Wednesday, November 13 at the West Somerville Neighborhood School cafeteria on Powderhouse Blvd. Meet and Greet from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. with refreshments. The meeting will be from 7 to 8 p.m. and will cover issues in West Somerville and the Teele Square area.**

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Our deepest condolences go out to the

Anne Joyce family on her recent passing. She was a lifelong resident and wife of William Joyce who passed away a while ago. Anne was a wonderful lady and everyone who met her walked away feeling the same. She will be missed by many here in Somerville.

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**The Legislative Matters Committee of the Board of Alderman will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, Nov. 12, 6 p.m., at City Hall, on the proposal that the Board of Alderman approve a Home Rule Petition to amend Section 7 of Title 2 of Division 1 of the City Charter regarding filling vacancies on the Board. Potential methods for filling vacancies to the Board will be discussed including the options for possible methods posted online at: <http://goo.gl/FQFzfT>. The board will be taking testimony from the public and all are welcome to speak. The full agenda for the Public Hearing is posted online at: [http://somervillecityma.iqm2.com/Citizens/Detail\\_Meeting.aspx?ID=1755](http://somervillecityma.iqm2.com/Citizens/Detail_Meeting.aspx?ID=1755). All are welcome.**

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Students in grades 3, 4, and 5 are eligible to audition for ensemble roles in this year's Somerville High School production of "Annie!" Auditions will be held Tuesday, November 12, at 7:00

p.m. in the Somerville High School Library. Children must be accompanied to the audition by a parent/guardian. For more information, contact Rosemary Sears, Producer, at [rsears@k12.somerville.ma.us](mailto:rsears@k12.somerville.ma.us).

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**With colder weather upon us, so is the onset of a new flu season. The Massachusetts Department of Health offers a Guide for Parents with general information about influenza and tips on how parents/guardians can help protect their children against the flu. Visit the school nursing website ([www.somerville.k12.ma.us/nursing](http://www.somerville.k12.ma.us/nursing)) to access this Guide, located under Health Alerts.**

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The Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (SHPC) is now accepting nominations for the 2014 Preservation Awards. During its annual celebration in honor of Historic Preservation Month in May 2014, the SHPC will honor Somerville residents who performed significant restoration or maintenance efforts on designated historic buildings, or on non-designated buildings erected before 1963. The nomination period is open through Friday, Nov. 15, 2013. Owners may nominate their own property, or may be nominat-

ed by others in the community. Eligible projects include, but are not limited to, removal of inappropriate siding materials, repair or restoration of damaged or missing architectural details, removal of enclosed porches or inappropriate windows, repainting with historic colors, and additions that are "historically sympathetic." Nomination forms are available on the City Website at [www.somervillema.gov/historicpreservation](http://www.somervillema.gov/historicpreservation), the first floor lobby of City Hall, or the Preservation Commission's Office on the second floor of City Hall. For additional information, contact Brandon Wilson or Kristi Chase, Preservation Planner, at 617-625-6600, ext. 2525 or via e-mail ([kchase@somervillema.gov](mailto:kchase@somervillema.gov) or [bwilson@somervillema.gov](mailto:bwilson@somervillema.gov)).

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**This weekend, Filmmakers Collaborative presents Boston International Kids Film Festival (BIKFF), hosted and produced in association with Tufts University's Communication & Media Studies Program. The Festival offers a series of diverse feature films, documentaries and workshops at the Somerville Theatre and Tufts University's Eaton Hall. Films are "...for, by and about kids from around the world." For tickets and other information, visit <http://bikff.org>.**

# A call to Somerville artists

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The last two phone boxes of the tour were in Davis Square, where Gary Duehr, the manager of Bromfield Gallery in the South End, was on hand to discuss “Fossil Phone.”

Duehr described how he created his contribution, which he had completed before he had even heard about the Phone Art Box Project:

“The phone is made of plaster, and it’s cast by taking a real phone and pressing it into some damp sand, and into that impression you pour plaster. And out comes something that looks like that. I always thought it kind of looked like a fossil, and then I heard about the Phone Art Box Project, and went, ‘Wow, that would be a perfect home for it!’”

It was at “Phone Fossil,” which is right beside a fully functioning pay phone on the Holland Street side of the Davis Square T, that Mayor Curtatone finally appeared.

“I came straight from my son’s game,” he explained. “I didn’t even have time to change.”

Curtatone was enthusiastic in his support of the Phone Art Box Project, saying, “It’s another great opportunity to celebrate the arts, and to display something about who we are, about originality, our creativities, our innovation ... [T]he creative base in the city has done so much to not just promote place and a sense of neighborhood, but to bring neighborhoods and people together to really invest in social bonds and ties that really build a community.”

The tour concluded on the Elm Street sidewalk near Found, which is the site of Joseph Barillaro’s “CityScape.”

Most people will probably view the Phone Art Box Project as a successful, if humble, attempt at street beautification. However, Jude Griffin made a poignant observation that confirmed how progress – even on a comparatively small scale – can have its adverse effects on some individuals.

Referring to the box that might soon be called “Sea Flowers,” she said, “A panhandler has been using it to leave their panhandling cups. I had to put the cup underneath. I wanted to put a little apology sign: ‘Sorry!’”



Photos by Blake Maddux

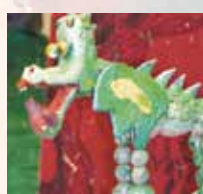
# 'The Haunted Woods'

Rosalita's Puppets put on a special Halloween show called *The Haunted Woods* on Wednesday, October 30, at the Central Library.

This show featured spiders, ghosts and witches.

Charlotte Anne Dore blends puppetry, improvisation, music and storytelling into her energetic marionette shows. All the voices and singing are performed live. Rosalita's Puppets has performed all over New England.

This free program was funded by the Friends of the Library.



SPORTS

The 5th Annual Super Hero 5K Run/Walk

There was a kilted science teacher, a caped crusader and even a masked marvel all from Argenzio School in Somerville who were running to raise money for local non-profit On The Rise Inc., in the Fifth Annual Super Hero 5K Run/Walk in Cambridge on Oct. 27.

“It was fun,” said Isabella Ferrari, 13, of Somerville who wore her dragon embossed cape and finished the five-kilometer course in about 40 minutes. She ran with her science teacher Michael Coughlin, who started the school-based club this fall, her younger brother, Alessandro and about a handful of fellow students. “It was my first road race.”



Science teacher and coach Michael Coughlin (rear) organized the running club at Somerville’s Alfred F. Argenzio School just in time to run the Super Hero Race Oct. 27 with Maria Ortega (in white), Ivy Richardson (masked) and Isabella Ferrari (caped).

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Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. On what section of the airplane do you get the bumpiest ride?

2. What kind of music does Beavis and Butthead listen to?

3. What was the name of the snitch on *Starsky & Hutch* that they would frequently rely on?

4. How did the saying “it will cost you an arm and leg” get to mean it will cost you a high price?

5. What year did Alaska become the forty-ninth state?

6. What couple was married on *The Tonight Show* on December 17, 1969?

7. On what TV show did a secret agent listen

to a message on tape that says, “This tape will self destruct in 5 seconds”?

8. Who was the Grand Ole Opry staple for almost three decades – technically not a singer but more of a comedian – whose signature accessory was a straw hat with a price tag dangling?

9. What is the occupation of a cartographer?

10. What earthquake was the most powerful in America?

11. What earthquake was the most deadliest in America?

12. Who Starred in *The Six Million Dollar Man* in 1973?

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The Somerville youngsters were just some of about 1,000 runners from around the Boston metropolitan area to participate in the Super Hero event organized by HAVE2RUN Productions that benefits On The Rise, a day program for homeless women.

The organization, based in a classic Victorian at 341 Broadway, Cambridge, offers women a sanctuary where they can meet life’s daily necessities; find nutritious meals, seasonal clothing, a safe place to sit or shower, a place to receive mail. It also offers a place where women can forge relationships and a sense of community and find the resources they need to move out of homelessness.

“At On The Rise we see the women in our programs taking on huge challenges so the Super

Hero theme of this road race really resonates,” said Martha Sandler, executive director of the organization. “Emma’s whole group and all the runners who enter are superheroes already, for helping to raise the funds that make the work of On The Rise possible.”

Dozens of runners were from Somerville, and they performed well in the race; Theresa Fritz-Endres, was the top female runner finishing with a time of 19:21 while Somerville residents Jasper Groner (a King) and Alexandra Weisman (Tigger) scored in the costume category, receiving trophies for their efforts.

“This was our biggest event to date,” said Race Director Emma Bagnell, of Have2Run Productions. “We were registering people up to the starting time this morning.”

In addition to bragging rights; the best male time posted was 16:55, the best women’s time was just a few steps slower at 19:21; race entrants indulged their creative sides in the annual contest. There are cash prizes for costumes in each of five categories: best male costume, best female costume, best hero versus villain and two team categories; best Fantastic Four and best Magnificent Seven.

The staff of On The Rise manned the information and refreshment tables at the race, helped with the judging and one or two even ran.

“Running around in a costume, especially during Halloween, has the added bonus of making the race just plain fun!” Sandler was one of this year’s costume judges.

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Isabella Ferrari, Somerville, who finished the race in about 40 minutes stands with her running coach Michael Coughlin (Cambridge), her younger brother Alessandro and her father.

# Somerville resident celebrates with the Red Sox

On Wednesday, October 30, Local Somerville resident and Somerville Little league coach Sean Sullivan had the thrill of a lifetime when he not only went to game 6 of the World Series and witnessed the Red Sox win their 1st championship at Fenway Park since 1918, but he also took part in the on field celebration and then the locker room celebration, the latter of which is usually reserved for players, coaches and their families.

Sullivan was able to live out this ultimate fantasy with what he describes as a group effort. He received a ticket for the game in a suite, courtesy of a member of the band The Dropkick Murphys. He was then able to join in the on field celebration, receiving a special wristband from a member of the Red Sox front office.

He then found his way into the locker room as a guest of Red Sox player Jonny Gomes with whom he is an acquaintance.

After many hours of celebrating with the players, a champagne soaked Sean and most of the team repaired to the after party at Game On, where The Dropkick Murphys played for the still celebrating crowd.

What had started as a promising night, hoping the Red Sox would win the championship, was ending as a beautiful morning with a complete lifetime of memories, not to mention numerous special edition World Series commemorative champagne bottles, ice buckets and pennants, all from the locker room celebration, and with a back pocket full of dirt and grass from the field celebration.



Sean Sullivan on the field in front of the World Series stage.

## Somerville Recreation cancels funding for 'Kick with Care'

Sidekick Soccer Academy has been forced to cancel its 'Kick with Care' program for children with special needs and adults with disabilities as a result of Somerville Recreation's decision to not honor its agreement with the organization.

"To say that everyone associated with the program is sad and disappointed would be an understatement," said Zach Rocha, Director of Sidekick Soccer Academy. "This program has affected so many people in the Somerville community in such a positive way. Most of all, we are most upset for the players and their families, who have clearly benefited so greatly from 'Kick with Care'."

'Kick with Care' is an outreach program whereby modifications to the game of soccer are provided so that children with special needs or anxiety and adults with disabilities can enjoy the world's most popular game on a weekly basis.

On the heels of a successful inaugural spring season at Winter Hill Community School earlier this year, 'Kick with Care' was green-lit by Somerville Recreation to receive financial funding and facility support for a year.

'Kick with Care' began as a fully supported program during the summer with a six-week session

at Capuano Field (also known as Glen Park). The plan – which was agreed to in principle by Somerville Recreation – was to hold a series of six-week sessions throughout the year. In all, Sidekick Soccer Academy and Somerville Recreation agreed to hold 36 weeks of 'Kick with Care' programming over the course of 52 weeks.

"As we prepared for the fall season, we received resistance from Somerville Recreation and were not told a reason why. We were forced to find our own facility at the last minute, which, thankfully we were able to through the Department of Conservation and Recreation at Draw Seven Park," said Rocha. "We then had to approach the Mayor's Office directly in order to receive our agreed-upon funding. When the fall season came to a close, we offered to run the program free of funding – basically just provide us with a facility – and were told no. When we tried to rent a facility, we were told that we could pay up front for the cost of a gymnasium but that there was no guarantee we wouldn't be bumped from the gymnasium at a moment's notice for another program."

"Our program has been professionally run and enjoyed by

everyone who has participated – players, families and coaches alike. We've only seen growth since we started in the spring. To have to inform the participants and everyone who donated their time that we were being forced to cancel it in Somerville was the hardest, most painful news I've ever had to deliver while director of Sidekick Soccer Academy."

*"To say that everyone associated with the program is sad and disappointed would be an understatement"*

'Kick with Care' was born out of a void left by Somerville Recreation previously. While a student-athlete at Lesley University in Cambridge, Rocha saw a flyer for a TOPSoccer program being run in Somerville. TOPSoccer is the US Youth Soccer sponsored program for children with mental and physical disabilities. Having already begun his career in coaching, he decided to see what the program was all about.

"I loved it. I saw how far a high-five goes. I attended every session I could while I was in the Boston area," Rocha said.

Rocha's coaching career eventually took him to Anna Maria College near Worcester where he was the head men's coach and introduced his players to TOPSoccer through a coaching clinic that was filmed on campus and broadcast worldwide on Fox Soccer Channel. He also attended a US Power Chair Soccer event with his players in Auburn.

He returned to the Boston area at the turn of last year and was surprised at the news he heard from a friend.

"I contacted John Teves – who was the director of the Somerville TOPSoccer program – to see if he was still running the program as myself and some of my interns at Sidekick had an interest in helping with coaching," said Rocha. "John told me that, unfortunately, the TOPSoccer program was not currently in existence. But he added that he received at least one phone call or e-mail per week with former participants wanting to know when it would be re-started. When he told me that, I said, 'Let's create something.' And that's how 'Kick with Care' was born."

'Kick with Care' is different from TOPSoccer in that while it does serve children with mental and physical disabilities, the

program also welcomes children who don't have a medically diagnosed condition. 'Kick with Care' also encompasses a program for adults with disabilities – something that makes it very unique.

Most adult players in Somerville have come from the Walnut Street Center.

"A lot of these adults have one form of (weekly) activity and ('Kick with Care') allows them to have another activity," said Teves. "They get to interact with other adults and they get to play the wonderful game of soccer."

In addition to Rocha and Teves, the 'Kick with Care' coaching staff has included current student-athletes from Somerville High School, Lesley University, and former college players, as well just members of the community with limited soccer experience willing to give a helping hand.

"Kick with Care' is truly a beautiful program that has warmed all of our hearts. We have had interest from the communities of Spencer, Newton, Lexington and Arlington to create programs with them, but this is where it started and this displaces the players and families who we've become so close to," said Rocha, who now lives in Somerville, where Teves also resides.



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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 20, 2013**, at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

**117-119 Heath St./34 Edgar Ave: (Case #ZBA 2012-81-R1-10/2013)** Applicant Esmaeil Mahdavi and Owner Esmaeil and Yeganeit Mahdavi seek a revision (SZO §5.3.8) to Special Permit with Site Plan Review ZBA 2012-81 to substantially demolish and reconstruct a single-family dwelling on the property. The original SPSR was under SZO §7.2 to have more than one principle structure on a lot and §7.3 to have more than three dwelling units on a lot in order to construct four residential units in two semi-detached townhouses for a total of sixteen residential units on the site. Two of the sixteen units will be affordable as defined in §2.2.4. RB zone. Ward 4.

**739 Somerville Ave: (Case #ZBA 2013-74)** Applicant Brian Lavelle and Owner Paul Lavelle seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming two-family structure by changing the roof type, replacing the front porch and stairs and adding a rear deck and stairs. RB zone. Ward 5.

**364 Medford St: (Case #ZBA 2013-75)** Applicant, Sadhan Mazumdar, and Owner, Chen Chong, seek a Special Permit under SZO §9.4. for parking relief. Ward 4. BA zone.


**17 Webster St: (Case #ZBA 2013-76)** Applicant RCG, LCC and Owner, RCG Webster Renewal, LLC seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by changing the roofline of an existing addition and adding a rear door. RB Zone. Ward 1.


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

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

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LEGAL NOTICE  
OF PUBLIC HEARING

A **public hearing** for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board on **Thursday, November 21, 2013** in the Aldermanic Chambers on the Second Floor of Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

**129-131 Broadway: (Case #PB 2013-21)** Applicant and Owner, Luis Morales, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §6.1.22.D.5.a to modify the existing storefront and signage, which includes modifications to the windows and parapet, of an existing commercial structure. CCD 45. Ward 1.

Copies of these applications are available for review in the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, located on the third floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, Mon-Wed, 8:30 am-4:30 pm; Thurs, 8:30 am-7:30 pm; and Fri, 8:30 am-12:30 pm; and at [www.somervillema.gov/planningandzoning](http://www.somervillema.gov/planningandzoning). As cases may be continued to later dates, please check the agenda on the City's website or call before attending. 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 [dpereira@somervillema.gov](mailto:dpereira@somervillema.gov).

Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman

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*HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION*

The **Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (SHPC)** shall hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, November 19, 2013 at 6:40 p.m. in the Third Floor Conference Room, City Hall (93 Highland Avenue) regarding the proposal by Applicant, James McSweeney, to demolish the c.1874 two-family dwelling at 47 Hunting Street.

The subject of the hearing will be a review of the initial determination by the SHPC that under the City of Somerville Zoning Ordinance Section 7-28b(2), the structure is considered "Significant." Public testimony followed by discussion and a vote by the Commission will be taken regarding if the building should be "Preferably Preserved." For further information, please contact (617) 625-6600.

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A hearing for all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday November 18, 2013** at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** on the application of Rosebud Restaurant, Inc. to transfer the All-Forms alcoholic beverages restaurant license held by 381 Jumbo LLC, d/b/a Rosebud at 381 Summer St. and for an Entertainment license for Entertainment by Performers, Patrons & Devices.

For the Commission  
Andrew Upton  
Vito Vaccaro  
John J. McKenna

**Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro**  
**Executive Secretary**

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A hearing for all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday November 18, 2013** at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** on the application of Bantam Cider Company for a Farmer's Series Pouring Permit at 230 Somerville Ave. front entrance on 40 Merriam St.

For the Commission  
Andrew Upton  
Vito Vaccaro  
John J. McKenna

**Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro**  
**Executive Secretary**

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LEGAL NOTICE

The City of Somerville Zoning Ordinance has been recently updated as follows:

- a. an amendment placing the property at 9 Medford Street in the TOD-100 zoning district.
- b. updating, defining and separating supermarket uses from general merchandise / department store uses.
- c. establishing a moratorium on Medical Marijuana Dispensaries and associated uses.

Per MGL 40, Section 32A, copies of the City of Somerville's zoning ordinance, as updated, including these amendments as well as any and all previous amendments may be examined at the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development on the 3rd Floor of Somerville City Hall at 93 Highland Avenue. Claims of invalidity by reason of any defect in the procedure of adoption may only be made within ninety days after the final posting of this notice.

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Please contact Angela M. Allen (x3400) or email [amallen@somerville-ma.gov](mailto:amallen@somerville-ma.gov) for information and the solicitation package.

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A hearing for all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday November 18, 2013** at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** on the application of Prashant LLC dba Seven Hills Wine & Spirit, 288-290 Beacon St. for a Transfer of 100 % of Stock from Prashant Patel to Dashrathbhai P. Patel.

For the Commission  
Andrew Upton  
Vito Vaccaro  
John J. McKenna

**Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro**  
**Executive Secretary**

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elderly more economically secure, 80% of whom had previously lived in poverty. Congress extended in to the disabled in 1956.

Lyndon Johnson’s “Great Society” programs, including Medicare, Medicaid, Headstart, workforce development, and civil rights legislation are credited with reducing the poverty rate from 20% to 12%.

But Nixon’s “New Federalism” turned responsibility for important social programs over to the states, many of which reduced their scope and funding. And the Reagan administration dismantled or nicked and dimed social programs, declaring, for example, that ketchup was a vegetable in subsidized school lunches.

Bill Clinton and a Republican Congress ended “welfare as we know it” in 1996, cutting participants and benefits in half. The economic bubble of the late 1990s initially masked the full impact of this change. But while the old welfare program had reached about 80% of poor families with kids at the end of the 1970s, the new one now reaches 27%.

Today, the Right argues that the nation cannot afford Social Security “as we know it.”

Disappearing employment-based benefits

U.S. social policy always assumed that the safety net would serve as a backstop for health insurance and pensions provided by the private sector, an arrangement unique among developed countries. But even when the economy and the safety net were strongest, only half the work force enjoyed private pensions, and 70% received job-based health insurance.

Since then, the decline of middle- and low-wage workers’ pensions and health benefits has followed the decline of unionization. The portion of the private sector workforce that receives these benefits is a quarter less than it was in 1979.

Over the same period, job-based health insurance has decreased in coverage and quality, and increased in cost, while out-of-pocket expenses grow far faster than inflation. Before the Great Recession, medical emergencies accounted for two-thirds of all private bankruptcies.

The shift from defined-benefit pensions to 401-K-style accounts has exposed workers to greater market risks. The rate of poverty among households of retired people who do not have defined-benefit plans is nine times greater than among those that do.

All of these declines reflect labor’s reduced bargaining power and employers’ increasing ability to evade or abolish legal obligations.

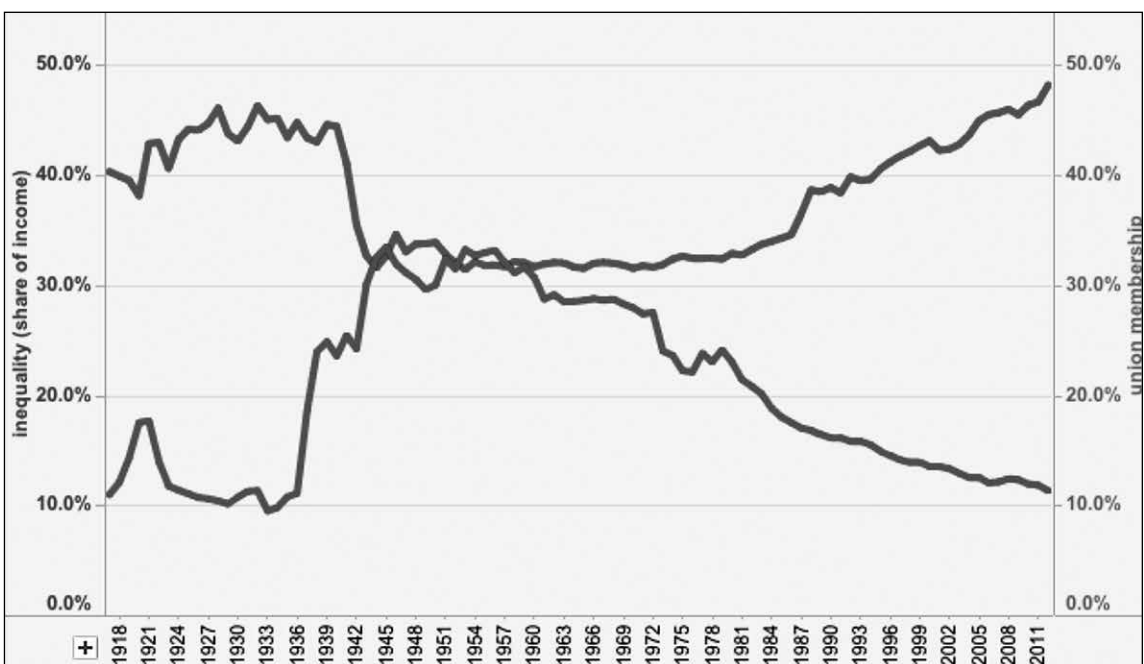
Minimalizing the minimum wage

The Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 included minimum wage legislation intended to set a floor that was also a living wage. The idea was to “underpin the whole wage structure...[to] a point from which collective bargaining took over.”

The legislation provided for regular adjustments to keep pace with inflation. Ronald Reagan blocked increases to the minimum wage throughout his two terms, after which it had lost over a quarter of its value. The Clinton Administration “devolved” to states the authority to set the minimum wage, further weakening it.

Extensive corroborating research demonstrates that minimum wage increases do not kill jobs or discourage investment. Most people who receive it work in jobs that cannot be outsourced. And a majority work for large corporations, not small businesses. Historically, increased productivity and economic demand have followed minimum wage increases.

Yet, if the minimum wage had maintained the value that it had in 1969, it would be \$9 per hour. If it reflected productiv-



Inequality vs. Union Membership.

ty gains and economic growth since them, it would be \$14-20 per hour. The living hourly wage for a single adult in the Boston area is \$12.65.

Regressive taxation

America’s economic growth has been greatest when its marginal income tax rates were most steeply progressive. The top rate never dipped below 90% in the 1950s, nor below 70% in the 1960s. Tax revenues supported economic growth through investments in education, infrastructure, and basic research, while financing the social safety net.

The Reagan Administration pushed through reductions of the top marginal personal tax rate to 50% in 1981 and 28% in 1986. It cut the top corporate rate from 50% to 35%. These changes did not produce promised economic growth. Unsustainable deficit spending did that.

The Clinton administration was able to increase the top marginal rate to 39.6%, but the Bush II administration reduced it to 35%. Bush and a Republican Congress slashed taxes on income derived from wealth—capital gains, dividends, and inheritance. So those who realized the most income gains also received the greatest tax cuts.

Inequality and the deficit exploded. Investment and job growth did not.

Extensive federal budget cuts have forced states and local governments to pick up the slack. But their forms of taxation, along with federal payroll taxes, are more regressive, promoting inequality.

Space constraints permit me to only mention two other drivers of inequality. Deregulation and other factors have enabled the financial services sector to dominate other industrial sectors, while becoming less efficient. Finance has made high-risk bets that are wildly profitable when they succeed and covered by taxpayers when they fail. It has robbed the economy of resources, skilled workers, and growth capacity, while exponentially increasing its high earners’ wealth and income.

Macroeconomic policy—government budgetary policy and control of the money supply—

have increasingly favored the wealthy. Traditionally, macroeconomic policy involved a tension between stimulating economic and job growth, and restraining inflation. But over the last thirty years, inflation exceeded 5% only once (in 1990). But the share of national income going to stagnating wages has continually shrunk, while cycles of recession and unemployment worsen.

Estimating the relative importance of all these forces is probably impossible, since they continually influence each other. But they have this in common: they result from and reinforce the shift of political power from the great majority of working Americans to the wealthiest among us.

And they produce dire consequences for economic growth, individual opportunity, public health, and democracy itself. These consequences are the subject of the next column.

Boston Strong Sox CONT. FROM PG 10

to us, they are from Boston. We hope that the way they play the game reflects something about the best in all of us.

Our pride in them mirrors our pride in the Marathon. On Patriots’ Day, every runner is embraced by our community in a spirit of camaraderie. Each runner grinds it out, through sweat and aches and pains. We cheer on their strength and conviction to finish the race. It doesn’t matter which state or which of the 90-plus countries represented in the Marathon that they come from. For that one day every year, they

belong to Boston. We hope that their determination in running a grueling 26.2 mile course reflects something about in the best in us. For thousands of marathoners, it doesn’t matter what place they come in. The goal isn’t to come in first. It’s being able to go home and tell their family and friends, “I ran the Boston Marathon.” It’s to finish the race.

It’s only sports. It’s only a game. We know that and have that perspective. We also know that it means more than that. It’s these shared experiences that can bring together our diverse com-

munity and make us all feel part of something bigger—Patriots’ Day, the Marathon, or a Sox game—and also have the runners and players take that spirit of camaraderie home with them. Sports, at their best, are where politics, race, creed and color don’t matter. The only thing that truly matters is how you play the game. Our Marathon runners and our Red Sox symbolize that ideal and what we hope is the best within us. We come together to cheer on strength and conviction. We rise. We finish the race. Boston Strong.

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Answers

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- The tail end
- Heavy metal
- Huggy Bear
- Before photography was invented, people would often sit in front of the artist to have their formal portrait done. The price would not be for the number of people, but for the number of limbs in the picture, as the detailing would cost more. “It will cost you an arm and a leg” came to mean costing a high price
- In 1959
- Tiny Tim and Miss Vicki
- Mission Impossible
- Minnie Pearl
- He makes maps
- The Great Alaskan Earthquake, 1964
- San Francisco, 1906
- Lee Majors

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FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH  
Wednesday|November 6

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

**Central Library**  
Rosalita’s Puppets in the Haunted Woods  
3 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**Veteran’s Memorial Rink**  
Free public skating  
12 p.m.-1:50 p.m.|570 Somerville Ave

**Thursday|November 7**

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

**East Branch Library**  
Big Ryan’s Tall Tales  
Meghan Forsell|617-623-5000 x2970  
6:30 p.m-7:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

**Friday|November 8**

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

**Central Library**  
Teen Anime & Manga Meet-up  
Cynthia or Ron|617-623-5000-2936  
3 p.m.-5:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**Veteran’s Memorial Rink**  
Free public skating  
12 p.m.-1:50 p.m.|570 Somerville Ave

**Saturday|November 9**

**Central Library**  
College Financial Aid Advisory Session  
Matt Orlando|207 939 8874  
2 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

**Monday|November 11**  
**Veterans Day- Libraries closed**

**Tuesday|November 12**

**Central Library**  
Homeschool reading group ages 9 – 11  
9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**West Branch Library**  
Preschool: Storytime  
10:30 a.m.-11 a.m.|40 College Ave

**Wednesday|November 13**

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

**Central Library**  
College Financial Aid Advisory Session  
Matt Orlando|207 939 8874  
7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

**Veteran’s Memorial Rink**  
Free public skating  
12 p.m.-1:50 p.m.|570 Somerville Ave

MUSIC  
Wednesday|November 6

**Johnny D’s**  
Corky Laing and the Perfect Child  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

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

**The Burren**  
Front Room  
Jason Anick and the Swingers Swing/Jazz  
Back Room  
Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**PA’S Lounge**  
Kevin G Moore Band|Kevin G Moore|Anthony Grant  
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

**On The Hill Tavern**  
Sports Trivia  
499 Broadway|617-629-5302

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

**Precinct Bar**  
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

**Bull McCabe’s Pub**  
The Nephrok All Stars  
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

**Highland Kitchen**  
TJ The DJ Presents The People’s Karaoke  
10 p.m.|150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

**Radio Bar**  
Up: La Cruces|Dave Wells 8p.m. \$8 21+  
379 Summer St

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

**Thursday|November 7**

**Johnny D’s**  
Mitchell Kaltsunas|Harry Berdrossian|Charlie Makredes|George Mansour  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

**Sally O’Brien’s**  
Spring Hill Rounders |7:30 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**  
Front Room  
Acoustic/Bluegrass|9:30 p.m.  
Back Room  
Scattershot 80’s night|10 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**PA’S Lounge**  
Patch of Grass|Klaus Dukes & The Big Rock  
Candy Mountain Goats|Safer Bombs  
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

**On The Hill Tavern**  
Live DJ Music  
499 Broadway|617-629-5302

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

**Precinct Bar**  
The Giant Kings  
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

**Bull McCabe’s**  
Dub Down Featuring The Scotch Bonnet  
Band  
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

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

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

**Radio Bar**  
UP: Phil Aiken Army|The Darlings|Hillbilly  
Holiday  
379 Summer St

**Arts at the Armory**  
F / Local Presents Sky High  
7 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

**Friday|November 8**

**Johnny D’s**  
Dig|Conehead Buddha  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

**Sally O’Brien’s**  
Radioactive Rustlers|6 p.m.  
Georgia English, Pat O’Brien, Arielle Vakni  
\$5 cover |9 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**  
Front Room  
Irish Session|9:30 p.m.  
Back Room  
TBA  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**Orleans Restaurant and Bar**  
DJ  
10 p.m.|65 Holland St

**Precinct Bar**  
Hear Now Live Presents|Blindspot|Temple  
22|John Hanifin Band|The Peasants  
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

**PA’S Lounge**  
Return of the Signifying Monkey|3 DJ’s +  
Belly Dancing + Special Guests  
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

**On The Hill Tavern**  
499 Broadway |617-629-5302

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

**Bull McCabe’s**  
The Fabulous Stochenskiies  
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

**Samba Bar & Grille**  
Live music  
9 p.m.|608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

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

**Radio Bar**  
UP: Colin Bugbee|Sound Assiciation|Cape  
Ann Improv|Old Sayings 8PM 21+ \$8  
Down: Kurt Baker Band|Tom Baker and  
the Snakes|Wild Times DJ Set w/Malibu &  
Lisa - 8:30  
379 Summer St.

**Arts at the Armory**  
Boston Comedy Festival  
6:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

**Saturday|November 9**

**Johnny D’s**  
Band That Time Forgot|Playing Dead  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

**Sally O’Brien’s**  
Tom Hagerty Band |6 p.m.  
Hear Now Live Presents \$10  
cover|9 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**  
Front Room  
Irish Session|9:30 p.m.  
Back Room  
TBA  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**Precinct Bar**  
Hear Now Live Presents|Harmonic  
Blue|Birds Of Spray|Summerbeard|Jesse  
Andrews|Andyroo  
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

**PA’S Lounge**  
Roadhorse|Gut|Wrought Iron Hex|Hollow  
Cross  
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

**On The Hill Tavern**  
Live DJ Music  
499 Broadway|617-629-5302

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

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

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

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

**Radio Bar**  
Down: Dug McCormack presents:Big  
Queer Show: Kristen Ford|Unstraight|What  
Time Is it|Mr.Fox?|Johnny Blazes & The  
Pretty Boys 8PM, 21+, \$10  
379 Summer St

**Arts at the Armory**  
Drunk Lion – A One-Man Show  
3:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

**Sunday|November 10**

**Johnny D’s**  
Open Blues Jam featuring The Matthew  
Smart Band  
The Bernie Worrell Orchestra|The Chroma  
Concept  
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

**Sally O’Brien’s Bar**  
Frank Drake Sunday Showcase |5 p.m.  
Jeremy Lyons Trio |8 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

**PA’S Lounge**  
Slow Mover|Dead Empires|Heron  
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

**Precinct Bar**  
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

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

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

**Radio Bar**  
379 Summer St

**Arts at the Armory**  
Journeys in Sound presents: Songs for  
Change, Songs for Peace  
4 p.m.|Café  
Cambridge Symphony Orchestra|Leaving  
Home:Music of World of World War II  
4 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

**Monday|November 11**

**Johnny D’s**  
Team Trivia

8:30 p.m.|17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

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

**The Burren**  
Front Room  
Bur- Run|6:45 p.m.  
Back Room  
Irish Step-dancing with:Ger Cooney  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**On The Hill Tavern**  
499 Broadway|617-629-5302

**PA’S Lounge**  
Americana Night  
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

**Precinct Bar**  
70 Union Sq|617-623-921

**Bull McCabe’s Pub**  
Stump! Team Trivia  
8 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

**Radio Bar**  
Down: Rory Studebaker presents:  
6 p.m.|379 Summer St

**Arts at the Armory**  
Center Stage Somerville 2013: Click Clack  
Moo  
3:15 p.m.-5 p.m.|Performance Hall|191  
Highland Ave

**Tuesday|November 12**

**JohnnyD’s**  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

**Sally O’Brien’s Bar**  
Mike Gent & The Rapid Shave  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

**On The Hill Tavern**  
Stump Trivia (with prizes)  
499 Broadway|617-629-5302

**PA’S Lounge**  
Open Mic - Rock, Folk, R&B, Alt, Jazz &  
Originals etc. Hosted by Tony Amaral  
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

**Precinct Bar**  
Precinct Presents|Mick Flannery Only Bos-  
ton Apperance With Niall Connolly  
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

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

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

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

**Radio Bar**  
379 Summer St

**Arts at the Armory**  
Ball in the House (A Cappella)  
12 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland  
Ave

**Wednesday|November 13**

**Johnny D’s**  
Boston Comedy Festival “Funny Females  
Showcase” Hosted by Kelly MacFarland  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

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

**The Burren**  
Front Room  
Jason Anick and the Swingers Swing/Jazz  
Back Room  
Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**PA’S Lounge**  
Anthony Grant|DeJuan Jamil|Kevin G  
Moore  
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

**On The Hill Tavern**  
Sports Trivia  
499 Broadway|617-629-5302

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

**Precinct Bar**  
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

**Bull McCabe’s Pub**  
The Nephrok All Stars  
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

**Highland Kitchen**  
TJ The DJ Presents The People’s Karaoke  
10 p.m.|150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

**Radio Bar**  
379 Summer St

**Arts at the Armory**  
Singer-Songwriter Event: The Loop  
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

**Somerville Theatre**  
Warren Miller’s Ticket to Ride  
7 p.m.|55 Davis Square

CLASSES AND GROUPS  
Wednesday|November 6

**Central Library**  
Mystery Book Club  
7 p.m.-9 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

**Third Life Studio**  
Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal|Level 2  
7:30 p.m.|Level 2|33 Union Sq|www.  
nadirajamal.com

**Thursday|November 7**

**Central Library**  
Drop in meditation  
1 p.m.-2 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

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

**Third Life Studio**  
Roots and Rhythm  
33 Unions Sq| www.libana.com

**Friday|November 8**

**Arts at the Armory**  
Prenatal Yoga  
2 p.m.|Mezzanine|191 Highland Ave

**Saturday|November 9**

**West Branch Library**  
4-Week Memoir Writing Workshop with  
Judah Leblang  
Judah Leblang|617-466-9637  
10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.|40 College Avenue

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

**Sunday|November 10**

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

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

**Monday|November 11**

**Veteran’s Day- Libraries Closed**

**Third Life Studio**  
Discover Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal  
6 p.m.|33 Union Sq|www.nadirajamal.com

**Tuesday|November 12**

**Central Library**  
Recovery group for elders  
1:30 .m.-2:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

**Arts at the Armory**  
Prenatal Yoga  
7 p.m.|Mezzanine|191 Highland Ave

**Third Life Studio**  
The Art of Group Singing For Women  
with Susan Robbins,www.libana.com  
7 p.m.- 9:15 p.m.|33 Union Sq

**Wednesday|November 13**

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

# SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

**Welcome to our centers.** Everyone 55+ are encouraged to join us for fitness, culture, films, lunch and Bingo. 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.

**Holland Street Center** - 167 Holland Street  
**Ralph & Jenny Center** - 9 New Washington Street  
**Cross Street Center** - 165 Broadway

**Some Council on Aging highlights in the coming weeks:**

**Just retired?** Would you like to chat with some fellow men in the community? Hear some great speakers? Join us for our monthly Men’s Group at Holland Street Center 167 Holland Street. 10:30 a.m. FREE November 12.

**“Reflections: Portraits of Somerville seniors in words and drawings”** - Join local author Nancy Hall Brooks for a group conversation on what you are “famous” for. Two sessions. You will also pose for a photo of you or something special that will be part of the final exhibit. Space is very limited for this special program. Ralph & Jenny Center 10:00-11:15 a.m. November 12 and 19. FREE.

**Art with Katherine** continues as we travel around the world and make some wonderful holiday gifts for the holiday. Join us for three weeks starting November 26, December 3rd and 10th. Cost is just for supplies, \$15. RSVP early. Cross Street 1:00-2:00 p.m.

**Zumba for All** with Cheryl. Come at the end of the day, after work. Open to all. Wednesdays 5:15-6:15 p.m. Holland Street Center. \$3 for a class or \$15 for 6 classes. Get in shape this summer.

**Wii Bowling League** is here at Holland Street Center Mondays at noon. Free. If you haven’t tried this, come as you will love it. No bowling ball but you still swing and hope for the best.

**LGBT Events (Open to all ages):**  
**Thursday, November 14** - Join us for a wonderful inter-generational event with local author, Becky Sarah, who is about to release her book, “Grandmothering: Real Life in Real Families.” It will be a book talk and discussion, focusing on the section of the book in which she talks about being a grandparent to grandchildren who have gay and lesbian parents. 6:00 p.m. at Holland Street Center.

**“MOVIES TO COME OUT TO”**  
 All Dinners at 5:30 p.m. November 26 - Chicken or Spinach pie. \$6. RSVP a must.  
**“The Love Part of This”** - In the early 1970’s, Grace Schrafft and Grace Mocer of Gloucester, MA. left their husbands to be together. It is a heartbreaking, funny and extremely moving document of life and love.  
**“Positive Thinking”** - with Roberta Robinson of Cambridge Health Alliance will be talking on how positive thinking is a mental attitude that admits into the mind, thoughts, words and images that are conducive to growth, expansion and success. Come learn new tricks to keep you on a positive path. FREE. Stay for our

monthly lunch.  
**Holland Street Café** - December 9 from Vinny’s Ristorante. Fabulous lunch of either meatballs and pasta or eggplant parm. Salad and dessert. RSVP. Stay for Roberta Robinson’s lecture at 10:30 on “Positive Thinking.”  
**LBT Women Fit-4-Life Fitness and Nutrition Classes.** Tuesday and Thursday evenings. \$10 a month with scholarships available.  
**Ralph & Jenny Center Weekly Events:**  
**Cards and Games hour** at Ralph & Jenny at 10:00 a.m. every day the center is open. Come join your friends or make some new ones. Cards, Scrabble and Cribbage.  
**Do you crochet or would you like to learn?** Thursdays at 10:45 a.m. At Ralph & Jenny Center. Join a great group in learning to crochet or share your projects you are working on.  
**Trip Corner:**  
**Penn Dutch** - December 2-6.  
**Culinary Arts** - December 10.  
**Concord Museum** - “Celebration of Trees” - December 20.  
**Atlantic City/Taj Mahal** - January 12-14.  
**STAY ACTIVE:**  
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**Zumba for All** - at Holland - Wednesdays at 5:15-6:15 p.m. \$3 or \$15 for 6 classes.  
**Flexibility & Balance** - at Holland - Thursdays 10:00 a.m. Free.  
**Flexibility & Balance** - at Ralph & Jenny - Wednesday 1:15-2:00 p.m.  
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**Walking Club** - R&J - Tuesday 10:30 a.m.  
**Fit-4-Life LBT** - Tuesday and Thursday Evenings.  
**Fit-4-Life General** - Wednesday & Friday Mornings.

**November 6**  
**Bowling at Flatbreads 1 p.m.**  
**Holland Street Center**  
 Fit-4-Life A & B  
 Zumba for All|5:15 p.m.  
 167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300  
**Cross Street Center**  
 English Conversation|10:30 a.m.  
 Bingo|12:45 p.m.  
 165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335  
**Ralph & Jenny Center**  
 Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m.  
 SHINE Info Session|10:45 a.m.  
 Bingo|12:45 p.m.  
 9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223  
**November 7**  
**Holland Street Center**  
 Current Events|10 a.m.

Bowling at Flatbreads|10 a.m.  
 Bingo|12:45 p.m.  
 LBT Fit-4-Life|6 p.m.  
 167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300  
**Ralph & Jenny Center**  
 Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m.  
 Strengthening Exercise|10 a.m.  
 Crochet and Knitting|10:45 a.m.  
 Bingo|12:45 p.m.  
 Bingo Break Exercises|1:30 p.m.  
 9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223  
**November 8**  
**Holland Street Center**  
 Fit-4-Life B & C  
 Bingo|12:45 p.m.  
 167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300  
**November 11**  
**All Centers Closed for Veterans Day**  
**November 12**  
**Twin River Casino**  
**Holland Street Center**  
 SHINE appt. only|10 a.m.  
 Men’s Group|10:30 a.m.  
 Low Vision Group|10:30 a.m.  
 Yoga/Meditation|1 p.m.  
 LBT Fit-4-Life|6 p.m.  
 167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300  
**Ralph & Jenny Center**  
 Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m.  
 Twin River Casinos|10 a.m.  
 Bingo|12:45 p.m.  
 9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223  
**Cross Street Center**  
 English Conversation|10:30 a.m.  
 Bingo|12:45 p.m.  
 Bereavement Group|3 p.m.  
 165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335  
**November 13**  
**Bowling at Flatbreads at 1:00 pm**  
**Holland Street Center**  
 Fit-4-Life A & B  
 SHINE Info Session|10:45 a.m.  
 Zumba for All|5:15 p.m.  
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## An amazing trip to Symphony Hall



The Somerville Council on Aging and Teen Empowerment went to Symphony Hall on November 1 as part of an ongoing collaboration together. This specific program was done through a grant with The Boston Symphony Orchestra. They chose the COA and Teen Empowerment to participate in its Symphony for Our City program, which includes three special concerts and some educational presentations about classical music. Friday’s program was very successful and well received. A great mix of older adults and young people were brought together to listen to the music in a grand setting. The COA and Teen Empowerment were the only groups from outside of Boston, as well as the only grantees that bring young and old together to be part of this music outreach program.

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Hill (Heath St. and Langmaid Ave.), there were about 7 or 8 families that made their own wine.

Wine making season usually starts in mid-September and goes on until mid- to late October. The grapes are first crushed using a grape crusher (contrary to the funny I Love Lucy episode, foot stomping is no longer the method). The crushed grapes and their juice (called “must”) is sometimes mixed with sugar for both taste and to speed up the fermentation process. The crushed grapes are then left to sit for as long as a week or for as little as 3-4 days, depending on the desired color and taste. While the grapes sit and start their fermentation process, the barrels are then cleaned.

The “Big Event” usually takes place during one weekend when the crushed grapes get placed into the wine press and the juice is extracted. The extracted juice then gets placed into the barrels for their final fermentation. After about a month, a stabilizer is added to knock all the sediment to the bottom of the barrel. Within a month or two after that, fresh homemade wine can be enjoyed for the next year.

In my old neighborhood, wine making

was a huge undertaking. My cellar did not have the room to make wine. My grandfather, Joe Marletta, made wine with my friend Val Deperrio’s grandfather, Tony DeChristofaro, who lived next door to us.

My grandfather used Mr. DeChristofaro’s wine press. He also kept his wine barrel down Tony’s cellar. Next door (on the other side of us), the Barsanti’s also made wine. Down and across the street, the Calisi’s made their own wine and across from them, the Carnazzo’s made their own wine as well. On Langmaid Ave, my friend Shawn Sullivan’s grandfather, Ermano Donati, made wine, as did my grandfather’s other friend Lorenzo (we never knew his last name).

Now, in my neighborhood there was only one grape crusher (owned by Lorenzo) that was used by the entire neighborhood. The grape crusher itself was home made. It was an old grape crate with the bottom taken out. A motor attached to the side drove a pulley which made two 2 x 4 pieces of wood sort of slap together just enough to break the grapes open. It then shot the broken grapes into a barrel that was cut in half. The motor was electric and the power cord was old and broken with loose and

exposed wires. It’s no wonder one of the houses didn’t burn down.

Still, it all worked out. Once the wine was ready, it was placed into glass bottles (usually empty store bought wine gallons). After that the wine was enjoyed for the next year. My grandfather’s wine was very strong, as was that of most of the neighbors.

Naturally, once the wine was ready it was time to compare how each other’s came out. They would each bring a bottle of their own wine and meet down one of the cellars to compare how each person’s wine tasted. Needless to say, this little comparison usually turned into a party of some sort. It was funny when this little comparison/party broke up at the end of the night. Each of them would stagger back to their respective homes, my grandfather included. Needless to say, they all got a good night’s sleep that night.

Now I make the wine with my father-in-law, Rocco Schirripa, in East Boston. Everyone that knows him can tell you how good his wine is. For my wife’s family it is truly a family effort. My mother-in-law Marianna and both my brothers-in-law, Sal and Lou, and all of the grandchildren

each help out in some way.

When I met my wife Maria 15 years ago, I couldn’t wait to make the wine with her family. My father-in-law always tries to make his wine on Columbus Day weekend. I remember the first time I made the wine with her family. We started at around 8 a.m. and didn’t finish till about 11 p.m. that night.

After that first time, I had my father-in-law get me my own barrel. I still made the wine with him, except now I had my own barrel to use. That one year I soon found out that I cannot consume 50 gallons of wine in one year. Not to worry though, it didn’t go to waste.

Now I just enjoy what he makes and earn my keep by helping him make it. He usually makes about 75 gallons a year. For him and like my grandfather, it is a passion and a necessary tradition. My father-in-law always said two things about making wine. The first was, “I enjoy it so much that I will continue to make it until I physically can no longer do it.” The other was of the hard work involved. He always says, “For one weekend’s sacrifice of hard work, you get an entire years worth of enjoyment.”

# The 37th Boston International Antiquarian Book Fair comes to the Hynes Convention Center

Somerville Times' antiquarian book columnist and expert, Kenneth Gloss, is owner of the historic Brattle Book Shop in the Downtown Crossing section of Boston. Since 2000 he's been seen with some frequency as a guest appraiser on PBS' Antiques Roadshow. He is also the Chairperson for this "Granddaddy" of Antiquarian Book Fairs. He says that "serious collectors as well as curious browsers will want to see what the many regional, national and international dealers have brought to display, sell, discuss and appraise during this three-day event." He looks forward to meeting Somerville Times readers.

The Fair is being held at the Hynes Convention Center in Boston's storied Back Bay on Fri-

day through Sunday November 15, 16 and 17. With more than 150 dealers from the U.S., Canada, England, Germany, France and the Netherlands there will be rare, collectible and antiquarian books, illuminated manuscripts, autographs, maps, atlases, modern first editions, photographs plus fine and decorative prints.

One of the oldest and most respected antiquarian book shows in the country, the Fair is an event that offers the 'crème de la crème' of items that are available on the international literary market. Whether just browsing, buying or poking, there is something for every taste and budget such as books on art, politics, travel, gastronomy and science to sports, natural history, literature, music and children's books.

Among the highlights of this year's event are rare and first editions of works by Jane Austen, J.M. Barrie, Ian Fleming, George Orwell, J.R.R. Tolkien, Jonathan Swift, Percy Shelley; a hand-colored print of William Blake's beloved poem, *The Tyger*, a dollar bill inscribed by John Lennon; the first issue of *Playboy* with Marilyn Monroe on the cover (and centerfold); and several pages from the original recording manuscript of The Kingston Trio's Boston Anthem: *Charlie on the MTA*. Attendees are invited to bring their own books for a free appraisal on Sunday, November 17 from 1-3 p.m.

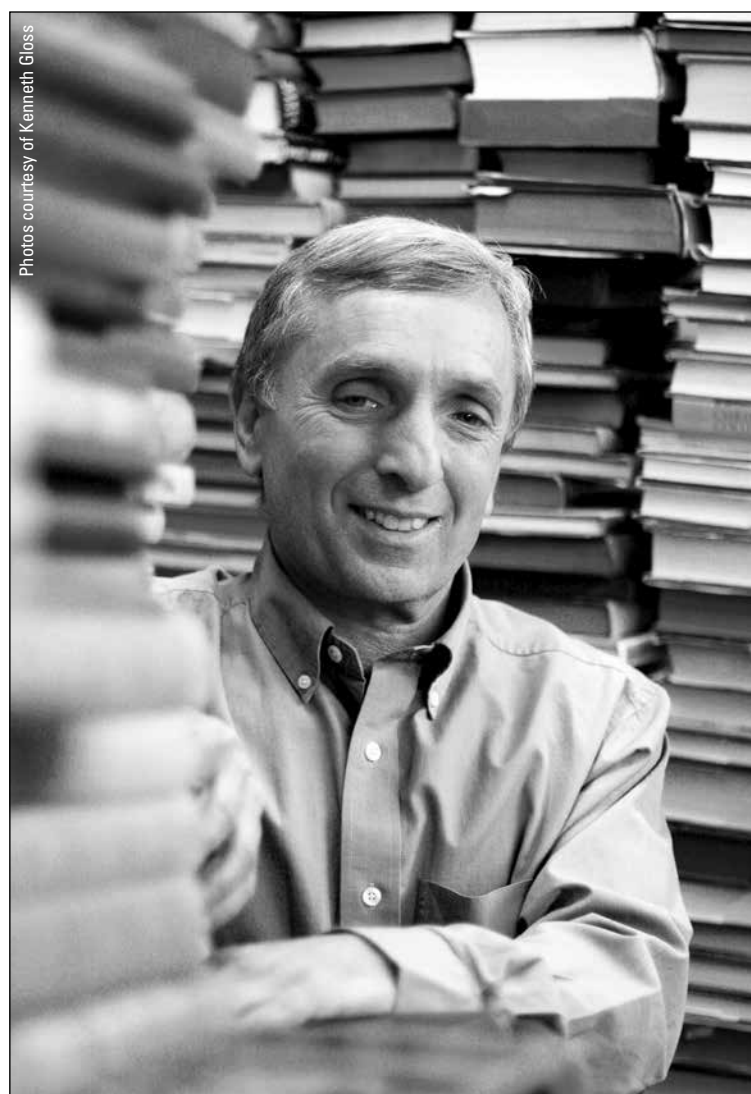
Seminars and events punctuate the weekend, including The Annual Ticknor Society Roundtable, a panel discussion of collectors talking about their collections. More events will be announced at the Fair. Folks can visit [www.bostonbookfair.com](http://www.bostonbookfair.com) for up-to-the-minute details.

The schedule for Friday, November 15 is from 5:00-9:00 p.m. with tickets at \$15. Opening Night tickets are valid throughout the weekend.

Saturday, November 16 doors open from 12:00 Noon 'til 7:00 p.m. and tickets are \$8.

Sunday, November 17 the hours are 12:00 Noon to 5:00 p.m. Tickets are \$8 but are free for students with a valid student I.D.

The Hynes Convention Center



Brattle Book Shop owner Kenneth Gloss also serves as Chairperson for the Boston International Antiquarian Book Fair.

is located at 900 Boylston Street, Boston, MA.

The Boston International Antiquarian Book Fair is sponsored by the New England Chapter of the Antiquarian Booksellers' Association of America. A portion of the ticket sales will benefit the Boston Public Library and the American Antiquarian Society.

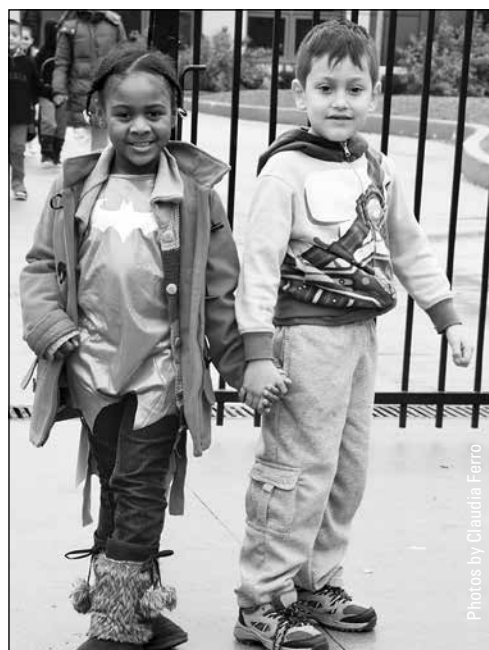
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The Boston International Antiquarian Book Fair is produced by CommPromo.



One of the rare items that Kenneth Gloss will be presenting at the Fair is page one of the Chicago paper announcing Dewey's win of the 1948 presidential race when Harry Truman won. The valuable paper of November 3, 1946 has Truman's signature indicating that the paper is wrong.

## ESCS Harvest Book Character Parade



East Somerville Community School students dressed in book character costumes last Wednesday and paraded through the streets to the Windsor House of the Bryant Manor where they sang for the residents.



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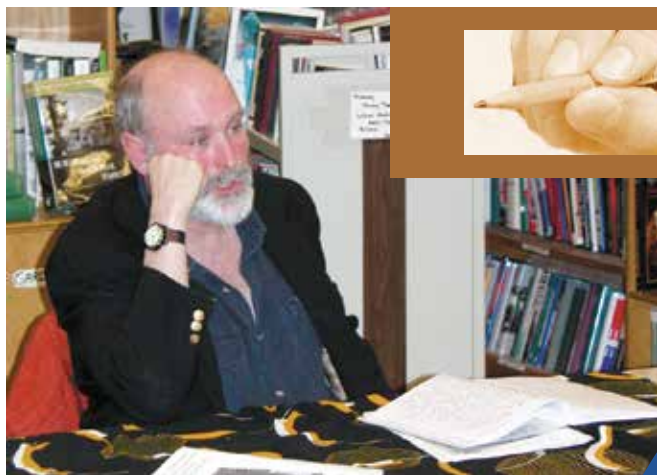
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<b>Wednesday, November 6</b>		6:30pm	Art @ SCATV	1:00pm	Play by Play	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
7:30am	Life Matters	7:00pm	Bate Papo com Shirley	2:00pm	Henry Parker Presents	9:00am	Cooking with Georgia and Dez
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou	2:30pm	Hello Neighbor	9:30am	Neighborhood Cooking
10:30am	Art at SCATV	9:30pm	The Struggle	3:00pm	Telemagazine	10:00am	Bay State Biking News
11:00am	Abugida TV	10:00pm	Dr. Dreck Horror Series	4:00pm	Alderman Update	11:00am	Nossa gente e Costumes
12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	<b>Friday, November 8</b>		5:00pm	Tele Kreyol	12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
1:00pm	Somerville Housing Authority	7:30am	Shrink Rap	6:00pm	Basic Buddha	3:00pm	Exercise with Robyn and Max
1:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	6:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority	3:30pm	Esoteric Science
2:00pm	Youth Violence in Society	9:00am	Somerville News Reading	7:00pm	Energy Theater	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show
3:00pm	Medical Tutor	10:00am	Energy Theater	8:00pm	David Parkman (Free Speech TV)	5:00pm	Youth Violence in Society
4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)	12:00pm	Somerville Housing Authority	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	5:30pm	Youth Programming
5:00pm	Ablevision	2:00pm	Genetic Roulette	10:00pm	Critical Focus	6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)
6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)	2:30pm	History of the West End	11:00pm	Gay TV	7:00pm	Nepali Producers Group
6:30pm	Active Aging	3:00pm	Brunch with Sen. Bernie Sanders	<b>Sunday, November 10</b>		7:30pm	Play by Play
7:00pm	Play by Play	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)	6:00am	Program Celebrai	9:00pm	Dedilhando au Saudade
7:30pm	Basic Buddha	5:00pm	Greater Somerville	7:00am	Rompendo em Fe	10:00pm	Bate Papo com Shirley
8:00pm	Somerville Pundits	5:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	8:00am	Effort Pour Christ	11:00pm	No Film Festival
8:30pm	Perils for Pedestrians	6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	<b>Tuesday, November 12</b>	
9:00pm	Bay State Biking News	6:30pm	Reeling the Movie Review Show	10:00am	International Church of God	7:00am	The Struggle
10:00pm	Stealing America: Vote by Vote	7:00pm	Real Estate Answers Show	10:30am	Hello Neighbor	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
<b>Thursday, November 7</b>		7:30pm	Seeds of Death	11:00am	The Folklorist	9:00am	Somerville News Reading
6:00am	Atheist Viewpoint	8:30pm	Pat Jehlen on Education Reform	11:30am	Basic Buddha	10:00am	Tele Kreyol
7:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	10:00pm	Alderman Forum	12:00pm	Play by Play	12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	11:00pm	Copy Cat Festival	1:00pm	Alderman Forum	1:00pm	Contemporary Issues in Science
10:00am	Planet Somerville	11:30pm	No Film Film Festival	2:30pm	Life Matters	2:00pm	The Folklorist
10:30am	Hello Neighbor	<b>Saturday, November 9</b>		3:00pm	Rompendo em Fe	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)
11:00am	Talking about Somerville	6:00am	Arabic Hour	4:00pm	Dedilhando a Saudade	5:00pm	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer
12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	7:00am	Mystic Learning Center	5:00pm	Ethiopian Satellite TV	5:30pm	The Literati Scene
1:00pm	African Television	7:30am	Next Generation Producers Group	6:00pm	Abugida TV	6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)
2:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking w/ Candy	8:00am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	7:00pm	African Television Network	6:30pm	Hello Neighbor
2:30pm	Cooking with Georgia & Dez	8:30am	Youth Violence in Society	8:00pm	Tele Magazine	7:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News (SNN)
3:30pm	Health is Wealth	9:00am	Festival Kreyol	9:00pm	Effort Pour Christ	7:30pm	Greater Somerville
4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)	10:00am	Tele Galaxie	10:00pm	Farrakhan Speaks	8:00pm	Dead Air Live
5:00pm	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	11:00am	Dead Air Live	11:00pm	Somerville in Shorts	9:00pm	MEH Productions
5:30pm	The Folklorist	12:00pm	Reeling the Movie Review Show	<b>Monday, November 11</b>		9:30pm	Somerville Rocks
6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)	12:30pm	Somerville Art Matters	7:30am	Eckankar	10:00pm	Penny's Dreadful Shilling Shockers

# City Cable TV Schedule for the Week

<b>CITY TV 13/22</b>		12:00pm:	Voices of Somerville	12:30pm:	Keep Moving: Everyday Exercises	10:00pm:	SHS Football vs Beverly
<b>Wednesday, November 6</b>		12:30pm:	City-Wide Spelling Bee Benefit		for Older Adults	<b>Saturday, November 9</b>	
9:00am:	Seriously Somerville w/ Jimmy Del Ponte	1:30pm:	Seriously Somerville w/ Jimmy Del Ponte	1:00pm:	Seriously Somerville w/ Jimmy Del Ponte	12:00am:	SHS Football vs Beverly
9:30am:	City-Wide Spelling Bee Benefit	2:00pm:	Founders Rink Dedication	1:30pm:	Honk!	9:00am:	El Sistema Somerville Harvest Concert
12:00pm:	School Committee Meeting – REPLAY OF 11.4.13	3:30pm:	SomerStreets: Monster Mashed Up	2:30pm:	Union Square Walking Tour	10:00am:	SHS Football vs Beverly
3:00pm:	Muslim & Arab Community Panel	7:00pm:	Voices of Somerville	3:30pm:	Veterans in the 'Ville	12:30pm:	SHS Football vs Tewksbury
6:30pm:	SomerStreets: Monster Mashed Up	7:30pm:	City-Wide Spelling Bee Benefit	7:00pm:	Senior Circuit	3:00pm:	Founders Memorial Rink Dedication
7:00pm:	Domestic Violence Vigil	8:30pm:	Seriously Somerville w/ Jimmy Del Ponte	7:30pm:	Sit and Be Fit	4:30pm:	SHS Girls Soccer vs N Quincy
7:45pm:	Talking Business	9:00pm:	Founders Rink Dedication	8:00pm:	Talking Business	6:30pm:	El Sistema Somerville Harvest Concert
8:15pm:	Overview of Somerville By Design	10:30pm:	SomerStreets: Monster Mashed Up	8:30pm:	Tale of Two Canals	7:30pm:	SHS Football vs Beverly
8:30pm:	Founders Rink Dedication	<b>Sunday, November 10</b>		9:30pm:	Founders Rink Dedication	10:00pm:	SHS Football vs Tewksbury
10:00pm:	From Bow Street to Brickbottom – Historic Tour	12:00am:	Voices of Somerville	12:00am:	Senior Circuit	<b>Sunday, November 10</b>	
<b>Thursday, November 7</b>		12:30am:	City-Wide Spelling Bee Benefit	12:30am:	Sit and Be Fit	12:00am:	MIAA Playoff: SHS Boys Soccer vs Brookline
12:00am:	Domestic Violence Vigil	1:30am:	Seriously Somerville w/ Jimmy Del Ponte	1:00am:	Talking Business	2:00am:	SHS Boys Soccer vs Medford
12:45am:	Talking Business	2:00am:	Founders Rink Dedication	1:30am:	Tale of Two Canals	9:00am:	MIAA Playoff: SHS Boys Soccer vs Brookline
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1:30am:	Founders Rink Dedication	9:00am:	Sit and Be Fit	<b>EDUCATIONAL CHANNEL 15</b>		12:40pm:	10th Annual Pumpkin Stroll
2:00am:	From Bow Street to Brickbottom – Historic Tour	12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	<b>Wednesday, November 6</b>		1:00pm:	kid stuff - Fire Safety
12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	12:30pm:	Keep Moving: Everyday Exercises	9:00am:	Founders Memorial Rink Dedication	1:30pm:	SHS Girls Soccer vs Everett
12:30pm:	Keep Moving: Everyday Exercises		for Older Adults	11:00am:	SHS Football vs Tewksbury	3:00pm:	SHS Girls Volleyball vs Boston Latin
	for Older Adults	1:00pm:	Talking Business	1:30pm:	El Sistema Somerville Harvest Concert	4:00pm:	SHS Football vs Tewksbury
1:00pm:	From Bow Street to Brickbottom – Historic Tour	1:30pm:	Phone Box Diarama	2:30pm:	SHS Girls Soccer vs N Quincy	6:00pm:	MIAA Playoff: SHS Boys Soccer vs Brookline
2:15pm:	Overview of Somerville By Design	2:00pm:	Waste Transfer Station Demolition Event	4:10pm:	10th Annual Pumpkin Stroll	8:00pm:	SHS Girls Soccer vs N Quincy
2:30pm:	Somerville By Design: E. Somerville – Housing	2:30pm:	Honk!	5:00pm:	MIAA Playoff: SHS Boys Soccer vs Brookline	9:40pm:	10th Annual Pumpkin Stroll
6:30pm:	What the Fluff?	7:00pm:	Senior Circuit	7:00pm:	Founders Memorial Rink Dedication	10:00pm:	kid stuff - Fire Safety
7:00pm:	Muslim & Arab Community Panel	7:30pm:	Keep Moving: Everyday Exercises	9:00pm:	SHS Football vs Tewksbury	10:30pm:	SHS Girls Soccer vs Everett
8:45pm:	Phone Box Diarama		for Older Adults	11:15pm:	El Sistema Somerville Harvest Concert	<b>Monday, November 11</b>	
9:15pm:	Domestic Violence Vigil	8:00pm:	Talking Business	<b>Thursday, November 7</b>		12:00am:	SHS Girls Volleyball vs Boston Latin
10:00pm:	SomerStreets: Monster Mashed Up	8:30pm:	Phone Box Diarama	12:00am:	SHS Girls Soccer vs N Quincy	1:00am:	SHS Football vs Tewksbury
<b>Friday, November 8</b>		9:00pm:	Veterans in the 'Ville	1:40am:	10th Annual Pumpkin Stroll	9:00am:	SHS Boys Soccer vs Andover
12:00am:	Muslim & Arab Community Panel	9:30pm:	Honk!	2:30am:	MIAA Playoff: SHS Boys Soccer vs Brookline	10:30am:	Founders Memorial Rink Dedication
1:45am:	Phone Box Diarama	<b>Monday, November 11</b>		9:00am:	SHS Boys Soccer vs Medford	12:00pm:	SHS Football vs Beverly
2:15am:	Domestic Violence Vigil	12:00am:	Senior Circuit	11:00am:	Our Schools, Our City - Transitions	2:00pm:	SHS Girls Soccer vs N Quincy
3:00am:	SomerStreets: Monster Mashed Up	12:30am:	Keep Moving: Everyday Exercises	11:30am:	kid stuff - Fire Safety	3:40pm:	10th Annual Pumpkin Stroll
9:00am:	Phone Box Diarama		for Older Adults	12:00pm:	SHS Boys Soccer vs Madison Park	4:00pm:	El Sistema Somerville Harvest Concert
9:30am:	Tale of Two Canals	1:00am:	Talking Business	2:00pm:	SHS Girls Volleyball vs Boston Latin	5:00pm:	MIAA Playoff: SHS Boys Soccer vs Brookline
12:00pm:	Voices of Somerville	1:30am:	Phone Box Diarama	3:30pm:	SHS Football vs Everett	7:00pm:	SHS Girls Soccer vs N Quincy
12:30pm:	City-Wide Spelling Bee Benefit	2:00am:	Veterans in the 'Ville	5:00pm:	10th Annual Pumpkin Stroll	8:40pm:	10th Annual Pumpkin Stroll
1:30pm:	Seriously Somerville w/ Jimmy Del Ponte	2:30am:	Honk!	5:30pm:	El Sistema Somerville Harvest Concert	9:00pm:	kid stuff - Fire Safety
2:00pm:	Founders Rink Dedication	9:00am:	Domestic Violence Vigil	6:30pm:	SHS Boys Soccer vs Medford	9:30pm:	SHS Girls Soccer vs Everett
6:30pm:	Waste Transfer Station Demolition Event	12:00pm:	Voices of Somerville	8:30pm:	Our Schools, Our City - Transitions	11:00pm:	SHS Girls Volleyball vs Boston Latin
7:00pm:	City-Wide Spelling Bee Benefit	12:30pm:	Veterans in the 'Ville	9:00pm:	kid stuff - Fire Safety	<b>Tuesday, November 12</b>	
8:30pm:	Seriously Somerville w/ Jimmy Del Ponte	1:00pm:	Muslim & Arab Community Panel	9:30pm:	SHS Boys Soccer vs Madison Park	12:00am:	SHS Football vs Tewksbury
9:00pm:	Founders Rink Dedication	2:45pm:	City-Wide Spelling Bee Benefit	<b>Friday, November 8</b>		2:00am:	SHS Football vs Beverly
10:30pm:	SomerStreets: Monster Mashed Up	6:30pm:	Phone Box Diarama	12:00am:	SHS Girls Volleyball vs Boston Latin	9:00am:	SHS Boys Soccer vs Cambridge - 10/9
<b>Saturday, November 9</b>		7:00pm:	Voices of Somerville	1:00am:	SHS Football vs Everett	10:30am:	SHS Football vs Cambridge - 9/27
12:00am:	Voices of Somerville	7:30pm:	Veterans in the 'Ville	2:30am:	10th Annual Pumpkin Stroll	1:00pm:	El Sistema Somerville Harvest Concert
12:30am:	Veterans in the 'Ville	8:00pm:	Muslim & Arab Community Panel	3:00am:	El Sistema Somerville Harvest Concert	2:00pm:	SHS Boys Soccer v Boston Latin - 10/11
1:00am:	Muslim & Arab Community Panel	9:45pm:	City-Wide Spelling Bee Benefit	9:00am:	SHS Boys Soccer vs Cambridge - 10/9	4:00pm:	SHS Girls Volleyball vs Boston Latin
1:30am:	Seriously Somerville w/ Jimmy Del Ponte	<b>Tuesday, November 12</b>		10:30am:	SHS Girls Soccer v Cambridge - 9/22	5:00pm:	SHS Girls Volleyball vs Cambridge
2:00am:	Founders Rink Dedication	12:00am:	Voices of Somerville	12:00pm:	MIAA Playoff: SHS Boys Soccer vs Brookline	7:00pm:	SHS Boys Soccer vs Cambridge - 10/9
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		2:45am:	City-Wide Spelling Bee Benefit	4:30pm:	SHS Boys Soccer vs Cambridge - 10/9	12:00am:	SHS Boys Soccer v Boston Latin - 10/11
		9:00am:	Voices of Somerville	6:00pm:	SHS Girls Soccer v Cambridge - 9/22	2:00am:	SHS Girls Volleyball vs Boston Latin
		9:30am:	Somerville Reads	7:30pm:	MIAA Playoff: SHS Boys Soccer vs Brookline	3:00am:	SHS Girls Volleyball vs Cambridge
		12:00pm:	Senior Circuit				



## OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

### Interview with Elizabeth Graver: Author of 'The End of the Point'

Elizabeth Graver's new novel is *The End of the Point*. She is the author of three other novels and her work has been anthologized in *Best American Short Stories* (1991, 2001); *Prize Stories: The O. Henry Awards* (1994, 1996, 2001), *The Pushcart Prize Anthology* (2001), and *Best American Essays* (1998). She teaches English and Creative Writing at Boston College. I had the privilege of interviewing her on my Somerville Community Access TV show: *Poet to Poet: Writer to Writer*.

**Doug Holder:** Why did you use a summer home in a fictional Massachusetts coastal town, Ashaunt, as the focus for your novel *The End of the Point* – the very house that was the home of the Porter family from 1942 to 1999?

**Elizabeth Graver:** The house and the land are the main characters. I was really interested in time, the passage of time and what stays and what doesn't through the generations. I took the idea of taking a singular place and looking at it through a stretch of time with different lenses. So in this case it is a 2 mile spit of land that is quite unchanging in that people cling to tradition there. Change is slow to come to this land of ruggedly beautiful summer homes, rocks and ocean. But on the other hand everything is changing. The book is set partly during WWII, and partly during the Vietnam War. The land and the house are like containers for the people, but they are almost characters as well. They have their own independent lives. And as people move and change through the generations at least the land endures. And even that is open to question because of development. I was interested in this book, more than my other books, in capturing something over a stretch of time.

**DH:** *The End of the Point* deals with a rather well-to-do New England family of privilege. Is this in anyway similar to the way you grew up?

**EG:** No, I did not grow up in a family like this. My grandparents were Jewish immigrants. My dad went to City College in NYC, and my mom went to Queens College. I grew up in a little town in Western, Mass. My parents were out of place there but ending up loving it. My husband comes from a family of a similar background to that in the novel. In my family we had no summer homes, etc. When I met my husband he did have a place like the one described in the book. I was fascinated by the place. My family is one of diaspora – so I was interested to find out how place and family works through ownership. How can these things intersect?

**DH:** Were you envious of the lifestyle of this old New England family?

**EG:** Not in any simple way. I am more interested in it than envious. I love continuity of place and I also love to travel. No, I am not envious—curious.

**DH:** The character of Charles—the son of Helen—one of the Porter daughters—seems to be – at least in his college-aged years, a bulwark against change – in regard to change in this seaside community. But he in fact uses it as a place to heal – as



a place for his own change.

**EG:** He is complicated. On the one hand he doesn't want the land to change. The land in a sense is his second mother. But in other ways he courts change. He leaves New England to go to college in the Midwest. He becomes involved with an unstable Vietnam War vet. So I was interested in all the insiders and the outsiders in this book. There is a sense in the novel that characters are always pushing boundaries.

**DH:** This story takes place from the 1940s to the 1990's. Why did you choose this period of time?

**EG:** 1942 was an interesting time, in that there were Harbor Entrance Control Posts—where the army made bases that were to look like summer houses. I ended the story in 1999 because I was interested in ending before the turn of the century. There is no email in my novel—no wireless. I was interested in tracking communication when it was done differently. There is a lot of waiting in my book. I didn't want to dip in the 21st Century.

Ashaunt is a fictional version of a real place I spent time. And in this place you can still see the old foundations and remnants of generations past. I found it really interesting to picture 200 soldiers arriving at this place and how this change would affect the family. How would the teenage Porter girls be affected by hanging out with soldiers? I also wanted examine how the war across the ocean affected this spit of land.

**DH:** The character of Helen speaks to the herculean effort it took for a woman in the 1950s to break out of the traditional role of housewife, mother, etc.

**EG:** There have been a variety of responses to Helen. Some readers don't like her at all—they feel she is a narcissist. She is very conflicted about raising children. I was very sympathetic to her—an intellectual woman of that era with all these expectations of what you are supposed to do—how many children to have, etc. She loved her children, but was restless and wanted to go for more.

**DH:** Is this book a beach read?

**EG:** My book on Amazon has been classified as family saga, and historical drama fiction. And I resist both of those. Mine is much more complicated. It has got a lot of beach in it, but it is not a beach read. The setting is integral to it but it is not a beach read.

Well – we have a lot of talented creative writing students at Endicott College where I teach. One of my former students, Max Mirabile, sent me a poem about shoes. And I would be remiss if I didn't tell you to watch your "step" with this young poet.



#### Factory Shoes

Maybe, we're all wayward souls looking for a way out.  
Spent so long squeezing into factory shoes,  
small enough to contain us  
that we've become numb to these  
hand-me-downs.  
This society that holds our hands down.  
Only raising them when it's time to change shoes.  
Feet out.  
Toe's pointed.  
Watch your heels.  
Years of this and we're still wearing what they want us to.  
Walking around like counterfeits,  
reproductions, imitations, replicas,  
when we're only us.  
Only ever been us no matter what they say.  
It might be cliché, but it's an obvious truth.  
Feet out.  
Toe's pointed.  
Watch your heels.  
Us has never left us.  
Pressing against the soles of our factory shoes as each toe  
bends, folds, distorts, depreciates with every step.  
But it's finding appreciation in every step that,  
loosens the laces.  
It's discovering no step is the same step that,  
lifts the tightened lip a bit.  
It's learning how to walk while others run,  
running while others walk,  
that leaves you bare foot in a world of broken glass.  
Feet out.  
Toe's pointed.  
Watch your heels.  
It's taking leaps while others surrender  
their ability to negotiate with  
themselves.  
It's conquering the ability to dress yourself that,  
wears out the factory shoes on your feet.  
Feet out.  
Toe's pointed.  
Watch your step.

– Max Mirabile

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