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Citywide election 2023 unofficial results



Both candidates for public office in Somerville and their supporters were out in force on Tuesday, stumping for themselves or their chosen representative as Election Day unfolded.

By The Times Staff

The citywide election for the City of Somerville took place on Tuesday, November 7. A number of City Council seats were contested, along with a challenge for the Office of Mayor.

In the race for mayor, incumbent Katjana Ballantyne prevailed to win her second term, defeating challenger William Tauro with 13,592 of the votes, compared to the 3,010 garnered by Tauro.

The unofficial vote totals for all races at press time are as follows:

Mayor

Katjana Ballantyne — 13,592
William (Billy) Tauro — 3,010
Blank — 312
Write-in — 201

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Everyone is invited to 'The Sleep Out'

On Friday, November 17, members of the Tufts community and the Somerville Homeless Coalition (SHC) staff will be braving the elements and sleeping outdoors to spread awareness and support for SHC's most vulnerable clients.

Although we will never understand the toll that hunger and homelessness have on SHC's clients, this event hopes that they can fuel the community's passion and desire to help our neighbors who are without a home and food. Join them on November 17 to take part from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

The event will be split into two parts: From 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. they will be hosting activities and discussions dedicated to raising awareness for SHC's most vulnerable clients. Attending this portion of the event is a great way to support SHC and their mission if you're not able to sleep out with us through the night. From 11: p.m. to 7:00 a.m. they will be sleeping out on Res Quad. Continued on page 4



The Somerville Homeless Coalition, in cooperation with members of the Tufts community, are organizing this year's "The Sleep Out" event to help raise consciousness about homelessness in the city.

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Congratulations to those who were elected to public office in Somerville this week, and thanks to all who tossed their hats into the ring, whether successful or not. Every candidate should be proud of their efforts in contributing to the diversity of choice in every office. Our returning mayor, **Katjana Ballantyne**, faces many challenges as well as opportunities in her upcoming term. Let's wish her and our new and returning Councilors the best as they head into the new year.

The city will host a **Veterans' Breakfast** on **Friday, November 10**, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at the **Somerville Council on Aging** (167 Holland St.). The breakfast is open to local veterans and their families on a first come, first serve basis. Then, on **Saturday, November 11**, all community members are invited to attend a wreath-laying ceremony at the **Veterans Cemetery** (1330 Broadway) in West Somerville. The service will begin at 9:00 a.m. with a short speaking program. A **wreath laying ceremony** will follow. The event will take place rain or shine.

Happy birthdays this week: Happy birthday to **Joe Lynch**, who is celebrating this week. He is a great friend to many of us in the city and beyond, we wish him a great birthday. Happy birthday to a former Alderman At-Large, amongst her many other accomplishments, **Helen Corrigan**. We wish her the very best of birthdays. We wish all of our Facebook friends, such as *Continued on page 7*

Somerville Weather Forecast

for the week of November 8 – November 14 as provided by the National Weather Service

DAY	CONDITIONS	HIGH/LOW	PRECIPITATION	HUMIDITY	WIND
 Wednesday <i>November 8</i>	Sunny	46°/32°	2%	1%	N 14 mph
 Thursday <i>November 9</i>	Rain	44°/39°	53%	44%	SW 7 mph
 Friday <i>November 10</i>	Cloudy	50°/38°	22%	16%	WNW 7 mph
 Saturday <i>November 11</i>	Partly Cloudy	51°/32°	20%	14%	WNW 10 mph
 Sunday <i>November 12</i>	Partly Cloudy	47°/34°	4%	2%	W 10 mph
 Monday <i>November 13</i>	Partly Cloudy	49°/33°	15%	9%	NW 8 mph
 Tuesday <i>November 14</i>	Sunny	50°/37°	18%	10%	NW 9 mph

NOTE: Conditions subject to change. Always check a daily forecast prior to activities that can be affected by the weather.

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Comments of the Week

Response to: Bye-Bye Summer

Mike Bonanno says:

Hanging around on the corner of Bay State Ave with Teddy, Charlie, Jimmy, Norman and a whole bunch more. Going around banging street signs making a lot of noise. Playing tag football, wiffle ball, throwing baseball cards against the curb. Wish I had those cards today. Opening the back of Teddy's Fathers truck and helping ourselves to cup cakes. Trum Field on the 4th of July, Going to the Mystics.

Rabbit says:

Four corners at powderhouse park

Response to: Broderick/Sullivan nuptials

Tim Cronin says:

Congratulations PJ! Always a great guy. Mary is a lucky girl.
Tim Cronin- Mr.Cronin – former PE Teacher at Winter Hill School

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Somerville Public Schools Jobs

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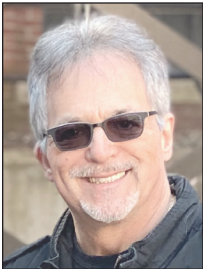


Life in the

VILLE

by Jimmy Del Ponte

One hour mayor



I did a survey of my social media friends and asked a question. You are mayor for one hour. If you could change one thing about Somerville what would it be? Each set of quotes is a response. Here they come.

“Fix streets and sidewalk also flashing lights at every senior building.”

“Align the municipal elections to coincide with national elections to improve voter turnout.”

“Get rid of the corrupt politicians in the city and get rid of the stupid sticks around the rotaries.”

“I would make you my chief of staff.” (no thanks!)

“Finally give the city workers a new contract. They’ve been out for well over a year with city hall showing no signs of bargaining in good faith at all.” (amen!)

“Repair City Hall.”

“I would restore common sense!”

“Make it a lot easier for us that drive cars to get around the city. Make the bus lanes 6-9 a.m./Mon-Friday ONLY!!! Reconfigure the sidewalks to the way the used to be, not halfway out in to the streets.”

“Stop them from making the curb cut-outs, bring back meters in front of business so my mom of 83 doesn’t have to walk a block or two to go into an establishment. They have accommodated the bikers and took away all the easy access and parking from the seniors.”

“Paving streets! Stop making up foolish projects that aren’t helping the city like new “roundabouts” and no new schools...we are already burdening the taxpayers as it is. Most people move out of the city before their kids are school age anyway.”

“It’s also hard for SHS and City Hall staff to find parking when they come to work. All of the no parking sign on Highland Ave, because of construction, has the time of 7AM-3PM”

“Back our police give them the money and tools they need to keep a full staff that reflects our population and crime.”

“Open the McGrath highway exit ramp that leads to target and allow more right turn on reds. Also change the timing on the Somerville ave lights so u don’t have to stop at everyone.”

“I’d turn Somerville hospital into a rehab and living space for people from here to help them get clean. Turn a section of it into housing for mothers in domestic abuse situations as well. With Around the clock therapy available.”

“Repave Highland Ave from Walnut to School Streets. A real car rattler.”

“Mayor for 1 hr awesome, dive right in... call immediate in person staff meeting (dont show up fired) of entire city officials, find out who does what, get 3 min status of what is going on in department and city wide from every office while reviewing managements qualifications for position, take notes demote unqualified staff or those who think Somerville is a stepping stone or who have egos. Try to fix what I



can but always keep the city’s residents involved, informed and in my heart. I would do this if elected mayor. The job is not 9 to 5 it is 24/7. It is about thriving the entire city as one not one group, one section ONE!!. This is why I write in my name every year. Its time the residents get their city back.”

I was amazed at how many people commented. Check out the Facebook page, The Pride of Somerville for complete responses.

Neighborhood Meeting



City Councilor JT Scott & the Union Square Neighborhood Council invite you to a follow-up community conversation about the future of Somernova.

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

7 - 9 PM



For more information and to register for the neighborhood conversation, please visit somernova.community

In Person – @ SOMERNOVA
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Citywide election 2023 unofficial results

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Councilor At-Large Willie Burnley Jr. — 11,283 Charlotte Kelly — 8,980 Kristen Strezo — 11,933 Jake Wilson — 10,853 Will Mbah — 11,033 Blank — 13,931 Write-in — 447	Councilor Ward One Matthew McLaughlin — 1,281 Matthew Ryan Hunt — 365 Blank — 79 Write-in — 3	Councilor Ward Two JT Scott — 1,755 Blank — 325 Write-in — 63	Councilor Ward Three Ben Ewen-Campen — 2,071	John Fitzgerald — 577 Blank — 136 Write-in — 5	Councilor Ward Four Jesse Clingan — 1,575 Blank — 348 Write-in — 20	Councilor Ward Five Jack Perenick — 1,071 Naima Sait — 2,043 Blank — 117 Write-in — 9	Councilor Ward Six Lance Davis — 1,896 John M. (Jack) Connolly — 749 Blank — 92 Write-in — 11	Councilor Ward Seven	Judith Pineda Neufeld — 2,083 Blank — 401 Write-in — 40	School Committee Ward One Emily R. Ackman — 1,369 Blank — 342 Write-in — 17	School Committee Ward Two Ilana Krepchin — 1,731 Blank — 385 Write-in — 27	School Committee Ward Three Sarah Phillips — 2,291 Blank — 482 Write-in — 16	School Committee Ward Four Andre Green — 1,512 Blank — 412	Write-in — 19	School Committee Ward Five Laura J. Pitone — 2,649 Blank — 564 Write-in — 27	School Committee Ward Six Ellenor Barish — 2,161 Blank — 565 Write-in — 22	School Committee Ward Seven Leiran Biton — 2,007 Blank — 491 Write-in — 26
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Keep track of the latest updates online at [www.thesomervilletimes.com](http://www.thesomervilletimes.com/downloads/election_totals11072023unofficial.pdf). Go to http://www.thesomervilletimes.com/downloads/election_totals11072023unofficial.pdf to see how each ward voted.



Everyone is invited to 'The Sleep Out'

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Register for the sleep out portion of this event by Monday, November 13, 11:59 p.m., so that they can ensure they have enough supplies for everyone. They encourage you to bring your own sleeping bags/tents.

Every year SHC hosts this event to spread awareness and support for our neighbors who are experiencing homelessness and food insecurity ahead of the winter season. While SHC staff sleep outdoors they are asking you, our community, to spend a night in your car, backyard, couch, or anywhere that is not the comfort of your bed.

To learn more about the event and to get involved visit <https://fundraise.givesmart.com/vf/SleepOut23>.

By partnering in The Sleep Out, Tufts students are proud to continue their long partnership with SHC that dates back many decades. For years, Tufts students organized a fundraising dinner called, Faculty Waits On You, and the entire proceeds went to SHC.

Another constant throughout the decades has been FOCUS' pre-orientation program in which students secured food donations for SHC's pantry.

Additionally, in the late 2000s,

Tisch College organized a 3-year community research project co-led by the SHC and a community health faculty member. This project engaged students in learning about research methods, immersing them in the Somerville community, and learning from community members and leaders. The research helped SHC to understand the population better, particularly with regard to food insecurity. One outcome was a successful fundraising drive that resulted in a new walk-in refrigerator for SHC's food pantry so perishable foods can be properly stored.

A man smiling and holding a water bottle at the Sleep Out event.

Somerville resident wins quilting competition

Antinette Evans is the co-owner of Quilters Common located in downtown Wakefield, rear of the Alano Building. In addition to being a business owner, Antoinette is a talented quilt designer and frequently offers block of month programs where quilters create one block per month, that block being a cus-



Common Crossings Quilt, blue ribbon.

tom design by Antoinette. At the end of 12 months, they have 12 blocks, when sewn together create a large quilt. There is a large local following for these monthly programs which bring people from many towns (and other states) to Wakefield. Virginia Post, a Somerville resident, participated in the “Common Crossings” block of month program last year and recently entered her beautiful quilt at the Topsfield Friar where she won 1st Place and Judges Choice Award. This is a very big deal! Quilt pattern designed by Antoinette Evans of Quilters Common, quilt top pieced by the talented Virginia Post and finally, long arm quilted by Julie Legere, Ironworks Quilting of Saugus,

Mass. Local artists are so excited to have seen the quilt and have such a wonderful win for customers of Quilters Common. Virginia Post is a lifelong resident of Somerville and has been a loyal customer of Quilters Common since they opened their doors in 2010. She partakes in classes offered at the store as well as Wednesday sit n sew where she gets assistance as needed from shop personnel. The entire staff is so excited to see her take home this blue ribbon. We invite any quilter to stop in to Quilters Common and ask about the custom quilt patterns (some are ready as kits) and classes that are offered. The Common Crossings quilt is offered in 2 distinct colorways and



L to R: Antoinette Evans, owner of Quilters Common and Virginia Post, award winning quilter.

samples are hanging in the store. Quilters Common is open daily with the exception of Tuesday when they are closed.

Congratulations to the three very talented quilters involved with Ginny’s amazing Common Crossings quilt.



ROXBURY COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH

COMMUNITY INPUT SESSIONS

- 1 Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 4:30 pm
- 2 Friday, November 17, 2023 at 10:30 am

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COMMENTARY

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My Thoughts at the End of the Campaign



By Will Mbah

During the final days of the 2023 campaign, I have taken a few minutes to reflect on the how our democratic process is working in Somerville and to look ahead to the ways the city will be able to respond to citizen needs in the coming year.

It has been a good campaign – invigorating and challenging – even though this year’s issues have not generated strong differences of opinion. Somerville seems to be in a good place with respectful debate and orderly public process. People express many different opinions on how to improve our city, its environment, economy, social structure, justice and equity. But we all seem to share the fundamental idea that we can continue to progress by working together. We

are not fearful of the future and are not trying to build defensive walls around our city.

Whatever the outcome of a particular election, I have learned that any citizen who has run for and held elected office, keeps the identity of public servant – in or out of office. There is no expiration date. The depth of knowledge you gain about the city, its policies and process, does not go away. The network of colleagues and supporters that you form in doing city business continues to be a source of ideas, information and satisfying friendships. You continue to observe and can find opportunities to speak and work on problem-solving.

For me, I find it especially satisfying to watch how many young people come forward at meetings and forums. They show up for a first time somewhat tentatively but then get excited and engaged. They find a voice, join a campaign. Some of them even come to me to ask advice about pursuing a public service career.

We are in good shape in Somerville so long as this cycle of engagement of our young people can continue and older folks are

there to offer guidance.

Is the city changing?

Somerville is just one municipality in the urban region, the state and nation, and it cannot isolate itself from bigger trends and problems. In particular, we

ideas they care about. But they seem still to stay within the rules and good practices so that their passion does not spill over into hot-headed disrespect. Similarly, our city leadership does work hard to be open and transparent,

confident that our approaches and solutions are correct. Together we keep learning and refining. I hope and expect that you all will stay engaged and continue to work to hold city leadership accountable.

LEGAL NOTICE



Somerville Housing Authority
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
Phase 1B (Lot C1) of the Clarendon Hills Redevelopment

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE LONG-TERM LEASE OR DISPOSITION OF SHA LAND AT 34 NORTH ST (LOT C1), SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS LAND FOR MARKET RATE AND MIXED-INCOME HOUSING

Issued on 10/18/2023, 2023

To select a developer partner to assist the Somerville Housing Authority (“SHA”) in implementing Phase 1B at Lot C1 of the mixed-income redevelopment of its state-aided public housing development at 34 North St., Somerville, MA in conformance with the 40B Permit (as defined below) issued for the site, subject to modifications approved by SHA as discussed further below.

IMPORTANT DATES

Pre-Proposal Meeting/Site Tour: 11/01/2023 11:00 AM at 30R Memorial Rd. Somerville
Proposal Submission Deadline: 11/21/2023 1:00 PM
Developer Selection: 12/20/23

Request for Proposal Documents should be made through email to BrianL@SHA-web.org on or after Wednesday Oct 18th. Brian Langton 617-625-1152 Ext.331

Please submit proposals to Brian Langton, no later than 12/21/23 at 1:00 PM.

OBJECTIVES

SHA desires to procure a developer who will (i) maximize the purchase price/upfront ground lease rent payment for Lot C1, while proposing a budget for the redevelopment of Phase 1B that covers costs for relocation and infrastructure and utilities (to the extent not covered by public funds already awarded as described more fully below), and (ii) complete the redevelopment of Phase 1B, Lot C1 on an expeditious timeline.

Background

On or about March 18, 2016, SHA issued a request for proposals entitled “Request for Proposals for the Long-Term Lease of SHA Land at 34 North St., Somerville, Massachusetts and the Development of this Land for Mixed-Income Housing,” in connection with the contemplated development, rehabilitation, construction and operation of mixed income rental housing, including at least 216 units of state-aided public housing on 34 North St.

On or about April 8, 2016, Preservation of Affordable Housing LLC, a Massachusetts limited liability company, Gate Residential Properties, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and The Somerville Community Corporation, Inc., a Massachusetts nonprofit corporation, collectively (the “Original Developer”) submitted a proposal to develop 34 North St. On or about May 6, 2016, SHA designated the Original Developer as the developer for 34 North St. As of January 11, 2023, SHA entered into a Land Disposition/Development Agreement with the Original Developer with respect to 34 North St. (the “Original LDA”).

The Original LDA divided the redevelopment of 34 North St. into the following three projects:

First Building E (Phase 1A), followed by Buildings A & B (Phase 1B), and finally completed with Building D and Townhouses (Phase 2) as detailed further in the chart below (although the order of development of Phase 1B and Phase 2 is flexible). The full redevelopment includes 3 new streets, a new park, and demolition of 9 total buildings. Infrastructure, access and utility matters will be documented through one or more cross-easement agreements, and each phase shall pay its share of construction and maintenance of the same. Respondents should assume a baseline of \$3,100,000 for its share of construction costs of infrastructure, access and utilities.

SUMMARY	TOTAL	Phase 1A Building E	Phase 1B Buildings A&B	Phase 2 Building D and Townhouses
Replacement Units	216	130	15	71
Affordable (<80% AMI) [Inclusionary zoning requirement]	75	38	16	21
Affordable (<110% AMI) [Inclusionary zoning requirement]	5	0	5	0
Market Units	295	0	295	0
Total Units	591	168	331	92

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Early Music Ensemble:
Isabella’s Music

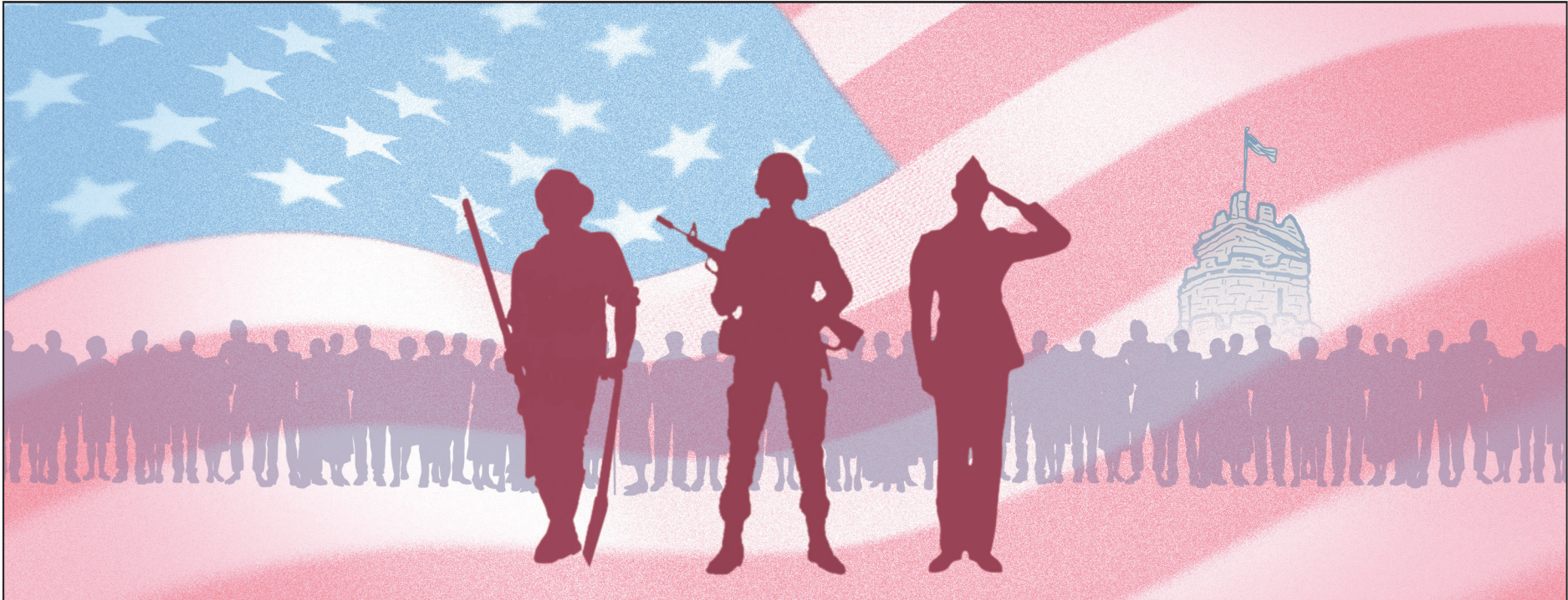
The Tufts University Department of Music presents “Early Music Ensemble: Isabella’s Music” in the Distler Performance Hall at the Perry and Marty Granoff Music Center on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 8:00 pm. Music from the court of one of the most influential musical patrons of early 16th century Italy, Isabella D’Este of Mantua. Music for viols, harpsichord, voices, Renaissance harps, recorders, lute, and other Renaissance instruments. Special guest Dan Meyers, recorder, sackbut, and percussion, and featuring works by Josquin, Martini, Verdelot, and others. Jane Hershey, director.

The Granoff Music Center is located at 20 Talbot Avenue on Tufts’ Medford/Somerville campus. Center Box Office at 617.627.3679.

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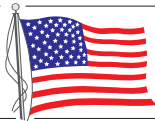
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Let us all honor our veterans on their special day.

Our View Of The Times



We honor them every year and we regard them with awe and deepest admiration. Proud, but humble in countenance, they seem to simply play their part in our annual celebration of appreciation for their courageous contributions to the wellbeing of our nation. The well-being of ourselves as a society.

The flesh and blood reality is even more awe-inspiring as we realize how fragile life

truly is, and yet these brave men and women each took a stand and declared that no harm should come to their fellow countrymen. Not on their watch.

Veterans Day is a time when each of us has a rare opportunity to reflect a small fraction of that magnificent commitment to humanity back upon the heroes who helped to make us all so much safer in a sometimes savage world.

Those of us who never served in the military cannot know the hardship, privation, and sacrifice that these people have made on behalf of all of us. Some have made the supreme sacrifice. It is for them most of all that we bow our heads and utter prayers of solace and of gratitude for the precious gifts that they have laid before us. Those of liberty and a future free from fear of enemies seen and unseen.

We must endeavor to express our thanks at every possible opportunity. Veterans Day is one opportunity, but there can be many more if we choose to make them. It is up to us to do just that.

We can take a stand and commit ourselves to celebrating the contributions of our beloved champions, one and all, each and every day to come. We ask that everyone here and elsewhere do just that.

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Betsy Almeida Pesce, Ivy Powers, Peggy Foley Arbeene, Mary Bean Fitzgerald, Donald Gallarelli, Victoria Macrokanis, Donald Gallarelli, Elena Clamen, Jerry DiGiovanni, Cheryl Bertocchi, John Kane, Dottie Bowman, Tanya Kalousdian, Antonette Biondo and Antonette Almeida a very happy birthday. We hope everyone has a great day. To all the others we may have missed, we sincerely wish them the very best of birthdays.

Get the latest on the **Spring Hill Sewer Separation** project at a virtual community meeting on **Monday, November 13**, at 6:00 p.m. City staff will review prog-

ress made and present an overview of the work planned for this upcoming winter and spring. Featured updates include a review of planned streetscape improvements throughout the neighborhood and sewer/drainage utility upgrades along Summer Street between School Street and Bow Street. Learn more and register to attend at somervillema.gov/springhill.

Premiere on Broadway at 571 Broadway, Somerville, and the **Friends of Somerville** are hosting a **fundraiser** for **Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll** on **November 14** from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend and meet the

Lieutenant Governor. Suggested Donations \$100, \$250, \$500 and \$1000. Seniors may attend free of charge.

Join the **Somerville Arts Council** on **November 13** to discuss how to increase art space to expand Somerville's creative capacity. Join the discussion at **Warehouse XI**, 11 Sanborn Court at 6:00 p.m. RSVP at: <https://somervilleartscouncil.org/culturalcapacity/conversations>.

Wreath sales have begun. Buy a wreath from the **Next Wave / Full Circle Annual Wreath Fundraiser** (donations welcome). Wreath pickup for the community

at NW/FC on **November 28 and 29** from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. (There will be no tree lot this year.) Wreaths sold to staff members will be delivered to schools. The cost is \$25. To order, visit <https://somerville.k12.ma.us/next-wave-full-circle-wreath-sale-2021>.

The **Somerville Community Growing Center** is holding their **annual wreath sale** also. It's that time of year again. Time to order your wreath. Consider purchasing a beautiful, handcrafted holiday wreath, which helps to support programming and care for the Growing Center. Volunteers work behind

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FUN & GAMES

Ms. Cam's
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Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

1. What time is recommended to observe two minutes of silence in honor of veterans every Veterans Day?

2. What are the ridges in corduroy are known as?

3. How deep is a standard golf hole?

4. What is the name of the camel on the Camel Cigarettes pack?

5. How many letters are in the Hawaiian alphabet?

6. Who is the first female rapper to be nominated and inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame?
7. Which company has the motto "Save money. Live better"?

8. What is a French cooking term for thin strips of vegetables?

9. What TV show had Lurch as the butler?

10. What album brought The Clash popularity in the U.S.?

11. In what country did the first Starbucks open outside of North America?

12. Which is the largest written constitution in the world?

Answers on page 11

The Somerville Times Useless Facts of the Week

1. You would likely "mutate" in space without a spacesuit.
2. In most ads, the time displayed on a watch is 10:10.

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- ACROSS
1. "If all ____ fails..."

5. End of philosophical system

8. Center of our orbit

11. Indian flatbread

12. Take down, as in a dragon

13. Yemeni neighbor

15. Homer's "Iliad", e.g.

16. Copper coin with issuer of Thanksgiving Proclamation

17. A sign or symbol, archaic

18. A certain famous Mayflower rock

20. 5K, a.k.a. Turkey ____

21. Blair or Hayek

22. Spy org.

23. Like hikers' camps

26. Tourney grid

30. Beehive State native

31. Casual top

34. Money in Milan

35. Belches

37. Roth ____, acr.

38. Low-ranking workers

39. Old Norse texts

40. Major Black Sea port

42. Dog command

43. Resize

45. Thanksgiving, a.k.a. ____ Day

47. Baby goat

48. Subway entrance

- DOWN
1. Compass dir.

2. Arctic native

3. Flying jib, e.g.

4. Enclose in a cyst

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Soultion to last week's crossword puzzle:

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5. Part of small intestine

6. Traditional occupant of the last parade float

7. Pumpkin pie at the first Thanksgiving, e.g.

8. Asian food thickener

9. Tbs. or tsp., in Thanksgiving recipe

10. Zip

12. Chews out

13. Ostium, pl.

14. " ____ on 34th Street"

19. '90s TV sitcom "Boy ____ World"

22. TV tube in days gone by, acr.

23. Sweet one or russet one

24. Short musical composition

25. Smart candy?

26. Women's undergarments

27. Newsstand, e.g.

28. "Sesame Street" Muppet
29. Dinner exclamation?

32. Sweep under the rug

33. Fury

36. Lions' opponent this year

38. ____ exclusion principle in physics

40. Like something for a wedding day

41. Bad rep

44. Supermarket walkway

46. Let for money

48. Form of civil disobedience

49. Lock of hair

50. Past participle of "be"

51. Knitter's ball

52. Long live, in French

53. Itty-bitty bit

54. Like part of McDonald's logo

55. Rubber substitute, acr.

58. Stanley Cup org.
- Solution in the next edition of The Somerville Times.

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the scenes starting as far back as the summer - growing, picking and drying flowers, and gathering nature materials from farms and woodlands. The results: Hand-decorated evergreen wreaths, each featuring a homemade bow (in your choice of three colors: red, burgundy, or purple), adorned with locally sourced pinecones, delicate dried flowers, and ornamental peppers and berries. To purchase visit their online store: bit.ly/fcgstore

Join Jimmy Tingle and friends for a comedy benefit on November 12, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. at Dilboy VFW Post, 351 Summer St, Somerville. All proceeds to benefit the George Dilboy VFW Post 529. Tickets \$25. Contact: 781-325-6591.

The Somerville Community Growing Center is turning 30. Record a memory from the comfort of your own home or from anywhere on your mobile device. bit.ly/gc-30.

The Somerville Council on Aging will be hosting Mayor Ballantyne’s Thanksgiving Luncheon on Tuesday, November 14, at the Dilboy Post, located at 351 Summer Street from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Enjoy a Thanksgiving Celebration of turkey, stuffing and all the fixings. Please reserve your spot by calling Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321.

In preparation for the cold months ahead,

the Somerville Homeless Coalition is in urgent need of winter clothing and apparel to keep their clients warm and safe. Donations of socks, hats, jackets, hand warmers, sweatpants, and more will go a long way towards keeping the most vulnerable clients protected against the unpredictable New England weather. All donations can be dropped off at their Engagement Center located at 1 Davis Square, Somerville between Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., closed each day from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. for lunch. Help keep our neighbors safe this winter.

Somerville Public Schools will be holding a free Flu Vaccine Clinic on November 16, 3:00 – 5:30 p.m. at the East Somerville Community School, 50 Cross St. Sign up for an appointment here: <https://www.somervillema.gov/vaccinations> or walk in. Clínica de Vacunación Contra la Gripe GRATUITAS16 de noviembre: 3PM-5:30PM, Escuela Comunitaria de East Somerville, 50Cross St<https://www.somervillema.gov/vaccinations> Clínica de vacinação contra a gripe GRATUITAS16/nov/23: 15h-17h30, East Somerville Community School, 50 Cross St <https://www.somervillema.gov/vaccinations> Klinik Vaksen pou, Grip GRATIS 16/11/23: 3PM-5:30PM, Nan East Somerville Community School ki sitye nan 50 Cross St <https://www.somervillema.gov/vaccinations>

Help keep our waterways clean in your neighborhood by joining Somerville’s Adopt-a-Drain program. A storm drain clear of leaves, trash or other debris allows water to flow into the catch basin sump and can prevent flooding. When you adopt a drain (or drains), you commit to caring for a local storm drain of your choice by checking on it before and after heavy rain, wind, or snow. Bonus perk: you can also give it a name. Claim your drain at somerville.mysticdrains.org.

Join the Somerville Public Library and a representative from the ACLU for a workshop on understanding your legal rights in the U.S. Visit the Central Library on November 9, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. to learn more about your right to be free from discrimination based on race, ethnicity, or national origin, and how the law protects you. This workshop will look at: What does discrimination on the basis of race, ethnicity, or national origin look like? What your rights are and how to exercise them. What to do if you believe your rights have been violated. Register: <https://somervillepubliclibrary.org>

Congratulations to the Somerville High School Golf Team for winning the Greater Boston League Open Tournament.

Somerville Public Schools Winter Sports registration is now open for both middle grades and high school athletes.

Learn more and register for middle grades sports: <https://somerville.k12.ma.us/mgathletics>. Learn more and register for high school sports: <https://somerville.k12.ma.us/teams>.

Visit the Blue: The Celebration of a Color exhibit at the Somerville Museum, through December 2, One Westwood Rd. The exhibit showcases paintings, photography, installation, fashion, and video works of local artists who incorporate blue in their studio practice. For hours visit www.somervillemuseum.org.

Registration is open for Learn to Skate and Learn to Play Somerville Youth Hockey. All sessions take place at either Veterans or Founders rinks in Somerville. Beginner classes are geared towards kids 3-9 who have never skated nor played hockey before. There’s also a new Advanced option for kids aged 9 and older who are ready for a more fast-paced introduction to the fundamentals of hockey and skating. Financial aid (and some equipment) is available. To learn more and register, visit <https://www.somervilleyouthhockey.org/ltsltp>.

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Dorothy’s Corner

BY DOROTHY DIMARZO



Cranberry Sauce

I never purchase store bought cranberry sauce anymore because homemade is easy to make, and tastes so much better. The rosemary and orange essence compliments the tartness of the cranberries perfectly. Feel free to substitute a cinnamon stick for the star anise.

- 12 oz. Fresh Cranberries
- 1 Medium Orange, Zested & Juiced
- 1 Rosemary Sprig
- 1 Star Anise, Optional
- 1/4 Cup Maple Syrup
- 1/2 Cup Sugar

In a 3-quart sauce pan, add all the ingredients, mix well, and cook over medium/low heat. Stir often. When the mixture slowly boils, you will hear the cranberries popping. Cook for about 10 minutes. Turn off the heat and let the mixture cool down. It will thicken while it cools down. Discard the rosemary and star anise. Transfer to a well-sealed container and refrigerate. This can be made a couple of days before the big meal. Yield approximately 2 cups.

Visit Dorothy’s website at <http://ddimarzo2002.wix>.



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LEGAL NOTICE - HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (HPC)

The Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) will hold a public meeting and public hearings on **Tuesday, November 21, 2023** at 6:45pm on the following applications, in accordance with the Historic Districts Act, Chapter 40C of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, and/or the City of Somerville Code of Ordinances, Pt. II, Chap. 7, Sections 7-16 – 7-28.

Pursuant to Chapter 107 of the Acts of 2022, this meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission will be conducted via remote participation. An audio recording of these proceedings will be available upon request to historic@somervillema.gov.

TO USE A COMPUTER

Registration URL:

https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/WN_RDMY8QvdR60c4APLcwJwdQ

Webinar ID: 899 5208 6095

TO CALL IN

An attendee must register for the meeting online in order for a call-in number to be emailed to them by Zoom.

ALL OF THE CASES ADVERTISED BELOW HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING COMPONENT**Alterations to Local Historic District (LHD) Properties****HP23-000054 – 141 Central Street**

Applicant: David Bischoff

Owner: : Same as Applicant

The Applicant seeks a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace wood windows.

Determinations of Historic Significance (STEP 1 IN THE DEMOLITION REVIEW PROCESS)**HP23-000043– 11 Auburn Avenue**

Applicant: Garrett Einis

Owner: 11 Auburn Avenue, LLC

The Applicant seeks to demolish a building constructed a minimum of 75 years ago.

HP23-000044 - 45 Broadway

Applicant: Somerville Gateway Development LLC

Owner: CDA Realty, LLC

The Applicant seeks to demolish a building constructed a minimum of 75 years ago.

HP23-000029 - 181 Pearl Street

Applicant: 181 Pearl St. LLC

Owner: Same as Applicant

The Applicant seeks to demolish a building constructed a minimum of 75 years ago.

Determinations of Preferably Preserved (STEP 2 IN THE DEMOLITION REVIEW PROCESS)**HP23 - 000024 – 97 Highland Avenue**

Applicant: Somerville Young Men's Christian Association

Owner: Same as Applicant

The Applicant seeks to demolish a building constructed a minimum of 75 years ago.

Case documents reviewed by the HPC are available on the City website at <https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/historic-preservation/hpc-cases>. Cases may be continued to a later date; please check the agenda (posted 48 hours in advance of the meeting) on the City website or email historic@somervillema.gov to inquire if specific cases will be heard. Continued cases will not be re-advertised. **Note:** Written comments due to historic@somervillema.gov **NO LATER THAN NOON** one week prior to the meeting date. Email historic@somervillema.gov with inquiries.

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**SOMERVILLE CITY COUNCIL
LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE
PUBLIC HEARING**

There will be a Public Hearing before the City Council's **Committee on Licenses and Permits** on **Wednesday, November 15, 2023** at 6:00 PM, on three petitions for Sam's Gas & Service.

- Transferring Flammables License, from John's Auto sales to Sam's Gas & Service 166 Boston Avenue.

- New Garage License, Sam's Gas and Service, 166 Boston Avenue, 2 vehicles inside, 4 vehicles outside, Mon-Fri: 8am-6pm, Sat: 8am-4pm, Sun: closed.

- New Used Car Dealer License, Sam's Auto Sales, 166 Boston Avenue, 0 vehicles inside, 28 vehicles outside, Mon-Fri: 8am-6pm, Sat: 8am-2pm, Sun: closed.

This meeting will be held by remote participation, using the Zoom platform.

You have two ways to be heard at this meeting:

1. Virtually through the Zoom Webinar platform. Enter this link into your internet browser any time before the meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/WN_QQnzU1f0QZuUCz_0mQ56g

You can also find this link on the City Council's calendar. You will then be asked to register, and after registering, you will receive an email with instructions to join the webinar.

2. If you are unable to attend but wish to be heard, you may email your comments to publiccomments@somervillema.gov, send them by US mail to the City Clerk, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, 02143, or drop them into the secure drop box outside the back door on the School Street side of City Hall. Your comments must arrive no later than 12 Noon on the day of the Hearing, in order to be sure they are conveyed to the Council.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND AND BE HEARD.

LORI JEAN BATZEK, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
LICENSING@SOMERVILLEMA.GOV

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**City of Somerville
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**
City Hall 3rd Floor, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville MA 02143

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The **Somerville Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA)** will hold a virtual public hearing on **Wednesday, November 15, 2023**, at 6:00pm through GoToWebinar.

Pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023, this meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be conducted via remote participation. An audio recording of these proceedings will be available upon request to planning@somervillema.gov.

TO USE A COMPUTER

Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/WN_5TNcDxMJRumXXZIAAg0p9A
Webinar ID: 824 7883 7394

TO CALL IN

An attendee must register for the meeting online in order for a call-in number to be emailed to them by Zoom.

The Zoning Board will consider the following pursuant to M.G.L. 40A and the Somerville Zoning Ordinance:

35 McGrath Hwy 35 McGrath Highway Realty Trust seeks zoning relief from the following requirements of the High Rise (HR) district, all of which require Hardship Variances: front setback requirements, driveway in the frontage area, and façade not parallel to the front lot line.

Development review application submittal materials and other documentation may be viewed online at

<https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/ospdc/planning-and-zoning/reports-and-decisions>

Interested persons may provide comments to the Planning Board at the hearing or by submitting written comments by mail to Planning & Zoning Division, 3rd Floor City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143; or by email to planning@somervillema.gov.

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Become a Somerville Climate Forward Ambassador



Lead your community in the fight against climate change and apply to join the city's Climate Forward Ambassador program. Prior knowledge about climate change is not required.

Up to 35 members will meet monthly with City staff and engage in discussions and decisions about climate change and environmental justice, learn about the impact of various climate actions within Somerville, engage in city-led climate programs and projects and encourage other residents to take action.

Participants will receive a \$400 stipend for participating. Somerville residents ages 16+ are invited to apply: <https://form.jotform.com/232748299799179>. Apply now or by Sunday, November 12.

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The Trial Court

Probate and Family Court

MIDDLESEX Division

Docket No. MI23P5533EA

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

Estate of:

Jean

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Burgholzer

First Name

Middle Name

Last Name

Also Known As:

Date of Death:

May 11, 2023

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of

Petitioner

Catherine

Hirst

of

Somerville

MA

First Name

M.I.

Last Name

(City/Town)

(State)

[x] a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

[x]

Catherine

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of

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has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve [] with [x] without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATIONS

282 Broadway, Somerville 01915

Release Tracking Number 3-35920

Pursuant to the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (310 CMR 40.0480), a Permanent Solution with conditions has been completed and a Notice of Activity and Use Limitations has been recorded for the above referenced site at the Middlesex South County Registry of Deeds in Book 82141 on Page 61. Releases of oil and/or hazardous materials occurred at this location, which is a disposal site (defined by M.G.L. c. 21E, Section 2). The Activity and Use Limitations have been recorded to control the use of the property identified as the AUL Area. Response actions at this site were conducted by the 282 Broadway nominee Trust who employed Geological Field Services, Inc. to manage the response actions in accordance with the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (310 CMR 40.000). Any person interested in obtaining additional information or reviewing the disposal site file may contact Luke Fabbri, at Geological Field Services, Inc., 14 Hubon Street, Salem, MA 01970 or at (978) 594-1376. These documents and other site related reports are available online at the MADEP home page.

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PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTING SERVICES DEPARTMENT

RFQ 24-03

The City of Somerville, through the Procurement and Contracting Services Department, invites sealed bids for:

On-Call Architectural & Engineering Services

for Various Municipal Buildings

(House Doctor Contract)

AAAn RFQ may be obtained online at www.bidexpress.com, <https://www.somervillema.gov/procurement>, or from the PCS Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 on or after 11/09/23. Sealed proposals will be received at the above office until: 12/06/23 1:00PM EST. The Chief Procurement Officer reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

Please contact Andrea Caruth at acaruth@somervillema.gov for more information.

Andrea Caruth

Deputy Chief Procurement Officer

617-625-6600 x3400

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PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTING SERVICES DEPARTMENT

RFP # 24-27

The City of Somerville, through the Procurement & Contract Services Department invites proposals for:

Strategic Planning Consultant

A request for proposals (RFP) may be obtained online at www.bidexpress.com, <https://www.somervillema.gov/procurement>, or from the PCS Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 on or after Wednesday, November 8, 2023. Sealed proposals will be received at the above office until: 2:00 pm, Wednesday, November 29, 2023. The Chief Procurement Officer reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

Please email Thupten Chukhatsang at tchukhatsang@somervillema.gov for more information.

Thupten Chukhatsang

Senior Procurement Manager

617-625-6600 x3400

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East Somerville fall clean up

East Somerville Main Streets held their annual East Somerville fall clean up last Saturday, meeting up at the East Branch Library to help beautify the neighborhood. Coffee and Pastries are provided by Ola Cafe.
— Photos by Claudia Ferro

Ms. Cam's

Olio

Answers

1. 2:11 p.m. EST

2. Wales

3. 4 inches

4. Old Joe

5. 13 Letters

6. Missy Elliott

7. Walmart

8. Julianne

9. The Addams Family

10. London Calling

11. Japan

12. The Constitution of India

'Holdovers' opens this Friday in Somerville



The movie *Holdovers* will be premiering this week, playing in theaters across the country, including the Somerville Theatre. Several scenes were filmed in Somerville. Former Somerville Alderman Bob McWatters got a chance to take a picture with the lead actor Paul Giamatti during a break on Summer St. The trailer for the film is here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AhKLpJmHhI>

Somerville through the eyes of Denise



October blossom...

— Photo by Denise Provost

BOBBY'S DAD JOKES CORNER

By Bobbygeorge Potaris



Which is faster, hot or cold?
Hot, because you can catch a cold.

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On This Day in History November 8

- 0392 – Theodosius of Rome passes legislation prohibiting all pagan worship in the empire.
- 1793 – The Louvre opens in Paris.
- 1864 – President Abraham Lincoln is re-elected in the first wartime election in the U.S.
- 1887 – Doc Holliday dies of tuberculosis in Glenwood Springs, Colorado.
- 1910 – The Democrats prevail in congressional elections for the first time since 1894.
- 1923 – Adolf Hitler attempts a coup in Munich and proclaims himself chancellor.
- 1938 – Crystla Bird Fauset of Pennsylvania, becomes the first African-American woman to be elected to a state legislature.
- 1942 – The United States and Great Britain invade Axis-occupied North Africa.
- 1960 – John F. Kennedy is elected 35th president
- 2000 – Dispute begins over US presidential election between George W. Bush and Al Gore.
- 2013 – Super Typhoon Haiyan slams into the Philippines, killing over 5,000

Trick or Treat at the COA

On Tuesday, October 31, local seniors celebrated Halloween at the Council on Aging's Holland Street Center. Attendees enjoyed music, a costume contest and trick or treating with the COA staff and volunteers from the Somerville Police Department.

— Photos by Claudia Ferro





OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

DUCKDOG DAYS

By Off the Shelf Correspondent Lawrence Kessenich

When I met my wife, Janet, she was a pianist and Eurhythmics teacher. She had a variety of ways to make me melt, but one of them was playing Brahms. She would sit at the piano, back straight, head held high, fingers poised over the keyboard, her beautiful green eyes aglow, and then start in, leaning into the piece as she played with incredible feeling, teasing every ounce of emotion out of each measure. It sent shivers up my spine.

I was an editor at Houghton Mifflin, then, and I wrote some poetry and short stories on the side. I was the word guy. I had never played an instrument in my life, so what Janet could coax from a piano astounded me. Happily, though, she was as impressed with the way I used words. We had our separate creative spheres, and though I sometimes wished we could share them more intimately, our mutual appreciation for each other's skills was enough.

Janet was surprised the first time I asked her to critique something I'd written.

"I can't do that," she said.

"Why not?"

"I'd have no idea what to say."

"Just say what you think about it – what you like and don't like."

"But I'm not an editor."

"An editor is just an intelligent reader, someone who takes the time to read something carefully and respond honestly."

"Really?"

"Pretty much."

"What if I give bad suggestions?"

"I don't have to take them. No writer does. If it resonates with me, I'll use it. If it doesn't, I won't."

She hesitantly agreed, and, after reading the piece, offered a few tentative criticisms.

Over time, Janet became more confident in her editorial instincts, and it turned out she had good ones. I always found her criticisms valuable (not that I didn't occasionally get huffy about ones I didn't want to hear, but she persevered.) Over time, she got better and better at it.

It also turned out that when she had to write something – a course description or instructional material or family newsletter – she wasn't bad at stringing words together, herself. Feeling insecure about her writing, and being less experienced taking criticism, she didn't always enjoy being edited, but she was open-minded enough to learn from it.

About fifteen years into our marriage, in the midst of raising two children, Janet began to have less and less interest in teaching and performing music. She had experiences with an acupuncturist and a homeopath that piqued her interest in alternative healing,



and she started thinking and reading about it. Eventually, she decided she wanted to become a healer. She was trained in Reiki, and went on from there. She stopped teaching at Longy, kept a handful of piano students, and took on a few healing clients. As her business grew, she eventually gave up the piano students as well.

Sadly for her Brahms-loving husband, she also gave up playing the piano. Her heart just wasn't in it any more. I cried foul, at first. I'd married someone who could serenade me while I sat reading in the living room, and it just wasn't fair for her to bait and switch like that! But I got used to it. She couldn't bring herself to get rid of her "engagement piano," though (we'd bought it in lieu of an engagement ring – just as her parents had done), so it became an obstacle around which she had to work in what was now her healing room. Her clients didn't seem to mind. Apparently, there is something comforting about lying down on a healing table beside that lovely black hulk.

I had made a career change, leaving book publishing my living writing software manuals and marketing materials, which left me more energy to do my own writing. Over time, I've written in virtually every genre: children's books, short stories, novels, poetry and plays; and though I've never worked hard enough at getting published to have more than a little success, I love writing.

When the second of our two children flew the nest, Janet suddenly had a lot more space, literally and figuratively – in her day, in her mind, in the house. Part of what emerged in that space was a desire to write about her healing work.

"I'm not really a writer, though," she said.

"Anybody who writes is a writer."

"But what if I'm no good at it?"

"You are good at it. You've just never put a lot time into it. If you do, you'll get better."

She started with a few paragraphs on a spiritual theme in the monthly email she sent out to more than two hundred clients and acquaintances. The pieces were well-written, and they got enthusiastic responses. She started thinking about someday writing enough of them to produce a book. *Continued on page 15*

Lyrical

SOMERVILLE

edited by Doug Holder

Lawrence Kessenich won the 2010 Strokestown International Poetry prize in Ireland in 2010. His poetry has appeared in the *Sewanee Review*, *Atlanta Review*, *Poetry Ireland Review*, and many other magazines. He has published five books of poetry, the novel *Cinnamon Girl*, and has had plays performed at many festivals. His books are available at lawrence-writer.com



What Snow Loves

Snow loves 32 degrees Fahrenheit.
It loves the pale red eyelashes of
a 10-year-old. It loves the 12 days
of Christmas, a freshly cleared driveway,
sun sparkling off it the day after a storm.

It loves to dance through the yellow halo
of a street lamp, swirl like a dervish
across a wide-open meadow, be pushed
aside by a dog charging through. Snow
clings to the earth like a jealous lover.

Snow will keep you alive if you burrow
under it, quench your thirst if you melt it,
soothe your pain if you hold it to a cut.
Packed into balls, it will cause pain,
exploding on your face like wasp stings.

Reluctant to leave, snow hides in shadows
behind schools and apartment buildings,
sometimes long into spring, holding down
crocuses like a middle school bully
until their delicate, powerful leaves
burst free—and the snow loves that, too.

— Lawrence Kessenich

To have your work considered for the Lyrical send it to:

Doug Holder, 25 School St.; Somerville, MA 02143. dougholder@post.harvard.edu

Sts. Louis and Zelie Martin Parish Annual Christmas Bazaar

The Sts. Louis and Zelie Martin Parish Annual Christmas Bazaar took place on Friday, November 3, and Saturday, November 4, at St. Catharine's Hall. There was a silent auction, raffles, games, punch board, refreshments, and much more for the attendees.

— Photos by Claudia Ferro



Off The Shelf CONT. FROM PG 22

Then, she got another inspiration. She often used musical metaphors when talking with her clients about spirituality and healing, and it suddenly occurred to her that she had enough ideas to start exploring a book called something like *Music Lessons for the Spiritual Life*. She jotted down notes for a while, and then started in on trial chapter. But she found it difficult to set aside blocks of time to write, so it didn't get very far.

At about this time, I reconnected with Steve Lewis, an undergraduate writing teacher of mine, who, it turned out, held writers' workshops at his summer place on Cape Hatteras. Five solid days of serious writing and critiquing in a cottage on the Outer Banks of North Carolina in October didn't sound bad at all to me. Janet encouraged me to go.

Then a thought occurred to me: Why don't we both go? Our time was much more flexible with the kids out of our daily life, we liked to get away to new places, and we both loved the beach. I suggested it to her.

"I can't go to a writers' workshop!" she said.

"Why not?"

"I can't write for six hours a day."

"You've been complaining that you don't have blocks of time for writing."

"What if I don't produce anything? It will be a big waste of time and money."

"There's no pressure. We'll be on Cape Hatteras. If you run out of things to write about, you can walk on the beach or read a book."

"But strangers will be critiquing my writing. I'm scared."

"Steve is the gentlest, most supportive writing teacher I've ever had. That's why I still remember him after all

these years. He won't let anybody get nasty."

She thought about it for a couple days, and decided it was worth a shot. If it didn't work out as a writing workshop, it would still be a nice vacation.

At the affectionately name Duckdog Cottage, where the workshop took place, Steve set a schedule that freed us to focus on our writing. We ate breakfast between 8:30 and 9:00. Steve did the dishes, while we started writing, and we wrote from 9:00 to 12:00 or 12:30. Late in morning, Steve went out and bought sandwiches for us. We ate lunch together, and continued writing until 3:00 or 3:30. After that, went on an outing to the beach, a nature preserve or a historical site, and then we came back and, over wine and cheese, read to each other what we'd written that day. The goal was to produce 3,000 words each day. It was a productive and supportive atmosphere, and Janet, though "not really a writer," was right in there with us.

On day one, she completed a draft of her first chapter. With many caveats about its inadequacy, she read it to us that evening. It began with her sitting under the piano as her mother played, feeling the sound waves wash over her body and watching her mother's feet dance on the pedals. It was clear, concrete, well-organized, and moving. We all responded with sincere enthusiasm. We also offered some challenging critiques, which she took in without withering. She was clearly amazed at what she'd produced.

Later, as we lay in bed, she spoke about how she felt.

"Thank you so much for encouraging me to come down here. This is a life-changing experience for me."

"Isn't it exciting to write something like that, and have people respond to it?"

"It's wonderful. And I'm looking forward to making the

changes everybody suggested. I can't wait to get started tomorrow!"

"Do you see why I love writing so much, now?"

"Absolutely."

Over the course of the workshop, I felt as if I watched Janet become a full-fledged writer. She stuck to her chair, took in the daily critiques of her work and set about acting upon them the following day, often going her fellow writers one better in making revisions. She went to Steve for advice whenever she got stuck or needed a clarification. Over days three to five, she rewrote her first chapter and drafted a second and third chapter – a level of production that even the most experienced writer would be delighted with. I was incredibly proud of her.

While we were on the Outer Banks, she and I resolved to have our own "Duckdog Days," on which we would mimic the writers' workshop schedule at home. And we did it, with a friend of ours and our daughter. We were both eager to get to our writing, and to share what we wrote with our fellow writers.

Although I occasionally miss the musician I married, that loss has been more than compensated for by finding out that was married to a fellow writer. After the workshop at Duckdog Cottage, our empty nest was filled with the sounds of pens scratching on paper and computer keyboards clicking away – which led to Janet finishing and publishing a book of essays called *Music Lessons for the Spirit*. The piano keyboard remained silent, but there was a different kind of music in our relationship then. We entered a whole new phase of creative sharing, of artistic camaraderie. And I have a feeling we'll be playing this tune together for the rest of our lives.

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