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Much needed infrastructure improvements on the city's water and sewer systems are being cited as the main reason for the surprise additional fee showing up on resident's water bills, according to Acting Water and Sewer Superintendent Mark Lawhorne. — Photo courtesy of Somerville Neighborhood News

By Amy Swain

The Board of Aldermen held a regular meeting last Thursday, August 25. It was the first meeting since the end of July, and there were some big issues on the table.

The meeting opened with Mayor Curtatone giving an update on the Wynn Casino project. The city had appealed licenses on the building project, citing that some of its allowances were unprecedented and arbitrary. Particularly the length of the license and the lack of effort on the part of the state to assist with increased traffic and pollution.

The mayor was happy to announce success. While the new standards are not perfect, we gained some significant ground. The license previously given was for eighty-five years; it has been altered to fifty years. There is a ferry route set in place to help with traffic, which was only required for fifteen years; that *Continued on page 4*

Somerville Alibrandis: 2016 YBL Champs



Your 2016 Yawkee Baseball League Champions, Somerville Alibrandis.

- Photo courtesy of Yawkee Baseball League

The art of outdoor piano painting pages 12–13 By Mark Desroches Courtesy of Yawkee Baseball League

 chise was able to win 7-4 completing the series sweep and winning the 2016 Yawkey League Championship. Somerville has been to the YBL Finals 17 times in its history and they have won every single time, 17-0. The story starts with the Alibrandis pitching staff, which was asked to keep the Al Thomas Athletics' line-up at bay. Al Thomas proved to be the most prolific offense in the history of the Yawkey League through the regular season, but the Somerville pitching staff was equal to the task holding them to 11 runs in the 4 game series. Quality starts by Sean Sullivan, *Continued on page 14*

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The 16th Annual Golf Tournament for the John T. Forcellese Memorial Fund will be held this year once again at the Falmouth Country Club in Falmouth, MA. Saturday, September 10. Tee time is 8:30 a.m. If you'd like to play or sponsor go online to www.johns-team.org for all the information regarding this excellent fundraiser for a worthy cause.

Coming up shortly, in September on the 13th, **DISCOVER** ... East Somerville's best-kept culinary secrets at 15+ restaurants. From 14 Broadway to 192, join the 2016 Participants: **Maya Sol, Casey's, Connexion, Fasika, Rincon Mexicano, Taco Loco, Los Paisanos, East End Grille, Vinny's, Ola Cafe, La Brasa, Tapatio, Gauchao, Blanca's, Deano's Pasta, Joe's Liguors, Amigos Market**, and more!

At the last **Board of Alderman** meeting, the **Water Department supervisor** appeared and was questioned at length about the increase and why there was no public hearing, at which time he declared that a public hearing was held. A lot of the aldermen, including **Bill White, Katjana Ballantyne** and **Mark Niedergang** all questioned him and it appears they will have another hearing date. Alderman White asked that the Water Department come back to the board at its next meeting, September 13, at City Hall. The increase, which has already been sent out, is for \$60 per bill (that's 3 times a year), over 11K water meters in the city. Our question, as was as some of the aldermen, why wasn't this discussed at the budget meetings only two months ago?

Congratulations to our good friend **David LeBahn**, a Somerville resident who recently won the 2016 EMACT/DASH award for Best Actor in recognition of his portrayal of Beverly Carlton in Spotlight 'Theater's production of *The Man Who Came to Dinner*. We know he works hard at the business. You can see David in many movies that were shot in the Boston area over the past couple of years. In particular, you can catch him in Hovey Theater's upcoming *Chapter Two*, running throughout the month of September, and in the December release of *Patriot's Day*.



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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: *Plastic bag ban begins*

Gaspar Fomento says:

Good to see this finally taking hold. Too much is too much. Time to grow up and do what's right.

Matt says:

Plastic bag ban is optically a good political move because it is visible, everyone can see the change and the city is not required to lift a finger or pay a cent. But the real impact is not significant at all. More trash cans on the street, including residential areas, that are actually emptied regularly to not overfill would be greatly more impactful than a plastic bag ban. But that costs the city money and a plastic bag ban only cost the store and the customers money.

1.Single use plastic bags make up small a fraction of a percent of the waste stream created in city. There are bigger culprits to target in order to reduce garbage creation.

2. Plus while single use, they are reused for other things, like carrying sandwiches to work or lining bathroom trash cans. Now, other single use bags will be used in their place so the net saved is not as much.

3. Further, the process to create a reusable bag requires an order of 100x more energy and material than a single use bag, so for every single use bag, you will need to make many more trips to get the environmental benefit.

4. Reusable bags need to be cleaned often as bacteria can easily be deposited from raw foods and contaminate food and make people sick. The cleaning takes away from the perceived environmental benefit.

Yes, banning single use bans will prevent them from being blown in the wind when littering, but on my walk today from work, I saw dozens of pieces of little on the sidewalk and not one of them were a single use bag. I saw pages from unwanted newspapers that are continually left on doorsteps, business, flyers, liquor bottles, plastic cups and so on.

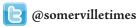
While the plastic bag ban, might provide some small benefit, do not kid yourself. in the grand scheme of things it is nothing more than a ice cube in an ocean.

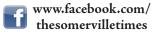
Cooper says:

Agree completely. People like to make excuses for holding back progress, but most folks smell B.S. when it's presented and this is no exception. I'm proud that our city is leading the way once again. Others will soon follow.

PeterH says:

To the author of 'Our View Of The Times', August 24, who wrote about plastic bags: "Well said." For those of us born in the 1950s or before, we remember our grandparents going to the local grocery store with their shopping bags. And how they talked about doing this before supermarkets, and plastic bags, became commonplace. It's not so difficult to go back to this behavior again, and even though it doesn't solve our trash and recycle issues, it does help. When this topic of plastic bags went through Legislative Matters at City Hall, Katjana Ballantyne gave her "girl on a bicycle" speech, and where she reminisced about being a kid and going on her bicycle to get groceries carrying her shopping bags. So this is what we do today: it's easy to keep a shopping bag or two in a backpack; it's easy to keep several in a car trunk; maybe it's not so easy to remember to take them all the time we go to the market, but we learn to do so over time. My gripe is that the City of Somerville wouldn't take plastic bags through recycle, and said that it wasn't economical to do so,





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though other cities did it. But that's academic now. So welcome to life with shopping bags again, and some of you can tell your kids and grandkids about the good old days when plastic bags flew around and lived in the trees.

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Bicyclist killed by commuter train in Somerville

By Jim Clark

A man riding his bike at a railroad crossing at Park St. in Somerville on Sunday afternoon was reportedly hit and killed by a commuter rail train.

According to MBTA Transit Police, at approximately 1:30 p.m. Transit Police officers assigned to the North District received a radio call to respond to the vicinity of Park Street in Somerville for a possible person struck by a Commuter Rail train. Multiple TPD units responded along with Somerville Police, Fire and EMS.

Preliminary information from Transit Police personnel on the scene suggest that at the Park Street grade crossing in Somerville, the bicyclist went through the fully functioning gates, which were in the down position for an approaching outbound Fitchburg Line train.

The bicyclist, who has been identified as 31-year-old Jean Leonard, of Cambridge, continued onto the right of way and was struck by the aforementioned train. Leonard was pronounced deceased as a result of injuries sustained.

Transit Police detectives along with representatives of the Middlesex DA's Office are currently investigating the facts and circumstances surrounding the incident.

Service on the Fitchburg line between Porter Square and North Station was temporarily cut off by the MBTA through the remainder of the afternoon, but was resumed later in the day. Several delays in rail service occurred in the area due to the incident.



The cyclist reportedly tried beating the train as he crossed the tracks at Park St.











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Door checker gets a ride downtown

Police officers were dispatched stated that the man walked toto a Jay St. location at around 1:00 a.m. on Sunday on reports of a motor vehicle breakin in progress.

According to reports, a glove-wearing suspect was spotted checking door handles of cars parked on Howard St. by the reporting party, who wards Jay Street and continued to check door handles of cars parked there, then entered a parked SUV.

Upon arrival, police located the SUV in question and noted that the interior light was on and that a man was siting inside, on the driver's side.

As the officers approached the vehicle, the suspect, later identified as Mark Brathwaite, of Cambridge, exited the vehicle and began running down Jay St.

Officers chased Brathwaite on foot and followed as he reportedly fled down Jay St., turned onto Thorndike St., then onto the bike path, eventually jumping a fence into the backyard of a Howard St. residence.

Brathwaite reportedly attempted to hide in the front porch area of the Howard St. home, but officers spotted him there and asked him to surrender.

Brathwaite ran once again and hopped another fence, sustaining light cuts and abrasions in

the process, but officers caught up with him and administered a shot of pepper spray to aid in securing his arrest. He was transported by ambulance for treatment of his injuries.

Brathwaite was subsequently charged with resisting arrest and nighttime breaking and entering of a vehicle or boat.

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Arrests:

Joshua Freedman, of 51 Clarendon Ave., August 22, 8:04 a.m., arrested at Broadway on warrant charges of uninsured motor vehicle and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Davis Wanzo, August 23, 9:52 a.m., arrested at Alewife Brook Pkwy. on warrant charges of armed robbery and threat to commit a crime.

Stanley Georges, of 45 Memorial Rd., August 23, 5:14 p.m., arrested at Temple St. on charges of violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon and receiving a stolen motor vehicle.

Jude Eudor, of 31 Waters Ave., Everett, August 23, 5:14 p.m., arrested at Temple St. on charges of violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon, drug possession to distribute, and receiving a stolen motor vehicle.

Kerri Hight, of 287 Main St., Medford, August 23, 6:54 p.m., arrested at Cross St. on charges of drug violation near a school, conspiracy to violate drug law, and drug possession to distribute.

Michael Pyram, of 216 Bry-

ant St., Malden, August 23, 6:54 p.m., arrested at Cross St. on charges of drug violation near a school, conspiracy to violate drug law, and drug possession to distribute.

Laura Oliver, of 60 Derby St., August 25, 3:20 p.m., arrested at Middlesex Ave. on warrant charges of shoplifting by concealing merchandise, shoplifting by asportation, and receiving stolen property under \$250.

Lisa Belen, of 110 Swan St., Everett, August 25, 3:20 p.m., arrested at Middlesex Ave. on warrant charges of juror failure to attend, shoplifting by concealing merchandise, assault and battery, and failure to send child to school.

Sara Fogarty, of 50 Pine St., Lowell, August 25, 4:02 p.m., arrested at Ibbetson St. on charges of possession of a class B drug, witness intimidation, possession of a class C drug, and disorderly conduct.

Christopher Lopes, of 169 Warren Ave., Pawtucket, RI, August 25, 4:02 p.m., arrested at Ibbetson St. on charges of reckless operation of a motor vehicle, resisting arrest, use of a motor vehicle without authority, assault, possession of a class B drug, operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs, possession of a class C drug, and possession of a class D drug.

Mark Brathwaite, of 2515 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, August 28, 1:03 a.m., arrested at Jay St. on charges of resisting arrest and nighttime breaking and entering of a vehicle or boat.

Peter Sharon, of 145 Highland Ave., August 28, 8:16 a.m., arrested at Greenville St. on warrant charges of marked lanes violation and negligent operation of a motor vehicle.



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BOA back to work: water fee, Wynn, and wrongful hiring practices

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has been increased to fifty. "It has never been about getting more money," the mayor said, "But about doing all we can for

unpaid overtime wages. "This is not just how they save a few dollars here and there," Niedergang continued, "It is their business model." While there has been little they can do regarding this project, the board continues to look for solutions, and is taking action to prevent these practices in the future. Perhaps the most pressing issue involved the recent increase in water charges. Acting Superintendent of the Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund Mark Lawhorne presented to an unhappy board. He revealed that a study has been in process since April, 2015. When the Water Department presented in June, there was no mention of a fee, or even a study. In fact, there was a slide in their power point presentation regarding the budget that read matter-of-factly "No

fee increases." However, when the tri-annual bills began arriving recently, there was a new \$60 additional base charge. Every board member voiced disappointment and frustration about the fee, and about the amount of grief they have been receiving from their constituents about a fee they were blindsided by. Alderman Sullivan expressed confusion on why it makes more sense to charge everyone more - with some bills more than doubling – than to charge people appropriately to their usage. Further, the additional moneys going to the water department should have been included in the budget to allow for difference in what the department may require from city funding.

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our environment and the quality of life and health of our people. We did that."

Another order of business concerned responsible hiring practices. "This is about the type of working relationships we should have in our city," stated Ward 5 Alderman Niedergang, who enjoyed the support of the entire board. The discussion was spurred by the hiring of Callahan, Inc. construction at Assembly Row. Federal Reality was given roughly 73 million dollars of state and city funds, and was urged to use responsible contractors. They hired Callahan, who allegedly has a history of unethical business practices, including poor safety standards and

Alderman at Large White

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pointed out that there is an ordinance requiring departments to present proposed rates no later than May 15, in a public hearing to then be approved. There is the opportunity for a waiver if there are outstanding circumstances. As neither was done, White is having the legality of the fee examined. He also requested that when the study is complete (anticipated date of September 12), it be put on the city's website so that the BOA as well as the public can evaluate and form questions for the public hearing scheduled for September 13.

Plastic Bag Ordinance goes into effect September 1

By Tom Bannister

The City of Somerville is reminding residents that beginning September 1, single-use plastic bags will be banned at checkout points throughout the city. The ban is the result of an ordinance - passed by the Board of Aldermen in November 2015 - aimed at reducing solid waste and protecting waterways and other aspects of the environment.

While customers are strongly encouraged to bring their own reusable bags with them, retailers will be able to provide either recyclable paper bags or reusable bags at checkout. There will be no charge to customers for paper bags, but many businesses will continue to sell durable, reusable bags and totes. Stores may also continue to offer customers plastic bags in produce, meat and fish, frozen food, and bulk food sections. Additionally, dry cleaning and newspapers may still be packaged in plastic bags.

Ward 7 Alderman Katjana Ballantyne, Chair of the Committee on Open Space, Environment and Energy, believes this ordinance is an important step in protecting the City's wildlife and environment. "Plastic bags produce litter, waste, and harmful greenhouse gas emissions," Ballantyne said. "The goal of the ordinance is to encourage businesses and shoppers alike to use more environ-



It's curtains for plastic shopping bags as of Thursday of this week.

mentally friendly options."

"I commend the Board on taking the initiative to address concerns surrounding the harmful impact that single-use plastic bags have on our environment," Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone said. "Plastic pollution is a detriment to many, and it is crucial that we protect the City's waterways, parks and streets to ensure that Somerville is a safe place to live now and in the future."

The ordinance will be rolled out in two phases. Businesses with more than 10,000 square feet of floor space must comply by September 1, while all other retailers have until December 1 to meet compliance regulations. Retailers found to be non-compliant will receive a warning for first violations. Subsequent violations will carry a fine.

The City has two remaining drop-in information sessions to help businesses prepare for the ordinance and to answer questions: Tuesday, September 13, 10:00-11:00 a.m. and Thursday, September 29, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

All sessions will be held in the Aldermanic Chambers located on the 2nd Floor of City Hall at 93 Highland Ave.

For more information regarding the plastic bag ordinance, visit www.somervillema.gov/ plasticbags.

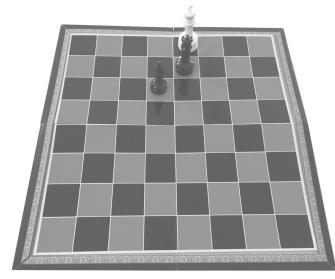
The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week



Checkmate By Bob (Monty) Doherty

Chess is thought to be almost as old as civilization itself. This two-person strategy and tactical board game dates back at least fourteen hundred years. Game pieces and game boards survived the ancient world from India, China and Egypt.

Interest in this pastime bridged countries and continents and captured the fascination of monarchs and emperors across the eastern world. It taught military skill and maneuvering and heightened concentration. Trading along the famous silk road brought commerce and exchange to Europe. With this, interest in chess soon followed. In the west, it became known as The Game of Kings or The Royal Game.



Modern chess is sometimes referred to as Queen Chess, since the game changed in play during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I when the game's queen piece was given more power. In America, the first well-known colonial American chess player was Benjamin Franklin. This Declaration of Independence signer wrote an essay titled, The Morals of Chess.

Over half of America's presidents were chess enthusiasts spanning from George Washington to Bill Clinton. Through the years, international as well as American admirers of chess flourished. Military devotees included Napoleon Bonaparte, Generals Grant, Eisenhower, and Patton. Singers Ray Charles, Ricky Nelson and Willie Nelson also played the game. Famous actors included Marlin Brando, Humphrey Bogart, Dean Martin, and George C. Scott. Like these others, John Wayne liked to play the game in between sets to help his concentration and focus. Harry Nelson Pillsbury was born in 1872, the year that Somerville became a city. He grew up on Sargent Avenue on the edge of Winter Hill. His father was a teacher at the Prescott Grammar School and later the Assistant Principal Harry Pillsbury Hastings 1895 of Somerville High School where his son attended. Harry's first introduction to chess was after the loss of his mother when he was fifteen. His father thought the game would help him through his bereavement. Within four years, he had acquired the nickname the "Boston Wonder," after playing in dozens of competitions.

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Harry Pillsbury had a photographic memory and an unquenchable appetite for chess. He Continued on page 15

Q&A: Candidates for State Senate Second Middlesex District

The Somerville Times submitted five questions to the candidates for State Senate Second Middlesex District, along with the opportunity to include a short bio/statement. The following answers were submitted by the candidates (presented in alphabetical order by last name):

Leland Cheung



Bio:

My father immigrated here in 1969 and taught me the importance of civic activism, giving back to community, and participating in democracy. My parents also taught me the importance of hard work and investing in education, which led to my degrees from Stanford, Harvard, and MIT. Before joining the Cambridge City Council I was an entrepreneur and investor, helping develop the innovation economy and making sure it works for us.

Our extended community enjoys a long, rich history and also represents the future both economically and culturally. It is why my wife and I decided to settle down and raise our children here. Yet for all that promise, we face incredible challenges - a housing market that is pricing people out, transportation infrastructure that is underfunded and falling apart, an underfunded school systems that fail to emphasize STEM education and delay the promise of early childhood education, an innovation economy that remains inaccessible to many, an environment in peril, and a government that all too often puts the interests of big business over small families.

As your State Senator I will never shy away from bold solutions to addressing our challenges, even if it means upsetting the establishment status quo. I will remain committed to pragmatic and innovative leadership that reflects our communities. I will listen to your suggestions, criticisms, and ideas, as I continue to publicly post my personal cell phone number. I'm running for State Senate to apply my unique background towards solving our most pressing challenges. Join us!

1. What is your position on the ballot questions to "lift the cap" on charter schools and why?

I encourage voters to read the text and decide for themselves. When politicians and advocacy groups use extreme rhetoric, it often means they don't trust residents' reasonable judgement. The legislature could have avoided this, but failed. Education funding in Massachusetts just returned to 2009 levels. The ballot question is targeted towards Massachusetts' worst performing districts, not Somerville. I don't want charter schools to replace traditional public education; however, I realize that while I enjoy options for my daughter, many on waitlists have none. I'm voting yes because it's not about what the MTA wants; it's about what our kids need.

2. What is your position on the ballot question to "regulate marijuana" like alcohol?

I was in college at Stanford when California essentially decriminalized marijuana. It was a free for all, but their society didn't collapse and their economy continued to compete. States that have legalized marijuana are enjoying hundreds of millions of dollars flowing into tax coffers rather than black markets. Our current marijuana regulations are part of an expensive, misguided, failed war on drugs that do more harm than good and perpetuate a pipeline to prison. This is long past due; let's think ahead to ensuring new tax receipts are effectively spent on investments in education, transportation, treatment programs, and each other.

3. Due to the high initial cost estimates for the proposed Green Line Extension, the project has been stalled and is being scaled back. What would you do to make sure the Green Line Extension becomes a really and how soon? What would you do to help speed the completion? Senator Jehlen has stated she's been working on the Green Line Extension for 15 years; in my mind, that's part of the problem. Local leaders have anted up and put Cambridge and Somerville taxpayers on the hook to see it through. No legislator can tell you what the Green Line Extension will cost; however, there have been no calls to reform a broken process. We need to rewrite the bidding process that got us here; firms should be required to publicly disclose how every public dollar is spent; and if a contractor is late and over-budget, they should be penalized.

4: Opioid abuse is a problem that cannot be ignored. What steps can the state legislature take to address this epidemic here in the District as well as the City of Somerville.

Opioids are an insidious breed of drug because they can actually rewire your brain. Addicts continue using, even when they want to stop. Middlesex County, which includes Somerville, has the highest number of overdose deaths from heroin and prescription opioids in Massachusetts, which itself ranks near the top in the nation. Massachusetts needs to treat this like the undeniable crisis it is. We have too many people who can prescribe too much, too easily. We're short on treatment beds and funding. We need to better enforcement along trade routes. We defer too easily to Big Pharma. We need action now.

5. What initiatives have you or would you support to enhance the environmental quality of the Mystic River watersheds.

In the 2015 Mystic River Water Quality Report conducted by the EPA, 6 of the 14 areas graded received a D or lower. Current guidelines produced by the EPA lay an impressive groundwork for improvement; what's lacking is funding, resolve, and legislation. We won't undo decades of pollution unless all levels of our government, community organizations and businesses jointly advocate for environmental stewardship and participate in the restoration of this important watershed. The coordination of 22 communities requires significant state intervention. I'm no fan of casinos, but we need to leverage what Wynn started to bring investment to the table.

Pat Jehlen



lars in new state aid to our schools in 1993. Fully funding our public schools, eliminating the waiting list for pre-school, and lowering tuition at our public colleges and community colleges are high on my to-do list for next year.

I helped lead the successful effort to raise the minimum wage to \$11 an hour and to give workers paid sick time. The "fight for \$15" is high on my list for next year.

This summer, my Equal Pay bill -- called "ground-breaking" by the NY Times -- became law. But we still need to upgrade the pay and status of those who work in the "caring" professions, taking care of the elderly and the sick. the cap were lifted, more of our local resources could be diverted to charter tuition. State aid and local tax revenues are limited. Somerville would have to eliminate programs and possibly close a school. Some families would gain a choice; others would lose theirs. The state Board of Education does not consider the effect on other children of granting a new charter. Decisions about school budgets and local tax dollars are best made at the local level by people who consider all children.

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3. Due to the high initial cost estimates for the proposed Green Line Extension, the project has been stalled and is being scaled back. What would you do to make sure the Green Line Extension becomes a reality and how soon? What would you do to help speed the completion? Our entire Somerville/Medford/ Cambridge delegation, along with our city officials, Congressman Capuano, and thousands of active residents continues to work together as we have for many years, testifying at myriads of hearings, building support, authorizing bonding, granting governors whatever authority they requested to expedite this extremely important project. I believe it will be completed on the current schedule, although not yet to Route 16 and not yet with the Community Path. The administration can't afford to give up \$1 billion in federal money and ignore the \$700 million in sunk costs. If necessary, we should go back to court. 4. Opioid abuse is a problem that cannot be ignored. What steps can the state legislature take to address this epidemic here in the District as well as the City of Somerville.

physicians need to be aware of painkillers' dangers. The bill we passed this year limits first opioid prescriptions and prescriptions for minors to 7 days supply. It requires doctors to get training, check with the Prescription Monitoring Program when they prescribe opioids, and educate patients about their dangers. Patients can request a partial prescription fill.

Make treatment more available. The legislature increased treatment funding by \$8 million. The Senate passed a bill requiring insurance coverage of 30 days treatment, and my bill to provide treatment in community corrections to pre-trial detainees instead of incarcerating them. 5. What initiatives have you or would you support to enhance the environmental quality of the Mystic River watersheds. I organized the Mystic River Legislative Caucus, which has gained hundreds of thousands of dollars in funding for the Mystic River Master Plan and its implementation, for cleanup of the water chestnuts, and for parks along the river, including Baxter Park in Somerville. I work closely with the Mystic River Watershed Association to protect the river and increase access.

BIO:

I'm grateful to the people of Somerville, who have given me the chance to serve as school committee member, representative and now senator. Alain and I raised our three children here. All are Somerville High graduates., Our granddaughters attend Somerville Public Schools.

My first job was as community organizer; I still use that approach as a legislator: listening to people's concerns and helping bring people together to resolve problems.

Working with colleagues and grassroots organizations, I helped bring hundreds of millions of dolThe Green Line Extension has been a high-priority, high-frustration struggle. Along with colleagues in government and hundreds of residents, I'll keep fighting for the extension to finally get built, to reach Route 16 and to complete the Community Path. I ask for your support, and welcome your ideas.

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1. What is your position on the ballot questions to "lift the cap" on charter schools and why? I oppose lifting the cap. Somerville spends almost 9% of its budget on charter school tuition. If 2. What is your position on the ballot question to "regulate marijuana" like alcohol?

I support this ballot question. The current situation is worse than legalization. 1/2 MA residents have used marijuana, and so have broken the law. Marijuana is no more likely to be a gateway than alcohol, but using it puts people in contact with drug dealers who may promote more dangerous products. Prohibition didn't work with alcohol and doesn't work with marijuana. The ballot initiative isn't perfect, but legislature won't take up the issue unless it passes. The funds generated should be devoted to education and prevention. See my League of Women Voters answers at http://patjehlen.org/ issues/responses-league-ques-

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Q&A: Candidates for State Representative Twenty-sixth Middlesex District

The Somerville Times submitted five questions to the candidates for State Representative Twenty-sixth Middlesex District, along with the opportunity to include a short bio/statement. The following answers were submitted by the candidates (presented in alphabetical order by last name):

Mike Connolly



Bio:

I am an attorney, a community organizer, and a proud progressive Democrat running for State Representative in East Somerville and parts of the Union Square area.

My commitment to social and economic justice stems from my own background. I was raised in public housing by a single mother who struggled with health issues. I spent time in foster care and benefited from a Head Start program and other social services as a young child.

With the help of these programs, caring community members, and an extended family, I had the support to overcome adversity and beat the odds. I went on to attend Duke University on a football scholarship. After that, I put myself through Boston College Law School, served as a managing editor for a progressive law journal, became a licensed attorney, and worked for a global technology company.

While I was fortunate to have these opportunities, however, so many of my childhood peers have ended up incarcerated, out of work, on the streets, or victims of the heroin and opioid epidemics. I know it doesn't have to be that way, but not everyone is given the support I had, and the results are just not something that we should accept in Somerville.

I respectfully ask for your vote on Thursday, September 8, so together, we can have the new leadership we need to make progressive for all of our residents. To learn more about my campaign, give me a call at (617) 202-3807 or visit www.mikeconnolly.org.

1. What is your position on the ballot questions to "lift the cap" on charter schools and why?

I oppose the ballot question to lift the cap on charter schools, and I am proud to say that I am the only candidate in this race who has consistently opposed efforts to lift the cap on charter schools in recent years. The reason why I oppose Question 2 is because additional charter schools are likely to siphon revenue away from our public schools. As someone who benefited from Head Start as a kid, I understand that we need to focus on raising revenue and making investments to ensure that every child in our Commonwealth has access to early childhood education.

2. What is your position on the ballot question to "regulate marijuana" like alcohol?

I support the question to regulate marijuana like alcohol. I think we need to take marijuana "out of the shadows," and regulate it just like we do alcohol, because that is the surest way to keep it out of the hands of children. Moreover, with the revenue we gain from taxing marijuana, we can fund new programs to treat those who are struggling with heroin and opioid addiction.

3. Due to the high initial cost estimates for the proposed Green Line Extension, the project has been stalled and is being scaled back. What would you do to make sure the Green Line Extension becomes a reality and how soon? What would you do to help speed the completion?

As State Representative, I will be a consistent vote in support of added revenue for our system of public transportation, including the MBTA, the Green Line Extension, and the Somerville Community Path. It has been 26 years since the state was ordered to build the Green Line Extension, but the legislature has failed to enact measures that would have made the project a success. Groups such as the Sierra Club, Mass Alliance, and Progressive Democrats of Massachusetts have endorsed my campaign, because they understand we need new leadership to make the Green Line Extension a reality.

4. Opioid abuse is a problem that cannot be ignored. What steps can the state legislature take to address this epidemic here in the District as well as the City of Somerville.

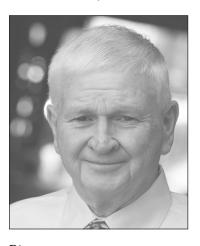
Somerville has made very significant strides in responding to the ongoing emergency that

is the heroin and opioid epidemic. The state legislature can build on the progress that has been made by the Somerville Police Department in its smart response to overdoses. We must ensure that all of our first responders are empowered to use Narcan, and we also must make deep investments in treatment programs and support for those overcoming addiction, including support for treatment facilities and affordable housing.

5. What initiatives have you or would you support to enhance the environmental quality of the Mystic River watersheds.

I will join with other members of the Somerville delegation to continue fighting for additional funding and implementation of the Mystic River Master Plan, and I will continue to be an ally of the Mystic River Watershed Association. In addition, I will not allow Gov. Baker to walk away from the commitments we have made to beautify and maintain the Mystic River, including continued efforts for invasive species control, such as the removal of water chestnut plants from the river.

Tim Toomey



Bio: My name is Tim Toomey and I am running for re-election to the office of State Representative from the 26th Middlesex District. I am running for State Representative because our community needs experienced, principled, and community-focused progressive leadership in the state legislature. I was raised alongside my four brothers and sisters in a working class household in East Cambridge. My mother worked as a clerk and union shop steward at the county courthouse, and my father was a Cambridge police officer. Both worked long hours to make ends meet for our family. They taught me and my siblings the values of compassion, hard work, and being a good neighbor.

While growing up, I saw how a community made up of immigrants from all over the world could still be close-knit and welcoming, and am proud to say that those values are alive and well in Somerville and Cambridge today.

As a lifelong Democrat, I am now honored to represent the community I was raised in as a member of the state legislature. I was elected to the Cambridge School Committee in 1985, and to the Cambridge City Council in 1989. In 1992, I was elected to the office of State Representative and have proudly served as both a City Councillor and State Representative since 1993. With your support, I will continue to fight to protect the rights of immigrants, increase the minimum wage, and bring paid family leave to all Massachusetts workers. You can learn more at timtoomey.org. 1. What is your position on the ballot questions to "lift the cap" on charter schools and why? I am opposed to the ballot question that would lift the cap on charter schools in Massachusetts. My position on this issue is simple: before we increase the charter school cap any further, we need to address the issue of funding reimbursement for our district public schools. This year, I continued to fight to add funding for public school reimbursement in the state budget, and although my opponent has attempted to distort my record on this issue, my strong support of our public schools has earned me the endorsement of the Massachusetts Teachers Association in this election.

2. What is your position on the ballot question to "regulate marijuana" like alcohol?

Although I supported the marijuana decriminalization and medical marijuana ballot questions, I have come to the conclusion that I cannot support full legalization at this time. I have concerns about opening up Massachusetts to out-of-state marijuana industry investors, and am troubled about the prospect of legalizing an intoxicating substance that we do not yet have accurate and reliable procedures for detecting in drivers. That said, I will respect the will of the voters and should the ballot question pass, I pledge to work constructively to make sure that legalization is implemented quickly and safely. 3. Due to the high initial cost esville, and too many families are struggling with this problem. timates for the proposed Green The legislature can and must Line Extension, the project has been stalled and is being scaled take a proactive role in address-

back. What would you do to make sure the Green Line Extension becomes a reality and how soon? What would you do to help speed the completion?

The Green Line Extension is absolutely vital for Somerville, and is long overdue. Over the past year, I have been working diligently with the Somerville legislative delegation to keep this project moving forward. State transportation officials must organize and appoint a new, fully-staffed GLX project team quickly to ensure that a new contractor can be chosen within 18 months. State officials must also listen to local Community Path advocates like the Friends of the Community Path, who have put forward new and interesting ideas about how the Community Path can be fully extended to North Point at minimal cost. 4. Opioid abuse is a problem that cannot be ignored. What steps can address this epidemic here in the District as well as the City of Somerville. The opioid abuse epidemic has not spared the City of Somering addiction in our state. Over the past term, I have worked to increase funding for treatment beds, helped pass landmark legislation that will limit quantities of opioids that can be dispensed to new patients, and voted for legislation that will expand needle exchange programs and reduce harm. I continue to support local grassroots organizations like Somerville Overcoming Addiction in their efforts to reduce stigma and raise awareness.

5. What initiatives have you or would you support to enhance

the environmental quality of the Mystic River watersheds.

The Mystic River Watershed encompasses over 21 cities and towns, which means that in order to adequately protect water quality in the Mystic, we need to fully fund the state agencies that enforce our environmental protection laws. I've proudly supported efforts to fund invasive species control in the Mystic River, and will continue to push for more funding in the state budget to enable state environmental agencies to fulfill their essential missions. I will also continue to support the important work of MyRWA in their efforts to revitalize and protect the Mystic.

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Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



Rep. Christine Barber

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



Rep. Timothy Toomey

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



signed \$38.92 billion fiscal 2017 state budget. A twothirds vote in both branches is needed in order for a veto to be overridden.

In his veto message, Baker cites the state's projected shortfall of \$650 million to \$950 million in the fiscal 2017 budget that the Legislature sent him. He said the vetoes are necessary to help close that gap.

He also gave a reason for reducing funding for each item that he vetoed. The reasons, however, as has been the case with governors of both parties in recent times, are vague and general. He used three phrases to explain many of his vetoes. "I am reducing this item to the amount projected to be necessary." "I am vetoing this item because it is not consistent with my House 2 [original budget] recommendation." And "I am striking language which earmarks funding for a program not recommended."

Democratic legislative leaders disagree with Baker and say that all 256 of his vetoes could be overridden without pushing the state budget out of balance. They say that Baker's cuts would have affected many important programs and hurt many people including minorities, women, seniors and children.

REDUCE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET BY \$53,044 (H 4450)

House 95-59, first sustained and then 105-49, overrode Governor Baker's veto of \$53,044 (from \$5,304,390 to 5,251,346) in funding for the offices of Gov. Baker, Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito and the Governor's Council. This was the only budget veto that the House actually sustained, only to reconsider and then override it. The Senate overrode the veto 25-13.

(A "Yes" vote is for spending the \$53,044. A "No" vote is against spending it. One roll call is recorded for senators and both roll calls are recorded for representatives.)

Rep. Christine Barber	Yes/Yes
Rep. Denise Provost	No/No
Rep. Timothy Toomey	No/No
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

ELIMINATE ENTIRE \$200,000 FOR PRE-KIN-DERGARTEN AND PRESCHOOL (H 4450)

House 149-4, overrode, Senate 37-2, overrode and then after reconsideration unanimously overrode 39-0 the entire \$200,000 in funding to support planning activities in cities, towns, regional school districts and educational collaboratives to expand their current pre-kindergarten or preschool opportunities. The measure requires that preference in awarding these funds be given to school districts serving high percentages of high-needs students. funds be given to schools in which the majority of students are eligible for free or reduced lunches.

(A "Yes" vote is for spending the \$150,000. A "No" vote is against spending it.)

Rep. Christine Barber	Yes
Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

REDUCE FUNDING FOR ONE-STOP CAREER CENTERS BY \$262,400 (H 4450)

House 129-23, Senate 38-1, overrode Gov. Baker's veto of \$262,400 (from \$4,025,000 to \$3,762,600) in funding for One-Stop Career Centers.

According to the state's website the centers are designed to give "unemployed individuals access to a variety of job assistance services, including working with experienced career counselors, attending workshops and short-term training, develop your resume, write cover letters and more."

(A "Yes" vote is for spending the \$262,400. A "No" vote is against it.)

Rep. Christine Barber	Yes
Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

REDUCE FUNDING FOR YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION BY \$60,000 (H 4450)

House 123-34, Senate 36-3, overrode Gov. Baker's veto of \$60,000 (from \$6,560,000 to 6,500,000) in funding for youth violence protection programs. The \$60,000 is earmarked for programs in Springfield.

(A "Yes" vote is for spending the \$60,000. A "No" vote is against it.)

Rep. Christine Barber	Yes
Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

STUDY OCEAN ACIDIFICATION (H 4593) -

The House approved and sent to the Senate a bill

Sen. Patricia Jehlen

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

THE HOUSE AND SENATE: Beacon Hill Roll Call records local senators' and representatives' votes on roll calls from late July sessions. All of the roll calls are from both branches' overrides of some of Gov. Charlie Baker's 256 vetoes of spending and other items in the recently

(A "Yes" vote is for spending the \$200,000. A "No" vote is against spending it. One roll call is recorded for representatives and both roll calls are recorded for senators.)

Rep. Christine Barber	Yes
Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes/Yes

creating a special commission to analyze existing scientific literature and data on ocean acidification. The study would focus on how it has affected or potentially will affect commercially harvested and grown species along the Massachusetts coast, and how to mitigate it. Ocean acidification occurs when carbon dioxide (CO2) is absorbed by seawater, reducing the amount of pH in the water.

National Geographic Magazine explains, "Since the beginning of the industrial revolution in the early 1800s, fossil fuel-powered machines have driven an unprecedented burst of human industry and advancement. The unfortunate consequence, however, has been the emission of billions of tons of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gasses into Earth's atmosphere."

The magazine notes that half of this man-made CO2 has been absorbed over time by the oceans. While this has benefited Earth by slowing the climate change these emissions would have caused if they had remained in

ELIMINATE ENTIRE \$150,000 TO ADDRESS TEEN DATING VIOLENCE (H 4450)

House 121-32, Senate 37-2, overrode Gov. Baker's veto of the entire \$150,000 in funding for schools to address teen dating violence and promote healthy relationships. The measure requires that preference in awarding these

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the air, there is also a downside. Research is discovering that the massive amounts of CO2 are altering water chemistry and affecting the life cycles of many marine organisms.

PREVENT ANIMAL SUFFERING AND DEATH

(S 2369) - Gov. Baker signed into law a bill that would prohibit persons from leaving their pet in a car when high or low temperatures could endanger the animal's health and safety. Violators would be hit with up to a \$150 fine for a first offense, \$300 for a second offense and \$500 for any subsequent offense.

Another key provision allows law enforcement officers and everyday citizens, after making reasonable efforts to locate the motor vehicle's owner, to enter a vehicle by any reasonable means to protect the health and safety of an animal. It also makes them immune from criminal or civil liability that might result from the removal.

Other provisions prohibit leaving a dog outdoors during harsh weather conditions and prohibit a dog from being chained or tethered outside for more than five hours per day or between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. for more than 15 minutes. Violations under the tethering law include penalties of up to \$500 or relinquishment of ownership of the dog.

ALLOW TOWING FROM "PARK AND DRIVE"

LOTS (S 2452) - The governor signed into law legislation that would allow operators of state-owned "Park and Drive" parking lots to tow any car that is left unattended in the lot for more than 21 days. Supporters said

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that drivers are taking advantage of these free-parking lots and taking up spaces to which commuters should have access. They noted some drivers fly out on vacation and leave their vehicle there for several days, weeks or even months.

Supporters said that students benefit academically and transition to adulthood more readily when they have the opportunity to engage in all college-related activities including making new friends, establishing new social networks, participating in campus events, learning to use public transportation and eventually getting a job.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"Most of us treat our pets like family members -- some even better. However, for the poor animals that are neglectfully left in hot cars or tethered inappropriately, this new law is for them." — Rep. Lori Ehrlich (D-Marblehead) on her bill to protect animals from abuse including prohibiting persons from leaving their pet in a car when high or low temperatures could endanger the animal's health and safety.

"With this first experience with early voting in Massachusetts, it is important that voters have the option of casting their ballot on the weekend. I encourage cities and towns to take advantage of these grants to make it possible for their voters to do so." — Secretary of State Bill Galvin on a new municipal grant program to help fund any cities and towns that want to hold early voting hours on the last weekend in October.

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 August 22-26, the House met for a total of 53 minutes while the

Mon. August 22	House 11:02 a.m. to 11:35 a.m. Senate 11:26 a.m. to 11:38 a.m.
Tues. August 23	House session No Senate session
Wed. August 24	No House session No Senate session
Thurs. August 25	House 11:03 a.m. to 11:23 a.m. Senate 11:01 a.m. to 11:25 a.m.
Fri. August 26	No House session No Senate session

Senate met for a total of 36 minutes.

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Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
60 Sydney Street	7 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Colonial	2	\$469,900	\$469,900
12 Woodbine St	5 room, 2 bed, 1f 1h bath Cottage	277	\$555,876	\$508,000
9 Crown St	8 room, 5 bed, 1f 1h bath Colonial	14	\$839,000	\$890,000
52 Winslow Ave	8 room, 4 bed, 2f 1h bath Victorian	7	\$1,195,000	\$1,350,000
50 Elm St	7 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath Colonial	74	\$1,249,900	\$1,200,000

Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:

Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
26 Pinckney Street U:3	1 room, 0 bed, 1f 0h bath Low-Rise	36	\$155,000	\$174,000
44 Highland Ave U:3A	3 room, 1 bed, 1f 0h bath Low-Rise	8	\$275,000	\$307,000
23 Prescott St U:3	3 room, 1 bed, 1f 0h bath Low-Rise	43	\$320,000	\$366,500
12 Mount Pleasant U:2	4 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	59	\$349,000	\$375,000
40 Highland Ave U:3	3 room, 1 bed, 1f 0h bath Mid-Rise	8	\$375,000	\$415,000
80 Holland U:1	3 room, 1 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	21	\$389,000	\$475,000
13 Garrison Ave U:2	4 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	39	\$399,900	\$415,000
50 Gordon Street U:1	5 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	9	\$415,000	\$420,000
18 Tennyson st U:18	4 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	20	\$419,900	\$425,000
20ATennyson St U:20A	4 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	17	\$419,900	\$455,000
51 Craigie Street U:2	5 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	15	\$439,000	\$470,000
14 Ellington Rd U:3	3 room, 1 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	19	\$439,900	\$439,900
44 Putnam Rd U:44	5 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	75	\$449,000	\$430,000



continued

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

Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
40 Grant St	2 unit, 12 total room, 6 total bedroom 2 Family	58	\$649,900	\$730,000
14 Wilson Ave	2 unit, 10 total room, 4 total bedroom 2 Family	53	\$665,000	\$650,000
88 Oxford St	2 unit, 9 total room, 3 total bedroom 2 Family	21	\$679,999	\$655,000
14 Laurel Ter	2 unit, 10 total room, 4 total bedroom 2 Family	21	\$699,999	\$660,000
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Governor Baker signs animal safety and protection legislation

By Rebecca Danvers

Last week, Governor Charlie Baker ceremoniously signed An Act preventing animal suffering and death (S. 2369), which prohibits the confinement of animals to vehicles where they are subject to danger from extreme weather conditions, limits the length animals can be tethered outdoors, and enables first responders and bystanders to assist in their rescue.

"While we hope and expect no one should ever have to act to save a pet or child from such dangerous conditions, we understand those situations unfortunately do arise and lives can depend on a quick response," said Governor Charlie Baker. "I am pleased this legislation gives first responders and bystanders the tools to take reasonable actions to rescue pets in imminent danger."

The legislation allows animal control officers, police or firefighters to enter vehicles to rescue an animal and allows citizens to act similarly in rescuing an animal in imminent danger after first calling 911. All first responders will be given immunity from civil or criminal liability and violators will be subject to fines for such conduct.

"This legislation helps ensure the well-being of the pets that many of us consider companions and family, strengthening state laws that prevent the mistreatment of animals in the Commonwealth, " said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito.

"Too many animals have suffered from neglect, whether in a dangerously hot car or chained outside for interminable lengths of time, this bill is an important step in ensuring that in addition to our empathy they have the weight of our laws to defend them," said Senator Mark Montigny (D - New Bedford) Assistant Majority Leader and Chair of the Senate Committee on Rules, the Senate sponsor of the bill. "This legislation will ensure that reckless and abusive owners face stiff penalties and empower local authorities and the general public to contribute to the wellbeing of our four-legged friends."

"Most of us treat our pets like family members -- some even better. However, for the poor animals that are neglectfully left in hot cars or tethered inappropriately, this new law is for them," said Lori Ehrlich (D – Marblehead) the House sponsor of the bill, "For the safety of those who cannot save themselves, I'm proud to have proposed and helped pass this bill."

The legislation reduces the number of hours each day during which a dog can be tethered outside from 24 hours to 5 hours, limits tethering to 15 supervised minutes during the hours of 10:00 PM to 6:00 AM, and prohibits any outdoor tethering during severe weather. The bill increases the fines for second offense tethering violations from \$100 to \$200 and \$300 to \$500 for subsequent offenses.

Senator Patricia Jehlen was instrumental in getting this bill passed and offered the following in a statement: "The bill enacted in the Legislature today strengthens crucial protections for animals by expanding the authority of special state police officers employed by the MSPCA and the Animal Rescue League of Boston to enforce already existing restrictions relative to how



Legislation to help improve the safety and wellbeing of domestic pets has been signed into law at the State House.

dogs can be tethered outside and what kinds of conditions they can be subjected to," said Senator Pat Jehlen (D-Somerville). "I'm grateful for the Legislature's efforts to protect animals across the state and look forward the bill becoming law."

S. 2369 will give first responders including police officers, fire fighters and animal control officers explicit authority to rescue an animal from inside a car when conditions, such as extreme heat or cold, are reasonably expected to threaten the health of the animal. The bill would also allow an individual to enter a car if the animal is in imminent danger, and no other options exist. The MSPCA has been advocating for this bill along with the Animal Rescue League of Boston, the Humane Society of the United States and other animal welfare organizations.



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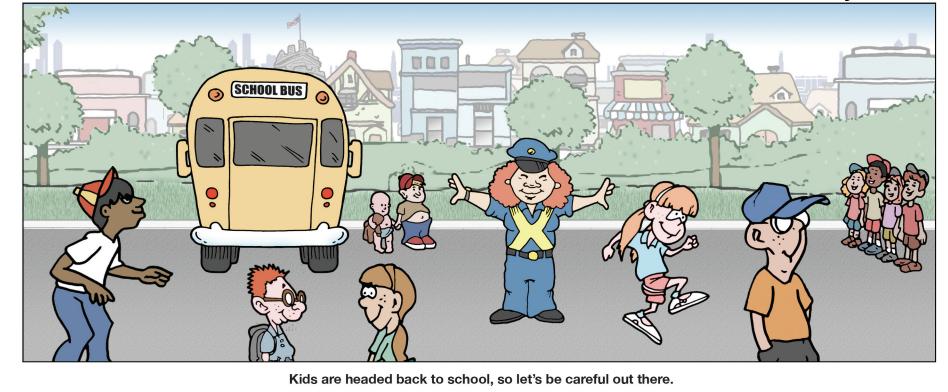
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would wish for this, too, no doubt. Let us all take a little time to spread the word whenever we can. Just a bit of friendly persuasion can make a large impact and help to make the streets a bit safer for everyone.

The kids, most of all, will appreciate the extra care taken in caring for them.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

Once again it is time to shift gears and

power down a bit as we roll out of the

high-octane frenzy of summer time and

into the laid back breezy days of autumn

We all need to become a bit more aware

of what lies ahead of us on the road, and

to be especially alert to activities near our

and on into the winter months ahead.

This must be the year that the city needs more money. Let's see, a proposition 2.5 override on our taxes is on the ballot here in Somerville that will surely raise the taxes to just about \$1,000 for each homeowner each month, or more. The city needs to raise another \$50 million for the Green Line, which, by the way, our legislators should be on top of this at the state level. The city is hiring like never before. You look around and see more people per department than in the previous 10 years. Even some old time hacks managed to find themselves a few out of the way jobs here. The city Personnel Department is working overtime with some of these positions, and we have to admit there are some very creative job titles. We guess someone has to be hiring! *****

schools and playgrounds as the kids are now back to their normal schedules.

Naturally, we hope that everyone drives responsibly at all times, but we also like to put out a reminder at this time of year, just to try to help everyone to become a little more conscious of the fact that the kids are out there and that we should be looking out for them, rather than being a hazard for them to look out for.

Please observe and obey all traffic signals, stop signs, and especially the crossing guards who are out there providing an essential service in helping to protect our little ones.

Many of you have kids of your own and

handling guns. Email gunclub@earthlink.net for more information and or go to their website at www.lawrencerodandgunclub.org and read up about the course. We've been told that the course has seen a major increase in people applying for it, especially women. We can tell you first hand here that it's a great course and quite thorough. The same goes for this in *Newstalk*. The club has informed us that many residents of Somerville have called or gone to the

club to find out about certification.

happy birthday to our own and best photographer right here in Somerville, Claudia Ferro. She's just a totally nice person who has been a very special part of our paper. We certainly wish her the very best this week. Happy birthday to Rick Pye, a long time Somerville family name. He and his lovely wife Carol now live in Methuen and are loving it. Happy birthday to Steve Dalyrmple of Steve & Sons Construction. A local guy whom we found out is another one fleeing the city for greener pastures in Tewksbury. Happy birthday to Sue Barry in the City of Somerville Engineering Department. We hope she has a great day as well. Happy birthday to Victor Moccia of the famous Victors Deli in Ball Square. He turned semi-retired, but you can always find him around the Deli. We hope he has a great day. Finally, greetings this week to another special lady here in Somerville whom everyone knows we send birthday cheers to, Patty Oppedisano, the best waitress in the city and probably in all of the Greater Boston area.

t closely. We hope she's out soon and back , home celebrating.

Primary Day is Thursday, September 8. Normally it's on a Tuesday, but it's on a Thursday again this year. Mark it on you calendar. We will be doing an endorsement next week in the paper for the senate seat and for the state representative seat presently held by **Tim Toomey**. Meantime, the debate for both offices is being aired on local **SCATV** several times. All four candidates did very well

It seems that **Dr. "I Don't Need A Permit**" from **Davis Square** has managed to attract attention to another property he owns where he is gouging tenants by renting out rooms, and isn't putting out his rubbish that he left for days on the side of the house, in the **Ball Square** area. We got reports that the **Building Department** was alerted to this and they are supposed to be on top of it.

Happy birthday to a lot of our friends and fellow Villens here this week: Big

Happy 49th Anniversary to Pat and Donald Norton, on September 1. It's been a long time since flying off to Columbia, SC, to get married. Patti was rushed to MGH Monday and is currently still there. They are watching her and we will have a surprise next week in our endorsement.

There's a new website in town. Check it out at **www.somervillema.com**. The Somerville Times is on the site. Also check out **www.medfordma.com**. Someone asked online why we keep these two websites in Newstalk. We guess it's because we like them.

For those that might be interested in obtaining certification for firearms should look up the **Lawrence Rod & Gun Club**. They provide an extensive program at the end of which you receive certification for Massachusetts/NRA Certified Firearm Safety Classes. They run a class once a month, which is limited to 10 people and we hear that this is the place to go to learn safety when

To provide background, answer questions, and take public testimony regarding the fiscal year 2017 Somerville Water and Sewer Rate Charges, an Informational Session with Q&A followed by a Public Hearing will be held Wednesday, September 7, in the Somerville High School Library, 81 Highland Avenue at 6:30 p.m. Offered by the Commissioner of Public Works, the purpose of this hearing is to compile testimony from Somerville rate payers relevant to the fiscal year 2017 water and sewer rates. The Informational Session will provide an explanation of the rate changes, including new base charges, and will give rate payers an opportunity to ask questions. All are invited to attend, join the informal discussion, and/ or provide official Continued on page 23

The art of the outdoor piano

By Manna Parker

Outdoor pianos are gracing Boston's streets once again this fall! Around sixty pianos painted and decorated by local artists and community groups will be placed around Boston for the public's enjoyment from September 23rd to October 10.

Four Somerville artists have been chosen to decorate some of the pianos this year. Jason Chase, Lois Blood Bennett, Liz LaManche, and Ben Kauffman have all contributed their beautiful designs to Street Pianos Boston. We asked them some questions about their art and personal passions to honor their dedication and artistic talent.

Jason Chase:

How long have you been an artist?

I've been Painting and showing professionally for 20 years now, I started early in Colorado. Came to the Boston area to get my masters and liked it, so I settled down here. I've shown all over the country, but I like Boston/ Somerville.

What made you decide to pursue art?

Oil painting is all I've ever really loved to do. I've always had a love of paintings, both seeing them and especially making them.

What inspires you in your work?

My own day-to-day life inspires most of my paintings. But also objects from my past, arts always some form of bellybutton looking when you get into it.

How do you hope to contribute to Street Pianos Boston this year?

I hope people enjoy seeing and playing my piano, I think it's a fun art project to be involved with.

What have you found to be the most fun about contributing to this event? I'm really pleased with how my piano came out, I made mine match a piece I made in Davis square for the Somerville Arts Council, The popcorn switch box. I hope some people from Somerville see the piano and make the connection.

What do you hope to accomplish in the future with your art?

More shows and just to be happy painting. I currently show with Gold Gallery in South Boston, keep your eye on them for my pieces in future shows and see more work at my website jasonchase.com.

Lois Blood Bennett:

How long have you been an artist?

I have always made art of some kind. I love creating. Before I got into the art I do now I have been an artist in fiber – sewing and knitting first then weaving, spinning yarn, making lace, dying fabric and yarn. Then pottery and recently I have taken on an enameling on copper project. So the short answer would be about 60 of my 62 years.

What made you decide to pursue art?

I simply love to create beauty. My current work that I am doing on the piano is abstract digital designs called fractal flames. I work with the computer to manipulate mathematical equations that combine to generate images of great beauty and complexity. My education in electrical engineering (MSEE) gives me the technical skills and the mathematical knowledge to work this way. The software allows me to work with the images to manipulate the color and structure of the images until I am happy with them. Then I have them printed on any media – paper, cloth, and all the products from places like Zazzle. For the piano I am working with Cambridge Reprographics in Somerville to have the images printed on self - adhesive clear vinyl that I am applying to my piano. This kind of vinyl is used to "wrap" cars and busses so it is perfect for this project since it may be exposed to the elements.









What inspires you in your work?

In the fractal flames the constant process of discovery is a driving force. My process starts with asking the software to generate a random set of images based on some parameters I specify. I then can manipulate the images and apply other equations and change the parameters. I don't always know what I am going to get and the images that appear are like magic. As I see what comes out I am sometimes totally blown away by the beauty of them. I am also a photographer and I have always found that seeing the beauty in everything is a driving force also. The world is full of moments of beauty if we only watch for them and keep our eyes open.

How do you hope to contribute to Street Pianos Boston this year? The opportunity to participate in Street Pianos is such a gift. I hope that

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Tim Toomey Democrat for State Representative









people will enjoy seeing my art as much as I enjoy it. As a singer I have many friends who I hope will play the piano and others and share the joy. It is all about joy. Making people smile.

What have you found to be the most fun about contributing to this event?

I really liked spending time with the other artists. My work being mostly done on the computer has meant that I have not been able to spend as much time at the design center working so I have not had as much of that time as I would have liked. I have really enjoyed the challenge of finding the right designs and getting into a new process as I have not used the vinyl before. I am thrilled with that aspect as I am always wanting to learn new things. I also have really enjoyed working with my husband, William Bennett, who has helped me every step of the way and especially going with me to help apply the images to the piano as it takes at least two pairs of hands to get it right. *What do you hope to accomplish in the future with your art?*

My goal is to find a way to make my art my full time job. As I live and have a studio space at Brickbottom Artist Building and I am in constant contact with artists who are in the art world full time I am inspired. I hope to move into producing images for use in public spaces. I did a large piece (35 feet x 8 feet) for the Millbrook Lofts building in Somerville this spring and I hope to find more opportunities to have my work in that type of context again. I also would like to get some art training and learn to draw better. I sell cards at Cambridge Artists Cooperative on Church Street in Harvard Square and I hope to expand that involvement.

What other things do you pursue when you're not doing art?

I sing in two choirs at my church, Christ Church Cambridge in Harvard Square. That and I work full time as a computer system administrator. I am hoping to retire from that job to do art full time in a few years. I have one daughter and two wonderful granddaughters that I hope to spend more time with as they get bigger. I also really enjoy travel. With the choir I have had the privilege of traveling to Paris and London and other places in England to sing in the great cathedrals and I hope to do that again.

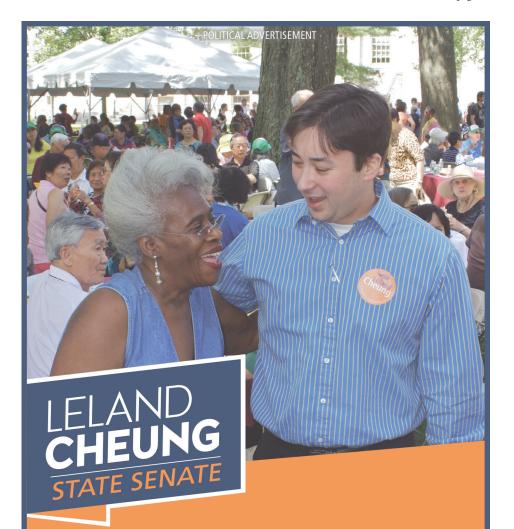
Ben Kauffman:

How long have you been an artist?

I've been painting since I graduated college, 20+ years ago. At various times, I have had gallery representation, shown, and sold my work. I now work full time outside of art, but continue to enjoy not only the painting itself, but being a successful working artist and all that entails.

What made you decide to pursue art?

25 years ago, I'd convince myself I painted simply because if I didn't, my head would blow up. Though I no longer believe that to be the case, Continued on page 17





Photos by Robert Torres for the Celebrity Series of Boston/Street Pianos Boston and Matt Weston.

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SPORTS

Somerville Alibrandis: 2016 YBL Champs CONT. FROM PG 1

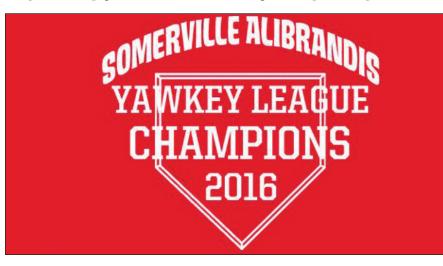
Chris Foundas, Chris Costa and Jon Morse followed by bullpen help from Brian Tanguy and Lamarre Rey was a recipe for pitching success.

Head Coach Bernie Driscoll had the Alibrandis offense in high gear throughout the series scoring a total of 37 runs in the 4 games. They were able to hit that stride of grinding out at-bats, being tough outs, working pitchers, taking the extra base, taking advantage of miscues and getting huge, clutch hits when the table was set. Bobby Barrett edged out Teddy Dziuba and Will Brennan to take the YBL Playoff MVP Award. Barrett led the high powered Alibrandis offense in hits, extra base hits, OBP, Slugging Percentage, OPS and Batting Average throughout the post-season.

Tip of the cap goes to the Al Thom-

as Club for a fantastic season. They have always exemplified what we want to see in a Yawkey League franchise both on and off the field. Joe O'Hara, John Kostas, Matt McDougall and the late, great Al Thomas have a ton to be proud of with their 2016 campaign. Best of luck to Coach John Kostas and his wife as they soon welcome a new addition to their family, if not already by post-time.

Congratulations to Somerville Alibrandis for coming out on top once again. This is 7 titles in a row, which equals the consecutive amount set by the 2005, 2006 and 2007 Somerville rosters. If this is the final season for Head Coach Bernie Driscoll, then we wish him the very best. The Yawkey League will certainly be losing and irreplaceable piece.

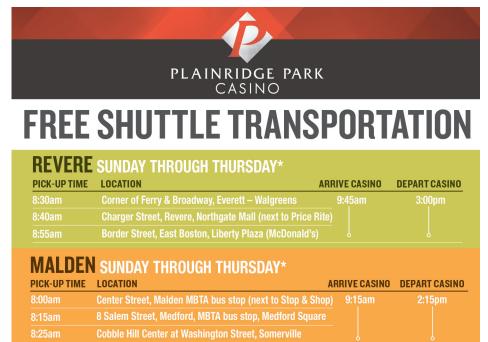


Somerville residents run Falmouth for time, charity





Somerville Alibrandis' Bobby Barret was named 2016 Yawkee Baseball League Playoffs Most Valuable Player. — Photo courtesy of Yawkee Baseball League



By Joe Ruvido

The Falmouth Road Race took place on Sunday, August 21, and several runners from Somerville completed the race. Last Sunday's race was the 44th run-

ning of the event which takes participants over challenging hills and across sun-drenched flats along the coast from Woods Hole to Falmouth Heights on Cape Cod.

The race attracts elite athletes as it awards over \$100,000 in prize money. According to the results page, 97 Somervillians finished this year's race. The first Somerville resident to cross the line, and also Somerville's top male finisher was Jonas Oppenheimer who ran a brisk 38:11, placing him 32nd overall in the race.

Lindsay Willard was the top female finisher from Somerville clocking a 49:12, good for 375th overall. Willard is dealing with quad and IT Band injuries but says that the enthusiastic crowds and elite runners carried her through an otherwise frustratingly tough race. "I only hit mile 1 on pace before I had to walk," said Willard, "so I didn't hit the time I was shooting for." Willard Continued on page 17

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Banned Books Week/Day

Banned Books Week was launched in 1982 in response to a sudden surge in the number of challenges to books in schools, bookstores and libraries. More than 11,300 books have been challenged since 1982 according to the American Library Association. Check out some of the banned books online at: http://www.bannedbooksweek.org/about.



The event will take place in front of the Somerville Central Library on Saturday, October 1 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Main Somerville Public Library, 79 Highland Ave.

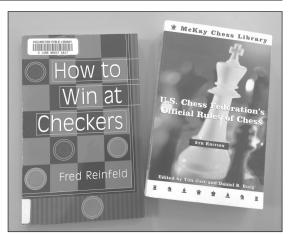
Notable Somerville officials are being invited to participate in this event and to come read excerpts from various banned books. If you wish to participate, please email Erica Jones at ejones@ scatvsomerville.org. You can bring your own book that has been threatened to be banned or pick from a reading that the library provides.

SCATV will be filming this event.

Historical Fact CONT. FROM PG 5

burst into the international chess world at Hastings, England, the site of William the Conqueror's 1066 invasion. Harry may have felt at home there because of its unmistaken similarity to Somerville's Union Square. At just 22 years of age, he went on to win what many call the greatest chess tournament of all time, the Hastings Chess Match. He finished ahead of the world champion, past champions, and other champion contenders. He was the first person to win a major tournament on the first try.





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At the end of the demonstration, he recited and spelled the words. The next day he was asked again, and he recalled them in order and spelled them forwards and backwards.

Harry promoted women's chess in England and the United States. The National Correspondence Chess Club is named in his honor. He became the official United States Chess Champion in 1897 and held this title for nine years until his death on Bunker Hill Day, June 17, 1906. He was only 33 years old at the time of his death and is considered the third best American to ever play the game. He was Somerville's Harry Nelson Pillsbury, the "Boston Wonder" and the "Hero of Hastings."

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Harry was a genius. His astonishing memory was exhibited when he once set a record by simultaneously playing twenty opponents blindfolded. Another time, he played blind chess, checkers, and whist while given a difficult list of 33 words to glance at. The list was: Antiphlogistine, periosteum, takadiastase, plasmon, ambrosia, Threlkeid, streptococcus, staphylococcus, micrococcus, plasmodium, Mississippi, Freiheit, Philadelphia, Cincinnati, athletics, no war, Etchenberg, American, Russian, philosophy, Piet Potgelter's Rost, Salamagundi, Oomisillecootsi, Bangmamvate,



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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. September 7, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

22 Woodbine Street: (Case #ZBA 2016-98) Applicant, Derick Snare, and Owner, Michael LoPresti, seek a Special Permit under §4.4.1 of the SZO to substantially alter a non-conforming structure by razing the existing building and constructing a 2-family residential structure. RA zone. Ward 5.

104 Beacon Street: (Case # ZBA 2016-78) (re-advertised) Applicant, Moons Realty Trust and Treat Realty Trust, and Owner, Richard Mauser, seek Variances for rear yard setback and parking under SZO \$5.5, \$9.5, and \$4.4.1, a Special Permit with Site Plan Review (SPSR) to increase the number of dwelling units under SZO \$7.11.c, and Special Permits under SZO \$4.4.1 for pervious area, left and right side yard setbacks and to alter an existing, non-conforming structure. RC zone. Ward 2.

9 Hersey Street: (Case # ZBA 2016-86) Applicant/Owner, Anthony Sigel, seek a Special Permit under §4.4.1 of the SZO to increase the size of a front porch and add a roof. RA zone. Ward 3.

163 Glen Street: (Case #ZBA 2016-94) Applicant and Owners, 163 Glen Street LLC, seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review under SZO §7.11.1.c for 11 residential units and a Special Permit under SZO §7.3 for maximum dwelling units per lot. The Applicant also seeks Special Permits under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure, which includes alterations to window and door openings, SZO §9.13.b to modify the dimensions of the maneuvering aisle and for compact spaces, and SZO §9.13.f to reduce the parking requirement due to the proposed use. RB & RC zones. Ward 1.

350 Mystic Avenue: (Case # ZBA 2016-64) (re-advertised) Applicant and Owner, Craig Corporation, seeks a Variance under SZO \$5.5, §9.5, & \$4.4.1 for rear yard setback and parking and a Special Permit with Site Plan Review (SPSR) to increase the number of dwelling units under \$7.11.1c. Construction to be of a mixed-use residential/commercial building. BB zone. Ward 4.

10 Beech Street #3: (Case #ZBA 2016-74) Applicants and Owners, Mark Melenovsky & Weili Su, seek a Special Permit under SZO \$5.3.8 to alter the conditions of a prior Special Permit to alter fence height from 4 feet to 6 feet.

RB zone. Ward 3.

Applications are not posted online; 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; Reports, plans and Decisions, when completed, are posted online at 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 <u>dpereira@somervillema.gov</u>.



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Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

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LEGAL NOTICE CITY OF SOMERVILLE

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to 24 CFR 91.105(e) (1), the City of Somerville will hold a public hearing to present the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the City's 2015-2016 programs funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and to obtain public input on the City's performance regarding its current grants funded by HUD, including the Community Development Block Grant Program, the Emergency Solutions Grant Program and the HOME Program.

The Public Hearing will be held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at the East Somerville Community School located at 50 Cross Street, Somerville, MA 02145.

Accommodations for persons with disabilities are available. Relests for accommodations should be made by the close of bus



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS JOSEPH A. CURTATONE MAYOR

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The Commissioner of Public Works will hold a Public Hearing preceded by an Informational Session on Wednesday, September 7, 2016, in the Somerville High School Library, 81 Highland Avenue at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of this hearing is to compile testimony from Somerville rate payers relevant to the Fiscal Year 2017 water and sewer rates. The Information Session is to provide background on the rate changes and answer questions. All are invited to attend and provide testimony. Informational session with Q&A starts at 6:30 p.m. Public Hearing follows at 7:15 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE





NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

August 31, 2016 City of Somerville 93 Highland Ave Somerville, MA 02143 617-625-6600

On or about September 8, 2016 the City of Somerville will submit a request to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as the Beacon Street Reconstruction Project. The project includes standard traffic signals, street lights, landscaping, street furnishings and parking improvements in the eligible block groups along Beacon Street. The total estimated project costs for planning years 2016-2017 is \$400,000.00.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at the Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, City of Somerville, 93 Highland Ave, Somerville, MA and may be examined or copied weekdays

8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development. All comments received by September 8, 2016 will be considered by the City of Somerville prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Somerville certifies to HUD that Joseph Curtatone in his capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City of Somerville to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and the City of Somerville certification for a period of fifteen days following either the anticipated submission date (cited above) or HUD's actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if the objections are on one of the following bases: (a) that the Certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Somerville; (b) the City of Somerville has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the City of Somerville has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58), and may be addressed to HUD Office of Community Planning and Development at Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. Federal Building 10 Causeway Street, 3rd Floor Boston, MA 02222-1092. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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on Thursday, September 8, 2016 by contacting Betsy Allen at 617-625-6600 x2323 or email at <u>ballen@somervillema.gov</u>. Accommodations for non-English speaking or hearing impaired persons are available by contacting (OSPCD) at 617-625-6600 x2500; requests for accommodations should be made by the close of business on Thursday September 8, 2016. General questions about the hearing should be directed to the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OS-PCD) at 617-625-6600 x2500. Written comments will be accepted up to Thursday September 29, 2016 @ 7:30 p.m., and should be sent to the attention of Elizabeth Twomey at the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD), 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143 or email to <u>ospcd@somervillema.gov</u>.

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AUGUST 31, 2016 17 The Somerville Times F.A.S.T. campaign to raise stroke awareness

By Louise Carpenter

Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES) will strive to raise awareness about the life-saving importance of stroke awareness this September.

Stroke is the leading cause of adult disability and the third leading cause of death in the United States, according to the National Stroke Association. Those dangers can be mitigated by prompt medical attention and that makes awareness crucial, explained SCES Director of Outreach and Community Relations Nathan Lamb.

"We know that acting fast can make all the difference when dealing with a stroke, so we're making a concerted effort to raise awareness on this issue," said Lamb.

Working primarily through

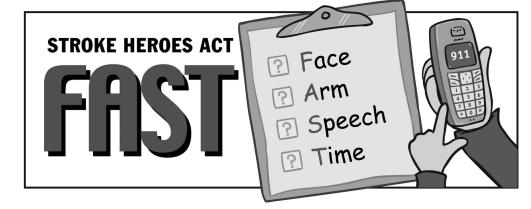
the Meals-on-Wheels and Adult Family Care live-in caregiver programs, SCES is providing roughly 1,300 clients and agency employees with educational materials about F.A.S.T., an acronym that outlines the warning signs of stroke:

Face Drooping – Does one side of the face droop or is it numb? Ask the person to smile. Is the person's smile uneven?

Arm Weakness - Is one arm weak or numb? Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?

Speech Difficulty - Is speech slurred? Is the person unable to speak or hard to understand? Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence, like "The sky is blue." Is the sentence repeated correctly?

Time to call 9-1-1 – If someone shows any of these symptoms, even if the symptoms go away,



call 9-1-1 and get the person to the hospital immediately. Check the time so you'll know when the first symptoms appeared.

The SCES campaign will provide informative flyers and magnets for 600 Meals-on-Wheels clients, plus another 300 people at congregate meals sites and another 250 clients in the Adult Family Care program. All SCES employees will also receive educational materials.

The outreach campaign is in partnership with Mount Auburn Hospital, a teaching hospital in Cambridge that provided grant funding to incorporate stroke awareness with community programs. The yearlong program is partnering with several local organizations to get the word out, said a hospital release.

"The simple message of the

campaign - Time is Brain means that the faster someone who is having a stroke gets emergency treatment, the chance of saving brain function improves," said Mount Auburn Hospital Stroke Nurse Coordinator Marie McCune. "Everyone, in particular those who are elderly and those who work with elders, need to know the warning signs of a stroke and to Act F.A.S.T."

The art of the outdoor piano CONT. FROM PG 13

painting remains both an outlet for creativity, and a necessary means of expression. Especially now, living with my wife and three kids in the Union Square area of Somerville, where I happily paint during nights and weekends in my cramped, unheated, un-air-conditioned third-floor studio. With my headphones on, it's a focused outlet for expression that's almost meditative for me in the way that things like running, or hiking, or ice hockey are.

What inspires you in your work?

I grew up in Philadelphia, yet spent, and continue to spend, many summers in the woods, mountains, rivers and deserts of the U.S. Thus I often work with the materials of the city, now Somerville, while maintaining connection to the colored landscapes of other places: greens and browns of northern Maine, rusted reds of South Dakota, or dusty ochres of Montana and Wyoming. I work with materials I feel some connection to. I grew to love the "hand-me-downs" received as a child, and now, be it clothes and furniture for myself and studio, or canvas, tree bark or scrap wood for my art, I like old, rough, time-worn objects. The idea is to construct "canvases" in which the placement of these objects in relation to each other creates not only a dynamic composition, but an intriguing dialog between the objects. They have stories to tell. And if I've done my job well, you can read them as I do—at an

arm's length from the canvas—and piece together their puzzle for yourself.

How do you hope to contribute to Street Pianos Boston this year?

Honestly, I kicked around a few themes, but wasn't satisfied with any of them. I did my usual "industrial collage" work (see benkauffmanart.com) on the piano last time around (2013), and this time decided that I'd just like to do a bold 2-D painting -- with the piano as my trickedout 3- D"canvas." It's a challenging project to do well, but I really enjoy it.

What have you found to be the most fun about contributing to this event?

There's nothing better than successful public art projects. I sat and watched the piano I painted in 2013 a few times, and magical things happened without fail. It's really amazing to see the incredibly diverse folks of our city take their turn and sit down at that piano bench - either alone, or with a band; either with an audience, or almost sneakily - and bring their own expression, their own music, their own art to it. If there's anything our country, and our city needs right now, it's to be reminded of all that brings us together, and this is a project that has the

do some commissioned work; help design and decorate a local restaurant or bar.

What other things do you pursue when you're not doing art?

I'm a dad. I run, hike, play ice hockey. And work. I have worked for the past 15 years for a software company, where I manage a team of 18 technical writers. I enjoy my job, and like the fact that it might someday (read: retirement) give me the chance to work on my art full time.

Liz LaManche:

How long have you been an artist?

I've been drawing and making things naturally all my life, but have only recently been concentrating on creating a bigger impact with my work.

What made you decide to pursue art?

For many years I didn't trust my voice or my abilities, so I did the kinds of creative work which were safer for me: UI design for software and the Web, graphic design. Recently I came to a point of questioning what I really wanted to accomplish in this life, and it is to use the language I have, which is art, to make things better in some way.

beauty of saturated colors; nature; and a sense of history.

How do you hope to contribute to Street Pianos Boston this year?

I'm glad to be part of the great diversity of styles and artistic choices all the pianos represent. I hope mine makes people happy.

What have you found to be the most fun about contributing to this event?

Meeting other artists and seeing their diverse styles, the challenge of something new and different, and the knowledge that the pianos we work on will delight random strangers.

What do you hope to accomplish in the future with your art?

I'm looking forward to continuing to be part of the urban dialogue, and hoping to contribute toward making cities more engaging and fun places to be. I'd like to provide ways for people to engage with each other and break down barriers, contributing to greater understanding, peace and justice in our society. Literally, I believe we need this to be sustainable as a species.

What other things do you pursue when you're not doing art?

power to do that.

What do you hope to accomplish in the future with your art?

I'll continue to create, show, and sell my work - hopefully with gradually increasing levels of success. I'd like some gallery representation again, and would love to What inspires you in your work?

In the broader view, I want to influence people to be their best selves, to reconnect with their sense of humor and playfulness, compassion and kindness. Aesthetically: I'm inspired by people being authentically who they are; by the sensual

I love doing aerial silk at Esh circus school in Somerville, and lifting weights to stay fit. I'm active in Boston Burners (local Burning Man attendees) events, and I create brand strategies and websites for growing companies. I also fiddle with my own art website, Earthsign.com.

Somerville residents run Falmouth for time, charity CONT. FROM PG 14

hopes to rest and recover before ramping up training for the fall season.

The Falmouth Road Race also helps charities raise money through its "Numbers for Nonprofits" program, whereby participants who meet a fundraising minimum are guaranteed a bib number for the race. In 2015 alone the Numbers for Nonprofits program raised \$3.4m for charities ranging from Dana Farber Cancer Institute to local youth organizations. This is not unlike the charity fundraising system that the Boston Marathon and other high-profile road races are known for.

At least two Somerville runners who ran this year are heavily involved in local charities. Johnny Sadoff is the Somerville Team Captain of Back on My Feet, an organization that runs with homeless members of the community and supports homeless shelters in the Boston area. "I run for Back on my Feet because it combines two of my great interests; running and social impact," says Sadoff. "I love the idea of using running to build a community that helps individuals facing various challenges."

Laura Monies, who runs for Team Rosie's Place in addition to Back on My Feet, feels that same drive to combine running with charitable work. "On the days when I'd rather sleep in, I'm always grateful to have started my day with such a wonderful group of women," says Monies, referring to the homeless and disadvantaged women supported by Rosie's Place in Boston.

Monies snuck under the hour mark at Falmouth with a 59 minute 59 second effort. For a full list of Somerville finishers, please see the results page on the Falmouth Road Race Website.

•••• VILLENS ON THE TOWN ••••

CHILDREN AND YOUTH Wednesday August 31

Central Library Teen Empowerment 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Thursday|September 1 East Branch Library

Lego Club 3:15 p.m-4:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

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

Central Library Lego Club 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Central Library Computer Programming for High Schoolers 6 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Monday September 5 Library Closed

Tuesday|September 6

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

Wednesday|September 7

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

Central Library Teen Empowerment 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

MUSIC|ARTS Wednesday|August 31

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

The Burren Front Room Exile on Elm Back Room Backroom Series: Daimh|7 p.m. Comedy Night With Jordan Handren-Seavey|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge James Discovers Jesse & the Hogg Brothers Con Sabor Colombiano 345 Somerville Ave

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

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

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

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

Highland Kitchen

Backroom Series: Ezekiel's Wheels Klezmer Band |7 p.m. Scattershots|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge Miranda Kid Gulliver Jean-Claude Trans/Am Blood Drive 345 Somerville Ave

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

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

Bull McCabe's Krush Faktory|10 p.m. 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

Thunder Road James McCarthy (Blues Rock/Soul) 7 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Once More With Feeling Sing-A-Long 7 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Friday September 2 Sally O'Brien's

Jim Coyle & King Blue |6 p.m. WEMF & HearNowLive presents Coley Virgo & TOS \$10 cover |9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Backroom Series: Rip Cord|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge Andrew O'Keefe Jesse Elliot Whiskey Barrel Band Phileep

345 Somerville Ave

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

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 TBA 8 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045 Joshua Tree

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

Samba Bar & Grille Live music 9 p.m./608 Somerville Ave/617-718Sally O'Brien's Stan Martin & The Moonshiners |6 p.m.

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room: Bluegrass Session|2 p.m. The BagBoys|5 p.m. Irish Session|9:30 p.m. Back Room The Burren Backroon Saturday & Sunday Jazz Brunch with Tom Pendergast 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Backroom Series: Evan Goodrow|7 p.m. Mugsy|10 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 **P.A.'s Lounge** Amadeus The Stampede Busy Bars Seti Amilli Brother Sadi

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Orleans Restaurant and Bar Karaoke 65 Holland St

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

Bull McCabe's TBA 8 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Joshua Tree DJ El Sid! 256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

Samba Bar & Grille Live Band & DJ 608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

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

Thunder Road LuxDeluxe (Rock N Roll) 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Elvis Depressedly Teen Suicide Nicole Dollanganger 8:30 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Arts at the Armory Somerville Songwriter Sessions 8 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Sunday|September 4

Sally O'Brien's Bar Roy Sludge Trio|6 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room Beatles Brunch|11 a.m.-3 p.m. John Gannon & Friends Irish Session|3 p.m. Samba Bar & Grille Live Band & DJ 608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Thunder Road 379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Grim Reefer American Pinup, Freakabout 9 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Monday|September 5

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

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

P.A.'s Lounge Happy Labor Day! 345 Somerville Ave

On The Hill Tavern 499 Broadway|617-629-5302 Bull McCabe's Pub

Stump! Team Trivia 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Thunder Road The Murdock Manor Stripped Sets Monday Night Series 379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom The Splinters Kat Kennedy 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Tuesday|September 6

Sally O'Brien's Bar Spider John Koerner 7:30 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

PA's Lounge Open Mic Night 345 Somerville Ave

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

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

Highland Kitchen First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling Bee Night hosted by Victor and Nicole of

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Free Poker, lots of prizes! 8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room Exile on Elm Back Room Backroom Series Socks in the Frying Pan|7:30 p.m. Comedy Night With Jordan Handren-Seavey|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge Eva Westphal Emily Desmond R.D. King Brett Gleason The Bonds 345 Somerville Ave

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

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

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

Thunder Road Jeff Jam (Children's Theater & Music)|4:30 p.m. Bearly Dead – Wednesday Night Grateful Dead Residency|8 p.m. 379 Somerville Ave

Highland Kitchen 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

Joshua Tree Bar & Grill Pub Trivia 8:30 p.m.|256 Elm Street|(617) 623-9910

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

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

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Thursday|September 1

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

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

Saturday|September 3

Union Square Farmers Market

9 a.m. – 1 p.m.|Union Sq Plaza Bagel Bards Somerville Writers and Poets meet

weekly to discuss their work 9 a.m.-12 p.m Au Bon Pain| 18-48 Holland St

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

Joshua Tree Bar & Grill Pub Trivia 8:30 p.m.|256 Elm Street|(617) 623-9910

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom 156 Highland Ave

Thursday|September 1

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

The Burren

Front Room Lunchtime Concert Series|1-2pm Dave Gallagher & The Donegal Rednecks|9:30 pm 9177

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

Thunder Road

The Curtis Mayflower (Blues/Soul/ Rock)) 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Band Without Hands When Particles Collide, Township, Album, Await Rescue|8:30 p.m. The Veldt Dyr Faser, Your 33 Black Angels|9p.m. 156 Highland Ave

The Davis Square Theatre Sh!t-faced Shakespeare: Much Ado About Nothing|7 p.m. 255 Elm Street

Saturday|September 3

Back Room The Burren Backroon Saturday & Sunday Jazz Brunch with Tom Pendergast 8am - 2:30pm Alan Kaufman & Friends Old Timey|5

p.m. Burren Lantern Series|8 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge 345 Somerville Ave

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

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

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

Thunder Road Ebass Open Mic with George Woods 379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Adam Green plus a Screening of "Adam Green's Aladdin" Puppy Problems 7:45 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Davis Square Theatre The Teasday Club 8 p.m.|255 Elm Street

Wednesday|September 7

Sunday|September 4

The Somerville Flea 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.|52 Holland St

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

Monday|September 5

Library Closed

Tuesday|September 6 Central Library

Learn English at the Library 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Wednesday|September 7

Central Library City of Somerville Diversity Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

Holland Street: 167 Holland Street

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

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

Cross Street Center: 165 Broadway Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. Wednesday – 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. (Please note time change) (617) 625-6600 Ext. 2335.

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

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

Yoga – Save the date. The next 5 week Yoga series will start on Thursday, September 15 from 9:00 to 10:00am. This low-impact and easy-to-follow paced program lets you stretch and relax to help start your day. Contact Chris at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315 for more information and to sign up. Cost is \$20.00 for 5 classes!

De-cluttering Peer Support Group – this is a closed support group for individuals who are concerned about their clutter. Please contact Natasha Naim at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 if you are interested in attending.

Free Smoke Alarm/Carbon Monoxide Detectors -Starting April 1 – The Somerville Council on Aging, The Health & Human Services Department partnering with The Somerville Fire Department are offering free smoke alarm / carbon monoxide detectors (they are one unit) to Somerville older adults and residents with a wide range of disabilities. To qualify you must be an older adult, 60 years of age or older, and live in Somerville (own or rent) or a Somerville resident with a disability (Photoelectric Alarms with ADA Compliant Strobe Light are available.) There is a brief application that will need to be filled out, signed and returned. Please contact Maureen Bastardi, Outreach Worker at the Somerville Council on Aging, at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to request an application. This program is on a first come, first serve basis. This is a Federally funded grant and services will be provided until the grant is exhausted.

Free Groceries Every Month? - You may be eligible for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program! CSFP is a once a month food distribution for individuals 60 years of age or older. You may be eligible to receive two free bags on food once a month containing healthy shelf stable products. Proof of identity and age are all that Park Hopper Pass includes The Magic Kingdom, Epcot, Animal Kingdom, MGM and so much more. Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 for additional information or to reserve your spot.

Lancaster, PA & Atlantic City, NJ – Tuesday through Saturday, October 11th to 15th – 5 days & 4 nights – A fee of \$509 / pp double or \$669 pp single includes round trip deluxe motor coach transportation, 1 night accommodations at resort casino, 3 nights accommodations in Lancaster, 3 great breakfasts, 3 yummy Amish feasts, reserved seating at theater featuring Samson, tour Hershey Chocolate World, Landis Valley Museum and so much more. Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 for more information or to reserve your spot.

New York City – Saturday & Sunday, November 5 & 6 - \$170 per person / double or \$250 per person / single – Seats sell fast and are very limited - \$50 deposit required upon reservation. Check in time is 5:45 A.M. at our Ralph & Jenny Center on Saturday the 5th with an approximate return time of 7:00 P.M. on Sunday the 6th. Motorcoach transportation, one night's stay at the Sheraton Hotel in Stamford, CT – Shopping, sightseeing, visiting the 9/11 Memorial on Sunday and so much more. Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 for additional information or if you have any questions.

Cape Cod Cranberry Days – Monday & Tuesday, November 28 & 29 – 2 days / 1 night – For a fee of \$195 / pp double and \$225 pp single this trip includes roundtrip motor coach transportation, 1 night deluxe accommodation, 1 breakfast, 1 dinner and several guided tours including The Cranberry Harvest Experience, Sandwich Village Glass Museum, Chatham Village and Plymouth Winery just to name a few. Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 for more information or to reserve your spot.

Yuletide Newport Display of Lights – Thursday, December 15 – Departing Somerville at 8:30 A.M. with an approximate return time of 7:00 P.M. – A \$79. Fee includes motor coach transportation, admission to Newport's Marble House Mansion, a full course lunch at Scampi's as well as a visit and sightseeing to La-Salette. Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 for information or to reserve your spot.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Friendly Caller Program - Do you know someone who could benefit from a friendly call? Maybe you are feeling isolated and want someone to talk to – or you just want someone to listen. Please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to sign up for our "Friendly Caller" Program.

The day trip to Castle Island originally scheduled for Friday, August 12th has been rescheduled to Friday, September 9.

The day trip to Twin River scheduled for Monday, August 29 is SOLD OUT.

Please note all centers are closed on Monday, September 5 for the holiday (Labor Day.)

The day trip to Hampton Beach scheduled for Sunday, September 11 is SOLD OUT.

The trip to Lancaster, PA & Atlantic City scheduled for October 11 -15 (Tuesday to Saturday) is SOLD OUT. The day trip to Hart's Turkey Train scheduled for Tuesaleski at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

Mark your calendars for these great upcoming LGBTQ Events:

Monday, September 19th – Out Vets Presentation Monday, October 17th – LGBTQ Health Fair Monday, November 21 – Painting to Reduce Stress

STAY ACTIVE:

Walking & Talking Group – Starting on Monday, May 4th at 8:30 A.M. – out of our Holland Street Center. We'll take a gentle 30 minute walk around the community every Monday – meeting in the downstairs lobby of the Holland Street Center. For more information or to sign up please contact Chris Kowaleski our Health & Wellness Coordinator at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315.

Weekly Exercise Class Schedule

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

1:00 Fit-4-Life Group C (H)

Tuesdays:

Mondays:

9:15 Strengthening - \$3 per class (H) 11:15 Fit-4-Life (C) 1:00 Dalcroze Eurhythmics*** 6:00 LBT Fit-4-Life* (H)

Wednesdays:

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

Thursdays:

9:00 Yoga (H) (5 week series) – On hiatus till January 9:30 Strengthening - \$3 per class (RJ) 11:15 Fit-4-Life (C) 6:00 LBT Fit-4-Life*(H)

Fridays:

8:45 Fit-4-Life Group A (H) - Exercise
10:00 Fit-4-Life Group B (H) – Exercise
*All Fit-4-Life classes are \$10 per month and require pre-registration
One-on-one nutrition is on hiatus til further notice.

Wednesday August 31

Outing: Belle Isle

Thursday|September 1

10:00 Cards (RJ)
10:00 Current Events (H)
10:00 English Conversation (C)
11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara (by appointment only) (H)
11:30 Lunch (RJ, H, C)
12:45 Bingo (H, RJ)

Friday|September 2

11:30 Lunch (H) 12:45 Bingo (H)

Monday|September 5

All Centers Closed

is required to apply. For more information or to apply please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 – applications are available at the front desk of our Holland Street Center.

Castle Island – Friday, September 9 – Departing Holland Street at 8:30 A.M. and Ralph & Jenny at 8:45 A.M. with an approximate return time of 1:00 P.M. \$5 with transportation provided. Lunch is on your own. For more information please contact Connie at 6127-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Hampton Beach Seafood Festival – Sunday, September 11th – Departing our Holland Street Center at 10:00 A.M. with an approximate return time of 6:00 P.M. This trip includes transportation only for \$13. Lunch, shopping and \$5. Admission fee is on your own. Lots to do or just relax and enjoy the beach. To reserve your spot or if you have any questions, please call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Tampa & Orlando – Monday to Monday, September 12 to 19 – 8 days & 7 nights – A fee of \$1099 / pp double or \$1435 / pp single includes deluxe motor coach transportation with 2 nights stopover accommodations en route, 2 nights in beautiful Tampa, 3 nights in exciting Orlando, 5 sumptuous dinners, 3 day Disney day, October 25 is SOLD OUT.

The Weekend gateway to NYC scheduled for Saturday & Sunday, November 5 & 6 is SOLD OUT.

The Indian Head trip scheduled for December 6, 7 and 8 (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday) is BOOK SOLID.

LGBTQ EVENTS:

LGBTQ Advisory Group –This group meets the 2nd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies. Our next meeting will be on Monday, September 12th at 4:30 P.M. in the conference room of our Holland Street Center located at 167 Holland Street. We are always looking for new members who would like to serve on the Advisory Group. Please call 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 if you have any questions or if you should need additional information.

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

Tuesday|September 6

10:00 Cards (RJ) 11:30 Lunch (RJ) 11:30 Lunch & Movie (H) 12:00 Computer tutorial with Norbert (by appointment only) (H) 12:45 Bingo (RJ) Cross Street Center Closed

Wednesday|September 7

All Centers Closed

Staff Retreat

DID YOU KNOW?

We have a Facebook page. Check us out at www.facebook.com/somervilleCOA.

You can receive our monthly newsletter that is always filled with useful and important information. For a \$5.00 yearly fee you can receive it via the U.S. Postal service or a free version can be sent electronically. Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to sign up.

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Evolving Face of East Somerville Tour

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12:00pm	Senior Circuit "The Mayor's Senior Picnic"			
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2:02pm	B2Green Expo			
2:15pm	Art Beat 2016			
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7:30pm	Project STAR '16			
8:30pm	LOCUS Meeting - 7.21.16			
10:00pm	SomerViva en Español			
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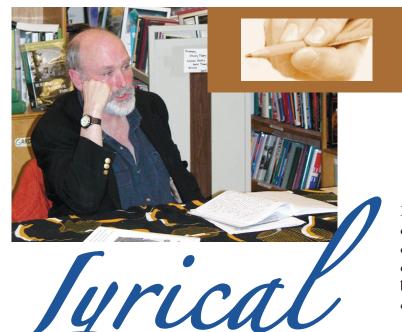
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College Radio (1975) Allen Ginsberg/Piri Thomas

I have interviewed hundreds of poets and writers over the years on my Somerville Community Access TV show *Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer* and elsewhere, but I can remember my first subjects back in 1975, when I had a short-lived campus radio show *Idea Exchange*.

I had a lot of fun working for the station. I remember being expelled from the office of a conservative Buffalo city councilman for challenging his proposed ban on nude magazines, by pointing out that there were a lot of nudes in the city's Museum of Fine Arts.

Then I met Allen Ginsberg. Ginsberg was on campus at the State University College at Buffalo, so I went to see him. There I saw him, dressed in a white gown, with fringes of very long hair and a balding crown.

He and a group of others were banging on Hare Krishna drums, reciting mantra-like phrases, "If you want to make love, then make love," "If you want to die, then die," etc. He for all the world looked like my Uncle Sy, a walrus mustachioed hipster who lived in Greenwich Village for many years).

My radio station manager happened to be at the event and asked me to interview him. Being an ap-



Piri Thomas



Allen Ginsberg

ple-cheeked innocent, sporting a tweed jacket with patches and an Irish cap, I asked, "Who is he?" The manager said, "A prophet!"

Well, I never interviewed a prophet before, so with great trepidation I made my way to Ginsberg and a group of his friends. For all I knew at the time his friends could have been fellow Beat poets Corso, Ferlinghetti, or the like. They looked the part of bohemian, bearded bards, and they were looking at this fresh-faced boy with their jaundiced eyes as I approached them with an overly-earnest and awkward gait.

I looked at Ginsberg and said, "Mr. Ginsberg I wonder if you could be on my radio show?" His cohorts rolled their eyes and started to snicker, but Ginsberg was polite, saying, "I would love to, but I have a party I have to go to." Of course, after that I discovered the Beat Generation of poets and writers, and realized Ginsberg's major contribution to the promotion of this literary genre.

I did manage to secure the author Piri Thomas for my show. Thomas was the author of *Down These Mean Streets*. He wrote about his hardscrabble life in Spanish Harlem: the gangs, the drugs, the poverty, the violence. He'd punctuate almost every sentence with "Check it out."

For a suburban kid from Long Island he was a total exotic. His whole manner, his stories, his street sensibility, his outlaw literary bent, was totally different than anything I experienced in my sheltered 20 years. But these nascent experiences sparked my interest in interviewing and reporting that really didn't reach full fruition until about 20 years ago.

I always feel that there is some latent passion in every person, and if it is activated someway, well he or she is very lucky person indeed.

Marc Zegans is a poet and creative development advisor. His previous collections of poems include, *The Underwater Typewriter*, and *Pillow Talk*. *Taconic* is from Marc Zegans's newest collection, *Boys in the Woods*, a limited handmade edition from Crane Maiden Books. It can be purchased at : http://www.pegsimone.com/



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TACONIC

when you dive under the Bash Bish cascade there's a shelf to the left behind the fall. you slither up the slippery rock, and sit the water pouring two feet from your face.

first you smell the iron, then feel the cool of granite and mountain watershed looking intently at, through and across the image distorting gouts, drops and flows

that when colder would be thick icicles but now dance and stream, yet constant somehow bounded in the scope, if not the range of their mutability, well-behave

at a distance, locally chaotic and perhaps that's where the interest lies. yet they are a thing and an image too extant and observable in themselves.

if we choose to look at what is placed directly before us, but we baffle ourselves when we do other than relax our gaze because those endless drops defeat our choice

drawing us to and through, to and through until we lose all our preconceptions of what we are observing, and notice that our skins are cold against the granite

and that there are things to see in the space behind the falls, darker, greener, un-sunned and we notice again that we are cold alone in a place swimmers do not go.

I first sat on this shelf at eight years old and learned the trick of diving off, kicking straight down, letting the spill drive toward bottom the lower current then popping me corklike

to surface, at the rim of the basis carved by the falls over thousands of years. there was something magic about the ride under Bash Bish, a synchronous blending

of body, and water's natural engine that kept me returning for forty years to the perch, and the plunge, and the rise into daylight, river pounding behind.

— Marc Zegans

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testimony. The Informational session with Q&A starts at 6:30 p.m. The Public Hearing will follow at 7:15 p.m. For more information on the FY17 rates, please visit **www.somervillema. gov/water.**

The Dormition of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church, 29 Central Street, is celebrating their 100 year celebration this year. In addition, on September 9,10,11, they are holding their annual Greek Food & Music Festival. The church does a lot for the local Somerville community and has recently opened the Dormition Family Table, which provides free delicious dinner meals to all the hungry during the first and third Wednesday of each month.

Toddler Tuesdays are back at LEGOLAND® Discovery Center Boston starting September 13. This bi-monthly special event is geared to the youngest LEGO® fans, ages 2-5, featuring special toddler activities and story time. New this year, LEGOLAND® has partnered with Zoo New England and on October 11, the Zoo New England Education team will bring a small program animal (like a reptile or chinchilla) and run through some facts and conduct games. Attendees will be able to get close and touch the animals, as well as, ask questions. For more info. and full schedule, check out https://www. legolanddiscoverycenter.com/boston/newsevents/event/1698/toddler-tuesdays.aspx. LEGOLAND Discovery Center Boston is located at 598 Assembly Row, Somerville.



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