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Preliminary Election 2017

Top candidates advance to November 7 ballot



Supporters for candidates vying for placement on the ballot for November's citywide election were out in force on Tuesday, rooting for their favorites.

By The Times Staff

The Preliminary Election to determine the top two candidates for the positions of Mayor of Somerville and Ward 1 School Committee member took place on Tuesday, September 19, 2017.

The two candidates with the most votes for each office will face each other in a final matchup on November 7.

The unofficial results are as follows:

In the mayor's race, incumbent Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone proved to be the top vote getter, garnering 58.16% of the vote.

Curtatone's leading opponent, Payton Corbett, followed with 35.06% of the vote.

Mayoral contender Kenneth C. Van Buskirk III trailed with 6.78% of the vote, and is subsequently eliminated from the race.

In the race for Ward 1

Somerville commemorates National **POW/MIA Recognition Day**

By Jim Clark

On Thursday, September 14, the eve of the National Recognition Day, the City of Somerville honored prisoners of war and those still missing in action with a remembrance ceremony at the City's Honor Roll wall, on the City Hall Concourse outside of 93 Highland Ave.

In the United States, National POW/MIA Recognition Day is observed on the third Friday in September. It honors those who were prisoners of war and those who are still missing

Local city officials, veterans, and members of the general public gathered to speak, share their thoughts and feelings, and participate in the ceremonial commemoration of this national day of recognition.

The day was established by an Act of Congress in 1998 with the Defense Authorization Act. It



is one of six days that the POW/MIA Flag can The City of Somerville observed National POW/MIA Recognition Day with a ceremony at the City Hall last Thursday. More photos on page 8. – Photo by Bobbie Toner

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As of press time, the mayor wins by large margin to advance onto the November ballot. It was very unusual going to the polls this past Tuesday, especially if you didn't live in Ward 1. The only race on the ballot was the mayor's race, with three candidates, the top two advance. Mayor Joe Curtatone will face off with first time candidate for office Peyton Corbett, a truck driver/union member. The race in Ward 1 was for School Committee with three running. The top two candidates, Emily Ackman and Kenneth M. Salvato, will advance to the November election.

Two more weeks until the **The Somerville Police Department** will be holding a golf tournament in memory of police officer **William "Billy" Nolan**, a great officer and wonderful family who is remembered by many here in the city. The tournament will be held on **Friday, September 29**, at 7:00 a.m. for coffee. 7:45 board golf carts and 8 Shotgun start. Golfers are \$150 and Dinner only is \$50, to be held at the **Hillview Country Club**, 149 North St., No. Reading. If you'd like to participate and want more information contact **Somerville Police Relief Association c/o Captain Michael S. Cabral**, at the Police Department, 22 Washington St., Somerville 02143. If you'd like to help out by sponsoring, the cost is \$100, send to same.

Welcome back to work the real brains behind the DPW, Tommy Barry, who has been out with knee surgery these past several months. Apparently, they the city won't pay him for his time out. He's back just in time while the Assistant DPW Commissioner Ricky Willette is out having surgery himself. We wish him a speedy return. It's a good thing Tommy is back just in the nick of time. Just saying.

Speaking of the **DPW**, we were tipped off that the self-appointed so-called wannabe cop or journalist from *that* blog was sitting in his super-duper (estimated value of \$80K) red corvette – maybe he'll show up in his Rolls next time – last week, parked in a special permit space for DPW employees, watching the comings and goings of the DPW.

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: Newstalk - September 13

BMac says:

too bad Cambridge does not have a residency requirement for employees.

Villenous says:

The Corbett stuff was making the rounds on Twitter early in the summer. I'm not easily offended. I've known way too many guys like that to be shocked. Yet the last thing Somerville needs is some bro culture loudmouth to be its mayor. The guy was a 30-year-old adolescent. Joe Curtatone was sitting on the Board of Aldermen when he was 30.

Courtney O'Keefe says:

EVERY DOLLAR given to a political candidate comes with expectation. EVERY DOLLAR. Whether it's a for-profit developer, non-profit developer, the neighbor who puts up a yard sign or the friend that's on the civil service list. EVERY DOLLAR. There is one current and one past progressive-backed elected official who have developers and attorneys on their roster, but it seems that they are kept out of the papers and protected.

The "Pay to Play" phrase is used to describe whatever financial donations opponents deem questionable. When I served as Alderman, I was accused of "Pay to Play" because the owner of a restaurant I frequent, 2 employees, and family members made maximum donations to my campaign. Not a developer...not an attorney...not a Union, but a local business owner. From literature to phone banks, to canvassing to character assassinations in the media, special interest organizations may not be able to make the financial donations they want to, but do assist in these and other ways to help THEIR candidates that they expect to vote in accordance with their mission. Is this also "Pay to Play?" Until public funding becomes available for candidates, abide by Campaign Finance (State and Local), Open Meeting and Conflict of Interest Laws – that's why they exist.

skippy says:

- 1.) Someone in Corbett's campaign should have had him review his social media and delete anything that could be used against him
- 2.)I agree with Courtney but want to add that running for office should not be for the rich and that candidates need to raise money
- 3.)BMac=that's too bad for Matt's people because now they have one less information stream again campaign people should have thought that out a little more

BMac says:

Skippy, I guess they were more concerned with it showing his anger and inconsistencies than they were with potential communications value. I assume they thought it out and felt it was too big a negative.

nmrn says:

interesting that Matt made his twitter private. This is because he was supporting Payton Corbett and now wants to hide it. Lets see how transparent he is now! Will he practice what he preaches? It should tell us all something about him endorsing a racist and a sexist. Maybe it takes one to know one?

BMac says:

And Matt looks to be public on twitter again. I guess we now know how long it takes to purge violent outbursts against fellow city employees and constituents and misogynistic comments form your twitter feed. Not fooling anyone Matt.

nmrn says:

Matt was seen campaigning with Peyton the other day. I guess he endorses candidates that make disparaging remarks about women. Does Matt really dislike the Mayor so much that a second rate sexist and racist candidate is his choice. Talk about someone being immature. Be ready for the outbursts by Matt all city department heads when the Mayor embarrasses Peyton on Tuesday.

Log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com to leave your own comments



Board of Aldermen urges Congress to pass 'Dream Act'

By Arin Kerstein

The Board of Aldermen unanimously passed a resolution on Thursday evening in support of the passage of The Dream Act of 2017. The federal legislation provides a path to permanent residency for undocumented immigrants who arrived into the country as children.

The resolution follows President Donald Trump's September 5 decision to phase out the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, which temporarily protects childhood arrivals from deportation. Massachusetts has had 18,788 DACA cases approved from the time the program was adopted in June 2012 through March, according to data from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

Board President William A. White Jr. submitted the proposal, which was signed on by the entire Board. Board Vice President Katjana Ballantyne (Ward 7) opened discussion of the resolution stating that concern from the community surrounding Trump's statement was reminiscent of the Board's discussions surrounding its decision to urge Congress to pass the Dream Act of 2010. If passed, the 2010 bill would have put in place similar mechanisms to protect undocumented immigrants who arrived as children.

"We unanimously supported it after

hearing about the difficulties that many of our youth who came from an immigrant background in our community were facing with the immigration laws," he said. "I thought it would be appropriate for this Board of Alderman to basically reassert our position."

Alderman-At-Large Mary Jo Rossetti agreed, adding that she heard countless emotional stories from students while discussing the Dream Act in 2010 as a member of the School Committee. These stories inspired the committee to unanimously pass a similar resolution of support at the time, she said.

Ballantyne also cited the Baltimore City Council's decision to call on Congress to pass the act last Monday as another call to action for the Board to prod Congress

"I think there's recognition that it's up to Congress to really take action to provide a [plan] for folks who are here, who've made these commitments who are paying taxes, who have residency, and then an avenue to citizenship," he said.

The passing of the resolution follows other public statements of commitment to protecting students who have been a part of the DACA program. On September 6, Mayor Joseph Curtatone and Mary Skipper, Superintendent of Schools, released a joint statement reaffirming support for DACA within the Somerville



Ward 7 Alderman Katjana Ballantyne's was but one voice speaking in favor of the Board of Alderman's resolution in support of DACA.

school system and the city at large.

"We believe that every child that walks through our doors, and every young adult in our community, has the right to dream. As public educators, we have the ethical and legal obligation to provide every student in our district with a high-quality education," the statement reads.

While discussing the resolution at hand, Alderman-At-Large Dennis Sullivan expressed concern for the future of children from undocumented families. He shared an anecdote about a father who has been deported after living and working in Somerville for 20 years whose family is now left behind struggling.

"These kids or these families that signed up for DACA, they gave their personal information, they played by the rules, and to take it out from underneath them is kind of like, they're using, people doing the right thing, they're using it against them."

Ward 2 Alderman Maryann Heuston said that it is crucial to pass resolutions of this nature to maintain a welcoming atmosphere within the city. She noted that when people feel unsafe, they tend to stop participating in public life out of fear.

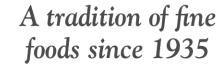
"It's important that [people] see the elected officials in the city support them and their families and have them feel as though they can do things like the simple things that we take for granted like access to health care, go to school, access to coverage through MassHealth," she said.

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Preliminary Election 2017 CONT. FROM PG 1

School Committee, Emily Ackman led the field with 45.14% of the vote, while Kenneth M. Salvato followed with 33.07%. Both will share spots on the November ballot.

Third place finisher Guillermo Samuel Hamlin was eliminated from the race with a total of 21.78% of the vote.

The results listed here do not include absentee, provisional, overseas, or military ballots that will be added to the final counts.

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By Jim Clark

'Just Help Yourself Day' on Calvin St.

Police officers were dispatched to a Calvin St. location last week on reports of someone stealing packages from a residential front porch.

While en route, the officers were provided with a description of the suspect, later identified as Carlos Carrion, of Cambridge. They were informed that Carrion was seen carrying a bag and riding a bicycle along Calvin St.

Upon arrival in the area, police observed an individual matching

Carrion's description going behind a building on Washington St. According to reports, police confronted Carrion behind the building, where he was reportedly observed placing all new articles of clothing in an empty trash can, and had other new articles of clothing placed in another trash can.

Police also reportedly found opened Amazon boxes nearby which did not belong to Carrion.

A brown paper bag contain-

ing a bottle of wine, along with numerous baby clothes, a Tile Mate, Amazer bike lock, and a Birchbox belonging to the Calvin St. victim was reportedly found on the handlebars of Carrion's bicycle.

Carrion also reportedly had a brand new, unsigned Visa credit card bearing a name other than his in his possession. He reportedly stated that the bicycle was not his and that he found it. Police, however, reported that they found a key clinched in Carrion's fist that it appear that it was still closed. matched a lock on the bicycle.

Carrion was placed under arrest and charged with larceny from a building and receiving stolen property over \$250.

After Carrion was transported to the police station, the officers went to the Calvin St. address where the initial call had originated. There they reportedly found an Amazon box that had been opened, emptied and placed upside down as to make

On the front porch of another Calvin St. residence, two Amazon boxes were found opened, half emptied, and stacked one on top of each other as though they were not empty.

On yet another Calvin St. porch ripped open manila envelope was found.

All of the items were taken to the Somerville Police Department to be inventoried and placed into evidence.

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Arrests:

Carlos Carrion, of 13 Pine St. Cambridge, September 12, 1:20 p.m., arrested at Calvin St. on charges of larceny from a building and receiving stolen property over \$250.

Shaheim Grant, of 382 Mc-Grath Hwy., September 12, 6:10 p.m., arrested at Walnut St. on warrant charges of armed

robbery and conspiracy.

Daniel Heres, of 24 Yemen St., Revere, September 13, 11:56 a.m., arrested at North St. on warrant charges of larceny over \$250, threat to commit a crime, and shoplifting by asportation.

Jeffrey Burke, of 19 Tall Oaks St., Weymouth, September 14, 1:20 p.m., arrested at Gorham St. on charges of reckless operation of a motor vehicle, operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs, and improper operation of a motor vehicle.

Rubenson Cherilus, of 24A Glendale Ave., September 14, 6:41 p.m., arrested at Glendale Ave. on charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, resisting arrest, drug possession to distribute, failure to stop for police, and reckless operation of a motor vehicle.

Jacob Afoa, of 87 Electric Ave., September 16, 2:33 a.m., arrested at Holland St. on a warrant charge of uninsured motor vehicle or trailer.

Victor Romero, of 375 Boston St., Lynn, September 16, 5:43 p.m., arrested at Broadway on a charge of disorderly

Patrick Gelardi, of 573 High St., Medford, September 16, 6:56 p.m., arrested at Broadway on a warrant charge of distribution of a class C drug.

Laura McNally, of 25 Water St. E. Weymouth, September 17, 10:59 a.m., arrested at Benton Rd. on a warrant charge of larceny under \$250.

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The Mayor's Preliminary **Election Night Party**



Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone held a Preliminary Election Night Party at Orleans Restaurant in Davis Square Tuesday night. Supporters joined the mayor in celebrating the decisive victory in his bid for reelection in November.

— Photo by Donald Norton

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Union Square Portraits:

Conversations about America – with Doug

By JT Thompson

Doug: grey beard, brown suit jacket, blue baseball cap, 61 years old, is a poet, professor, publisher, newspaper journalist and host of an interview show on SCATV. Doug has been a key player in the local poetry scene for over 20 years; he's published and interviewed hundreds of poets, and taught hundreds of students.

We meet at Union Square's Bloc 11 café, where he is a fixture; his usual spot is in the tucked away, tiny backroom, where he does a lot of his interviews, as well as his own writing.

Before I start the interview, he wants to interview me for his column in The Somerville Times. I guess I get animated, because I knock over my coffee, flooding the table, soaking his notebook and splashing onto his jacket. Luckily, Doug handles the clean-up process with aplomb and amusement.

When we get started talking, he has a gruff toughness I imagine is helpful in the classroom, and a good humored sensitivity I imagine is helpful when he interviews poets. He has an affection for the bohemian, artist's life made possible by low rent neighborhoods, which would seem nostalgic, except for how actively and steadily Doug is engaged in creating that kind of community in Somerville.

"I'm getting like my dad. Things aren't like they were"

Doug was born in Manhattan, near Central Park, and his earliest memory is of being with his mother in a park in Forest Hills, Queens. Although the



Somerville poet and educator, Doug.

family then moved to Long Island, Manhattan always remained vivid in Doug's imagination.

His grandfather's family is Jewish, and came over from Russia and Poland, fleeing the shtetls to make a new home in the Lower East Side of Manhattan. Doug's uncle Dave Kirschenbaum made his living by selling books from a pushcart, and gradually became an established and well respected bookseller, founder of the Carnegie Bookstore. A measure of his place in the literary world is that, among many other such projects, he was asked to assess the library of T.S. Eliot.

"I asked him if he knew Gershwin from the neighborhood. 'Yeah, he was a good kid' he told me. But he was very matter of fact about it all. The bookstore was to make a living."

By the time he was in high school, Doug had become an avid reader of newspapers.

"We lived just thirty miles outside Manhattan. I read three papers a day, the Daily News, the Post and the Times. I was pretty well informed for a kid. My dad was a P.R. man, a Mad Men kind of guy, and he always had newspapers with him, staying informed so he could make good pitches. I always admired how he could talk about a lot of issues."

Doug started college at B.U. but was "bumped to Buffalo by the recession. But I came back to Boston, living in boarding houses, working as a short order cook, lots of jobs like that."

He laughs.

"I'm getting like my dad. Things aren't like they were."

"But my memories of New York are that there was more sense of community. The artist's bohemian life was possible. It's too expensive now. Gentrification everywhere."

"In Boston in the 70s, you had rooming houses in Back Bay, Cambridge. Now, forget about it. It was a lot cheaper then, a lot easier to live that sort of life."

After his various odd jobs, Doug got a teaching certificate at Emmanuel College.

"My first job was in a mental hospital, for African American kids, DSS kids from Roxbury. There were some bad crimes."

"And the irony of a Jewish kid from Long Island teaching African American history to them. It ended up being more about teaching reading."

He then became a health worker at MacClean hospital, but got laid off in 2008 during the recession. He is still there part time, but to fill out his work life he put his Masters in English from Harvard to use and got two teaching jobs, at Bunker Hill Community College and Endicott College.

Endicott now provides funding for Ibbetson Street, a small press that Doug founded in 1998.

"My wife and I were living on Ibbestson Street in Somerville at the time. She became ill, so to cheer her up I decided to start a literary magazine, something we'd talked a lot about."

"The first issues were stapled together, now it's a glossy magazine format. We got into print on demand, chapbooks, found a design partner."

"And we founded the Bagel Bards, which was a reaction to the academic cliques. We wanted to be open to the general public. We have accomplished poets, we have beginners. Every Saturday for the last 14 years we've met, first at Finagle a Bagel in Harvard Square, now at Au Bon Pain in Davis. We put out a yearly anthology."

I ask him what he likes about Union Square. Continued on page 17

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Rep. Mike Connolly

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE: Beacon Hill Roll Call records local representatives' votes on several of the roll calls overriding Gov. Charlie Baker's cuts of \$320 million in spending. A two-thirds vote in both branches is

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for needed in order for a veto to be overridden. The Senate has not yet taken up the vetoes. The House restored an estimated \$275 million.

> House Democratic leaders said the budget was balanced and that Baker's cuts were unnecessary and would have hurt many people including the sick, seniors, children and minorities.

> "We're going to start with vetoes that have a statewide impact and consider regional items in the upcoming weeks, and we're continuing to monitor our fiscal trends and weigh our options as well," said House Ways and Means Chairman Jeffrey Sánchez (D-Boston) during the debate.

> "The current fiscal environment, specifically soft revenue collection reports to date, indicates there is no basis to support the decision to increase spending by \$275 million," said Baker spokesman Brendan Moss.

House GOP Minority Leader Brad Jones (R-North Reading) said he was disappointed the House chose to move ahead with overturning a significant number of Baker's spending vetoes. "State tax revenues are currently running behind projections and there are still many uncertainties about where those revenues will be trending in the months ahead," said Jones. "Because of this, I decided to vote to sustain all of Gov. Baker's vetoes, even though it meant voting against restoring funding for many worthwhile programs I otherwise would have supported. In my opinion, it would have been more prudent to wait and see what revenues look like in September and perhaps even October before moving forward with overrides."

CUT \$2.5 MILLION FOR HIV AND AIDS (H 3800)

House 126-25, overrode a reduction of \$2.5 million (from \$30,834,416 to \$28,334,416) for HIV, AIDS, viral hepatitis, sexually transmitted infections and tuberculosis programs.

(A"Yes" vote is for funding the \$2.5 million. A"No" vote is against funding it.)

> Rep. Christine Barber Yes Rep. Mike Connolly Yes Rep. Denise Provost Didn't Vote

CUT \$1.25 MILLION FOR KIDS' MENTAL against funding it.) HEALTH (H 3800)

House 131-21, overrode a reduction of \$1.25 million (from \$2.5 million to \$1.25 million) for early childhood mental health consultation services in early education and care programs.

(A "Yes" vote is for funding the \$1.25 million. A "No" vote is against funding it.)

> Rep. Christine Barber Yes Rep. Mike Connolly Yes Rep. Denise Provost Didn't Vote

CUT \$800,000 FOR PEDIATRIC PALLIATIVE CARE (H 3800)

House 139-13, overrode a reduction of \$800,000 (from \$2,606,334 to 1,806,334) for pediatric palliative care.

(A"Yes" vote is for funding the \$800,000. A"No" vote is against funding it.)

CUT \$275,000 FOR PROSTATE CANCER (H 3800)

House 133-19, overrode a reduction of \$275,000 (from \$550,000 to \$275,000) for prostate cancer awareness, education and research programs focusing on men with African-American, Hispanic or Latino heritage, family history of the disease and other men at high risk.

(A"Yes" vote is for funding the \$275,000. A"No" vote is against funding it.)

> Rep. Christine Barber Yes Rep. Mike Connolly Yes Rep. Denise Provost Didn't Vote

CUT ENTIRE \$200,000 FOR STROKE PRO-GRAMS (H 3800)

House 119-33, overrode a cut of the entire \$200,000 for stroke treatment and prevention programs.

(A"Yes" vote is for funding the \$200,000. A"No" vote is against funding it.)

> Rep. Christine Barber Yes Rep. Mike Connolly Yes Rep. Denise Provost Didn't Vote

CUT ENTIRE \$100,000 FOR DOWN SYN-**DROME PROGRAMS (H 3800)**

House 143-9, overrode a cut of the entire \$100,000 for a Down Syndrome Program at the Children's Medical Center at the University of Massachusetts Memorial Medical Center in Worcester.

(A"Yes" vote is for funding the \$100,000. A"No" vote is against funding it.)

> Rep. Christine Barber Yes Rep. Mike Connolly Yes Rep. Denise Provost Didn't Vote

CUT \$200,000 FOR SAMARITANS (H 3800)

House 129-23, overrode a reduction of \$200,000 (from \$400,000 to \$200,000) for the Samaritans for suicide prevention services.

(A"Yes" vote is for funding the \$200,000. A"No" vote is

Rep. Christine Barber Yes Rep. Mike Connolly Yes Rep. Denise Provost Didn't Vote

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED SUICIDE (H 1194) -

The Public Health Committee will hold a hearing on September 26 at 1 p.m. in Rooms A-1 and A-2 at the Statehouse on a very controversial bill that would allow terminally ill patients with fewer than six months to live to obtain medication they can self-administer to commit suicide.

Voters defeated a similar measure on the 2012 ballot by a very slim 51 percent to 49 percent margin with 1,466,866 voting for the measure and 1,534,757 against. There were also 182,573 blank ballots of people who took a ballot but did not vote on this question.

Beacon Hill Roll Call continued



NO ROBOCALLS TO CELL PHONES (H 2828)

- Also on September 26 at 1:00 p.m. in Room B-1 at the Statehouse, the Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee will hold a hearing on a measure that would prohibit robocalls to cell phones and other mobile electronic devices. The measure exempts messages from school districts to students, parents or employees; companies advising employees of work schedules; correctional facilities advising victims of the release of an offender; and municipalities and state government.

Another provision would fine companies up to \$10,000 if they make an illegal robocall and allow an individual who is called to sue a company for \$10,000.

Supporters say it is time to put a stop to these calls which can be very annoying. They note that sometimes robocalls cost the cell phone user money if he or she pays for incoming calls.

NO LATEX (H 1221) - The Public Health Committee held a hearing on a bill that would prohibit any employee who handles food from using latex gloves and imposes up to a \$500 fine on violators.

"Recent data indicates that the prevalence of latex allergy is approximately 4 percent of the population worldwide and about 9 percent among healthcare workers," said bill sponsor Rep. John Scibak (D-Hadley). "Exposure can result in symptoms ranging from itching, run-

ny nose to asthma-like symptoms of wheezing, chest tightness and difficulty breathing, with the most severe allergy resulting in persons going into anaphylactic shock or even death."

MANDATORY DENTAL EXAMS (H 2456) -

Another bill heard by the Public Health Committee would require every child in Massachusetts to have a dental exam sometime in the 12 months prior to entering kindergarten.

"Dental disease is the most common, chronic child-hood disease, five times more common than asthma," said the bill's sponsor Rep. Sean Garballey (D-Arlington). "In the United States, it is estimated that 51 million school hours are lost each year due to dental-related causes."

LOTS OF BILLS AIRED BY JUDICIARY COM-

MITTEE - A major hearing by the Judiciary Committee on dozens of bills was held at the Statehouse last week. Among the proposals on the agenda were:

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 im-

portant 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 September 11-15, the House met for a total of five hours and three minutes while the Senate met for a total of two hours and 30 minutes.

Mon. Sept. 11 House 12:01 p.m. to 12:38 p.m. Senate 11:10 a.m. to 12:50 p.m.

Tues. Sept. 12 No House session
No Senate session

Wed. Sept. 13 House 1:02 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

No Senate session

Thurs. Sept. 14 House 11:03 a.m. to 11:31 a.m.

Senate 11:15 a.m. to 11:25 a.m.

Fri. Sept. 15 No House session

No Senate session

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Address Description DOM List Price Sale									
91 Vernon St	7 room, 3 bed, 3f 0h bath Colonial	20	\$649,900	\$775,000					
28 Avon St	7 room, 3 bed, 1f 0h bath Other	16	\$750,000	\$750,000					
166 Summer St	7 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath Victorian	22	\$1,090,000	\$1,200,000					
7 Montrose St	8 room, 4 bed, 2f 1h bath Colonial	55	\$1,150,000	\$1,125,000					
34 Magnus Ave	10 room, 4 bed, 4f 0h bath Colonial	72	\$1,249,000	\$1,200,000					

	Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over	the Past Month	:	
Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
25 Auburn Avenue U:2	6 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	33	\$795,000	\$760,000
146 Hudson St U:2	4 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath 2/3 Family	6	\$799,000	\$810,000
3-5 West St U:2	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Duplex	50	\$799,900	\$795,000
266 Beacon Street U:1	5 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Low-Rise	14	\$899,000	\$925,000
46 Belmont St U:1	7 room, 2 bed, 2f 1h bath 2/3 Family	18	\$969,900	\$970,000
266 Beacon Street U:4	5 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath Low-Rise	8	\$1,099,000	\$1,099,000
266 Beacon Street U:5	6 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath Low-Rise	8	\$1,150,000	\$1,150,000
139 Summer U:1	8 room, 3 bed, 3f 1h bath Townhouse	48	\$1,199,000	\$1,190,000
46 Belmont St U:2	8 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath 2/3 Family	37	\$1,199,900	\$1,200,000
21 Cleveland St U:21	9 room, 4 bed, 3f 1h bath Townhouse	50	\$1,220,000	\$1,215,000
23 Cleveland St U:23	9 room, 4 bed, 3f 1h bath Townhouse	15	\$1,220,000	\$1,220,000
266 Beacon Street U:PH	6 room, 3 bed, 2f 1h bath Low-Rise	13	\$1,795,000	\$1,795,000

Recent Multi-Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:								
Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price				
11 Pleasant Ave	3 unit, 16 total room, 5 total bedroom 3 Family	7	\$1,150,000	\$1,310,000				
5 Parkdale St	2 unit, 12 total room, 4 total bedroom 2 Family	154	\$1,150,000	\$1,110,000				
30 Otis St	3 unit, 14 total room, 8 total bedroom 3 Family	72	\$1,195,000	\$1,150,000				
100 Flint St	2 unit, 13 total room, 8 total bedroom 2 Family	28	\$1,200,000	\$1,150,000				
7 Russell Rd	3 unit, 15 total room, 0 total bedroom 3 Family	19	\$1,229,000	\$1,200,000				
2 Gilson Terrace	3 unit, 15 total room, 6 total bedroom 3 Family	7	\$1,250,000	\$1,750,000				
84 Lexington Avenue	2 unit, 12 total room, 5 total bedroom 2 Family	6	\$1,750,000	\$1,750,000				

Retirement kickoff for Sal













Long time Somerville resident and businessman Sal Ferro is heading into retirement. Ferro started off with a part time printing business in 1967 with a tabletop letterpress, in his home. A lot of his printing at the beginning started off with wedding invitations using the slogan "Brides are our business, our only business. Since then he has raised five children in Somerville, with his wife Claudia by his side. He worked a few other jobs and turned the printing business into a full time profession. Over the years he has done the printing for many businesses, restaurants, stores, bakeries, lawyers, etc., in and around Somerville. Ferro Printing was also a member of the Somerville Chamber of Commerce. On Saturday, September 9, Ferro's family surprised him with a retirement party at the Neighborhood restaurant in Union Square. Stephen Mackey of the Somerville Chamber of Commerce was there and presented him with a mantle clock from the Chamber of Commerce.

— Photos by Claudia Ferro

Somerville commemorates National POW/MIA Recognition Day CONT. FROM PG 1













— Photos by Bobbie Toner

The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week



Eagle feathers #138

The Fourth Day of July

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

It was one hundred years ago this past spring that Americans began arriving in Paris to help their French allies in the war against Germany. In a symbolic salute, General John Pershing presented an American flag at a Frenchman's tomb.



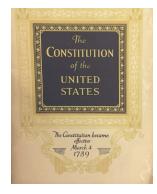
It was the grave of the Marquis de Lafayette who had greatly aided us during our revolution. The French and American patriot so loved America, that he was buried in soil dug from Bunker Hill. At the presentation, the Americans announced, "Lafayette, we are here." The date was the 4th of July in 1917.



The celebration of this date in Somerville predates its first American flag raising, the signing of the Constitution, and the Revolutionary War. For 213 years until 1842, Somerville was part of Charlestown and, as such, was part of her

history. The most accurate account of early writers places the arrival of a Charlestown Engineer and City Planner, Thomas Graves from England, as the date of the foundation of Charlestown. She was born on the fourth of July, and the year was 1629.

The first ship built in Massachusetts was the "Blessing of the Bay." It was built at Ten Hills on the Mystic River by the first governor of Massachusetts, John Winthrop, and was launched on the 4th of July in 1631. Who knew the day of the launching would be so significant in American history?



The Blessing was used for exploration, commerce, and expansion of the Bay State. Other Massachusetts-built ships later followed her, and when pirates attacked those ships, the Blessing was armed and sent out to Continued on page 16

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Pay equity and how to get there

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

Women face a double-edged sword when it comes to salary negotiation and that's leaving us behind in the workforce. Because of this, the Somerville Commission for Women (SCW) has partnered with the American Association of University Women (AAUW) for the AAUW Work Smart program - which focuses on pay negotiation education – on Thursday, September 28.

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

Unfortunately, statistics paint a grim picture of pay inequity. AAUW's 2017 study found that U.S. women working full-time are paid on average about 80 percent of what white men are paid. This equates to a 20 percent pay gap, and even worse for women of color.

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

Luckily, there are ways for women to fight pay inequity. Salary negotiation workshops have

proven to help. Participants at our AAUW Work Smart program will learn about the pay gap and how predominant it is in the U.S. They'll also have a chance to practice salary negotiation as well as how to respond to salary offers. Additionally, participants will learn how to research their worth based on pay scales and experience.

Join us at the Cross Street Center, 165 Broadway in East Somerville, from 6:00 to

8:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 28. Our event is free and open to all Somerville women. And, yes, we will have pizza.

Sign up online at:

https://www.eventbrite. com/e/aauw-work-smartin-boston-at-somervillecommission-for-womentickets-36827552200. questions, please contact Chris Hosman at chosman@somervillema.gov or (617) 625-6600, ext. 2406.

Kristen Strezo is the Co-Chair on the City of Somerville's Commission for Women; however, the views and opinions expressed in this article are entirely her own and do not necessarily reflect the official policy or position of the City of Somerville.



Palaver Strings presents 'Something for the Pain'

Palaver Strings presents its opening concert of the season. Featuring Arvo Pärt's transcendent "Trisagion" and Dmitri Shostakovich's iconic Eighth String Quartet, this program addresses the experience of conflict in the world today. The concert is dedicated to military veterans and will also feature a speaker from the New England Center and Home for Veterans, one of Palaver's community partners.

September 29, 8:00 p.m., Center for Arts at the Armory, 191 Highland Ave., Somerville. Tickets \$15

All politics is local

By Eesha Pendharkar

Most of Somerville's candidates for local office attended a meet and greet at Workbar on Tuesday night of last week, days before the preliminary election. "All politics is local" got all three candidates for mayor including, incumbent Joseph Curtatone, together in one room.

The event was hosted by Somerville Local First, an organization that calls upon the city's leaders and businesses to build a local, fair economy.

"Unlike fundraisers, candidates will not be given an opportunity to address the crowd, but rather engage in face-to-face conversations with attendees throughout the evening," stated the Facebook page for the event, overseen by Executive Director Courtney O'Keefe. "This ain't your mama's candidate night."

Current and potential local leaders mingled with citizens by communicating one-on-one, which new Somerville resident Hallah Elbeleidy said felt like citizens were in the spotlight for once."In a way it's strange but it's an empowering feeling," she said.

Kenneth Salvato, who is running for school committee from Ward 1 spoke in favor of the direct interaction the night offered citizens, saying that he wished similar events would happen even when it was not an election year.

Current Ward 2 Alderman Maryann Heuston echoed a similar sentiment. She commended the event by saying that it was a great opportunity to meet people in her ward. "Listening to what they think is important," she said.

All but four of the candidates for mayor, alderman, alderman-at-large and School Committee member attended the event and took the opportunity to present their campaign issues to the public in an informal way. Citizens heard about Heuston's focus on open spaces, Salvato's plan to fund his 5-point plan by taking a \$5,000 pay cut and got to ask their representatives about affordability, which is a particularly important issue in Somerville.

Mayor Curtatone and a few others, including School Com-



mittee candidate Guillermo Samuel Hamlin, originally from Paraguay, supported Somerville's stance on immigration and being a sanctuary city by wearing stickers that said "No human being is illegal" or, in Hamlin's case, "Immigrant."

"This ain't your mama's candidate night"

"I do not represent those who vote for me," Hamlin said, talking about being a more inclusive, accessible candidate. "I represent those who often can't vote."

In an email through his campaign manager, Mayor Curtatone confirmed that the question most residents and business owners asked him was about increasing property prices. He stated that efforts to tackle the affordability problem were ongoing. Mayoral candidate Kenneth Van Buskirk listed lowering property taxes high on his objectives at the event.

"Several important pieces of that plan have already been put in place, and I'm talking to residents about what we need to do in the next term," he wrote.

Curtatone also praised O'Keefe's event by saying, "It was the first event this campaign season where someone reached out to all of the candidates and got them all into one room."

"I put it together and crossed my fingers that they would show up," O'Keefe said to the surprisingly well-attended event. Having served as alderman in 2013, she acknowledged the importance of the new format. "Nothing like being able to have the ear of someone running for office," she said.

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Vision Zero: Striving to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries on Somerville's streets



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Somerville may be just four square miles in size, but 119 linear miles of roadways criss-cross our city, and last year, 636 crashes (224 of them resulting in injury) were reported on those roads. This is unsettling and unacceptable because crashes leading to serious injuries and fatalities are preventable. As the most densely populated city in New England, we have thousands on our roads at any given time in cars, on bikes, on foot, and on their way to public transit. This activity creates vibrancy, but it also creates danger. As we strive to be the most walkable, bikeable, transit-friendly city in the country, we must also reaffirm our dedication to safer roadways for all users.

Earlier this month we did just that when I announced the launch of the Vision Zero Somerville initiative. Vision Zero is a broad and far-reaching strategy that aims to eliminate traffic deaths and serious injuries while increasing public safety, public health, and equitable mobility options for all. Yes, it's an ambitious goal, and success will not come overnight. The structural—and cultural - changes needed will take time, resources, and patience. But we have set our target and, in Somerville, that means we'll do everything we can to reach it. We're also not alone.

We now join 27 other communities - small cities, large cities, and even a county - from Alaska to Florida in bolstering our commitment to safer streets by proactively planning for the future of mobility. Boston and Cambridge are among our fellow Vision Zero cities, and we will coordinate with them on addressing regional challenges and achieving shared goals. But make no mistake; we're not looking at a blanket approach to solve our mobility and transportation problems because we know that some of the challenges each city faces are unique.

One of those unique challenges for our Vision Zero work is around aligning our transportation systems to our other community-driven priorities. When we were creating our 20year Somer Vision plan, you, the community identified goals for sustainability, environmental public health and safety, social equity, revitalized economic activity, and more. Transportation challenges impact each of these areas. So as we pursue Vision Zero, we'll be keeping Somer Vision goals front and center. City staff across departments will collaborate to ensure that as we work to create the multi-modal transportation system that SomerVision calls for (cars, bikes, pedestrians, and transit) and that promotes safety, that the system itself also moves us closer to our other community's priorities, rather than farther away from them.

While the systems aren't there yet, we're already seeing a shift in the community's mobility patterns and behaviors. Long gone are the days of Somerville being a cut-through for drivers on the way to Boston. We already know that an estimated nearly 8 percent of Somervillians commute on a bicycle while approximately 12 percent commute on foot, and data from the annual bike and pedestrian count hints that those numbers will continue to rise. Meanwhile the number of vehicles on some city roadways has remained steady over the past 8 years, as opposed to increasing like other forms of transportation.

With more vulnerable roadway users out on our streets, it's critical that we take seriously our Vision Zero goal of eliminating traffic deaths and serious injuries, but we need your help to do it. Not only will we need all traffic participants to commit to doing their part to enhance safety. The Vision Zero initiative will also create an action plan that outlines a multi-faceted approach for safer roadways through enforcement, education, redesigning streets, and more. This is Somerville after all, so the community process will be integral in determining our short-, medium-, and longterm goals as well as the strategies we deploy to achieve them. Stay tuned because the calls for community input will begin soon, and the action plan will be released in 2018.

Meanwhile, we'll continue other ongoing transportation and mobility work. Last year we lowered the speed limit from 30 to 25 mph on most city streets,

and we're continuing the work around creating 20 mph safety zones. We're also working on building the City's first speed database so that we can continue to use different types of data to inform our policy decisions. The City's first parking-protected bike lane was recently unveiled on Washington Street, as was the new midblock crosswalk and flashing beacon at Union Square. Additional projects like these and ongoing infrastructure work like that on Beacon Street, which when completed will include raised and separated bicycle facilities as well as pedestrian beacons at high-demand crosswalks, will continue throughout the development of the Vision Zero Action Plan.

I was proud to stand alongside members of our Board of Aldermen, community advocates, and City staff to make Somerville's commitment to Vision Zero and make clear our prioritization of traffic safety. I know this will be long, hard work. There will surely be challenges and setbacks along the way. But I've seen this community in action, and I know that together we can come up with creative solutions to tackle our challenges and plan for safer Somerville streets.

It's 'What the Fluff?' time again

"What the Fluff? A Tribute to Union Square Invention" is a zany and fun-filled festival that celebrates the invention of Fluff by Archibald Query in Somerville's Union Square. This year's theme of "FluffCentennial: Inspiring the Next Century of Union Square Invention" highlights the 100th anniversary and the fact that invention is still alive and thriving in Union Square today.

The 12th anniversary of this madcap festival will take place on Sat., Sept. 23rd, 2017 (rain date, 9/24) and will celebrate the invention of marshmallow Fluff with fun and zany activities for everyone to enjoy! Younger children can play interactive games at Knucklebones; fan favorites like Fluff bowling and pin the F on the Fluff boy are at the Midway Games Area; and all are welcome to ride on the Roaming Railroad train. The Shenanigans Stage is the place for hilarious antics, with sticky activities like Fluff Jousting, Fluff Musical Chairs, and this year's new addition of the Fluff Costume Contest! Another special addition this year in honor of our FluffCentennial theme is Invention Alley where the Somerville High Robotics Team and Artisans Asylum are teaming up to bring great activities like laser printing, the 3Doodler pen, vinyl cut designs, robotics and more.

Come hungry and ready to shop, because over 40 local vendors will be selling both

sweet and savory Fluff-inspired dishes, as well as a variety of Fluff-themed crafts. Where else can you try Fluff-inspired creations at a nearby bar or restaurant?

In between the sticky-sweet games, funky crafts, and fabulous fluff creations, enjoy live music and entertainment on the Main Stage. This year's performances include Squeezebox Stompers, Jan Marie & the Mean Reds, Ten Tumbao and of course, no self-respecting Fluff Festival could take place without our beloved Flufferettes entertaining us with a few sensational burlesque performances, and Dan Dahari from MassMouth will be our emcee. So make sure you bring your dancing shoes.

Submit a Fluffy recipe to our Cooking Contest and your culinary creativity will be judged by a luminary lineup of FluffCentennial judges: Anthony Brooks from WBUR, Rachel Leah Blumenthal from EaterBoston, Andy Husbands from The Smoke Shop and Lisa Hughes from WBZ TV. Test your culinary genius and sink deep into the sugary fun by creating a marshmallowy concoction for the cook-off! Check out www.fluffestival.com to sign up; entries will be accepted through Monday, September 18. What the Fluff? is produced by Union Square Main Streets and sponsored by The Somerville Arts Council's ArtsUnion with funding from the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the City of Somerville. Website: www.unionsquaremain.org

Are you Theo?

No, are

you Theo?

COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark Is there a Theo? Can I be Theo? Why Theo?

"Theo Sullivan, the Truth Sayer" - Somerville's superhero.

Hello,

Theo?

Our View Of The Times



If you're not using Facebook you're missing quite the postings by a mysterious do-gooder and purveyor of the truth regarding the mayor, his family, and his administration. Theo has appeared as the alternative to fake news in our city, a blog full of hate and bile that is trying to accuse the mayor of corruption. Theo comes along and is the one source of balance against what that blog has to say.

Who is Theo? Are you Theo? Theo is that masked man who is beginning to be the speaker of truth and justice here in Somerville, the plain truth about the vicious lies and accusations made against Mayor Joe Curtatone.

Think about it, if you haven't already. The so-called newspaper - oops, we're sorry - the blog is bashing the mayor, making all sort of accusations and telling lies. The FBI is investigating what? You have to have proof or corroboration to investigate, and even if they did they wouldn't tell a known convicted felon about it.

Who's

Theo?

A lot of people are hearing things, but no major media here in Boston has mentioned anything. The Globe, The Herald, nothing. Period. Channels 4,5, 7 and 10 nothing. No local papers (including us) are covering it. You know why? it's all about a disagreement over a piece of land

that the mayor won't change the zoning on for the convicted felons to build who knows what, maybe a hotel?

Am I

Theo?

Theo has come out because of these bullying tactics and how everyone is afraid of this individual because he has a barrel of ink, and anyone who says anything to him will get a blast of evil thrown at them. Anyone who dares to say anything back or defend themselves against the bully of Somerville has been made plenty scared to face him. Hence, maybe Theo Sullivan is basically the only one pushing back on the bully, punch for punch. But this bully, like all bullies, won't back down unless something happens. We have to wonder

here why all this negative crap about our city is being put out. If the zoning can't be changed, so what? Move on and work with what you have. That is, unless you have a local heavyweight attorney sort of backing you.

Who is Theo? Everyone says they are not, but are they? If you've been reading some of the garbage and false stuff going around under the banner of a socalled newspaper, you're probably saying to yourself, "Is this true?" Someone who knows a lot about what's going on in the city has apparently made it his duty to be the champion of truth and justice here in Somerville. We thank him for his service.

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We don't want to give them any advice, but if you're going to do surveillance work at least show up in a non-conspicuous car, don't park in a permit parking space and, finally, maybe you might want to try that retro T-bird? You know, the one with the dealer plates on it!

We noticed that there is a lot of hullabaloo about The Times making a whopping \$100K from legal ads from the city since 2011. Yup we won't deny it, but that works out to about \$14K per year. Do we have to teach them how to do math? Simply divide 7 years into 100K and the answer is roughly \$14K a year. Sorry guys, but that's not even enough to pay a year's printing costs. It seems like Mayor Joe's opponent is also making a big deal out of \$100K over 7 years. Maybe to them it's a lot of money, but doesn't even come close to covering our expenses. After all, we print several thousand papers more than they do. Yeah, sure, we're bought by the mayor

with all those ads, which by law the city has to run somewhere. No, we're not for sale at \$14K, but maybe they are!

The primary over in Medford was held last week. We're glad to announce that our good friend - and we think one of the best city councilors in Medford -Adam Knight was voted to continue to the November ballot. We hope he tops the ticket and he has our support. Also, we support Mayor Stephanie Burke, who will be on the November ballot. She's a great mayor and doing a lot of

****** Happy birthdays this week to the fol-

good for the city of Medford.

lowing: Big happy birthday to Alderman At-Large Mary Jo Rossetti who is celebrating. We hope she has a great birthday for herself. A good guy and great pub owner here in Somerville, we wish a big happy birthday to Conor Brennan of P.J. Ryan's in Teele Square. Make sure you wish him a HB and buy him a Guinness. Happy birthday to former Somerville native Joe P. Bordonaro, one of Somerville's success stories of the 80's. We wish him a happy birthday. Who can forget Donna Piro-Andon of the famous Ward 5 Piro's and **Piro Print** Shop? Donna is a great person, always cheerful and smiling. She has that Piro charm. Her father was an alderman for many years. Happy birthday to John Paglierani, formerly of Somerville, and another happy birthday to Christopher Patti, who now lives here in Somerville. Happy birthday to former Ward 5 Alderman Sean O'Donovan, a successful lawyer, business man and all around nice guy. We wish him a special Happy 50th and many more. Ward 5 misses his service. Happy birthday to the many others celebrating this week. We hope they all have a great day for themselves. *******

Ward 3 Alderman Bob McWatters will be having a campaign get together and fundraiser at Sally O'Brien's on Somerville Ave. on Wednesday, October 4, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Last time his opponent sent spies to monitor the event. Alderman McWatters is a good person. He's being accused of taking money from developers, but maybe some unopposed candidates might want to stop spreading lies. They might find an opponent in two years that they might not like.

Ward 2 Alderman Maryann Heuston is out every day working hard for her re-election. We know that every time you turn around in the ward she's there. She has a great following and is making sure working hard is the reason why. She's a good alderman who is dedicated to the future of Somerville and, although she represents a big part of Union Square, she's on top of what's going on throughout the city. By the way, Beacon St. is one great road. The work is done and a job well done. Thank you, Maryann!

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'Strike Up the Bands' at **SomerStreets**

The City of Somerville hosted "Strike Up the Bands" on Sunday, September 17, for the September installment of the city's Somer-Streets festival.

Live entertainment, games and activities, food, beer gardens, crafts, and much more was enjoyed by all. SomerStreets is the City of Somerville's take on the internationally renowned Open Streets concept.

















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Photos by Bobbie Toner

Ryan Harrington Foundation Corn Toss Tournament

The 6th Annual Ryan Harrington Foundation Corn Toss Tournament took place on Saturday, September 16, at Trum Field.

There were men's and a women's divisions, and cash prizes went to the winners youth organizations in the City.





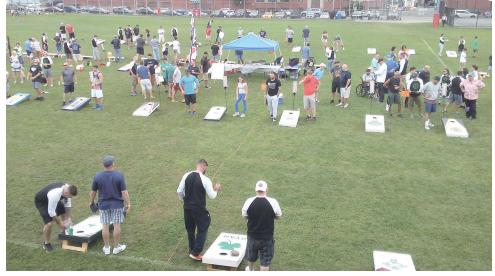














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SPORTS

Somerville Youth Soccer League fall season kickoff

By Jake Wilson

Fields across the city were filled with the sounds of soccer on Saturday morning, as teams ranging from toddlers to teenagers opened the fall season.

Youth Somerville Soccer League (SYSL) prides itself on providing a positive, affordable athletic experience for kids and their families. With nearly 1,000 children registered this fall season, SYSL is the largest community youth sports organization in Somerville, as participation and interest in the sport of soccer continue to grow both locally and nationally.

SYSL secretary Beatriz Gomez said, "As another soccer season starts we are reminded of how this league is not simply an opportunity for our children to play and run outdoors. It helps bring together the diverse Somerville Community."

From introducing the sport of soccer to Toddler teams, to the first games against opponents at the U5 level, to splitting into boys and girls teams at the U7 level and the introduction of travel teams playing competitive games at the U10 level, the goal always is to develop individual skills within a framework of teamwork, fun, sportsmanship and a love of the game.

"As my older child went through a few seasons with his SYSL team, my daughter always was there to watch practices and games," said Sarah Kerrigan, a Somerville resident and parent of a U5 and a U8 player. "Now at age 4, she asked to join, started to play on her own team and is loving it! SYSL provides a fun soccer experience that the whole family can enjoy."



Kids of all ages joined in as Somerville Youth Soccer League kicked off its fall 2017 season.

- Photos courtesy of Somerville Youth Soccer

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Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

- 1. What is the difference between hurricanes and typhoons?
- 2. The Wall Street crash took place in what year?
- 3. What was the original name of Liquid Paper?
- 4. What is Brad Pitt's real first name?
- 5. What is another name for a shooting star?
- 6. What units are used for measuring distances between stars?
- 7. Which is the only

vein in the body to carry oxygenated blood?

- 8. Which drink did Dom Pérignon invent?
- 9. What is the process that rids food, especially milk, of bacteria?
- 10. In the TV show CHIPS, what brand of motorcycles did they ride?
- 11. The American Triple Crown consists what races?
- 12. Whoopi Goldberg made her debut in what film?

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"Somerville Youth Soccer has been a great resource for our active boys. The games and practices provide an opportunity to get outside, have fun and work off energy and the dedicated coaches really work with the kids to develop team-building and help each child improve in their own way. It's been exciting to see our boys learn new skills while becoming more self-confident!" said Andrew Arbaugh, a Somerville resident and parent of two U7 players.

An organization comprised volunteers, Somerville Youth Soccer League strives to keep costs low and offers financial aid to families for whom the registration fee is a burden. SYSL encourages parent and community involvement, at the team, age division and league-wide levels, where there is a wide array of opportunities to help out.

This season SYSL has partnered with the Positive Coaching Alliance (www.positivecoach.org) to work with our coaches at all age levels to make sure our players are benefitting from this philosophy. Coaches participated in a league-wide seminar with a Positive Coaching Alliance trainer before the season and will be implementing those concepts into their coaching going forward as part of the mission to develop – as the motto states - "better athletes, better people."

"I am excited that this year we have engaged the Positive Coach Alliance to help us create a more positive culture on the field for our players and families," said Gomez. "This will improve their experience, and the focus on player development and emphasis on a growth mindset will help our kids develop a valuable skill set on and off the field."

For more information about SYSL, please call Jake Wilson at 617.817.3725, or email jakewilson@somervillesoccer.us.

Sluggish start, costly mistakes too much to overcome for Highlanders

By Beckett Bathanti

The Somerville High School Highlanders hung in the game early, but ultimately fell 28-16 to Lynn English High School Bulldogs on Friday at Dilboy

Head Coach Makonnen Fenton said the effort was there, just not the execution. "We fought hard, but we didn't do what we were supposed to do. When you don't do what you were supposed to do, you lose," he said.

Long, sustained drives by Lynn English left Somerville's defense sucking air and made them susceptible to big plays. "Our defense held up for a while, but they get tired when they're on the field the whole game," Fenton said.

The Bulldogs marched right down the field early, capping off their opening drive with a 17yard touchdown run from senior running back Ski Gaston.

Somerville responded with a methodical drive of their own, resulting in a 37-yard kick from Emerson Klemz that cleared the cross bar by an extra five to ten yards.

On the ensuing kickoff, Lynn's junior kick returner Prince Brown gashed the Highlanders' special teams squad for a 90yard touchdown.

Devin Curley's extra point made the score 14-3 in favor of the Bulldogs.

Similar to last weeks' win against Peabody, Somerville came out swinging in the second

Senior quarterback Elijah Jefferies hooked up with Gio Pierre for a beautiful 38-yard fade route, as Pierre tight-roped the sideline, going out of bounds at the Bulldog 3-yard line.

Jefferies plunged in to the end zone on the next play and Klemz booted the extra point to pull the Highlanders within 4.

Lynn English moved the ball methodically down the field, helped along by a 22 yard run by Gaston.

The Bulldogs looked poised to extend their lead as junior Matt Severance plunged inside the Highlanders' 20-yard line on back-to-back quarterback keepers.

On the next play, Severance threw a jump ball into double coverage that Continued on page 15

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A night with The Bushwick Hotel



Former Somerville native Gregory Ferreira's band The Bushwick Hotel will be performing this coming Friday night, September 22, 8:00 p.m., at The Middle East in Cambridge. Ferreira grew up in Winter Hill and attended St. Ann's parish. A veteran musician who began playing professionally at the age of 9, he has worked with many bands and as a solo artist. The Bushwick Hotel has been described as "a reimagining and reinterpretation of classic rock 'n' roll with modern retooling. Opening the evening, The Fellowship of Feeding Wolves and Heavy Necker.

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Somerville defensive back Carlos Fernandez came down with in the end zone for a touchback.

After making their way all the way down to the Lynn English 19, the Highlanders began a sequence of self-sabotage as the second half wound down.

A pair of incomplete passes followed by back to back offside penalties put Somerville in a 3rd and 20 hole.

The Highlanders picked up a few yards to put themselves to put themselves firmly in Klemz's field goal range, but he never got the chance to kick.

A low snap left the Highanders with no option but to fall on the ball as time ran out in the first half.

Somerville received the second half's opening kickoff, but could not get any offense going and gave the ball back to Lynn after a quick 3-and-out.

The Bulldogs proceeded on a long scoring drive, relying mostly on short passes and quarterback keepers by Severance.

By the time Gaston found the end zone on a pitch, there were under three minutes remaining in the third quarter, with the score 21-10 in favor of Lynn English.

The Highlanders cut the lead to 5 on their next possession, helped along by a

crucial 4th down conversion by running back Fred Castin and a big completion to receiver Moise Nazaire, who was brought down at the Bulldogs' 1-yard line.

Castin tumbled into the end zone from there, and after Klemz missed the extra point, the score stood at 21-16.

What momentum the Highlanders built from that drive quickly evaporated as Gaston dashed forty yards into Somerville territory.

Lynn English continued to milk the clock with a heavy dose of run plays, culminating in a touchdown by Severance that put the game out of reach with two and a half minutes remaining.

"Special teams, offense, defense. We didn't do anything right," Fenton said.

He was somber after the game, vowing to correct his team's miscues after their first loss of the season.

"They say, sometimes things look better on film,' but I don't know," Fenton said. "We'll take a look tomorrow, and fix whatever the problem is."

Players were not made available for comment.

The 1-1 Highlanders travel to Gloucester to take on the 2-0 Fighting Fishermen.

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What's on Somerville Neighborhood News

Somerville Neighborhood News is a production of Somerville Community Access Television, made by professional journalists, volunteers and staff. The news show has as its mission to be a lively, informative news resource focusing on the events, issues and information impacting Somerville residents. SNN is evolving its vision and community engagement. We are trying to become more of a "community journalism" model - managed by SNN producer Peter Levine - where SCATV members and community members contribute to the journalism program content through various ways such as news research, interviewing, news anchoring, filming, editing, blogging and more! If you want to get involved, please reach out to us. In the meantime, enjoy the latest segments from Somerville Neighborhood News and find them online at somervilleneighborhoodnews.org.



Fight for 15 Event at Juliet

Union Square restaurant Juliet and Raise Up Massachusetts hosted Restaurant Workers Organizing for \$15. The event was held to train restaurant workers to collect signatures for campaigns to raise the minimum wage and gain access to paid family and medical leave. Go to https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yMyZ9jIx0aw to watch the video.

Out of the Stacks: With the Somerville Public Library

Cathy Piantigini of the Somerville Public Library presents the latest local library news on this episode of Out of the Stacks. Go to https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eOvbEN7x-ySI to watch the video.

Somerville Sports Update

On this week's Somerville Sports Update, Matt Nonan highlights the start of the season for Somerville Highlanders Football and Girl's Varsity Volleyball. Go to https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1YDOTMIVF9E&t=28s to watch the video.

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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 27, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the VNA, 259 Lowell Street, 3rd Floor Community Room.

21 Walnut Street (ZBA 2017-57): Applicant, Gilmar Costa, and Owner, Sharon Rotondo as Trustee of the Desmond Irrevocable Trust, seek a Special Permit under §4.4.1 to increase the nonconforming floor area ratio (FAR) by finishing a portion of the attic and constructing a dormer on the left side of the roof of the nonconforming three-family dwelling. A Special Permit under §9.13 for parking relief is also being sought. RA zone. Ward 3.

22 Billingham Street (ZBA 2017-79): Applicants / Owners, Jonathan Wolfe and Margaret Rosenberg, seek a Special Permit under §4.4.1 of the Somerville Zoning Ordinance (SZO) to alter a nonconforming structure to construct a dormer within the required right side yard setback. RA zone. Ward 6.

235A Fim Street (ZBA 2017-87): Applicant, Vallier, LLC c/o Sophie Vallier, and Owner, Dana Family Realty Trust and RMD, Sr. Realty Trust, seek a Special Permit with Design Review under SZO §7.11.10.2.a for a change in use to convert a jewelry store into a café style establishment with 12 seats and a Special Permit under§9.13 for parking relief. CBD Zone. Ward 6.

54-56A Elm Street (ZBA 2014-83-E2-08/17): Applicant & Owner, 54 Elm, LLC, seeks a time extension of a Special Permit under SZO §5.3.10 for Case No. ZBA 2014-83, approved on February 4, 2015, which was granted to alter and expand the nonconforming structure by rebuilding the existing storefront with a second floor to add an additional dwelling unit on-site. Parking relief was also required. RB zone. Ward 5.

34 Sargent Avenue (ZBA 2017-93): Applicant and Owner, Matt Javitch as manager of 34 Sargent, LLC, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to increase the nonconforming floor area ratio (FAR) by finishing the basement and extending a dormer within the nonconforming left side yard. RB zone. Ward 4.

14 Columbus Avenue (ZBA 2017-94): Applicant and Owner, Delia Kong, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to increase the nonconforming floor area ratio (FAR) by finishing the basement. A Special Permit under §9.13 for parking relief is also being sought. RA zone. Ward 3.

75 Washington Street (ZBA 2017-27): Applicant/Owner, Somerville 75 Washington St. LLC, seeks a Special Permit under Sections 4.4.1 and 7.11.1.c of the Somerville Zoning Ordinance (SZO) to alter a nonconforming structure and use (auto-body shop) to a 3-story mixed-use (retail and residential) building with a request for parking relief under Section 9.13. RC Zone. Ward 1.

263 Washington Street (2017-40): Applicant, 261-263 Washington Somerville, LLC, and Owner, Michael E. & Constance O'Connor, seek Special Permits under \$4.4.1 and \$8.5 of the SZO to increase the FAR by more than 25%; Special Permits under \$7.11 of the SZO to remove the funeral home use and convert to 4 residential units; Special Permits under Article 9 of the SZO for parking relief. NB Zone. Ward 2.

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

130 Walnut Street (ZBA 2017-70): Applicant, David Einis, and Owner, Garrett Realty, LLC, seek Special Permits under §4.4.1 and §8.5 of the SZO for: the upward extension of the non-conforming right side yard setback by raising the rear portion of the existing structure to a height of 30' 10 ¼ inches; constructing dormers within the right side yard setback; increasing the FAR by more than 25% by adding a large addition to the rear of the structure; Special Permits under §7.11 to increase the number of units from two to three; Special Permits under §9.13 for parking relief. RB zone. Ward 4.

161 Linwood Street (ZBA 2015-49-R1-0717): Applicant, Herb Chambers I-93, Inc. and Owner, Tauro Realty Trust with David Tauro, Trustee, seek a revision to a Special Permit with Site Plan Review under §5.2 and §5.3 of the SZO to alter a site plan including parking space dimensions and dumpster location. A Variance under §5.5 and §10.7 is sought for a fence exceeding 6 feet in height. IA Zone. Ward 2.

14 Bradley Street (ZBA 2017-68): Applicant, Garrett Realty, LLC, and Owner, David Einis, seek Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to construct a dormer within the right side yard setback, build egress stairs within the right side yard setback, and for the upward extension of the right and front non-conforming setbacks. Special Permits are also sought to increase the number of residential units from one to two. RB zone. Ward 4.

42 Bow Street (ZBA 2017-77): Applicant, Elan Sassoon, and Owner, 42 Bow St., LLC, seeks Special Permits under §4.4.1 of the SZO to increase the FAR by more than 25%, under §7.11 to increase the number of units from four to five, and under §9.13 for parking relief. NB zone. Ward 2.

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

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

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Historical Fact

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protect them. Thus, she became the first Coast Guard vessel and the progenitor of the United States Navy.

The American Civil War, the conflict that almost split our nation apart, was decided in the little town of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. The battle that was fought over three days, resulted in more losses than any other during the four-year war. There were over 50,000 casualties.

By the third day on July 3rd, the soldiers of both the North and the South were dressed in woolen uniforms and fought in temperatures that had risen to almost 90 degrees. General Robert E. Lee lost thirty percent of his army and had to retreat the following day. The same day the fortress of Vicksburg, Mississippi, fell to the Union's General Ulysses S. Grant. When the cannons went



silent, it was the fourth day of July ... a glorious day for the Union.



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SECTION 8 PROJECT BASED ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WAITING LIST OPENING FOR Somerville Housing Authority Mystic WATERWORKS

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The Somerville Housing Authority (SHA) will make applications available beginning September 20, 2017 - for the purpose of creating a site based waiting list for the new Senior Housing Complex at the 485 Mystic Valley Parkway in West Somerville. This development is part of the Senior Campus that has been developed over the past 10 years. The historic Waterworks building consists of 25 one-bedroom units for Elderly and disabled families.

This list will open on <u>September 20, 2017</u> and will <u>remain open until further notice</u>. Applicants will be selected from the Waterworks Project Based Waiting list based on date and time of application and preference.

Waterworks is a **non-smoking** Senior Housing complex Section 8 project-based development located at the site of historic Waterworks building built in 1864. Each unit has a full kitchen, bath with a walk in shower and combined dining/living room space. The building will have a lounge area and common laundry facilities.

To be eligible for Project Based Voucher Assistance, applicants must have an income of \$36,200 or less for one-person and \$41,400 or less for two-person households.

You may obtain an application at the Mystic Activity Center/Tenant Selection Department, 530 Mystic Avenue and the SHA Administration building, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville on and after **September 20, 2017** Monday through Wednesday 8-4; Thursday 8-7 and Friday 8-12 or by calling 617-625-1152 to have an application mailed to you. Applications will also be available at **www.sha-web.org**.

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE OFFICE OF CITY CLERK BOARD OF ALDERMEN

There will be a Public Hearing before the Board of Aldermen's Committee on Licenses and Permits on <u>Wednesday, September 27, 2017, at 6:00 PM</u>, in the Committee Room on the 2nd Floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, on the petition of Federal Realty Investment Trust for four Garage Licenses, each for the storage of vehicles, at the following addresses:

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355 Artisan Way, storing 570 vehicles,

445 Artisan Way, storing 140 vehicles,

479 Canal Street, storing 220 vehicles, and

333 Great River Road, storing 100 vehicles.

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Union Square Portraits CONT. FROM PG 5

"Somerville is the city for me, I'm very involved. I've worked with the Arts Council, I established the first poet laureate for the city. I write for the newspaper, do interviews on the TV station."

"I like the atmosphere here. Writing, cafes, everything feeds off each other. Gary Duehr, an acquaintance of mine, said that if someone sees you taking a photograph on the street in Medford, they think you're an insurance agent. In Somerville, they think you're an artist."

"There's a great mix here. Everyone's in close proximity, you run into other poets. And we talk poetry more than real estate investments," he says with a wry grin.

I ask Doug what he loves most about his life now.

"Not anything unusual. Stuff that bothered me when I was younger doesn't now. I'm well into the second half of the rollercoaster ride."

"I don't waste time. When I was 30, I had lots of projects I wanted to do, wasn't sure what to do. Now, I'm more focused, more confident. In my 20s I was roaming around, insecure, posturing as

a writer, not putting the work in. Now I know what I am and what I'm not. Have to live with it."

I ask him if things he loves about America are coming to

He thinks a moment.

"The best time of day is the end of the day, when I sit down with my wife with a Canadian Club, and listen to some Chet Baker, some jazz. It's my own little bistro. Jazz is an elixir. I'm not a big aficionado, but it's a very American art form."

"And we have the freedom to create. I love the energy people bring to advocating what they think is right."

"A few years ago I visited Israel. All the check points. Kids with machine guns. When I got back to Logan I metaphorically kissed the ground. We have freedom and security here. I realized how thankful I am living in this country."

"Are there things about America that you think are great?"

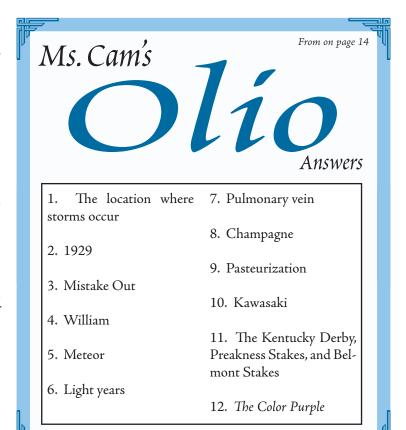
"There's the idea of America, what it should be. Trump has no idea what it is."

"I love my life, getting to express myself without fear of being thrown in jail. I can live the way I want to live. There's tolerance. We're not killing homosexuals like in Africa."

"We can travel freely. I've never had my life on the line. Been shot at. I've lived a good life. It's not like Somalia or Syria here. It could be. But it's not. So I'm glad for that."

Doug's commitment to free expression - his support of poets through Ibbetson Street and the Bagel Bards, his teaching of writing, his featuring of poets in the Somerville Times and on his TV interview show - creates an inspiring model of how a community of artists can come alive and thrive.

I think of Doug's vivid memories of his grandfather's involvement in the book world, of seeing Gershwin around town as a kid. I wonder if that sense - that there's creativity everywhere, that artists now in the pantheon of greats were once just kids in the neighborhood - fuels Doug's involvement in the local poetry scene. At a Union Square café, that person next to you deeply involved with their notebook might be a future T.S. Eliot.



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Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 11

Last week we congratulated Ward 1 Alderman Matt McLaughlin on his new job over in Cambridge, being paid about 50k a year as an aide to City Councilor Dennis Carlone. We're wondering how did Councilor Carlone pick Alderman McLaughlin, who says he lives in Somerville, over a constituent in Cambridge, a city of 100K residents. Aren't any Cambridge residents available? By the way, the other morning The Times received a message from a resident of Ward 1 who gave his name (yes, unlike that blog, we do get real calls from real people) that Matt McLaughlin called him on the phone late one night recently and asked for his support. The gentleman, who was wakened from a deep sleep, told Matt he had a sign in his yard for Elio LoRusso, and that he was supporting him. The man said Matt proceeded to yell and scream about his support for LoRusso. The resident/voter of Ward 1 said he was startled and was seriously thinking of filing a police report. Matt McLaughlin sure doesn't learn much from his mentor, Ward 5 Alderman Mark Niedergang. Maybe Matt should calm down and instead of working for and walking the rounds with other candidates that are running for office, especially his efforts to elect candidate Payton Corbett for mayor against Joe Curtatone, as well as for others for a different office, he might want to focus in on his own campaign. By the way, Elio LoRusso is running for Alderman in Ward 1. Just saying!

It appears that Ward 1 Alderman Matt

McLaughlin shut down his twitter feed about the same time as when the mayoral candidate Payton Corbett was exposed for not so very nice remarks regarding women, Asians and Blacks. Why did Matt shut his twitter feed down? Maybe he thought of some comments he might have made that needed to be blocked and not read? ********

A small group of – we guess – Bernie Sanders supporters and left wing progressives endorsed candidates for public office this year. We're wondering why there was no research done on the various candidates? It must be embarrassing to have endorsed mayoral candidate Payton Corbett only to find out about his remarks made online regarding women, Asians and Blacks that were not what you'd exactly call PC. So, is the credibility of One Revolution Somerville seriously called into doubt? We're just asking. It seems so to many out there and to us as well. It sounds like the old Somerville Progressive Democrats who used to meet in a telephone booth. Now they probably just changed their name. For some reason they don't want to be called just plain old Democrats. The Citywide Democratic Committee is having its annual BBQ/Picnic at Powderhouse Park this Sunday, September 24, beginning at 12 noon. Ward 1 Alderman Matt McLaughlin, who is up for reelection, is endorsed by this group. So are a few others running for office. We wonder if they checked them out

as well? We heard this group considers

Mayor Joe Curtatone to be too much of a conservative. Now seriously, are they for real? Who in their right mind thinks

Congratulations to Paul and Lauren McGlashing on the recent new addition to their family. Born this week is Paul Steven McGlashing, weighing in at 8 lbs. 9 oz. and 21 inches long. He will be a big hit in this very popular and welcoming Somerville family. We wish all three the very best, and long and happy memories. Stop in at Albrandi Barber Shop on Holland Street and say "Hi" to Paul. He's the best barber in Somerville under 75 years of age.

****** Triple and double worth repeating: notify our State Senator Pat Jehlen and both State Representatives Denise Provost and Christine Barber to look into the lease of the Winter Hill Yacht Club for Criminals. We hear that the club is not at all comfortable with the publicity regarding allowing convicted felons as members. Again, we can't understand why the club who rents from the state that beautiful piece of land which has a huge fence around it, not to mention a gate to keep out residents can still occupy the premises. We understood that the lease with DCR states no criminals can be members, or is that the club rules? We get confused sometimes. We also understood that over 90% of the membership doesn't even live here in the city and we know that many from the city have applied but must wait their turn. Maybe they don't have a criminal record, might that be a reason that the club won't open its membership? Just saying. There needs to be an investigation of their membership list and their applications. We raised this question before and we will keep raising it until the club cleans up its act. Don't forget, some of us here used to be "Life Members" until the E board changed the rules. It seems like they always want to change the rules when it suits them. We think it would be good to see DCR revoke the lease and make it a public boat landing for the residents of our city. We're for opening up the facility for public use by the residents of Somerville. *******

The Fifth Annual Somerville Moms' Diaper Drive launches Saturday, September 23, and runs through Sunday, October 8. All diapers will be donated to the Somerville/Cambridge WIC office, which serves Somerville, Cambridge, Arlington, Watertown, Lexington, and Belmont. There are a variety of ways to donate including dropping diapers off at one of the many businesses and organizations hosting boxes in the area or purchasing diapers from the Amazon registry and having them sent directly to the WIC office. More information about the Fifth Annual Somerville Moms' Diaper Drive can be found on their website at http:// somervillediaperdrive.blogspot.com/ and on their Facebook page at https:// www.facebook.com/somervillemomsdiaperdrive/.

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

Thursday | September 21

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Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year

10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m.|79 Highland

West Branch Library Lego Club

3:30 p.m.-4:45 p.m.|40 College Ave

Friday | September 22

Central Library

Preschool: Storytime for 2 year olds 10:30 a.m.-11 a.m.|79 Highland Ave TELL (Teen Library Leaders) Meeting 3 p.m.- 5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Saturday | September 23

What the Fluff? Festival 3 p.m.|Union Sq

Central Library

Zine Workshop with Liz Bolduc--2017 Somerville Reads 1 p.m.- 4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Sunday | September 24

The Growing Center

Picnic and Book Discussion at the Growing Center--Somerville Reads

12 p.m.-1:30 p.m.|22 Vinal Ave

Monday|September 25

Central Library

Sing Along

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

Creative Drama Workshop

4 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave Middle School Writers' Den 5:45 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Tuesday | September 26

Central Library

Homeschool Reading Group for Ages 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|79 Highland

West Branch Library Preschool Storvtime

11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|40 College Ave

Central Library

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

East Branch Library

Book Talk and Craft: Come discuss 'El Deafo' and make your own Warm Fuzzy!--Somerville Reads 2017 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

Wednesday | September 27

East Branch Library Preschool Storytime

11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway

Central Library

Book Talk and Craft: Come discuss 'El Deafo' and make your own Warm Fuzzy!--Somerville Reads 201. 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

MUSIC | ARTS Wednesday | September 20

Sally O'Brien's Bar

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

The Burren

Front Room

Americana Jam with: Grain Thief|9

Backroom Series:

Boston Comedy Festival Stand Up Contest:

Prelim Round 2

Prelim Round 4. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge

345 Somerville Ave

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

Bull McCabe's Pub

The A-Beez – Funk & Soul 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Thunder Road

Bearly Dead - Wednesday Night Grateful Dead Residency 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

Highland Kitchen 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom **Boston Comedy Festival Presents** Michelle Buteau|6:30 p.m. **Boston Comedy Festival Presents** Judah Friedlander|9 p.m. 156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Ian Cat & The Crimsons 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory

Amanda Ekery Solo Show + Workshop 7 p.m.|Café James Veitch: DOT CON 8 p.m.|Performance Hall| 191 High-

land Ave The Rockwell

BCF: Stand Up Contest: Prelim Round 1 |7:30 p.m. BCF: Stand Up Contest: Prelim Round 3|9:30 p.m. 255 Elm St

Thursday | September 21

Sally O'Brien's

Spring Hill Rounders grassy Thurs-7:30 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room Matt Borrello, Mike Verge & Compa-

Backroom Series: The Great American Comedy Festival Showcase|7 p.m Scattershots|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge

345 Somerville Ave

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

Bull McCabe's

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Thunder Road

The Toasters, Threat Level Burgundy

8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Severed Heads

8 p.m|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Mike Mele Trio 8p.m.|14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell

BCF: Starstruck: Close Encounters of the Awkward Kind Info7p.m.

BCF: Superior Design: James Scott Patterson|9:30 p.m. 255 Elm St

Arts at the Armory

Castle Of Comedy Presents: Huddie Chund's Folk Ramble 9 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Friday | September 22

Sally O'Brien's

om Hagerty Acoustic Band |6 p.m. HearNow Live presents Whistlebot, Nicole Burke, Phil Holub, Zeke Duckworthy \$10 cover |9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 P.A.'s Lounge

345 Somerville Ave

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

Bull McCabe's

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

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Thunder Road

The 12 Barz Band (Blues) 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

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Futurebirds Parker Gispert

8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Peterossi

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street Arts at the Armory

Boston Comedy Festival presents Matt Braunger

7 p.m.|Performance Hall Boston Comedy Festival presents Kill

9:30 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

The Rockwell

BCF: Superior Design: James Scott Patterson 7 p.m. BCF: Ms. Pat|9:30 p.m. 255 Elm St

Saturday | September 23

Sally O'Brien's

Patsy Hamel Band |6 p.m. Baltic Sun, The Spots, The Only Humans \$5 cover 9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge 345 Somerville Ave

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

Karaoke 65 Holland St

Bull McCabe's **TBA**

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Thunder Road Squeezebox Stompers (Cajun /

Zydeco) 6 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave Aeronaut Brewing Co. Curtis Eller

8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street Arts at the Armory Hopefully We Don't Break-Up

8 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

The Rockwell BCF: The Ding Ho Show|7 p.m. BCF: Last Call with Ms. Pat|9:30 p.m. 255 Elm St

Sunday | September 24

Sally O'Brien's Bar

The Natural Wonders 4:30 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

Los Goutos 7 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

Thunder Road Boy Band Tribute Brunch: "Hangin' Brunch" | 10 a.m.

Americana Sundays w/ Greg Klyma 7 p.m. 379 Somerville Ave

Saint Etienne 8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Paul Yu|2 p.m 14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory A Celebration of Leonard Cohen in

Song, Dance, and Poetry 6:30 p.m.|Performance Hall 7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave Monday | September 25

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Shawn Carter's Cheapshots Comedy|7 p.m.

Marley Monday with The Duppy Conquerors reggae 10 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave 617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room Bur-Run

Helena Delaney, Johnny O'Leary & Friends Irish Session|9 p.m. Back Room

Stump Trivia|8:30 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge 345 Somerville Ave

Bull McCabe's Pub Stump! Team Trivia

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8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Dr Sketchy|7 p.m. Selector Dub Narcotic Hands And Knees 8 p.m.

156 Highland Ave Aeronaut Brewing Co. 14 Tyler Street

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

Tuesday | September 26

SYM Tuesdays 8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

Jazz|8:30 p.m.

p.m.

Sally O'Brien's Bar

The Burren Front Room Jason Anick and the Swingers Swing/

Back Room: Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan|10

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 PA's Lounge

345 Somerville Ave **Bull McCabe's Pub** The Ghetto People Band

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045 **Highland Kitchen** First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling Bee Night

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PJ Ryan's

Pub Quiz 10 p.m.|239 Holland St.|617-625-

8200

Thunder Road Electric Six, Groves (Rock) 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Heavy Metal Tuesday 7 p.m. Simpsons Trivia 8 p.m. 156 Highland Ave

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

Arts at the Armory Pub Sing at The Armory 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday | September 27

8 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Free Poker, lots of prizes!

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Americana Jam with: Grain Thief|9

Backroom Series: Comedy Night With Jordan Handren-Seavey 10 p.m.

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8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave **Highland Kitchen** 150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

No BS Brass Band Zilla

8 p.m.|156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co. Polar Sea 8 p.m.|14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory

Hearth Book Club 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

CLASSES AND GROUPS Wednesday | September 20

Central Library Marketing Meeting 11 a.m.-12 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Thursday | September 21

Central Library Community Conversations for Working Parents

6:45 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

East Branch Library An Invitation to Bach and Ysay

7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|115 Broadway West Branch Library Learn English at the Library

6 p.m.-8 p.m.|40 College Ave **East Branch Library**

Central Library Yoga at the Library

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).

6 p.m. – 7 p.m. | 79 Highland Ave

Drop in Knitting at the East Branch

6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

For more info call: 781-762-6629

Friday | September 22 **East Branch Library**

Book Group

11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.|115 Broadway **Central Library**

10 a.m.-12 p.m.|79 Highland Ave Saturday | September 23

Indivisible Somerville: Action Planning

Central Library practice of peking opera 12 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

Holland St

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

Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon **Family Groups** 7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street

Sunday | September 24

Unity Church of God Enter upstairs, meeting is in basement Monday | September 25

East Branch Library

Chair Yoga 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway Central Library

7 p.m.- 8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

Conversations about Race

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

Tuesday | September 26 Central Library

practice of peking opera

5 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave **Central Library** Learn English at the Library!

6 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Ave Wednesday | September 27

Central Library Mystery Book Ćlub

7 p.m.-8:15 p.m.|79 Highland Ave **Central Library**

Municipal Candidate Discussion 7 p.m.-8:15 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

HAPPENINGS: NIO CENTE

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.

The Council on Aging wants you! - The SCOA is supporting D.A. Marian Ryan's Project C.A.R.E. and Project Linus. Helping children of trauma have some comfort in their time of need by providing them with homemade blankets. Help us reach our goal of 200 blankets. Knitted, crochet or handmade fleece accepted. Please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Blood Pressure Screening – Cross Street Center located at 165 Broadway. Scheduled for the 3rd Thursday of each month: October 19, November 16 and December 14. If you require additional information please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email dhiggins@somervillema.gov.

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

Yoga in the Park – Thursday, September 21 and 28 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at Hodgkins – Curtin Park located 113 Holland Street (Class will be inside the Holland Street Center if we have inclement weather.) This free event is easy to follow and low impact! For more information, questions or to RSVP please contact Chris at 617-625-6600, ext.2300.

Yoga in the Park – Monday, September 25 from 9:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at Chuckie Harris Park located right behind the Cross Street Center on Cross Street East. (Class will be inside the Cross Street Center if we have inclement weather.) This free event is easy to follow and low impact! For more information, questions or to RSVP please contact Chris at 617-625-6600, ext.2300.

Tai Chi in the Park - Monday, September 25 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at Hodgkins – Curtin Park located 113 Holland Street (Class will be inside the Holland Street Center if we have inclement weather.) This free event is easy to follow and low impact! For more info, questions or to RSVP please contact Chris at 617-625-6600, ext.2300.

Bowling is Back – starting Wednesday, September 20 at Sacco's Bowl Haven at Flatbreads Pizza located in Davis Square. \$3 weekly fee which includes shoe rental, three strings of bowling and dues for bowling banquet. For more information, questions or to reserve your spot please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext.

AARP Homefit Workshop – Thursday, September 21 - 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at our Holland Street Center. This workshop helps people stay in the home they love. For more information or to register please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or dhiggins@somervillema.gov.

One Night in Memphis - Thursday, September 21 -\$83 per person includes transportation, lunch and show at Venus De Milo. For questions, additional information or to reserve your spot contact Kim or Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Afternoon at the Movies - Tuesday, September 26 at the Holland Street Center starting at 12:30 p.m. This month's movie is "Going in Style" starring Morgan Freeman, Michael Caine and Alan Arkin. Runs 1 hour and 36 minutes. For questions, additional info or to reserve your spot contact Josephine at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Arts & Crafts - Thursday, September 28, Thursday, October 19, Thursday, November 16 and Thursday, December 7 at our Cross Street Center from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Join us for the free event as local artist Jodi Colella joins us and shares her many talents. You must RSVP a week in advance to make sure we have enough materials for everyone. For more information or to RSVP please contact Maureen Bastardi at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335 or mbastardi@somervillema.gov.

Wildwood, NJ - Thursday, October 12 to Sunday, October 15 - \$411 per person double - \$527 per person single includes transportation, lodging, 3 breakfasts, 2 dinners, dance party and so much more. For more information, questions or to reserve your spot please contact Connie or Kim at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

A Very Vermont Tour - Tuesday, October 17 to Thursday, October 19 - \$353 per person double or triple \$469 per person single includes transportation, lodging, Billings Farm Museum, Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Facility and so much more. For more information, questions or to reserve your spot please call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

LGBTQ EVENTS:

LGBTQ Advisory Group – October 16. This group meets quarterly in the conference room of our Holland Street Center at 4:30 p.m. and run for one hour. We

are always looking for new members who would like to serve on the Advisory Group. Please call Debby Higgins, Outreach Coordinator at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email dhiggins@Somervillema.gov if you have any questions or if you should need additional information.

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

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

STAY ACTIVE:

Weekly Exercise Class Schedule

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

Mondays:

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

Tuesdays:

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

Wednesdays:

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

Thursdays:

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

Fridays:

8:45 Fit-4-Life Group A (H) - Exercise 10:00 Fit-4-Life Group B (H) – Exercise *All Fit-4-Life classes are \$10 per month and require pre-registration

Every Monday

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

Every Tuesday

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

Every Wednesday

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

Every Thursday

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

Every Friday

9:45 Coffee & Conversations (H) 11:30 Lunch (H) 11:45 Bingo (H)

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Wednesd	ay, September 20	7:30pm	Somerville 2017 Candidate Profiles	2:00pm	Don't Forget to Rock	1:00pm	Science 360
12:00am	Classic Arts Showcase	8:00pm	Somerville 2017 Candidate Profiles	2:30 pm	Graphic Content	1:30pm	DW Global 3000
6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	8:30pm	Somerville Pundits	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	2:00pm	Boston Free Radio presents Words on Film
7:00am	Art at SCATV	9:00pm	SCATV Throwback Thursdays	4:00pm	Tufts Jumbo Sports	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
7:30am	DW In Good Shape	10:00pm	SCATV Throwback Thursdays	6:00pm	Somerville 2017 Candidate Profiles	4:00pm	Meet the Renegades (Free Speech TV)
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	11:00pm	SCATV SECRET STASH	7:00pm	StartUp TV Boston	4:30pm	The Laura Flanders Show (Free Speech TV)
9:00am	DW Global 3000	11:30pm	SCATV SECRET STASH	8:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	5:00pm	Tele Galaxie
9:30am	Esoteric Science	Friday, Se	ptember 22	8:30pm	TUTV	6:00pm	SMC Youth Media
10:00am	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer	12:00am	SCATV SECRET STASH	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	6:30pm	The Kamla Show
10:30am	Somerville Storytellers	1:00am	Classic Arts Showcase	10:00pm	DIWHY: The Show	7:00pm	Legacies
11:00am	Fallon's Daily Toast	6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	11:00pm	The Summer House	7:30pm	(LIVE) The Yellow Jacket Lady
12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show	7:00am	The Bill Press Show (Free Speech TV)	Sunday, S	eptember 24	8:00pm	(LIVE) Somerville Overcoming Addiction
1:00pm	Book Talk with Somerville Public Library	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	12:00pm	SCATV SECRET STASH	9:00pm	Dedilhando au Saudade
1:30pm	Green Card Voices	9:00am	SOM ARTS	1:00am	Free Speech TV	10:00pm	DIWHY The Show
2:00pm	SOM ARTS	9:30am	Cambridge Calendar	6:00am	International Church of God	11:00pm	The Summer House
2:30pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	10:00am	The Yellow Jacket Lady	6:30am	Esoteric Science	Tuesday,	September 26
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4:00pm	Road to Recovery	11:00am	Legacies	8:00am	Effort Pour Christ	12:00am	Free Speech TV
5:00pm	Justicia Migrante	11:30am	DW Tomorrow Today	9:00am	Tele Kreyol	6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board
5:30pm	Going Postal	12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show	10:00am	Aging Well	7:00am	Perils for Pedestrians
6:00pm	Gentle Belly Dancing: An Introduction	1:00pm	Aging Well	10:30am	DW Conflict Zone	7:30am	Legacies
7:00pm	Somerville 2017 Candidate Profiles	1:30pm	Book Talk with Somerville Public Library	11:00am	The Chef's Table Series	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
8:00pm	LIVE: Somerville Pundits	2:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	12:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	9:00am	The Chef's Table Series
8:30pm	LIVE: Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	2:30pm	DW Global 3000	12:30pm	The Literati Scene	10:00am	Estoy Sano!
9:30pm	Don't Forget to Rock	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	1:00pm	Legacies	10:30am	DW In Good Shape
10:00pm	Duck Village Stage Series	4:00pm	Gay USA (Free Speech TV)	1:30pm	Green Card Coices	11:00am	DW Tomorrow Today
10:30pm	SCATV SECRET STASH	5:00pm	NE Pride TV	2:00pm	StartUp TV Boston	11:30am	Office Hours
11:00pm	SCATV SECRET STASH	5:30pm	What's New Massachusetts	3:00pm	Somerville Overcoming Addiction	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show
Thursday	, September 21	6:00pm	SMC Youth Media	4:00pm	Dedilhando a Saudade	1:00pm	Boston Free Radio presents Words on Film
12:00am	SCATV Secret Stash Hour	6:30pm	Real Estate Answers	5:00pm	African Television Network	2:00pm	Somerville Pundits
1:00am	Free Speech TV	7:00pm	(LIVE) Fallon's Daily Toast	6:00pm	Reeling Review	2:30pm	Taking Back Your Health
6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	8:00pm	(LIVE) The Somerville Line	7:00pm	Gay USA	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
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8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	11:00pm	SCATV SECRET STASH	10:00pm	SCATV Member Submissions	4:30pm	The Literati Scene
9:00am	Road to Recovery	Saturday,	September 23	11:00pm	Box House Productions Presents	5:00pm	(LIVE) Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer
9:30am	SCATV Throwback Thursdays	12:00am	SCATV SECRET STASH Hour	11:30pm	Graphic Content	5:30pm	Cambridge Calendar
10:00am	Dead Air Live	1:00am	Free Speech TV	Monday,	September 25	6:00pm	What's New Massachusetts?
11:00am	Somerville 2017 Candidate Profiles	6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	12:00am	Classic Arts Showcase	6:30pm	Beyond Boston
12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show	7:00am	Tele Magazine	6:00am	SCATV Community Bulletin Board	7:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
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4:00pm	Art at SCATV	9:30am	SMC Youth Media	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:00pm	Public Access Boyz
4:30pm	The Struggle	10:00am	TeleGalaxie	9:00am	The Stephanie Miller Show	9:30pm	The Yellow Jacket Lady
5:00pm	Boston Free Radio presents Words on Film	11:00am	Gentle Belly Dancing: An Introduction	10:00am	Health is Wealth	10:00pm	Real Estate Answers
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	CITY	TV	22 (Comcast) 1	3 (RCN) Sch	edul	e
Wednesday	y, September 20	8:09pm	Our Ville Stands with Your Ville	8:00pm Th	e Old Powder House: 300 Years of History	11:30am	Union Square Walking Tour - 9.17.17
9:00am	5th Anniversary of Somerville CPA	9:10pm	Evolving Face of East Somerville	8:50pm	9/11 Vigil in Davis Square	12:34pm	POW/MIA Observace Day
11:30am	SomerViva em Português	10:37pm	Raising Families "Immigration Law"	9:09pm	5th Anniversary of Somerville CPA	1:00pm	The Old Powder House
12:00pm	The Old Powder House	Friday, Se	ptember 22	Sunday, Se	ptember 24	2:00pm	9/11 Vigil in Davis Square
1:00pm	9/11 Vigil in Davis Square	12:00am	5th Anniversary of Somerville CPA	12:00am	Multi Modal Mobility and Safety	2:19pm	Talking Business "Quesadillas & Kimchi"
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1:38pm	Connecting Communities	2:37am	Raising Families "Immigration Law"	12:49am	Somerville Fight Night at Dilboy	4:00pm	Upcoming Meeting Agenda
2:00pm	Multi Modal Mobility and Safety	8:30am	Keep Moving: Exercises for Older Adults	2:53am	SomerViva em Português	7:00pm	School Committee Meeting - LIVE
2:30pm	Somerville Fight Night at Dilboy	9:04am	Climate Forward Meeting - 6/26	9:00am	Congressional Update	Tuesday.	September 26
6:30pm	Multi Modal Mobility and Safety	10:12am	POW/MIA Observace Day	9:31am	POW/MIA Observace Day	12:00am	SomerStreets: Strike Up the Bands
7:00pm	5th Anniversary of Somerville CPA	11:30am	5th Anniversary of Somerville CPA	11:30am	SomerStreets: Strike Up the Bands	12:30am	Climate Forward Meeting - 6/26
9:05pm	9/11 Vigil in Davis Square	1:35pm	Senior Picnic 2017	12:00pm	Senior Circuit	1:37am	Our Ville Stands with Your Ville
9:30pm	The Old Powder House	3:00pm	Connecting Communities	12:30pm	Union Square Walking Tour - 9.17.17	2:37am	Haiti & Brazil Hit the Ville
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1:21am	Somerville Fight Night at Dilboy	Saturday,	September 23	7:00pm	Senior Circuit	1:00pm	Congressional Update
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3:00pm	9/11 Vigil in Davis Square	12:00pm	Multi Modal Mobility and Safety	Monday, S	eptember 25	8:30pm	School Committee Meeting
6:30pm	Congressional Update	12:22pm	Board of Aldermen Meeting - 9.14.17	12:00am	Board of Aldermen Meeting - 9.14.17	Wednesda	ay, September 27
7:01pm	Senior Circuit	6:30pm	Congressional Update	3:00am	Raising Families "Immigration Law"	12:00am	Senior Circuit
7:30pm	POW/MIA Observace Day	7:01pm	SomerStreets: Strike Up the Bands	9:00am	SomerStreets: Strike Up the Bands	12:30am	Somerville Fight Night at Dilboy
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Educational TV 15 Schedule

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9:00am	SHS Football vs Lynn English	9:00am	Our Schools, Our City - New School Year	Sunday, S	September 24	3:00pm	SHS Boys Soccer vs Revere [9.11.17]
12:00pm	Our Schools, Our City - New School Year	10:00am	SHS Football vs Lynn English	12:00am	SHS Girls' Soccer vs Saugus [9.7.17]	5:00pm	SHS Football vs Peabody [9.8.17]
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5:00pm	SHS Football vs Lynn English	5:00pm	Our Schools, Our City - New School Year	5:00am	Public Domain Theater	10:00pm	Project STAR 2017- Enough is Enough
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11:30pm

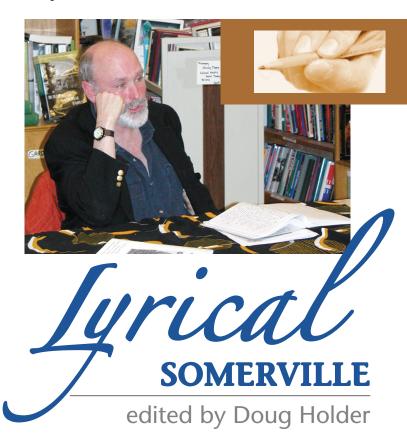
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Visiting My Brother Paul

7.14.17

Here in Paul's apartment

With the shy cat Riggs waiting

At Paul's bedroom door

And the art deco paintings

With a sliver of moon and trees

At the dusk cobalt window

And the other art deco by the barred window

With the twilight aqua window and

Cypresses and orange tiger lilies

And the Rodin sculpture on the piano

Of the naked woman in onyx

Her breasts and torso and legs

And almost not noticeable small wings

From her shoulders

And of her turned obsidian face

And curly hair but there's the photo

Of my parents on their wedding day

A teddy bear large and blond on a chair

And the art deco lamps that glow softly

With a song "Sweet Lorraine" a gypsy

Violin its Grappelli what we heard in the movie

The one starring Diane Keaton and Jack Nichols

About the lovers in the Hamptons - Long Island

And Paul resting his leg on a pillow

Because his ankle was sprained

Healed almost somehow by the end of the last scene

After they kissed in Paris

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by Doug Holder

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By A.D. Winans

I read in an article that Charles Bukowski's books of poetry are a stealing magnet at many bookstores – including our own Porter Square Books – thus the article

This is an interview with poet A. D. Winans concerning the new memoir he penned dealing with his relationship with the "dirty old man" poet himself, Charles Bukowski. In Winans' new memoir, The Holy Grail: Charles Bukowski and the Second Coming Revolution, the author tells the fascinating story of a personal and literary friendship with none other than the bohemian bard, Charles Bukowski. Winans takes us back to the 60's, 70's and 80's and gives the "out of school" report about this prolific, hard drinking, and womanizing writer who changed the face of the small press. Bukowski, best known for writing the screenplay Bar Fly, featuring Mickey Rourke, was also a staple of the famed Black Sparrow Press. Winans defines his friendship with the poet through their poetry, letters, and "bad elbows." The book also explores Winans' acclaimed literary magazine, Second Coming, and the fecund literary milieu it occupied in San Francisco and the world small press movement during the 70's, and 80's. I conducted an interview with Winans via the internet, from his home in San Francisco.

DH: What do you feel is Bukowski's single most important contribution to literature and or poetry?

ADW: I think Bukowski himself answered that in an article he wrote for *Second Coming*. He said, "My contribution was to loosen and simplify poetry, to make it more humane. I made it easy for them to follow. I taught them that you can write a poem the same way you can write a letter, and that there need not be anything necessarily holy about it."

Hemingway did much the same thing with prose, and then along came Bukowski to do the same thing with poetry. And I'd add that Bukowski's letters were often poetic gems. The art of letter writing has all but disappeared, lost in email transmissions that too often are cold and impersonal.

DH: Your own entry into poetry was fueled by the injustice witnessed while you were in the service in Panama. Would it be fair to say that politics and social injustice were your first muse rather than a poet or a specific body of work?

ADW: My first influence came from musicians and not poets. When I was in high school, I would sit in my room for hours listening to Hank Williams senior sing his haunting songs. When I came home from Panama, my mother said, "You are not the same person. What did they do to you?" What they did was to take away my innocence. The things I saw there burned themself into my social conscience. It took me over thirty years to put my experiences down on paper. It's all there in This Land Is Not My Land. Green Bean Press published some of the poems in a small chapbook, and Harold Norse encouraged me to expand the book, which I have done. I just haven't gotten around to sending it out to a publisher yet.

DH: What similarities do you see between yourself and Charles Bu-kowski, both as a man and a writer?

ADW: We both went to city college, we were both heavy drinkers, we were both womanizers, we both (to a large degree) wrote for the same audience, we were both in trouble with the law, we both came up through the small press, we both saw the futility of writing workshops, and we both realized a writer could either spend his time writing in relative isolation, or he could hang around with other poets in cafes. We both chose the former over the latter.

DH: Can you describe the milieu of North Beach in the 50's and 60's, that was your spawning ground as a poet. Was this area of San Francisco as significant as Greenwich Village in NYC?

ADW: North Beach was the West Coast equivalent of Greenwich Village, and many of the poets (Ginsberg, Corso, Micheline, Kaufman) frequently spent time shuttling from one place to the other. The Cedar Tavern was a focal point for NY poets. In San Francisco it was The Place (presided over by Jack Spicer) and The Co-Existence Bagel Shop, where Bob Kaufman made his home. Gino and Carlo's was another favorite hangout, and you would often find Spicer and Richard Brautigan there. I didn't visit NY and the Village until the 60's, and it of course had completely changed by then.

DH: If it wasn't for little magazines and small presses, do you think guys like you and the BUK would have a platform or a venue for your work?

ADW: No, I don't think we would have. Other than Hank having an early story of his published in STORY magazine, the great body of his work appeared in the "Littles" He was published in Penguin Poetry Anthology, but those were isolated incidents. Early on, I had poems accepted by Poetry Australia and even sold some short stories to the Berkeley Barb and Easyrider (a biker mag), but it wasn't till much later that APR (American Poetry Review), City Lights Journal, and a few academic journals began to publish my work. Later, Gale Research paid me a thousand dollars for a 10,000 word autobiography and Brown University bought my archives. In the last few years I have been included in some important anthologies, like Thunder Mouth's Press' The Outlaw Bible of American Poetry. I don't think much of this would have been possible had I not been first published in

DH: You started an acclaimed literary magazine in the early 70's, Second Coming. What was the mission statement of this magazine? You had a special Bukowski issue, how was that received?

ADW: I don't know if you could say that there was a statement; it was much more of a personal mission. I felt at the time that a lot of crap was being published and I wanted to start a magazine that would return to the spirit of the 50's and 60's. The Bukowski issue was a success in that Bukowski himself said it was the best unbiased issue ever done on him. The special Bukowski issue, my own North Beach Poems, and the California Bicentennial Poets Anthology were the only Second Coming issues and books that turned a profit. It's sad but true that too few poets support the magazines that publish them.

DH: So many artists and writers are afflicted or choose to afflict themselves with drugs and alcohol. Writers, especially young writers tend to romanticize this lifestyle. You and Bukowski had serious problems with these demons. Does this lifestyle help the writer in terms of his creativity? Why do so many turn to it. Is there something about the sensibility of an



artist that makes it attractive or even necessary?

ADW: That's a lot of questions rolled into one. Poets and writers do seem to be drawn to heavy drinking, and a good number of them are drawn to drugs. Alcohol was my drug of choice. I started drinking in my junior year in high school and became a heavy drinker in Panama. There was nothing romantic about it. I was more or less a social alcoholic. Put me in a bar and I'd drink myself into a stupor. Unlike Bukowski, I never drank and wrote at the same time. I tried a few times, but what came from it were poorly written poems. I can't speak for other writers as to whether it would help their creativity or not. It obviously helped Buk, but I don't think it helped me in the least, and I never drank the day after a night of heavy drinking. I hated those hangovers. It was when the hangovers began to last two days that I knew I had to stop heavy drinking. I limit myself to two drinks these days and seldom go to bars.

DH: You write in the book that Bukowski was far from a saint. He could be brutal with his friends, unfaithful to his women, treacherous in his business dealings, etc. Yet you loved him. Why?

ADW: I admired his persistence and grit. His drive to make it to the big time. He developed a persona to achieve that goal. I also admired his giving up the security of the post office to write full time, and at an age it would not have been easy for him to find another job. I admire his honesty with the written word, although his honesty did not always show itself. None of us are saints, there are things in my past I am far from proud of, but I can honestly say I never set out to deliberately hurt anyone. In my book (*The Holy Grail*), I tried to treat everyone fairly. With Buk, he had this thing about not wanting to get too close to people and when that would happen, he cast them aside, or ridiculed them in poems and short stories, and even bragged about it. But in all fairness, he stopped doing this, after he became a success. So I guess I loved the best in him and tried to overlook his weaknesses.

I might add that the Buk said to me, "To live with the Gods, you first have to forgive the drunks." Early Bukowski, when he was drunk, was not a nice person. When he was sober, he could be shy, and quite likeable. In the end, however, his art prevailed over his persona.

DH: Bukowski is sometimes mistaken for a "Beat" writer. How would you classify him?

ADW: I hate putting anyone in a category. Bukowski told me he was never a Beat. Let me quote you from a letter he wrote me, "I never liked the Beats. They were too self-promotional, and the drugs gave them all wooden dicks or turned them into cu**s. I'm from the old school. I believe in working and living in isolation. Crowds weaken your intent and originality."

Well, Bukowski remained true to the latter part of this statement, but one could certainly question his comment about the Beats being too self-promotional. I mean Ginsberg certainly was a master at self-promotion and Ferlinghetti isn't far behind, but Bukowski promoted himself pretty well too. If I were pressed I would say Bukowski was a Bohemian, as was Jack Micheline, although Jack used the Beat handle to his advantage when it was beneficial to him.

DH: Do you see any new Bukowskis on the horizon?

ADW: No, I don't.

DH: Do you think the small presses today are as effective as in your salad days, in terms of getting the "word" out?

ADW: The small presses have always had problems with distribution. They simply lack the money or power to gain the attention of the established media, and most small press publishers lack promotion skills, as well. There are of course exceptions, but they are few and far between. Second Coming was never a money maker, but I got the word out well enough. I left copies of the mag in doctor and dentist offices, where you had a captive audience. There were also bookfairs and library conferences where we participated, and COSMEP (Committee of Small Magazine editors and Publishers) helped promote and distribute books to some extent. The most important thing to come out of COSMEP was to provide a kinship among small press editors and publishers. Those were fun times. We were thumbing our noses (in the 1970's) at the collective masses, and having fun doing it. That doesn't exist today.

I know there will be people out there who say the internet and the web have provided a background where more people can see a poet's work, but there is no evidence whatsoever that this has resulted in any significant sales. In fact, if you can read the work free, why would you want to pay to read the same poem in print format? Well some of us still feel strongly about the print world, but I don't know about its future twenty, thirty years

DH: Do you think Bukowski's corpus of work will be used in courses at colleges around the country as part of the literary canon?

ADW: I don't suspect that this will be the case. The academics have not seen fit to give him the proper recognition that his work deserves. But who knows? Bukowski may be required reading fifty years from now, or he could be forgotten. Either way, Bukowski would be laughing his ass off.



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