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Mayor updates city on the status of the Green Line Extension



Mayor Curtatone briefed the Board of Aldermen on recent developments in the GLX funding issues currently being addressed by the administration and state officials. — Photo by Donald Norton

By Jim Clark

The recent announcement by the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority that the Green Line Extension project may be facing a \$1 billion shortfall in its budget sent many concerned individuals and institutions into a tailspin of near panic and clear confusion.

Since that announcement, Mayor Curtatone has been actively vocal in the press and behind the scenes, assuring all concerned parties that the situation is not as dire as some have feared. In fact, the mayor effuses positively on the likelihood of the GLX's completion, albeit with some creative modifications to the original plans.

The mayor made a detailed, full-length presentation to the Board of Aldermen at their regular meeting last Thursday evening, outlining what has been happening in terms of negotiating a solution to the current status of the situation and where it is likely to be heading.

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Somerville artists to compete for permanent space at new gallery

By Rebecca Danvers

Two local Somerville artists, Resa Blatman and Jeanée Redmond are among six finalists competing to create a permanent piece for the new Gallery at Enso Flats in Brockton.

Blatman is a painter whose current paintings and installations speak to a warming planet and environmental issues, their effect our landscape and natural resources and how we perceive changes in the environment.

Redmond is a mixed media artist who has done a variety of installations, tile work and other pieces.

The winning artist's work will be permanently featured at the Gallery at Enso Flats, which is part of the \$100 million Enterprise Center project, located at the historic site of the former Brockton Enterprise Building, which is aimed at revitalizing downtown Brockton.

The proposals for the space will be on display this weekend during the

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Resa Blatman's *Gaia, Part 2*, 2015, oil and Latex paint on laser-cut PVC, PETG, and Mylar; knitted yarn; silk and plastic flora, 96h x 168w x 24d inches. — Copyright by Resa Blatman

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Less than two weeks left for the 15th Annual John T. Forcellese Memorial Fund Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, September 12 at the Falmouth Country Club. To get more information and to sign up go online at www.johnsteam.org. A great event every year and a worthy cause. Get a group together and spend a nice day down on the Cape.

The SOS (Somerville Overcoming Addiction) 2nd Annual Candlelight Memorial Vigil will be held Tuesday, September 15 at 7:00 p.m. at Somerville High School. The vigil program starts at 7:00 p.m. Reflect with friends, visit resource tables, and get trained for overdose prevention/ Narcan from 6:15 to 7:00 p.m. For more information and to read more about this go to their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/somervilleovercomingaddiction.com.

Did you hear about the self-important ego maniac who filed a criminal complaint against an individual in the local court? When they all appeared before the judge, the judge asked the plaintiff (ego maniac), "What did the defendant do?" The ego manic plaintiff answered back, "Nothing. He did nothing your honor." The judge responded, "Then why are we here if he did nothing?" The plaintiff said, "Your honor, he's trying to provoke me." The judge retorts back to the plaintiff, "You're wasting court time. Case dismissed." Now this would be funny if it wasn't for real, in a recent hearing at Somerville District Court.

Saturday, October 17 at the Holiday Inn, the SHS Scholarship Foundation will be celebrating its 25th Anniversary. Over the years, the foundation has been responsible for handing out thousands of dollars in scholarships to deserving high school graduates. The Foundation idea was started by local publisher Robert J. L. Publicover, Tony Fedele, the headmaster at the high school, former Mayor Gene Brune and several other dedicated and committed community people. A Foundation that started with very little and has now grown to over \$1M in scholarships. Call or go online to the Foundation's Facebook site for reservations and cost of tickets.

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: *Budgeting shortfall may halt Green Line Extension project*

Uncle Rocco says:

I knew it was going to go at least a billion dollars over budget. I just didn't think it would happen before they laid the first brick!

Ed Hearn says:

Wow. Big news. Looks like some retooling is called for. Too much at stake here to just let it fail. I have no doubt the Feds will come through.

LindaS says:

We lived this long without the Green Line coming through here, maybe we should have just kept it that way. The mayor could still have promoted us as being a good place for walking and cycling, instead of trying to make us all things to all people.

I read online that it was a stipulation of the Big Dig to extend the T, but pushing something on us without knowing if we were able to properly budget for it makes no sense.

Not surprising that the government over-reached yet again. Very easy for them to say we want this and that, another thing entirely to actually make it happen.

Maybe it will get done eventually, but then it will likely cost us all in much higher fares to compensate for the expense. If it winds up being cheaper to buy a gallon of gas than to take the T, what was the point?

A. Moore says:

Going pretty much as expected. We all knew the price at the start would never really be the price. We are getting money for these things from a country deep in debt. That's bothersome. Most likely it still will get done though regardless. But at a very high cost. Remember, Deval and Joe were involved.

Marco says:

All that property taken by Eminent domain , wait until the bill comes due.

Steve Keenan says:

I don't think the Green Line Extension project is dead yet. Mayor Curtatone and his staff have worked very hard on this project and the Mayor doesn't strike me as a guy who will just give up on it.

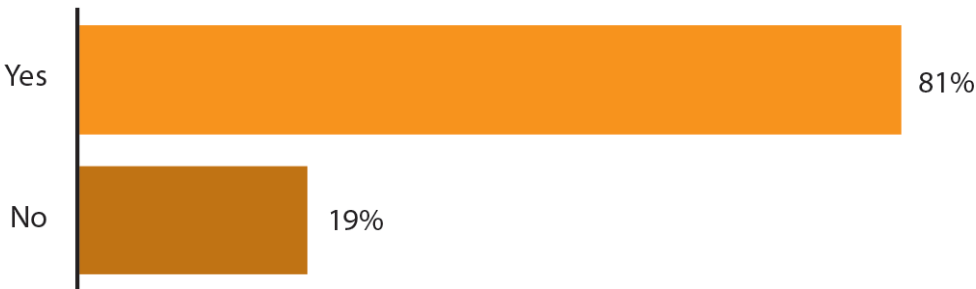
Take a deep breath and never say never. As Yogi Berra once said "IT ain't over till the Fat Lady sings."

Log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com to leave your own comments

TheSomervilleTimes.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleTimes.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week's poll concerned your views on whether or not you are disappointed to hear the Green Line Extension might be cancelled. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com.

Are you disappointed to hear the Green Line Extension might be cancelled?



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Meet the Candidates: Ward 6 Alderman

On Thursday, September 17, 2015, the voters of Ward 6 will give their ballots for a Candidate for Alderman in Ward Six for the term of two years. The Somerville Times asked each of the qualified candidates to answer five questions on their views relating to their possible tenure as Alderman, as well as provide a brief biography of themselves. Their responses are presented here in alphabetical order based on their last names. The first two candidates are presented here and the other two are on page 5.



Charles J. Chisholm

Question 1. How long have you lived in the community and what, if any, prominent local groups have you had any interest in?

I have lived in Somerville for over 60 years, essentially all my life. While I am well-travelled, Somerville is my one and only hometown. I recently sponsored a fund raising event at my home for the LGBT Asylum Support Task Force which aids asylum seekers from Uganda who have fled state-sponsored violence against them and their families with food and lodging while their applications for asylum are pending. For my support I received a letter which reads, in part, “You are a consummate host, as well as a community activist/ civil rights and LGBT/ social justice advocate.”

Question 2. What do you see as

the primary role of the Ward 6 Alderman?

While the role of an alderman includes approving the municipal budget, funding the contract settlements, and enacting zoning ordinances, I believe that the primary function of a ward alderman is to insure that constituents’ issues are resolved. During this campaign this summer, I have rung door bells on every street in the ward. Residents have complained of speeding cars and trucks, street lighting problems, rat infestations around Davis Square, parking issues and associated overdevelopment, snow removal issues, high rents and transit costs and handicap access. 311 is not enough, these constituent services are my top priority.

Question 3. What is or has been your commitment to civil rights and, in particular, the rights of the LGBT community?

As a college sophomore, my Jesuit professor recommended participation in a student boycott of the then segregated Boston Public School system. Risking incarceration and fines, I taught in the Roxbury Freedom School. Subsequently, I was offered a lifetime membership in the NAACP, which I declined. I recently learned that President John F. Kennedy,

similarly declined: standing up for racial justice should be the norm for people of conscience and conviction. As an eleven-time elected national delegate to the NEA-RA annual convention, I distributed nationwide materials on how to form gay-straight alliances in America’s high schools. Now, there are over 2,500.

Question 4. What is your philosophy on meeting privately or accepting campaign contributions from developers doing business here in the city, in particular the controversy over the “Pay to Play” proposal by the Board of Aldermen?

As a matter of policy, I will not meet privately with any contractor or developer or their attorney(s). They should reduce their arguments, documents or supporting materials into writing and submit their documents to the City Clerk for distribution to all aldermen and to the press. I am committed to transparency. As far as campaign contributions are concerned, I have not accepted, I am not accepting nor will I ever accept any contribution of any size from any developer, business, or attorney associated with them. Period. No pay-to-play here. Additionally, I will vote to limit campaign contributions to \$100.

Question 5. What major long

term innovative issues do you support and would advocate on the Board of Aldermen?

I support and will advocate for the Raise Up Massachusetts constitutional FAIR SHARE amendment to surtax those making above \$1 million a year by 4%. I would like to see the money used for education and transit as follows: 1. Bus and subway transit for the daily commuters (660,000) should be free. 2. Early childhood education should be statewide. 3. A satellite campus of Bunker Hill Community College should be built at Foss Park, specialising in job training certificate programs. Chelsea has one. So should Somerville. Secondly, I support the purchase of sidewalk snowplows, like they have in North Reading.

Bio: Charles Chisholm grew up on Flint Street in East Somerville. He attended the Little Flower School in East Somerville. Subsequently, he attended and graduated from Malden Catholic High School as his class salutatorian. Charles was offered a full presidential scholarship to Boston College and a full scholarship to Tufts University. He chose Boston College and graduated with a B.A. degree in mathematics. Charles began his teaching ca-

reer at the Northeaster Junior High School and later taught high school at both Don Bosco Technical High School as department chair and at Malden Catholic High School. Charles was elected Ward 1 School Committee member and Ward 1 Alderman during this period. In 1982, Charles moved to ward six and completed his advanced degree at UMass Lowell with a M.S. degree in mathematics and was hired as an Instructor at Bunker Hill Community College. There, he was promoted to Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and finally to Full Professor, serving as Department Chair of the Math and Physics Department at BHCC. As a member of the Massachusetts Community College Council, Charles was elected chapter president by his peers annually from 1992-2000. He served as an elected delegate to the NEA-RA convention in eleven of his twenty-one years at BHCC. Charles has retired from full time teaching, but continues to teach at the college (two courses per semester (Calculus III for Engineering majors and Finite Mathematics)). In addition to teaching for over 40 years, Charles enjoys downhill skiing, racquetball and playing chess.



Lance Davis

Question 1. How long have you lived in the community and what, if any, prominent local groups have you had any interest in?

My wife, Amy, and I have lived in Somerville for fourteen years and are raising our two kids here. I enjoy being actively involved and contributing to our unique community. I was one of the leaders of Progress Together for Somerville because I saw the need to strengthen and revitalize Somerville Public Schools. I am a member of the PTA and volunteer regularly at the Brown School, where my children attend. My wife and I also serve

on the Honorary Committee for the Somerville Homeless Coalition Gala and I’ve coached both my son’s and daughter’s soccer teams with Somerville Youth Soccer Association.

Question 2. What do you see as the primary role of the Ward 6 Alderman?

First and foremost, I believe the Alderman’s role is to serve the residents of Ward 6. It is crucial that the Alderman not only be accessible but responsive to constituents, who have the most at stake in the future of the city. The importance of constituent services cannot be overstated. In addition to accessibility, I also believe it is important that Ward 6 has strong, independent leadership. As Alderman I will fight for our neighbors in Ward 6 and stand my ground for the best interests of our community.

Question 3. What is or has been your commitment to civil rights and, in particular, the rights of the LGBT community?

LGBT rights are the civil rights battle of our generation. I worked on the campaign for my

friend, Tim Schofield, an openly gay candidate, in 2005 when marriage equality was still very much in question in Massachusetts. I’ve always supported candidates who fought for LGBT rights, including Carl Sciortino, Pat Jehlen, and Denise Provost. Today, my family and I attend First Church Somerville where we share worship with a vibrant LGBTQ community and support, as a congregation, many initiatives such as the LGBT Asylum Support Task Force through the annual Drag Gospel Festival.

Question 4. What is your philosophy on meeting privately or accepting campaign contributions from developers doing business here in the city, in particular the controversy over the “Pay to Play” proposal by the Board of Aldermen?

I believe that independence and transparency are absolute requirements of an Alderman. I will be beholden to no interests other than the people of Ward 6. I supported the pay to play ordinance as it was passed by the Board in 2014 and I look for-

ward to revisiting the issue when it is taken up again by the Board.

Question 5. What major long term innovative issues do you support and would advocate on the Board of Aldermen?

Affordability is the main issue I see facing Somerville. I support the ideas being considered by the Sustainable Neighborhoods Working Group to make our community more affordable and accessible to current and new residents. Diversity is our greatest strength and I support measures that increase inclusion in our community. I would continue to increase investment in public schools to ensure students and teachers have the necessary resources to thrive and succeed. I also support enhancing and expanding parks and open spaces. In a city as densely populated as Somerville, it would be difficult to understate the public health benefit of well-maintained green spaces. Finally, I will continue to advocate for improvements to the neighborhoods of Ward 6, including completion of the

Davis Square Streetscape Improvement project.

Bio: Hi neighbors! My name is Lance Davis and I am running for Ward 6 Alderman. I have been deeply ingrained in the community the entire time my wife and I have lived in Somerville. In some ways, we’ve seen the community change dramatically but Somerville still retains the small town feel that we fell in love with, and that has drawn so many of our neighbors here. My primary reason for running is that, from my knowledge of and involvement in the community, I understand the concerns facing my neighbors and want to continue to make Somerville a place that people of all statuses and backgrounds can call home. I care deeply about the community, I recognize the importance of prioritizing community, and will be an advocate for the residents of Ward 6. You can learn more about me and how I plan to serve the community at <http://www.lancedavis.org/>. You can also like my page on Facebook at Lance Davis for Ward 6 Alderman.

THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Former cop caught stealing gun from station

A Somerville Police Lieutenant reported to the Somerville Police Criminal Investigation Division (SPD-CID) that his department issued firearm had been stolen from his locker inside the men’s locker room at Somerville Police Headquarters on August 4. The officer reportedly told investigators that the weapon had been taken some time between August 2 and August 4.

Surveillance video taken at the police station during that period

of time brought to the attention of investigators activities involving a former Somerville police officer, Samuel Stanford, who had been terminated from the department in July.

Stanford was reportedly spotted entering the police station through its rear entrance on August 3. The video showed Stanford walking down a corridor and entering the locker room area, according to reports.

Stanford remained out of cam-

era range for approximately six minutes, and then left the building, exiting the way he came in.

Investigators noted that Stanford appeared to use a cloth to jam the locking mechanism of the locker room door, circumventing the need for a key-card.

A bulge in Stanford’s pocket, consistent with the shape and size of the weapon in question was also spotted in the video.

Police said that Stanford also used the cloth to wipe away fin-

gerprints he may have left on door handles that he used on his way in and out of the building.

Due to Stanford’s termination from the force, a warrant was issued for his arrest, with a charge of felony breaking and entering.

A search of Stanford’s residence was conducted by police investigators on August 26. Police reportedly recovered a substantial amount of physical evidence linking Stanford to the gun theft, as well as other alleged

crimes.

Stanford was placed under arrest and charged with drug possession to distribute, possession of a class A drug, possession of a firearm without FID card, and possession of ammunition without FID card.

Stanford’s brother, Edward, was also placed under arrest, charged with drug possession to distribute, possession of a class A drug, and possession of ammunition without FID card.

SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

Samuel Stanford, of 14 Boston St., August 26, 8:52 a.m., arrested at home on charges of drug possession to distribute, possession of a class A drug, possession of a firearm without FID card, and possession of ammunition without FID card, and on a warrant charge of felony nighttime breaking and entering.

Edward Stanford, of 14 Boston St., August 26, 8:52 a.m., arrested at home on charges of drug possession to distribute, possession of a class A drug, and possession of ammunition without FID card.

Gino Pasquarosa, of 41 Stratford Rd., Newton, August 26, 10:57 p.m., arrested at Washington St. on a charge of malicious wanton defacement

of property.

Thad Parrish, of 38 Silverlake Ave., Newton, August 26, 10:57 p.m., arrested at Washington St. on a charge of malicious wanton defacement of property.

Rashad Haywood, of 2669 Le Conte, Berkeley, CA, August 27, 4:01 a.m., arrested at Bonair St. on a charge of felony nighttime breaking and entering.

Ramon Costa, of 57 Edith St., Everett, August 27, 1:44 p.m., arrested at Somerville Ave. on a charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Richard Parrino, of 64 Exchange St. Medford, August 27, 3:54 p.m., arrested on a warrant charge of larceny over \$250.

Marquille Morrissey, of 9

Oliver St., Everett, August 27, 9:16 p.m., arrested at Broadway on warrant charges of drug possession to distribute, miscellaneous municipal ordinance violation, and possession of a class B drug.

Sonia Valladares, of 71 Clinton St., August 28, 10:17 a.m., arrested at Washington St. on a warrant charge of unlicensed operator.

Emilson Gomes, of 87 Bartlett St., August 28, 1:04 p.m., arrested at Beacon St. on a warrant charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Stafford Gravely, of 73 Edgemont St., Brookline, August 28, 2:23 p.m., arrested at Assembly Row on charges of possession of a class A drug and shoplifting by asportation.

Milton Rivas, of 231 Chelsea

St., Boston, August 28, 2:23 p.m., arrested at Assembly Row on warrant s of distribution of a class D drug, possession of a class D drug, larceny over \$250, and drug violation near a school.

Winston White, of 142 Northhampton St., Boston, August 28, 2:23 p.m., arrested at Assembly Row on charges of resisting arrest, receiving stolen property over \$250, and walking or riding on a railroad track.

Arlene Wells, of 16 Akborn St., Roxbury, August 28, 3:08 p.m., arrested at Foley St. on a charges of resisting arrest and receiving stolen property over \$250, and on warrant charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and possession of a class C drug.

Johnny Hines, of 444 Har-

rison Ave., Boston, August 28, 3:08 p.m., arrested at Foley St. on a charge of receiving stolen property over \$250, and on warrant charges of drug possession to distribute, assault and battery on a family or household member, shoplifting by asportation, larceny under \$250, mesdemeanor breaking and entering, and larceny over \$250.

Joshua Walsh, of 149 Franklin St., Braintree, August 28, 5:00 p.m., arrested at Canal St. on a charge of larceny under \$250.

Nahshon Deas, of 30 Senders Ct., Hyde Park, August 29, 1:00 a.m., arrested at Washington St. on warrant charges of assault and battery and assault and battery on a perdon 60 or older.

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Meet the Candidates: Ward 6 Alderman

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David W. S. Lieberman

Question 1. How long have you lived in the community and what, if any, prominent local groups have you had any interest in?

I first moved to Somerville twelve years ago as a student. In 2010, my wife and I purchased our home on Powder House Terrace. I have maintained a strong commitment to public service, remaining active in City Year as a member and former co-chair of the Alumni Board, and mentor for those seeking legal and public service careers. I have also undertaken many pro bono projects, including helping an Iraqi refugee obtain asylum in the U.S after he was threatened by terrorists. In 2014, I was selected as a Boston

Bar Foundation Public Interest Fellow for my commitment to public service.

Question 2. What do you see as the primary role of the Ward 6 Alderman?

I think there are two primary roles. The first is to ensure that the residents of our community are kept apprised of decisions being made by the city that affect them. This includes proposed new developments and businesses, as well as broader issues like the new zoning ordinance. Second, our community needs an alderman that is prepared to advocate on their behalf to ensure that Ward 6 receives the city resources it needs to thrive, that that city is responsive to their requests, and that our community gets a fair and honest deal from powerful interests.

What is or has been your commitment to civil rights and, in particular, the rights of the LGBT community?

Answer 3: My record with the service and education movements speaks for itself. As an attorney, my pro bono work has included helping to obtain asylum for a transgendered woman persecuted on that basis in her home country. In 1999, my

friends and I led a boycott of our Boy Scout camp after one of our fellow counselors was fired for being gay. I have remained close friends with two of the leaders of that boycott, Ijpe and Thom. They married in 2011, and served as two of the named plaintiffs in the recent Obergefell decision mandating marriage equality under the Constitution.

Question 4. What is your philosophy on meeting privately or accepting campaign contributions from developers doing business here in the city, in particular the controversy over the “Pay to Play” proposal by the Board of Aldermen?

I used to prosecute public corruption and fraud cases with the Massachusetts Attorney General, and I have seen how the perception that powerful groups get favorable treatment corrodes trust in our government. As I go door-to-door and speak with my neighbors, people often express concern that important decisions are being made in the dark and for the benefit of connected individuals. It must be a priority for our Alderman to increase the transparency of our decision-making by taking whatever steps are necessary to ensure that our neighbors know

they are being treated fairly by their government.

Question 5. What major long term innovative issues do you support and would advocate on the Board of Aldermen?

I have a number of innovative ideas that are listed on my website, but briefly, I think the greatest challenges facing Ward 6 revolve around housing affordability. I support zoning that would encourage smart development, particularly near transit hubs, and increase the inclusionary zoning requirements to 20% in those areas. I would like to give serious consideration to a transfer (house-flipping) tax, and I would like to look at providing an incentive for landlords who take the steps necessary to keep long term tenants by providing them a tax exemption for those units.

Bio: I am running to be the next Alderman for Ward 6 because we need a strong advocate for our families and community. I have long been dedicated to advocacy and service. As a lawyer, I prosecuted environmental crimes and public corruption and fraud with the Massachusetts Attorney General’s Office. I now work in private practice, representing whistleblowers

suings for fraud on behalf of the government and other parties in civil disputes. In 1999, I left Boston University to serve as an AmeriCorps member in City Year Boston. I worked with under-served students in Boston Public Schools, and spent the following year helping to found a new City Year site in Washington, D.C. I first moved Somerville twelve years ago for school, where I met my wife Jessica, and we both fell in love with the Davis Square area. After attending law school at Columbia University and serving as a judicial clerk for a federal judge, we returned to Somerville and purchased our home in 2010. I am excited about Somerville’s future, but I believe it needs strong leadership to ensure that as it grows and develops, it maintains its essential character and remains a place that both its long-time citizens and newer residents can call home. I believe that I can be that leader. I would love to hear what you think of the issues facing Somerville and Ward 6, please feel free to contact me directly at davidwsliberman@gmail.com, (617)863-0311, or visit my website at <http://davidwsliberman.org>.



Elizabeth Weinbloom

Question 1. How long have you lived in the community and what, if any, prominent local groups have you had any interest in?

Like many, I came to the area for college and never left. My first apartment was in Union Square, in 2008, and I stayed in Union through my graduate studies at Harvard. After a foray over in Cambridge, I chose to return to Somerville in 2013 to build a long-term home near Davis Square with my wonderful roommates. I am committed to several local arts groups, including an amateur orchestra and Small & Casual Productions, a Somerville-based musical theater troupe that performs in living rooms. As half of a creative events production team, I have co-created large-scale public events for the Somerville Arts Council and

the Somerville Armory.

Question 2. What do you see as the primary role of the Ward 6 Alderman?

Traditionally, the primary role of a ward Alderman is constituent services – being an accessible, responsive, and pro-active partner for the ward at City Hall. I am well-suited to this aspect of the role, as I don’t have career or family commitments that would take me away from the ward during the day or jockey for my attention at night; additionally, my work in curriculum development is freelance and can be scheduled around the needs of the city. I also see the BOA as the agenda-setters of the city. I would seek to use the seat at the table afforded by a position on the BOA to encourage forward-thinking approaches to issues that affect the entire city and region, such as rising housing costs and making our streets safer for cyclists and pedestrians.

Question 3. What is or has been your commitment to civil rights and, in particular, the rights of the LGBT community?

I am lucky enough to have come of age in a time and place in which LGBT rights have been continually expanding. I vividly remember marching with other undergrads from Harvard to Cambridge City Hall to cele-

brate the granting of the country’s first marriage licenses to same-sex couples. More recently, I raised my voice as an ally against police brutality at major #BlackLivesMatter protests in Boston and New York, an experience which affected my decision to expand my involvement in local politics. My skin color affords a lot of undeserved privileges, including ease in participation in our political system; I seek to make use of my privilege to be a strong ally.

Question 4. What is your philosophy on meeting privately or accepting campaign contributions from developers doing business here in the city, in particular the controversy over the “Pay to Play” proposal by the Board of Aldermen?

I was dismayed by Mayor Curtatone’s veto of the proposed “Pay to Play” ordinance last year, and again by the BOA’s failure to override the veto. The ordinance would have been a limited – but powerfully symbolic – check on the power of developers to influence the city’s politics. We should be the ones making demands of developers – requiring higher percentages of new units be permanently affordable, for instance – and not allowing developers to make demands of us. **Question 5. What major long term innovative issues do you support and would advocate on**

the Board of Aldermen?

The diminishing supply of affordable housing in our city is our biggest responsibility right now. As a largely residential city, we must ensure that homes remain accessible to residents of all ages, income levels, family sizes, and mobilities. I would work to expand affordable housing, combat displacement, reward good landlords, prevent speculation, and require developers to further our city’s social goals. There is no formula for this; rather, I would advocate for innovation and new approaches to dealing with this issue that currently affects so many American cities.

Bio: Elizabeth has chosen Somerville as her home and community since 2008. She originally came to the Boston area in 2003 to study at Harvard, having grown up in the New York suburbs. Her first apartment was in Union Square, and she continued renting in Union while she earned a masters in education. At the start of 2014, Elizabeth began making her home in a rented house on Chandler Street with her wonderful roommates. Elizabeth’s professional work is in education; she develops lesson plans, teaching guides, and online courses, working with school districts and educational organizations

across the country to improve student outcomes and assist teachers in their work. In her community life, she participates in Somerville’s vibrant arts scene as a creator, performer, and consumer. She has produced several large public events in Somerville, including the ArtsUnion Ides of March street fair last spring (a collaboration with the Somerville Arts Council). An amateur cellist, social dancer, and occasional playwright, Elizabeth also helped found a Somerville-based living room theater troupe. Elizabeth cycles, walks, and rides the MBTA to get around; improving the safety of our streets for cyclists and pedestrians is a major priority for her. She is a Democrat and a feminist, and she strives to be an ally to people of color and the LGBTQ community. She is thirty years old. Elizabeth got into local politics to ensure that non-traditional households like her own will be able to continue living, working, and creating in Somerville into the future. She is committed to exploring creative policies to keep Somerville livable for the diverse community of renters, students, immigrants, young families, retired people, and artists who make this city great. Learn more at www.elizabethweinbloom.com.

A new slide for in store for Chuckie Harris Park



Chuckie Harris Park on Cross Street East was brand new last year. The city spent a lot of money on the park for families in East Somerville to use. The Board of Aldermen voted to allocate funds to purchase a new slide that has been ruined for a few months now. The city has told the Board that the cost of the new slide is reasonable at \$17,000. The vote was taken and the city decided to order the slide the next day. The park should once again have a nice slide for the kids to play on.

— Story and photo by Donald Norton

Leadership change at SCATV

By Tom Bannister

The Board of Directors of Somerville Community Access Television (SCATV) announced last week that Wendy Blom has stepped down as the Executive Director of SCATV after 11 years, to pursue other personal and professional opportunities. Her last day will be August 28, 2015.

“It was a great 11 years at SCATV and I will dearly miss all of the members, producers and nonprofit partners in Somerville,” Blom said. During Blom’s tenure at SCATV they earned the national award for Overall Excellence in Public Access Media 8 out of 11 years and launched both Somerville Neighborhood News (SNN) and Boston Free Radio. “I look forward to watching the next stage of SCATV’s development unfold.”

During the transition to a new Executive Director, the Board of SCATV has secured the services of Robb Zarges of Kainos Coaching and Consulting, LLC to the role of Interim Executive Director.

Zarges is a 22 year veteran

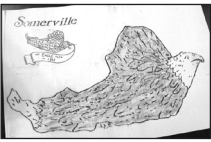


The much beloved director of SCATV (Somerville Community Access TV), Wendy Blom departs to take a new direction in her career. Blom was at the helm for 11 years. Doug Holder of *The Somerville Times* interviewed Blom at the SCATV Studios. Go to <https://archive.org/details/Z0000013> to hear the interview.

in nonprofit management specializing in strategic planning, executive coaching, and organizational capacity building. “I am excited to work with SCATV and prepare the organization for it’s next leader,” said Zarges. “As SCATV begins to interpret and implement its new strategic plan, I will work with the Board to identify the right kind of person to lead SCATV to a new season of providing the best in creative expression and freedom of speech for the residents of Somerville.”

Located at 90 Union Square in Somerville, SCATV is a leading public access media center that enables a vibrant and diverse community to express its creativity, explain its ideas, share its cultures, and fosters the individual’s right to freedom of speech. SCATV supports and creates community-driven media through education, production resources, and distribution on cable television and the web. For more information please visit: www.scatvsomerville.org

The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week



Eagle feathers #86

Charles

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

What’s in a name? For instance, what does the name Charles mean? The name Charles was derived from a Germanic word meaning “man” or “free man.” Its original popularity was in honor of “Charles the Great,” Emperor of Western Europe. He was born in 742, exactly 1,100 years before Somerville’s naming in 1842.



As years went by, a number of European sovereigns and princes took that regal name. In 1614, early New England explorer, John Smith, renamed the Indian River called “Massachusetts” (meaning blue hills) after one of these monarchs. He called it The River Charles, honoring fifteen-year-old Prince Charles of England. Later when the Prince became King, Charlestown, which Somerville was a part of, took his name. The day was July 4, 1629. Unless it’s your name, you probably don’t care; but if you live in Somerville, you might well be interested. The Charles River made up Somerville’s eastern border, before landfills altered it.



Through the years, the city has had a unique list of personages with that name. The list is as follows:

- At the top of her list is Revolutionary War Major General Charles Lee, Commander of the left wing of the American Army during the siege of Boston from 1775 to 1776. His headquarters were at Somerville’s oldest house, the 301 year-old Oliver Tufts homestead at 78 Sycamore Street.
- Charles Tufts, a Somerville resident whose land donation put a light on Walnut Hill, which became Tufts University.

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West Branch Library set for renovations

By Josie Grove

Somerville’s oldest public library, the West Branch, is about to enter the present day. At a community meeting last Monday, neighbors met with designers and library staff to provide feedback on the plans for the impending renovation.

Glenn Ferdman, Somerville’s Director of Libraries, is excited for the changes to come. “21st century public libraries have evolved to offer new collections, services, and programs, in response to changes in publishing, and in society, by providing access to digital content, virtual reference services, instruction in the use of computers, eReaders, and other devices, and career-training types of programming, and more,” he said.

After the renovation, the West Branch library will better fit the present model of libraries as “incubators for creation of content and innovators of new ideas,” said Ferdman. One of the biggest changes to the library is the addition of a maker space. Ben Youtz of DesignLAB Architects, explains that a maker space is a technology-heavy space that supports experimentation and prototyping. “Maker space is quite popular currently in public libraries”, Ferdman said, detailing 3-D printers in a Kansas City library and a digital media

lab in suburban Chicago. “They appeal to a wide variety of folks.”

The changing library necessitates changing the building, said Ferdman. “Upgrades and repairs to the exterior and interior of the building, updated mechanical systems, and a new large meeting space are minimum basic improvements needed to preserve this historical building and important community resource,” he said. Another key concern is making the building

“It has a lot of historic character, but it needs updating”

accessible for people with limited mobility. Longtime resident Brian Brady remembered, “We used to have meetings there until about thirty years ago, an elderly gentleman was going down the spiral staircase and fell.” Since then, says Alderman-At-Large Jack Connolly, “We have had such a problem with meeting space in Davis.”

After the visioning meeting in May, DesignLAB synthesized the ideas into designs. There are four design options, representing what Youtz termed



An updating of an old friend of the city is soon at hand, as the West Branch Library prepare for major renovation. — Photo by Bobbie Toner

three levels of intervention to the existing building, with each becoming larger and more involved. All of the designs involve a community room, moving the children’s space into the upper level, and adding a more inviting lobby, improved staff offices and work rooms, and a maker space. They also aim to improve the experience of the book-browser by making the collection more unified.

Some neighbors at the meeting were skeptical of modern additions to the historic facade of the West Branch Library. Youtz

expressed equal measures of respect for the West Branch and realism about what it needs. “It’s a very handsome building,” said Youtz. “It has a lot of historic character, but it needs updating,” he said, underlining the need for an accessible building and infrastructure updates.

For many residents present at the meeting, the question of cost was not adequately addressed. Alderman Connolly estimates five to seven million dollars for scheme A, the smallest and least invasive of the plans, although Ferdman said that there are no

final cost estimates.

Rob King, the director of Capital Projects and Planning, was vague about the project’s costs and funding. “The funding mechanism is what we’ll figure out next, but tonight’s about figuring out what the folks in this room want,” said King. The rest of the city administration is also vague about setting a budget for the project. “The direction we got from the mayor was, ‘Tell us what the community wants’, and we’ll work to fund it, said King.

Ferdman thinks the expense is justified. *Continued on page 20*

PRELIMINARY ELECTION
CITY OF SOMERVILLE

OFFICE OF BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

Ordered:
The Board of Election Commissioners is hereby directed to cause notice to be given in the manner prescribed by law that meetings of the qualified voters of this city will be held in the several polling places which have been designated by said Board for or within the voting precincts in which they respectively are qualified to vote, said polling places are located as follows, namely for;

WARD SIX
Precinct 1. A room in the JOHN F KENNEDY SCHOOL, 5 Cherry St. - Sartwell Ave Entrance;
Precinct 2. A room in the SOMERVILLE COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH, 31 College Avenue;
Precinct 3. A room in the HOLY BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH, 14 Chapel Street;

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BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

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Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:

Rep. Christine Barber

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

Rep. Denise Provost

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

Rep. Timothy Toomey

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen

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

THE HOUSE AND SENATE: This week's report is on the 2015 roll call attendance record of your local representatives through August 28. Some representatives may have poor attendance records for a variety of reasons, including health problems or military service. We asked the five legislators with the worst attendance records to explain their reasons for missing votes. We did not ask the 155 other representatives why they missed roll call votes, but it is something you may want to check out with any of your local legislators who have missed roll call votes. If we can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact us.

This week's report follows:

THE HOUSE AND SENATE. There were no roll call votes in the House or Senate last week. This week, *Beacon Hill Roll Call* reports local representatives' roll call attendance records for the 2015 session through August 28.

The House has held 156 roll call votes. *Beacon Hill Roll Call* tabulates the number of roll calls on which each representative was present and voting and then calculates that number as a percentage of the total roll call votes held. That percentage is the number referred to as the roll call attendance record.

Only 69 (34.5 percent) of the House's 160 members have 100 percent roll call attendance records.

The representative who missed the most roll calls is Rep. Harold Naughton (D-Clinton), who missed 112 (28.2 percent attendance) because of his military service.

Also included in the top five worst records are Reps. Gail Cariddi (D-North Adams), who missed 101 (35.3 percent attendance); Gerald Parisella (D-Beverly) and Louis Kafka (D-Sharon), who missed 100 (35.9 percent attendance); and Evandro Carvalho (D-Dorchester), who missed 54 roll calls (65.4 percent).

Pariselli missed many votes because of his military service, Cariddi and Kafka both had medical issues and Carvalho's wife gave birth to their first child.

REPRESENTATIVES' 2015 ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE RECORDS THROUGH AUGUST 2015

The percentage listed next to the representative's name is the percentage of roll call votes for which he or she was present and voting. The number in parentheses represents the number of roll calls that the representative missed.

Rep. Christine Barber	100 percent (0)
Rep. Denise Provost	100 percent (0)
Rep. Timothy Toomey	100 percent (0)

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

REVENUE COMMITTEE HEARING - The Revenue Committee will hold a public hearing on September 22 at 10 a.m. in room A-1 at the Statehouse on several bills including:

TAX BREAKS FOR VIDEO GAME COMPANIES (H 2487) - Extends the 25 percent payroll tax credit to video game developers. Currently, the tax credit is only available to movie production companies.

Supporters, noting some 2,000 people currently work in this industry in the state, say game industry revenues are larger than box office revenue. They argue offering tax credits to video game developers will encourage these companies to remain in or move to Massachusetts.

REWARD CITIZENS WHO BRING BUSINESSES HERE (H 2486) - Requires the Department of Revenue to conduct a study on the possibility of the state rewarding individual taxpayers who are responsible for bringing new businesses to the state. A percentage of the new revenue would be credited to the Massachusetts taxpayer responsible for attracting the business.

INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT (H 2474) - Raises the state's three percent investment tax credit to five percent and makes it permanent. Supporters say that this would be good for the state's sagging economy. They argue that it would create jobs by helping to attract new companies to the state and encouraging existing ones to remain here by spurring investment in new buildings, manufacturing, and research and development. They noted that the tax revenue loss would be offset by a growth in property, income and corporate excise taxes.

Opponents say that the extension would cost millions of dollars in revenue that the state cannot afford to lose and argued that this money should be used to fund important state programs. They argue that studies have shown this tax credit has no positive effect on employ-

ment and may in fact cause unemployment by encouraging automation.

QUOTABLE QUOTES – Special “By the Numbers Edition”

52,000 — *The number of jobs that will be lost in New England between 2016 and 2020 if electricity and natural gas infrastructure is not built, according to the New England Coalition for Affordable Energy.*

35,000 — *The number of Massachusetts personal care attendant who will now be able to earn overtime following a federal court ruling granting federal minimum wage and overtime protections to the nation's two million homecare workers, according to the Home Care Alliance of Massachusetts.*

7,200 — *The number of jobs created in the Bay State in July, according to the state's Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development.*

1,161 — *The number of Massachusetts students who were granted an exemption from being vaccinated in 2014, according to the state's Department of Public Health.*

6,614 — *July sales of single family homes -- almost 20 percent higher than last July's 5,533, according to the Massachusetts Association of Realtors.*

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION? *Beacon Hill Roll Call* tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature's job and that a lot of important work is done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work, research, constituent work and other matters that are important to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session.

During the week of August 24-28, the House met for a total of two hours and five minutes while the Senate met for a total of two hours and two minutes.

Mon. August 24	House 11:02 a.m. to 12:55 p.m. Senate 11:05 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Tues. August 25	No House session No Senate session
Wed. August 26	No House session No Senate session
Thurs. August 27	House 11:01 a.m. to 11:13 a.m. Senate 11:05 a.m. to 11:12 a.m.
Fri. August 28	No House session No Senate session

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\$325K Naloxone agreement

By Tom Bannister

In an effort to make the life-saving drug Naloxone more widely available to police and firefighters statewide, Attorney General Maura Healey has announced that her office has reached an agreement with Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, Inc. that will require the company to pay \$325,000 to help offset the costs of the drug that counters the effects of opioid overdose.

The first-of-its kind payment from the manufacturer to a state will go into the Commonwealth's Municipal Naloxone Bulk Purchase Trust Fund, approved in the state budget this past July to increase access to the nasal spray version of Naloxone through a discounted program. This payment is the equivalent cost of nearly 10,000 units of naloxone. The trust fund was established with initial state funding of \$150,000, making available, in total, the equivalent of 15,000 doses.

"The demand for Narcan to help save the lives of overdose victims has risen sharply, and with that, so has the price, making it tough for police and fire departments to access this critical drug," AG Healey said. "This money will help us get Narcan into the hands of every first responder, giving them a tool they need to help save lives."

The agreement with California-based Amphastar resolves

AG Healey's concerns over the sharp price increase for Naloxone (generic version of Narcan) in late 2014, when the wholesale price more than doubled from less than \$15 per dose to more than \$30. Although the purchase price from distributors has varied between municipalities, some first responders report having paid more than \$65 for a single unit of the drug.

The AG's Office sent a letter to Amphastar earlier this year stating that the increase in pricing could adversely affect access to the drug for state agencies and municipalities in Massachusetts.

In March 2014, former Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick declared a public health emergency in response to the growing opioid addiction epidemic. The Department of Public Health issued emergency regulatory amendments permitting first responders to carry and administer Naloxone. Since then, numerous first responders have purchased naloxone kits for use in reversing the effects of a heroin or opioid overdose.

Naloxone is a medication that reverses an overdose from heroin or other opioids. It cannot be used to get high and is not addictive. The Naloxone for intra-nasal use is given with a foam tip attached to a syringe that is placed into the nostril. It acts to wake the person up and keep them breathing.

Somerville artists to compete for permanent space at new gallery

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Downtown Brockton Music & Arts Festival and then during an exhibition that runs most of next month. Visitors will have the opportunity to view proposals from the six artists competing to design a permanent, unique piece of art that will be installed in the Gallery entrance space at Enso Flats.

The six New England artists will be presenting their designs and ideas for this space, which incorporate attributes of Brockton's historic character and culture. "We're thrilled to announce the opening of the Gallery at Enso Flats, a beautiful new space that is showcasing the work of talented artists from Brockton and throughout the region," said Matt Zahler, Senior Project Manager at Trinity Financial. "We hope festival goers will take the opportunity to stop by and view the unique and powerful work on display, including pieces from those artists competing for



Buried Fears by Jeanée Redmond.

— Copyright by Jeanée Redmond

the chance to create a permanent art installation at the Gallery."

A reception with artists whose work is featured in the show will take place this Saturday during the Festival from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. The art show at the Gallery at Enso Flats will continue through September 20. The show is part of the fifth annual DBAMFEST, presented by Brockton Arts and featuring a

day of music, food, crafts, vendors and family-friendly activities at the twin Finnegan and Salisbury Brook parks on the corner of Montello and Crescent Streets in downtown Brockton.

More about Resa Blatman's work can be found here: <http://www.resablatman.com>. More about Jeanée Redmond's work can be found here: <http://www.jeaneeredmond.com>.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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TO THE EDITOR,
As both a former East Somerville resident and a retired police officer with over 27 years of service, I was appalled at the sight of seeing city workers unfurling a #BlackLivesMatter banner across Somerville City Hall. Why is it deemed okay to display a political poster on a public building? The Black Lives crowd are pushing hate and inciting violence. This is not an expression of serious debate in this country. Marching to divide America is plain insulting. Marching and chatting that police officers

should be called pigs and then screaming "fry 'em like bacon" is not public discourse, it is inciting violence. I believe black lives matter, white lives matter, all lives matter and finally police lives matter too. The recent assassination out in Harris County, Texas not far from Houston of a deputy sheriff pumping gas into his cruiser is just the latest cop shooting in this country going back to last December when two NYPD officers were ambushed while sitting in their cruiser. We need public leaders in this

nation standing up for the law and defending those who serve and protect. We don't need politicians playing games and being politically correct. The banner hanging on Somerville City Hall is both a disgrace and an insult to all the men and women of the Somerville Police Department and police officers nationwide. The mayor ought to be ashamed of his actions. Sincerely,
Sergeant SAL GIARRATANI (ret) Special State Police Officer D.M.H. Police Dept. Boston

Historical Fact

CONT. FROM PG 6

- Charles Williams, inventor, whose house at One Arlington Street was the termination point for the first outside telephone call.
- Charles Taylor, Belmont Street resident, Somerville Alderman, and founder of the Boston Globe newspaper, gave the Red Sox their name and built Fenway Park.
- Charles H. North, owner of Somerville's thirteen-acre North Packing and Provision Company with buildings up to nine stories. At the time, it was the largest, most self-contained packing house in the world.
- Charles Revson of Somerville and a chemist named Charles Lachman combined their names to establish the Revlon cosmet-

ic empire. One of his most successful beauty lines was called "Charlie" after himself.

- Charles Dickens visited Somerville in 1842, the year of the town's birth. On his first train ride in America, he stopped and viewed McLean Asylum.
- Charles Hires and Somerville's Russell Conwell teamed together to create the nation's first Root Beer.
- Charles Francis Adams, president of First National Stores of Somerville, created the Boston Bruins, the Boston Braves and Suffolk Downs.
- Charles Ponzi ... Not all of the Charles's were model citizens ... Ponzi robbed "Peter" to pay "Paul" with his pyramid

scheme, which bore his name. He lived on Powder House Boulevard and had an office in Davis Square.

- Charles Miller, Somerville Committeeman, argued convincingly for the adoption of the name Somerville. Following his suggestion, the 1842 separation was then complete.
- Last but not least, Somerville embraces the symbolic "Charlie on the MTA." First came Charlie, bringing the "Red" line to Davis Square, next came Charlie bringing the "Orange" line to Assembly Square, and soon Charlie will be bringing the "Green" line to Union Square and beyond. The MBTA is painting Somerville with the colors of autumn.

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Education needs a collaborative approach by schools, city and families



By Joseph A. Curtatone

This week, first graders through high school seniors return to Somerville Public Schools, and next week will be the first day of school for our newest Highlanders in pre-kindergarten and kindergarten. Parents have been busy preparing their kids, getting them all the materials they need for the new school year. We've been preparing, too—not only teachers, administrators and educators in the schools, but those of us on the City side. Somerville Public Schools have a commitment to development of the whole child, because we know that the factors that determine academic achievement do not exist only in our schools. If we want our students to excel, we have to holistically support them—and their families—in and out of school.

It's why last week we held our first-ever "Community Cabinet," bringing together 90 leaders from the City side and the school side to brainstorm on the issues that affect education but can't be addressed by the School District alone. For instance, how do we ensure that all children participate in high-quality programming after school and during the summer? Our Recreation Department should be involved in that conversation. Our Economic Development Division can be part of the conversation on continuing adult education that helps our residents gain employment, while our Planning and Housing divisions work on designing the infrastructure such as housing, public spaces and transportation that supports family well-being, which is critical for young students. When we're planning for rising student enrollment, we also need to plan for facility needs, which means our Capital Projects and Planning Department needs to be intrinsically involved.

With the Community Cabinet, Somerville again leads the way. This is something no other ur-

ban district has done before, and marks the beginning of a new conversation and collaboration between City and school leaders on the complex issues that affect our children's development.

This is a tried and true concept in Somerville, where we try to account for what people intuitively know: that an event or decision in one area doesn't stay isolated to that area, but has a ripple effect elsewhere. One of the best illustrations of this kind of systems thinking in action is the construction of I-93 and the McGrath Highway Overpass. Planning for cars led to ensuing ripple effects, from neighborhoods cut off from one another and the elimination of rail and trolley stops, to stymied economic development, to air pollution leading to higher rates of heart disease, asthma and other ailments in our community. And a less walkable and bikeable Somerville contributed to rising childhood obesity rates.

That's an example of negative outcomes from the web of issues that make up the fabric of our community, but for an example of positive outcomes from these

kinds of interrelationships—and an example of City and schools working collaboratively—we can look again to childhood obesity and how our community has combatted the problem. Shape Up Somerville went beyond serving healthier food in our schools. It included policies to get kids active both in school and in the community through planning and infrastructure work. It also increased access to healthy food for families and adults, so students wouldn't only eat fresh healthy foods in school. The results were real and measurable: fewer Somerville children were obese or overweight after two full years of the Shape Up intervention, and our program served as an inspiration for First Lady Michelle Obama's Let's Move program.

We need to keep the lessons we learned through Shape Up Somerville in mind when we encounter an issue involving our students or education. Somerville Public Schools are now the top performing urban district in the state for student growth. Yet overall achievement still reflects some gaps that need to be addressed. We need to find ways

that we can support all our students holistically to close those achievement gaps and help every student reach his or her full potential. And of course, it is crucial that parents and guardians stay involved in their children's education too, whether simply helping with homework or volunteering in our schools as a classroom helper, mentor, after school tutor or otherwise. Students whose parents are involved in their education earn higher grades and test scores, are more likely to enroll in advanced classes, and have better social skills and behavior.

Education affects every aspect of life in our community, including our employment rate, our local economy and our crime rate. A community's success is based first and foremost on how highly it values education, and as we know, education is about more than academic success. We'll continue working collaboratively to make sure that we are meeting the needs of the whole child, and hope that you will join us in supporting our children as they strive to reach their full potential—in school and outside of school.

Community



By William C. Shelton

This article was previously published on February 18, 2009.

In past columns, I've written about what an extraordinarily rich community Somervillians created and enjoyed in the first half of the Twentieth Century, and how it gradually disintegrated in the second half. Yet I don't think I've ever defined what I mean by "community."

I mean a rich and interweaving network of relationships in which people know each other and understand that what they share is more important than their differences. In community these relationships—formal and informal—proliferate until they

create a place for everyone as whole individuals.

Community's members are known for who they are rather than what they are. Their personal qualities are more important than their formal roles. In community, there is room for as many leaders as there are useful things to do, so there are leadership opportunities for all.

In institutions, including those that provide social and human services, relations are often hierarchical. In neighborhoods without community, relationships are nonexistent. In communities, relationships are more egalitarian. Because there is not an authority that defines the "right way" and "wrong way" to do things, communities find creative solutions to problems that institutions cannot solve.

They often do so quickly. When an individual loses a job, a loved one, or their mind, they need the immediate help and comfort that a community can

provide. In its absence, they endure the weary isolation that comes with applying for food stamps, waiting for Social Security to decide, or being trapped within a mental health system from which they may never emerge.

In neighborhoods with community, we deal with each other as whole people. In those without community, we deal with each other by accident. In institutions, we deal with each other as roles.

In community, we are interdependent. To weaken one of us, weakens all.

Community is the greatest security that a neighborhood can enjoy. When neighbors know and trust each other, residential streets are not so much anonymous public spaces belonging to no one, but familiar territory that belongs to the neighborhood. Neighbors inquire when someone whom they don't recognize is attempting to enter a neighbor's home. They intervene

when someone is being harassed on their street, friend or stranger, because it is their street, and because they know that their neighbors will back them up.

The economic and cultural forces that destroyed community in Somerville were largely beyond the community's control. Factory closures eliminated thousands of jobs in the same town in which workers lived. Suburbs held a powerful but ultimately illusive lure. Steady erosion of hourly wages obligated women, who were often the weavers of relationships, to enter the workforce, whether they wanted to or not.

The cars that got people to out-of-town jobs, and the televisions that they watched to recover from working and commuting, reduced opportunities for interaction. Gentrification brought thousands of professionals whose relationships revolve around where they work rather than where they live.

It is impossible for individu-

als or small groups to reverse the impact of such enormous forces. But we can choose to recreate community in limited contexts, like the few blocks surrounding where we live. We do this most effectively by organizing shared actions around matters that are so concerning that diverse neighbors are willing to take action; actions that, in order to make a difference, require cooperation among all who participate.

If we create opportunities for specific and achievable changes to make real our 80%-shared vision of a good neighborhood, our neighbors' focus is not on each other's differences, but on how to accomplish shared objectives. In the process of doing so, they develop relationships of trust and cooperation. They come to see the situation through each other's eyes, understand each other's differences, and appreciate those differences as assets rather than liabilities. They create community.

COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Will this be the end of the line for the Green Line Extension?

Our View Of The Times



The news came as quite a shock to many in the broader region, but hit even harder here in this city. The fate of the long awaited Green Line Extension project suddenly took a turn for the worse in the eyes of all who dared to gaze into the gaping maw of an anticipated \$1 billion budgetary shortfall.

Suddenly all of the promises of an economic boom in property development, of

vastly improved mobility for the masses, of increased health benefits – all seemed to be slipping through our fingers in an uncontrollable melt down of financial mismanagement.

While state and federal authorities told us that all options were on the table – obliquely referring to a possible cancellation of the whole project itself – local leaders such as our own mayor scrambled

to reassure the public that the situation was not as dire as the press had been presenting. That viable options to alleviate the current budgetary problems were plentiful and being immediately pursued.

As the dust settles, and details of recovery plans emerge, we are being reassured that all is not lost with the GLX. That indeed, everything we’ve hoped for is still within our grasp. That a little reworking

of completion schedules, materials procurement processes, and possible rethinking of what facilities may be expendable in the short term will lead us back onto the path we wish to travel.

So much has been accomplished and so much has been invested, it is clear that failure is not an option. If it hasn’t been the smoothest of rides up to now, a few more bumps should not derail us.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

Happy Birthdays this week to some of our Villen friends as well as friends of *The Times*: Big time happy birthday to well known nice guy Richard Pye, who’s family goes back generations here in the city. We wish him a good time. Another all around nice guy celebrating this week is Victor Moccia, owner of Victor’s Deli. What a nice guy and very popular as well. We wish him a happy birthday. To one of Somerville’s finest, if not the best (we think the best), Patty Oppedisano, who is celebrating this week. What a nice lady and very popular, plus the fact that she has a big following at her workplace in Teele Square on Holland Street. We wish her the very best. Former alderman and a lady who was very active and continues to be so around the city, Ms. Grace Abruzzio also celebrates this week. What a nice lady. We wish her the very best of birthdays. And finally, we can’t forget Marilyn Publicover, who is celebrating this week. She’s the sister of our great friend and benefactor, Bob Publicover. Marilyn just moved to GA from Arizona – there sure must be a difference in temperatures. We wish her a big happy birthday.

Kind of strange, the mayor is hosting a get-together at the River Bar this Thursday night for Presidential candidate Martin O’Malley from Maryland. We would have thought he was supporting Hillary. Joe is never one to predict, is he?

Did you watch the Board of Aldermen meeting last week? It was a long meeting but a few interesting things were covered. How about that park sled that is only about a year old that needs replacing, and the cost is just \$17K. Yup you heard it right. \$17,000 for a slide in a children park. They say the slide has been broken a long time. Why has it taken so long for the attention? By the way, it’s not for nothing, but what has happened to some of the smaller neighborhood parks? We have seen some overgrown weeds in at least three of them, and that’s counting Harris Park, where the slide needs to be replaced.

A petition with over 600 signatures was presented to the Board of Aldermen regarding the usage of our fields, in particular Lincoln Park and the use of artificial turf. Ward 2 Alderman Maryann Heuston asked for it to be placed

in subcommittee for a public hearing. Alderman Katjana Ballantyne, as Chair of the subcommittee, was right on top of it and said the hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, September 16 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Guess one of our readers didn’t like the fact we mentioned that candidate for Ward 6 alderman Lance Davis, who says he’s “progressive,” works as Senior Corporate Council for Oracle America, the same corporation that shipped hundreds of thousands of jobs out of the USA over to China. Now, we said last time it’s his choice, like we all have a choice, to work for whoever or whatever we want to. But to virtually hide from it and pretend you’re for the average working person is just wrong. So check out on the following website the contributions not only to Mr. Davis, but to anyone running for public office. Go to www.ocpf.us, fill in the name of the person running and you’re on your way to seeing who is giving what to who. It’s also interesting that candidates get large sums of money from outside of the city for an alderman’s race. We found a few \$1,000 dollar donations. Check it out for yourself. By the way, as for the blogger, read again

what we wrote. We said, “It’s his choice where to work.” We all have choices in life, don’t we?

Interesting again that some of the unions here didn’t endorse Alderman at Large Jack Connolly, but did endorse the other three incumbents and Sean Fitzgerald, who’s running for one of the At Large seats. FYI, we hear from Sean’s friends that he is working hard. We know he’s been organizing a ground support and is working hard, in particular in the wards that are going to have races in November. That would be Wards 3, 4 and 6. We’ve seen Sean in action before. He worked for former Mayor Dot Gay and for former Senator Charlie Shannon.

Meanwhile, over in Ward 3 the constituent Alderman Bob McWatters, even though he has no opponent, is out door to door and he tells us he ran into Lee Palmer, who is running for the School Committee seat in Ward 3. She’s all over the ward and we hear that she has gathered together a large group of people working hard for her election to the open seat.

Ward 4 has a race, and we saw that both candidates are

Union Square Farmers Market

Union Square Farmers Market has been a neighborhood institution for over 10 years. It operates on Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the central plaza in the heart of Union Square.

The market presents the very best variety of products from Massachusetts farms and specialty vendors including vegetables, fruit, meat, cheese, fish, baked goods and much more. You can shop from 30 vendors, enjoy live music and activities, explore neighborhood cafes and amenities.





Photos by Donald Norton



SPORTS

Pop Warner Football underway

By Rebecca Danvers

Pop Warner Football is in full swing in the Somerville and surrounding areas.

Come out to watch or get involved at these upcoming game dates:

- Saturday, September 12 at 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Revere High School
101 School St, Revere

- September 20 - Week 2 game - Somerville - home
Dilboy Stadium in Arlington
15 guests
- September 27 - Week 3 game - Somerville - home
Dilboy Stadium in Arlington
9 guests
- October 18 - Week 6 game - Somerville - home
Dilboy Stadium in Arlington
9 guests



Ms. Cam's

Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

#490

1. Bronze is an alloy of what two metals smelted together?

2. How many pieces are there in a chess set?

3. Which Japanese word translates into English as "empty orchestra"?

4. With whom did Elton John sing *Don't Go Breaking My Heart*?

5. Which DJ was the first to be heard on Radio 1 in 1967?

6. In which city is the TV series *Grey's Anatomy* set?

7. Who provides the voice of Sideshow Bob in *The Simpsons*?

8. In which year did the Munich Air disaster occur?

9. What is the "perfect score" in a single game of Ten Pin Bowling?

10. Who played Charlie Chaplin in the 1992 film *Chaplin*?

11. What is the largest desert in the world?

12. What is the only essential vitamin not found in the white potato?

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Two Somerville nonprofits place in top 3 in Row It Forward

By Tom Bannister

Row It Forward: three local nonprofit organizations are splitting \$35,000 thanks to a unique giving program at Assembly Row.

When Alex Foster died of a heroin overdose, his parents committed themselves to helping others battling addiction. They started the Alex Foster Foundation, which today received a \$10,000 gift as the second place finisher in Assembly Row's Row it Forward program. Maureen Foster said

the donation will support the foundation's community forum on Oct. 17, where doctors, law enforcement officials and other speakers will educate the public about the risk factors, signs and recovery process associated with addiction.

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Medford's Brooks Elementary School PTO won first place and received \$20,000. Brooks PTO works to support academic and enrichment activities for its students in Kindergarten through 5th grade. The first place prize will help the school improve its technology, providing more licenses for educational programs like IXL Math. The third place winner was OnStage Dance Company, which received \$5,000.



Assembly Row Vice President and General Manager Matt Ehrie presents checks to the Alex Foster Foundation (left), the On Stage Dance Company and Brooks Elementary PTO.

Historic Preservation Commission seeking volunteers for Milk Row Cemetery Tours

By Tom Bannister

The Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (SHPC) and Historic Somerville are seeking volunteers to assist with public openings at the City's oldest burial ground, the 1804 Milk Row Cemetery. Through the City's Docent Program, the Cemetery is open to the public one Sunday afternoon per month from 1 to 4 p.m. Additional volunteers would also be instrumental in opening the Cemetery one weekday evening for two hours from June through November. Docents are encouraged, but not required, to wear period appropriate clothing, which can be supplied by Historic Somerville if needed. No prior experience is required. The Cemetery

is located on Somerville Ave., between Quincy St. and Dane St. The Docent Program began in 2012 to help guide interested visitors around the Cemetery and answer questions about the site and those buried there. Volunteers, known as "docents," will be trained to serve as guides, highlighting the history of the site. If interested, please submit your contact information to admin@historicsomerville.org, along with a brief biography and a statement of interest. If possible, please include your dates of availability for Sunday afternoons or a weeknight from June through November. For further information, please contact Brandon Wilson at bwilson@somervillema.gov, or 617-625-6600, x 2532.



Fluff Festival Cooking Contest call for entries

By Rebecca Danvers

Does Marshmallow Fluff inspire you to create culinary works of art? Have you ever used Fluff as a secret ingredient? Is there a fabulous recipe featuring Fluff that's been passed down in your family for generations? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then you should submit your creation to the "What the Fluff? Cooking Contest!" Organized by Union Square Main Streets, the Fluff Festival is a tribute to Archibald Query's marshmallow concoction, which was invented in Union Square in 1917. Now celebrating its tenth year, the event has been called one of the top ten things to do in Boston by The Boston Phoenix and made Thrillist's "Boston Bucket List: 33 Things To Do Before You Die."


What the Fluff? A Tribute to Union Square Invention takes place Saturday, September 26 (rain date September 27) from 3:00 until 7:00 p.m. in Union Square. This year's Cooking Contest is sponsored by US2 and gives participants the opportunity submit their Fluff-based culinary creations to a panel of judges who will present awards in five categories:

- Best Original Recipe
- Best Traditional Recipe
- Most Creative
- Best Youth Entry



• Grand Prize: Best Overall Favorite recipes from past festivals have included Erupting Fluff Volcano Cake, Fluff Avocado Ice Cream, Chicken Wings in a Fluff Barbecue Sauce, and a chessboard made in cake and fudge. Registration for the Cooking Contest is from 2:45 until 3:15 p.m. Contestants are asked to bring at least six servings of their recipe, a print out of their written recipe, and a completed registration form, which can be found here: <https://unionsquaremain.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/03/Cooking-Contest-Registration-2015.pdf> Registration forms will also be available on site. Additional information on the Cooking Contest can be found on the Union Square Main Streets website: <https://unionsquaremain.org/fluff-festival/fluff-cooking-contest/>.

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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 16, 2015** at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

292 Beacon St. (Case #ZBA 2007-11-R3-7/2015) Applicant & Owner Ken Spera seeks a revision to Special Permit ZBA 2007-11, 2007-11-R0508 and 2007-50 (SZO \$5.3.8) to alter the height and footprint of the rear portion of the approved structure to build an approx. 6,600 sf 4-residential unit building behind the built 2,220 sf structure. RC zone. Ward 2.

266 Beacon: (Case #ZBA 2014-61-E1-8/2015) Applicant and Owner, Somerville Realty Ventures, LLC, seeks a time extension per SZO \$5.3.10 & MGL Ch 40a for a Variance (\$5.5) from the 3 parking spaces requirement (\$9.5), height (feet & number of stories) and side yard setback. This is part of a previous Special Permit with Site Plan Review to establish 7 residential units (\$7.11.1.c) in a new structure and a Special Permit (\$5.1) for the number of compact parking spaces and to establish a shared driveway (\$9.13.b & \$9.13.c). RC zone. Ward 2.

260 Beacon St. (Case #ZBA 2014-63- E1-8/2015) Applicant, Ben Rogan, and Owner, Highland CBD 260 Beacon, LLC, seeks a time extension per SZO \$5.3.10 & MGL Ch 40a for a Variance (\$5.5) from the 12 parking spaces requirement (\$9.5). This is part of a previous Special Permit with Site Plan Review to establish 17 residential units (\$7.11.1.c), in a new mixed-use building with 3 approx 1,000 sf commercial units and a Special Permit to establish a shared driveway (\$9.13.b & \$9.13.c). RC zone. Ward 2.

14 Tyler St. (Case #ZBA 2015-39) Applicant, Claudia Murrow, seeks an Administrative Appeal per SZO \$3.1.9, 3.2, and 3.2.3 from a decision from the Inspectional Services Division regarding the Certificates of Occupancy at 14 Tyler Street, Owner, JWF, Inc. IA Zone. Ward 2.

92-94 Partridge Ave. (Case #ZBA 2015-59) Applicant, Keith Fallon, and Owner, 92 Partridge, LLC, seek a Special Permit per SZO \$4.4.1 to enclose a portion of rear deck for egress stair on a non-conforming structure. RA zone. Ward 5.

227A Summer St. (Case #ZBA 2015-60) Applicant, Dante Muzzioli, seeks a Special Permit per SZO \$4.4.1 to expand a deck on a non-conforming structure. RB zone. Ward 5.

88 Jaques St. (Case #ZBA 2015-64) Applicant, Vincenza Fodera, and Owner, Ciross Properties, LLC, seek a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming three-family structure per SZO \$4.4.1. by adding a third floor. RB zone. Ward 4.

23A Bow St. (Case #ZBA 2015-66) Applicant, Healthy Options, LLC d/b/a The Juice Union, seeks a Special Permit with Design Review (SPD) per SZO \$7.11.10.2.1.a to establish a fast order food establishment, and a Special Permit for parking relief per \$9.4 and alteration to a nonconforming structure per \$4.4.1. NB zone. Ward 3.

626B Somerville Ave. (Case #ZBA 2015-68) Applicant, Tucker Lewis, and Owner, Eddie Sitt of 624-630 Somerville Realty, LLC, seeks a Special Permit with Site Plan Review to establish a Fast Order Food Establishment, per SZO \$7.11.10.2.1.c., along with a by-right General Industrial Use, \$7.11.14.B.1.a. A Special Permit is also required for shared parking in the exiting lot per \$9.13.e, and alteration to a nonconforming structure to alter the storefront per \$4.4.1. IA zone. Ward 3.

87 Highland Rd. (Case #ZBA 2015-69) Applicant, Sean Glynn, and Owner, Galway Realty, LLC, seek a Special Permit per SZO \$4.4.1 to expand a non-conforming Floor Area Ratio (FAR) in basement. RA zone. Ward 5.

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

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Message from
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Animal Control

We have been receiving many calls related to sightings of “families” or “packs” of raccoon in recent weeks. It is not uncommon to see a number of raccoon congregating or traveling together. Although it can be unnerving to see so many large wild animals in one place, aggressive behavior toward humans by wild animals is rare if they are left alone. It’s best to let them be and they will more than likely be on their way sooner than later.

We’ve also been receiving reports of raccoon sightings during the day. If you see a raccoon during the day, don’t panic—she is not necessarily sick or dangerous. It’s perfectly normal for raccoons to be active throughout the day. She may merely be foraging longer hours to support her young, visiting a garden while the dogs are indoors, moving to a new location, etc. Daytime activity does not mean that the raccoon is diseased. Raccoons are mostly crepuscular (active at dawn and dusk) and nocturnal (active at night); however they may be active during the day if food is available.

Key in on the behavior of the raccoon before calling for assistance.

Symptoms of rabies include (but are not limited to):

- Staggering gait
- An animal seemingly oblivious to noise or nearby movement
- Erratic wandering
- Discharge from eyes or mouth
- Wet and matted hair on face
- Repeated high-pitch vocalization
- Self-mutilation

Feel free to contact us (by commenting below, private message, calling or emailing) if you have any questions regarding wildlife.

Please see the link below for very useful information regarding wildlife in urban environments.

<http://www.mass.gov/.../agencies/dfg/dfw/fish-wildlife-plants/>

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 11

working hard for the vacant seat on the School Board there. The race to be held in November will be between Jamie O’Leary, a teacher and homeowner here in Winter Hill, and Andre Green, who is raising his family here as well. Both are door to door, and have met with several people in the ward.

There’s a new web site in town. Check it out at www.somervillema.com. The *Somerville Times* is on the site. Also check out www.medfordma.com.

Support local businesses and new businesses this week. Remember that Thurston Spa is re-opening under new management. Don’t forget about Mondello’s Bakery/shop up the street in Magoun Square. What a nice job they did on the interior. Lots of money. Another place that has expanded is our good friends over at Daddy Jones. The outdoor seating on the Broadway end is now open and looks nice. The job they did, even though we saw Peter himself running around working hard.

The mayor gave his version of the funding situation for the Green Line Extension project at the last Board of Aldermen meeting. He gave a good presentation about it and the Board members voted to support the mayor in making sure that the funding stays and the Green Line continues. There were lot of comments regarding supporting the funding, but interestingly enough, Alderman Mark Niedergang said it has to go forward even if we have to raise taxes to do so. The latest from the state is that the MTA will need over \$7 billion to upgrade and support the various extensions, including the Green Line.

This coming Sunday, September 6th, Cardinal Sean O’Malley will celebrate mass at Saint Anthony’s Parish, 12 Properzi Way, to commemorate the church’s hundredth anniversary. The mass will begin at 11:00 AM and be followed by a gala lunch.

“Garden Bounty” is the topic of the Wednesday, Sept. 9 meeting of the Somerville Garden Club. Meetings are held at the Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., 7-9 pm, second floor, wheelchair accessible. Club members will share produce from their own gardens, either raw or as an ingredient in a favorite recipe. Their will also be a group exchange of questions and answers in regard to edible gardening. The meeting will also address preparations for the SGC Fall Plant Sale on Saturday, Sept. 19. All SGC meetings are free and all gardeners and garden enthusiasts are invited to attend. Over one third of club members are from neighboring communities; to learn more about the Somerville Garden Club please visit www.somervillgardenclub.org.

With several years of revitalization under its belt, Somerville’s East Broadway neighborhood is presenting the vibrant flavors of more than a dozen restaurants at the East Broadway Foodie Crawl on

Tuesday, September 29th from 6 pm to 8:30 pm. From family-run restaurants will well-kept secrets to some of the city’s newest and hottest eateries, East Somerville’s restaurant corridor features some of the area’s most authentic flavors and hidden gems. A ticket to this tasting tour gives its holder access to more than a dozen restaurants representing five continents and provides food samples and a glimpse of the experience at each. All proceeds from the Foodie Crawl benefit East Somerville Main Streets, which is committed to building a safe, sustainable and prosperous multicultural community by developing a vibrant businesses district at the neighborhood’s heart. Tickets for the Foodie Crawl are on sale now. You can buy them for \$20 online and \$25 at the door if there are still tickets available. Tickets are available here: <http://eastsomervillemainstreets.org/foodie-crawl/foodie-buy-tickets/>. For more information, please visit: www.east-somervillemainstreets.org. The event has a rain date of September 30th.

Mayor updates city on the status of the Green Line Extension

CONT. FROM PG 1

The following are highlights of the mayor's remarks:

"I am very confident the Green Line is going to continue to be constructed. It's under construction now as we speak. It will be built."

"We have what has been reported a status facing an increase in projected costs. I wouldn't term it a shortfall. It's not an over-line."

"The construction you see in the streets of Somerville today, the more than \$300 million dollars worth of contracts being executed today – and that doesn't include the \$200 million in steel that's on its way – is a certain set of contracts."

"The most recent set of contracts that came back from bidding process of procurement came back with a much more significant cost than projected by the state's independent cost estimators and their other expert analysts."

"We had been kept up-to-date somewhat that they're getting bids in and they're little concerned about certain costs in recent days before the updates of the Control Board made us aware of what that number is, and as you have seen reported, upwards possibly of \$1 billion."

"I want to speak a little bit as to what I think drives their dynamic. It has been reported to us, the city, from the state, that they have heard from the feds that across the country these direct costs of these types of projects are increasing significantly. And you can imagine, we are now,

despite the performance of the Dow, still in a good economy. A strong economy. Access to materials, good and labor are at a premium."

"We know in this project the Commonwealth used a new procurement process instead of construction management at risk. And questions as to whether or not the procurement process incentivized or did not incentivize more completion and drove the costs up, because there might have been more inherent risks, arguably, from the contractor."

"At the end of the day, we have what is a significant projected increase in costs as we move forward."

"Now let me state, there is no delay today. Construction is moving forward. The state had a responsibility to update the public and Control Board as to what is projected in increased cost. And before they move forward on the next major piece of the construction, their goal – rightfully so, and prudently so – is to try to reduce that \$1 billion number."

"The Commonwealth, under Secretary Pollock and Frank DePaola, have put forth a set of parameters of how they will work with us, the community, the City of Somerville, and all necessary agencies to trim down that cost. I submit that they will be able to trim that cost down working together. The approach will be, as has been stated, around several areas. One, to examine the scope of the project. Perhaps adjust the scope. And value engineer pieces



of the project. So, for example, if you look at many of the stations on the Green Line Extension project many could be value engineered down to be very accessible, very functional, and very modern at a lesser steel and save costs."

"So, if have down the road a particular developer in a particular development area that wanted to enhance the stand of the station they could they could invest in that. That could save costs. The Commonwealth is going to negotiate directly with the general contractor on direct and indirect cost as is part of the process to negotiate down that number. Other contractors are going to examine fully the procurement process here and ask themselves should we go back on the bid altogether, but what is the consequence of that in terms of time, delay and money? Should we portion out, take pieces of the project? For instance, the maintenance facility, not only value engineer that but contract it up, the traditional procurement processes. We're going to look at that. They're examining – and we agree – different value capture tools. The Commonwealth, for example, utilizes I.Q. Somerville has set the standard and the model for the Commonwealth for what we did in Assembly Square, a model of public-private partnership. We used value capture tools, DIF for our own purposes and infrastructure. I.Q.ed, where the state takes the net new increases or net new broad based tax revenues on income and sales tax to pay off bonds and pay for infrastructure. Those types of value capture tools are most appropriate, directly appropriate in specified designated development area where you're going to have intense development, where you're going to have that type of growth."

"So the Commonwealth is taking a holistic approach, rightfully so, we agree with the approach. We are very confident that in the very near future we will come to a number that is much more predictable, clear, that helps us build our best Green Line project where the taxpayers, and the people of the Commonwealth, not just Somerville."

"What's at stake here for the whole Commonwealth is the most transformative transportation project in generations. In the corridor of Cambridge, Somerville and Medford, what stands to be gained, conservatively, is 18M square feet of new development."

"The Secretary has made clear that everything is on the table, including cancellation. Sure, of course. That's part of the

proven analysis. But the Secretary also stated to the Control Board that cancellation is not realistic because we lose the economic opportunity and the environmental benefits. There are hundreds of millions of dollars in contracts being executed right now, the hundreds of millions of dollars being spent on the steel that's coming in, and the federal money. So let's just say – the most nightmare scenario – there will be no Green Line project. We would have spent hundreds of millions of dollars in the Commonwealth – taxpayer's money – for nothing. Or, there always has to be more liability to be paid, more than anticipated, to reap all the benefits from the economic part, the environment, that the entire Commonwealth will benefit from."

"I will state to the public not to panic. I understand there is some concern, there's never good timing for this sort of news. It's not a question of if we do it, it's how are we going to get this done?"

After the mayor's main presentation, he invited members of the Board to ask questions. Board President William A. White, Jr. questioned the idea that significant delays in the project could be avoided. The mayor responded that certain delays could be possible, but that as a workable solution to the budgetary problems is eventually achieved any such delays would be negligible.

Ward 2 Alderman Maryann Heuston expressed gratitude to the mayor for making the report to the Board, and also said she was relieved to hear that the Union Square spur is being recognized as a vital part of the GLX project.

The mayor responded, saying, "The federal government supports this project because of the benefits we fought for and advocated as a reason to be done for so many years as a community."

Alderman-at-Large Jack Connolly similarly expressed relief with the mayor's report and specifically asked about timeline slippage for the Union Square station into 2018, a shift from the original 2017 estimate. The mayor indicated that this might be a possibility, but also fell in line with ancillary issues that reached beyond the budgetary factors.

Connolly also asked the mayor if the future development of the Community Path was at risk in light of the present budgetary issues. The mayor responded saying that although the Community Path extension was on the table as being subject budget cuts, he would press to have it continue as planned.

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH
Wednesday|September 2

West Branch Library
Sing Along with Matt Heaton
11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.| 40 College Avenue

Central Library
Middle School Writers’ Den
Alan Ball -617 636-9033
6 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Monday|September 7
Libraries Closed- Labor Day

Wednesday|September 9
Central Library
Night of Mics
Stephanie Santia-go|617-625-6600 ext.225
5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

MUSIC|ARTS
Wednesday|September 2

Johnny D’s
TBA
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

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

The Burren
Front Room
Exile on Elm
Back Room
Comedy @ 10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.’s Lounge
Average Joel|8 p.m.
France
Jared Daley
Lee Preston
Jefferson Grizzard
345 Somerville Ave

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

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

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

Highland Kitchen
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

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Pub Trivia
8:30 p.m.|256 Elm Street|(617) 623-9910

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

Thursday|September 3
Johnny D’s

Grammy Award Winner Jim Lauderdale + The Darlings (Americana/ Bluegrass/ Country)
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s
BYOBluegrass Jam with David Rizzutti grassy Thursdays|7:30 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Front Room
Acoustic/Bluegrass|9:30 p.m.
Back Room

Scattershot
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.’s Lounge
Ben Finn|9 p.m.
Presh Acid
Yucca Flats
345 Somerville Ave

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

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

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

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

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

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

Davis Square Theatre
Shit-Faced Shakespeare|7 p.m.
255 Elm St

Friday|September 4
Johnny D’s

The Racky Thomas Band and Friends
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s
The Vertical File & its satellites |6 p.m.
Jiblantos, V&TU, Seismic Gaps|9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

P.A.’s Lounge
Love Tap|9 p.m.
Breakfast for the Boys
Atlas Lab
The Royal Twenties
345 Somerville Ave

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Davis Square Theatre
Shit-Faced Shakespeare|7 p.m.
Laugh Fest Returns: Labor Day Weekend Comedy Party!|8:45 p.m.
255 Elm Street

Saturday|September 5
Johnny D’s

Jazz Brunch
Erin Harpe and the Delta Swingers / Lovewhip / Looker
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s
Stan Martin & The Moonshiners |6 p.m.
HearNowLive presents Populace, Cruel Miracle, Dipping Sauce
\$10 cover|9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Back Room
Scattershot
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.’s Lounge
Whistle Jacket
Violet Intent
Become Lovable Problem Child
CBH
345 Somerville Ave

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Karaoke
65 Holland St

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

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

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

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

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Arts at the Armory
Rick, Dave, & Friends
10 a.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Davis Square Theatre
Shit-Faced Shakespeare|7 p.m.
255 Elm Street

Sunday|September 6
Johnny D’s

Jazz Brunch
Open Blues Jam! featuring Matthew Smart Band
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Amy Kucharik with Marshall Anderson|8 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

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

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

Monday|September 7
Johnny D’s

Johnny D’s Comedy Showcase Presents: One Microphone (Stand-Up)
Stump! Pub Trivia|8:30 p.m.
17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Shawn Carter’s Cheapshots Comedy Jam |7 p.m.
Marley Mondays with The Duppy Conquerors|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.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.’s Lounge
Americana Mondays
8 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave

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

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

Tuesday|September 8
Johnny D’s

TBA
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O’Brien’s Bar
Spider John Koerner|8 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

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

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

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

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

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

Davis Square Theatre
The Ludovico Ensemble Equilibrium Concert Series
8:45 p.m.|255 Elm Street

Wednesday|September 9
Johnny D’s

TBA
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

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

The Burren
Front Room
Exile on Elm
Back Room
Comedy @ 10 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

P.A.’s Lounge
345 Somerville Ave

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

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

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

Highland Kitchen
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

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

CLASSES AND GROUPS
Wednesday|September 2

Central Library
Artist Hanging Exhibition
Susan Schur-617-623-4488
9 a.m. - 6 p.m.| 79 Highland Avenue

Central Library
Board Game Night
Ellen Jacobs-617-623-5000
x2914
7 p.m.-8:45 p.m.| 79 Highland Avenue

Thursday| September 3

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

Saturday|September 5

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

Sunday|September 6

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

Monday|September 7

Libraries Closed-Labor Day
Tuesday|September 8

Central Library
Mental Wellness Game Night
Jessica Moffett-617-501-9422
6 p.m.-8 p.m.| 79 Highland Avenue

Wednesday|September 9

Central Library
Night of Mics
Stephanie Santia-go|617-625-6600 ext.225
5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

Holland Street: 167 Holland Street
Monday through Friday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

Cross Street Center: 165 Broadway
Tuesday & Wednesday 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
(617) 625-6600 Ext. 2335

Ralph and Jenny Center: 9 New Washington Street,
Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.
(617) 666-5223.

The Farmers Market is back – Running through Friday, October 30th. The Mobile Farmers Market will be at the Holland Street Center every Friday from 11:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. The Somerville Mobile Farmers Market sells fresh, local and reasonably priced produce. Anyone using SNAP or WIC receives a 50% discount. Cash, credit, debt & farmers market coupons accepted.

Hampton Beach Seafood Festival – Sunday, September 13 – Departing our Holland Street Center at 10:00 A.M. with an approximate return time of 6:00 P.M. A fee of \$13. includes transportation only – Lunch, shopping and a \$5. admission fee is on your own. There is a lot of walking, eating and shopping so put on your best walking shoes, bring your appetite and remember your sunscreen. Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to reserve your spot or for info.

Reducing Clutter – Thursday, September 24 – 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. at our Holland Street Center – Are your possessions taking over your home? Do you have too much stuff? Marina Colonas, M.Ed, CPS of Somerville Cambridge Elder Services will talk about a program that has been proven to be effective. Lunch will be provided – to register please contact Connie Lorrenti at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300

Boston Red Sox vs. Toronto Blue Jays in Toronto – Thursday, September 17th – Saturday, September 19th - \$479.-/DO \$629.-/SO ...Come join us as we take in a Red Sox game and see the beauty of Niagara Falls as well as Cooperstown. 3 days / 2 nights include roundtrip deluxe motorcoach – 2 nights at the Courtyard Marriott Hotel – 2 full American Breakfasts – Niagara Falls, Niagara on the Falls Vineyard Tours & Tasting, Red Sox vs. Blue Jays baseball game seating – The Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY, baggage & room tax. Check-in time is 6:30 A.M. at our Ralph & Jenny Center on Thursday, September 17th with an approximate return time of 8:00 P.M. on Saturday, September 19th. PASSPORT REQUIRED and upon registration a copy is requested - Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

The Beach Boys at Venus DeMilo – Wednesday, September 23rd – for a fee of \$81. You will see brothers; Brian, Dennis & Carl Wilson, their cousin Mike Love and friend Al Jardine perform their big hits. You will also enjoy lunch with a choice of Baked Chicken or Baked Scrod – includes minestrone soup, vegetables and dessert as well as coffee or tea. Check in time and return time have yet to be determined. Please contact Connie for additional information or to reserve your spot at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

Halloween Super Bingo – Wednesday, October 7 – at our Ralph & Jenny Center from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. – There is a \$10. Fee – Price includes lunch, coffee, dessert, cards and prizes. Limited seating and transportation – Please call Kim Moss at 617-666-5223 to reserve your spot.

All Aboard! Hart’s Turkey Farm & The Tilton Outlets – Thursday, October 8 – Departing our Holland Street Center at 8:30 A.M. and our Ralph & Jenny Center at 8:45 A.M. with an approximate return time of 5:30 P.M. A fee of \$86. Includes, transportation & lunch in the dining car (roast turkey, whipped potatoes, butter-nut squash, beverage an dessert.) Beautiful fall foliage, great gift shop and a mystery stop that is sure to sweeten your day. Please call Connie at 617-625-6600

ext. 2300 to reserve your spot or if you would like any additional information.

Halloween Celebration – Monday, October 19 at the Winter Hill Yacht Club - from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. – There is a fee of \$10. Limited seating and transportation – Please call Connie at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to reserve your spot.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

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

Please note our Cross Street Center is now open Tuesday through Thursday from 8:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. and the events are listed in the “UPCOMING SCHEDULE.

The trip to Hart’s Turkey Farm, “Turkey Train”, scheduled for October 8 is SOLD OUT.

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The trip to New York City scheduled for November 7 & 8 is SOLD OUT.

The day trip to Revere Beach that scheduled for August, 17 is RESCHEDULED for Wednesday, September 2nd.

Please note that the Monday morning Fit-4-Life Walking / Talking Group is now scheduled to start at 9:00 A.M. for the next seven weeks.

The day trip scheduled on Sunday, September 13 to the Hampton Beach Seafood Festival is SOLD OUT.

Fall Super Bingo scheduled for Tuesday, September 15 is SOLD OUT.

The Fall Foliage trip scheduled for Monday, September 28 is SOLD OUT.

LGBT EVENTS:

LGBT Advisory Group – Monday, September 14 – 4:30 P.M. at our Holland Street Center. We are looking for new members and would love to have you as part of our group. This group meets the 2nd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies.

LGBT Monthly Lunch – Monday, September 14 – 11:30 A.M. at our Holland Street Center. A choice between hot and cold lunch provided by Somerville Cambridge Elder Services. As soon as the lunch options become available they will be posted. This lunch happens the 2nd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays.

LGBT Monthly “Movies To Come Out To” – Monday, September 21st – 5:30 P.M. in the Atrium of our Holland Street Center. Stay tuned for dinner selection and movie viewing. This event happens the 3rd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies.

LBT Women Fit-4-Life - 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 Chris Kowaleski at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300.

STAY ACTIVE:

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

The award winning Fit-4-Life Program is NOW at our Cross Street Center – 165 Broadway – And there are still some open spots. A unique combination of exercise and nutritional support opportunity under the direct supervision of a certified exercise trainer and participate in individual and group counseling with a nutritionist. The cost to you is \$10.- a month that gives you access to fitness & nutritional Fit-4-Life classes each week. Limited scholarships are available – Need more information? Please contact Chris Kowaleski our Health & Wellness Coordinator at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315 or email him at CKowaleski@somervillema.gov This is for older adults 55+ Space is limited so sign up early.

Weekly Exercise Class Schedule

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

Mondays:

8:30 Walking / Talking Group (H)
8:30 Fit-4-Life Group C (H)
12:00 Nutrition Counseling with Mimi (H)
1:00 Fit-4-Life (H)

Tuesdays:

9:15 Strengthening - \$3 per class (H)
10:30 Fit-4-Life Cross Street* (C)
1:00 Dalcroze Eurhythmics - \$2.00 (H)
6:00 LBT Fit 4 Life (H)

Wednesdays:

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

Thursdays:

9:00 Yoga (H)
9:30 Strengthening - \$3 per class (RJ)
10:30 Fit 4 Life (C)
6:00 LBT Fit 4 Life*

Fridays:

8:45 Fit 4 Life* Group A
9:55 Fit 4 Life* Group B
11:00 Nutrition Counseling with Mimi
*All Fit 4 Life classes are \$10/month and require pre-registration**If you are interested in our Yoga classes, please call Chris Kowaleski, our Health & Wellness Coordinator at 617-625-6600, Ext. 2315.

Upcoming Schedule

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

Wednesday|September 2

10:00 Cards (RJ)
10:00 English Conversation (C)
11:30 Lunch (RJ, H, C)
12:45 Bingo (RJ)
Revere Beach

Thursday|September 3

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

Friday|September 4

10:00 Book Club (H)
10:30 Farmers Market (H)
11:00 Nutrition Counseling with Mimi (H)
11:30 Lunch (H)
12:45 Bingo (H)

Monday|September 7

ALL CENTERS CLOSED
NO PROGRAMMING
HAPPY LABOR DAY

Tuesday|September 8

10:00 Cards (RJ)
10:00 English Conversation (C)
10:00 Scarves for Soldiers (RJ)
10:30 Low Vision Support (H)
12:00 Lunch (RJ, C)
12:00 Computer tutorial with Norbert (by appointment only) (H)
12:45 Bingo (RJ)

Wednesday|September 9

10:00 English Conversation (C)
10:00 Cards (RJ)
11:30 Lunch (H, RJ, C)
12:45 Bingo (RJ)

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On September 10 at 7:00 p.m. at the First Church Somerville UCC, 89 College Avenue, all of the candidates who will face off in the only primary this municipal cycle have agreed to take part together in a forum. The event is open to the public, beyond Ward 6 because city politics issues are most important not just to that particular ward but the whole city, and people are not always sure which ward they live in. The event is sponsored by the Somerville Democratic City Committee although it is open to independents and others as well. They are most interested in expanding the voting in local elections and a primary on a Thursday as only one Alderman seat needs attention. All are invited to take part and submit questions for the candidates. For any questions about the event please call 617-331-6447.

West Branch Library renovations CONT. FROM PG 7

“Our community, and communities across the nation, view our libraries as a central public gathering point for cultural, educational, informational and civic access and it is our intent to meet this demand and need.” Last Monday’s meeting presented the pros and cons of

each of the four proposed designs. Now, the Somerville By Design website is set up to collect further comments on the designs. “In another three weeks, we’ll be able to recommend the schematic design to the mayor,” said Youtz. Youtz is excited to move for-

ward with the project. “The West Branch Library has had a civic presence in the city for over a hundred years. There’s a rich heritage and legacy. The opportunity to re-present that library to serve community needs for the next hundred years is really exciting.”

Ms. Cam's

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Answers

1. Copper and tin	7. Kelsey Grammer
2. 32	8. 1958
3. Karaoke	9. 300
4. Kiki Dee	10. Robert Downey, Jr.
5. Tony Blackburn	11. The Sahara Desert
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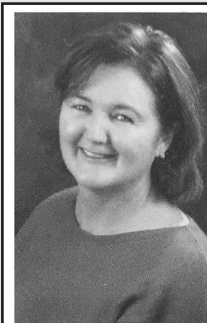
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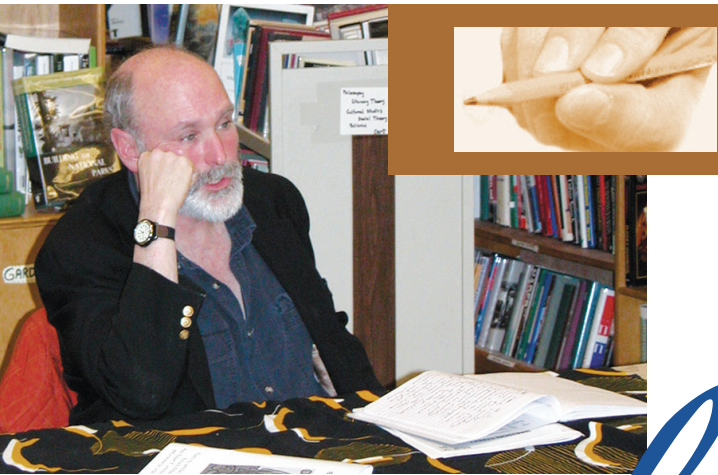
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Wednesday, September 2		6:30pm	Health is Wealth	1:30pm	MAPS Health Connector
6:30am	The Struggle	7:00pm	Taking Back your Health (Live call-in)	2:00pm	Henry Parker Presents
7:00am	Somerville Film Group	7:30pm	Active Aging	3:00pm	Telemagazine
7:30am	Somerville Neighborhood News	8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou (Live call-in)	4:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:30pm	The White House Chronicle	4:30pm	Culture Club
9:00am	Legacies	10:00pm	Somerville Film Group	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol
10:00am	Somerville Neighborhood News	11:00pm	Art as Protest	6:00pm	Pearls of Irregular Shape
10:30am	Art at SCATV	Friday, September 4		7:00pm	Somerville Film Group
11:00am	Youth Media	6:00pm	Somerville Film Group	7:30pm	Creative Somerville
12:00pm	The Big Picture with Thom Hartmann Show	7:30am	Shrink Rap	8:00pm	David Pakman (Free Speech TV)
1:30pm	Physician Focus	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes
2:00pm	SCATV Art bloc	9:00am	SCATV Presents Art Beat 2015	10:00pm	Open Line News with Davey D
4:00pm	Free Speech Television	10:00am	Pearls of Irregular Shape	11:00pm	Gay News USA (Free Speech TV)
5:00pm	Energy Theater	11:00am	Henry Parker Presents:	Sunday, September 6	
6:00pm	Ville Pirates	12:00pm	Brunch with Sen. Bernie Sanders	6:00am	Program Celebrai
6:30pm	Haitian Poetry	1:00pm	Creative Somerville Series	7:00am	Rompendo em Fe
7:30pm	MAPS on TV	2:00pm	SCATV Presents Art Beat 2015	8:00am	Effort Pour Christ
8:00pm	Somerville Pundits	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church
8:30pm	Meh Kyown Television Ship	4:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show	10:00am	Evangelico
9:00pm	Bay State Biking News	5:00pm	Haitian Poetry	10:30am	Active Aging
10:00pm	Art at SCATV	5:30pm	Mystic Learning Center: Variety Hour	11:00am	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer
10:30pm	Meh Kyown Television Ship	6:00pm	Somerville Housing Authority	11:30am	Taking Back Your Health
11:00pm	Visual Radio	6:30pm	Art at SCATV	12:00pm	Inside Talk
Thursday, September 3		7:00pm	Somerville Film Group	12:30pm	Somerville Film Group
6:00am	Atheist Viewpoint	8:00pm	Dance Group	1:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
7:00am	The Struggle	9:00pm	Energy Theater	1:30pm	Somerville Journal & Times Reading
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:30pm	The Steve Katsos Show	2:00pm	Legacies - A SCATV Production
9:00am	Creative Somerville	10:00pm	The Somerville Line	2:30pm	Life Matters
10:00am	Dead Air Live	11:00pm	Acronym TV (Free Speech TV)	3:00pm	Rompendo em Fe
11:00am	Greater Somerville	11:30pm	Visual Radio	4:00pm	Dedilhando a Saudade
11:30am	Ablevision	Saturday, September 5		5:00pm	Race, Community, and Police Relations
12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show	6:00am	Arabic Hour	6:00pm	Abugida TV
1pm-3pm	SCATV Cooking Bloc	7:00am	The Somerville Line	7:00pm	African Television Network
1:00pm	Chef's Table Series	8:00am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	8:00pm	Tele Magazine
2:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking w/Candy	8:30am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	9:00pm	Effort Pour Christ
2:30pm	Cooking with Georgia & Dez	9:00am	Festival Kreyol	10:00pm	Farrakhan Speaks
3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	10:00am	Tele Galaxie	Monday, September 7	
4:00pm	Free Speech Television	11:00am	Dead Air Live	6:00am	Ablevision
5:00pm	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	12:00pm	Honk Festival	6:30am	Creating Cooperative Kids
5:30pm	Eat Well Be Happy Cooking Show	12:30pm	Taking Back Your Health	7:30am	Somerville Neighborhood News
6:00pm	TBT: Throwback Thursday	1:00pm	Art as Protest	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)

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Wednesday, September 2		Friday, September 4		6:30pm:	Haitian Community Engagement	9:00am:	Union Sq. Civic Advisory Meeting
9:00am:	Aldermen at Work – Maryann Heuston	12:00am:	Project STAR 2015	8:00pm:	District-Wide School Staff Gathering	12:00pm:	Aldermen at Work – Maryann Heuston
12:00pm:	School Committee Meeting – REPLAY	1:00am:	Haitian Community Engagement	9:00pm:	Congressional Update	12:30pm:	Haitian Community Engagement
3:30pm:	Community Path Ribbon Cutting	2:30am:	Open Air Circus	9:30pm:	Senior Picnic 2015	2:00pm:	SomerViva em Português
6:30pm:	Union Square Civic Advisory Meeting	9:00am:	Community Path Ribbon Cutting	10:20pm:	SomerViva em Português	2:30pm:	The History of Agriculture in Somerville
8:30pm:	Project STAR 2015	12:00pm:	SomerViva em Português	Sunday, September 6		3:30pm:	Family Fun Day
9:10pm:	Connecting Communities: Arts Council	12:30pm:	District-Wide School Staff Gathering	12:00am:	Open Air Circus	6:30pm:	Aldermen at Work – Maryann Heuston
9:40pm:	SomerViva em Português	1:30pm:	Open Air Circus	1:40am:	Taste of Somerville	7:00pm:	District-Wide School Staff Gathering
10:10pm:	Open Air Circus	3:10pm:	Art Beat 2015	2:00am:	Connecting Communities – Arts Council	Tuesday, September 8	
Thursday, September 3		6:30pm:	District-Wide Staff Gathering	2:30am:	Haitian Community Engagement	12:00am:	SomerViva en Espanol
12:00am:	SomerViva em Português	7:30pm:	Senior Picnic 2015	9:00am:	Connecting Communities – Arts Council	12:30am:	Open Air Circus
12:30am:	Congressional Update	8:30pm:	Connecting Communities – Arts Council	12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	3:10am:	The History of Agriculture in Somerville
1:00am:	Connecting Communities: Arts Council	9:00pm:	Project STAR 2015	12:30pm:	Senior Picnic 2015	9:00am:	Art Beat 2015
1:30am:	Project STAR 2015	9:45pm:	SomerStreets: Seize the Summer	1:30pm:	Connecting Communities – Arts Council	12:00pm:	Senior Circuit
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9:00am:	Haitian Community Engagement	Saturday, September 5		2:30pm:	Aldermen at Work – Maryann Heuston	1:30pm:	Congressional Update
12:00pm:	Senior Circuit	12:00am:	SomerViva em Português	6:30pm:	SomerViva em Português	2:00pm:	Union Sq. Civic Advisory Committee Meeting
12:30pm:	Somerville Fight Night	12:30am:	Project STAR 2015	7:00pm:	Senior Circuit	6:30pm:	Community Path Ribbon Cutting
3:15pm:	Congressional Update	1:10am:	Congressional Update	7:30pm:	Project STAR 2015	7:00pm:	Senior Circuit
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6:00pm:	Art Beat 2015	9:00am:	District-Wide School Staff Gathering	8:40pm:	Somerville Fight Night	8:00pm:	Congressional Update
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8:05pm:	Aldermen at Work – Maryann Heuston	2:00pm:	Open Air Circus	12:30am:	Union Sq. Civic Advisory Meeting	12:30am:	Art Beat 2015
8:35pm:	Somerville Fight Night	3:40pm:	Project STAR 2015	2:15pm:	Art Beat 2015	1:45am:	SomerViva em Português
						2:15am:	Somerville Fight Night

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Wednesday, September 2		2:30am:	Public Domain Theater - Sept	Sunday, September 6		12:00pm:	WSNS Summer Concert
9:00am:	Somerville Fight Night	9:00am:	Playoff Football: SHS vs Marblehead	12:00am:	SHS Multicultural Fair	1:30pm:	Kennedy School K-3 Spring Concert
12:00pm:	94th Annual City Wide Track Meet	10:11am:	Playoff Football: SHS vs Marblehead	1:00am:	Project STAR 2015	2:00pm:	94th Annual City Wide Track Meet
1:30pm:	SHS Baseball v St. Clement	12:00pm:	Kennedy School 4-8 Spring Concert	2:00am:	Public Domain Theater - Sept	4:00pm:	Healey School K-2 Spring Concert
3:00pm:	SHS Girls Basketball v Saugus	1:00pm:	Open Air Circus 2015	4:00am:	Chris Herren Speaks to SHS	5:00pm:	Kennedy School 4-8 Spring Concert
5:00pm:	SHS Boys Basketball v Winchester	3:00pm:	String Camp & Camp HONK Summer Concert	9:00am:	String Camp & Camp HONK Summer Concert	6:00pm:	Somerville Fight Night
6:30pm:	String Camp & Camp HONK Summer Concert	4:00pm:	Playoff Football: SHS vs Marblehead	10:00am:	7th & 8th Grade Girls' Basketball Championship	9:00pm:	WSNS Summer Concert
7:30pm:	94th Annual City Wide Track Meet	5:11pm:	Playoff Football: SHS vs Marblehead	11:00am:	7th & 8th Grade Boys' Basketball Championship	10:30pm:	Kennedy School K-3 Spring Concert
9:00pm:	Open Air Circus 2015	6:30pm:	SHS Girls Basketball v Saugus	12:30pm:	Open Air Circus 2015	Tuesday, September 8	
11:00pm:	Project STAR 2015	9:00pm:	Open Air Circus 2015	2:30pm:	94th Annual City Wide Track Meet	12:00am:	School Day Games - Special Olympics
Thursday, September 3		11:00pm:	String Camp & Camp HONK Summer Concert	4:00pm:	String Camp & Camp HONK Summer Concert	1:00am:	CTE Senior Awards Night
12:00am:	Somerville Fight Night	Saturday, September 5				2:30am:	Somerville Fight Night
9:00am:	SHS Boys Basketball v Medford	12:00am:	Somerville Fight Night	5:00pm:	Kennedy School Drama Club	9:00am:	Open Air Circus 2015
11:00am:	SCALE Awards Night & Graduation	3:00am:	Public Domain Theater - Sept	6:04pm:	SHS Baseball v St. Clement	11:00am:	Somerville Rocks!
12:30pm:	SHS Football v Durfee HS	9:00am:	SHS Boys Basketball v Arlington	8:00pm:	Open Air Circus 2015	12:30pm:	El Sistema: A Night at the Movies!
3:00pm:	Class of '15 Scholarship Awards Night	11:00am:	SCALE Awards Night & Graduation	10:00pm:	SHS Basketball v Belmont @ TD Garden	2:00pm:	Highlander Football 2014
5:30pm:	SHS Girls Basketball v Malden - 1/30	12:30pm:	SHS Football v Durfee HS	Monday, September 7		3:00pm:	Open Air Circus 2015
7:30pm:	SHS Boys Basketball v Medford	3:00pm:	Class of '15 Scholarship Awards Night	12:00am:	String Camp & Camp HONK Summer Concert	5:00pm:	Somerville Rocks!
9:00pm:	SHS Football v Durfee HS	5:30pm:	SHS Girls Basketball v Malden - 1/30	1:00am:	Open Air Circus 2015	6:30pm:	El Sistema: A Night at the Movies!
Friday, September 4		7:30pm:	SHS Boys Basketball v Arlington	3:00am:	Superintendent Pierantozzi's Farewell	8:00pm:	Highlander Football 2014
12:00am:	Somerville Rocks!	9:30pm:	SCALE Awards Night & Graduation	9:00am:	Somerville Fight Night	8:30pm:	School Day Games - Special Olympics
1:30am:	WSNS Science Fair	11:00pm:	Project STAR 2015			10:00pm:	SHS Graduation 2015



Lyrical

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Here is a poem from Marc Zegans from his new collection *The Underwater Typewriter*.

San Diego

We stare at the surf
at the end of longer days
beyond the breakers

She lies in the sand
I return to the sharp waves
that swept up my son

We stand on the cliff
The sound of surf dragging rocks
is her gift to me

Toby's 19th hole
late the morning for eggs
We enjoy the grease

In Balboa Park
under the tarp at Tower 3
I head for the waves

She at Tower 3
Me in late winter waves
sucked under, alone

Her house is repaired
Landscaping is made complete
so she can leave

Cheap Chinese massage
in a strip mall far away
Li Li rubs her feet

Good chips at Lucha
The only place I drink Orange Band
She brings tequila

Letters to Nora
Read under the influence
in Wills' Fine shop

I'm dying inside
Nothing will stop the bleeding
except for your kiss.

— Marc Zegans

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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

The Underwater Typewriter

Poetry by Marc Zegans

Our guest columnist this week is Somerville Bagel Bard, Lo Galluccio. Galluccio reviewed a new poetry book by Marc Zegans, who once pounded the pavement around these parts, but is now living on the West Coast. Marc's work has appeared in this column before.

The Underwater Typewriter
Poetry by Marc Zegans
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134 pages

Marc Zegans new book of poems, *The Underwater Typewriter*, is such a stellar work that I'm hard-pressed to narrow this review to just a few poems, though that's what I can do. Rarely does anyone combine his formal sense of space and syntax with an underlying passion and profound perception. He is the aerialist walking a tightrope, never faltering from dizzying heights of an intense trip over a continent of ideas and experience. And neither does his underwater journey through subterranean coral reefs get soggy or sentimental or brutal, like other modernist poets, even the likes of Frost or Collins, or one of my favorites for his scope and rhyme schemes, Frederick Seidel. In this book you feel like you are staring into the lens of an acutely focused camera, at black and white, color and colorized pictures of the landscape of human emotions and transactions with society's undercurrents of regeneration and rejection and evolution.

Here is an explication of three poems from this truly amazing book.

Perhaps my favorite poem is titled *Out*, a work that is composed in tiny type and forms an inverted cliff flush left on the page. It's both a confessional and nuanced grid exploring the different things that "out" implies or generates. He begins:

"I suppose I am out now,
Out of excuses, out of art,
Out of contrivances, out."
p. 72

This repetition, like a song form, immediately has lyrical impact. He goes on to say:

"So I am out, naked and ugly
And I make some people's skin
Crawl when I tell them my truths
And I don't disclose all of myself"
p. 72

Then he dollops us with the colloquial curse word we all use sometimes for fornication:

"It's funny that, in and out – fucking."

And ends with:

"And there is strange justice in that,
Seeing it all, feeling it all and
Not letting it condition me in any
Way, learning to hold on as best
I can to nothing..."

A brilliant sequence that resolves around an existential condition of life, something Buddhist or as the Hindu Mantra goes: "I am that."

Conversely, the poem *Night* which addresses the night as in the persona of a woman, is a strand of short lines and pithy descriptions...about being alone except for the night's presence..."languid, smooth."

"I relish the liquid
Tumble into her
Timeless opening."
p. 42



And ends with an ambivalence about her devotion and trust:

"Knowing her
As I do
Simple
And simply"

And yet
Nothing
And I mean
Nothing
Is harder.
p. 45.

A Hipster Retires takes on the meaning of the term "hipster" as it's existed in America since, perhaps the 50s. This poem turns a wide-angle look, with socio-cultural references and gibes, at what "hipster" has represented to us. In perfect four line stanzas, Marc describes the accessories and heart of "hipsterism." The turning point and real soul of the poem for me is:

"To be hip to the truth that power denies
To be knowing of the shadow pulsing
In the night of our American soul
To give birth to the cool and forget it

As soon as Miles turned his back on stage
Because a change was gonna come
Real soon; when to be hip was to be invested,
With one's brothers in defiant meaning.
p. 79

In the finale, as often in his poems, he reverses course or lets a looming Inversion to occur. Instead of identifying with hip, he chooses to disavow it for himself, for the present, when maybe hip no longer applies—the paradox of once being or striving to be something that is no longer applicable or meaningful.

"...as for me, I've no need
To be hip to the inside joke

My time is short, there's hearts to be won
'The time has come for our hipster to retire."
p. 80

I highly recommend this book. For me it rivals John Ashbury's *Flow Chart* or Frank O'Hara's *Lunch-time Poems*. It's a thoughtful, vibrant and incredibly diverse collection. It's a game changer in term of form and language, using many poetic devices – compression, re-fraction, and enjambment and still maintaining a wry idiomatic style. He truly exposes his inner self while donning many verbal get-ups ... read it! He will definitely win over "many hearts."

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