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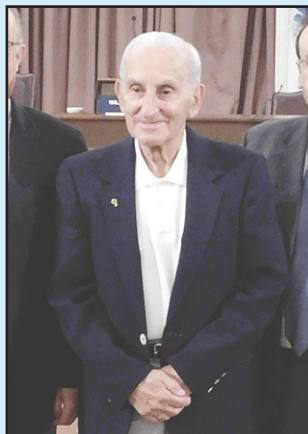
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## Proposal to ban synthetic drugs weighed by Board of Aldermen



Synthetic cannabinoids and other chemical-based stimulants are being targeted for possible banning in the City of Somerville by the Board of Aldermen.

By Josie Grove

"As a new father, I want to make sure Somerville is as safe as it can be for young people," says Alderman Dennis Sullivan. That's why, at last week's meeting of Somerville's Board of Aldermen, Sullivan brought proposed an ordinance to ban synthetic cannabinoids in the city of Somerville. "I cannot see a reason to have this on the shelves in Somerville," he says.

Synthetic cannabinoids are chemicals that imitate the effects of those chemicals to produce a high allegedly similar to smoking cannabis. The chemicals are not regulated and not standard, so potency varies widely. Manufacturers spray the chemical onto dried leaves, and package the product as potpourri or incense. This intentional mislabeling, and the package specification that the product are not for human consumption, helps manufacturers

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## 10 Years of celebrating Fluff and creativity

By Mariya Manzhos

On Saturday afternoon thousands flocked to Union Square for Somerville's quirkiest festivity celebrating the invention of marshmallow fluff. From when just a couple of thousand people gathered in the Union Square plaza in 2005, "What the Fluff?" has grown into a massive community celebration of local businesses, talent and creativity.

This year's Fluff Fest marks the 10th anniversary of Somerville's beloved tradition, which pays tribute to Archibald Query who in 1917 concocted the marshmallow fluff recipe in the basement of his home in Union Square.

"Fluff Fest is now a regional event," said Mayor Joseph Curtatone at the festival. "It's about the creation of Fluff, but it's also celebrating the creativity and originality of Somerville."

Expecting over 10,000 people, the organizers made a few changes this year to accommodate the large crowds. The

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The 10th Annual "What the Fluff?" festival left its sticky mark on Union Square on Saturday.

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This week, the Somerville Rotary club is having its annual “Comedy Nite” at Giggles Comedy Club, Rte. 1 in Saugus, on Thursday, October 1. Tickets are only \$25 per person and there will be lots of fun and door prizes, along with baskets of good stuff to bid on. But the night is at its best with the various comedians that show up and give a great performance, as always at Giggles. Join the club and your neighbors here in the city for a great night by contacting any of the members. Email Gilda Nogueira at [gnogueira@ecsb.com](mailto:gnogueira@ecsb.com).

The Somerville Homeless Coalition is holding its 20th Annual Somerville 5K Road Race on Saturday, October 3 at 9:00 a.m. at Davis Square in Somerville. The race starts and ends at the end of the bike path, behind Rite Aid on Highland Avenue and Grove Street. A Buffet Brunch follows the race. You can further support the Somerville Homeless Coalition by getting pledges for the race. Set up your own fundraising page here: <http://bit.ly/1R7Lovn>. Read about their programs here: <http://bit.ly/1FVBSQe>. Additional Info: The start is 9:00 a.m. sharp, rain or shine. Registration and check in: On race day 7:30—8:30 a.m. Wheelchairs must pre-register by September 20 to ensure safety precautions with local police. Early number pick-up available the week before in Davis Square. Details on pick-up option will be e-mailed at a later date.

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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### Comments of the Week

#### Response to: Mayor Curtatone calls for leniency for ‘Somerville 18’

**A.Moore** says:

Bull. We have ways to protest properly. They chose this way and cost us much money and wasted police time when they could have been doing other things. They should pay dearly for this and for the problems and life threatening situations they caused. They are criminals and should be fine very high and serve jail time. We don’t need this kind of lawlessness here. Next time learn to do it the right way and not put lives at risk.

**Matt** says:

I’m with you A. Moore. That said I don’t think what they did was worth us paying for them to spend time in prison, have them spend time doing community service actually giving back to the community.

**Oliver Seppo** says:

Nonviolent protest methods in action! Way to go, fight the tyrannical forces! They are heroes. :)

**Villinous** says:

The DA has gone way overboard with these charges. I think a small fine and some community service on a judgment continued without a finding makes sense, which is basically what the Mayor is saying.

What I don’t like is the DA trying to set a new standard for how hard you can throw the book at a group of protesters. I remember when public safety workers effectively shut down Boston by blocking the highways in the early 80s and no one was charged. The double standard here is glaring. Also, don’t care one bit about the ambulance that got diverted. Ambulances get diverted all the time because of traffic.

**Who Dat** says:

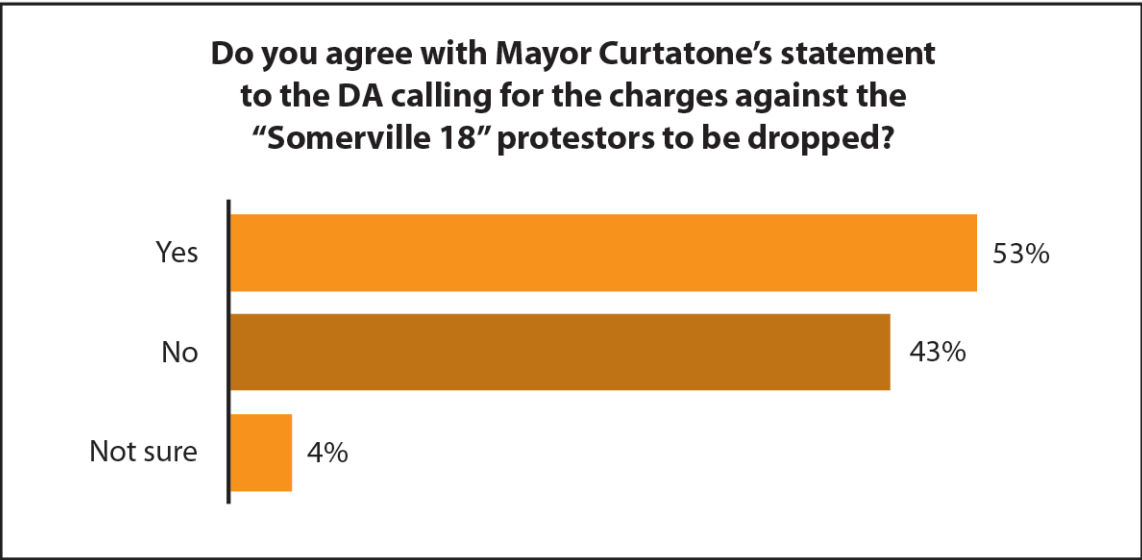
Prison should not be on the table for the protestors. A fine, community service, and a deferred finding is in order. If they pay the fine, perform the community service, and stay out of trouble for a period of time decided on by the justice system, then the charges can be dismissed and no criminal conviction will appear on a background check.

They were wrong, but they should not go to prison or jail for this offense. What I want to see is justice.

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## TheSomervilleTimes.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleTimes.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week’s poll concerned your views on whether you agree with Mayor Curtatone’s statement to the DA calling for the charges against the “Somerville 18” protestors to be dropped. If you don’t agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com.



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# Local and global voices call for MIT to divest

High profile climate leaders and Mayor Curtatone join forces with Fossil Free MIT to call for a climate action plan at the institute

**By Eben Eliot Bolte Bein**

This Friday, across the street from the annual meeting of the MIT board of trustees, Fossil Free MIT and several other student organizations are hosting a community-wide Rally for Climate Action. “After 2 years of negotiations, the time for talk is over and the time for MIT climate action is now,” says graduate student and Fossil Free MIT co-founder Geoffrey Supran.

“The timing is really astonishing,” notes Supran, rattling off the highlights from the last week: the pope calls Congress to climate action, the UN announces that worldwide divestment plans now target \$2.6 trillion, Clinton opposes the Keystone XL Pipeline, China announces a cap-and-trade plan, and Shell withdraws from the Arctic. To Supran, MITs local movement is “an important cog in the giant wheel that we’re finally able to see turning.”

Indeed, these students and faculty are already endorsed by a coalition of high profile global and local climate leaders. In an open letter on September 16, 33 of these leaders called MIT President Reif

to heed the proposals made on campus in order to combat the broader political stagnation on climate change. Figureheads like Bill McKibben and Naomi Klein, Harvard professors Jim Hansen and Naomi Oreskes have added their voices along with MIT faculty like Junot Diaz and Noam Chomsky and actor Mark Ruffalo. Even local government officials like City Councilors Leland Cheung and Marc McGovern of Cambridge and Mayor Joseph Curtatone of Somerville are cosignatories.

*“We have to call each other out on this one”*

“We have to call each other out on this one,” explained Mayor Curtatone. “Public and private institutions have to play a critical role because we’re forced to by the lack of leadership at the state or na-



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tional level.” Curtatone announced his plan to make Somerville carbon neutral by 2050 after he was confronted last year by a related group, Fossil Free Somerville. “My activists locally have forced me to take a hard look in the mirror,” he admitted. “I’ve been forced to ask myself what should I be doing? What is my role as a mayor? What is our role as a city?” He signed the letter because, “this is a challenge that we all own. We have to roll up our sleeves and own the work.”

Some, however, are more skeptical about when and how MIT will champion climate issues. MIT Professor of Environmental Planning Lawrence Susskind said, for example, that “this letter is not a mind-changing tool.” As Founder and Chief Knowledge Officer of the Consensus Building Institute, Susskind has overseen his fair share of policy building.

“Does [the letter] change the balance of power? No,” said Susskind. However, “people inside ... will use the letter to justify their belief.” In his view, those resulting conversations over long periods of time within MIT are the critical, mind-changing ones.

Supran has traced these conversations from their inception in November 2013, through the formulation of MIT Climate Change Conversation Committee during the last academic year. He recalls that, last June, President Reif announced that he would respond officially to the committee’s report early in the fall semester. MIT students and faculty are thus capitalizing on the growing excitement and putting the pressure on.

As Supran states, “This Friday will be the moment when MIT climate action goes from impossible to inevitable.”

## Burgholzer anniversary



Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary to lifelong Somerville residents Margaret and James Burgholzer! Married on October 1st 1955 at Saint Polycarp’s Church, Peg and Jim have shared a wonderful life and are the loving parents of Paula Dabenigno, James Burgholzer, and Ellen and her husband Mark de Lellis, and grandparents of DJ and Michelle Dabenigno and John de Lellis. Peg and Jim are also blessed with two adorable granddogs, Brady and Bailey. Jim was the owner of Frank and Ed’s Service Station on Somerville Avenue and his bride was the bookkeeper for the business. Many of their customers became lifelong friends. After their retirement, they became members of the Winter Hill Yacht Club, where they spent many happy days. They have always been proud to call Somerville their home. Congratulations!

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# THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

## Disorder in the court

While on uniformed duty in the Criminal Clerk's Office at the Somerville District Court last Thursday, a Somerville police officer took notice of a disturbance taking place in the courthouse lobby.

The officer entered the lobby and reportedly observed a woman, Faith Morgan, of Stoneham, loudly arguing with Clerk's Office Supervisor. Morgan was scheduled to appear in court for a Probable Cause Hearing she was appearing for, according to reports.

The officer approached Morgan intending to calm her down, but she entered the courtroom before he reached her.

A short time later, Morgan exited the courtroom, followed by several courtroom officers. According to the officer, Morgan again seemed agitated as the court staff tried to explain procedural rules to her.

Instead of listening to what she was being told, Morgan reportedly continued shouting and causing a general distraction in the general area.

The officer attempted to calm Morgan down with no success, ignoring his request to calm down and behave in a civil manner.

She then entered the Criminal Clerk's Office and began shouting and disrupting operations there, police said.

The officer then placed Morgan under arrest, charging her with disorderly conduct and disrupting court proceedings.

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Faith Morgan, of 100 Mountain View Dr., Stoneham, Sep-	Patrick McLaughlin, of 223 Central St., Saugus, September 23, 5:47 p.m., arrested at Artisan Way on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license and	Robert Silva, of 55 Springfield St., September 23, 9:36 p.m., arrested at Concord Ave. on a warrant charge of refusal to provide DNA database sample.	Adrianna Sousa, of 48 Laurel St., September 24, 3:08 p.m., arrested at Somerville Ave. on a charge of shoplifting by concealing merchandise.
		Christine Boireau, of 13 Putnam Garden, Cambridge, September 24, 4:58 a.m., arrested	Pedro Ramirez Cruz, of 185 Main St., Malden, September
			25, 9:38 a.m., arrested at Summer St. on a warrant charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.
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## Proposal to ban synthetic drugs weighed by Board of Aldermen

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skirt FDA regulations.

A federal ban on synthetic drugs has been in effect since 2012, but it has proved difficult to enforce. As soon as one chemical compound is banned, manufacturers switch to a different one. Since the chemistry often changes, the drug's potency and effects are difficult to predict. "I know it keeps changing, but we've got to tighten it up," said Sullivan. "I think the main thing is to not have it sold in the city."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has been collecting data about the drugs from calls to poison control centers across the country, and released a report in June. Nationwide, there were 3,572 calls about synthetic cannabinoids between January and May 2015, a 229% increase over the same period in 2014. Since not all users call poison control centers, the number of calls are not necessarily good indicators of how many people are actually using the drugs.

Sullivan says he has seen synthetic cannabinoids in his work as a corrections officer in Boston. "I've seen the effects of it on people. Seizures, paranoia, all types of issues," he says. "People with clean medical records have had seizures. I think it's more harmful than marijuana." 335 of those 3,572 calls, or just under ten percent, involved life-threatening effects, and 15 of those died. The CDC qualifies this number, saying it is not possible to tell whether those severe effects resulted from synthetic cannabinoids alone, or if he drug was used in conjunction with alcohol or other drugs. Most of the 3,572 callers reported minor effects including agitation, rapid pulse, drowsiness, confusion, and vomiting.

Alderman Sullivan is concerned about the drug's potential appeal to young people. "It has cartoons on it, such as Scooby Doo and the Iron Hulk [sic], it's geared toward a younger population," he says. According to the CDC, the median age of users in the calls is 26.

Last month, the City of Boston banned the possession, sale, manufacture or distribution of synthetic cannabinoids last month. Violators face \$300 fine per incident, but no jail time. Alderman Sullivan thinks this is an adequate deterrent. "I think a \$300 fine is a huge deal for people in this economy," he says. "I think that makes sense, and we have to mirror what happens in Boston."

The alderman is optimistic about the ban, even though the federal ban has proven difficult to enforce. "I think banning it is going to be effective. I don't think it's going to be the cure-all, but you'll have to go to another city, not Somerville and not Boston, somewhere else to get it," said Sullivan. "If we ban it, it could cause other people to ban it too. I think it could only help. I don't think it's going to be the cure-all, I'm not that naive to think that that's going to fix the problem, but

I think it's another hurdle to make it more difficult for someone to obtain." Sullivan also mentioned working with community anti-drug groups to bring information about the dangers of synthetic cannabinoids to parents and schools.

The Board of Aldermen approved of the measure proposed last Thursday, not to ban synthetic cannabinoids right away, but to begin the process to pass the ordinance. "The order called for the city solicitor to draw up language, banning it in Somerville," said Alderman Sullivan. "It would go before the Board of Aldermen and the committee, probably Public Health and Public Safety, and they would review it, tweak it, change it, and we'd vote on it, and the mayor has to sign it."



Alderman at Large Dennis Sullivan is leading the effort to have synthetic cannabinoids banned in the city.

# Greenville Street fire



The Somerville Fire Department responded to a fire at 9 Greenville Street at 11:50 a.m. on Thursday, September 24. Firefighters arrived to find a fire involving the contents of a construction dumpster located in the driveway. Heat from the fire resulted in considerable damage to the exterior of the three family home.  
— Photos courtesy of Somerville Fire Dept.

# Mayor Curtatone calls for leniency for ‘Somerville 18’

By Jim Clark

Somerville Mayor Joseph Curtatone issued an appeal via Facebook last Wednesday calling on Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan to drop all charges against protesters who blocked traffic on I-93 last January.

The so-called “Somerville 18,” consisting of protesters from Somerville and Boston, shut down traffic in Milton and Somerville in an action calculated to bring attention to alleged mistreatment of African Americans by law enforcement authorities. At the time of the arrests, the District Attorney said that the protester’s actions “jeopardized public safety.”

Mayor Curtatone’s open letter asking District Attorney Ryan to dismiss charges against the protesters reads as follows:

DROP THE CHARGES AGAINST THE SOMERVILLE 18: We are a nation founded upon and strengthened by a long history of social activism and protest—from the Boston Tea Party to the Freedom Marches for Civil Rights. When something is profoundly wrong in this nation, our citizens speak up and act up peacefully to set it right, and our freedoms—freedoms that are the envy of so many around the world—make this possible.

This January 18 protesters exercised those rights. In their pur-

suit of social justice and an end to the well-documented unequal and sometimes lethal treatment of blacks by our nation’s law enforcement system, they blocked I-93. They went beyond the usual sidewalk protest to be sure they would be heard, just as area police and firefighters did when they blocked our interstates and major roadways repeatedly in the early 1980s to protest layoffs. Back then, not a single firefighter or police officer was arrested for their actions. The Boston Police commissioner at the time demonstrated respect for their right to protest. He was right to do so.

If we allow the Somerville 18 to be treated differently today, we will all be in the wrong. There is no respect for the right to protest when the punishment proposed is completely disproportionate to the action taken. The news cycle has moved on for those inconvenienced by the traffic delays, but the Somerville 18 face excessive charges for that act of protest: 90 days in jail, nearly \$15,000 in fines, and 18 months’ probation—this when peaceful protesters are commonly arrested but never even booked, or at most are given a small fine.

The irony of protesters against unequal treatment by the law enforcement system being treated unequally by the law should concern us all. It certainly concerned the 91 members of the

clergy who this summer sent a clear message to District Attorney Marian T. Ryan: “As Black churches are burning across the country, as Black people are being killed by police, and as we honor the lives taken in Charleston, we are asking you to drop the charges against these people of conscience,” they wrote.

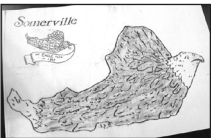
It is time for more political leaders to join our religious leaders in demanding fair treatment for the Somerville 18 as well, and I am adding my voice to that call here and now. The job of the District Attorney is a difficult one and we must respect the office’s ability to prosecute, but the ability to prosecute must be weighed against the question of whether or not justice is being done. We must hold injustice as more important than inconvenience.

With full respect, I ask District Attorney Ryan to drop the charges against the Somerville 18, and I would remind us all of Martin Luther King Jr.’s words about the role of the law during times of needed social change: “Law and order exist for the purpose of establishing justice and when they fail in this purpose they become the dangerously structured dams that block the flow of social progress.”

No immediate response to the mayor’s statement has yet been made by the D.A.’s office.

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## Historical Fact of the Week



Eagle feathers #88

### Our Connecticut Cousins

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

The historic Bunker Hill Monument has four entrances or gates. These honor each colony that contributed troops in that famous battle. They were New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut. The most memorable quote from the battle was credited to Connecticut’s General Israel Putnam who was in command at the battle on Bunker Hill. He bellowed out to his men, “Don’t fire until you see the whites of their eyes.”



Every shot had to count. He instructed his men to aim for the British commanders first and then for the others. Make the center of the enemy’s cross straps your target. This was because gunpowder and shot were scarce, and the Americans had only the ammunition they brought with them the night before. The British Navy’s guns had stopped the Colonials from receiving any reinforcements from across Charlestown Neck or present-day Somerville. Despite this, General Putnam’s raw troops delivered terrible carnage to the British that day.

After the withdrawal, his Connecticut men built up defenses on Cobble Hill. For the next nine months during the siege of Boston, this stronghold protected the Charles River. It was called “Putnam’s Impregnable Fortress.” One month after the Bunker Hill battle, General Putnam and his soldiers were honored at the Prospect Hill Citadel. They were presented a flag to be flown at Prospect’s summit, which bore the motto of Connecticut on one side and the motto of a thankful Massachusetts on the other. This flag flew at Prospect Hill for five months before the first American flag, our “Grand Union Flag” was raised.



Connecticut-born hero Nathan Hale, a Yale-educated teacher, soldier, and spy is eulogized as the first member of the American Central Intelligence Agency.

He spent the last year of his life training as an American Army Captain at Winter Hill and Prospect Hill. After a volunteer spy mission for General Washington, he was captured and executed by the British. Nathan’s inspiring last words were, “I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country.”

Colonel Thomas Knowlton of Connecticut was killed while under Washington’s command at

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# All-America City Award celebration

## Somerville

By Rebecca Danvers

Help Somerville celebrate its newest All-America City Award on Sunday, Oct. 4, from 2:30 to 6 p.m., when the city hosts an event to honor our community's commitment to youth achievement, and showcase local young musicians and leaders through performances and workshops.

The event will be held at the DCR Baxter Park at Assembly Row, and will feature live music by Somerville youth performing groups including the popular World Percussion Ensemble drum corps, Teen Empowerment, and the Somerville High School Acapella Ensemble. Local cover band The Rockery will round out the celebration.

The celebration will also kick off a year-long series of youth- and community-engagement workshops, which will include youth-police dialogues and Walking Dialogues with the Somerville Police Department, music workshops, and a photo voice project asking residents to display what being an All-America City means to you. The October kickoff event will include a free photo booth and commemorative All-America City t-shirt sales.

"Being named an All-America City for the second time in six years is a tremendous honor, especially in 2015 with the award's focus on youth," said Mayor Curtatone. "Somerville's commitment to youth includes using music and art as mediums for social change, and through strong partnerships with organizations like Teen Empowerment, some



of our most vulnerable young people are given tools, resources, and opportunities for job readiness and peer leadership that are strengthening our community every day. The All-America City Award celebrates every resident and stakeholder in Somerville, but this year, let's especially honor the role our youngest citizens play in making our city an exceptional place to live, work, and play."

Beginning in October and continuing through June 2016, the City will celebrate the All-America City Award and its commitment to youth by hosting a series of workshops focused on different topics of importance to youth, and youth enrichment. Workshops will include music series, continuing youth-police work, youth and peer leadership workshops with Teen Empowerment, and much more. Workshops will be announced as they become available.

The Oct. 4 event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Jackie Rossetti at 617-625-6600 ext. 2614, or JRossetti@somervillema.gov.

# This Is East Video Project Premiere



The "This Is East" Video Project Premiere took place at Chuckie Harris Park on Saturday, September 24, as community members and business owners told their stories of East Somerville. The video project is an active collaboration between East Somerville Main Streets and SCATV.  
— Photos by Claudia Ferro



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**Saturday October 10**  
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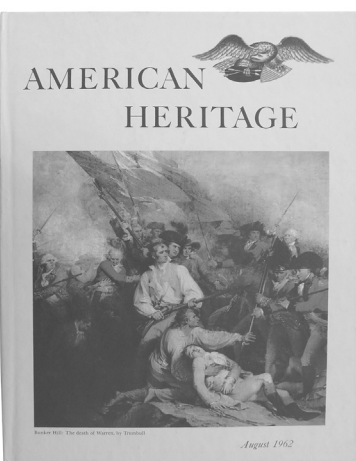
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the Battle of Long Island, New York. He is the namesake of East Somerville's Knowlton Street near the Capuano School. Knowlton was a veteran of the French and Indian Wars and the Battle of Bunker Hill. While at Winter Hill, he formed and trained the first American Ranger Battalion. He is often referred to as Connecticut's forgotten hero.

Ten Hills was the home of John Winthrop, Governor of Massachusetts. His son, John

Winthrop II, became the first Governor of Connecticut. He, his fort, and his ships protected colonial Connecticut and Massachusetts from Dutch expansion. Among other feats, he also established the Saugus Iron Works in 1644, the first in North America.

The memories of our Connecticut cousins ... Putnam, Hale, Knowlton and Winthrop ... though obscure in Somerville, are vivid at the Capital Building in Hartford. All four patriots are



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## GLX funding must ensure development without displacement

By Kristen Lucas and Van Hardy, on behalf of Union United

At the end of the summer, MassDOT announced that the projected costs for the Green Line Extension are nearly \$1 billion more than previously anticipated, putting the future of the project in question. One way to address this shortfall is known as "value capture," a phrase that was used frequently at the September meeting of the MassDOT board. This could mean that Union Square master developer US2 would contribute to the costs of the Union Square GLX station. This model was used in Assembly Square, with FRIT contributing \$25 million to a new Orange Line station through the Infrastructure Investment Incentive Program, or I-Cubed.

US2 has suggested that while they are willing to explore such a contribution, it could limit their ability to contribute to community benefits. However, the City selected US2 in part because they are "well capitalized and repeatedly stressed

their willingness to expend their own funds in the pre-development period and in order to bridge shortfalls." The presence of a Green Line station in Union Square will make US2's development vastly more profitable, which will increase the overall amount of money they have to invest in community benefits. How and whether the Green Line Extension gets funded is a separate matter. The idea that the Green Line Extension and a community benefits agreement are mutually exclusive is a false choice.

Funding of infrastructure is a business investment with tremendous financial benefits to US2. These benefits come at a cost to the people currently living and working here. If the Green Line comes and US2 develops without a CBA, many of us will be displaced, and the current community of immigrants and working-class people will not get to benefit from either the GLX or the new development. This would be bitterly ironic, since the impetus to build the Green Line comes from Somerville's status as an environmental justice community.

Because there is a nexus between development and harm, such as displacement, the developer has a legal obligation to prevent, mitigate, or compensate

those that have been harmed. We believe that the most effective way to do this is by doing impact studies in advance to determine harm, then negotiating terms that are acceptable to all affected parties. By virtue of the profit they will make from the development of Union Square and the effects their project will have on our lives, US2 has the obligation to undertake a CBA to mitigate displacement.

Union United is a coalition of stakeholders working to ensure that the Union Square redevelopment brings tangible benefits, not displacement, to our community.

Coalition Members: Union Square residents and businesses, Community Action Agency of Somerville, Concord Ave Community Space, Fr. Ademir Guerini of St. Anthony's parish, Fr. Richard Curran of St. Joseph's, St. Catherine's, & St. Ann's parishes, Groundwork Somerville, Haitian Coalition of Somerville, Immigrant Service Providers Group/Health, IBEW Local 103, Last Hour Ministry Casa de Oraçao, SEIU Local 888, Somerville Community Access Television, Somerville Community Corporation, Somerville Homeless Coalition, Somerville Labor Coalition, Teen Empowerment, The Welcome Project.

### An Afternoon of Exotic Music

The Tufts University Department of Music presents An Afternoon of Exotic Music, a concert on Sunday, October 11, 2015 at 3 p.m. in the Distler Performance Hall at the Perry and Marty Granoff Music Center. Performance faculty members Sarita Uranovsky, violin and Hisako Hiratsuka, piano will perform, featuring music by Debussy, Babajanian, Saygun, and Ravel. This concert is presented as part of the Sunday at Tufts - Community Concert Series.

The Granoff Music Center is located at 20 Talbot Avenue on Tufts' Medford/Somerville campus. Admission is free and open to the public. For more information, please visit go.tufts.edu/musicevents or call the Granoff Music Center Box Office at 617.627.3679.

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## BOA citations



The Board of Aldermen commended two outstanding individuals for their contributions to the City of Somerville at the Regular Meeting of the Board on Thursday, September 24. A citation was presented by Alderman White Jr., and the entire Board and the mayor commending Wendy Blom (pictured above), who is leaving SCATV after 11 years of outstanding leadership as Executive Director. Additionally, a citation was presented by Alderman Lafuente, and the entire Board and the mayor commending Tony Matarazzo (pictured below), who is celebrating 67 years of cutting hair and being an irreplaceable part of the Somerville community.

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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:** *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records local senators' votes on roll calls from the week of September 21-25. There were no roll calls in the House last week.

**PROHIBIT MINORS UNDER 18 FROM TANNING INDOORS (S 1994)**  
Senate 38-0, approved and sent to the House a bill that would prohibit anyone under 18 from operating or using an indoor tanning device. Current law prohibits teens age 16 and 17 from indoor tanning without parental permission and bans anyone under age 16 from tanning.

Supporters said these booths are dangerous and increase by 75 percent a person's chances of getting melanoma, a dangerous and sometimes fatal skin cancer. They said that while adults can make their own decisions, it is the state's job to protect children.

(A "Yes" vote is for the bill.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes
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**ALLOW YOUTHS TO WORK IN TANNING SALONS (S 1994)**  
Senate 6-32, rejected an amendment that would allow youths under 18 to operate a tanning device.

Amendment supporters said that the proposed ban prohibiting anyone under 18 from operating a tanning device would decrease job opportunities for 14- to 17-year-olds, who are already facing high unemployment. They argued that there is no research concluding that people who just operate the tanning device face any danger of cancer.

Amendment opponents said if you are not able to use a tanning device you shouldn't be allowed to operate one. They argued that allowing 14 to 17-year-olds to operate a device could lead to them using the device themselves or bringing in underage friends to do so.

(A "Yes" vote is for allowing youths under 18 to operate a tanning device. A "No" vote is against allowing it.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No
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**DRUG OFFENSES AND DRIVER'S LICENSES (S 1812)**  
Senate 38-0, approved and sent to the House a bill that would repeal a 1989 law that requires anyone convicted of a non-violent drug crime to have his or her license suspended, regardless of whether the crime itself involved driving a vehicle. The measure also requires the state Division of Insurance to conduct a study on the feasibility of reducing the amount of time points remain on a driver's Safe Driver Insurance Plan (SDIP) record. These points result in higher insurance rates for the driver.

Supporters said this law has not worked well and has actually harmed offenders when they are released from jail. They noted many ex-offenders cannot afford the \$500 the state charges to reinstate a license. They noted that a driver's license is a key component to an ex-offender re-entering society including getting a job, seeking medical care and driving their children to school.

(A "Yes" vote is for the bill.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes
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**SPINAL CORD INJURY TRUST FUND (S 1972)**  
Senate 34-4, approved and sent to the House a bill making several changes in the operation of the Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund that provides medical cure research services for individuals with spinal cord injuries. The

fund is currently funded by a \$50 surcharge assessed against any person who seeks reinstatement of his or her driver's license. The bill would raise the surcharge to \$100 for a second reinstatement and \$150 for a third.

Under the bill, the surcharge for the Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund will be in effect after three surchargeable events within a two-year period or seven surchargeable events within a three-year period. Currently, the surcharge is triggered when there are five or more surchargeable offenses within any three-year period.

The measure requires that all revenue from the surcharge go to the fund. Under current law, the state's General Fund receives some of the revenue. It also renames the fund the Thomas P. Kennedy Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund, honoring the late state senator who was a quadriplegic confined to a wheelchair following an accident in 1971. He passed away in June at the age of 63.

Supporters said the changes and hikes will result in more money going to the spinal cord fund. They noted that in fiscal 2006, the fund received \$119,675 from surcharges and in fiscal 2015, it received only \$23,600.

Some opponents said Registry of Motor Vehicle fees are already too high and the bill will have the effect of raising registry fees for reinstatement of licenses for an estimated 2,000 people annually. Others argued that they did not have enough information about who would be affected most by the higher surcharges, expressing concern that it might be minorities who are more likely to be pulled over and eventually pay the surcharge.

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes
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**RAISE SURCHARGES TO FUND SPINAL CORD RESEARCH (S 1972)**  
Senate 29-9, approved an amendment that would solely hike the surcharge against any person who seeks reinstatement of his or her driver's license from \$50 for a first offense to \$100 for a second reinstatement and \$150 for a third.

Supporters said this additional revenue will generate more funds for the important research paid for by the Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund.

Opponents said the hikes were not necessary and would further burden drivers who are already paying registry fees that are too high.

(A "Yes" vote is for the increased fines. A "No" vote is against the increase.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No
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ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

**BAN STATE PENSION FUNDS FROM SUPPORTING BOYCOTT** (no number yet) - A late-filed bill by Rep. Steve Howitt (R-Seekonk) would require the \$50 billion plus state pension fund to divest all holdings from companies that engage in boycotts or other economic sanctions against Israel.

Supporters say this will prevent the state from funding companies that pursue anti-Israel policies.

Opponents say the Legislature should not be

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micromanaging the pension fund and divestiture and that no research has been done to determine how much money the divestiture would cost the pension fund.

**TAX BREAKS FOR VIDEO GAME COMPANIES (H 2487)** - The Revenue Committee held a hearing on a bill extending 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 offering tax credits to video game developers will encourage the companies to remain in or move to Massachusetts.

**INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT (H 2474)** - Another proposal heard by the Revenue Committee would raise the state’s three percent investment tax credit to five percent and make 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.

**WAIVE COLLEGE TUITION FEES FOR VETERANS (H 1043)** - The Higher Education Committee will hold a hearing on October 7, 2015, at 10:30 a.m. in Room A-2 on legislation providing tuition and fee waivers at state universities for veterans and children of veterans killed in action. The cost would be paid by the state rather than the colleges.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

“[State] Sen. [Thomas] Kennedy was a man who lived with honesty and integrity. He was a tireless advocate for the people of our Commonwealth and a fine public servant. This fund is a fitting tribute to a man who overcame adversity to become a champion for his constituents.” — *Sen. Marc Pacheco (D-Taunton), in support of renaming the Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund the Thomas P. Kennedy Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund to honor the late state senator. Kennedy was a quadriplegic, confined to a wheelchair following an accident in 1971.*

**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, re-

search, 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 September 21-25, the House met for a total of one hour and 32 minutes while the Senate met for a total of four hours and 28 minutes.

Mon. September 21	House 11:03 a.m. to 12:23 p.m. Senate 11:01 a.m. to 11:08 a.m.
Tues. September 22	No House session No Senate session
Wed. September 23	No House session No Senate session
Thurs. September 24	House 11:02 a.m. to 11:14 a.m. Senate 11:06 a.m. to 3:27 p.m.
Fri. September 25	No House session No Senate session

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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To: Somerville Retirement Board

On September 21, the Boston Globe reported that the Massachusetts state pension fund has lost over \$500 million as a result of its investments in the fossil fuel industry over just the last year, according to a review by Trillium Asset Management. This comes after a report by the same group last month showing that the California state pension system had lost \$5 billion by investing in the fossil fuel industry during the last year.

“This is a material loss of money, which directly impacts the strength of the pension fund”, said Matthew Patsky, CEO of Trillium Asset Management. “Fossil fuel stocks are volatile investments. Investors and fiduciaries should take this moment to reassess their financial involvement in carbon pollution, climate disruption and the financial risk fossil fuels plays in their portfolio.”

These reports raise serious questions about how much money the City of Somerville has lost on its own pension investments. As members of the Somerville Retirement System and elected officials representing members of the System, we

are concerned about the financial health of the Somerville pension fund.

According to the report’s authors, the state’s losses are due to the fact that the fossil fuel industry has underperformed the market for the last several years. Looking forward, the prospects for a long-term recovery for these stocks are not bright. As easily accessible fossil fuel deposits are exhausted, the cost of fossil fuel extraction continues to rise. At the same time, technological advances are lowering the costs of alternatives, such as solar and wind, which will undercut increasingly expensive fossil fuels. In addition to these structural factors in the energy sector, measures necessary to address global climate change will require dramatic reductions in the use of fossil fuels in the near future, with research showing that around 80% of all known fossil fuel deposits must be left in the ground.

Jeremy Grantham, the major investor famous for being one of the few people in the investment community to predict both the tech bubble and housing bubble, has said that “if all this doesn’t make these investments unprofitable, they will be very lucky”, and several reports from the

London School of Economics have suggested that all the unburnable fossil fuels owned by fossil fuel companies represents a large market bubble.

These concerns have now been echoed by many financial experts with reports from rating agency Standard and Poor’s, investment banks HSBC and CITI, and investment firms Aperio Group, IMPAX Asset Management, and MSCI, all recommending divestment from fossil fuel stocks.

In Somerville, the Retirement Board has been charged with the task of considering divestment for the past year and a half, under pressure from the grassroots group Fossil Free Somerville. Action on divestment is already supported by the Mayor and every member of the Board of Alderman.

Beyond Somerville, a global fossil fuel divestment movement has been fueled by these serious financial concerns in addition to moral concern about investing in an industry that constitutes a serious threat to the planet and that spends enormous sums of money lobbying against policies needed to fight climate change and funding climate change denial. Many institutions and cities around the world have already

committed to divesting some or all of their funds from fossil fuel stocks including Stanford University, Syracuse University, University of California, the cities of Oakland, CA and Seattle, WA, the state of California, and many others.

In Massachusetts, there is a bill in the state legislature (S1350 & H2269) to divest the state pension fund. Unions representing workers in the pension system, concerned about the financial health of fund their members rely on for a secure retirement, have joined environmental organizations in campaigning for divestment.

Fortunately, Somerville is one of a minority of cities in Massachusetts to control its own pension investments and therefore does not need to wait for this bill to pass in order to divest.

Despite all this, the Somerville pension fund currently maintains millions of dollars invested in fossil fuel companies. We have serious concerns about whether this is consistent with the Somerville Retirement Board’s fiduciary duty to Somerville’s workers and retirees.

We therefore request that the Somerville Retirement Board provide answers to the following questions for members of the

pension system and all the residents of Somerville:

How much money has Somerville lost as a result of maintaining investments in the fossil fuel industry over the last year and past three years?

Given the ongoing structural changes in the energy sector and the pressing need to reduce fossil fuel usage in response to global climate change, does the Retirement Board think these stocks are likely to recover their value rather than continue to decline?

Can the Retirement Board re-invest the money currently invested in the fossil fuel industry to better ensure the long-term health of the Somerville pension fund?

Sincerely,  
  
Katjana Ballantyne  
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## COMMENTARY

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## First-of-its-kind program aims to develop bonds between police officers and students



By Joseph A. Curtatone

More than a decade ago, faced with an epidemic of drug overdoses, juvenile crime and teen suicides, our city learned an important lesson: just as we cannot arrest our way out of crime, an arrest or an overdose survived will not necessarily result in a young person making positive changes and putting his or her life on the right track. When we stopped dealing with our problems in a narrow, reactionary way and addressed the problem through a holistic and proactive approach, we were able to end that epidemic. Since then, the Somerville Police Department has continued to evolve into a model of community policing, based in part on those lessons learned. Now our Police Department

is again providing an example for others to follow through an initiative that turns our police officers into trusted advisors for students throughout their junior and high school careers.

Believed to be the first program of its kind, STEPS (Students & Teachers Engage Public Safety) has police officers each adopting an entire sixth grade in each of our five schools. The officers will check in with the students in their grade during lunch, recess and after school—all part of their regular patrol duties. And this isn't a temporary buddy program. These officers will stay with their grade until the students graduate from high school in 2022. Each year, another five officers will be assigned another sixth grade, until ultimately every Somerville student in grades 6-12 will have a trusted Somerville Police Officer that they can turn to and talk to about the problems and issues they are facing.

These kinds of personal relationships are critical to effective community policing, which is predicated upon two-way communication between the community and police officers.

Community members help officers identify problems, draw connections between issues, and provide feedback on how the approach to those problems and issues is or isn't working. That type of two-way communication and relationship is impossible without trust. Building that trust allows the kind of collaboration that challenges assumptions on both sides. In the case of STEPS—and all community policing, really—an officer can see young people who are grappling with a variety of challenges and provide support before bad decisions are made, while a student can see an officer not as a punitive authority figure, but as a trusted mentor who can help guide them through their formative years.

Although STEPS is a new initiative, this is already a tried-and-true approach in Somerville. Teen Empowerment is one of the great success stories of our community, and a critical contributor to our success in ending that epidemic of a decade ago. Youth organizers worked with our Police Department to tear down the walls between adults, police and teens,

using social events, the annual Somerville Youth Peace Conference, and other initiatives. Teens built trusting relationships with adults in our city, became leaders among their peers and helped us solve the issues facing our community. Teen Empowerment's work has continued this year with new initiatives, from a teen-police basketball game to walking dialogues with officers held this past summer.

STEPS applies the lessons we've learned through Teen Empowerment to every student who passes through Somerville Public Schools, at a time when the national conversation is focused on relationships between law enforcement officers and the communities they serve and protect. We are proud of our diversity in Somerville, a city long known as the first stop for many immigrants pursuing their dreams in the United States. Today, a quarter of our residents were born outside the U.S., more than 50 languages are spoken in our schools, and nearly three-quarters of our high school students qualify for free or reduced lunch. As a community with broad socioeconomic diversity, through

the STEPS initiative, I hope we can provide an example for others to follow in improving the relationship between local police departments and the residents they serve.

Police Chief David Fallon, the five officers who are the first to participate in STEPS, and all our rank-and-file officers deserve to be lauded for their commitment to community policing and working in collaboration with the community. While some other police departments have increasingly militarized and, whether intended or not, instituted an "us vs. them" mentality with disastrous results, the Somerville Police Department has taken the opposite approach. Our law enforcement officials have recognized that education, the economy, public health, and family services are all inextricably intertwined with public safety. In Somerville, we go to the root of the issue, supporting strong family units, education and opportunity for all our residents. With this initiative, we look to lead the way again and give every child in our schools the support they need to become the best version of themselves.

## Francis and the path of love



By William C. Shelton

Throughout his visit to Cuba and the United States, certain observers in the media have commented on "contradictions" in Pope Francis' message. Anticipating his speech before Congress, they speculated that both Republicans and Democrats would take turns cheering and sitting in stony silence.

In fact, the contradictions are in the embedded mental categories that observers impose on the world, not in the Pope's message. Comprehending this requires understanding two things.

The first is that the essence of Francis' message is love. He loves all of God's creations, regardless of public policies that

favor some over others. He loves the environment, "our common home." He loves the poor. And he loves all human beings, born and unborn.

Jesus had a lot to say about love. He told his followers, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." (John 13:35) But Jesus' love wasn't just for those who agreed with him. He said, "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you." (Matthew 5:44)

Jesus summed up his teachings and those of the prophets who preceded him in two commands: Love God and love your neighbor as you love yourself. (Matthew 22:40) When a lawyer asked Jesus who his neighbor was, Jesus told a story about a Jewish traveler who was robbed, beaten, and left naked and "half dead" beside the road.

Two spiritual leaders of the victim's own faith crossed the

road to avoid the unpleasantness. But a Samaritan bound up his wounds, took him to an inn, and paid for his long-term care. (Matthew 10:30-37)

Samaritans were as despised by the Jews of that day as illegal immigrants are despised by certain Americans and Europeans today. But Jesus said that the Samaritan and the Jew were "neighbors" who should love each other.

And he made clear that love is pragmatic, not abstract. He told the rich to sell their goods and give them to the poor. When a wealthy young man became unhappy with that admonition, Jesus said, "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God." (Matthew 19:24)

So after his congressional speech, Francis bypassed dining lavishly with the wealthy and powerful in favor of eating with and serving the homeless, thus evoking Jesus' promise that "The

last shall be first, and the first last." (Matthew 20:16)

Francis understands that for love to be real, it must engage those loved as whole people, not as demographic groups, or opinion segments, or personas presented to obtain a job, or fill a role, or win a political office.

In recent columns I've written about how we become fully human in community, and how we lose community and might recreate it. Francis, too, tells us that, "We must regain the conviction that we need one another, that we have a shared responsibility for others and for the world"

He said that last week in Washington's National Shrine Basilica. And he implied that what we find when we follow the path of love is not "fun," or "happiness," but joy. "Something deep within us invites us to rejoice and tells us not to settle for placebos which simply keep us comfortable."

But all of us will encounter institutional constraints if we

wholeheartedly follow Love's path. Understanding Francis' constraints is the second requirement for resolving his apparent "contradictions."

He leads an institution that spans six continents and two millennia. Like the proverbial supertanker captain, he cannot abruptly and decisively change its direction, whether or not he may wish to.

Throughout Christianity's first three centuries, being a Christian meant simultaneously being a Jew and often risking one's life. But after Christianity became the Roman Empire's state religion, becoming a Christian was no longer a life-risking commitment, but could be a means for those questing wealth and influence to find favor among the powerful.

Over the ensuing centuries, the Roman Catholic Church embraced a variety of doctrines that have nothing to do with Jesus' message of love. Prohibitions against birth

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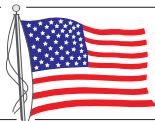
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The mayor thinks the “Somerville 18” should go free.

Our View Of The Times



Mayor Curtatone’s public statement calling for leniency for the so-called “Somerville 18” protesters last week took many people by surprise, to say the least.

Some were outraged by the statement. Many consider the protester’s actions last January – blocking traffic on Interstate 93 – a criminal act. Others are more forgiving, citing the importance of such instances of civil disobedience as a means to

inform and persuade the public and legal authorities when an issue is perceived to be important enough to do so.

Some have condemned the mayor, accusing him of grandstanding for political gain, while others agree with him and praise the stand he has taken in making that appeal to the D.A.’s office.

It is clearly an issue that has sharply divided most of us, even though there are

many who are unsure of what course of action the legal system should pursue in dealing with the defendants in the case.

Hardliners are demanding severe punishment, maintaining that an example should be made of the errant protesters, while those with opposing points of view point to the relative harmlessness of the incident and believe that the defendant’s youth should be taken into account.

Ultimately, it will still be up to the District Attorney’s office to decide what course of action it shall follow.

The mayor’s opinion has been expressed and it has been heard. In the end, it is but one person’s opinion. That this person happens to be the chief administrator of our city and represents us as such has escaped no one’s attention. We shall see how it all plays out, for better or worse.

**Newstalk** CONT. FROM PG 2

Rumor has it that the mayor is soon going to present to the Board of Aldermen his reasoning for why he wants artificial turf in Lincoln Park. We also hear he doesn’t have the votes in his favor on the Board. Over a 1000 signatures on a petition to stop it from happening was recently presented to members of the Board as well. The mayor’s liaison Omar better be on the job working to get those votes. We hear he’s got a lot of work to do to turn around some votes. A solid majority is against it and it doesn’t look like they are changing their minds anytime soon. Maybe he should spend more time on working the aldermen instead of on those lunch breaks.

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**Part 4:** Meanwhile, down at the Inspectional Service Department, our sources are telling us there are still TWO empty desks. Again, another week gone by and no one has applied for the job. And over at the Planning Department the personnel who aren’t certified and don’t know the requirements are holding up processing the many permits that were filed and haven’t moved to the next silly step. We hear this costs residents here in the city a lot of money. Some people are afraid to make any comments in fear

of retribution from the Director of the Department and other higher-ups. We have a solution - maybe cut the salary of the guy who couldn’t qualify for the job and give the inspectors a decent living wage. On another note, we hear that down there the gas allowance was taken away by the Personnel Director and the Department Director. Let’s see, the guy that didn’t qualify for the job is now Department Head and is earning over \$100K - and that includes a raise - while the inspectors are paid out of all the cities and towns in Mass, way down at the bottom of the list. Maybe if you’re not qualified for a city job you to can earn over \$100K but if you’re qualified don’t count on it.

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The good Alderman from Ward 7, Katjana Ballantyne, recently had a mishap while on her bicycle. She has her arm in a sling and received several stitches in her chin, but she looked great at the recent Board meeting. We hope she recovers real soon.

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Speaking of Ward 7, Alderman Ballantyne’s recent injuries hasn’t slowed her down on her job representing the residents of the ward. She, along with Alderman Bill White and candidate

for Alderman at Large Sean Fitzgerald, were at a neighborhood meeting for High St. and Alewife Brooke Parkway (the former gas station now closed and fenced off) which the owner wants to make into a Dunkin’ Donuts. At the neighborhood meeting, several issues were taken up and it looks like the neighbors are not in favor of it. The claim is that it will create more traffic in and out of the area. It looks like the owner wants to do a study on traffic and how much more it will add to the neighborhood. The neighbors and Alderman Ballantyne are trying to figure out how to determine that since the place where they want to put the business is not opened to in and out traffic. It used to be a gas station and now has a fence around it.

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Alderman at Large Bill White and the Board of Aldermen, along with the mayor, paid tribute to Wendy Blom, who was retiring as the Director of SCATV after 11 years. The alderman praised her work and efforts at the station all these years and presented her with a citation. Wendy did a great job as Director and was very creative making the cable access more assessable to the residents here in the city. SCATV won many awards while

she was Director. She will be missed by a lot of people. We wish her the best in all her future endeavors. We’re sure she will accomplish a lot in her career.

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Ward 4 Alderman Tony Lafuente and the entire Board of Aldermen and Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone also congratulated Winter Hill’s favorite barber, Tony Matarazzo, celebrating his 67th year of customer satisfaction, not to mention the local gossip that came out of the shop over the years. Tony has lived in Somerville, and in particular Winter Hill and Ten Hills section, for most of his life. The shop originally belonged to his father in Winter Hill.

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So, we were looking over the agenda for the Board of Aldermen meeting of last week and we noticed that Alderman Bob McWatters of Ward 3 only had a small handful of requests. We asked around and found out why. It seems as though he is on top of his ward and knows the issues.

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Happy birthdays this week to some of our Villen friends as well as friends of The Times this week: Our good friend and a great salesman, Joe Bolognese, who used to sell

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# 10 Years of celebrating Fluff and creativity

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Shenanigans stage, the epicenter of Fluff messiness with games such as Fluff jousting and a Fluff lick-off, was moved into a more visible location. Knucklebones replaced the inflatable bounce house to avoid long lines for children. This year's newbies, Brooklyn Boulders and Villari's Martial Arts Center, occupied an additional side stage.

Esther Hanig, the new Executive Director of Union Square Main Streets, headed up the planning of this year's Fluff Fest, her first. "It's a very rich event. A lot of moving parts and each moving part has its own detail," she said rushing to her office above The Independent, her walkie-talkie buzzing with chatter.

With about 45 vendors, there was no shortage of Fluff-inspired deliciousness. Less adventurous eaters could indulge in ubiquitous fluffernutters, Rice Krispies, and marshmallows on a stick covered in caramel and chocolate. Those with more intrepid tastes could visit the Fluff Fear Factor stand to challenge their palette with extreme concoctions of Fluff with tuna, corn, spam and Cheez-its. The Cooking Contest, made up of contributions from the community, included creations such as the pumpkin sriracha fluffernutters with tomato chutney and a chocolate fluffernutter noodle pudding. But the most coveted treats at the Fluff Fest came from Union Square Donuts with their special Fluffanutta' donut. The line to their stand stayed long for most of the event.

Local pubs also churned out some new Fluff specials. Brass Union put out Fluff-Ferneter with marshmallow vodka, Irish cream and coconut fluff foam and The Independent offered sweet potato fries with candied bacon topped with Fluff, and the fluffin' tart.

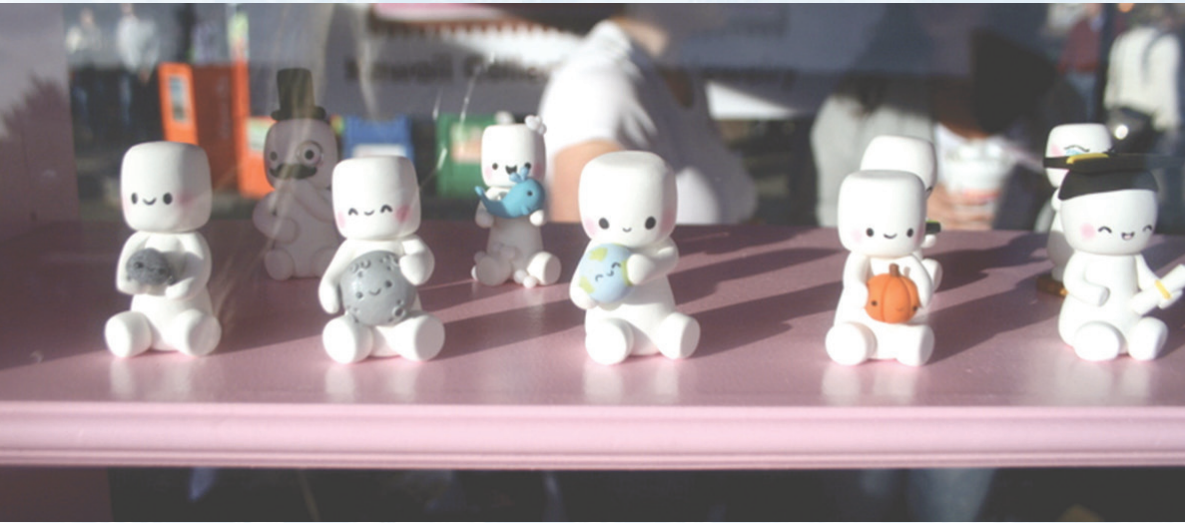
But some vendors and participants were a more natural fit for the Fluff Fest. Autumn Silva has al-

ways found marshmallows cute and huggable. Six years ago she decided to give the white sugary puff a personality. At the festival she displayed her collection of polymer clay "marshfellows," decorative 2-inch figures who are reading, cooking, and sledding. The organizers reached out to Silva last year inviting her to participate. "This year I was right on it," says Silva.

Ghostbusters, geared up with a toy figure of the Stay Puft Marshmallow Man and bulky proton packs, were some of the only costumed participants at Fluff Fest this year. Members of the unofficial Massachusetts Ghostbusters club, they mostly do charity work in children's hospitals. But for this Fluff Fest they took ghostbusting a notch up. David Silva, with the help of his three daughters, built a high-tech proton pack imitating the one from the new Ghostbusters movie being filmed in Boston. Vivian, 9, energetically showcased green ectoplasmic residue and psychomagnotheric pink slime. "We're just a bunch of fans having fun, living the childhood dream of being a ghostbuster," says Silva.

Delicious aromas of ethnic cuisines wafted from the stand of the Somerville Arts Council's Nibble program, which empowers immigrants to be culinary entrepreneurs and promotes food and culture as a driving force of economic progress. Louisa from Brazil, donning an intricate white bahiana dress, cooked Brazilian shrimp fritters and plantains. "This festival gives me an opportunity to show my talent," said Louisa.

With her first Fluff Fest under her belt, Hanig from the Union Square Main Streets is thrilled to be an integral part of the community. "I love this job, because the people in Union Square are so amazing. When we need tents, they lend us tents. Everyone works together."





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SPORTS

St. Clement girls soccer starts hard and fast

By Rebecca Danvers

Saint Clement High School girls varsity soccer program has started the season with a very impressive six and three record. The team consists of seventeen players and is led by first year coach Alyssa Murphy and third year coach Ryan Murphy. The team is a mix of girls from grade four to grade twelve. The Lady Anchors have been

led in stellar play from seniors Erika Lydon and Kathiana Monestime. Lydon is the team goalie and has had five shutouts through the first nine games, and she has an impressive 1.33 goals against average. Monestime has led the Lady Anchors in scoring so far this season with seven goals. The team hopes to make the state tournament in girls soccer for only the second time in school history.



The Lady Anchors star senior teammates Erika Lydon (left) and Kathiana Monestime (right).

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# Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. What are the top pumpkin-producing states in the U.S.?

2. What is the official currency of the Vatican City State?

3. Gerhard Schroeder of Germany, a 90s European Prime Minister, has had the most what?

4. The book, *A Life Less Ordinary* by M. Scott Peck, had the longest stay on the what?

5. Bob Hope was born in Craighton Road, Eltham in what year?

6. The U.S. sitcom *Dennis The Menace* was screened as what in the UK?

7. What was the world's first national park?

8. What was the occupation of Edith Cavell, who was shot by the Germans in WWI?

9. Who had a 1980s No. 1 hit with *Don't You (Forget About Me)*?

10. Who made the album *Honky Tonk Angels* with Dolly Parton and Tammy Wynette?

11. In *The Simpsons*, which Hollywood superstar provided Maggie's first word?

12. The Suez Canal connects the Mediterranean Sea to which other sea?

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New Master Model Builder

By Tom Bannister

Following an intense day-long competition, Malden resident and Sturbridge, Mass native Megan Quigley has been named the next Master Model Builder for LEGOLAND® Discovery Center Boston. The twenty-six-year-old turned her love of LEGO® bricks into a full-time, salaried job by beating several contestants over three rounds of construction challenges during Brick Factor held today at LEGOLAND® Discovery Center Boston and Assembly Row. As Master Model Builder, Megan Quigley will be responsible for all the LEGO® builds in the attraction including updating MINILAND®, teaching

the Master Builder Academy workshops, conducting media interviews and representing LEGOLAND Discovery Center Boston at events. Megan Quigley, who was formerly a duty manager at LEGOLAND Discovery Center Boston and a Brick Specialist at The LEGO® Store in Burlington, will begin her full-time position with LEGOLAND Discovery Center Boston next month. Megan becomes the third female to earn the title of LEGOLAND Discovery Center Master Model Builder. The first was Veronica Watson at LEGOLAND Discovery Center Westchester in June 2014 and second was Nakayama Kanna at LEGOLAND Discovery Center

Osaka in February 2015. "We are thrilled to have Megan as our new Master Model Builder," said David Gilmore, General Manager for LEGOLAND Discovery Center Boston. "We had a lot of great competitors today and it was definitely a tough decision. We were very impressed with Megan's creativity, building skills and interactions with the children during the Brick Factor competition." "This really is a dream job," said Megan Quigley, new Master Model Builder for LEGOLAND Discovery Center Boston. "I'm so excited to start this next chapter in my career where I can build with LEGO bricks all day and share my passion with all the visitors at LEGOLAND Discovery Center Boston."

Free basketball clinics

The Somerville High School Boys' Basketball Coaching Staff with partnership of the Somerville Recreation Commission will be providing six free basketball clinics at the SHS Field House.

All boys in Grade 4-8 are welcome. Clinics will run from 6:30-8:30pm.

Dates of the clinics are: Monday 9/28; Wednesday 9/30; Monday 10/5; Wednesday 10/7; Wednesday 10/14; Wednesday 10/21.

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# What's on Somerville Neighborhood News

Union United is a coalition of community organizations working to protect the interests of small business owners and residents who are at risk of being priced out of their neighborhoods. They recently hosted a forum on how to create development without displacement. More than sixty residents, city aldermen and candidates showed up to share their stories and concerns and to get support from the city officials.

Jose and Stephanie Garcia own Ebi Sushi on Somerville Ave. Located next to the Dunkin Donuts at the corner of Prospect St. their building is a prime redevelopment site. They continue to run their business under a cloud of uncertainty. "Our concern is information. What's going to happen to us? If there actually is development, how long is it going to take? We don't want to leave our customers. We don't want to leave Union Square," said Stephanie Garcia. Ms. Garcia noted that most of their customers are from the neighborhood.



Somerville High School student Bukhari Brown reminded the group that not only adults are affected by redevelopment, but kids are displaced as well. He shared his story of having to move out of Somerville with his family when rents became unaffordable. He has now returned to the city because they share a house with his grandparents. Bukhari said, "I want to be the voice of the kids who have to get up at 5am or the kids who just aren't in Somerville anymore."

Residents then turned the microphones over to the elected officials and candidates who expressed their support of the residents and their support for a Community Benefits Agreement or CBA between the city and US2, the Union Square developer.

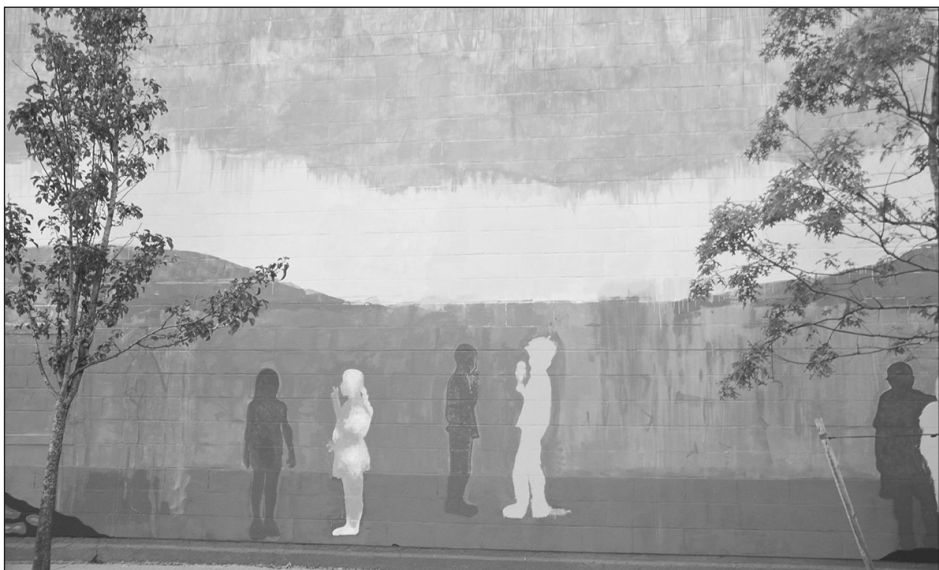
Aldermen White, Sullivan, McLaughlin and Niedergang pointed out the limited control that the Board of Alderman has over development. Ward 5 Alderman Mark Niedergang noted that under the Mayoral system in Somerville the Board of Alderman has limited power. But, he added they do control zoning and the budget. He also expressed his willingness to sponsor and support a resolution calling for a Community Benefits Agreement to be negotiated that is driven by the community.

Ward 1 Alderman Matt McLaughlin told the crowd, "It's about negotiation, it's about getting what we can for people in the neighborhood ... it's about getting what we need to survive."

Plans are currently being developed for two days of meetings between the developer and city representatives to frame a Community Benefits Agreement. The question remains, who from the community will have a seat at the table?

Somerville Neighborhood News is a production of Somerville Community Access Television, made by professional journalists, volunteers and staff. The half-hour news show has as its mission to provide a lively, informative newscast focusing on the events, issues and information impacting Somerville residents. Watch the episodes online at somervilleneighborhoodnews.org or on SCATV Ch.3 Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

# East Somerville mural painting event



Members of Somerville Overcoming Addiction and the general public joined in recently in painting a mural as part of East Somerville Main Streets and the Somerville Arts Council's mural design event. The stated goal of the event is to bring together a wide variety of community members and organizations to play a key role in developing a mural design that explores, celebrates, maintains and promotes East Somerville's identity at a time of change for the neighborhood. — Photos by Claudia Ferro

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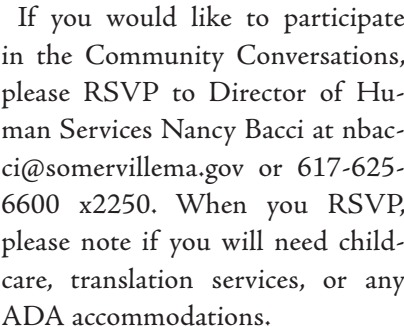
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## Haitian Coalition open house

Join in for an all-day open house information session in celebration of the re-opening of the Haitian Coalition service center on Monday, October 5, from 10:00 a.m. to 6 p.m. You can stop by anytime during the day for a personal tour of our newly renovated center and to learn about our upcoming service offerings and community partnership opportunities. Feel free to contact Lince at 617-625-6400 or via email, lince011@yahoo.com with any questions.

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# 14 agencies collaborate on annual day of giving

## GivingTuesday Somerville: GiveLocal 2015!

By Rebecca Danvers

The Somerville nonprofit community has once again embarked upon a journey of collaborative fundraising - GivingTuesday Somerville: GiveLocal. This holiday season, 14 nonprofit organizations are joining forces to collaborate on a second-annual joint fundraising effort as part of the international GivingTuesday program. GivingTuesday is an annual global day of giving that helps to raise funds and awareness for important causes everywhere. In our community, this effort is comprised of a series of events , where each partner organization is highlighted for a week throughout the fall. All fourteen participating agencies are partnering to raise aware-

ness and funds for each other in a truly collaborative awareness and fundraising effort! GivingTuesday Somerville: GiveLocal will host a celebratory event on December 1st at the Center for the Arts at the Armory in Somerville. This collaborative fundraising effort will help to raise \$50,000 for the participating nonprofit community of Somerville.

Participating organizations include:

- Community Action Agency of Somerville
- Groundwork Somerville
- Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers
- Mystic Learning Center
- Respond, Inc.
- Second Chances
- SCM



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Boys and Girls Club of Middlesex County  
Somerville Community Access Television (SCATV)  
Somerville Community Corporation  
Somerville Homeless Coalition  
Somerville Local First  
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takes place between September 28 and December 1, 2015. Please watch as we highlight the important work of our

partner organizations on social media, in the press, and on our websites! Please share widely. We ask that residents, businesses, neighbors and friends look to our website for more information and become a GivingTuesday Somerville: GiveLocal sponsor today! Give a little more this season. #GiveMoreSomerville

To become an event sponsor, please email [jen@3gracesproductions.com](mailto:jen@3gracesproductions.com). Donations can be sent to Groundwork Somerville, 24 Park Street #7, Somerville,

MA 02143. Please note GivingTuesday Somerville in the memo line.

GivingTuesday Somerville is a collaborative fundraising initiative of: SCM + Mystic Learning Center + Somerville Local First + Second Chances + RESPOND + Groundwork Somerville + Boys & Girls Clubs + Somerville Community Corporation + SCATV + Arts at the Armory + MAPS + The Welcome Project + Somerville Homeless Coalition + Community Action Agency of Somerville.

## Francis and the path of love

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control, which do not exist in the Bible, became a Church tenet only on December 31, 1930.

Jesus said nothing against homosexuality. And the Jewish and Christian scriptures are both silent on the matter of abortion.

The Church has repudiated a variety of doctrines that contravened Jesus’ love, but which in past centuries were reinforced more brutally than the foregoing prohibitions are today. So it is reasonable to question whether today’s hurtful doc-

trines are eternal.

Francis told those who heard his homily at the Basilica to “Embrace life as it is, and not as you think it should be.” Heeding his own admonition, Francis must work with the Church, as it is, while doing what he realistically can to make it *what it should be*.

So when asked about homosexuality among priests, he did not repudiate Church doctrine. Nor did he repudiate Jesus’ love by reciting Church doctrine. He

said, “Who am I to judge?” Since who he is, is the Pope, the implications are profound.

In contrast, it is difficult for me to believe religious and political fundamentalists when they say they are guided by love. Some, for example, will insist that an undifferentiated mass of cells is a human being that cannot be aborted. Others will deny that an unborn child that has achieved some measure of consciousness is a human being worthy of life.

It seems to me that the love that Francis expounds would guide us to listen to each other and to the *scientific* evidence that is God’s creation. Doing so could produce caring solutions that reject both extremes, whether or not Francis is institutionally capable of accepting those solutions.

All of us in our own ways face both Francis’ dilemma and his opportunity because each of us functions within institutions that constrain what Abraham

Lincoln called “our better angels.” Our daily challenge is to confront what the institutions are with what they realistically could be.

Thinking about how we do that, I remember a conversation I had with Junot Diaz at a *Somerville Times* Writers Festival a few years ago. When I asked him to write a *dicho* in my copy of his novel, he wrote: “*El sendero del amor es el único*.” That is, the path of love is the only one.

### Newstalk

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**Val-Pak coupons here in Somerville is celebrating. A nice guy and, again, he was recognized as one of the top sellers in the network. Happy birthday, Joe.**

Bob Publicover, the former owner/publisher of *The Times/News*, who passed away a couple of years ago, would be celebrating his birthday this week. We know he’s looking down from upstairs and watching out over his favorite place Somerville. Best wishes from all of us at *The Times* and the many friends you left behind here as well.

**There’s a new web site in town. Check it out at [www.somervillema.com](http://www.somervillema.com). The Somerville Times is on the site. Also check out [www.medfordma.com](http://www.medfordma.com).**

There’s still time to register for evening classes at the Somerville Adult Evening School. Register in person at Somerville High School located at 83 Highland

Ave, SHS Main Office from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. or check them out online at [www.somerville.k12.ma.us/eveningschool](http://www.somerville.k12.ma.us/eveningschool). Classes begin: Tuesday, September 29 and/or Thursday, October 1, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Classes include: Academic Recovery, Drivers Ed. Sewing, Computers, Spanish, ESL, Real Estate License, Medical Interpretation and for the following special Zumba or YOGA 5 classes for \$25 or walk in \$7 Why not enroll and begin your fall learning something new. Real Estate 40 hour license course offered by the school for more than half of what the cost is elsewhere. Hurry and register in person or call the school for further information at 617 625-6600 ask for “evening school.”

**Word of the Week – Narcissistic personality disorder. Definition by Mayo Clinic Staff: Narcissistic personality disorder is a mental disorder in which people have an inflated sense of their**

**own importance, a deep need for admiration and a lack of empathy for others. Sound familiar?**

Our 40th annual Best of Somerville Awards will be done in October. A ballot will be in the paper, so make sure you fill it out and let us know who you like the best in the many categories offered. If you don’t see a category you would like listed and want to nominate someone in it, feel free. Best of Somerville is done every year. You can go online to our website and check out previous winners, and maybe they will still be this year?

**We hope our good friend, a nice guy, Rick Willette is better soon, back on his feet, and back to work at the DPW. Rick returned home from the hospital recently after having surgery.**

Also, our best wishes go out to a great guy and all around Somerville man who

is in his 90’s, Irving Johansen, who was recently in MGH and is now home recuperating. We wish him well and hope he gets back on his feet real soon.

**Alderman At Large and Attorney Bill White has moved his office to Davis Square. He is now located at 402 Highland Avenue. He’s sharing offices with Attorney Edwin Smith and Neil Berman. Three great attorneys here in Somerville. We wish Bill the best of luck in his new digs. We guess he heard Davis Square was the place to be, with all the restaurants.**

For all you vegans out there, a new shop has opened up in the past couple of weeks, selling vegan donuts and other assorted pastries as well as tacos. It’s a couple of doors down from our favorite coffee shop, True Grounds in Ball Square. The donuts are wicked awesome and will be a big hit here in Somerville.

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH  
Wednesday|September 30

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

**Central Library**  
Somerville Reads Book Talk: The Martian  
Marita Coombs-617-623-5000 x2942  
7 p.m. - 8 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

**Thursday|October 1**

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

**Central Library**  
Lego Club  
Cathy Piantigini  
617-623-5000 x2950  
3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.| 79 Highland Avenue

**West Branch Library**  
Lego Club: Somerville Reads Space Challenge!  
Annamarie Almeida-617-623-5000 x2977  
3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.|40 College Avenue

**Central Library**  
Middle School Writers’ Den  
Alan Ball-617 636-9033  
6 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

**Central Library**  
Girl Scouts: Troupe Organization Meeting  
Kim Lambert-617-352-0148  
6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. 79 Highland Avenue

**Friday|October 2**

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

**Sunday|October 5**

**Central Library**  
To Mars and Beyond: Q&A with MIT Aerospace Engineers  
Cathy Piantigini-617-623-5000 x2954  
2 p.m. - 3 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

**Monday|October 5**

**Central Library**  
Sing Along with Matt Heaton  
Cathy Piantigini-617-623-5000 x2950  
11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|79 Highland Avenue

**Tuesday|October 6**

**Central Library**  
Homeschool Reading Group for Ages 12-14  
Tammy McKanan 617-591-0216  
9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

**Central Library**  
Eensie Weensie Spider Program with Regina Hansen  
Cathy Piantigini-617-623-5000, x2950  
3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**Wednesday|October 7**

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

**Central Library**  
Somerville Positive Forces  
Lovelee Heller-Bottari-617-625-6600 x4322  
1 p.m.-3 p.m.| 79 Highland Avenue

MUSIC|ARTS  
Wednesday|September 30

**Johnny D’s**  
Jeff Jam Dance Party  
Billy D & The Rock-its  
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**  
Jason Layne |9 p.m.  
Hidden Markov  
My Mothers Moustache  
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

**Arts at the Armory**  
The Long and the Short of It - Women in Film and Video  
7 p.m.|Cafe  
AniMATIC Boston  
7:30 p.m.|Cafe||191 Highland Ave

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

**Thursday|October 1**

**Johnny D’s**  
Bill Blumenreich Presents : ZACH SHERWIN  
Sarah Kay, Chris Duffy, and Elna Baker  
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Scattershot  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**P.A.’s Lounge**  
TBA  
Jackson  
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Minus World  
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**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 Street

**Arts at the Armory**  
Mari Black- “Fiddling Around the World”  
7:30 p.m.|Café  
Bowery Boston Presents: Darlingside with special guests  
8 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

**Friday|October 2**

**Johnny D’s**  
The Hoolios  
Demir Demirkan  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

**Sally O’Brien’s**  
The Vertical File |6 p.m.  
Baxter Wright, Leir, Trick Wallace Trio  
\$5 cover|9 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

**P.A.’s Lounge**  
sur5ill|8 p.m.  
Lambo

Klep  
KLOKWIZE  
The Family Dinner  
Backwards Zero  
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**  
Strange Changes with Somerville Symphony Orkestrar  
8 p.m.|255 Elm Street

**Arts at the Armory**  
A Friday Night Jazz Serenade with Rinat Tregerman & Priya Carlberg  
8 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

**Saturday|October 3**

**Johnny D’s**  
Jazz Brunch  
Lil Bee Dee & The Doo Rites  
Danielle Nicole (of Trampled Underfoot) + Liz Vice (Soul / Rock)  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

**Sally O’Brien’s**  
Stan Martin & Wicked Heart |6 p.m.  
The Condescendants \$5 cover|9 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**  
Back Room  
Fightin Fridays  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**P.A.’s Lounge**  
Miele  
Falling Birds  
The Maxims  
Elm Grove  
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

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

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

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

**Sunday|October 4**

**Johnny D’s**  
Jazz Brunch  
World Music/ CRASHarts presents:  
The Jones Family Singers  
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

**Sally O’Brien’s Bar**  
The Busted Jug Band|6:30 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

**Arts at the Armory**  
Brian Gordon Artist Reception  
1 p.m.|Cafe  
Trouble with a Capital T: Songs of Danger, Transgression, and River City  
2 p.m.|Performance Hall  
Special Evening with Kosi feat. To-masso Gambini - guitar  
5 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

**Davis Square Theatre**  
Shit-Faced Shakespeare|8 p.m.  
255 Elm Street

**Monday|October 5**

**Johnny D’s**  
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.  
Back Room  
Helena Delaney, Johnny O’Leary & Friends Irish Session  
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|October 6**

**Johnny D’s**  
Fruition (Folk-Rock, Americana, Soul, Blues)  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

**Sally O’Brien’s Bar**  
Honkytonk Masquerade|7:30 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**  
Front Room  
Jason Anick and the Swingers Swing/Jazz|8:30 p.m.  
Back Room  
Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan|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

**Arts at the Armory**  
One Man Breaking Bad: The Unauthorized Parody  
8 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

**Wednesday|October 7**

**Johnny D’s**  
Christiane Karam / Rakiya  
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  
Archie Fisher & Garnet Rogers|7:30 p.m.  
Comedy @ 10 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**P.A.’s Lounge**  
Faulke You  
Andrew Soucy  
Eddie Pinero and Chris Moreno  
Megan Burt  
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

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

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

CLASSES AND GROUPS  
Thursday| October 1

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

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

**Saturday|October 3**

**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|October 4**

**Central Library**  
To Mars and Beyond: Q&A with MIT Aerospace Engineers  
Cathy Piantigini-617-623-5000 x2954  
2 p.m. - 3 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

**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|October 5**

**Central Library**  
Chess Night  
7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**East Branch Library**  
Learn English at the Library!  
(Session 1) 6 p.m.-7 p.m.  
(Session 2) 7:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m.  
115 Broadway

**Tuesday|October 6**

**Central Library**  
Learn English at the Library!  
6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

**Wednesday|October 7**

**Central Library**  
Somerville Positive Forces  
Lovelee Heller-Bottari-617-625-6600 x4322  
1p.m. -3 p.m. 79 Highland Avenue

**Central Library**  
Board Game Night  
Ellen Jacobs-617-623-5000 x29  
7 p.m.-8:45 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.

**Attention!** The summer hiatus is over! Bowling, Dalcroze Eurhythmics, Yoga and Walking Group are back! Please call Chris Kowaleski at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 for more information on any of our Health & Wellness programs, start dates and times and for registration.

**The Moonlighters are back** – Running through June, 2016 – Somerville’s Swinging Singing Seniors will be meeting at our Holland Street Center from 10:30 – 11:30 every Monday. Sing One – Sing All – Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 if you require additional information.

**The Farmers Market** is back – Running through Friday, October 30. 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.

**Drop-in Creativity Time** - At Cross Street Center, 165 Broadway, with Connectionlab Artist Emily Bhargava on select Wednesday afternoons in October. Working with art materials generously donated through Beautiful Stuff in East Somerville, you can work with Emily to create a take-home art project. Wednesday, October 7 from 1-3 p.m. and Wednesday, October 21 from 1-3 p.m.

**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.

**Annual Health Fair** - Thursday, October 15th, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Holland Street. ALL CENTERS CLOSED FOR REGULAR PROGRAMMING. Information and demonstrations, as well as screenings for blood pressure, glucose, cholesterol, posture, and hearing. Random prize drawings all day. Keynote speakers: John Brusch, MD, and Daphne Schneider, MD.

**Fabulous array of vocal,** cabaret, and instrumental programs at Berklee School of Music. Dates: Monday, October 19th: “A Tribute to Jazz, Blues, and Good News; Thursday, October 22nd: Strings and Things; Tuesday, November 3rd: Vox One a cappella; Monday, November 9th: Classical and Jazz Chamber Music; Monday, December 7th: Cabaret showcase; Monday, December 14th:: Backgrounds and Beyond background vocal ensemble; and Tuesday, December 15th: Berklee Marimba Concerts 1 and 2. Space extremely limited. Please call Janine Lotti at (617) 625-6600, ext. 2300 for details and to sign up.

**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 transporta-

tion – 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. Halloween Super Bingo scheduled at our Ralph & Jenny Center for Wednesday, October 7th is SOLD OUT.

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

The Halloween Celebration at the Winter Hill Yacht Club scheduled for Monday, October 19th is SOLD OUT.

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

The Holiday celebration at the Winter Hill Yacht Club scheduled for Monday, December 14th is BOOKED SOLID.

The trip to Atlantic City scheduled for January 10th, 11th & 12th of 2016 is SOLD OUT.

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.

Bowling at Flatbreads has resumed on Wednesdays at 1:00 P.M.

**LGBT EVENTS:**

**LGBTQ Advisory Group** – Will not be meeting in October due to the Columbus Day Holiday. 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.

**LGBTQ Monthly Lunch** –Will not be happening in October due to the Columbus Day Holiday. This lunch happens the 2nd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies.

**LGBTQ Monthly “Movies To Come Out To”** – Monday, October 19th – 5:30 P.M. in the Atrium of our Holland Street Center. Yet to be determined dinner & movie. 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.

\*If you require additional information or have any questions regarding the LGBT Lunch, Dinner & Movie or the Advisory Group please contact Maureen Bastardi at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2316 or email her at MBastardi@Somervillema.gov.

**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 30**

10:00 English Conversation (C)  
10:00 Cards (RJ)  
11:30 Lunch (H, RJ, C)  
12:45 Bingo (RJ)  
1:00 Bowling at Flatbreads  
Bingo at Hanscom Air Force Base

**Thursday|October 1**

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)  
12:30 Let’s Get Healthy Lunch with Mimi (C )  
12:45 Bingo (RJ, H)

**Friday|October 2**

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

**Monday|October 5**

9:00 Walking & Talking Group (H)  
9:30 Veterans Group(H)  
10:30 Movie & Lunch (RJ)  
11:30 Lunch (H)

**Tuesday|October 6**

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

**Wednesday|October 7**

10:00 English Conversation (C)  
10:00 Cards (RJ)  
11:30 Lunch (H, RJ, C)  
12:45 Bingo (RJ)  
1:00 Bowling at Flatbreads

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# Annual Domestic Violence Vigil to be held October 7

By Tom Bannister

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone and the Somerville Commission for Women announce the Annual Candlelight Vigil in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month on Wednesday, October 7 at 6 p.m. at the Somerville Public Safety Building, 220

Washington St. The vigil walk begins at 6 p.m. through Union Sq., concluding with a speaking agenda at the Public Safety Building at 6:30 p.m.

The vigil is an annual event bringing the community together to remember those who have lost their lives over the last year to domestic violence. For more

information, contact Director of Somerville Commissions, Sonja Darai, at 617-625-6600 x2406 or SDarai@somervillema.gov. For more information about domestic violence, contact RESPOND at their Hotline number 617-623-5900 (TTY accessible for the hearing impaired), or visit [www.respondinc.org](http://www.respondinc.org).

## Corn Shucking Day!

In celebration of National Farm to School Month, Somerville Public Schools students are invited to shuck local corn alongside school staff, community partners, and parent volunteers on Thursday, October 1st. Farm fresh corn will be served at lunch at every school in the District that afternoon. Corn-shucking takes place at the Capuano, Brown, and every K-8 school in the District from 7:30 to 8:00 a.m. Interested volunteers should contact Karyn Novakowski at [knovakowskik12.somerville.ma.us](mailto:knovakowskik12.somerville.ma.us).

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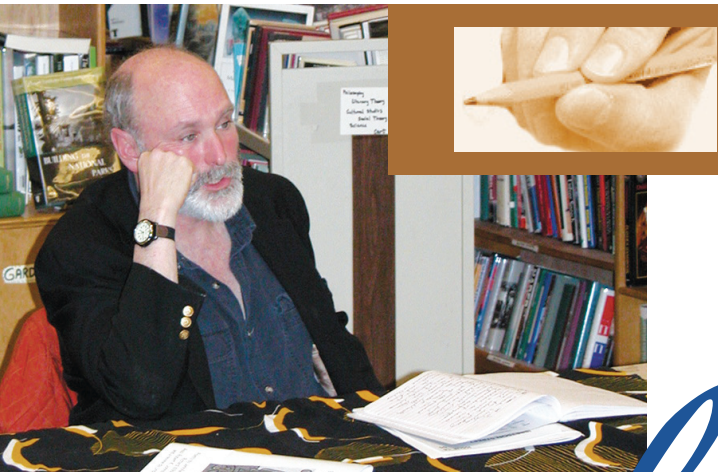
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6:00am	Life Matters	5:30pm	All Things Victorian	2:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	1:00pm	Somerville Film Group
6:30am	Shrinkwrap!	6:00pm	Color in your Life	3:00pm	Telemagazine	2:00pm	The Literati Scene
7:00am	The Struggle	6:30pm	SNN	4:00pm	The Somerville line	2:30pm	The Hollywood Show
7:30am	Somerville Neighborhood News	7:00pm	Taking Back your Health (Live call-in)	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol	3:00pm	Exercise With Robyn
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	7:30pm	Let's talk about Real Estate	6:00pm	Energy Theater	3:30pm	Maps
9:00am	Legacies	8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou (Live call-in)	7:00pm	JuPrey Productions	4:00pm	Free Speech Television
9:30am	All Things Victorian	9:30pm	Henry Parker Presents	8:00pm	David Pakman (Free speech TV)	5:00pm	Telegalaxie
10:00am	Color In your Life	10:00pm	Throwback Thursday!	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	6:00pm	Public Access Block
10:30am	Rare Groove Revolution	11:00pm	Rare Groove Revolution	10:00pm	Open Line News with Davey D	7:00pm	Abugida TV
11:00am	Chef's Table Series	<b>Friday, October 2</b>		11:00pm	Gay News USA (Free Speech TV)	8:00pm	The Somerville Line
12:00pm	Free Speech TV	6:00pm	Eckankar	<b>Sunday, October 4</b>		9:00pm	Dedilhando Au Saudade
1:30pm	Physician Focus	6:30pm	Healthy Hypnosis	6:00am	Program Celebrai	10:00pm	Bate Papo Com Shirley
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3:30pm	Health is Wealth	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	<b>Tuesday, October 6</b>	
4:00pm	Free Speech Television	9:00am	Energy Theater	10:00am	Eckankar	6:00am	Art At Scat
5:00pm	Program Celebrai	10:00am	The Somerville Line	10:30am	Life Matters	6:30am	Esoteric Science
6:00pm	Haitian Poetry	11:00am	Henry Parker Presents:	11:00am	Chef's table Series	7:00am	JuPrey Promotions
7:00pm	Meet the Merchants	11:30am	MAPS	12:00pm	Baystate Biking news	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
7:30pm	MAPS on TV	12:00pm	Free Speech TV	1:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	9:00am	Chef's Table Series
8:00pm	Somerville Pundits	1:00pm	Health is Wealth	1:30pm	Let's Talk Real Estate!	9:30am	Eat Well Be Happy
8:30pm	Fallon's Daily Toast	1:30pm	Hollywood Makeover show	2:00pm	Legacies - A SCATV Production	10:30am	Cooking with Georgia and Dez
9:00pm	Bay State Biking News	2:00pm	Dead Air Live	2:30pm	Life Matters	11:00am	Road to Recovery
10:00pm	Hollywood Makeover Show	3:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	3:00pm	JuPrey Promotions	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show
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11:00pm	Visual Radio	5:00pm	Haitian Poetry	5:00pm	Dead Air Live	1:30pm	Somerville Pundits
<b>Thursday, October 1</b>		6:00pm	Bay State Biking news	6:00pm	Abugida TV	2:00pm	Exercise with Robyn
6:00am	JuPrey Promotions	7:00pm	All things Victorian	7:00pm	African Television Network	2:30pm	Healthy Hypnosis
7:00am	The Struggle	7:30pm	Reeling The Review	8:00pm	Tele Magazine	3:00pm	Taking Back Your Health
7:30am	The Literati Scene	8:00pm	Public Domain Movie Block	9:00pm	Effort Pour Christ	3:30pm	Physicians Focus
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9:00am	Esoteric Science	11:00pm	Acronym TV (Free Speech TV)	10:30pm	Rare Groove Revolution	5:00pm	Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer
9:30am	Somerville Pundits	11:30pm	The Literati Scene	11:00pm	Henry Parker presents	5:30pm	The Literati Scene
10:00am	Dead Air Live	<b>Saturday, October 3</b>		<b>Monday, October 5</b>		6:00pm	The Struggle
11:00am	Somerville Pundits	6:00am	Program Celebrai	6:00am	Health is Wealth	6:30pm	SCATV: The Library
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1pm-3pm	SCATV Cooking Bloc	9:00am	Festival Kreyol	7:30am	Reeling the Review Show	8:00pm	Dead Air Live
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<b>Wednesday, September 30</b>		9:30pm:	SomerViva en Español Septiembre 2015	1:55pm:	ADA 25th Anniversary Celebration	12:31am:	SomerViva en Español Septiembre 2015
9:00am:	Pity Party in Union Square	9:49pm:	The Mayor's Report	2:49pm:	Community Path Ribbon Cutting	12:51am:	Pity Party in Union Square
12:00pm:	School Committee Meeting	10:20pm:	What the Fluff?	6:30pm:	SomerViva em Português	1:21am:	Union Square Walking Tour - 9.20.15
3:00pm:	Aldermen at Work	<b>Friday, October 2</b>		7:00pm:	The Mayor's Report	9:00am:	What the Fluff
3:31pm:	SomerViva em Português	12:00am:	9/11 Vigil - 2015	7:26pm:	Connecting Communitites	9:30am:	The Mayor's Report
6:30pm:	Pity Party in Union Square	12:30am:	Pity Party in Union Square	8:00pm:	ADA 25th Anniversary Celebration	12:00pm:	ADA 25th Anniversary Celebration
7:00pm:	9/11 Vigil - 2015	1:00am:	Union Sq Civic Advisory Meeting	9:00pm:	Community Path Ribbon Cutting	12:53pm:	Connecting Communitites
7:30pm:	SomerViva en Español Septiembre 2015	9:00am:	The Mayor's Report	9:24pm:	Somerville Boxing Club Fight Night	1:30pm:	What the Fluff
8:00pm:	SomerStreets: Strike Up the Bands	12:00pm:	What the Fluff	<b>Sunday, October 4</b>		2:00pm:	9/11 Vigil - 2015
8:30pm:	The Mayor's Report	12:30pm:	ADA 25th Anniversary Celebration	12:05am:	The Mayor's Report	2:14pm:	The Mayor's Report
8:55pm:	Connecting Communitites	1:23pm:	Somerville Boxing Club Fight Night	12:31am:	Haitian Community Engagement	2:40pm:	The History of Agriculture in Somerville
9:23pm:	Haitian Community Engagement	4:04 pm:	Community Path Ribbon Cutting	2:01am:	9/11 Vigil - 2015	<b>Tuesday, October 6</b>	
<b>Thursday, October 1</b>		6:30pm:	SomerStreets: Strike Up the Bands	2:16am:	Aldermen at Work	12:00am:	SomerViva em Português -
12:00am:	SomerViva en Español Septiembre 2015	7:00pm:	SomerViva em Português	2:47am:	The History of Agriculture in Somerville	12:30am:	Open Air Circus
12:30am:	SomerStreets: Strike Up the Bands	7:30pm:	9/11 Vigil - 2015	9:00am:	The Mayor's Report	2:30am:	Somerville Boxing Club Fight Night
1:00am:	The Mayor's Report	8:00pm:	What the Fluff	12:00pm:	Senior Circuit Sept. 2015	9:00am:	SomerStreets: Strike Up the Bands
1:25am:	Aldermen at Work	8:30pm:	Haitian Community Engagement	12:31pm:	Aldermen at Work	9:16am:	ADA 25th Anniversary Celebration
1:57am:	9/11 Vigil - 2015	10:00pm:	Community Path Ribbon Cutting	1:03pm:	Somerville Boxing Club Fight Night	12:00pm:	Senior Circuit Sept. 2015
2:12am:	Somerville Boxing Club Fight Night	<b>Saturday, October 3</b>		3:44pm:	Haitian Community Engagement	12:31pm:	Connecting Communitites
9:00am:	ADA 25th Anniversary Celebration	12:00am:	SomerViva en Español Septiembre 2015	6:30pm:	SomerViva em Português	1:00pm:	The Mayor's Report
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8:00pm:	Union Square Walking Tour	1:30pm:	The Mayor's Report	12:00am:	Senior Circuit Sept. 2015		

## Educational TV 15 Schedule

<b>Wednesday, September 30</b>		9:00pm:	SHS Boys Soccer v Malden	1:00pm:	Our Schools, Our City -	10:00am:	SHS Boys Soccer v Billerica
9:00am:	Our Schools, Our City - Whole Child Education	10:30pm:	SHS Boys Soccer v Andover		Whole Child Education	12:00pm:	SHS Boys Soccer v Masconomet
10:00am:	SHS Girls Soccer v Lowell	<b>Friday, October 2</b>		2:00pm:	SHS Boys Soccer v Masconomet	2:00pm:	SHS Football v Malden
12:00pm:	SHS Football v N. Reading	12:00am:	Our Schools, Our City -	4:00pm:	SHS Girls Soccer v Lowell	5:00pm:	Our Schools, Our City -
2:00pm:	Connecting Communities		Whole Child Education	6:00pm:	Connecting Communities		Whole Child Education
3:00pm:	SHS Boys Soccer v Billerica	12:30am:	SHS Football v N. Reading	7:00pm:	SHS Football v Malden	5:30pm:	Connecting Communities
5:00pm:	Our Schools, Our City -	2:30am:	Public Domain Theater - October	10:00pm:	Our Schools, Our City -	6:00pm:	SHS Boys Soccer v Billerica
	Whole Child Education	9:00am:	SHS Girls Soccer v Lowell		Whole Child Education	8:00pm:	SHS Boys Soccer v Masconomet
6:00pm:	SHS Girls Soccer v Lowell	11:00am:	Our Schools, Our City -	10:30pm:	SHS Boys Soccer v Masconomet	9:30pm:	SHS Football v Malden
8:00pm:	SHS Football v N. Reading		Whole Child Education	<b>Sunday, October 4</b>		<b>Tuesday, October 6</b>	
10:00pm:	Connecting Communities	12:00pm:	SHS Football v N. Reading	12:00am:	SHS Girls Soccer v Lowell	12:00am:	SHS Boys Soccer v Masconomet
10:30pm:	SHS Boys Soccer v Billerica	2:00pm:	SHS Boys Soccer v Masconomet	2:00am:	Public Domain Theater - October	2:00am:	SHS Boys Soccer v Billerica
<b>Thursday, October 1</b>		4:00pm:	SHS Girls Soccer v Lowell	9:00am:	SHS Football v Greater Lawrence	9:00am:	SHS Girls Soccer v Lowell
12:00am:	SHS Football v N. Reading	6:00pm:	Our Schools, Our City -	12:00pm:	SHS Football v N. Reading	11:00am:	Our Schools, Our City -
2:00am:	SHS Girls Soccer v Lowell		Whole Child Education	2:00pm:	SHS Football v Malden		Whole Child Education
9:00am:	Connecting Communities	7:00pm:	SHS Football v N. Reading	5:00pm:	SHS Girls Soccer v Lowell	12:00pm:	SHS Football v N. Reading
10:00am:	SHS Boys Soccer v Brockton	10:00pm:	Our Schools, Our City -	7:00pm:	SHS Football v Greater Lawrence	2:00pm:	SHS Boys Soccer v Masconomet
12:00pm:	SHS Boys Soccer v Malden		Whole Child Education	10:00pm:	SHS Football v N. Reading	4:00pm:	SHS Girls Soccer v Lowell
1:30pm:	SHS Boys Soccer v Andover	10:30pm:	SHS Football v Malden	<b>Monday, October 5</b>		6:00pm:	Our Schools, Our City -
3:00pm:	Our Schools, Our City -	<b>Saturday, October 3</b>		12:00am:	SHS Football v Malden	7:00pm:	SHS Football v N. Reading
	Whole Child Education	1:00am:	SHS Football v Malden	3:00am:	SHS Girls Soccer v Lowell	9:00pm:	Our Schools, Our City
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6:00pm:	Connecting Communities	9:00am:	Connecting Communities		Whole Child Education	12:00am:	SHS Football v Greater Lawrence
7:00pm:	SHS Boys Soccer v Brockton	10:00am:	SHS Football v Malden	9:30am:	Connecting Communities	2:30am:	SHS Boys Soccer v Malden



OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Film review of ‘Black Mass’

Our guest columnist this week is Somerville resident William Falcetano. He chimes in on the new film “Black Mass” that concerns the notorious Whitey Bulger.

Film Review of *Black Mass*  
By William Falcetano

Watching this film was a unedifying experience, though I think that was the director’s purpose – not to glamorize, but to cast a cold light on crime, brutality, venality.

The actor who played John Connolly – Joel Edgerton – almost stole the show from Johnny Depp. His performance was nothing short of amazing; he captured the swagger and the arrogance of the real John Connolly – as well as the look, the hair, the suits. At the core of this sad story is the star-struck hero-worship Connolly has for Jim Bulger (a boy-hood friend from the Old Harbor Village projects of South Boston).

Edgerton shows us not only Connolly’s admiration for the Irish-American mobster (tinged by a bit of tribal rivalry against the “damned dagos” running the mafia in the North End), but also his venality: “I can help you and you can help me”, he says in his pitch to Bulger when they first meet on a lonely pier overlooking Boston Harbor. Later they drink a toast to “success”: two Southie boys, “project rats”, make it big.

They all had “The Look” of their real-life originals, even the strange but mesmerizing face of Jesse Plemons captured something of Keven Weeks, a professional pugilist and Bulger’s feared driver and bodyguard. The unflattering banlon shirts, the state trooper sunglasses, the cowboy boots – these were all copied faithfully from their real-life originals like a Dutch master painting. The accents too passed muster by my ear.

Benedict Cumberbatch played a sly, deft, and clever William “Billy” Bulger, just as decisive and just as cold and tough as his brother. Again, few liberties were taken; it was a spare performance but all the more effective due to the economy of word, action, movement.

Depp’s portrayal of Bulger was nothing short of a masterpiece of acting. Icy, menacing, tightly coiled violence, yet undeniably charming, but in a deeply unsettling way. It might prove to be the highpoint in his brilliant career so far.

They were all believable – even Kevin Bacon, who manages to get into all of these movies (he was in *The Departed*, and *Mystic River*). He had the gray-on-gray look of the slouch-shouldered, overworked government bureaucrat just trying to get the job done but finding himself outfoxed by a Southie boy who played the game by his own rule book. All the FBI scenes take place in a brutalist concrete maze of offices and hallways lit by the harsh glare of florescent lights, while the Winter Hill gang is embedded in smoky pubs and triple deckers, hemmed in by claustrophobic, narrow hallways.

Of course the dinner table scene in which John Morris gives up the family secret recipe was stolen from the famous *Goodfellas* original, in which Joe Pesci asks Ray Liotta “How am I funny?” Even the killing of John Callahan in Florida steals from the scene in *Goodfellas* where the camera moves in slowly on the innocent-looking Cadillac in the early morning light only to reveal the dead body inside.

The whole movie was like a Dutch masterpiece – a brilliant copy of an Italian Renaissance original – but clearly in its own distinctive hand and subdued style. The director, Scott Cooper, has been credited with making an “elegantly understated” crime drama. I agree. The documentary style was justified by the



A scene from *Black Mass*.

fact that this was not a fictionalization of the Winter Hill gang, as previous movies had been, but a dramatic depiction of real events that were known to have happened, down to the nap Bulger took after he strangled Deborah Hussey, the girlfriend of his confederate Steven “the Rifleman” Flemmi – who stands by helpless to watch his partner in crime ring the life out of her. Then he’s told to bury her in the basement. Everything in this movie was carefully lifted out of the public record and was served up without much embellishment. It was as if the director had said: Just the facts will do – the facts will tell the story; you can’t “improve” on them, so let them speak for themselves.

The film also managed to capture the US versus THEM (South Boston vs. “Cambridge”) dynamic in the thinking of John Connolly and the brothers Bulger – the Southie boys. That “townie” attitude, which was so in evidence in the busing fiasco of the 1970s, still managed to fuel the Bulger story from the 1970s into the 1990s. It’s as if it were the price – a price – Boston had to pay for its long history of discrimination against, and ghettoization of, Irish Catholics (and no one paid that price more than the Irish-American communities in places like South Boston, Charlestown, and Somerville).

Finally what about the actress with the improbable yet beguiling name Juno Temple? Wasn’t she channeling Marisa Tomei from *My Cousin Vinny*? And the other women – all brilliant, including the actress who played Ma Bulger – but all had minor roles in what was essentially a movie about men and their misdeeds. Women’s roles range from mother (Erica McDermott) to wife (Julianne Nicholson as Connolly’s wife Marianne) to mistress (Dakota Johnson plays Lyndsey Cry, Bulger’s mistress and mother of his son) to whore (Juno Temple). All of these performances were strong to excellent, as were those of all the male supporting and minor roles.

There were inevitable omissions – but these are not critical; the violence was graphic but not dwelled upon (as other directors have done in previous efforts to treat the same material). The criticism of Jay Carney, James Bulger’s brilliant defense attorney, that the movie failed to tell the story of the widespread corruption of the FBI (there being many more people on the payroll than the two miscreants who had speaking parts in the movie – John Connolly and John Morris) is allayed somewhat by a brief reference to all the many people who had to be paid off to keep things running smoothly as thick wads of twenty-dollar bills are run through counting-machines and stuffed into envelopes. This is the closest Scott Cooper gets to explaining why these terrible things happened. Instead he opts merely to show us how they happened, and leaves the deeper question of the ultimate cause of such abominable evil an unsolved mystery.

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Tanisha Torres is a student at Endicott College. She asks some very poignant questions about identity.



Where do I belong?

Where do I belong,  
  
when I go back home from school and people look at my funny  
and tell me I act “white”?

Where do I belong,  
  
when my ASL class final is to sign my favorite family vacation  
and I can’t even figure out how to tell them I don’t have one?

Where do I belong,  
  
when my family is so torn I can’t even make it to see everyone on  
my once most prized holidays?

Where do I belong,  
  
when my son can’t physically play with my generation’s new  
born kids because I decided to have a baby so young; and I can’t  
remember that last time I changed a diaper?

Where do I belong,  
  
when I’m at the supermarket and the cashier in North Beverly  
mistakes my debit card for food stamps?

Where do I belong,  
  
when I don’t fit in my kid’s classroom parent population?

Where do I belong,  
  
when I’ve been forced into the ‘adult’ mindset but I am still a  
child at heart?

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