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## Our endorsement for Ward 6 Alderman

By The Times Staff

Our endorsement for Ward 6 Alderman is Charles J. Chisholm. We urge voters in Ward 6 to read his literature, talk to him and visit his website to see his record of things done already as a former Alderman here in Somerville and, more importantly, what he stands for and what he believes an alderman should be.

Additionally, isn't it a sad state of affairs when there are virtually no races this year here in the city and only one primary election (more than two running)? A special day was sanctioned by the Board of Aldermen to have the primary on THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17. This is very unusual and to some of us here at *The Times* it's like having a "special election" because most primaries for local elections are held on the first or second Tuesday of September. We suppose the aldermen wanted to throw a curve this

year in the election process.

In Ward 6 the current retiring Alderman, Rebekah L. Gewirtz, is leaving office after serving ten years, and although we didn't always see eye to eye we thank her for her service to the community.

We are happy that there is a primary and there is – as we see it – a stark difference between the four candidates. Hopefully, the voters of Ward 6 have reviewed the four candidates thoroughly, read their literature, and the candidates themselves came knocking on your doors, giving you the opportunity to ask them the questions most concerning to you.

With the proper viewing of the candidates' stances on these issues, you will come out and help to select one of the two top vote-getters for the final election in November, along with the rest of the city.

Ward 6 is interesting, especially this year, with the high prices of homes in the city,



The *Somerville Times* endorses Charles J. Chisholm for the position of Ward 6 Alderman in the upcoming primary election on Thursday, September 17.

it is one area that is considered very high end, especially the closer you get to Davis Square. The city is changing in many ways and that's always good for a community. Change is what makes us grow, with new residents that want to

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## From prison to addiction recovery

By Patrick McDonagh

Keith LaPorta remembers his addiction's bottom: April 22, 10:17 a.m., arrested at 194 Pearl Street, Somerville, on a warrant charge of receiving stolen property over \$250 and felony daytime breaking and entering.

Broken promises of sobriety drove away two daughters and wife Sandra. His mother refused contact. His father, dead since 1988, fatally shot in the Somerville Police Station.

LaPorta returned to Billerica House of Corrections for his third stint, facing career criminal charges and potential twenty year jail-time. He lies sick, lonely, awake at night, observing sleeping cell mates and questioning, "I'm not going to be anything else besides a junky. I can't live life normal. I keep going to jail. What's the point of even living?" He scans the room, looking for a quiet place to hang himself.

In prison, LaPorta's methadone withdrawal exposed depression numbed by drugs since he was eleven years old. Marijuana and alcohol abuse at an early age escalated quickly. Oxycontin, crack cocaine, Suboxone, Klonopin,

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Keith LaPorta's journey from addiction to recovery has led him to Somerville Overcoming Addiction, an organization that lends hope and support to those most in need of it. — Photo by Patrick McDonagh

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

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This Saturday September 12th, the 15th Annual John T. Forcellese Memorial Fund Golf Tournament will be held at the Falmouth Country Club. To get more information go online at [www.johns-team.org](http://www.johns-team.org). A great event every year and a worthy cause. Get a group together and spend a nice day down on the Cape. It's too late to sign up but not to give a donation, and we wish all those who participate in the event a great time.

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We heard that several unions including the local city employees union (SMEA) endorsed a candidate in Ward 6, Lance Davis. According to his own literature he had nothing to do with unions, and even works at a company that shipped many of its jobs out of the country. The one candidate who was a union official, Charles Chisholm, was overlooked and never considered. We smell something fishy here. It makes you wonder, maybe something is wrong and unions just endorse for special reasons. Why would the SMEA endorse in a primary? What benefit does it do for the membership? What if the endorsement doesn't work?

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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 *Continued on page 11*

## TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

### Response to: Community

Gail Thornton says:

Lovely article, Bill. There are quite a few I can think of who need to take these things into consideration. Thank you for this.

A.Moore says:

As much as I hate to do this Bill I will have to agree with you 100% on this. And to add insult to injury you explained so much better than I could have. It is so much easier for us to understand having been there. And why we would like to have it back.

Ed Hearn says:

As relevant today as it was 7 years ago. Perhaps even more so. Totally right on.

Phil 2015 says:

"They often do so quickly. When an individual loses a job, a loved one, or their mind, they need the immediate help and comfort that a community can provide. In its absence, they endure the weary isolation that comes with applying for food stamps, waiting for Social Security to decide, or being trapped within a mental health system from which they may never emerge."

An excellent point, Mr. Sheldon.

Yours,  
Phil Mitza

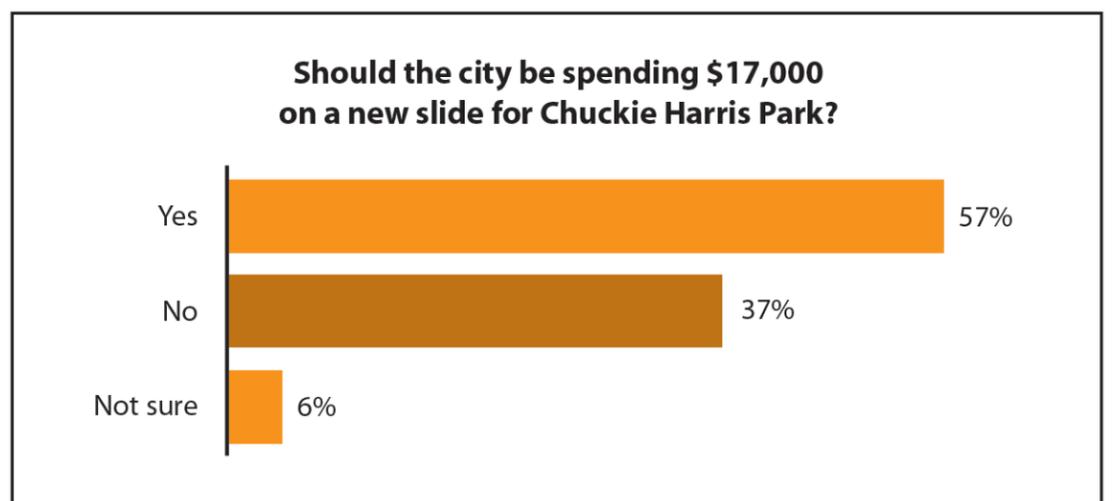
Rachel Klein says:

Yes, the type and quality of what constitutes "community" these days must be adjusted to fit the realities of where we are at in the present. This is hardly anything that is exclusive to Somerville. It is happening all across the country. All across the world, in fact. The entire human population is in a state of flux, perhaps more actively than ever before. Look at the current refugee issue occurring now in Europe and elsewhere. Locally, it is up to us, just as Bill indicated, to forge links between ourselves and create newer institutions and traditions that will help define who we are as a community. Unfortunately, this is also a time where extremely opposing political and social viewpoints do more to polarize us rather than bring us together. There was a time when compromise and cooperation was valued. Those were the good old days.

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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 or not the city should be spending \$17,000 on a new slide for Chuckie Harris Park. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto [TheSomervilleTimes.com](http://TheSomervilleTimes.com).



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# Facing up to the challenges of Green Line Extension funding

By Josie Grove

Last Sunday, Deborah Kaplan waited for the 88 bus to take her from Union Square to Lechmere. In a few years, the Green Line Extension could make her trip faster. But since the project has been projected to go nearly \$1 billion over budget, its future is becoming less certain. Kaplan is ambivalent. "I never particularly expected it to be on time," she says. "If it actually happens, I will be pleasantly surprised, but the buses are great."

State Representative Denise Provost thinks the project is urgent, because the buses are often unreliable. "For a lot of people, it comes down to 'Do I need to be punctual? Do I need to make sure that I'm more or less in control of my schedule?'" Buses in Somerville are liable to get stuck in the city's snarled traffic, and getting to the Red Line is inefficient for many Somervillians, she says. "If people in the city could just get on the Green Line..." mused the representative.

Since the early 1980s, the MBTA has been considering extending the Green Line into Somerville to alleviate traffic and air pollution. Somerville is particularly afflicted, says Provost. "Our roads were built before cars were commonplace, and we've got parking on both sides of most streets. Most of our transit is buses, which get terrifically delayed by being caught in surface traffic," she says. "And we

have very poor air quality. These things are related."

The Green Line project began in January 2013. The project was going according to plan, until the Massachusetts Department of Transportation announced a major budget shortfall last month. "The contractor's numbers were coming in higher than they should have been, and MassDOT has been engaged in trying to get a more reasonable quote," said Provost.

*"The contractor's numbers were coming in higher than they should have been"*

The project's costs are split between the Commonwealth and the Federal Transit Administration, after the project won a grant from the FTA in 2010. The FTA's contribution is capped at \$996 million, which at the time of the grant award represented half the project's \$1.992 billion cost. MassDOT now estimates the Green Line Extension will cost between \$2.6 and \$2.9 billion.

There are two main reasons for the increase over the 2010 quote, according to MassDOT. First, prices have increased because Greater Boston's building boom has increased demand for labor



State and local officials are determined to do everything they can to make sure that the Green Line Extension project continues through to its completion.

and construction materials. Second, the project designs were just 60% complete when the quote was given, and additional cost became apparent when the design was finished. Provost says the new price represents a conservative estimate, a worst-case scenario for the project. "It's deliberately calculated to be a high number, in order to gauge what the highest possible price for the project might be," she said.

The cost was adjusted upward more than once during the dependency of this project. In 2008, when the first big bond authorization for the GLX was put to a transportation bond bill, at that point the project was still under a billion. And that number has risen and been adjusted.

According to MassDOT, failure to build the extension could result in the U.S. Department of Transportation withholding funding. "The Commonwealth made a commitment to the government, as part of their federal funding for the Big Dig, that they would build the Green Line Extension to alleviate the congestion and poor air quality in Somerville," said Rep. Provost.

"In order to comply with the federal Clean Air Act, the state has to reduce surface ozone. In order to clean up the air, Eastern Massachusetts has to shift

more trips to transit from automobiles, because the Big Dig created additional road capacity. The federal requirement was that additional transit capacity be created," said Provost.

Provost says that economic modeling has shown that the Green Line Extension has the greatest air quality benefits and would eliminate the most car trips of any proposed mass transit project.

The MBTA has proposed four ways to deal with for the over-budget Green Line Extension. The first solution is reducing the scope of the project. This would include trying to find \$100M of cost savings, building smaller stations, and eliminating a maintenance and storage facility. MassDOT estimates that all these reductions would be at most \$317 million in savings, around a quarter of what is needed.

MassDOT is looking at other ways to come up with the money for the project. The state could look for more federal funding, or ask cities to shoulder some of the cost. The state could also look for money from institutions or private companies, such as Tufts University or the land developers. There is no certainty any of these requests would be successful.

The MBTA could stop the

project and open it to new bids from other contractors. This could reduce costs by attracting more competition, but savings are not certain. Further, the re-bidding process would delay the project at least a year.

Cancelling the project is an option, but counter-intuitively, the cost is significant. Cancelling the project would mean forfeiting the \$996 million FTA grant, and the state would risk a lawsuit because it would not be complying with the Clean Air Act.

"[MassDOT] Secretary [Stephanie] Pollock has been clear that all options have to be on the table," said Rep. Provost. "That said, I don't think that terminating the project would be the option of choice on the part of the administration."

"I think the option of choice is proceeding with the project along something closer to the financial terms we had all anticipated. I think this means looking hard at the details of the increase. I think it may possibly, and this is the sort of the worst-best case, and means going out to bid again," said the representative.

The MBTA's Fiscal and Management Control Board, the five-member board appointed in July by Governor Charles Baker, will take up the issue later this month.

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## 9/11 Vigil Walk

The City of Somerville invites all community members to join in the annual 9/11 Vigil Walk to honor those who lost their lives in the attacks on the World Trade Centers, the Pentagon, and on Flight 93 in 2001. The walk will step off from the Cedar St. end of the Community Path at 6 p.m. on Fri., Sept. 11, and end with a brief ceremony in Davis Sq.



# THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

## A good deal, and a good deal of jail time

Police received a call from the Loss Prevention Manager at the Saks Off 5th store on Canal St. last week, advising them that he was going to apprehend two males who were allegedly observed committing acts of larceny in the store.

Officers were subsequently dispatched to the store and waited outside until the suspects made their exit. The two men were

intercepted by the officers and taken back inside, into the store's Loss Prevention office.

The officers were advised that the two men had entered the store and selected 15 items, including men's clothing, sunglasses and a black Michael Kors handbag, valued at a total of \$869.52.

The two suspects then approached the checkout area

and one of the two men, Jordan Alves, of Pepperell, proceeded to present the items to the cashier.

Another store employee reportedly observed the cashier, Tracie Calder, of Everett, ring up only the case for the sunglasses while bagging the rest of the items as if they too had been paid for.

Calder then reportedly handed the bags with the items the

two men selected to Alves, along with some other bags that she had filled with other store merchandise earlier that day. These items reportedly included clothing and jewelry totaling \$760.48 in value.

When questioned by police, Alves was asked why he only paid \$15.10 for such a valuable collection of merchandise. Alves reportedly told police that he

thought he must have been getting a "good deal."

Alves was placed under arrest and charged with conspiracy and larceny over \$250 by false pretenses. He was also booked on a number of outstanding warrant charges.

Calder was likewise placed under arrest and charged with conspiracy and larceny over \$250 by false pretenses.

## SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

### Arrests:

**John McLean**, August 31, 9:24 a.m., arrested at Bowers Ave. on warrant charges of threat to commit a crime, disorderly conduct, and assault.

**Oscar Lopez**, of 51 Marshall St., September 1, 7:29 p.m., arrested at Marshall St. on warrant charges of miscellaneous municipal ordinance violation, carrying a dangerous weapon, and failure to stop or yield.

**Abdirahman Ghelle**, of 17 Greenville St., Roxbury, September 1, 9:32 p.m., arrested at Middlesex Ave. on a charge of

shoplifting by concealing merchandise.

**Patrick Janeiro**, of 31 Tufts Ave., Everett, September 2, 2:01 p.m., arrested at Highland Ave. on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

**Jordan Alves**, of 63 Mt. Lebanon St., Pepperell, September 2, 4:13 p.m., arrested at Canal St. on charges of conspiracy and larceny over \$250 by false pretenses, and on warrant charges of possession of a burglarious instrument, receiving stolen property over \$250, mis-

demeanor breaking and entering, receiving stolen property under \$250, and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

**Tracie Calder**, of 95 Nichols St., Everett, September 2, 5:37 p.m., arrested at Canal St. on charges of conspiracy and larceny over \$250 by false pretenses.

**Lais Lauzane**, of 12 North Franklin St., Lynn, September 4, 1:28 a.m., arrested at Myrtle St. on a charge of disorderly conduct.

**Jaime Munoz**, of 237 Trem-

ont St., September 4, 12:13 p.m., arrested at Webster Ave. on charges of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, operation of a motor vehicle with a revoked registration, resisting arrest, and uninsured motor vehicle.

**Bruce Perez**, of 178 Boston Ave., September 4, 7:31 p.m., arrested at Broadway on charges of receiving a stolen motor vehicle and larceny over \$250, and on warrant charges of destruction of property over \$250, larceny under \$250, conspiracy to violate drug law,

drug possession to distribute, destruction of property under \$250, and larceny over \$250.

**Juan Benito**, of 9 Tufts St., September 4, 8:08 p.m., arrested at Broadway on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

**Luo Siyuan**, of 30 Caldwell St., Charlestown, September 5, 5:54 p.m., arrested at McGrath Hwy. on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended registration, unregistered motor vehicle, and uninsured motor vehicle or trailer.

## From prison to addiction recovery CONT. FROM PG 1

Xanax; any mind altering substance he could buy, steal, and abuse became weekend recreation.

"I grew up watching my brothers use," LaPorta recalls his childhood exposure to addiction. "I looked up to my brothers, and they were doing drugs. My brother Jay always coming home and nodding out. I grew up seeing that stuff thinking it was normal."

Seventeen-year-old LaPorta, charged with breaking and entering while blackout high, robbed a police officer's home for drug money. Prison smuggled drugs perpetuated his addiction. "When I went into jail for the first time, that is where I was introduced to heroin," LaPorta says. "In jail I sniffed a bag of heroin and I instantly fell in love with it. It made all my problems go away; all of the emotions I was feeling. When you feel broken inside, depressed, your anxiety kicks in; you use a substance and it glues you back together. It makes you escape feeling." LaPorta attributes his family's dysfunction as a source of anger.

Left alone as a child, he could

hear his mother coughing behind closed doors. "My mom was forced to raise four kids on her own: me, my sister, and my two brothers. I was one year old when my dad [Franco LaPorta] was killed. My mother, she started using crack cocaine and other stuff because of it."

Twenty-six years old, returning to prison, kicking methadone, and ready to die, Laporta describes this moment as his bottom. Relapse after numerous recovery attempts, and half a lifetime of prison had broken him. An unexpected letter kept him going.

"The only thing that gave me hope was a letter out of nowhere from my brother. My brother told me, he said, 'I love you bro, you got to stop doing this, you've spent most of your life in jail. Pray to God. Pray to God and ask him to take the pain away. That is the only thing that will help.' So just having that little bit of support out there, knowing that someone still cared about me, gave me that little push that I needed. I tried praying, and believe it or not stuff started getting better. I started feeling

better after a month or two of kicking the methadone. I basically told myself, 'I am going to prove to everyone that I can do this.'" A surprise lawyer visit informed LaPorta of immediate transition to the Charlestown Recovery House.

A half-dollar sized scar is visible on his right hand wrist, where lit with a lighter in attempt at revival from heroin overdose. Metal piecing together his split lower jawbone hides under a clean-shaven face. LaPorta rolls the left leg of his jeans, exposing red chaffed skin and an ankle monitor. "I got out July 17th to a program." He says, "That is what started my journey into recovery." LaPorta currently works community outreach for Banyan Treatment center, is a co-founder of the community action group Somerville Overcoming Addiction, and is a resident of the Charlestown Recovery House graduate room. He shares his story performing spoken word poetry.

Laporta recognizes the addict's proximity to becoming a death statistic. "We don't have to be added to the numbers," he says. "I



share my experience with using drugs through my poetry as my way of giving back. I don't care what people think of me. The stigma? Yeah, there is a stigma. A lot of so-called normal people don't like junkies. I am a junkie, but I am also a brother, a father, a son, a cousin. I am somebody. So what I do when I get on that stage is I pour my heart out. I don't care what people think of me. I don't care about the stigma. That is why I am being a voice, to break the stigma."

Somerville Overcoming Addiction humanizes the statistic, by putting faces to names at their candlelight memorial vigil. The successful 2014 vigil publicly recognized lost loved ones

in a grieving process. They urge the public to understand that relapse is part of the recovery process, and not grounds for giving up hope.

Eight months sober, Keith LaPorta combats depression as a voice for addicts. He looks forward to an awkward tan line after getting his ankle monitor off within the month.

*Upcoming:*  
Annual Candlelight Memorial Vigil  
Tuesday September 15  
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## Our endorsement for Ward 6 Alderman CONT. FROM PG 1

take part in the process and older residents who welcome them and see a new beautiful Somerville for all of us.

Endorsements are funny, especially in this race. The various candidates receive certain endorsements from special interest groups, such as unions or other politicians, and then there is the local media and their endorsements. We hope you, the residents of Ward 6, read through all the endorsements – including ours – and come to a logical conclusion of what is best for you.

By now it's not that hard to figure out, but we are always on the side of the alderman who listens to constituents' concerns and follows through on them, making sure that the ever increasing city workers do their jobs and do what we, as residents, want.

An alderman is the first person in the chain of our local government here in Somerville who is making sure that basic services are being offered to all, and that taxes are being watched and overseen.

These are some of the reasons why we chose Mr. Chisholm. He is a math professor, is educated and knows the issues and what is expected of the position. We think that Chisholm will not be a rubber stamp for the administration, but that he will objectively vote for the residents of Ward 6. We think Chisholm is well versed in our community, knows the issues, and is familiar with City Hall and its various departments. We found him to be thoughtful and open to listening and able to come to a conclusion, and be what Ward 6 has been missing in an alderman for us, the residents – all the residents, new and old.

We hope you go to the polls on Thursday, September 17 and vote for Charles J. Chisholm for Alderman in Ward 6.

Check out his web site at [www.charlesjchisholm.com](http://www.charlesjchisholm.com), where he shows all four candidates that were interviewed by SCATV. Watch and compare for yourself.

## Dog Festival this weekend

The Somerville Foundation for Animals proudly presents the 5th annual Somerville Dog Festival this coming Sunday, September 13 at Trum Field at 1:00 p.m.

Once again, it will feature an exciting array of dog sports

demonstrations as well as a one-of-a-kind opportunity for the public to try these activities with their dogs. Admission is free but monetary donations as well as pet care items (including pet food, collars, leashes, carriers) will be accepted at the gate.

### Annual Candlelight Memorial Vigil



Somerville Overcoming Addiction will be hosting their second annual candlelight memorial vigil on September 15 at Somerville High School, 81 Highland Ave. All are welcome.

Please join in for a night of remembrance, healing and hope. Invite all of your friends and family. The vigil program is set to start at 7 p.m. Before the start of the program, between 6:15–7:00 p.m., it will be a time to connect with friends and family, visit resource tables, and get trained on overdose prevention and Narcan. There will be Narcan available for those who need it.

If you have a loved one who's name you would like to have read at the vigil please email it to [soavigil@gmail.com](mailto:soavigil@gmail.com) also you can send a picture along with the deceased's birth date and date of passing for a digital slideshow to [soavigil@gmail.com](mailto:soavigil@gmail.com).

# Debate over Lincoln Park renovation continues

By Mariya Manzhos

The City of Somerville's plan to install synthetic turf at Lincoln Park has spurred a vibrant discussion among a group of residents who wish to preserve the natural grass.

Over the last three weeks, the grass proponents gathered 671 signatures in support of keeping natural grass. The petition was presented at the Board of Aldermen meeting on August 27.

Jason Suderman, a local business owner and father of a child entering the Argenziano School, addressed the Board of Aldermen on behalf of the group, calling on the city to preserve "the largest continuous, totally natural public common space in Somerville."

"Many Somerville residents have had the singular opportunity of feeling natural grass between their toes. Through this park we can connect with the little natural preserve left in this densely populated city. How can we as a city condone the destruction?" said Suderman passionately in his address.

Since the Argenziano School was opened in 2007, Lincoln Park has seen significant wear and tear. Given the city's dense population and scarcity of open space, the field is being used by adult kickball teams, students from Newbury College and Lesley University and other teams from outside the city.

Jason Harty has owned a home on the street down from Lincoln Park since 2007 and recalls that only a few times has the entire field been filled with grass. "Whether poorly managed or overly loved, it's been heavily played on. I walk my dog there every day. It's always dusty and there are patches of dirt."

"What we have out there now is an incredibly substandard athletic surface, it is rutted, it is dangerous, there is all sorts of rocks and undulations out there. The kids are turning their ankles, the grass will not grow, it is a dust bowl. It is a sad state of affairs," says Cheri Ruane, Vice President at Weston & Sampson landscape design firm, which submitted one of the three proposals to install artificial turf at Lincoln Park.

The park was poorly engineered, according to a Weston & Sampson's assessment and didn't originally have a quality medium for the grass to grow.

While natural grass proponents agree that the field is in desperate need of repair, they



Many in the community feel that natural grass is the best way to go for the playing fields of Lincoln Park, while artificial turf proponents continue to press their case.

— Photo by Bobbie Toner

believe that by limiting the uses of the field and with proper care, grass can be a sustainable surface for the athletic and community needs of the park.

"Because we have a growing need in the city, we need to think more strategically and even a little bit more selfishly about how we use and allocate the ways that we use our open space. We need to prioritize," said Ward 2 Alderman Maryann Heuston at the Board meeting. She clarified that limiting access only to Somerville residents may sufficiently decrease the use and allow the preservation of grass.

*"What we have out there now is an incredibly substandard athletic surface"*

"It's an ill-conceived notion that the park should be a catch-all for the city's many sports programs, as well as many from the outside the city limits," said Suderman in the meeting.

Ruane from Weston & Sampson agrees that the field at Lincoln Park is over-permitted, but believes that turning the teams away is still not enough to keep the grass in the shape it needs to be in to meet the Somerville's increasing demands for the field's performance.

With soccer leagues, softball teams and the Argenziano's recess, the grass field will be dead in two years, Ruane estimates. Studies show that a natural grass athletic field can't endure more than 400-500 hours a year while remaining a safe surface to play on. In 2012, according to Ruane, Lincoln Park field was used around 2000 hours a year. "Even with restraining access to teams from outside the city and

adults, we'll be at around 1000 hours - you're still close to double of what natural grass can support," Ruane says.

Natural grass enthusiasts are also concerned with potential risks associated with toxicity of crumb rubber and the extreme high temperatures artificial turf reaches in the summer. Renee Scott, member of Green and Open Somerville, acknowledges that there are no conclusive studies about toxicity of artificial turf, but feels strongly about the issue of heat. "My son plays youth soccer on artificial turf. The other day it was high 80's and these boys who never want to be taken out of the game were begging their coach to sit down, because their feet were too hot," says Scott. To see for herself, she took a reading on the artificial turf hill at the base of the East Somerville community school on an 85 degree day and it showed 128 degrees.

Ruane, also a mother of two kids who attend the Argenziano School, says she would rather have her kids play on grass, but it's not an option for Somerville given the high demand of the field. "We'd rather design natural grass fields and we do so in communities that have the open space inventory," says Ruane.

According to Ruane, the decision to install natural turf prioritizes the healthy and active lifestyle of the community by ensuring the hours of play that are so necessary to prevent obesity. Ruane says they are trying to mitigate the concerns about toxicity of turf material and heated surface. The engineers are proposing to use non-toxic virgin rubber infill and a more reflective color of turf to lower the temperature.

According to the firm's proposal, 15% of Lincoln Park would be artificial turf while the other 85% of the park is ecologically ambitious.

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## Jimmy Del Ponte's Fall Programs



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## Local trophy contenders spotted at tournament



Local notables Mike, Chris and Judy Podymaitis are seen here checking out the trophy at the Deutsche Bank Championship, benefitting the Tiger Woods Foundation, that took place over the Labor Day holiday at TPC Boston in Norton, MA. Maybe they are taking measurements for over the fireplace someday?

## Preliminary city election on September 17

The 2015 Preliminary City Election will be held on Thursday, Sept. 17, and only residents in Ward 6 will be casting ballots that day.

There are four candidates running for Ward 6 Alderman that will be on the ballot in the Preliminary Election. There are no other races with enough candidates for a Preliminary Election. The Ward 6 Alderman candidates are, in ballot order:

- Elizabeth Weinbloom
- Charles Chisholm
- David Lieberman
- Lance Davis

Polling places for Ward 6 residents are:

- Precinct 1: John F. Kennedy School, 5 Cherry St. - Sartwell Avenue Entrance.
- Precinct 2: Somerville Community Baptist Church, 31 College Ave.

- Precinct 3: Holy Bible Baptist Church, 14 Chapel St.

The two candidates with the highest vote totals in the Preliminary Election will move on to the General Election on Tuesday, Nov. 3. All residents who are registered to vote can vote in the General Election, which will be for all Somerville municipal offices: Mayor, Alderman at-Large, Ward Alderman and School Committee. The deadline to register to vote in the General Election is Wednesday, Oct. 14.

Residents can find information about registering to vote and can look up their polling place on the Election Department's website at [somervillema.gov/elections](http://somervillema.gov/elections). Questions may be directed to the Elections Department by calling 617-625-6600 ext. 4200 or emailing [elections@somervillema.gov](mailto:elections@somervillema.gov).

## Lincoln Park

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The engineers plan to capture and filter storm water and use it to build rain gardens and allow adventure play in an outdoor classroom. The plan also involves planting an additional 150 trees. "The park is going to be so much more ecologically strong and in support of what can be green and open Somerville," says Ruane.

But Alderman Heuston remains skeptical. With the school on one side and dense neighborhood on the other, what happens at Lincoln Park will have an immediate impact on that neighborhood. She is afraid that the artificial turf field may change the park's character by making it a de facto athletic facility constantly occupied by the teams.

"We're asking the city to take a step back and be more thought-

ful about how we use open space in this city, rather than jumping into things because we have a need and we have to accommodate it and do the most expedient thing that we can do," said Heuston at the meeting.

City spokesperson Denise Taylor wrote in an email to *The Somerville Times* that "City park planning staff are currently developing recommendations for the fields at Lincoln Park based on field use data, community feedback, and recommendations from landscape design consultants Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc./SPURR." Once the Mayor reviews and approves the recommendations they will be presented to the community at the next Lincoln Park planning meeting, expected to be held late September/early October.

## Dorothy's Corner

BY DOROTHY DIMARZO



### Zucchini & Tomato Sauce

Looking to use up the last harvest of your zucchini and tomatoes? This recipe is easy and flavorful. It can be served over your favorite pasta, roasted spaghetti squash and even over grilled boneless, skinless chicken breasts or chicken thighs with rice.

2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil  
2 garlic cloves, roughly chopped  
1/4 - 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes (optional)  
1 small onion, approx. 1 cup sliced thin  
2 medium zucchini, seeded (optional) and chopped 1/2" cubed  
1 14 1/2 oz can of tomatoes, diced or crushed (you may use fresh, 2-3 chopped

tomatoes)

1/4 cup water (optional)

1/2 teaspoon dried oregano and/or 1/4 cup fresh basil leaves, roughly chopped

In a medium saucepan, heat the olive oil over medium low heat. Add the garlic and crushed red pepper, stir until fragrant, about 1 minute. Add the onions, stir and cook down for about 2 minutes or until translucent. Add the zucchini, tomatoes and dried oregano (if using). Increase heat to medium and cook for 10 minutes or until the zucchini is cooked through. If you want a thinner sauce, add 1/4 cup water. Turn off the heat and stir in the fresh basil.

Serves 3-4 people.

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## Police officers to mentor students

By Rebecca Danvers

Come this September, the Somerville Police Department will be increasing its presence in the schools, but nobody is in trouble, and the city's new STEPS initiative aims to keep it that way.

Starting with the first day of school, as part of the city's new Students & Teachers Engage Public Safety (STEPS) initiative, each of five Somerville police officers will take up their roles as mentors in sixth grade classes in each of the district's public schools. It's a commitment they'll carry through for a full seven years, with each officer staying with their classes from sixth grade through their high school graduation in 2022. And that's just the start. Each year, another five officers will take up as mentors for that year's incoming sixth graders and advance with them, until ultimately every student in grades 6-12 will be participating in the program.

By establishing long-term, real connections between youth and law enforcement, STEPS aims to foster trust and positive relationships between young people and police officers and to help young people grow into responsible and successful adults.

The program, believed to be the first of its kind, is a partnership between the City of Somerville,

the Somerville Police Department, and the Somerville Public Schools.

"The STEPS Initiative was designed as a way for police officers, many of whom have grown up in Somerville and attended our public schools, to give back to the community and positively impact the lives of students," Police Chief David Fallon said. "As officers make meaningful connections and open up lines of communication with these young adults, it is our hope that they will form a bond that will last a lifetime. As they grow, we grow with them."

Every year a new group of five officers will be assigned to the incoming sixth grade class. Over the next seven years, Somerville Police plan to have up to 35 officers, approximately one-third of the department's patrol staff, involved in the program.

"The STEPS program has the potential to profoundly change the dynamic between our officers and the city's youth. Ultimately, not only will every young person in our city know and have an open line of communication with one of our officers, but our officers will better understand the hopes, challenges, and goals of our youth and future adults. In short, we will be building a community where our police and youth have a stake in each other's lives and the importance



Thanks to the STEPS program, Somerville Police officers will be working closely with schoolkids, helping them to better understand the role that law enforcement plays in society and establish trust between the children and their mentors.

of that – especially in today's policing environment – can't be understated," said Mayor Joseph Curtatone. "I want to commend Chief Fallon and the first group of STEPS officers for not just talking about community policing but putting it into action in such an innovative and meaningful way."

Somerville Police Officers Stephen Jones, Walter Collette, Mark Pulli, Paul Beckford and Yvon Jean-Jacques Jr. have committed their time and services to the program. As part of their regular patrol duties, they will check in with their sixth grade classes during school lunch and recess, and after school to bond and hopefully become role mod-

els to the younger members of the community.

"Any time we help young people build positive relationships with adults based on mutual trust and support, we are positively impacting the paths they take throughout their lifetimes, as well as the future of our communities," said Mary Skipper, Somerville's Superintendent of Schools. "We are so pleased to be partnering with the Somerville Police Department in launching this initiative, and very thankful to be part of a community that supports youth at every level."

The Somerville Fire Department is also actively involved. As part of STEPS, the Public Education Unit will contin-

ue its work to increase student knowledge of what to do before, during, and after an emergency occurs. "The Fire Department is looking forward to expanding our role in the schools working closely with the students, teachers and police officers," said Acting Fire Chief Patrick Sullivan.

"This new STEPS initiative takes a long-term approach and commitment to engage students and teachers with public safety and should be a national role model to build trust within our community," stated Alderman-at-Large Jack Connolly, Chair of the Health and Public Safety Commission.

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Dear Editor:

I was hoping that you would assist me in recognizing a group of people that are too often underappreciated; Direct Support Professionals working with adults with intellectual disabilities.

The week of 9/13-9/19 is national Direct Support Professionals week and here at Walnut Street Center, Inc. we want to acknowledge our dedicated, hardworking employees.

Trusting the care of a loved one to an organization is difficult, especially when the loved one is vulnerable. However our employees are true professionals and provide family members

with the peace of mind they need and most importantly support the residents to meet their needs and desires. Despite our efforts we cannot please all of the people all of the time. This group is the first to receive criticism if something is wrong and last to receive thanks when it is fixed. The work can be thankless and yet they persist.

DSP folks have high stress low paying jobs that require an incredible amount of patience, flexibility and dedication. These employees help individuals with all aspects of care. This care is often very personal in nature whether it be helping a person process why their family doesn't want to see them over

the holidays or assisting someone to accept a terminal diagnosis. The work is grueling and yet they persist.

These are people that work nights, weekends, holidays and cannot leave shift until someone comes to relieve them. I cannot count the times that staff have been mandated to work double shifts because of snow storms, client illness or staffing shortages. When most of us are home with our families these employees are with those who do not have families. The work is challenging and yet they persist.

Many of you reading this may ask why. Why do all that and more for \$13.00 an hour? I be-

lieve it's a calling and that those who hear it know that the value of their service far exceeds their wages. Walnut Street Center, Inc and the Human Services industry as a whole is lucky that to have employees that put their own wants and needs secondary to those of the people they support.

I ask everyone to thank a Human Service worker, they deserve it. Specifically, to the employees at Walnut Street Center, Inc. – THANK YOU!!

Sincerely,

Carolyn Guffey  
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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:** There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week. *Beacon Hill Roll Call* has obtained the 2015 official list from the state treasurer's office of the "per diem" travel, meals and lodging reimbursements collected by the Legislature's

39 state senators from January 1, 2015 through September 1, 2015. The list reveals that senators collected a total of \$27,751.

Under state law, per diems are paid by the state to senators "for each day for travel from his place of residence to the Statehouse and return therefrom, while in the performance of his official duties, upon certification to the state treasurer that he was present at the Statehouse." These reimbursements are given to senators above and beyond their regular salaries.

The amount of the per diem varies and is based on the city or town in which a senator resides and its distance from the Statehouse. The Legislature in 2000 approved a law doubling these per diems to the current amounts. The payments range from \$10 per day for senators who reside in the Greater Boston area to \$90 per day for those in Nantucket. Senators who are from areas that are a long distance from Boston's Statehouse most often collect the highest total of annual per diems.

Some supporters of the per diems say the system is fair and note the rising costs of travel, food and lodging. They argue many legislators spend a lot of money on travel to Boston and some spend the night in Boston following late sessions. Others say that some legislators accept the per diem but use all of the revenue they receive to support local nonprofit causes. They say that not taking the per diem would leave that money in the state's General Fund to be spent on who knows what.

Some opponents argue most private sector and state workers are not paid additional money for commuting. They say the very idea of paying any per diem is outrageous when thousands of workers have lost their jobs and homes and funding for important programs has been cut. Others say the per diem is especially inappropriate given the 3-cent-per-gallon hike in the state's gas tax that the Legislature approved in July 2013.

The 2015 statistics indicate that 12 of the state's 39 senators have received reimbursements ranging from \$390 to \$6,390, while 27 senators have so far chosen not to apply for any money. State law does not establish a deadline that senators must meet in order to collect the per diems.

The senator who received the most per diem money in 2015 is Benjamin Downing (D-Pittsfield) who received \$6,390.

The other four senators who received the most are Sens. Donald Humason (R-Westfield), \$3,564; Stanley Rosenberg (D-Amherst), \$2,880; Daniel Wolf (D-Harwich), \$2,640; and James Welch (D-Springfield), \$2,574.

## SENATORS' 2015 PER DIEMS

The dollar figure next to the senator's name represents the total amount of per diem money the state paid him or her in 2015. The number in parentheses represents the number of days the senator certified he or she was at the Statehouse during that same period. Senators who have not requested any per diems have "0 days" listed. That is not meant to imply that these senators didn't attend any sessions but rather that they chose not to request any per diems.

Sen. Patricia Jehlen \$0 (0 days)

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

**ANOTHER STEP FOR POSSIBLE 2016 BALLOT QUESTIONS** - Attorney General Maura Healey certified 22 possible ballot questions for the November 2016 election as meeting constitutional and legal requirements. A total of 20 proposed laws and two constitutional amendments passed muster. The next step is for supporters to gather 64,750 voter signatures by December 2, 2015. The proposal would then be sent to the Legislature and if not approved by May 3, 2016, proponents must gather another 10,792 signatures by July 6, 2016, in order for the question to appear on the 2016 ballot.

Proposals for laws include legalizing, licensing, regulating and taxing marijuana and allowing adults over 21 to grow it for their personal use and the use by others over 21; allowing the state to open up to 12 new Charter Schools annually; allowing a second slot gambling parlor with 1,250 slot machines; exempting the sale of cigarettes, cigars and smokeless tobacco from the state's sales tax because they are already subject to an excise tax; and requiring fast food restaurants and retail stores to pay employees one to four hours of additional pay if the company changes a worker's schedule within two weeks of the shift.

Several proposed laws were ruled invalid for a variety of reasons. These included prohibiting any state, local or government entities from working with any Jewish, Armenian or Ukrainian Holocaust Denial Groups, and legalizing the use of fireworks. A proposal requiring companies to give female employees eight weeks of maternity leave, including two of those weeks with pay, was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The procedure for getting proposed constitutional amendments on the ballot is different than the one for getting a proposed law on the ballot. Sponsors must still gather 64,750 voter signatures by December 2, 2015. The proposal then goes before the Legislature and goes on the 2018 ballot only if approved by 25 percent (50 members) of the 2015-2016 Legislature and the 2017-2018 Legislature.

The two proposed constitutional amendments would prohibit the public funding of abortions and impose an additional 4 percent income tax, in addition to the current 5.15 percent tax, on earnings of more than \$1 million.

Several proposed amendments were declared as unconstitutional including one that declares that corporations are not people and do not have the same rights as individuals and that money is not free speech and may be regulated. That proposal was in response to the Supreme Court decision in *Citizens United vs. Federal Elections Commission*, which allows corporations to donate an unlimited amount of money to Super PACs that are formed to support or oppose candidates.

In the 2014 election, 33 proposals were submitted, with only four ultimately collecting sufficient signatures to make it to the ballot. Only two of those were approved by voters and are law today.

A complete list and summary of the petitions approved or rejected can be found online at [www.mass.gov/ago/government-resources/initiatives-and-other-ballot-questions/current-petitions-filed.html](http://www.mass.gov/ago/government-resources/initiatives-and-other-ballot-questions/current-petitions-filed.html)



# Beacon Hill Roll Call continued

**REGULATE UBER AND LYFT** - Four bills regulating controversial car sharing services like Uber and Lyft will be the only subject of a hearing by the Financial Services Committee in the Gardner Auditorium at the Statehouse at 11 a.m. on September 15. The companies use a smartphone application to receive ride requests.

The proposals include giving the Department of Public Utilities the power to certify and regulate these services; requiring background, driving record and Sex Offender Registry checks and fingerprint samples on all drivers; and requiring that vehicles used by these companies be registered in Massachusetts. Representatives of Uber and Lyft companies will be at the hearing to defend these services. Opponents, led by the taxi industry, are pushing for either a complete ban of the services or subjecting these companies to the same regulations and standards that currently apply to taxis.

**SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) PURCHASES (H 3419)** - The Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture will hold a public hearing on September 15 at 1 p.m. at the Westport Grange (931 Main Rd Westport, MA 02790). One of the proposals on the agenda is a bill that would match and give any SNAP (formerly the Food Stamps Program) recipient the amount of money, up to \$20 per week, which he or she spends at a farmers' market. The intent is for the recipient to use the money to purchase additional items at the farmers' market. The program will be paid for through a new state fund which will receive both private and public funding.

Supporters say this will provide a healthy food alternative to families that receive SNAP benefits while supporting the local economy by encouraging recipients to shop at their local farmer's market.

Opponents say it is not necessary to set up an entire new bureaucracy to increase funding to SNAP recipients and questioned whether the increase should even be made. They note that no one has presented how much this program will cost the taxpayers and say there is no system in place to ensure the money is spent at local farmers' markets.

**AGRICULTURE REGULATIONS (H 712)** - Also

on the same committee's agenda that day is a bill that would require that any local Board of Health regulations impacting agriculture be approved by the local Agricultural Commissions.

Supporters say inappropriate Board of Health regulations often act as a major impediment to the growth and sustainability of agriculture in Massachusetts. They argue that these boards have wide authority and often create untenable requirements.

## QUOTABLE QUOTES

"The Commonwealth has again let the citizens down and needs to get into the business of doing what we were supposed to do when this ballot question originally passed." — Gov. Charlie Baker on the state's delay in opening medical marijuana dispensaries. The ballot question was approved in 2012 but to date only one has opened.

"Nearly 80 percent of parents gave [the virtual school] TEC Connections Academy (TECCA) an 'A' or 'B' grade, whereas ... ratings ... show that traditional public schools received only 67 percent 'A' or 'B' grades from parents." — A statement from TECCA Massachusetts' newest statewide, tuition-free, virtual public school for students in grades K-12.

"Mortgage lenders filed 1,044 petitions to foreclose in July, a 49 percent increase over the 702 filed in July 2014." — From the Warren Group's recent report on the state's foreclosure crisis. The Boston-based Warren Group is the publisher of Banker & Tradesman and compiles New England real estate data.

"It is unnecessary and irresponsible for manufacturers to make recreational or toy imitation firearms which by sight cannot be differentiated from a real gun. The negligence of these manufacturers is putting lives at risk." — Rep. Dan Cullinane (D-Dorchester) on his proposed legislation to prohibit the sale of replica guns unless manufacturers produce them with non-removable orange markings visible from all sides.

"For too long, predatory for-profit schools, supported by taxpayer dollars, have enriched themselves while loading

up students with unaffordable debt. Students deserve better. If a school breaks the law - they must be held accountable. We want to help get these students the relief they deserve." — Attorney General Maura Healey calling on the U.S. Department of Education to help students in Massachusetts get rid of the unsustainable loan payments students incurred by attending now-defunct for-profit schools.

## HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION?

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

During the week of August 31-September 4, the House met for a total of one hour and 29 minutes while the Senate met for a total of one hour and 22 minutes.

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| Mon. August 31     | House 11:04 a.m. to 11:18 a.m.<br>Senate 11:02 a.m. to 11:08 a.m. |
| Tues. September 1  | No House session<br>No Senate session                             |
| Wed. September 2   | No House session<br>No Senate session                             |
| Thurs. September 3 | House 11:01 a.m. to 12:16 p.m.<br>Senate 11:04 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. |
| Fri. September 4   | No House session<br>No Senate session                             |

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## COMMENTARY

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## Keeping the Green Line Extension on track



By Joseph A. Curtatone

The news that the projected cost of the Green Line Extension could be an additional \$700 million to \$1 billion more than previously estimated is in no way welcome, but it does not spell the end. To keep this project moving forward, our community has fought for it for decades, overcoming numerous stumbling blocks (Remember when Big Dig cost overruns threatened to cancel the Green Line Extension entirely?). As we confront this new hurdle, I am confident that the Governor's team can and will find a way forward—and swiftly. They will succeed because they are committed to the project and are focusing on all the areas that matter: cutting costs, reviewing the bid process, scaling down the scope of the project (without giving up any stations), and looking for additional funding sources and mechanisms.

Cost of course is the greatest factor. Government leaders and planners must respect the tax-

payers' dollars in every project, large and small. I believe we can do that here if we trim the costs down. I have spoken with Gov. Charlie Baker, Secretary of Transportation Stephanie Pollock and interim MBTA General Manager Frank DePaola, and I am confident not only that they believe in the Green Line Extension, but that by working hand-in-hand, we can reduce these projected costs and make sure the Green Line Extension, which already has more than \$300 million in projects under construction—continues to move forward on schedule and brings the economic opportunity and environmental benefits that our community has fought for over decades.

But to drive down those costs, we need to understand why the bid came in so high. For one, we are in an up economy, which drives up the costs of material and labor. But the MBTA also used a new bidding process that may have inadvertently inflated the bid price. It's important to note that the projected Green Line Extension cost is not an overrun. The roughly \$300 million in contracted work that has already been completed or is underway has generally aligned with projected costs to this point. The potentially higher estimated costs are now based

on construction manager White Skanska Kiewit's (WSK) bid on this latest phase, but that contract has not been awarded yet. The State is carefully reviewing what can be done to drive that bid down whether through renegotiation or potentially breaking out some pieces of the project and using a different procurement method.

The next way to lower costs that the State is reviewing is to re-examine the scope of the project. Basically, that means change what they plan to build. We can't lop off GLX stations, because that would put at risk the \$1 billion from the federal government. (Though funds for the Rt. 16 station, which is not part of the federally funded portion of the GLX, could be repurposed.) But for instance, some of the more elaborate station designs could be pared back. As long as they remain functional and accessible, that's all we need. A developer building next to or near the station could always contribute to an enhanced station later. We've already seen an example of this at Tufts, where the University, the City of Medford, and the Cummings Foundation have partnered with MBTA to design a new academic building above the College Avenue station and footbridge that connects it to the university's campus.

The State is and should also looking to take advantage of a range of financing tools that are known as "value capture," which would use the new tax revenues generated by the properties that get built near new T stations to pay for the borrowing used to build a portion of the Green Line Extension itself. This is a tool other States are using to surpass us, and Massachusetts should consider its use more. To see an example of this in action, we need look no further than Assembly Square, where the Great Recession put that new Orange Line station at risk until a value capture approach saved it. The City used a \$25 million District Improvement Financing (DIF) plan and the state used its I-Cubed bond program. New tax revenues generated by the development at Assembly Row are paying off those investments over time, and while they do, we have new transit, new jobs and new investment in the area in the meantime.

Another factor that got the Assembly Row Station built was that the funding was a public-private partnership. Assembly Row developer Federal Realty Investment Trust kicked in \$15 million to help build the station. Various developers along the GLX could

be tapped to do the same. Look to Assembly Square today: we have the first new T station in almost three decades, a vibrant new neighborhood, and \$133 million in public investment (city, state and federal) has unlocked \$1.5 billion in initial private investment.

An even greater benefit to the entire Commonwealth is estimated if the full Green Line Extension is built out, which is why this project isn't just for Somerville as some would say. This is the most important transportation project in generations for Massachusetts. It is expected to create 18 million square feet of potential new development, 30,000 new jobs, \$4.5 billion in private investment and within 25 years generates \$2.5 billion in new tax revenue for Massachusetts. At the same time it will alleviate traffic congestion in one of the most congested areas in the country. Throughout history, major transportation investments have undergirded the world's thriving economies. If Massachusetts wants a successful 21st century economy, we can't get there with Nixon era infrastructure. Baker knows this. Somerville knows this. That's why we will get this done as our City team supports his every step of the way.

## 75th Citizens' Legislative Seminar

By Tom Bannister

Pat Jehlen (D-Somerville) announced this week that the Massachusetts Senate is seeking nominees to participate in the 75th Citizens' Legislative Seminar (CLS), which will take place October 20 and 21 at the State House. CLS is a semi-annual educational seminar geared towards adults of all ages interested in learning more about state government and the legislative process.

"Understanding the role of the legislature and how laws are made in Massachusetts is important knowledge to have," said

Senator Jehlen. "The Citizen's Legislative Seminar is a unique opportunity for interested citizens to really observe and participate in the process."

Established in 1976 through a collaborative effort of the Massachusetts Senate and the University of Massachusetts, the two-day seminar features engaging presentations by Senators and staff on aspects of the day-to-day experience of legislators in the Commonwealth. Topics will include the history and process of the Legislature, the parliamentary role of the Clerk of the Senate and the future of the Legislature. The Seminar will

walk participants through the legislative process including how bills are introduced, debated, and passed.

"The Citizens' Legislative Seminar is part of the Massachusetts Senate's ongoing effort to increase civic engagement and open up the democratic process. It's the perfect chance to come and gain an insider's perspective from elected officials and staff on how the legislature works," said Senate President Stan Rosenberg (D-Amherst). "This is an excellent learning experience and I encourage those interested to contact their senator."

The CLS culminates with a

simulated legislative hearing and Senate session where participants are invited to use what they have learned and participate as "Senators" in the Senate Chamber in order to have a first-hand experience of the legislative process.

All interested residents in the 2nd Middlesex District, including the communities of Somerville, Medford, Wards 9 to 11 in Cambridge, and precincts 4 to 7 in Winchester, are invited to contact Senator Jehlen's office at (617) 722-1578 by Monday, September 21st to request to be nominated by Senator Jehlen. Seats are limited and



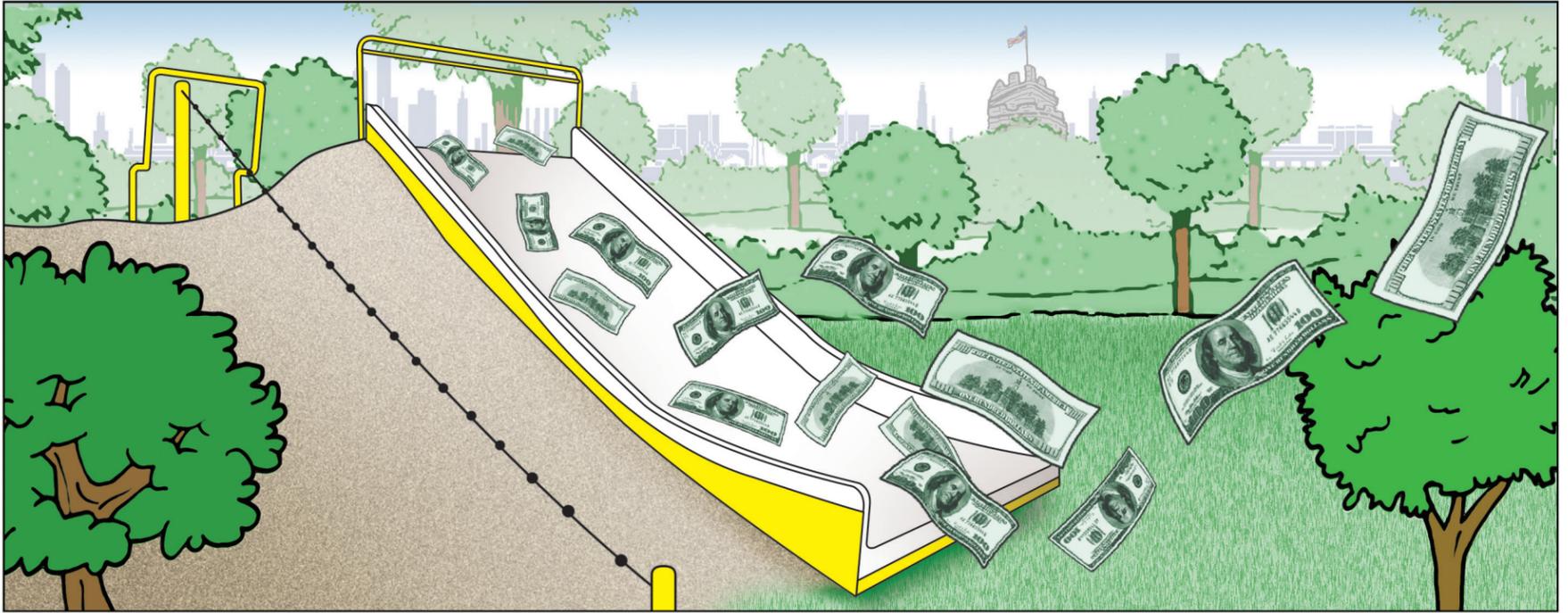
nominations are taken on a first come, first served basis. More information about the program is available on the Legislature's website at <https://malegislature.gov/Engage/EducationalOpportunities/CitizensLegislativeSeminar>.

Be sure to visit us online at [www.TheSomervilleTimes.com](http://www.TheSomervilleTimes.com)

# COMMENTARY

## SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Guess what's sliding away over at Chuckie Harris Park.

## Our View Of The Times



The news that we – us taxpayers, remember? – will be footing the bill for a replacement slide at Chuckie Harris Park came as quite a shock to a good number of us. Particularly in light of the fact that the existing defunct one is not that old to begin with.

To salt the wound further, it came to light that the price tag for said playground accessory would be no less than \$17,000.

\$17,000? For a playground slide? How many of us have uncles or sisters-in-law who could do the job for \$37.50? Throw in a Leon's sub for lunch and they'll make it play "Que Sera, Sera" as sweet and pretty as a dime store jewelry box.

Now. Just how far does a joke have to be taken before somebody cracks a smile and admits that enough is enough? That it was all a big put on.

Seriously, though, we realize that good playground equipment has to be well built and made of the finest materials available within a given budget. It's just that the sticker price on this baby is sending shock waves through just about everybody's purse strings.

And whatever happened to "built to last" and the concept of resilience and indestructibility. How many of us as kids

played on monkey bars and swing sets that a Hiroshima blast could not knock down? Some of them may still be standing. Somewhere.

At the very least, a \$17,000 automobile would have a 5-year warranty. Parts and labor. So why are we getting stuck with this bill?

Ours is not to reason why, we suppose. Ours is but to just roll with it.

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Foundation's Facebook site for reservations and cost of tickets.

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Happy birthdays this week to some of our Villen friends as well as friends of *The Times*: Happy birthday to Pat Roberto, owner of the ERA Millennium over in Everett. Pat grew up here in the city. Happy birthday to former slderman and good guy Bob Trane up in Ward 7. Speaking of aldermen, another good guy, Ward 4 Alderman and, of course, well known throughout the city, Tony Lafuente is celebrating this week. A good friend of ours and a local guy, Sergio Deassis, who owns his own construction company also celebrates this week. Happy Birthday to Dan Hurley of the local cable access show. We wish him a great day. We also wish a big happy birthday to a dedicated city worker and strong voice for many of the youth programs here in the city, Nancy Gaudet Bacci. A great gal we've all known, originally from Winter Hill, Judith Medeiros is also celebrating this week. Local Realtor for Life, Stephen Bremis is celebrating this week as well. And the official voice of Somerville, who has now moved on but is still very active here in the community, Tom Champi-

on is celebrating his birthday as well.

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Last week our paper's photographer had a birthday and we didn't mention it. A total oversight and we apologize to her. Happy birthday to Claudia Ferro, a wonderful lady and a true professional who's always a step ahead of us on her picture taking. She's a great lady, with an equally great husband, Sal, who's also been known throughout the city these many years.

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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).

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Somerville Adult Evening School Registration is September 8, 10, 15, and 17. In person at Somerville High School, 83 Highland Ave., SHS Main Office From 6:00-8:00 p.m. or check it 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, and Medical Interpretation. Special Zumba or YOGA classes are also being offered. 5 classes for \$25 or

walk in for \$7. Why not enroll and begin your fall learning something new?

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What is going on with the local Building Department here in the city? We are hearing more and more about delays in issuing permits to both businesses and developers alike. It seems like the city has made it almost impossible to get a permit. Could it be that the city has now become anti-business? One business slated to open has stated they are still waiting approval now after over 60 days. Another business has been told it is in progress and has been waiting for over 30 days. Maybe it's the morale in the department or the leadership, but Somerville has to be more business friendly. If you're waiting for the necessary permits to open and you've already hired people and purchased supplies then it's not just the wait. It's costing the business person more money having employees just sitting around. We started to ask what is going on and we were told its simple, new procedures are being put in place. Next week we will have more on this. Maybe some of our bloggers know what's going on?

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The primary in Ward 6 is coming up and make a note it's on Thursday the 17th, not the usual Tuesday. We heard that the Board of Aldermen bowed to pressure from one alderman to get it changed for the first time because of a religious holiday. Don't forget to vote in the only primary in the city this year, in Ward 6. Don't let a small minority pick the wrong candidates for the final election in November. Your vote counts.

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The \$17,000 slide has been ordered we hear, just in time for fall maybe. Hopefully, everyone will be on top of the slide including the Ward 1 Alderman. Some other parks have weeds and need a little cleaning as well, but not Prospect Hill Park. Have you seen the beautiful manicured lawn up there? On a hot night sitting on the hill catching a nice breeze. Alderman McWatters is on top of his Ward.

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The Somerville Garden Club Annual Plant Sale is Saturday, September 19, 9:00 a.m. - 1 p.m., rain or shine, at Davis Square, intersection of College Ave. and Holland St. Discover the perfect plant to enliven your garden or windowsill at this popular yearly sale. Perennials for sun and shade, plus a

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# Back to School 2015

Somerville kids returned to school this past week. Parents, teachers and students were all on their best behavior.





Photos by Claudia Ferro



# SPORTS

## Somerville High School Sports this week

**Wednesday, September 9:**

**3:00 p.m.** – Golf Practice – Stonemeadow Golf  
Athletes are to meet in area designated by coach  
**5:15 p.m.** – JV Girls Volleyball Practice – Field House  
**5:15 p.m.** – Varsity Girls Volleyball Practice – Field House  
**3:30 p.m.** – Cross Country:Boys Varsity Meet – Cambridge @ Fresh Pond  
**3:30 p.m.** – Cross Country:- Girls Varsity Meet Cambridge @ Fresh Pond  
**6:00 p.m.** – Football Practice – Conway Park – Athletes should check in with Coaching Staff regarding lifting schedule  
**4:00 p.m.** – Soccer:Boys Varsity GAME vs. Everett @ Dilboy Stadium  
**4:00 p.m.** – Soccer: Boys Ju-

nior Varsity GAME vs. Everett @ Dilboy Stadium  
**4:00 p.m.** – Soccer:Boys Freshman GAME vs. Everett @ Dilboy Stadium  
**6:00 p.m.** – Freshmen Girls Volleyball Practice – Field House  
**7:00 p.m.** – Soccer:Girls Varsity GAME – Everett @ Everett Stadium  
**7:00 p.m.** – Soccer:Girls Junior Varsity GAME – Everett @ Madeline English, Everett  
**Thursday, Sept. 10:**  
**3:00 p.m.** – Golf Practice – Stonemeadow Golf – Athletes are to meet in area designated by coach  
**5:15 p.m.** – Cross Country Practice – Atrium – Meet in the atrium at the start of practice for a run.



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| 1. What Laundry detergent used the line "ring around the collar"? | Blizzard Beach?   |
| 2. Who averaged one patent for every three weeks of his life?     | 8. What is the name of the camel on the Camel cigarettes pack?  |
| 3. What magazine had the slogan "Test, Inform, Protect"?          | 9. The 2011 NFL season was the last full season that this company was the exclusive supplier of licensed NFL uniforms - what was the company? |
| 4. How many U.S. states border the Gulf of Mexico?                | 10. What is the name of the first women's college to open in the U.S.?  |
| 5. What is the ballet term for a 360-degree turn on one foot?     | 11. What was postponed for 48 hours because of the death of Martin Luther King Jr. in 1968?   |
| 6. What flavor is Coin-treau?                                     | 12. What is the full name of Barbie, the doll?  |
| 7. Where would you find   |   |

*Answers on page 23*

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**5:15 p.m.** – JV Girls Volleyball Practice – Field House  
**5:15 p.m.** – Varsity Girls Volleyball Practice – Field House  
**6:00 p.m.** – Football Practice Conway Park – Athletes should check in with Coaching Staff regarding lifting schedule  
**3:30 p.m.** – Golf: Varsity Match – Everett @ Mt. Hood Golf Course  
**6:00 p.m.** – Freshmen Girls Volleyball Practice – Field House  
**Friday, Sept. 11:**  
**5:15 p.m.** – Cross Country Practice – Atrium – Meet in the atrium at the start of practice for a run.  
**5:15 p.m.** – JV Girls Volleyball Practice – Field House  
**3:45 p.m.** – Volleyball: Girls Junior Varsity Match vs. Everett @ Field House  
**3:45 p.m.** – Volleyball: Girls Freshman Match vs. Everett @ Field House  
**5:00 p.m.** – Volleyball:Girls Varsity Match vs. Everett @ Field House  
**7:00 p.m.** – Football:Boys Varsity GAME vs. Greater Lawrence Tech @ Dilboy Stadium  
**Saturday, Sept. 12:**  
**11:00 a.m.** – Soccer: Boys Varsity GAME vs. Brockton @ Dilboy Stadium  
**11:00 a.m.** – Soccer:Boys Junior Varsity GAME vs. Brockton @ Dilboy Stadium  
**1:00 p.m.** – Soccer:Girls Varsity GAME Newton South @ Newton South High School  
**2:30 p.m.** – Soccer:Girls Junior Varsity GAME Newton South @ Newton South High School

**Monday, Sept. 14:**  
**3:30 p.m.** – Cross Country:Boys Varsity Meet – Chelsea @ Admiral's Hill  
**3:30 p.m.** – Cross Country:- Girls Varsity Meet – Chelsea @ Admiral's Hill  
**6:00 p.m.** – Football Practice Conway Park – Athletes should check in with Coaching Staff regarding lifting schedule  
**3:30 p.m.** – Golf: Varsity Match – Matignon @ Newton Commonwealth  
**4:00 p.m.** – Football:Boys Junior Varsity GAME – Greater Lawrence Tech @ Greater Lawrence Tech High School  
**4:00 p.m.** – Soccer:Girls Varsity GAME vs. Cambridge @ Dilboy Stadium  
**4:00 p.m.** – Soccer:Girls Junior Varsity GAME vs. Cambridge @ Dilboy Stadium  
**4:00 p.m.** – Volleyball:Girls Junior Varsity GAME – Methuen @ Methuen High School  
**4:00 p.m.** – Volleyball:Girls Freshman GAME – Methuen @ Methuen High School  
**5:30 p.m.** – Volleyball:Girls Varsity GAME – Methuen @ Methuen High School  
**Tuesday, Sept. 15:**  
**3:00 p.m.** – Golf Practice – Stonemeadow Golf – Athletes are to meet in area designated by coach  
**5:15 p.m.** – Cross Country Practice – Atrium – Meet in the atrium at the start of practice for a run.  
**5:15 p.m.** – JV Girls Volleyball Practice – Field House  
**5:15 p.m.** – Varsity Girls Volleyball Practice – Field House

**6:00 p.m.** – Football Practice Conway Park – Athletes should check in with Coaching Staff regarding lifting schedule  
**6:00 p.m.** – Freshmen Girls Volleyball Practice – Field House  
**Wednesday, Sept. 16:**  
**TBD** – Cross Country:Boys Varsity GBL Open – Everett @ Everett  
**TBD** – Cross Country:Girls Varsity GBL Open – Everett @ Everett  
**3:00 p.m.** – Golf Practice – Stonemeadow Golf – Athletes are to meet in area designated by coach  
**6:00 p.m.** – Football Practice Conway Park – Athletes should check in with Coaching Staff regarding lifting schedule  
**3:45 p.m.** – Volleyball:Girls Junior Varsity Match vs. Malden @ Field House  
**3:45 p.m.** – Volleyball:Girls Freshman Match vs. Malden @ Field House  
**4:00 p.m.** – Soccer:Boys Varsity GAME vs. Malden @ Dilboy Stadium  
**4:00 p.m.** – Soccer:Boys Junior Varsity GAME vs. Malden @ Dilboy Stadium  
**4:00 p.m.** – Soccer:Boys Freshman GAME vs. Malden @ Dilboy Stadium  
**4:00 p.m.** – Soccer:Girls Varsity GAME Malden @ Pine Banks  
**4:00 p.m.** – Soccer:Girls Junior Varsity GAME – Malden @ Pine Banks  
**5:00 p.m.** – Volleyball:Girls Varsity Match vs. Malden @ Field House

**11:00 a.m.** – Soccer: Boys Varsity GAME vs. Brockton @ Dilboy Stadium  
**11:00 a.m.** – Soccer:Boys Junior Varsity GAME vs. Brockton @ Dilboy Stadium  
**1:00 p.m.** – Soccer:Girls Varsity GAME Newton South @ Newton South High School  
**2:30 p.m.** – Soccer:Girls Junior Varsity GAME Newton South @ Newton South High School

**3:00 p.m.** – Golf Practice – Stonemeadow Golf – Athletes are to meet in area designated by coach  
**5:15 p.m.** – Cross Country Practice – Atrium – Meet in the atrium at the start of practice for a run.  
**5:15 p.m.** – JV Girls Volleyball Practice – Field House  
**5:15 p.m.** – Varsity Girls Volleyball Practice – Field House

# Riverfest 2015



In its 8th year, Riverfest is the culmination of a summer of activity at Assembly Row. In partnership with The City of Somerville and DCR, celebrate all that is great about the neighborhood! Join us for a day full of live local music, dozens of local artists, free children's activities, a sidewalk sale, and of course the annual fireworks show over the Mystic River at sundown. September 12, 12:00-8:00 p.m. at Assembly Row and Sylvester Baxter Riverfront Park.

## Ryan Harrington Corn Toss



Enter the 4th Annual Ryan Harrington Foundation Corn Toss Tournament. Show off your skills. Win a juicy CASH PRIZE and have your name added to the growing list of winners on the official RZH Tournament plaque.

The proceeds from this event will go towards Somerville youth programs and helping out disadvantage Somerville youth by sponsoring everything from little league teams to sponsoring individual children to attend camp. Lots of great raffles, face painting for kids, etc. Stop by even if you're not planning on playing.

Saturday, September 12 at Trum Field. Registration starts at 9:30 a.m. Games begin at 11 a.m. Email any questions to [ryanharringtonfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:ryanharringtonfoundation@gmail.com).

## Somerville Historic Bike Ride



Sunday, Sept. 13, 1:00-4:00 p.m. Meet at City Hall. Co-Sponsored by Historic Preservation Commission, the Somerville Bike Committee and Groundwork Somerville. Ride escorted by Somerville Police. Designed for all ages and riding levels. \$3 Donation Appreciated. A few rest stops, then concluding with light refreshments at Aeronaut Brewery at 4:00 p.m.

## What's on Somerville Neighborhood News

Here is another special edition of *Somerville Neighborhood News*, a community service production of Somerville Community Access Television (SCATV).



In *SNN #48* you will get an interesting introspective look into the realm of Wendy Blom, longtime Executive Director of SCATV who recently resigned from her position to pursue more personal endeavors and adventures. During her eleven years as Executive Director Wendy Blom brought SCATV from the analog to the digital age. She welcomed immigrants, youth and a generation of members and volunteers to the studios in Union Square. Now she is moving on to new adventures. On this edition of *Somerville Neighborhood News* we'll take a look back with Wendy at more than a decade of change at SCATV.



These stories and more on *Somerville Neighborhood News*. Watch the newscast Tuesdays at 7 p.m. on Channel 3 or watch online at [somervilleneighborhood-news.org](http://somervilleneighborhood-news.org).

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LEGAL NOTICE  
OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on **Wednesday, September 16, 2015** at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

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DISTRICT COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT  
MIDDLESEX, SS. SOMERVILLE DIVISION

ORDER PERMITTING DESTRUCTION OF COURT RECORDS

It is hereby Ordered that, in accordance with the provisions of Supreme Judicial Court Rule 1:11:

1. Case papers and records may be destroyed in the following cases filed during the periods shown, and which have been or are deemed to be finally disposed of for twenty years or more:

- Criminal, filed from 1992 through 1994
- Criminal traffic, filed from 1992 through 1994
- Civil, filed from 1992 through 1994
- Civil Remands, filed from 1992 through 1994
- Small Claims, filed from 1992 through 1994
- Summary Process, filed from 1992 through 1994
- Supplementary Process, filed 1992 through 1994
- Mental Health, filed from 1992 through 1994
- Abuse Restraining Orders, filed from 1992 through 1994.

2. Case papers and records may also be destroyed in the following cases filed during the periods shown, and which have been finally disposed of for two years or more and have been audited:

Civil Motor Vehicle Infractions, filed from 2009 through 2012.

3. Case papers and records may also be destroyed in the following cases filed during the periods shown:

Care & Protection, filed from 1992 through 1994, in which the youngest child named in the petition has attained the age of twenty years.

4. A copy of this Order shall be published and posted and any responses received as a result of such publication shall be sent by the Clerk-Magistrate to the First Justice of this court and the Chief Justice of the District Court Department at least thirty days before any such papers or records are destroyed.

Further information may be obtained from Robert A. Tomasone, Clerk-Magistrate, Somerville District Court, 175 Fellsway, Somerville, MA 02145.

Hon. Maurice R. Flynn, III  
First Justice Somerville District Court

Hon. Paul C. Dawley  
Chief Justice of the District Court

August 1, 2015  
Date

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA. 02141  
(617) 768- 5800

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. MI 15P4495EA

Estate of:  
Rachael Sue Traub

Also known as: Rachael S. Traub

Date of Death: 06/14/2015

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by:

**Nancy Lee Goode** of **Somerville MA**

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that:

**Nancy Lee Goode** of **Somerville MA**

be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

**You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/30/2015. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.**

**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**  
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

Witness, Hon. Edward F Donnelly Jr., First Justice of this Court.

Date: September 02, 2015

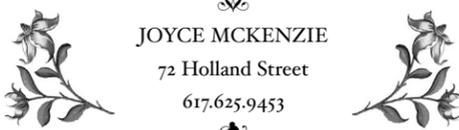
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MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. MI 11P2868EA2

CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT

In the Interests of: Irene V Busi

Date of Death: May 9, 2011

To all interested persons:

A petition has been filed by:  
Morena Rodriguez

requesting that an Order of Complete Settlement of the estate issue approve an accounting compel or approve a distribution adjudicate a final settlement

and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

**You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on October 5, 2015.**

**This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.**

Witness, Hon. Edward F Donnelly Jr., First Justice of this Court.

Date: August 25, 2015

**Tara E. De Cristofaro**  
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# SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

**All clubs and groups welcome new members.**

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

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

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

**The Moonlighters are back** – starting Monday, September 14 and 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 30th. The Mobile Farmers Market will be at the Holland Street Center every Friday from 11:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. The Somerville Mobile Farmers Market sells fresh, local and reasonably priced produce. Anyone using SNAP or WIC receives a 50% discount. Cash, credit, debt & farmers market coupons accepted.

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

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

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

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

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

**All Aboard! Hart's Turkey Farm & The Tilton Outlets** – Thursday, October 8 – Departing our Holland Street

Center at 8:30 A.M. and our Ralph & Jenny Center at 8:45 A.M. with an approximate return time of 5:30 P.M. A fee of \$86. Includes, transportation & lunch in the dining car (roast turkey, whipped potatoes, butternut squash, beverage and a dessert.) Beautiful fall foliage, great gift shop and a mystery stop that is sure to sweeten your day. Please call Connie at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to reserve your spot or if you would like any additional information.

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

**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:**

**Friendly Caller Program** - Do you know someone who could benefit from a friendly call? Maybe you are feeling isolated and want someone to talk to – or you just want someone to listen. Please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to sign up for our "Friendly Caller" Program. The trip to New York City scheduled for November 7th & 8th 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.

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

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

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

Bowling at Flatbreads is starting up on Wednesday, September 16th at 1:00 P.M.

**LGBT EVENTS:**

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

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

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

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

**STAY ACTIVE:**

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

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

**Weekly Exercise Class Schedule**

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

**Mondays:**

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

**Tuesdays:**

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

**Wednesdays:**

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

**Thursdays:**

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

**Fridays:**

8:45 Fit 4 Life\* Group A  
9:55 Fit 4 Life\* Group B  
11:00 Nutrition Counseling with Mimi

\*All Fit 4 Life classes are \$10/month and require pre-registration\*\*If you are interested in our Yoga classes, please call Chris Kowaleski, our Health & Wellness Coordinator at 617-625-6600, Ext. 2315.

**Upcoming Schedule**

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

**Wednesday|September 9**

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

**Thursday|September 10**

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

**Friday|September 11**

10:30 Farmers Market (H)  
11:30 Lunch (H)  
12:45 Bingo (H)

**Monday|September 14**

9:00 Walking / Talking Group (H)  
9:00 Gardening Group (H)  
9:30 Monthly Breakfast w/ Mark Levy (H)  
10:30 Low Vision Group (H)  
11:30 Lunch (H)  
11:30 LGBTQ Lunch (H)  
12:00 – 1:00 Nutrition Counseling with Mimi (H)  
4:30 LGBTQ Advisory Group

**Tuesday|September 15**

10:00 English Conversation (C)  
11:00 Fall Super Bingo (H)  
12:00 Lunch (C)  
12:00 Computer tutorial with Norbett (by appointment only) (H)  
6:00 Caregivers Support (H)  
Ralph & Jenny Center Closed for the day

**Wednesday|September 16**

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

**DID YOU KNOW?**

**We have a Facebook page.** Check us out at [www.facebook.com/somervilleCOA](http://www.facebook.com/somervilleCOA).

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

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**CHILDREN AND YOUTH  
Wednesday|September 9**

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

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

**Thursday|September 10**

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

**Friday|September 11**

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

**Saturday|September 12**

**Central Library**  
Lacan Reading Group  
Dominique Stas-sart-617-784-8163  
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | 79 Highland Avenue

**Tuesday|September 15**

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

**Wednesday|September 16**

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

**Central Library**  
Somerville Reads Kick Off: The Real Martian: Earth Explores the Red Planet  
Marita Coombs 617-623-5000

x2942  
7 p.m.-9 p.m. | 79 Highland Avenue

**MUSIC|ARTS  
Wednesday|September 9**

**Johnny D's**  
Bar & Restaurant Closed Happy Labor Holiday!  
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**  
TBA  
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

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

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

**Thursday|September 10**  
**Johnny D's**  
Emperor Norton's Stationary Band (Monthly Thursday Series!) + PK and the Mighty Seven  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

**Sally O'Brien's**  
Shelby Francis, Hemway, Bottom of the Well, Kristen Ford Band,

Best not Broken|7 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**  
Front Room  
Acoustic/Bluegrass|9:30 p.m.  
Back Room  
Scattershot  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**P.A.'s Lounge**  
Andy Newton|8 p.m.  
Ben Knight  
Deep Secret  
TBA  
345 Somerville Ave

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Davis Square Theatre**  
The Encyclopedia Show: Insects  
7 p.m. | 255 Elm Street

**Friday|September 11**

**Johnny D's**  
Mike Peters Presents: The Alarm - Strength 30th Anniversary Tour 2015 plus Kenny Chambers (of Moving Targets) and Jim Weeks  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

**Sally O'Brien's**  
Bucky Bear & The Titanium Hipsters |6 p.m.  
HearNowLive presents Dynamo, Liv Gibson & The Daydream, Calvinball \$10 cover|9 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

3589  
**The Burren**  
Front Room  
Irish Session|9:30 p.m.  
Back Room  
Jimmy's Down  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**P.A.'s Lounge**  
Fire for Caveman|9 p.m.  
Satellite Sound  
Glowbox  
345 Somerville Ave

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Davis Square Theatre**  
Shit-Faced Shakespeare|7 p.m.  
Bad Life Choices|9:30 p.m.  
255 Elm Street

**Arts at the Armory**  
OttoAmericana: Jeni Jol Meets lloyd Thayer  
7 p.m. | Café|191 Highland Ave

**Saturday|September 12**

**Johnny D's**  
Jazz Brunch  
Beatlejuice (Beatles Covers)  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

**Sally O'Brien's**  
Tom Hagerty Band |6 p.m.

Liz Frame & The Kickers, American Beauties, Sand Machine \$5 cover|9 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**  
Back Room  
Spitting Vinnies  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**P.A.'s Lounge**  
Matinee Show ft. The Silver Mirrors, Brett Saxon, Postmodern Authors + The Heavy Years  
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**  
Five O'Clock Shadow  
11 p.m. | Performance Hall  
Somerville Songwriter Session  
8 p.m. | Café|191 Highland Ave

**Sunday|September 13**

**Johnny D's**  
Jazz Brunch  
Open Blues Jam! featuring Matthew Smart Band  
17 Holland St. |617-776-2004

**Sally O'Brien's Bar**  
Deb McDonnell Band|7 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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**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**  
Swinging Jam Session  
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

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

**Monday|September 14**  
**Johnny D's**  
Johnny D's Comedy Showcase  
Presents: Interesting Points (Panel Show)  
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  
Science by the Pint  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

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

**Tuesday|September 15**  
**Johnny D's**  
TBA  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

**Sally O'Brien's Bar**  
James Christensen & Bryan MacAuslan|8 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

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

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

**Highland Kitchen**

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

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

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

**Arts at the Armory**  
First and Last Word Poetry Series  
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

**Wednesday|September 16**  
**Johnny D's**  
Young Dubliners (Celtic Rock) – Rare Acoustic Performance + The Gobshites  
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**  
Prateek Poddar|8 p.m.  
TBA  
Matt Fuller  
Fiona Corinne  
Uncle Buzz  
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  
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**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

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**CLASSES AND GROUPS**

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

**Thursday| September 10**  
**Central Library**  
Reception or Exhibition of Paintings by Susan Schur  
Susan Schur|617-623-4488  
5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

**West Branch Library**  
Learn English at the Library!(Session 2)  
7:p.m.| 40 College Avenue

**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

**Friday|September 11**  
**Central Library**  
Inclusionary Housing Lottery

10 a.m.-10:15 a.m.|79 Highland Avenue

**Saturday|September 12**  
**Central Library**  
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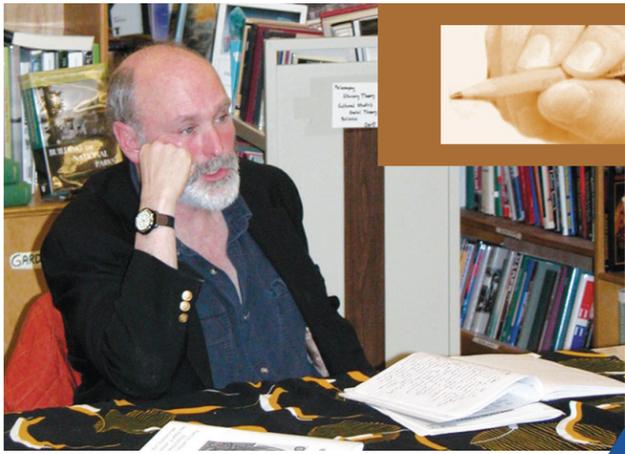
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| <b>Wednesday, September 9</b> |   | 6:30pm                        | Health is Wealth                       | 1:30pm                      | MAPS Health Connector                 | 9:00am                       | The Stephanie Miller Show (Free Speech TV) |
| 6:30am                        | The Struggle                            | 7:00pm                        | Taking Back your Health (Live call-in) | 2:00pm                      | Henry Parker Presents                 | 10:00am                      | Bay State Biking News                      |
| 7:00am                        | Somerville Film Group                   | 7:30pm                        | Active Aging                           | 3:00pm                      | Telemagazine                          | 11:00am                      | Pearls of Irregular Shape                  |
| 7:30am                        | Somerville Neighborhood News            | 8:00pm                        | Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou (Live call-in)    | 4:00pm                      | Somerville Neighborhood News          | 12:00pm                      | The Thom Hartmann Show                     |
| 8:00am                        | Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)         | 9:30pm                        | The White House Chronicle              | 4:30pm                      | Culture Club                          | 1:00pm                       | Somerville Film Group                      |
| 9:00am                        | Legacies                                | 10:00pm                       | Somerville Film Group                  | 5:00pm                      | Tele Kreyol                           | 2:00pm                       | Exercise with Robyn and Max                |
| 10:00am                       | Somerville Neighborhood News            | 11:00pm                       | Art as Protest                         | 6:00pm                      | Pearls of Irregular Shape             | 2:30pm                       | Esoteric Science                           |
| 10:30am                       | Art at SCATV                            | <b>Friday, September 11</b>   |  | 7:00pm                      | Somerville Film Group                 | 4:00pm                       | Free Speech Television                     |
| 11:00am                       | Youth Media                             | 6:00pm                        | Somerville Film Group                  | 7:30pm                      | Creative Somerville                   | 5:00pm                       | Henry Parker Presents                      |
| 12:00pm                       | The Big Picture with Thom Hartmann Show | 7:30am                        | Shrink Rap                             | 8:00pm                      | David Pakman (Free Speech TV)         | 5:30pm                       | Literati Scene                             |
| 1:30pm                        | Physician Focus                         | 8:00am                        | Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)        | 9:00pm                      | Nossa Gente e Costumes                | 6:00pm                       | Ville Pirates                              |
| 2:00pm                        | SCATV Art bloc                          | 9:00am                        | SCATV Presents Art Beat 2015           | 10:00pm                     | Open Line News with Davey D           | 6:30pm                       | Youth Programming                          |
| 4:00pm                        | Free Speech Television                  | 10:00am                       | Pearls of Irregular Shape              | 11:00pm                     | Gay News USA (Free Speech TV)         | 7:00pm                       | Abugida TV                                 |
| 5:00pm                        | Energy Theater                          | 11:00am                       | Henry Parker Presents:                 | <b>Sunday, September 13</b> |                                       | 8:00pm                       | The Somerville Line                        |
| 6:00pm                        | Ville Pirates                           | 12:00pm                       | Brunch with Sen. Bernie Sanders        | 6:00am                      | Program Celebrai                      | 9:00pm                       | Delilhando au Saudade                      |
| 6:30pm                        | Haitian Poetry                          | 1:00pm                        | Creative Somerville Series             | 7:00am                      | Rompendo em Fe                        | 10:00pm                      | Bate Papo com Shirley                      |
| 7:30pm                        | MAPS on TV                              | 2:00pm                        | SCATV Presents Art Beat 2015           | 8:00am                      | Effort Pour Christ                    | 11:00pm                      | The Entertainer's Show                     |
| 8:00pm                        | Somerville Pundits                      | 3:00pm                        | Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)        | 9:00am                      | Heritage Baptist Church               | <b>Tuesday, September 15</b> |  |
| 8:30pm                        | Meh Kyown Television Ship               | 4:00pm                        | The Thom Hartmann Show                 | 10:00am                     | Evangelico                            | 7:00am                       | The Struggle                               |
| 9:00pm                        | Bay State Biking News                   | 5:00pm                        | Haitian Poetry                         | 10:30am                     | Active Aging                          | 8:00am                       | Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)            |
| 10:00pm                       | Art at SCATV                            | 6:00pm                        | Mystic Learning Center: Variety Hour   | 11:00am                     | Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer         | 9:00am                       | The Struggle                               |
| 10:30pm                       | Meh Kyown Television Ship               | 6:30pm                        | Somerville Housing Authority           | 11:30am                     | Taking Back Your Health               | 10:00am                      | Shrink Wrap                                |
| 11:00pm                       | Visual Radio                            | 7:00pm                        | Art at SCATV                           | 12:00pm                     | Inside Talk                           | 11:00am                      | Road to Recovery                           |
| <b>Thursday, September 10</b> |   | 7:00pm                        | Somerville Film Group                  | 12:30pm                     | Somerville Film Group                 | 11:30am                      | Ablevision                                 |
| 6:00am                        | Atheist Viewpoint                       | 8:00pm                        | Dance Group                            | 1:00pm                      | Somerville Neighborhood News          | 12:00pm                      | The Thom Hartmann Show                     |
| 7:00am                        | The Struggle                            | 9:00pm                        | Energy Theater                         | 1:30pm                      | Somerville Journal & Times Reading    | 1:00pm                       | Art as Protest                             |
| 8:00am                        | Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)         | 9:30pm                        | The Steve Katsos Show                  | 2:00pm                      | Legacies - A SCATV Production         | 2:00pm                       | Art at SCATV                               |
| 9:00am                        | Creative Somerville                     | 10:00pm                       | The Somerville Line                    | 2:30pm                      | Life Matters                          | 2:30pm                       | Jeff Jam Sing Song Show                    |
| 10:00am                       | Dead Air Live                           | 11:00pm                       | Acronym TV (Free Speech TV)            | 3:00pm                      | Rompendo em Fe                        | 3:00pm                       | Tele Galxie                                |
| 11:00am                       | Greater Somerville                      | 11:30pm                       | Visual Radio                           | 4:00pm                      | Delilhando a Saudade                  | 4:00pm                       | Ring of Fire (Free Speech TV)              |
| 11:30am                       | Ablevision                              | <b>Saturday, September 12</b> |  | 5:00pm                      | Race, Community, and Police Relations | 5:00pm                       | Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer              |
| 12:00pm                       | The Thom Hartman Show                   | 6:00am                        | Arabic Hour                            | 6:00pm                      | Abugida TV                            | 5:30pm                       | The Literati Scene                         |
| 1pm-3pm                       | SCATV Cooking Bloc                      | 7:00am                        | The Somerville Line                    | 7:00pm                      | African Television Network            | 6:00pm                       | Creative Somerville                        |
| 1:00pm                        | Chef's Table Series                     | 8:00am                        | Jeff Jam Sing Song Show                | 8:00pm                      | Tele Magazine                         | 6:30pm                       | Somerville Housing Authority               |
| 2:00pm                        | Neighborhood Cooking w/Candy            | 8:30am                        | Jeff Jam Sing Song Show                | 9:00pm                      | Effort Pour Christ                    | 7:00pm                       | Somerville Neighborhood News               |
| 2:30pm                        | Cooking with Georgia & Dez              | 9:00am                        | Festival Kreyol                        | 10:00pm                     | Farrakhan Speaks                      | 7:30pm                       | Greater Somerville                         |
| 3:00pm                        | Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)         | 10:00am                       | Tele Galaxie                           | <b>Monday, September 14</b> |                                       | 8:00pm                       | Dead Air Live                              |
| 4:00pm                        | Free Speech Television                  | 11:00am                       | Dead Air Live                          | 6:00am                      | Ablevision                            | 9:00pm                       | Energy Theater                             |
| 5:00pm                        | Jeff Jam Sing Song Show                 | 12:00pm                       | Honk Festival                          | 6:30am                      | Creating Cooperative Kids             | 11:00pm                      | The David Pakman Show (Free Speech TV)     |
| 5:30pm                        | Eat Well Be Happy Cooking Show          | 12:30pm                       | Taking Back Your Health                | 7:30am                      | Somerville Neighborhood News          |                              |  |
| 6:00pm                        | TBT: Throwback Thursday                 | 1:00pm                        | Art as Protest                         | 8:00am                      | Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)       |                              |  |

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| <b>Wednesday, September 9</b> |  | 3:00am:                       | Open Air Circus                           | 9:40pm:                     | Joe's Jazz & Blues Fest                       | REPLAY OF 9.10.15            |  |
| 9:00am:                       | Public Schools' General Staff Meeting      | 9:00am:                       | Community Path Ribbon Cutting             | <b>Sunday, September 13</b> |   | 3:30pm:                      | The Mayor's Report                         |
| 12:00pm:                      | Connecting Communities: Arts Council       | 12:00pm:                      | SomerViva em Portugues                    | 12:00am:                    | Open Air Circus                               | 6:00pm:                      | Union Sq. Civic Advisory Committee Meeting |
| 12:30pm:                      | Somerville Fight Night                     | 12:30pm:                      | Public Schools' General Staff Meeting     | 1:40am:                     | Taste of Somerville                           | 8:00pm:                      | Community Path Ribbon Cutting              |
| 3:15pm:                       | Community Path Ribbon Cutting              | 1:10pm:                       | Open Air Circus                           | 2:00am:                     | Connecting Communities - Teen Empowerment     | 8:30pm:                      | SomerViva en Espanol                       |
| 3:45pm:                       | The Mayor's Report                         | 3:00pm:                       | Art Beat 2015                             | 2:30am:                     | Haitian Community Engagement                  | 9:00pm:                      | The History of Agriculture in Somerville   |
| 6:30pm:                       | Haitian Community Engagement               | 6:30pm:                       | Aldermen at Work - Maryann Heuston        | 9:00am:                     | Connecting Communities - Teen Empowerment     | 10:00pm:                     | Joe's Jazz & Blues Fest                    |
| 8:00pm:                       | The Mayor's Report                         | 7:00pm:                       | SomerViva em Portugues                    | 12:00pm:                    | Senior Circuit                                | <b>Tuesday, September 15</b> |  |
| 8:30pm:                       | Public Schools' General Staff Meeting      | 7:30pm:                       | Connecting Communities - Teen Empowerment | 12:30pm:                    | Aldermen at Work - Maryann Heuston            | 12:00am:                     | SomerViva em Portugues                     |
| 9:10pm:                       | BOA Meeting Agenda for 9.10.15             | 8:00pm:                       | Somerville Fight Night                    | 1:00pm:                     | Somerville Fight Night                        | 12:30am:                     | Open Air Circus                            |
| <b>Thursday, September 10</b> |  | 10:00pm:                      | Community Path Ribbon Cutting             | 3:00pm:                     | Haitian Community Engagement                  | 3:10am:                      | Somerville Fight Night                     |
| 12:00am:                      | SomerViva em Portugues                     | <b>Saturday, September 12</b> |   | 6:30pm:                     | SomerViva em Portugues                        | 9:00am:                      | Joe's Jazz & Blues Fest                    |
| 12:30am:                      | Congressional Update                       | 12:00am:                      | Public Schools' General Staff Meeting     | 7:00pm:                     | Senior Circuit                                | 12:00pm:                     | Senior Circuit                             |
| 1:00am:                       | Aldermen at Work - Maryann Heuston         | 12:40am:                      | Project STAR 2015                         | 7:30pm:                     | The Mayor's Report                            | 12:30pm:                     | Public Schools' General Staff Gathering    |
| 1:30am:                       | Project STAR 2015                          | 1:20am:                       | Congressional Update                      | 8:00pm:                     | Aldermen at Work - Maryann Heuston            | 1:10pm:                      | The Mayor's Report                         |
| 2:30am:                       | SomerStreets: Seize the Summer             | 1:50am:                       | Somerville Fight Night                    | 8:40pm:                     | Board of Aldermen Meeting - REPLAY OF 9.10.15 | 1:40pm:                      | Union Sq. Civic Advisory Committee Meeting |
| 9:00am:                       | The Mayor's Report                         | 9:00am:                       | Haitian Community Engagement              | <b>Monday, September 14</b> |   | 6:30pm:                      | Community Path Ribbon Cutting              |
| 12:00pm:                      | Senior Circuit                             | 12:00pm:                      | Community Path Ribbon Cutting             | 12:00am:                    | Senior Circuit                                | 7:00pm:                      | Senior Circuit                             |
| 12:30pm:                      | Somerville Fight Night                     | 12:30pm:                      | Art Beat 2015                             | 12:30am:                    | Board of Aldermen Meeting - REPLAY OF 9.10.15 | 7:30pm:                      | Connecting Communities - Teen Empowerment  |
| 3:15pm:                       | Congressional Update                       | 2:00pm:                       | Open Air Circus                           | 3:00pm:                     | Art Beat 2015                                 | 8:00pm:                      | The Mayor's Report                         |
| 3:45pm:                       | Project STAR 2015                          | 3:40pm:                       | Project STAR 2015                         | 9:00am:                     | The History of Agriculture in Somerville      | 8:30pm:                      | Somerville Fight Night                     |
| 7:00pm:                       | Board of Aldermen Meeting - LIVE           | 6:30pm:                       | Haitian Community Engagement              | 12:00pm:                    | Board of Aldermen Meeting -                   | 12:00am:                     | Senior Circuit                             |
| <b>Friday, September 11</b>   |  | 8:00pm:                       | Public Schools' General Staff Meeting     | 12:30am:                    | REPLAY OF 9.10.15                             | 12:30am:                     | Art Beat 2015                              |
| 12:00am:                      | Project STAR 2015                          | 8:40pm:                       | SomerStreets: Seize the Summer            | <b>Monday, September 14</b> |   | 1:45am:                      | SomerViva em Portugues                     |
| 1:00am:                       | Union Sq. Civic Committee Advisory Meeting | 9:10pm:                       | Connecting Communities - Teen Empowerment | 3:00pm:                     | Art Beat 2015                                 | 2:15am:                      | Somerville Fight Night                     |

## Educational TV 15 Schedule

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|-------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---|------------------------------|---|
| <b>Wednesday, September 9</b> |   | 9:00pm:                       | SHS Boys Soccer v Everett 9/9             | 1:00pm:                     | SHS Boys Soccer v Everett 9/9             | 12:00pm:                     | SHS Boys Soccer v Everett 9/9             |
| 9:00am:                       | Project STAR 2015                         | <b>Friday, September 11</b>   |   | 3:00pm:                     | Somerville Fight Night                    | 2:00pm:                      | Somerville Fight Night                    |
| 10:00am:                      | Open Air Circus 2015                      | 12:00am:                      | SHS Boys Soccer v Everett 9/9             | 6:00pm:                     | SHS Football v Greater Lawrence           | 5:00pm:                      | SHS Boys Soccer v Everett 9/9             |
| 12:00pm:                      | String Camp & Camp HONK Summer Concert    | 2:30am:                       | Public Domain Theater - Sept              | 9:00pm:                     | SHS Boys Soccer v Everett 9/9             | 7:00pm:                      | SHS Football v Greater Lawrence           |
| 1:00pm:                       | WSNS Summer Concert                       | 9:00am:                       | Connecting Communities - Teen Empowerment | 11:00pm:                    | Connecting Communities - Teen Empowerment | 10:00pm:                     | SHS Girls Soccer vs Cambridge             |
| 3:00pm:                       | Somerville Fight Night                    | 10:00am:                      | School Day Games - Special Olympics       | <b>Sunday, September 13</b> |   | <b>Tuesday, September 15</b> |   |
| 6:00pm:                       | Project STAR 2015                         | 11:00am:                      | String Camp & Camp HONK Summer Concert    | 12:00am:                    | SHS Football v Greater Lawrence           | 12:00am:                     | SHS Girls Soccer vs Cambridge             |
| 7:00pm:                       | Open Air Circus 2015                      | 12:00pm:                      | Open Air Circus 2015                      | 3:00am:                     | Public Domain Theater - Sept              | 9:00am:                      | Connecting Communities - Teen Empowerment |
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| 10:00pm:                      | WSNS Summer Concert                       | 4:00pm:                       | Connecting Communities - Teen Empowerment | 11:00am:                    | SHS Boys Soccer v Everett 9/9             | 11:00am:                     | String Camp & Camp HONK Summer Concert    |
| <b>Thursday, September 10</b> |   | 5:00pm:                       | String Camp & Camp HONK Summer Concert    | 1:00pm:                     | Somerville Fight Night                    | 12:00pm:                     | Open Air Circus 2015                      |
| 12:00am:                      | Somerville Fight Night                    | 6:00pm:                       | Open Air Circus 2015                      | 4:00pm:                     | SHS Football v Greater Lawrence           | 2:00pm:                      | SHS Boys Soccer v Everett 9/9             |
| 9:00am:                       | Connecting Communities- Teen Empowerment  | 8:00pm:                       | SHS Boys Soccer v Everett 9/9             | 7:00pm:                     | Open Air Circus 2015                      | 4:00pm:                      | Connecting Communities - Teen Empowerment |
| 10:00am:                      | Somerville Fight Night                    | 10:00pm:                      | SHS Football v Greater Lawrence           | 9:00pm:                     | SHS Boys Soccer v Everett 9/9             | 5:00pm:                      | String Camp & Camp HONK Summer Concert    |
| 1:00pm:                       | Project STAR 2015                         | <b>Saturday, September 12</b> |   | 11:00pm:                    | Connecting Communities - Teen Empowerment | 6:00pm:                      | SHS Girls Soccer vs Cambridge             |
| 2:00pm:                       | Open Air Circus 2015                      | 12:30am:                      | SHS Football v Greater Lawrence           | <b>Monday, September 14</b> |   | 8:00pm:                      | SHS Boys Soccer v Everett 9/9             |
| 4:00pm:                       | Connecting Communities - Teen Empowerment | 9:00am:                       | Connecting Communities - Teen Empowerment | 12:00am:                    | SHS Football v Greater Lawrence           | 9:30pm:                      | SHS Football v Greater Lawrence           |
| 5:00pm:                       | Somerville Fight Night                    | 10:00am:                      | SHS Football v Greater Lawrence           | 3:00am:                     | Public Domain Theater - Sept              | 12:00am:                     | SHS Girls Soccer vs Cambridge             |
| 8:00pm:                       | Project STAR 2015                         |                               |   | 9:00am:                     | SHS Boys Soccer v Everett 9/9             | 2:00am:                      | SHS Boys Soccer v Everett 9/9             |



OFF THE SHELF  
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Somerville's Randi Freundlich:  
A Photographer with an  
Eye to the Children of the World

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Near the Window

They sit near the window on a small table  
The English thyme taking off  
And the Greek oregano holding strong  
While the golden sage stretches toward  
The marjoram its sweet form  
Tangling with the sturdy -- or should I say studly -- rosemary  
So tall in its black vase  
And smallest yet in a pot like a giant's thimble  
Cuban oregano luminescent always in the morning light.

— Cynthia Staples

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"I would like to live there (in Honduras), but then I wouldn't—because you don't see so many stuff that America has. Over there is poor. It's considered one of the poorest countries." — Heibyn

This unedited quote is from a Honduran immigrant child named Heibyn, who is one of the subjects of photographer Randi Freundlich's project *Children of the World/Boston*. Freundlich is a social worker, who trained as a photographer. She is currently taking photographs of immigrant children that includes text from the kids or their parents. Freundlich joined me at my usual table at the Bloc 11 Café in Somerville to talk about *Children of the World/Boston*, her life and work.

Freundlich is a long-time resident of Somerville, residing in our city since 1982. She said of Somerville, "I love its diversity and aliveness." Freundlich opined about the rapid gentrification of Somerville stating, "Unfortunately, many people who were born and raised in Somerville won't be able to afford to live here. I hope there is going to be an emphasis on affordable housing and economic diversity."

For years Freundlich has been a social worker working in the field of parenting education. She is retiring soon from her regular gig, but she will be a consultant to other social service agencies.

In her work with immigrant children, she came up with the idea for the project titled *Children of the World/Boston*. She talked a bit about her work with this venture:

"I work with immigrant families and their situations are unique. Many immigrant families have no immediate family in the area and have little support. They don't know the school system and all the decisions that must be made. If they don't speak English then their problems are compounded. I find the plight of these families with children quite interesting. I have photographed children from 50 different countries, such as Ireland, Israel, and Lebanon, to name a few. I hope to have 100 countries eventually. I conduct interviews of fami-



lies, photograph the children, and take compelling snippets of text from these interviews. The parents of the children receive a high quality 8 by 10 print. The photos will be part of an exhibit and will be part of a book."

Freundlich told me that she trained as a photographer at the Art Institute of Chicago, but she needed a steady income so she went into social work. Freundlich does commercial photography as well, including Bar Mitzvahs, weddings, etc. She counts Walker Evans, Mary Ellen Mark, and Dorothy Lange among the many photography masters who have influenced her work.

In a city of immigrants, it is nice to know we have a dedicated photographer who creates images and text that people will come back to in years to come. And that my friend—is the way it is—in—The Paris of New England.

To find out more about Randi Freundlich and her work go to: <http://www.RandiFreundlichPhotography.com>

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wide variety of houseplants, will be featured, as well as herbs, shrubs, and groundcovers. Choose from hundreds of plants donated by both Somerville Garden Club members and community friends of the Club. Visit the Connoisseur Table for that unique specimen or find a tried-and-true favorite—there's something for everyone! Horticultural books, decorative containers, and garden tools will also be for sale. Experienced gardeners will be available to answer questions and assist with plant selections. And the littlest gardener will enjoy the Children's Table. Proceeds benefit the educational programs and public plantings of the all-volunteer, non-profit Somerville Garden Club. For additional information visit [www.somervillegardenclub.org](http://www.somervillegardenclub.org).

The Brickbottom Artists Building Yard Sale will be held this Saturday, September 12, 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. (rain date September

13). Multi-family, with lots of amazing stuff. A portion of the sales will help support the Brickbottom Artists Association. Brickbottom Yard, Somerville.

Somerville's Historic Bike Ride: Enjoy a fun bike ride exploring Somerville's new "green" initiatives with the theme Food, Flowers, and Farming: All Flourishing Anew in Somerville. The ride is geared for all ages and riding levels, and it will be escorted by the Somerville Police. There will be a few rest stops as well. Sunday, September 13, 1:00–4:00 p.m., City Hall, Somerville.

Rhode Island natives, Chris and Jennifer Daltrey of What Cheer Records, will bring their unique brand of shopping to Union Square with the Somerville Rock & Roll Yard Sale. Sunday September 13, 11 a.m.–5:00 p.m. in Union Square.

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Answers

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|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Wisk                             | 7. Disney World                    |
| 2. Thomas Edison                    | 8. Old Joe                         |
| 3. Consumer Reports                 | 9. Reebok                          |
| 4. 5                                | 10. Mount Holyoke College, in 1836 |
| 5. Pirouette                        | 11. The Oscars                     |
| 6. Orange (orange flavored liqueur) | 12. Barbara Millicent Roberts      |

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