



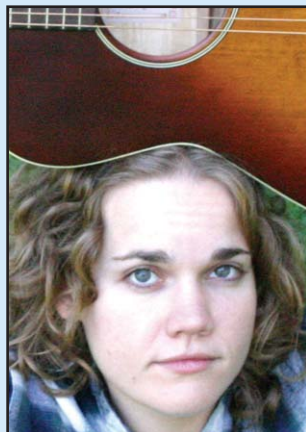
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GLX supporters mock delay at rally

MassDOT not out of the woods yet



Mayor Curtatone reasserted his commitment to the GLX cause at last week's rally at SHS.

By Andrew Firestone

The Green Line Extension (GLX), delayed until at least 2018, saw the shovels drop to the ground in a mockery of the delayed process. Community members from Somerville, Cambridge, Arlington and Medford displayed their solidarity in support of the Green Line extension, on Thursday, Oct. 20, as a large group held a rally outside Somerville High School the night of the Federal environmental impact report.

Mayor Joseph Curtatone was joined by Aldermen John Connelly, Bruce Desmond, William White, Maryann Heuston, Representatives Denise Provost and Tim Toomey, Senator Pat Jehlen, and a host of community activists. Many were armed with shovels, to show that the community was "shovel ready" for the GLX, as a literal "green line" of fabric was splayed out on the park lawn.

Later on, members of the community heard the federal environmental impact report from MassDOT and gave their comments to state officials. Kate Fichter, project manager for MassDOT, said that they hoped to be approved for federal "New Starts" money

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Getting real about food

Somerville schools celebrate first annual Food Day

By Elizabeth Sheeran

This was not their parents' school lunch.

Somerville public elementary school kids dined Monday on roasted herb chicken - real chicken, not the nugget kind - accompanied by locally grown butternut squash, cornbread freshly made at a local bakery, and apples straight from the orchard near Lunenburg.

"It's really good. It's different from what we usually have, like chicken nuggets, mozzarella sticks or pizza," said Glenda Pereira, a fourth grader at the Argenziano School.

"I hope we have it a lot more often," said her classmate Jillian Gomes. "I think it's healthier because I think chicken nuggets have a lot of grease and stuff like that."

The occasion was the first annual Food Day, a nationwide event launched to promote healthy, affordable, sustainable food in the American diet. In Somerville schools, it was a day to celebrate food that comes fresh from the source, without a whole lot of processing

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Second graders (left to right) John Rotundo, Syeda Kawsar and Hardik Pokhrel participated in apple tasting during Food Day activities at the Argenziano School.

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NEWTALK

Election day is quickly coming for the local elections, Tuesday, November 8. The hot spots will be in Wards 4 and 7 even. Although in Ward 3 there will be a small one, we expect incumbent Alderman Tom Taylor, who recently has come home from the hospital again, to once again top the ticket. In Ward 4 Tony LaFaunte and Christine Barber are both out there working hard, knocking on doors and setting up for a final push. Tony is having an old fashioned rally on Winter Hill on Saturday, November 5, with an outdoor barbecue and a “bluegrass band” in the afternoon. We were told more information will soon follow. Meanwhile, up in Ward 7 incumbent Bob Trane has been working extremely hard canvassing door to door every day rain or shine. We hear his opponent is out there as well.

The Alderman At Large race has seen a lot of work recently, more so by the challengers. The incumbents are feeling secured properly and will be sending out their usual last week blitz mailings. Challengers like Mike Nionakis, Todd Eaton and Sean Fitzgerald are out there meeting and greeting voters and putting up signs.

Candidate Sean Fitzgerald, who is running for Alderman At Large, is having a fundraiser/get together at Sally O’Brien’s, 335 Somerville Avenue, this Thursday night, October 27, from 6 to 8. Join Sean and his supporters to show your support. Sean is a nice guy and has been around here and involved in the city for many years. Some may recall him from Former Mayor Dot Kelly Gay’s administration while others might remember him when he worked for former Senator Charlie Shannon.

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Former mayor helps Somerville Lions local charities



Former Somerville Mayor /current Middlesex Register of Deeds Gene Brune, together with the Somerville Lions Club, hosted a charity fund-raising event at Giggles Comedy Club on Route One in Saugus on Wednesday evening. The well-attended crowd of Somervillians packed the function room while feasting on unlimited pizza and salad along with the entertainment of multiple comics on stage that had the crowd in stitches all evening. The Somerville Lions Club with the assistance of Gene Brune, who is also a Somerville Lions member, have been running this event on a yearly basis and it has been considered a tradition for the service club. Proceeds from the event will go to local charities that the Somerville Lions Club supports year round. Somerville Lions Club President Paul Carroll has a number of events planned throughout the year. For more information on the Somerville Lions Club or the join the club you can email them at Somervillelionsclub@yahoo.com or visit their website at www.Somervillelionsclub.com and make difference.

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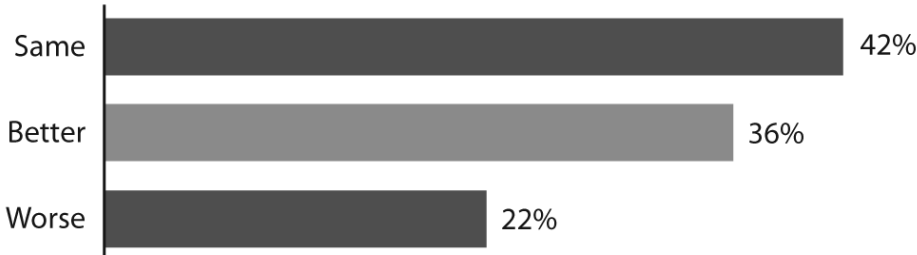
Joe makes the right move again. Subtle rebuttal!

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TheSomervilleNews.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleNews.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 how you think the Red Sox will do next season without Theo Epstein at the helm. If you don’t agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleNews.com.

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Candidates convene panel discussion

By Ard Ardalan

Candidates competing for seats on the board of Aldermen held a formal panel discussion on Tuesday evening to address questions from local residents. The event, which took place at the First Church of Somerville on College Avenue, was attended by members of the local community eager to ask questions and air grievances to prospective Aldermen.

Though all candidates registered to be on the ballot on November 15 were invited to participate in the panel, only eight, both challengers and incumbents, were present. Among

them, only Bob Trane and Christine Barber, of Wards 7 and 4 respectively, were running for Ward Alderman seats.

Candidates for Alderman At Large present at the discussion were incumbents Dennis Sullivan, Bruce Desmond, Bill White and challengers Todd Easton and Mike Nionakis.

Candidates were asked to answer questions ranging from the inclusionary housing ordinance and the increases in poverty levels, to illegal immigration and eviction of problematic low-income tenants in East Somerville.

In a controversial measure, the board of aldermen recently requested that

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Photo by Matthew J. Roy

The candidates fielded questions and offered their viewpoints on a wide range of issues Tuesday night.

GLX supporters mock delay at rally CONT. FROM PG 1

and needed to be in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in order to do so, thus necessitating the new report.

Rafael Mares of the Conservation Law Foundation, the group that successfully sued the state in 2004 to legally mandate the GLX, said that the new report, while immersive, failed and would fail to meet federal requirements due to its lack of expansion to Route 16 in Medford. The current report lists the final stop at College Avenue in Somerville along the Northwest border; a condition Mares said was unacceptable.

"[MassDOT] has not petitioned for the delay yet, and that delay has not been approved by the DEP [state Department of Environmental Protection]," said Mares, referring to the fact that the GLX project, while having an announced delay, cannot legally delay the project until approved by state officials in the DEP. "Until that happens, the planning documents are supposed to reflect the current requirements and are supposed to prioritize them. That is not the case right now, and that is against national environmental policy."

He added that they will not complete the NEPA process, and thus the study is incomplete and might lead to "serious political fallout."

The report listed a timeline that includes two separate phases in construction. According to plans, once land acquisitions are completed under eminent domain, some time in 2014, the reconstruction of bridges and the relocation of the commuter rail lines adjacent to the new rails will take place. A total of 11 bridges, in two separate phases,

will be reconstructed. Mitigation of noise and vibration requires 17,000 feet of walls around the 4.3 miles of tracks, seven stations built between 2015-2018, with start-up and testing beginning in June of 2018.

Curtatone was unequivocal in his desire to see the project through in the rally. "Because of all of you here, and thousands like you, we sent a clear, unmistakable message to the governor and officials at MassDOT, that they had to reengage on this project and get it going. And let me tell you, you rattled their cages because they are now working with us, talking about putting together a concrete predictable timeline for this project: one that delivers stations a lot sooner than 2020," he said, referring to the inclusion of phasing the project to open it earlier.

"The state now seems to understand how imperative it is to get this project rolling, especially before the economy improves, and construction costs balloon with it. And you need to stay on them. You have to keep it going. If we've learned anything, it's that constant vigilance will be required to make sure that the Green Line Extension becomes a reality and they're not just going to hand us anything," he said.

"We're going to have to keep on fighting for it. That's in our history, that's who we are. It's that inherent pride and tenacity that's going to make sure this project happens," he said.

Stephen Mackey of the Somerville Chamber of Commerce spoke in similar tones at the rally, highlighting the environmental impact upon people dealing with pollution from traffic and noise.

"The debt is past due," he said. "Fulfilling this promise

will unlock a redevelopment zone that is as big as downtown [Boston]. It will open the doors to the most densely populated city in New England. Government will not ride over us anymore. We are not a highway. State and federal leaders need to hear us: keep your promise. Clean the air. Complete the [community] path. Serve the people. Generate the jobs and stimulate the region. Keep your promise," he said.

Curtatone likewise was adamant that the project would create opportunity for thousands to gain employment and start businesses. "You'll leave a hell of a lot more money on the table if you don't build this and build it now," he said.

One member of the crowd, Grace Lotty, 10, of Somerville said that she loved riding the T, and would love to ride the T in Somerville and see the GLX built. "I'm a lot upset about this, not a little," she said.

The crowd, who made several suggestions and comments regarding their outrage at MassDOT, was united in their disbelief and intolerance of any further delay to the GLX. With shovels raised, they met inside the SHS and made their feelings plain to the state officials. Complaints included air pollution, the perception that Somerville, not a wealthy city, was purposely being placed on the backburner, and financial mismanagement by the state.

"You are, of course, welcome here," said Rep. Provost to the MassDOT officials. "We are reasonable people and we like to participate in public process but based on comments I heard from our constituents, I think it's fortunate that the people outside carried shovels and not pitchforks."

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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Neighbor dispute gets out of hand

Police responded to a call from a woman who said that she was being harrassed and threatened by a neighbor last Thursday evening.

As officers arrived at the woman's residence on Fellsway West they reportedly noticed a commotion on the street involving seven people and they immediately separated the individuals into smaller groups for questioning.

The woman who called the police reportedly said that she and her neighbor, Dwight

Lancaster, 51, had been having confrontations in the past and that she had petitioned for a restraining order against him.

On this evening she said that she had been walking home on the sidewalk and she noticed Lancaster sitting in his car in his driveway. She claimed that he looked "directly" at her and began revving the engine, then backed up with the intent of striking her, police said.

The woman further stated that she had to jump out of the way to avoid being struck by the car

and that when Lancaster exited his car a verbal argument ensued, according to police.

Lancaster reportedly went into his house as he continued cursing at the woman, according to her testimony.

The woman's husband and son reportedly exited their house to assist her, and seconds later Lancaster was once again outside, allegedly brandishing an iron, and joined by his wife and another man, according to witness reports.

The argument resumed and at one point Lancaster alleged-

ly charged at the woman, attempting to strike her with the iron, police said.

The woman's son attempted to intervene, but Lancaster reportedly managed to kick her, according to witnesses on the scene.

Upon questioning, Lancaster reportedly told police that the woman herself had started screaming and yelling at him for no reason, and that she and her family went to his house, pounded on his door, harassing him, police said.

He also reportedly told police that "she thinks that just because she is taking me to court to get a restraining order against me that she can do that. I'm not gonna walk away from that." He also denied assaulting her with an iron, police said.

Based on witnesses' testimony police placed Lancaster under arrest. He was charged with two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon (shod foot), and intimidation of a witness.

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SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

Xavier De Sousa, 38, of 20 Marion St., Everett, October 18, 5:20 p.m., arrested at 171 Broadway on a charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Djaima Lopes Dias, 30, of 16 Warren Ave., October 18, 7:09 p.m., arrested at Medford St. on charges of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and lights violation.

Kasandra Darling, 25, of 140 Elm St., Cambridge, October 18, 8:02 p.m., arrested at Broadway on warrant charges of receiving a stolen credit card and credit card fraud under \$250.

Ronald D'Angeli, 53, October 18, 10:30 p.m., arrested at 83 Partridge Ave. on a charge of assault and battery.

Evan Low, 33, of 27A Craigie St., October 19, 4:21 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery.

Katelyn Landry, 24, of 22 Easement Rd., Tewksbury, October 19, 7:10 p.m., arrested at 14 McGrath Hwy. on a charge of uttering a false prescription and warrant charges of speeding and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Jonathan Norena, 20, of 79 Derby St., October 19, 9:50 p.m., arrested at home on warrant charges of assault and battery and assault with a dangerous weapon.

Derek McMasters, 32, Octo-

ber 20, 2:47 p.m., arrested at Highland Ave. on charges of possession of a class B drug, violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon, and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Michael Hasberry, 48, of 625 Morton St., Mattapan, October 20, 3:56 p.m., arrested at 75 Mystic Ave. on a charge of larceny over \$250.

A juvenile, 48, October 20, 3:57 p.m., arrested at 472 Mystic Ave. on a charge of receiving stolen property.

Dwight Lancaster, 51, of 56 Fellsway West, October 20, 7:17 p.m., arrested at 58 Fellsway West on charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, assault with a dangerous weapon, and witness intimidation.

Joseph Balistreri, 37, of 6 Maine Ave., October 21, 1:19 a.m., arrested at home on a warrant charge of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

David Flores, 20, of 161 Pearl St., October 21, 11:44 p.m., arrested at Glen St. on charges of motor vehicle lights violation, furnishing a false name or Social Security number, speeding, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, failure to stop or yield, operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor, and a warrant charge of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Delmon Meredy, 25, of 101

Brook Rd., Milton, October 22, 4:36 p.m., arrested at 265 Medford St. on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license and no inspection sticker.

Michael Riccio, 29, of 26 Derby St., October 23, 12:13 p.m., arrested at 133 Middlesex Ave. on a charge of shoplifting by asportation.

Michael Haley, 18, of 11 Fairview Terr., October 23, 10:52 a.m., arrested at Forster St. on charges of assault and battery, malicious damage to a motor vehicle, and unarmed assault to rob.

Craig Bradshaw, 22, of 9 Woodbowl Ave., Mattapan, October 24, 11:39 a.m., arrested at 77 Middlesex Ave. on charges of shoplifting by concealing merchandise and resisting arrest.

Richard Ross, 29, of 10 Forsythe, Chelsea, October 24, 1:09 p.m., arrested at 220 Washington St. on a warrant charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Incidents:

Theft:

October 18, 10:02 a.m., police reported a theft at Pearson Ave.

October 18, 12:18 p.m., police reported a theft at Rose St.

October 18, 12:58 p.m., police reported a theft at Vernon St.

October 18, 11:06 p.m., police reported a theft at Broadway.

October 19, 1:02 p.m., police reported a theft at Broadway.

October 20, 1:53 p.m., police reported a theft at Broadway.

October 20, 3:51 p.m., police reported a theft at 472 Mystic Ave.

October 20, 3:56 p.m., police reported a theft at 75 Mystic Ave.

October 20, 4:07 p.m., police reported a theft at Ten Hills Rd.

October 20, 8:28 p.m., police reported a theft at 75 Mystic Ave.

October 20, 9:54 p.m., police reported a theft at Cutter St.

October 23, 12:13 p.m., police reported a theft at 133 Middlesex Ave.

Robbery:

October 19, 10:37 p.m., police reported a robbery at 46 Medford St.

October 23, 2:36 a.m., police reported a robbery at Highland Ave.

October 23, 9:11 a.m., police reported a robbery at 701 Somerville Ave.

Breaking & Entering:

October 18, 1:27 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Grove St.

October 19, 6:47 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Jackson Rd.

October 19, 6:49 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Benton Rd.

October 19, 9:26 p.m., police

reported a breaking & entering at Cedar St.

October 20, 1:59 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at 472 Mystic Ave.

October 20, 5:01 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Simpson Ave.

October 21, 11:47 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Russell Rd.

October 22, 5:41 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Moore St.

Vehicle Theft:

October 20, 12:07 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Raymond Ave.

October 20, 9:55 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at 711 Broadway.

Assault:

October 18, 10:30 p.m., police reported an assault at Partridge Ave.

October 19, 4:21 p.m., police reported an assault at Craigie St.

October 20, 1:35 p.m., police reported an assault at Broadway.

October 23, 10:52 a.m., police reported an assault at Forster St.

October 23, 1:21 p.m., police reported an assault at 300 Alewife Brook Pky.

Drug Violation:

October 20, 1:35 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Highland Ave.

State redistricting gives Jehlen all Somerville

By Andrew Firestone

With the Massachusetts General Court's redistricting draft plans out on October 18, Sen. Pat Jehlen has, if re-elected, gained all wards and precincts of Somerville, with Sen. Sal DiDomenico losing his former constituent areas in Somerville. Under the new plan, which will be implemented if unchallenged, Rep. Tim Toomey will lose his precinct in Ward 2 to Rep. Denise Provost, and Sciortino would take a precinct from Ward 4 from Provost.

Jehlen said that her possibly new districts, if re-elected had "been represented very, very well by Sal DiDomenico, but he has a large group of communities, many communities, to represent, and I think that the consolidation of districts will allow both of us to pay more attention to each of our communities."

"I think that's a good thing," she said.

Senator DiDomenico could not be reached before our print deadline for comment.

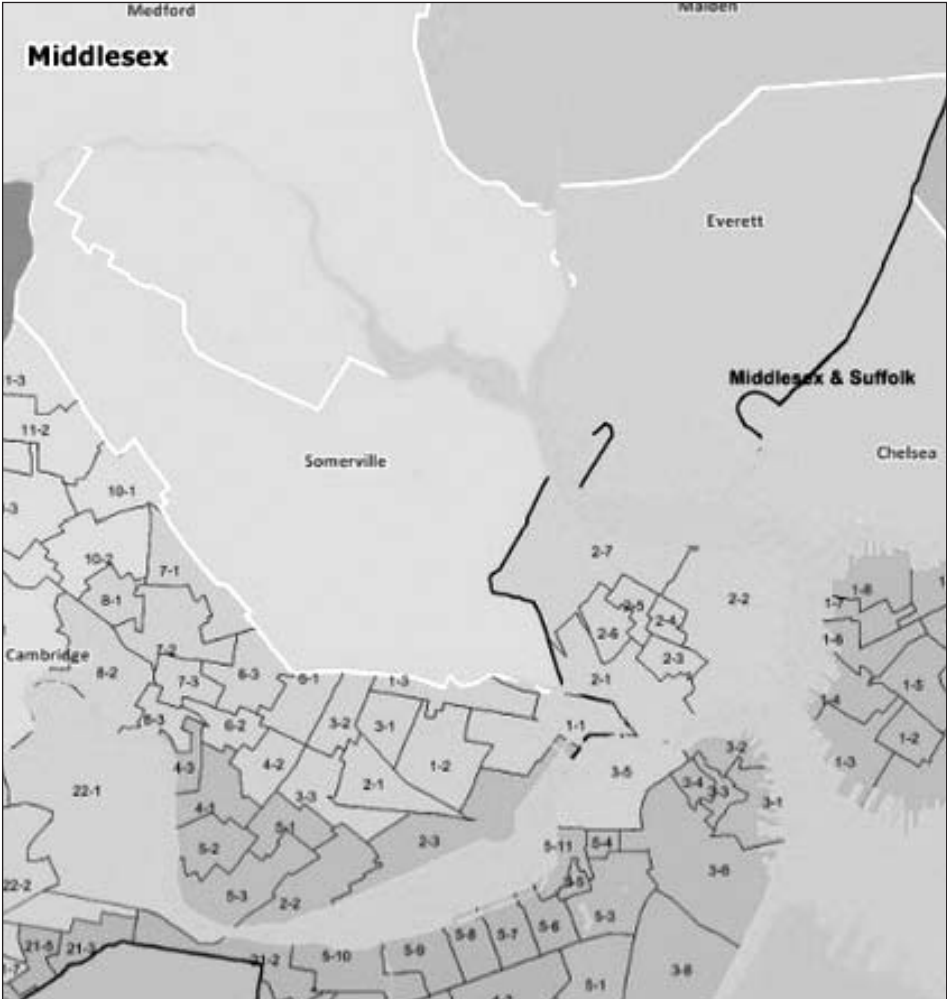
"I have always in my mind represented Somerville," said Jehlen. "I never asked

about precinct lines. Even when I was a rep. and I only represented half the city I always tried to listen to everybody from every part of the city, and I think the redistricting commission really wanted to bring communities together and I'm happy they brought Somerville together," she said.

"I have always in my mind represented Somerville"

The redistricting, if approved will have Somerville lose one of its Senators, while keeping its three representatives. Jehlen would also pick up several precincts in Cambridge as well.

When asked how she felt with the full burden of the city residents on her shoulders, always a vocal and politically active bunch, she answered, "I think we have another very active and vocal constituency in North Cambridge that I haven't represented. 40,000 new people I have to get to know."



The new proposed senate districting.

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Precinct 2	A room in the ARGENZIANO SCHOOL at LINCOLN PK, 290 Washington Street;
Precinct 3	A room in LOWELL STREET FIRE STATION, 651 Somerville Avenue;
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Precinct 1	THE ATRIUM, NEW WING OF SOMERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL, Highland Avenue;
Precinct 2	A room in the CUMMINGS SCHOOL, Prescott Street side;
Precinct 3	A room in the DANTE CLUB, on Craigie Street;
WARD FOUR	
Precinct 1	A room in the MYSTIC ACTIVITY CENTER, 530 Mystic Avenue;
Precinct 2	A room in the REILLY-BRICKLEY FIRE STATION, 266 Broadway;
Precinct 3	A room in the WINTER HILL COMMUNITY SCHOOL, on Sycamore Street;
WARD FIVE	
Precinct 1	A room in the DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS GARAGE, behind Trum Field;
Precinct 2	A room in the BROWN SCHOOL, Kidder Avenue Side;
Precinct 3	A room in the ENGINE 7 FIRE STATION, 265 Highland Avenue;
WARD SIX	
Precinct 1	A room in the GEORGE DILBOY POST, 371 Summer Street;
Precinct 2	A room in the CIAMPA MANOR, 27 College Avenue;
Precinct 3	A room in the HOLY BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH, on Chapel Street;
WARD SEVEN	
Precinct 1	A room in the SENIOR CENTER, 167 Holland Street;
Precinct 2	ENGINE 6 TEELE SQUARE FIRE STATION, 6 Newbury Street;
Precinct 3	VNA ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY, 405 Alewife Brook Parkway;

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The Rise of SCC

Somerville Community Corporation a force to be reckoned with

By Andrew Firestone

In the past several months, the Somerville Community Corporation, a non-profit that provides affordable housing for underprivileged families in Somerville, has seen its stock rise considerably as a social force. From organizing rallies to support their local hiring ordinance, the mock GLX groundbreaking and the housing symposium, to receiving \$3.9 million in government funds to build the third phase of the St. Polycarp village and their Cross St. project, the SCC has exemplified that old adage that, when the going gets tough, the tough get going.

Led by Executive Director Danny LeBlanc, the group has received kudos from none other than Congressman Mike Capuano, Governor Deval Patrick and the Somerville delegation on Beacon Hill.

"The real message we're looking to send forth is that we're interested in promoting and helping to develop an equitable Somerville that allows for a range of people to be able to afford and live and enjoy the benefits that Somerville has to offer," said LeBlanc.

The Cross St. project has received \$1 million in funds from the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) for eight units of affordable housing for those living below the poverty line. An additional \$619,550 has been grant-

ed for the third phase of the St. Polycarp Village in tax credits, with an additional \$2,259,000 in DHCD subsidies for 31 units there, five of which will go to families below the poverty line. A total of 67 jobs will be created for these projects.

"I think it's generally necessary in cities across the country. I don't think that we should put ourselves in a position where markets alone will dictate who gets to live where and who doesn't," said LeBlanc. "It's the role of community groups and, frankly, it's the role of government to try to mitigate some of those market tendencies and not just let the market rule by itself."

The Governor himself, Deval Patrick was likewise impressed. "I am proud to support public-private partnerships that advance construction projects like the Cross Street and Saint Polycarp Village, putting people to work and contributing to the economic vitality of our communities. We want Massachusetts to be a place where people put down roots, raise their families and do business, and that's why expanding affordable housing opportunities remains a top priority."

The SCC has found praise from the entire Somerville delegation, as well as from Somerville's federal representatives. "Funding these units will help keep Somerville affordable for families struggling to stay in our community," said Rep. Carl Sciortino. "I applaud SCC for continuing to grow and

for helping families be able to live and contribute to the vibrancy of our city."

"This investment in affordable housing will help expand access to quality rental units for families and individuals, as well as for people transitioning from homelessness. It will also create jobs, making an impact on the local economy," said Congressman Michael Capuano.

With 145 units of rental housing established for needy families by January 2012 with the completion of the second phase of the St. Polycarp Village development, as well as 125 units of affordable housing sold, the non-profit continues to expand its own horizons, becoming community organizers and helping foster housing advocates for the working poor. While not exactly concordant with market forces, LeBlanc said that he tries to use the SCC to do what is right.

"All the signs I see is would say the market is going to drive costs upward in Somerville. It's not doing that everywhere in the country. If you go to Cleveland, it's not doing that, for example. But it is here, and therefore I think it's all of our jobs to try to do what we can to allow a place in Somerville for a wide diversity of income folks, and not simply let the market take over and result in a situation where low and moderate income people cannot afford to live here anymore," he said.

"One way to keep diversity in

the community is to build some amount of affordable housing that is preserved and dedicated as affordable housing and that's kind of how we build," he said, describing the use of long term restrictions on the SCC development housing. "If we can increase the amount of that stock, then that's one way we can ensure some percentage of low and moderate income people can live in Somerville," he said. "We try to be agents of that in the city."

Legislative Matters

The SCC has also been involved in the fight to bring local jobs to Somerville, working with the community group Jobs for Somerville, as well as the pro bono Sugar Law Center to do legal research in bringing the Local Hiring Ordinance to Somerville.

Cecily Harwitt, an SCC employee and grassroots organizer, said that the work with Sugar Law was "a pleasure." "In this fight there is so much energy from so many different parts of the community," she said. "Everyone from laid-off factory workers, to lawyers, to professionals, people that have lived in this city their whole lives, that I don't see how we can lose. Everyone agrees that local people deserve local jobs and should benefit from the City's investment."

The ordinance, proposed in June to provide a soft cap to encourage those developers receiving state and local funds in excess of \$50,000 to hire 30 percent of their workforce locally,

was championed by the SCC and supported unanimously by the Board of Aldermen. However, a recent decision against local hiring ordinances in Federal District Court threatens to derail the proposed ordinance after a Fall River ordinance was struck down Oct. 12 by Judge Rya Zobel, costing the city of Fall River tens of thousands of dollars in legal fees.

However, said John Philo of Sugar Law, the battle is far from over, as the Somerville ordinance does not include a "hard cap" for local hires, and only encourages a good faith effort.

"It was a mandatory 50 percent of new hires and 100 percent of all apprentice position had to be city residents," said Philo of the Fall River ordinance, who noted that there wasn't even a provision for workers even if there were not enough employees to fill the positions, nor was there a rationale for such a drastic change.

"It's an unsettled area of law," said Philo, an expert on local hiring matters, who said that the Supreme Court of the United States had previously remanded a case in Newark, New Jersey, saying that, under certain conditions a jobs ordinance could be applied without going against the Constitution. Hard caps, said Philo were held in suspicion by courts, while soft caps might just work.

The soft caps help create a culture that

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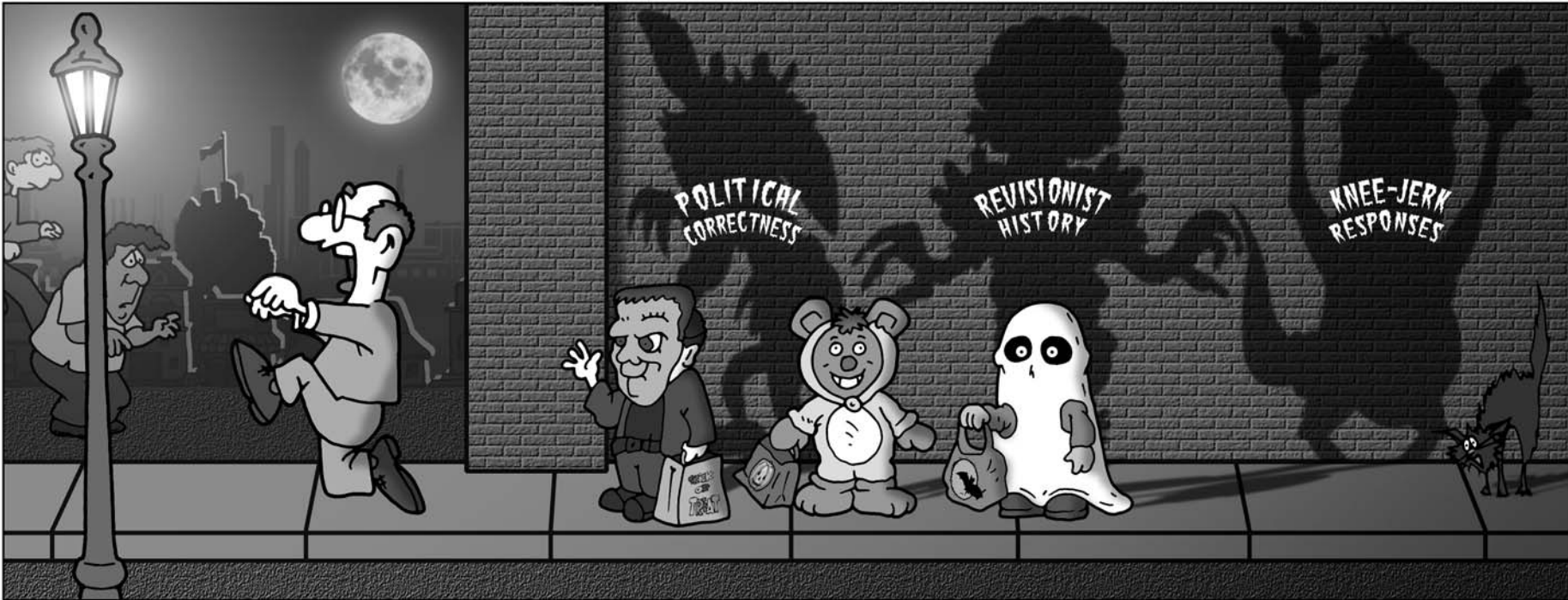
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COMMENTARY

TALES OF SOMERVILLE

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Be afraid. Be very afraid.

The View From Prospect Hill



As unlikely as it may seem, it looks as though we may have gotten over the big “Fall Holiday” flap of 2011. And not a moment too soon, we might add. The hype and hooplah surrounding a certain internal memo that got blown way out of proportion is gradually dimming from our collective consciousness, having expended its fifteen minutes of fame in a grand fashion before ultimately suffering the fate it so well deserves. It has been duly debunked, ridiculed, and dismissed as fodder for self-appointed pundits and assorted humbugs. What lingers still is the distasteful certainty that the core issue itself is far from forgotten entirely and will surely rear its head in some other way at a not too distant time from now.

History is a difficult thing to reshape. We cling to our myths and traditions, as our sense of continuity demands, while taking both pride and pleasure in these celebrations that many of us hold so dear. Certainly, a good number of inconvenient facts and contradictions to some of our core beliefs need to be debated, analyzed, and represented anew. But must we confuse and burden our youngest children with these unsettling issues?

Some would argue that social justice demands it, that the “corrected” historical record must be taught from an early age. Others would advocate letting our simple traditions go on as they have, regardless of who may object. And so, as we dispute the true meaning of holidays such as Columbus Day, Halloween, and Thanksgiving, and further question whether or not, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus, let us be aware of the more innocent among us who know best how to have a good time and pull together in the spirit of community and good fellowship. Please, let's not scare the kids.

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Eugene Brune the popular former Mayor and present Registrar of Deeds is said to be retiring at the end of his term next year and already another popular Alderman is going to be running. Sean O'Donovan, long time Ward 5 Alderman and successful practicing attorney, is letting it be known he's going to run for Gene's seat if Gene isn't running. We think Sean would make a great choice to succeed the popular Eugene Brune. Sean would definitely be a favorite here from Somerville with his successful runs for Ward 5 Alderman and winning re-elections by large margins. It shows he's doing a great job for Somerville.

The local masons are having their monthly “Trowel Club” meeting which is open to any male as well as any Mason here in Somerville. This month's meeting is Thursday, October 27, at 6:30 p.m. A small dinner and Trivia Night is also planned this month. The location is 125 Highland Avenue (rear), Somerville.

Happy Birthday to our co-Publisher Donald Norton who is celebrating this week with his wife Pat here in the 'Ville. Also happy birthday to Somerville Deputy Chief Dave Salvi. Dave has worked for the city Fire Department for almost 40 years. A big Happy Birthday to former Alderman James F. McCarthy who turns 72 years old. Jim was the former chairman of the School Board and President of the Board of Aldermen, not to mention that he used to sing at various weddings in his day. He's a great guy and lifelong resident of the city. Others celebrating this week is popular real estate agent Clifton Verdieu of East Somerville, as well as Alderman At Large Dennis Sullivan. Well known good guy and great Villen Richard Hart also celebrates this week. Sal DiMaggio also this week along with Nancy Maloney formerly of Somerville, and finally Ginny Azulay Roache we wish her the best for the day.

Best wishes and congratulations to Emily Pero, daughter of Ward 4 Alderman Walter Pero, who married Mike Perone, a Somerville Police officer. The

wedding was at St. Ann's church. We wish the happy couple a long and prosperous life ahead for themselves.

Congratulations to our good friends Jenene Snow and her fiancé Patrick Donnelly on their recent engagement. We wish them both the best.

Bob Publicover, our mentor and former Publisher, went back into the hospital recently and underwent some more surgery. He is resting and hopefully heading home real soon. He's having a hard time, but were certain a lot of his friends citywide will send best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Another person in our thoughts is our own co-publisher Billy Tauro who felt some chest pains and was rushed to the hospital over at Mt. Auburn. We wish him a speedy recovery as well. We've been assured that the paper will be delivered to all the spots by our trusted guy Jimmy, because if anyone can do it

on his own, its Jimmy.

On vacation for these two weeks is lovely Diane Blouin who works very hard throughout the year at her job and decided to take two weeks off. Ross had better get creative with the meals, doing three a day. She's decided not to go anywhere, but rather stay home and recline and rest up for the winter months. Diane is one of our biggest fans and has been since the beginning.

Good news for Alderman Tom Taylor! He's back home and on the road to recovery, just in time for Election Day. Both Tom and his daughter Rachel will be celebrating him being home. It's their birthdays and we're happy for the entire Taylor family.

Where wondering with all the dedications here in the city, why nothing has been done to memorialized the former Senator Dennis McKenna, who represented Somerville

COMMENTARY

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Somerville's immigrant professionals

Part 3: Sprout & Co.



By William C. Shelton

Some of the newcomers who invest themselves in community life are bringing with them new ideas. Sprout & Co. and Parts and Crafts, two organizations founded by Somerville immigrants who make their living as professionals are challenging assumptions about how we learn.

To a significant degree, America's schools continue a 19th Century model of education that emerged at a time when work and social life changed slowly. Students learned skills that prepared them for a lifetime in the same occupation.

Today's students will work in occupations that do not yet exist. They will change jobs a dozen or more times before they retire. Their success will be based not so much on what they know, but on how they think.

The knowledge required to ef-

fectively negotiate new occupational, social, political, and economic realities will continually change. What will remain constant is the need to recognize and define problems, gather information, interpret it, generate alternative solutions, test them against pragmatic criteria, and make decisions.

Somerville Schools' administrators, teachers, and involved parents are well aware of this. Two years ago I wrote a series of columns about how they are quietly making our K-12 system one of the most innovative in the nation. But they must work within constraints that include credentialing requirements, MCAS, limited budgets, and multiple stakeholders' expectations.

The founders of Sprout & Co. and Parts and Crafts applaud this ongoing improvement in our schools. Their aim is not to bash schools, but to explore new ways of nurturing curiosity, fostering initiative, facilitating learning, empowering the learner, and making the process fun.

There is a lot worth knowing about both organizations. So this week, I'm just going to focus on Sprout.

It was founded by three former MIT students - Alec Resnick, Shaunalynn Duffy, and Michael Nagle - who shared a mutual dissatisfaction with their own educational experiences and a fascination with exploring new approaches to learning.

They believe that kids start off intensely curious and naturally creative. Then we obligate them to passively absorb a lot of information that they aren't interested in and will never need. They retain it only long enough to pass the tests and get the grades, unless it is relevant to their interests.

This undermines the initiative and active questioning that drive real learning. Alec tells me, "People talk about education as if it's something that they submit to instead of what they can take delight in."

Sprout advocates an approach they call "community-driven investigations." We learn best when we have a reason to do so, when we are sufficiently curious about something to investigate it. Driven by such curiosity, we not only learn the facts and principles associated with what we are investigating, we learn how to think about it most ef-

fectively. And we retain much more of what we learn because we have something meaningful to connect it to.

If Sprout participants want to build a wind turbine, they don't just learn how to weld. They learn the physics of wind, the engineering of turbines, how to optimize their design, and how to build and test it. They learn these things by doing them.

Some of Sprout's other investigate-by-doing programs include learning math by exploring games and puzzles, picking locks, planning events, rapidly prototyping and manufacturing products, engineering musical instruments, developing and implementing community projects, strategizing board games, creating multimedia animation, and many others. About 700 people have participated in Sprout's programs and studios, a third of who are school-aged.

Sprout also operates a workshop and lab space at 339R Summer Street that is outfitted with light manufacturing equipment, a wet lab, electronics gear, and crafts materials and equipment. It's where they conduct their studios, but it's also open to

pretty much anyone to come in and do their own investigations.

Sprout's leaders call their learning approach "community-driven investigations" because community provides "rich and plentiful opportunities for deep learning experiences," along with the resources to pursue them.

Which is why they located their enterprise in Somerville. Our city's combination of density, diversity, and human scale make it a microcosm of the broader world. It is home to plenty of people with PhDs and, at the same time, plenty of kids who eat subsidized lunches.

It is close to traditional academic and corporate resources. It nurtures deep pockets of community. And it produces dozens of volunteers who have an extensive understanding of particular subjects and can provide the equipment required to investigate them.

Alec says that he's looking to discover what education and research could look like in fifty years. I asked him, "How will kids get a well-rounded education if they only pursue what interests them?"

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On The Silly Side by Jimmy Del Ponte

Don't be afraid!



Halloween! Just the word brings back great memories. Who needed goody bags when all you had to do was grab a pillowcase and be on your way. Fun sized candy bars? No way, we had the big boys. They were full size and packed with sugar! How else would we be able to stay out for three hours and hit so many streets?

I had to hide my private stash of candy because my mother used to try to confiscate it and ration it out. Now I know why my dad used to call her "Sarge." She had to inspect it first to make sure no weirdoes put anything harmful in the candy.

We loved getting Snickers, Chunkys, Three Musketeers, and Milky Ways, but hated anything healthy. The loose handful of popcorn was a rip-off as was the three or four pennies dropped in the bag. Fruit just shmooshed the good stuff.

Stores in Porter and Davis Squares had a wide array of Ben Cooper costumes. You remember them! A flimsy cloth costume that usually tied in the

back with painted on belts, buttons, etc. The mask was the thin plastic kind with an elastic band that always hurt your neck when it snapped. Those costumes cost around \$1.98 back then. Today, a set of four Beatles costumes from 1964 are selling on eBay for about \$4,000. The worst thing was when mom made you wear your clunky winter coat either over or under your costume!

Years ago the popular costumes were Scooby Doo, Superman, Batman, and I Dream of Jeannie, among others. This year's popular costumes include Charlie Sheen, those vampires from the *Twilight* movies, and Ghost Face from *Scream*. One year a girl and I went as Sonny and Cher. I didn't need a wig back then. A friend of mine won a contest at a stereo store (Tweeter Etc., I think). He constructed a huge speaker that he got there and actually wore it - and it really worked! He plugged himself into a receiver, played music through himself, and won first prize.

My biggest pet peeve about Halloween is the increased amount of reckless idiots on the road. If you can't slow the hell

down and drive carefully on Halloween you should lose your license. One Halloween some jerk actually drove down my one way street - the wrong way! So there I was with a Chucky the Doll mask on standing in front of a carload of ignoramuses, blocking their way. They finally made a u-turn and drove off. Today, I don't think I would do that.

Who are these people who drive too fast, drive while on cell phones, and generally disregard safety? Of course, we cannot throw eggs because it is wrong. Plus, there are creeps out there that will shoot you for tossing eggs. But if you must throw an egg or two, use brown eggs. Brown eggs are local eggs and local eggs are fresh!

I just recently started allowing my boys to go off trick-or-treating with their friends, even though roving bands of costumed youths can be, in a word, trouble. One year, when I was a teenager, my friend had this really stupid idea on Halloween. It was called "running over the roofs of cars." He ran up a hood of a car, onto the roof, and down the trunk, and hopped over to the next car and did the

same thing to all the parked cars in a row. What a nut. He got stuck when one of the cars was a convertible and, you guessed it, he fell through! I was glad I didn't join in, and he was mad that I left him stuck there and ran home!

The city's Halloween bash on Sunday was a blast. People love Halloween. Great work by Carlene Campbell organizing another successful SomerStreets event.

For the last few years I dressed as a pirate with a black curly wig, eye patch, three-cornered hat and sword. This year I may just wear the wig, a Pittsburgh Steelers shirt, and go as Troy Polamalu. He does those funny shampoo commercials (I bought the Steelers shirt when they played the Jets last year).

So please, for one day out of the year, try to concentrate on driving safely on Halloween night. Watch out for the kids that are out to have a little fun. Stop trying to drive while gabbing on the cell phone, or you just may end up in a cell.

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Beacon Hill Roll Call



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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. This week, *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records local senators' votes on three roll calls from prior legislative sessions. There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week.

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



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. Carl Sciortino

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. 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. Sal DiDomenico

DISTRICT REPRESENTED: MIDDLESEX, SUFFOLK AND ESSEX. - Cambridge, ward 3, precinct 2, wards 6 and 7, ward 8, precincts 1 and 2, ward 9, precinct 1, ward 10, precinct 2, Everett and Somerville, ward 1, precinct 1, ward 2, precinct 1, in the county of Middle-

sex; Boston, ward 2, ward 21, precincts 4, 6 and 7, ward 22, precincts 1, 2 and 5, Chelsea and Revere, ward 6, in the county of Suffolk; and Saugus, precincts 2, 6 and 10, in the county of Essex.



Sen. Patricia Jehlen

DISTRICT REPRESENTED: SECOND MIDDLESEX. - Medford, Somerville, ward 1, precincts 2 and 3, ward 2, precincts 2 and 3, and wards 3 to 7, inclusive, Woburn, ward 2, and Winchester.

RAISE TAX ON CASINOS BY 5 PERCENT (S 2015)

Senate 9-27, rejected an amendment that would increase the tax on casinos from 25 percent to 30 percent and use the money to help communities adversely affected by casinos.

Amendment supporters said this will ensure there is sufficient money to pay for increased traffic and other costs that communities will incur. They noted this tax is paid by wealthy developers, not Massachusetts residents.

Amendment opponents said the 25 percent tax is sufficient. They noted casino opponents are attempting to "amend the bill to death" by taxing and overregulating casinos. (A "Yes" vote is for the tax hike. A "No" vote is against the tax hike.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	No
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

MORE CASINO REVENUE TO GENERAL FUND (S 2015)

Senate 7-31, rejected an amendment that would allocate the state's portion of casino revenue as follows: 85 percent to the state's General Fund, 10 percent to community mitigation to help communities adversely affected by the casinos and 5 percent to a public health fund to help gambling addicts.

The amendment would replace language in the bill that divides the revenue among many programs including 25 per cent to a Gaming Local Aid Fund, 15 percent to a Transportation Infrastructure and Development Fund, 14 per cent to an Education Fund, 10 per cent for debt reduction, 10 per cent to the Rainy Day Fund, 10 per cent for an Economic Development Fund, 2 per cent to the Massachusetts Cultural Council and .5 per cent to the Massachusetts Tourism Fund.

Amendment supporters said the Legislature is micro-managing the distribution of funds and trying to tie the hands of future Legislatures. They argued 85 percent of the money should go to the General Fund so legislators can decide each year where the money would be best spent.

Amendment opponents said the division of the money was crafted over many years after input from con-

stituencies across the state. They argued the division is appropriate and fair and noted that future Legislatures would still have the power to change any of the allocations. (A "Yes" vote is for the amendment providing 85 percent to the General Fund. A "No" vote is against providing 85 percent to the General Fund.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	No
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

ALLOW COMMISSION TO MAKE FINAL DECISION (S 2015)

Senate 11-27, rejected an amendment that would allow the Gaming Commission to dictate the terms of an agreement when a casino developer and affected surrounding communities cannot come to an agreement themselves.

Amendment supporters said without the amendment, a single surrounding community could hold up construction of a neighboring casino forever. They argued there has to be an entity with the final power or a casino will never be built.

Amendment opponents said the amendment would weaken the protections for surrounding communities that would be adversely affected by a casino. It unfairly allows the commission to unilaterally impose an agreement rather than forcing the two groups back to the bargaining table. (A "Yes" vote is for the amendment that would allow the Gaming Commission to dictate the terms of an agreement when a stalemate is reached. A "No" vote is against allowing it.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	No
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

SPECIAL CHARITABLE LICENSE PLATES -

The Transportation Committee held a hearing on several proposals allowing the Registry of Motor Vehicles to issue special license plates that would raise money for nonprofit groups like the current 18 plates including Cure Breast Cancer, Choose Life, United We Stand and The Jimmy Fund/Red Sox.

The new proposals include the Boy Scouts (H 1789), autism (H 2632), public schools (S 1800), Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (H 925), University of Massachusetts (H 1804), work zone safety awareness (H 3064), violence prevention education for children in kindergarten through eighth grade (H 1810), "Support the Troops" plates for veterans' causes (H 3089) and "Baby Boomer Generation" plates for councils on aging (H 933).

Supporters who purchase a plate would pay an additional \$40 above the regular initial registration fee. The nonprofit would receive \$28 and the state \$12. When the owner renews the plate, the nonprofit would receive the entire \$40 fee.

In order to be approved by the registry, a group must post a \$100,000 bond and receive a \$40 check from 1,500 drivers who commit to buying the plate.

A related proposal (S 1802) would make these charitable plates available to motorcycles and commercial vehicles. Current law only allows their purchase by owners of private automobiles and vans.

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NEW SYMBOL AND FEWER NUMBER AND LETTERS ON LICENSE PLATES (S 1798) - The Transportation Committee also heard testimony on legislation that would make all Massachusetts license plates five-character ones that feature a symbol, like a star, diamond or heart, along with four numbers or letters. This system would replace the current system which has six random letters and numbers.

Supporters said the new plates would make it easier for adults and children to remember license plate registrations and report them to law enforcement officials to track down vehicles used in child kidnappings and other crimes. They cited studies showing both children and adults have trouble recalling the current plates that have six letters.

Current specialty, low number or vanity plates would be exempt from the new requirement because they are already easily recognizable.

LIMIT DONATIONS TO BALLOT QUESTION COMMITTEES (H 204) - The Election Laws Committee held a hearing on legislation that would limit any person, business and other entities from contributing more than \$500 in any calendar year to the promotion or defeat of any ballot question or initiative petition. Current law allows unlimited contributions to the groups spearheading these ballot questions.

MISLEADING POLITICAL WEBSITES (H 3113) - The Election Laws Committee's agenda also included a bill prohibiting political candidates or their supporters from registering websites that "could be identified as the website of another person who is an elected official, or a candidate or potential candidate for elective office." Violators would be hit with a fine of up to \$1,000 or six months in prison. The measure is aimed at political operatives who register websites in the name of their client's opponent and then say outrageous things on the website that the voters think is being said by the opponent.

ALLOW DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS TO BREAK THEIR APARTMENT LEASE (H 386) - The Housing Committee will hold a hearing on November 1 on a bill allowing victims of domestic violence to break their apartment lease without a penalty if they notify the owner in writing that they or a member of

their household are a victim of domestic violence, rape, sexual assault or stalking.

Supporters say the measure is designed to help victims move if their assailant knows where they are living. The measure also requires owners to change the tenant's exterior locks if the tenant or occupants reasonably believe they are in danger.

A similar measure was given initial approval last year by the Senate but died in the Senate Ways and Means Committee.

\$480 MILLION BUDGET (H 3737) - House and Senate approved and sent to Gov. Deval Patrick a \$480 million supplemental budget which is funded in part by an estimated \$460 million surplus that remained when last year's budget ended on July 1.

Key provisions deposit \$350 million into the state's Rainy Day Fund and provide \$65 million to make up for the local aid cut the Legislature made in June. At that time, the Legislature added a provision that required reversions, unspent funds left over at the end of the current fiscal year, to be sent to cities and towns to make up for local aid cuts.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"Their cause is right. The issues are the right issues right now. Most Americans agree with them. I, as mayor, agree with most of their issues, when it comes to equity, jobs and fairness." - *Boston Mayor Tom Menino commenting on the Occupy Boston protesters.*

"I'd walk down there with the police commissioner and I'd say, 'Look, you've done your thing, but please respect the laws of this city. It's time to pack up, clean up and leave.'" - *Former Boston mayor Ray Flynn when asked how he would deal with the Occupy Boston protesters.*

"I'm a new category, an elite hick ... I'm going for the hick vote here, I just want you to know. Maybe we could start wearing stickers that say 'Hicks for Elizabeth.'" - *Democratic Senate candidate Elizabeth Warren joking about being raised in Oklahoma and then teaching at Harvard.*

"Professor Warren's insulting use of the word 'hick' offers a revealing prism into her elitist and arrogant worldview. Massachusetts voters deserve an explanation about just who Professor Warren was referring to when she spoke of winning the 'hick vote.'" - *Massachusetts Republican Party Communications Director Tim Buckley.*

"Full disclosure, I'm smack dab in the middle of it. We're a graying population here, myself included." - *Rep. Sarah Peake (D-Provincetown) testifying at a hearing in support of a proposal allowing the Registry of Motor Vehicles to issue special "Baby Boomer" license plates with some of the money going to local councils on aging.*

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 October 17-21, the House met for a total of four hours and 58 minutes while the Senate met for a total of five hours and 15 minutes.

Mon. October 17	House 11:07 a.m. to 3:42 p.m. Senate 11:09 a.m. to 4:14 p.m.
Tues. October 18	No House session No Senate session
Wed. October 19	No House session No Senate session
Thurs. October 20	House 11:01 a.m. to 11:24 a.m. Senate 11:01 a.m. to 11:11 a.m.
Fri. October 21	No House session No Senate session

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Monster Mash

By Tiffani Westbrook

Somerville's Monster Mash was full of families on Sunday afternoon. The costumes ranged from scary to just plain goofy and even the household pets got in on the fun strutting their Halloween best down SomerStreets. The city blocked off the two mile section to support Shape up Somerville's healthy living initiative. Julia Sharp, a Somerville native, said that she and her two children have come to the event two years in a row. She said that, "it is becoming a tradition of sorts. The kids love it. It is like having Halloween twice in one year." At least one family feels that it is an entertaining substitution for Halloween night trick-or-treating. Desire Miller said that, "I am considering this to be Halloween since it falls on a week day this year." Her son Jeddah is only two so she is looking forward to "staying at home and greeting the trick-or-treaters instead." With the cold weather approaching that is not a bad idea for the littlest ones but is sure to be a hard sell to the older kids and the kids at heart.





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SOMERVILLE SPORTS

Highlander Sports sign-ups underway

The winter season for Highlander Athletics starts on Monday November 28, 2011. Sign ups will be held in the atrium on October 27 from 2:45-5 p.m. All first time athletes for the 2011-2012 season must fill out the liability form, medical sports history questionnaire, student-athlete code of conduct, submit a copy of a physical and Impact test (dates to be determined). Athletes who

have participated in a fall 2011 sport only needs to submit the returning athlete form. If you wish to play a winter sport, please download required participation forms from the schools website- <http://www.somerville.k12.ma.us> and return them by November 14, 2011 to: Michelle Kelly, ACT, L, Athletic Department, 81 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143.



Diabetes Education Fair



More than 50 people attended Cambridge Health Alliance's first Diabetes Education Fair on Thursday, October 20, held at CHA's Somerville Hospital campus. Experts and staff from numerous CHA departments provided information about the warning signs of diabetes and helped identify pre-diabetic symptoms. Staff from CHA's Community Affairs department offered tips on preventing heart disease.

Ms. Cam's Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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| 1. What alcoholic drink gained popularity during Prohibition, due to the productivity and accessibility of Gin? | bet? |
| 2. What sport did the pre- historic Nordic people invent as a practical means of transportation? | 7. What Dallas outfit demonstrated the first integrated circuit in 1958? |
| 3. What Magician dazzled at King Arthur's Court? | 8. What is the first call letter of every U.S. Navy radio station? |
| 4. What country's currency is considered the hardest to counterfeit? | 9. Who became the Pillsbury Mascot in 1965? |
| 5. What is said to be the largest office building in the world? | 10. When someone is using a "sobriquet" what are they using? |
| 6. What is the nineteenth letter of the Greek Alpha- | 11. What is the Pillsbury Doughboy's name? |
| | 12. Who is the Hollywood actor that named a son "Kal-el" after Superman's birth name on the planet "Krypton"? |

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Getting real about food CONT. FROM PG 1

along the way.

“It’s helping these kids learn what real food is, rather than the fast food world they’ve been living in,” said Charlotte Stephenson, the nutrition outreach coordinator for Somerville Public Schools.

Children’s Hospital Boston lists junk food as one of the culprits contributing to a rising tide of childhood obesity nationwide. One in three American children is overweight or obese, according to the Centers for Disease Prevention, and childhood obesity has nearly tripled in the past 30 years. The trend is linked to a whole host of diet-related health issues in both kids and adults, including diabetes and heart disease.

“Most kids - like most adults - are not eating enough fresh fruits and vegetables and whole grain foods,” said Jeff Cronin of the Center for Science in the Public Interest, the independent, non-profit organization behind Food Day. “We thought it would be a good idea to have a nationwide day, like Earth Day, to celebrate and learn about the foods that should be at the center of our diet.”

Cronin said the day, to be celebrated each year on October 24, will also bring together efforts to make food more affordable and sustainable, by supporting local farms and advocating for safe, humane food production. Food Day organizers have an ambitious goal: “Nothing short of changing the American diet.”

Stephenson, the school nutritionist, said Food Day was a great opportunity to highlight all the things Somerville is already doing to get kids to make better food choices. The city is already a few steps ahead of new state and federal

school food guidelines that will take effect in the next few years. The deep fryers and soda machines are long gone from Somerville school lunchrooms, fresh fruits and vegetables are always on offer, each elementary school has its own garden on site, and food is from local sources wherever possible.

Jeanne Irwin, Somerville schools’ food services director, said the schools spend \$100,000 annually on produce, and up to 40 percent of that is from local farmers. Baked goods come from a bakery in Somerville and all milk is bought locally. Buying locally supports local businesses, saves money over the long term, and is better for the environment because food isn’t being trucked across the country.

But nutritionists like Stephenson also say it goes a long way toward getting kids to eat better. “If the food is fresher, the nutrients are going to be preserved better. If it’s fresh, it’s going to taste better and the kids are going to like it better and be more likely to go home to their families and say they want to have it again. When it comes down to it with kids, it’s all about taste,” said Stephenson.

Tracie Gillespie, a nutritionist who teaches about good eating habits in Somerville schools, said most kids will try healthy food if they’re given the chance. “When it’s offered to them, they love it,” she said, referring to the veggie and dairy snacks her team brings into local classes. “They’re not asking, ‘why can’t we have candy bars or chips?’ When we walk out of a classroom our bags are empty.”

A mother of two Somerville public school students herself, Gillespie said the



Argenziano School fourth graders Jillian Gomes and Glenda Pereira enjoyed a special Food Day lunch, including roast chicken, butternut squash and cornbread.

city is already a leader when it comes to promoting healthier fare at school. But there’s still a lot to be done. School lunch menus are still limited by budget constraints, and schools can only do so much when kids aren’t the ones buying the groceries at home. “I hope they’re making those choices at home. You just don’t know,” said Gillespie.

Gillespie is hopeful that Food Day will eventually change attitudes about food for both parents and kids, the way Earth Day has changed how most of us think about the environment. But she thinks it could take a generation or more before we see real changes in the American diet.

“We didn’t just get fat overnight,” said

Gillespie. “It took us over 20 years to see ourselves in this condition. It’s going to take at least that long to get ourselves out of it.”

Today’s kids may not realize that it’s going to be up to them to try to solve the obesity epidemic some day. But they are already learning to appreciate fresh, local food.

Food Day activities at the Argenziano School included a chance to sample two different varieties of freshly picked local apples. Second grader John Rotundo, who voted for the McIntosh, said he could tell the apples were fresh from the farm. “It tasted kind of like the ones I get when I go apple picking,” he said.

Candidates convene panel discussion

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the Somerville Housing Authority explore means of evicting section 8 tenants that are deemed to be problematic. Incumbent Aldermen were compelled to defend their positions on the matter. Ward 7 Alderman Bob Trane justified the measure citing poor quality of life and danger to the public as reasons for evicting the low-income residents.

Candidate for Alderman At Large Todd Easton argued that the board’s response to the problem of low-income housing, specifically in Ward 1, was inadequate. Easton stated that several residents in Ward 1 felt as though their city representatives were not responding to their immediate requests. Incumbents present at the panel stood by their decisions, dismissing any controversy as miscommunication.

Several candidates attributed problems such as illegal apartments and high cost of living to the presence of Tufts University students in West Somerville. Alderman

Trane noted an instance where he personally reported an apartment of six students on Chetwynd road to the police department for violation of the laws on maximum occupancy.

Overall, all candidates praised the diversity and multi-cultural environment of the city. Alderman Sullivan cited a need to further integrate marginalized immigrants regardless of legal status. Most candidates agreed on issues of immigration policy.

Alderman At Large Bill White took time from the panel discussion to read a recent resolution calling for an amendment to the United States Constitution regarding campaign finance contributions. Citing the recent decision by the Supreme Court to overturn campaign finance regulations, the board voted to pass the resolution calling for concrete steps to protect the democratic process from corporate interests at the national level.

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The Somerville Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **November 3, 2011** at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers of Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

74 & 100 Foley Street: (Case # PB 2011-17) Applicant Federal Realty Investment Trust and Owner Street Retail, Inc., seek Special Permit with Site Plan Review - A approval under SZO \$7.11.6.5.b to relocate a 48,575 square foot area for dry boat storage. ASMD zone. Ward 1.

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

Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman

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RFP # 12-26CD

The City of Somerville, through the Purchasing Department invites sealed proposals for:
Beacon Street, Engineering Design

An Request for Proposals (RFP) and specifications may be obtained at the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA. 02143 on or after: **Wednesday, October 19, 2011**. Sealed proposals will be received at the above office until: **Monday, November 7, 2011 at 11:00 AM**. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

The City of Somerville is soliciting proposals for qualified consulting firms to conduct an engineering design on Beacon Street from Oxford St in Somerville to the Cambridge line. Services will have to comply with MassDOT's 2006 Highway Design manual and provide an upgrade of the existing network bicycle facility (bike lane or cycletrack). The successful Offeror will be required to provide complete consulting services commencing on October 1, 2007.

A Pre-Bid conference for all proposers will be held as follows: Friday, October 28, 2011, 11:00 a.m., Aldermen's Chambers, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143

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The contract will be for a term of one (1) year, from **November 10, 2011** through **November 9, 2012**, with two (2), one-year options to renew.

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would allow a city to deny contracts and permits to developers who refuse to deliver on a good faith effort to meet hiring quotas.

“The achievement is that it becomes something that they should account for. [The contractors] have to show that they’ve made best faith efforts to hire locally,” said Philo. “That is not ideal, I would like to see hard caps, but we can’t do that,” he said. “It does create an incentive for developers to hire locally,” he said, for if the City can prove that there is not a best faith effort, they would have grounds to revoke the contractor.

Somerville’s immigrant professionals CONT. FROM PG 9

He says that society is investing a lot of money to teach kids things that they don’t want or need to know, and won’t remember. Certain jobs or advanced educational programs will require credentials. When the need arises, people can learn what they need to satisfy credential requirements. In college, he says, nobody cares where you went to high school. And after your first substantial job, there little concern for where you went to college.

I think about what I was taught in primary and high school. I remember maybe 20% of it, and use less.

I didn't go to college until I was 22 and had done some living. I went with real-world questions that I wanted answers to. It's those answers, how I got them, and how I applied them that stay with me.

If you're my age, do remember which countries export flax? Do you care?

in the Senate for many years until his retirement in the early 80's. Dennis was certainly a colorful figure here in Somerville. He served us well, getting a lot of work done on behalf of the city. We think something should be done to recognize his many years of dedication to Somerville.

Remember that empty lot with a hole in the ground on Cross Street in East Somerville that once belonged to a

the head of the ZBA board the chairman Herb Foster? He sold it finally to a developer and we hear through the grapevine that the city stepped in and purchased the property from the developer. Now mind you, it's a rumor, but more than one person has told our Newstalker that this is what is going on down there. We wonder what is going to be done there, and so are a lot of neighbors that have been upset over what has happened there for many years, especially with the barriers blocking the sidewalk for a

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A Not So Spooky Preschool Storytime
11a.m. - 11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway

West Branch Library
Preschool: Babygarten
11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.|40 College Avenue

Thursday|October 27

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

East Branch Library
Thriller Thursday
3:0 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|115 Broadway

Friday|October 28

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

Sunday|October 30

The Pumpkin Stroll
12 p.m.|Davis Square's Statue Park

Monday|October 31

Central Library
Sing Along with Steve Mayone
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Tuesday|November 1

West Branch Library
Preschool Storytime
11a.m. - 11:30 a.m.|40 College Avenue

Wednesday|November 2

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

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65 Holland St|617-591-2100

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608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Rosebud Bar
Herb Anthony and Papa Joe Demaio
381 Summer St.

Arts At The Armory
Ghost Stories
7:30 p.m.|Cafe||191 Highland Ave

Friday|October 28

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Sally O'Brien's
Frank Drake & Jimmy Ryan |6 p.m.
The Lowbred Watts, Brookside Bunnies, Hillbilly Holiday |9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Jimmy's Down
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Live Acoustic Music
8 p.m.|65 Holland St

Precinct Bar
Hear Now Live presents|Ellis Ashbrook|Baby Made Rebel|OTP|Ryan Jackson Troika
70 Union Sq|617 -623-9211

PA'S Lounge
Universe Narrows|c'mon|Flat 9
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

Bull McCabe's
Jess Tardy Band
Summer Villains Halloween Extrvaganza!
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Michael's Bar
Domestic Beer \$2.50
9 p.m. - 1 a.m.|no cover|97 Washington St|617-623-3364

Joshua Tree
DJ
10 p.m.|256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

Night Games
Fabulous Fridays|R&B
30 Washington St|617-628-1000

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

Rosebud Bar
Videodrome, Gymnasia|Garvy J|Black Fortress of Opium
381 Summer St

Bloc 11
11 Bow St.|617-623-0000

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

Arts At The Armory
Nosferatu with live music
7:30 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Saturday|October 29

Johnny D's
Booty Vortex Halloween Party!
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Les Sampou |5:30 p.m.
Michael Murray & Tsoysli |9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Red Square
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Precinct Bar
Hear Now Live Presents|Sour D|Waves|Comancehro|Pretty Dirty|Ray Hendricks
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Karaoke|on demand DJ
9p.m.|65 Holland St

PA'S Lounge
Mass Death as Megadeth|4 Point Restraints as Sex Pistols|A Bit Much as Television
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

Bull McCabe's Pub
Paddy Saul with full band
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Joshua Tree
DJ
10 p.m.|256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

Michael's Bar
Come Dance to the Oldies; 50's-80's music|Domestic Beer \$2.50
9 p.m. - 1 a.m.|no cover|97 Washington St|617-623-3364

Night Games
Sexy Saturdays|new old school
30 Washington St|617-628-1000

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

Rosebud Bar
Cal Cali and friends
381 Summer St

Bloc 11
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Casey's
Entertainment every Saturday
173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Arts At The Armory
Creepy Classic: Horror Hotel
7 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Sunday|October 30

Johnny D's
Open Blues Jam 4:30 p.m.
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Frank Drake Sunday Showcase |5 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Sunday Night Music Series
8 p.m.|247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge
Vital Remains|Hirudinea|Untombed
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

Precinct Bar
Live Ethnotronica with Machine 475
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
RockBand every other Sundays
9 p.m.|65 Holland St

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

Michael's Bar
Karaoke|Domestic Beer \$2.50
9 p.m. - 1 a.m.|no cover|97 Washington St|617-623-3364

Highland Kitchen
Live Bluegrass Brunch |noon-2:30p.m.
Live Music|10 p.m.
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Night Games
Sports Blitz Sundays
30 Washington St|617-628-1000

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

Rosebud Bar
381 Summer St

Monday|October 31

Johnny D's
Team Trivia
17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Cheapshots Comedy Club open mike|7 p.m.
Marley Mondays with the Duppy Conquerors|9:30 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Happy Halloween Costume Contest
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

PA'S Lounge
The Scarlet Mourning|Raleigh Tavern|Land Form
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

Precinct Bar
Cirkestra|Hub Dub|Klezwoods|Trubaci
70 Union Sq|617-623-921

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

Bull McCabe's Pub
Stump Team Trivia
8 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Tuesday|November 1

Johnny D's
Darlingside
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan|6:30 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

PA'S Lounge
Open Mic - Rock, Folk, R&B, Alt, Jazz & Originals etc. Hosted by Tony Amaral
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

Precinct Bar
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's Pub
David Johnston Band
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen
Spelling Bee Night First Tuesday of the month
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

Rosebud Bar
Karaoke with Kristi
381 Summer St

Wednesday|November 2

Johnny D's
Eric Hofbauer
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

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

The Burren
PUB QUIZ 8-10|Comedy@10
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge
Presented by Performer Magazine|Gem club|The Loom|Reverend
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

Precinct Bar
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's Pub
Mike Hastings Band
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen
TJ The DJ Presents The People's Karaoke
10 p.m.|150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Night Games
Name your tune Wednesdays|Karaoke
30 Washington St|617-628-1000

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

Rosebud Bar
Comedy Showcase
381 Summer St

Bloc 11
11 Bow St.|617-623-0000

CLASSES AND GROUPS
Wednesday|October 26

Third Life Studio
Beyond Beginners Belly Dancing with Nadira Jamal
7:30-9:00 Level 2
33 Union Sq|www.nadirajamal.com

Thursday|October 27

West Branch Library
Learn English at the Library

Session 1 (6 p.m.-7 p.m.)
Session 2 (7:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m.)

Central Library
Preview: Friends of the Library Book Sale
5 p.m.- 8 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Third Life Studio
Roots and Rhythm
33 Union Sq|
drumzatlibana@gmail.com

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).
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Friday|October 28

Central Library
Friends of the Library Book Sale
1 p.m.- 4 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Saturday|October 29

Central Library
Friends of the Library Book Sale
10 a.m.- 4 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

Third Life Studio
Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction with Sunada Takagi
10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.|33 Union Sq| (617) 539-6409
Monthly Open Voice Movement Therapy Workshops
11:30 -2:30 p.m.|33 Union Sq| 978-952-2798
Yoga Flow
1 p.m.-2 p.m.|33 Union Sq |maria.taesil@gmail.com
Introduction to Voice Movement Therapy
2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.| Mali: 781.290.6381 MaliSastri@gmail.com

Sunday|October 30

Central Library
Friends of the Library Book Sale
1:30 p.m.- 3:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Third Life Studio
Discover Belly Dancing with Nadira Jamal
Noon- 1 p.m.|33 Union Sq
Belly Dance Drills & Repertoire
1:15 p.m.-2:15 p.m.|33 Union Sq
African Dance with Alice
7:15 pm - 8:30 pm|617-620-7654
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Unity Church of God
Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon Family Groups
7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street
Enter upstairs, meeting is in basement.

Monday|October 31

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

Third Life Studio
Beginning Hawaiian Hula
5:45 p.m.| 781-729-2252

Tuesday|November 1

Central Library
Introduction to the Internet
Caron Guigli
617-623-5000 x2920
11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

Third Life Studio
Vinyasa Flow Yoga & Meditation
9:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m.|617-628-7884

Third Life Studio
Leading group singing

7-9:15 p.m.|33 Union Sq|617-628-0916

The Art of Singing Group
7 p.m.-9:15 p.m.|33 Union Sq|617-628-0916 srlibana@gmail.com

Wednesday|November 2

Central Library
Book Group: Mystery
7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Third Life Studio
Belly Dance Fundamentals with Nadira Jamal
6:30-8:00 Level 2|8 p.m.-9 p.m. Level 1
33 Union Sq|www.nadirajamal.com

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

October 26

Holland Street Center

Health & Wellness Fair (flu shots plus much more)|9:30 - 12 p.m.
Lunch|12 p.m.
Chi Gong|1:15 p.m.
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

October 27

Holland Street Center

Walking Club|9 p.m.
Gardening for the Apartment (new)|9:30 a.m.
Senior discussion (all are welcome)|10 a.m.
Lunch|11:30 a.m.
Bingo|12:45 p.m.
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Ralph & Jenny Center

Exercise|10 a.m.
Lunch (Portuguese Lunch)|11:30 a.m.
Bingo|12:30 p.m.
9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

Cross Street Center

Halloween Festivities (costumes welcome!)|10 :30 a.m.
Walking Club|10:30 a.m.
Lunch|11:30 a.m.
Bingo|12:45 p.m.
165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

October 28

Holland Street Center

Lunch|11:30 a.m.
Bingo|12:45 p.m.
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Cross Street Center

Exercise for Everyday|10:30 a.m.
Lunch|11:45 p.m.
Bingo|12:45 p.m.
165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x. 2335

October 31

Holland Street Center

Lunch|11:30 a.m.
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x. 2300

Ralph & Jenny Center
Exercise for Everyday|10:30 a.m.
Lunch|11:30 a.m.
Bingo|12:30 p.m.
9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

November 1

Holland Street Center

Strengthening Exercise with Geoff|9:15 a.m.
Lunch|11:30 a.m.
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x. 2300

Ralph & Jenny Center

Flexibility & Balance|10:30 a.m.
Lunch|11:30 a.m.
Bingo|12:30 p.m.
9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

Cross Street Center

Indoor Exercise (Circuit Training)||10:30 a.m.
Lunch|11:30 p.m. |Bingo|12:45 p.m.
165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x. 2335

November 2

Holland Street Center

Flexibility & Balance|9:30 a.m.
Shine Presentation|10:30 a.m.
Women's Group|10:30 a.m.
Lunch|11:30 a.m.
Qui Gong|1:15 p.m.
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x. 2300

Ralph & Jenny Center

Indoor Exercise|10:30 a.m.
Lunch|11:30 a.m.
Bingo|12:30 p.m.

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

Cross Street Center

Indoor Exercise (Circuit Training)||10:30 a.m.
Lunch|11:30 p.m.
Bingo|12:45 p.m.
165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x. 2335

Please call 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to sign up for lunch and transportation.

Some events coming up the week of October 26

October 26 is our annual Health & Wellness Fair. We have over 18 vendors coming to share health and wellness information about blood pressure, acupuncture, mental health screening, hearing screening, glucose testing, community services, falls prevention and various forms of exercise and healthy eating. We will also have flu shots available. There will be Reiki for those who want to learn an alternative method to deal with pain and a free Chi Gong exercise class. The fair is from 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. with lunch at noon and the free introductory Chi gong class at 1:15. RSVP if you would like to stay for lunch at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

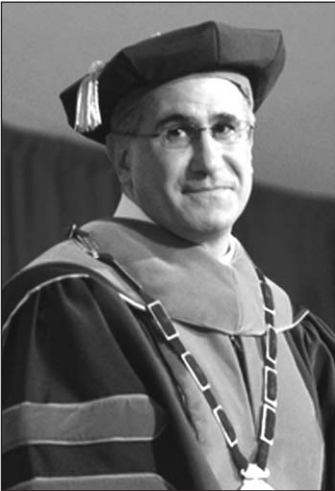
October 27 our resident gardening expert, Vilma Sullivan, will help us learn more about the simplest ways to plant, grow, and care for many of the different lettuces and herbs you think you can only find at the supermarket this time of year. Come plant and prepare your own seedlings and seeds. We will continue to meet once a month to tend to our plants and learn how to use these herbs in some easy recipes. Please RSVP with Janine Lotti at 617-625-6600 ext. 2321.

October 29, Cambridge Health Alliance is presenting an informative event for caregivers on "Memory and Aging: What is Normal and What is not?" Registration/light refreshments 9:30 a.m. Event 10 - 11:30 am. Registration/questions: Contact Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services at 617-628-2601 ext. 604.

Tufts inauguration

Tufts University inaugurated its 13th president, Anthony P. Monaco, on Friday, Oct. 21. The ceremony was the highlight of an inauguration week that included a student arts showcase, a research symposium on child development, and receptions on all three of Tufts' Massachusetts campuses. "At its best, higher education offers a chance of free-

dom to any deserving young person, the freedom to escape the limitations of one's knowledge or experience or social class-and to live up to one's abilities," said Monaco, a noted geneticist who was pro-vice-chancellor for planning and resources at the University of Oxford before assuming the Tufts presidency in August.



Tufts President Anthony P. Monaco

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If you don't see your favorite category here, simply add it to this list.

Best of Somerville
Foods & Restaurants

Best Breakfast
Best Combination Breakfast & Lunch
Best Italian Food
Best Chinese Food
Best Mexican Food
Best Variety and all around Restaurant
Best Seafood
Best Irish Pub
Best Local Bar
Best Thai Food
Best Hamburg
Best Hot-Dog
Best Roast Beef Sandwich
Best Pizza
Best Bakery

Best Sub Shop
Best Coffee Shop Franchise
Best Coffee Shop local

Best of Somerville Services

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Best Electrician
Best Plumber
Best Attorney
Best Teacher
Best Politician
Best City Worker
Best Insurance Agent
Best Real Estate Agent/Realtor
Best Real Estate Rental Agent
Best Bank Teller
Best Bank Employee
Best Waitress
Best Waiter

Best Bartender
Best Cook
Best Barber
Best Hairdresser
Best Boss
Best Employee
Best Doctor
Best Nurse
Best Eye Doctor
Best Orthodontist
Best Mortgage Officer
Best Somerville Artist
Best Somerville Poet
Best Somerville Writer
Best Somerville Celebrity
Best City Elected Politician
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Best City Employee City Hall/Annex

Best of Somerville Businesses

Best Somerville Bank
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Address:	Address:	Address:	Address:
20 Jaques Street	45 Marshall Street	771 Somerville Avenue	47 Whitman Street
170 Pearl Street	32 Fellsway West	41 Wisconsin Avenue	9 Gordon Street
420 Medford Street	365 Somerville Avenue	21 Nashua Street	32 Bailey Road
20 Thorpe Street	271 Alewife Brook Parkway	36 Fountain Avenue	84 Concord Avenue

Kirsten Opstad is off to record an album

By Sanjeev Selvarajah

Local musician Karen Opstad has met her fundraising goal and is in the preparation stages of recording her next album. Thanks to the Kickstarter.com campaign she initiated, as reported in The Somerville News last Week, she has raised enough capital to take the project to completion.

Filmmaker Whit Scott wasn't the only person Kirsten Opstad knew who succeeded with Kickstarter. He approached her to do a song for his film and raised \$30,000 for that same project via the fundraising platform. In addition to featuring her musical skill in the film, Scott promised her the use of a studio, provided that she can reach a goal of \$5000 with a Kickstarter campaign.

And Opstad did just that. She attained a sum of 5,301 dollars, a small percentage of which will be given to Kickstarter and Amazon for processing the campaign. Scott's Kickstarter effort for his film Rolled ended at the beginning of September, while Opstad's campaign began at the

close of the same month and ended Sunday, October 23.

Opstad explains, "I had to put together a budget to determine what the goal should be, estimating the actual production costs (recording, mastering, duplication), gift-fulfillment costs, and travel costs. Initially, \$5,000 seemed like a reach, but Whit was confident that I could raise that amount, so I went for it."

In addition to Scott's advice, Opstad studied Nathaniel Hansen's blog on raising money through Kickstarter, <http://www.nathanielhansen.com/kickstarter/>. Hansen is a fellow Emerson alumni, and Edgar Rosa, one of his students and a current member of the school, also provided great insight. Other established social networks help to enable the monetary network that Kickstarter creates. As of Sunday morning the endeavor has been shared on Facebook 515 times. Opstad cites Scott's success with Kickstarter as an example of it's potential for achieving one's goals. "Somerville's own Honk! Festival raised over



Karen Opstad is ready for the studio thanks to her successful Kickstarter campaign.

\$10,000 on Kickstarter this year." Of her collaboration with Scott, Opstad said, "We've been in touch quite a bit recently. I've just finished writing the song for the film so there have been many email exchanges. They are

in the middle of shooting the film, so he's a little crazy, but he's a great motivator. My success is his success and vice-versa. I'm thrilled to be part of this project." She heads into the recording studio November 1.

"I'm very excited for Kirsten. She sent me a version of the song I'll be using in my film and it sounds amazing. I can't wait to listen to her whole album, which I'm certain is going to be beautiful," says Scott.

Annual Tufts Station House Chili Fest

By Harry Kane

The 9th annual Chili Fest took place in Carmichael's dining area at Tufts University last Wednesday. Each year the staff invites firefighters and police officers from Somerville and Medford to chow on some fresh food. The station house Chili Fest honors local heroes. This year commemorates the ten-year anniversary of 9/11.

Six styles of firehouse chili, plus the usual station house pizza and burgers, filled up the stomachs of police and firefighters. "We're going to start a new thing. We're going to Occupy Carmichael's during lunch,"

joked the captain of Somerville's Fire Department, Mike Avery.

About 140 police and firefighters dropped by during the lunch hour. A large cake with a police car and fire engine motif served as dessert for the hungry heroes.

David Kelly is the unit manager at Carmichaels and one of the founders of this institutional celebratory day. "We just want to show our appreciation."

Sparky the firehouse dog provided some smiles. The mascot posed for pictures with students. Lots of students enjoyed the celebration. "It's epic," said Meg Byrne. "Today is by far the best dining hall day," said Adam Aronson.



A five-alarm gastronomic event brought local police officers and firefighters together to celebrate the heroes of 9/11.

Performers needed for Holiday in the Ville show!

We are looking for former, and current Somerville High School Students and teachers to perform in our show, Holiday in the Ville. The show will be held on Saturday November 26th at The Somerville Theatre. If you are interested in performing, contact Jimmy DelPonte at jimmydel@rcn.com or call 617-625-6600 extension 2626.

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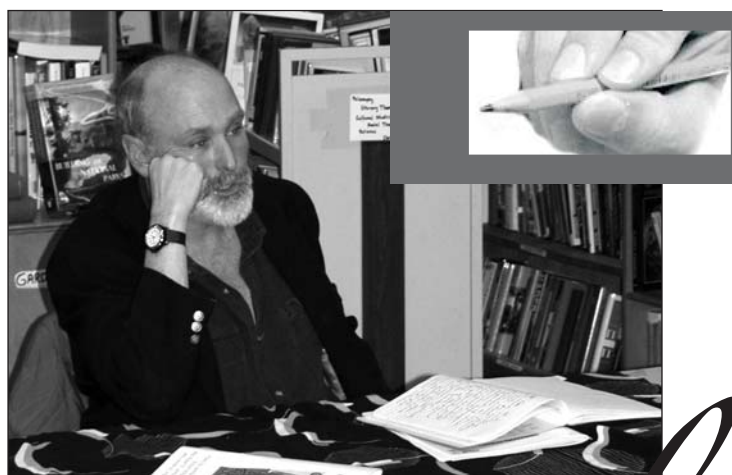
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SCAT Program Schedule for the Week

Wednesday, October 26		5:00pm	Ablevision	11:00am	Dead Air Live Show	1:00pm	Ablevision
12:00am	Free Speech TV	5:30pm	Somerville: Most Interesting Places	12:00pm	Reeling, The Movie Review	1:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority
6:00am	The Arabic Hour	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV	12:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority	2:00pm	Thom Hartmann Program
7:00am	Ingenious Ideas	7:00pm (LIVE)	Tele Magazine	1:00pm (LIVE)	Bongoman	3:00pm	Robyn & Max Exercise
8:00am	Democracy Now!	7:30pm	Somerville Rocks	2:00pm	Intro Talk w/ Achyut	3:30pm	Esoteric Science
9:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	8:00pm (LIVE)	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou	2:30pm	Creepy Castle	4:00pm	South of the Mystic
10:00am	Abugida TV	9:30pm	Alderman At Large Debate	4:00pm	Alderman At Large Debate	4:30pm	A Healer in Every House
11:00am	Somerville News Reading	10:30pm	Sonic Lobotomy	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol	5:00pm	Culture Club
12:00noon	Democracy Now!	11:00pm	Recovery Roundtable	6:00pm	Tele Magazine	5:30pm	Talking About Somerville
1:00pm	Greater Somerville With Mayor Curatone	Friday, October 28		7:00pm	Recovery Roundtable	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV
1:30pm	Talk About Somerville	12:00am	Free Speech TV	8:00pm	Blunt Truth	7:00pm	Somerville Back In The Day
2:00pm	Thom Hartman show	6:00am	Live Response	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	7:30pm	The Commonwealth Report
3:00pm (LIVE)	Medical Tutor	7:00am	Recovery Roundtable	10:00pm	Wrestling Talk	8:00pm	Right Here, Right Now
3:30pm	Interesting Places	8:00am	Democracy Now!	11:00pm	Sonic Lobotomy	8:30pm	Steve Katsos Show
4:00pm	Life Matters	9:00am	The Truth About Drugs	Sunday, October 30		9:00pm	Dedilhando A Saudade
4:30pm	Healthy Hypnosis	9:30am	Creating Cooperative Kids	12:00am	Free Speech TV	10:00pm	Bate Papo con Shirley
5:00pm	Somerville Alderman Debate	10:30am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	6:00am	Rompendo em Fe	11:00pm	Alderman At Large Debate
6:00pm	Al Jazeera	11:30am	Back In The Day	7:00am	Vida Na TV	Tuesday, November 1	
7:00pm (LIVE)	Chita Tande	12:00noon	Democracy Now!	8:00am	In Season, Out of Season	12:00am	Free Speech TV
8:00pm (LIVE)	Somerville Pundits	1:00pm	The Expert Series	8:30am	Healer in Every Home	6:00am	Emerging Drug Trends
8:30pm	Culture Club	2:00pm	Thom Hartmann Program	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	7:00pm	Perils For Pedestrians
9:00pm	Somerville Rocks	3:00pm	Cooking With George	10:00am	Christian Assemble	7:30am	The Struggle
9:30pm	SCATV & Free Speech	3:30pm	Toast Masters	11:00am	International Church of God	8:00am	Democracy Now!
10:00pm	The Smoki Dick Show	4:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking	11:30am	The Commonwealth Report	9:00am	Somerville News Reading
10:30pm	South of the Mystic	4:30pm	Money On Your Mind	12noon	Somerville Housing Auth.	10:00am	Tele Kreyol
11:00pm	The Garage	5:00pm	SCATV and Free Speech	1:00pm	Waltham Philharmonic Orch.	11:00am	Commonsense
11:30pm	Art @ SCATV	5:30am	Your Money Your Life	2:00pm	Effort Pour Christ	11:30am	The Nicole Review
Thursday, October 27		6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV	3:30pm	Talk About Somerville	12:00noon	Democracy Now!
12:00am	Free Speech TV	7:00pm	Right Here, Right Now	4:00pm	Dedilhando A Saudade	1:00pm	The Commonwealth Report
6:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	7:30pm	Working With Java	5:00pm	Ethiopian Satelite TV	1:30pm	Know Your Rights
7:00am	Know Your Rights	8:00pm	Visual Radio	6:00pm	Abugida TV	2:00pm	Thom Hartmann Show
7:30am	South of the Mystic	9:00pm	The Garage	7:00pm	African TV Network	3:30pm	Active Aging
8:00am	Democracy Now!	9:30pm	Alderman At Large Debate	8:00pm	Tele Magazine	4:00pm	Fluff Festival 2011
9:00am	Ingenious Ideas	10:00pm	Greater Somerville With Mayor Curatone	9:00pm	Alderman At Large Debate	5:00pm (LIVE)	Poet to Poet
10:00am	Active Aging	11:00pm	Perils For Pedestrians	10:00pm	Recovery Roundtable	5:30pm	Jeff Jam
10:30am	Jeff Jams	11:30pm	Toastmasters	11:00pm	Undercover TV	6:00pm	A Jazeera
11:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	Saturday, October 29		Monday, October 31		7:00pm	Art @ SCAT
12:00noon	Democracy Now!	12:00am	Free Speech TV	12:00am	Free Speech TV	7:30pm	Greater Somerville W/ Joe Lynch
1:00pm	African TV Network	6:00am	Arabic Hour	7:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	8:00pm (LIVE)	Dead Air Live Show
2:00pm	Thom Hartmann	7:00am	GAY USA	8:00am	Democracy Now!	9:00pm	Interesting Places
3:00pm	Somerville: Back in the Day	8:00am	The Struggle	9:00am	Recovery Roundtable	9:30pm	Perils For Pedestrians
3:30pm	Culture Club	8:30am	Animal Agenda	10:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	10:00pm	The Expert Series
4:00pm	Greater Somerville With Mayor Curatone	9:00am	Festival Kreyol	11:00am	Nosse Gente e Costumes	10:30pm	The Gerry Leone Show
4:30pm	A Healer in The House	10:00am	Tele Galaxie	12:00noon	Democracy Now!	11:00pm	Alderman At Large Debate

City Cable TV Schedule for the Week

Wednesday, October 26		Friday, October 28		8:30pm: (13/16)	Somerville Boxing Club Grand Opening	REPLAY OF 10/27/11	
9:00am: (13/16)	What the Fluff?	12:00am: (13/16)	Congressional Update			1:15pm: (15)	Channel 15 Classic Halloween Special
9:00am: (15)	SHS Boys' Soccer vs Dracut	12:00am: (15)	SHS Girls' Soccer vs Methuen	8:30pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	7:00pm: (13/16)	Green Line Public Hearing - Environmental Assessment
11:30am: (15)	SHS Volleyball vs Cambridge	12:30am: (13/16)	Somerville Community Cooks	9:00pm: (13/16)	Somerville & the Siege of Boston		
12:00pm: (13/16)	Domestic Violence Vigil	9:00am: (13/16)	Domestic Violence Vigil	Sunday, October 30			
12:30pm: (15)	“College Graduation Happens in High School”	9:00am: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	12:00am: (13/16)	A Celebration of Gaeta & Somerville	7:00pm: (15)	SHS Girls' Volleyball vs Cambridge
12:40pm: (13/16)	HONK! 2011	12:00pm: (13/16)	A Celebration of Gaeta & Somerville	12:00am: (15)	SHS Football vs Malden	8:00pm: (15)	Channel 15 Classic Halloween Special
1:15pm: (13/16)	Somerville Community Cooks	12:00pm: (15)	SHS Girls' Soccer vs Methuen	12:20am: (13/16)	Domestic Violence Vigil	8:45pm: (13/16)	SomerStreets: Monster Mashed-Up
7:00pm: (13/16)	Somerville Community Cooks	12:20pm: (13/16)	Domestic Violence Vigil	1:00am: (13/16)	RiverFest 2011	9:15pm: (13/16)	Congressional Update
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7:20pm: (13/16)	What the Fluff?	1:30pm: (13/16)	Somerville Boxing Club Grand Opening			Tuesday, November 1	
7:35pm: (13/16)	DogFest 2011	2:00pm: (13/16)	Somerville & the Siege of Boston	1:30am: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	12:00am: (13/16)	Green Line Public Hearing - Environmental Assessment
8:00pm: (15)	“College Graduation Happens in High School”	7:00pm: (13/16)	A Celebration of Gaeta & Somerville	2:00am: (13/16)	Somerville & the Siege of Boston	12:00am: (15)	SHS Girls' Volleyball vs Cambridge
8:35pm: (13/16)	Gaeta, Antica Citta Mediterranea	7:00pm: (15)	SHS Girls' Soccer vs Methuen	12:00pm: (13/16)	Senior Circuit	1:00am: (15)	Channel 15 Classic Halloween Special
9:00pm: (13/16)	BOA Agenda for 10/27/11 Meeting	7:20pm: (13/16)	Domestic Violence Vigil	12:00pm: (15)	Kid Stuff	1:45am: (13/16)	SomerStreets: Monster Mashed-Up
9:00pm: (15)	SHS Girls' Soccer vs Latin Academy	8:00pm: (13/16)	RiverFest 2011	12:30pm: (13/16)	News from the Council	2:15am: (13/16)	Congressional Update
Thursday, October 27		8:30pm: (13/16)	Somerville Boxing Club Grand Opening	12:30pm: (15)	SHS Boys' Soccer vs Salem	3:00pm: (15)	SHS Football vs Malden
12:00am: (13/16)	Somerville Community Cooks	9:00pm: (13/16)	Somerville & the Siege of Boston	12:45pm: (13/16)	Talking Business	9:00am: (13/16)	SomerStreets: Monster Mashed-Up
12:00am: (15)	SHS Girls' Volleyball vs Cambridge	10:00pm: (15)	SHS Football vs Malden	1:15pm: (13/16)	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	9:00am: (15)	Channel 15 Classic Halloween Special
12:20am: (13/16)	What the Fluff?	Saturday, October 29		2:00pm: (15)	Channel 15 Classic Halloween Special	11:30am: (15)	SHS Boys' Soccer vs Salem
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9:00am: (15)	Kid Stuff	2:00am: (13/16)	Somerville & the Siege of Boston	8:30pm: (13/16)	Board of Aldermen Meeting - REPLAY OF 10/27/11	7:00pm: (15)	Kid Stuff
11:30am: (15)	“College Graduation Happens in High School”	12:00pm: (13/16)	A Celebration of Gaeta & Somerville	9:00pm: (15)	Channel 15 Classic Halloween Special	7:30pm: (13/16)	News from the Council
12:00pm: (13/16)	Senior Circuit	12:00pm: (15)	SHS Football vs Malden	Monday, October 31		7:30pm: (15)	SHS Boys' Soccer vs Dracut
12:30pm: (13/16)	News from the Council	12:20pm: (13/16)	Domestic Violence Vigil	12:00am: (13/16)	Senior Circuit	7:45pm: (13/16)	Mock Groundbreaking - A Green Line Delay Protest
12:30pm: (15)	SHS Boys' Soccer vs Dracut	1:00pm: (13/16)	RiverFest 2011	12:00am: (15)	Kid Stuff	8:05pm: (13/16)	Talking Business
12:45pm: (13/16)	Voices of Somerville	1:30pm: (13/16)	Somerville Boxing Club Grand Opening	12:30am: (13/16)	News from the Council	8:40pm: (13/16)	Somerville Housing Symposium
1:15pm: (13/16)	Mock Groundbreaking - A Green Line Delay Protest	1:30pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	12:30am: (15)	SHS Boys' Soccer vs Salem	9:00pm: (15)	SHS Boys' Soccer vs Billerica
7:00pm: (13/16)	Board of Aldermen Meeting - LIVE	2:00pm: (13/16)	Somerville & the Siege of Boston	12:45am: (13/16)	Talking Business	12:00am: (13/16)	Senior Circuit
7:00pm: (15)	Kid Stuff	2:00pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	1:15am: (13/16)	Seriously Somerville w/Jimmy Del Ponte	12:00am: (15)	SHS Boys' Soccer vs Billerica
7:25pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	7:00pm: (13/16)	A Celebration of Gaeta & Somerville	2:00am: (15)	Channel 15 Classic Halloween Special	12:30am: (13/16)	News from the Council
7:55pm: (15)	Villen TV - VTV Almost Live: Ep. 4	7:00pm: (15)	SHS Football vs Malden	9:00am: (13/16)	News from the Council	12:45am: (13/16)	Mock Groundbreaking - A Green Line Delay Protest
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				12:30pm: (13/16)	Board of Aldermen Meeting -		



OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

'Madness' kicks off poetry series and new poetry venue

I asked my friend, the writer Paul Steven Stone, to write up an article about an upcoming literary event we came up with. I hope all you readers out there will attend.

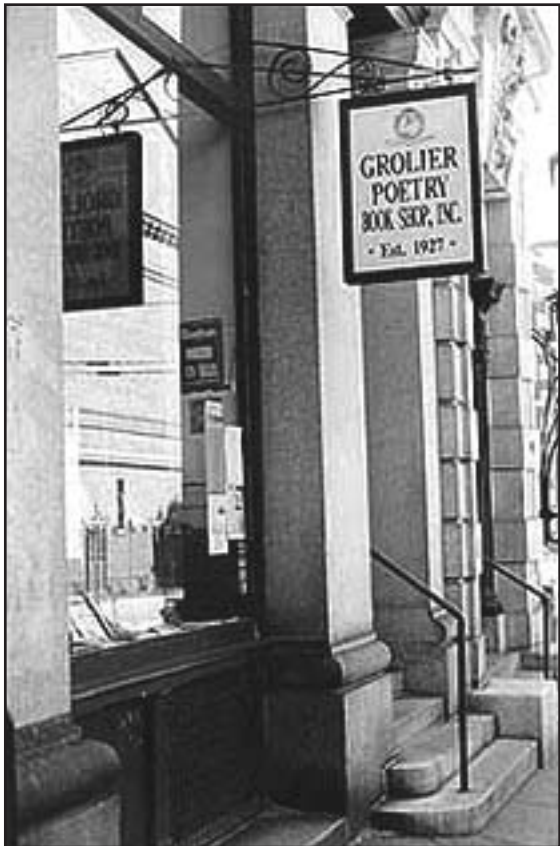
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**MADNESS AT THE GROLIER
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Madness is the theme, poetry the vehicle, enjoyment the promise when the Grolier Poetry Book Shop inaugurates its new poetry room above the Bloc 11 Café in Union Square, Somerville. Billed as a "wild concoction of poetry, mixed media and twisted genius," *Madness* is a celebration of the borderlands where madness brushes against artistic genius, as evidenced most notably in the community of famous poets—Anne Sexton, Sylvia Plath, Robert Lowell and John Berryman—whose lives and writings cycled tortuously through McLean Hospital in Belmont.

Not an ordinary fundraiser, nor an ordinary poetry reading, *Madness at the Grolier*, is a kickoff fundraiser for the Grolier Poetry room, a fledgling satellite of The Grolier Book Shop, an all-poetry book store that has become a Harvard Square literary landmark. *Madness at the Grolier* will be the first of an ongoing series of thematic poetry events.

Well-known local poets and writers who will read from the works of the McLean poets, as well as their own, include Doug Holder, himself a counselor and poetry workshop leader at McLean for almost thirty years, poet and singer Lo Galluccio, novelist Paul Steven Stone and Alice Weiss. Robert Clawson, manager of Anne Sexton's band will present poetry and anecdotes, Kathleen Spivack will share her memories of



Robert Lowell, soon to be published in memoir form, and Lois Ames who wrote the introduction to Plath's *Bell Jar*, will talk about her friendship with Plath and Sexton.

Last but far from least, local poet and performer Michael Mack will offer powerful vignettes from his wrenching one-man show chronicling the pain of growing up with a schizophrenic mother.

Madness at the Grolier is a joint presentation of the Grolier Book Shop, Ibbetson Street Press and Blind Elephant Press. Like madness itself, it promises to be both dramatic and unforgettable.

For further information contact Doug Holder at ibbetsonpress@msn.com or (617) 710-0163

— Paul Steven Stone

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Dear Editor:

The SEIU Local 509, the Human Service Workers Union, would like to thank Senator Sal DiDomenico for introducing Senate Bill 1206, an act to promote workplace safety for social workers. This bill would require programs operated by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services to establish a workplace violence prevention and crisis response plan for social workers and human services workers.

The threat of workplace violence affects thousands of social workers and human service workers in the Commonwealth, who work selflessly every day to help those in need. Recent incidents, such as the death of human service worker Stephanie Moulton, allegedly killed by a mentally ill client on the job, highlight the pressing need for measures to prevent and respond to threats to worker safety.

In return for the service and

dedication of social workers and human service workers, the state should ensure that they are safe and protected from violence on the job. The passage of this bill would be instrumental in achieving this goal of a safer workplace environment for workers and clients alike. The Middlesex, Suffolk and Essex counties should all be grateful to have such a dedicated senator.

Susan Tousignant,
President of SEIU Local 509,
Watertown

Lyrical SOMERVILLE

edited by Doug Holder

Endicott College poet Samille Taylor looks for the steak beneath the sizzle. You'll see what I mean with her poem *Between The Looking Glass*.

Between The Looking Glass

I do not look
Beyond the graham cracker

Gold that twinkles
In the sun light.

I cannot read
The truths
Of Love
With just one glance.

I am not mesmerized
By the way your stare
Locks me into place.

I will not melt
At the sight
Of your wink
From across the room.

Your eyes
Will not enslave
My love and
Pour its passion
On the ground.

I will not look
Into their seduction;
To your eyes
I close mine.

— Samille Taylor

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Somerville



71234735 \$210,000
Condo, Top floor. 3 rooms, 1 bedroom, 1 bath. High ceilings, deck off master bedroom.

Malden



71301347 \$248,750
Townhouse. 5 rooms, 2 bedrooms, 1.5 baths. Open living/dining area. 2 car garage, under.

Wakefield



71280496 \$364,000
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