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Mayor Curtatone and Somerville Bicycle Advisory Committee, Ken Carlson, presided over the launch of the Vision Zero traffic safety program last week at Aeronaut Brewery. — Photo by Rob Carter

By Rob Carter

Mayor Joe Curtatone and other city representatives, along with members of the general public, celebrated the launch of traffic safety initiative Vision Zero at the Aeronaut Brewery on September 5.

Somerville became one of 27 communities across the country to implement the system with the stated goal of eliminating "all traffic fatalities and severe injuries, while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all," according to its website.

"Somerville has put a lot of effort into being the most bikeable, walkable, transit-friendly city in the United States," Curtatone said.

The mayor discussed a variety of solutions to help aid this goal including protected bike lanes and driver education, but focused largely on reducing car speeds. *Continued on page 4*

Walking back the horror of 9/11 Somerville remembers the fallen and the brave

By Jim Clark

The City's annual vigil walk, in honor of the victims of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, took place on Monday evening, September 11.

The vigil began with a procession starting from the Cedar Street intersection of the Community Path, and concluded with a short ceremony in Davis Square.

City and state officials walked and stood alongside members of the general public, sharing their thoughts and feelings and showing solidarity in our support for those who passed and the survivors who remain.

Police, fire, and emergency responders were on hand for the ceremony.

Public officials and invited guests took turns speaking and sharing their thoughts about the terrible events that took place 16 years ago.

Attendees left flowers and tokens of love and respect at the Davis Square marker.



The tragic events of September 11, 2001 were remembered and the victims honored in the annual public walk and ceremony Monday evening. More photos on page 8. — Photo by Bobbie Toner

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The **primary election** here in Somerville is next **Tuesday, September 19**. Only Ward 1 has a primary race for School Committee with four candidates running. The top two vote getters will run in November. It's possible for a School Committee candidate to get elected and be declared a winner with less than 300 votes, maybe less than 200. The citywide primary is for mayor in all the wards and precincts in the city. Three candidates are running. The top two vote getters will run in November. It's the first time a mayoral primary will be held in about 13 years.

Congratulations to local activist **Ben Echevarria** for being named to **El Planeta's Powermeter 100**. He is one of Massachusetts' 100 most influential people in the Hispanic community. Ben and his family have been involved in many local Somerville and community causes. A good guy, a great family. We wish him the very best with this honor, he deserves it. El Planeta reaches the Hispanic community in Greater Boston with all the latest news both local and national. We think Ben would make a great candidate for public office and hope that someday he decides to do that.

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

Happy birthday this week to a lovely lady who is wife, mother and a fantastic pastry chef, **Ms. Juscella LoRusso**. A good guy who travels a lot between here and his home country Brazil, **Sergio Deassis** has his own construction *Continued on page 11*

TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: **Newstalk – September 6**

yetanotherposter says:

Totally agree about the WHYC. That place should go. It offers nothing at all to the community – it comes off as a seedy, snotty, low brow enclave walled off in what is otherwise a cool public waterfront. Get rid of it / them & instead create a nice public pier / dock for visitors to tie up boats, maybe some sort of public boat launch, a canoe / other rental, and/or an outfit that offers boat tours up & down the Mystic on nice summer days. Heck – maybe someday there'll be demand for a water shuttle up the river, or if people are willing to deal with the lock – down to Boston. Whatever – just get rid of what's there now. At the very least force them to offer some value to the public.

Response to: **Donate to WJIB**

LindaS says:

Great radio station. I discovered it last year when looking for a station to help my mother, who has dementia. I keep it on for her all the time.

I read that it helps people with dementia and alzheimers to listen to this kind of music because it might help spark memory. It's also just nice to hear some music from the "old days" when songs were about more than just sex.

Don't get me wrong, I like a lot of today's music, but it just seems that recent generations of music seem to focus more on sex and venting anger than on more positive things, or at least they are more explicit about it today than they were years ago.

Old music shouldn't go away, but instead continue to be part of the whole of music culture. Classical music is still played and enjoyed, so why not "oldies" too?

Courtney O'Keefe says:

This was my late Father's favorite station! We still have it programmed in my Mother's car. I will be sure to donate.

Response to: **The Somerville Twinkie connection**

yvonne says:

I share those same memories with you Jimmy, we used to go by there all the time, the aroma hit you when you were getting close.

Twinkie's were my favorite they were light fluffy and extremely filled. Yum. They were really nice to kids they always were handing them out when you went in there. Love those memories, keep them coming!

DATGruntled says:

Never got there, but I remember taking the mini-bus to Davis for a Table Talk apple pie.

ritepride says:

Somerville was blessed with commercial bakeries like Hostess & Appollo and the many individual bakeries, like Lyndells in Ball Square, and Steens in Teele Square, and many others and it seemed that every square had one or two bakeries as well as the many along Broadway, Somerville Ave., etc. The newer bakeries are not like the old ones. The newer bakeries seem to be trend types that last for awhile and then fade away.

Back then the bakers would look and check the ovens to make sure the product was done to perfection and made fresh everyday. Today in the supermarkets computers decide and some products are baked in advance and frozen. Cookie mix is factory made and shipped in prepared in 5 gallon pails

On occasion in my neighborhood there are mothers who bake in their homes for special occasions using their mother's or grandmother's home made recipe. Their windows are open and the sweet aroma of their home baked goods sweeps thru the air. Sometimes I thought of laying on the sidewalk by their house feigning illness and yelling out I needed cookie to be revived (lol). On said occasions Ain't life grand?

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Meet the Candidates: Preliminary Election 2017

On Tuesday, September 19, 2017, voters will cast their ballots in a Preliminary Election for the offices of Mayor of Somerville and School Committee Member in Ward 1. The Somerville Times asked each of the qualified candidates to describe why they would be the best choice for the office they are running for and what specific policies they would advocate or implement in that position, along with a bio if they choose to include one. Their responses are presented here in alphabetical order based on their last names, beginning with the Office of Mayor, followed by School Committee Member in Ward 1.

For the Office of Mayor:

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Kenneth C. Van Buskirk III

Candidate Statement: Kenneth C. Van Buskirk III Candidate for Mayor City of Somerville

I believe that I am the best choice for Mayor among the three candidates on the ballot for the Preliminary Election to be held on September 19, 2017. I have been involved in Somerville city politics for the past 10 years in my work for the Progressive Democrats of Somerville. In that time frame, I have seen up close how our city government operates under the Curtatone Administration and why urgent reforms are needed. In 2013 I decided that the time had come for me to step up to the plate and run for a campaign-related position in the Progressive Democrats of Somerville. I was nominated for a po-

sition as Campaign Co-Chair and elected by my fellow Progressive Democrats. In 2013 I worked on campaigns and helped 3 new Progressive candidates get elected to Somerville's Board of Aldermen. The following year, 2014, again as Campaign Co-Chair, I helped Christine Barber get elected to the 34th Middlesex District seat in the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

I am running for Mayor because I cannot stand by while my fellow Somerville residents are subjected to harmful policies implemented by a Mayor who defies our democratic process. All of my life has been spent around people in politics and government employment. Growing up around such people has enabled me to understand the inner workings of our government and how to make it deliver for the people it was meant to serve. I want to preserve Somerville as a community. I want every person who lives in our city to feel that they belong here, that they have a place in it. I don't want anyone to feel that they are being pushed out. And I want to make it possible for former Somerville residents to return to our city. I consider our ex-Somervillians to be just as much a part of our community as if they had never left.

Part B: Specific policies you would advocate or implement

- 1) I want to make Somerville's City government more honest and democratic.
- 2) Reform of our Property Tax system: I want to get Tufts University and other large corporations to pay their fair share of taxes. With the increased revenue from these sources. I will implement a citywide property tax reduction for homeowners and residential property owners.
- 3) I want to give our city residents a greater voice in the real estate development process.
- 4) I want to restore collective bargaining rights to our city's employees.

Part C: Candidate Bio

I was born in Ft. Devens, Massachusetts. My father was a U.S. Army officer and my mother was trained as a teacher. I grew up mostly in Cornwall, NY. I received a B.S. in Business Administration from the State University of New York at Albany. Kibbutz Volunteer: Sdot Yam and Ramat HaKovesh. After graduating from college I worked in New York City in a variety of accounting jobs. Completed a program in Real Estate at New York University. Completed a program in Paralegal Studies at New York University. After leaving New York, I worked in the fundraising industry in Washington, D.C. and here in Massachusetts. I have lived in Somerville for the past 12 years. I have lived in Ward 3 for the past 10 years.



Payton Corbett

Payton Corbett is running for Mayor because city government should work for all of Somerville's residents – not just the select few insiders. He knows that our city is facing tough challenges, and he's ready to act boldly to ensure that Somerville's working families aren't left behind.

The son of a truck driver and a nurse, service to others runs through Payton's family. His mother worked as a hospice nurse for nearly 30 years, caring for patients in their final days. His father, a truck driver, was active in little league baseball and other youth sports, helping kids stay out of trouble and teaching teamwork. His sister Erin works as a social worker for a youth services department, and his sister Tara is a youth worker on Nantucket. Payton's wife, Jenny, works at Harvard University as a collection curator.

Payton is a 34-year old Teamster who has spent his entire adult life living in

Somerville. He has lived out his commitment to the community through his extensive service to his local union. As an elected officer and steward in his union, Payton has gained valuable experience negotiating contracts, helping resolve grievances, and leading his sisters and brothers through a complex and evolving economy. These are all skills that have helped prepare Payton to serve all people of Somerville with professionalism and principle.

Payton knows that Somerville has become a more livable cities in many ways, but in recent years disturbing trends have taken hold. The mutually-reinforcing problems of runaway development and soaring costs of living have started to make Somerville a city where SOME, but not ALL, can afford to live, work, and raise a family. Unfortunately, while Mayor Curtatone has sought headlines for his resistance to the Trump agenda (for which he deserves credit), he has worked to put in place policies that make Somerville prohibitively expensive to many who call it home. Payton knows the pressure of development and pricing firsthand- the apartment he and his wife share in East Somerville is being developed into nine condos, and Payton wants to bring new leadership and policies to City Hall to help his neighbors who are in the same situation as he is.

Somerville needs to make a concrete plan to ensure that working families can afford to live here. Payton will work to create a pathway to home ownership for middle and low income residents. Payton knows this is a reasonable and attainable goal – but it won't be realized by encouraging connected Big Developers to build luxury housing on every street corner. Communities all over this country have found innovative and progressive ways to deal with the housing crisis. New leaders can find developers, investors, and non-profits, who want to be good partners with this community.

As Mayor, Payton will work to protect our most vulnerable: seniors on fixed incomes who are struggling to keep up with their ever-increasing tax burden, and immigrants unfairly targeted by the federal administration.

A Payton Corbett administration will treat our hardest working city employees with the respect they deserve. Morale among city employees is at an all-time low. A majority of our municipal unions are without contracts, and many workers are paid 12 - 16% below workers in other comparable cities.

With Somerville families facing some of the most serious challenges they have seen in decades, it's time for a mayor who stands up for the very people who contribute to making our city such a desirable place to live, work and raise a family.

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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

They suffered for their art

Police officers were dispatched to the Assembly Row area in the early hours of last Saturday on reports of a group of males tagging property. Due to being on another call at the time, I responded shortly after.

Upon arrival, a police officer who was already on the scene informed the responding officers that two males involved in the tagging had taken off down the path by the river.

The responding officers reportedly saw a group of males fleeing down the path. The officers pursued the suspects and located them on an embankment, hiding under a tree at the edge of the water.

The officers instructed the two individuals, later identified as Jerry Garcia, of Malden, Ryan

Downs, of Everett, and Steven Pickren, of Peabody, to walk up away from the water.

According to reports, paint cans were located right where they were hiding, and there was fresh graffiti discovered in the surrounding area where they were hiding.

The officers reported that they could smell fresh paint in the area. Garcia reportedly had paint matching the paint colors of the graffiti on his legs, hands, and t-shirt. Downs had paint on him matching the graffiti on his pants, shirt, right elbow, and hands, police said.

According to police, the following was discovered on their hands – Downs: white, green, and yellow paint; Garcia: yellow and white paint; and Pickren:

yellow and white paint.

Additionally, Downs had yellow paint on his right elbow and Garcia had white and orange paint on his legs, according to reports.

A bag was reportedly located directly behind where Garcia and Downs were hiding that contained spray paint matching the graffiti. Both Garcia and Downs denied ownership of the bag. Additionally, a can of spray paint was discovered on the path where numerous graffiti was located, and where the two individuals ran from.

The following is a list of graffiti that was found in the area:

- The stairway leading to Avalon garage next to Outback-white spray paint with bubble letters the writing "Free World"

in yellow, and yellow triangles with Xs. The security camera was also spray painted over in yellow paint.

- Sidewalk outside of Legoland yellow spray painted triangles with Xs.

- Loading dock walls next to Nike yellow spray painted triangles with Xs and yellow spray painted smiley face.

- Electrical boxes in loading area-spray painted yellow.

- Wooden wall next to Earls-yellow spray painted triangles with Xs.

- Mural outside of Legal Sea Foods spray painted triangle with Xs.

- Wall outside of SAKS yellow spray painted triangles with Xs.

- Dock black dinosaur, green spray painted bubble letters,

white and orange spray painted triangles with Xs, white spray painted "I have been dead".

- Stones where Downs and Garcia were located had freshly spray painted lettering in green, orange, and white.

Garcia, Downs, and Pickren were placed under arrest and charged with malicious wanton defacement of property.

During the booking process, Pickren reportedly made unsolicited admissions and apologized for his behavior.

The following clothes were confiscated and submitted for evidence: Garcia's t-shirt with white paint on it; Pickren's sweatshirt with yellow paint on it and black jeans with yellow and white paint on it, and several other pieces of painted clothing.

SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

William Moschetto, of 8 Farnham, Roxbury, September 4, 3:18 p.m., arrested at Artisan Way on a warrant charge of possession of a class E drug.

Khalid Allen, of 11 Penn St., Revere, September 5, 1:34 a.m., arrested at McGrath Hwy. on a warrant charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Javier Corea, of 30 Franklin

St., Malden, September 6, 9:29 a.m., arrested at Linwood St. on charges of motor vehicle operator giving false name or address to a police officer, number plate violation, and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Keith Francey, of 18B Broadway, September 7, 10:17 a.m., arrested at Lombardi St. on warrant charges of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, possession of a class B drug,

miscellaneous municipal ordinance violation, possession of a class C drug, and receiving a stolen motor vehicle.

Matthew Malek, of 27 Cottage St., Medford, September 7, 5:08 p.m., arrested at Washington St. on warrant charges of disturbing the peace and possession of liquor by a person under 21.

Christopher MacInnes, of 64 Gibson St., Medford, September 8, 11:03 a.m., arrested at

Broadway on a warrant charge of shoplifting by concealing merchandise.

Josefina Miranda, of 26 Walford Way, Charlestown, September 8, 2:21 a.m., arrested at Tufts St. on warrant charges of shoplifting by concealing merchandise and shoplifting by transportation.

Ryan Downs, of 140 Elm St., Everett, September 9, 2:58 a.m., arrested at Great River Rd. on a charge of ma-

licious wanton defacement of property.

Jerry Garcia, of 131 Alden St., Malden, September 9, 2:58 a.m., arrested at Great River Rd. on a charge of malicious wanton defacement of property.

Steven Pickren, of 10B Hardy St., Peabody, September 9, 2:58 a.m., arrested at Great River Rd. on a charge of malicious wanton defacement of property.

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'Vision Zero' launches its effort to improve traffic safety

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"The data shows that, when struck by a vehicle going 40 mph, only one in 10 pedestrians survive," Curtatone said, "Conversely, when struck by a vehicle going 20 mph nine out of 10 pedestrians survive."

In 2016, the city government lowered the speed limit in Somerville from 30 mph to 25 mph, which the mayor praised as a step in the right direction.

"While crashes may be inevitable, those resulting in serious injury or death I would argue – we submit are preventable," Curtatone said.

On top of increased safety, Curtatone said he believed changing the city to be more pedestrian and bike friendly would help the local economy.

"We become no longer a city you pass through to go somewhere, but we create a sense of place," said Curtatone.

Somerville Alderman At-Large Mary Jo Rossetti said supporting the decision to adopt Vision Zero was "one of the best things I've done as an alderman" and she thanked the mayor for making the commitment.

Rossetti also praised efforts to lower city speed limits and specific traffic calming measures already taken like the Neighborways, which are street murals intended to slow traffic.

Chair of the Somerville Bicycle Advisory Committee, Ken Carlson, encouraged everyone in attendance to continue the work that led to Somerville adopting Vision Zero.

"There's many ways of getting involved," Carlson said. "Be an advocate, ride your bikes, and enjoy this beautiful weather we've got."



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Joseph A. Curtatone

I got into politics because I believed in the strength of our community. When I was growing up in Somerville, people from outside the city looked down on us. That was because, for a long time, our city leaders were not as good as the people they represented. We were a diverse, hard-working community where people believed everyone deserves a fair shot and that everyone should be treated with dignity. We had tight-knit neighborhoods and residents loved to turn out for civic events.

People from other cities and towns would be a bit confused when we'd boast about being from Somerville because they

couldn't see the core values that made us such a strong community. We were just people from a place they drove past on their way to somewhere else.

My goal as a mayor for the past 14 years, and as an alderman for 8 years before that, has been to represent those values, to put our community first. My job isn't about being an executive or a manager. I do those things, but my primary focus is on channeling the values of our community.

When we bring people in Somerville together we can accomplish great things. We rebuilt Assembly Square. We're turning the Green Line extension into a reality. We're upgrading Somerville High School to educate our children as we get deeper into the 21st century. We put together a collective vision for our city that includes 125 acres of open space, 9,000 new housing units and transforming our old industrial areas into thriving new commercial districts.

All of that is the product of people in Somerville coming together with the goal of making our city a great place to live,

work, play and raise a family. Everybody raves about Somerville these days. That's because they can finally see what Somerville in action looks like. We put our values front and center.

That is how we achieved a flourishing urban school district, a booming local economy, and the lowest crime rate in city history. That is why we stand up to proudly proclaim ourselves a sanctuary city, because we believe in bringing families together, not in tearing them apart. That is why we're going to be carbon-neutral by 2050.

With all this success, we can't lose our soul, and that's why our community has taken bold steps to keep Somerville affordable. We've passed a 20% affordable housing ordinance that will generate hundreds of affordable units, increased fees on commercial developers to pay for a jobs trust that will give residents the skills they need to make an authentic choice about where they want to live, and passed the state's highest residential property tax exemption - 35% - to relieve some of the pressure rising property values puts on home-owners.

Somerville needs to go further to increase opportunities to stay and flourish in Somerville. That is why I'm committed to passing a 1% transfer fee that targets real estate speculation in Somerville, not long-term home-owners, and provides revenue to pay for programs that provide affordable housing. We also need to change the zoning rules in our city, because our zoning forbids building anything that looks like Somerville in Somerville. Passing comprehensive zoning reform gets us the open space, commercial growth, and new housing - middle income as well as affordable - that our city needs.

All I've ever done is seek to represent the strength and inherent goodness of the people of Somerville. It has been the honor of a lifetime and I look forward to serving this All-America city in the future. We have put our community first and it's made all the difference.

For the Office of School Committee Member in Ward 1:



Emily Ackman

My name is Emily Ackman and I am run-

ning for School Committee in Ward One. I have built my career as an educator involved at all levels of education and school policy, and am eager to use my skills and experience to serve the students and families of Ward One, and all of Somerville.

I started in education by teaching preschool, which is where my belief in strong public pre-k programs is rooted. But most of my teaching career was spent as an elementary school teacher in the first and second grade. After that, I ran an after-school program, where I had to provide education support classes for kids from kindergarten to eighth grade. The whole time I was doing this, I was also in graduate school, learning about better ways to support my students, and serving as a university lecturer, training a new generation of teachers.

As a teacher, I experienced how policies that were created without any input from educators had negative impacts on life in the classroom. This experience prompted me to get a PhD in Education Policy and get into state level education policy work, where I thought I could have more of a positive impact on schools. While I built many strong relationships working at the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, I knew that my single contribution did not have the positive impact I was hoping for. After that, I went on to be the Title I and Grants Director for Framingham Public Schools, and then worked with district and school leaders on implementing high quality summer reading programs through the Harvard Graduate School of Education. Through these professional experiences I learned that my skills and expertise could actually have a positive impact, serving students and families at the district level.

Somerville Public Schools have improved over the past decade, but there is a lot that still needs to be done to make sure we are meeting the needs of all of our students. All kids need a strong start, which is why I would like to see free pre-k made available to all families in Somerville. We also need to be preparing our students for an ever-changing economy, which is why I support teaching 21st Century skills, like coding, to all students, as well as teaching financial literacy starting in elementary school.

I love Somerville, and especially my neighborhood of East Somerville. Knowing that I can put my experience and skill set in education policy to work to serve this community is why I am running for school committee. I am invested in our Ward and our city. I have volunteered with the Next Wave/Full Circle School, and I am currently on the Board of

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Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



Rep. Christine Barber

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



Rep. Denise Provost

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



Rep. Mike Connolly

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



Sen. Patricia Jehlen

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

THE HOUSE AND SENATE: There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week.

This week, *Beacon Hill Roll Call* looks at the handful of

major legislation that was approved by the Legislature and signed into law so far by Gov. Charlie Baker in 2017.

In the first eight months of the 2017 session, only 79 bills out of more than 6,000 filed have been approved by the House and Senate and signed into law by Gov. Charlie Baker.

Thirty-five of those were local bills dealing with an individual city or town and 29 were on sick leave banks for individual state workers. Sick leave banks allow employees to voluntarily donate sick, personal or vacation days to a pool for use by ill fellow state workers so they can get paid while on medical leave.

Of the 15 remaining, 10 ranged from supplemental budgets and extending simulcast racing to designating May as Seatbelt Awareness Month and the first week in August as Ice Bucket Challenge week.

The remaining five are five major key issues that came to a roll call vote in both branches and were signed into law by Gov. Baker.

Here are a few:

\$200 MILLION FOR LOCAL ROADS AND BRIDGES (H 3648)

House 159-0, Senate 36-0, approved and on May 4 Gov. Baker signed into law a bill authorizing \$200 million in one-time funding for the maintenance and repair of local roads and bridges in cities and towns across the state. The package is a bond bill under which the funding would be borrowed by the state through the sale of bonds.

The measure also authorizes \$70 million for the completion of the ATLAS, the Registry of Motor Vehicles' technology system that will replace an archaic system that is 30 years old and difficult to maintain and use.

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

Rep. Christine Barber	Yes
Rep. Mike Connolly	Yes
Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

\$40.2 BILLION FISCAL 2018 STATE BUDGET (H 3800)

House 140-9, Senate 36-2, approved and on July 11 Gov. Baker signed into law a conference committee version of a \$40.2 billion fiscal 2018 state budget to cover state spending from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. The governor vetoed \$320.3 million in spending. The Legislature has yet to override any of the vetoes.

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

Rep. Christine Barber	Yes
Rep. Mike Connolly	Yes
Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

FAIRNESS FOR PREGNANT WORKERS (H 3816)

House 150-0, Senate 38-0, approved and on July 27 Gov. Baker signed into law the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act that prohibits an employer from discriminating against, refusing to employ or firing a woman because she is pregnant or has a condition related to pregnancy.

The measure guarantees reasonable accommodations and safety measures for pregnant mothers. Reasonable accommodations include time off to recover from childbirth; more frequent, longer paid or unpaid breaks; acquiring or modifying equipment or seating arrangements; and a private non-bathroom space for expressing breast milk -- unless any of these would create an undue hardship on the employer.

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

Rep. Christine Barber	Yes
Rep. Mike Connolly	Yes
Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

REGULATE MARIJUANA (H 3818)

House 136-11, Senate 32-6, approved and on July 28, Gov. Baker signed into law a bill changing some provisions and adding other provisions to the law, approved by voters on the 2016 ballot, legalizing the possession, growing and sale of marijuana.

The measure taxes all marijuana sales with a 10.75 percent excise tax, 6.25 percent state sales tax and a local option allowing cities and towns to impose an additional tax of up to 3 percent. In addition, any agreement between a retail marijuana establishment and a host community for the first five years may include a community impact fee of up to another 3 percent paid by the seller to the city or town to cover the costs imposed upon the municipality by the operation of the establishment. Medical marijuana remains tax-free.

If a city or town voted for the 2016 marijuana ballot question, the decision to prohibit or restrict marijuana establishments will be determined by a local city or town wide referendum. If a city or town voted against the ballot question, the decision would be made by the municipality's governing body until December 2019 and then by a local city or town wide referendum.

Other key provisions of the new law include:

Allowing persons over 21 to give an ounce or less of marijuana to others; possess up to one ounce of marijuana outside their home and ten ounces in their home. Any quantity above one ounce in the home must be under lock and key.

Allowing each person to grow six plants per person in his or her home, with a maximum of 12 plants per household.

Prohibiting plants that can be visible by neighbors or from a public place and putting growing areas under lock and key.

Giving landlords the right to prohibit smoking or growing of marijuana on their properties.

Allowing advertising on TV, radio, billboard, print or the Internet only in markets where at least 85 percent of the audience is over 21.

Banning retail shops from being located near school zones.

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

Rep. Christine Barber	Yes
Rep. Mike Connolly	Yes



Beacon Hill Roll Call continued

Rep. Denise Provost Yes
 Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

\$15 in 2022.

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

POSSIBLE 2018 BALLOT QUESTIONS - Sponsors of possible ballot questions for the November 2018 election got the news today from Attorney General Maura Healey about whether their proposal met the requirements outlined in the constitution and can proceed to the next step in the long process to get their proposed law or constitutional amendment on the ballot.

There were 28 initiative petitions filed and 21 of them proposing laws were given the green light by the attorney general. The next step is for supporters to gather 64,750 voter signatures by December 6, 2017. Their proposal would then be sent to the Legislature and if not approved by May 2, 2018, proponents must gather another 10,792 signatures by July 4, 2018, in order for the question to appear on the November 2018 ballot.

Among those certified were providing paid family and medical leave to Massachusetts workers; reducing the state's sale tax from 6.25 percent to 4.5 percent while also establishing an annual sales tax holiday; prohibiting any state facilities from using electric shock therapy on individuals with a physical, intellectual or developmental disability; and increasing the minimum hourly wage to \$12 in 2019, \$13 in 2020, \$14 in 2021 and

Seven of the 28 petitions filed got the thumbs down including ending all tolls on the state's highways; requiring insurance coverage for holistic health care; and allowing law-abiding citizens to purchase small, buildable, city-owned vacant land at a fair market price.

Two proposals to amend the state's constitution were also filed. The procedure for getting proposed constitutional amendments on the ballot is different than the one for getting a proposed law on the ballot. Sponsors must still gather 64,750 voter signatures by December 6, 2017. The proposal then goes before the Legislature and goes on the 2020 ballot only if approved by 25 percent (50 members) of the 2017-2018 Legislature and the 2019-2020 Legislature.

A complete list and summary of each of the petitions filed and whether they were certified can be found online by clicking on "Petitions Filed" at <http://www.mass.gov/ago/government-resources/initiatives-and-other-ballot-questions/>

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION? *Beacon Hill Roll Call* tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature's job and that a lot of important work is done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work, re-

search, constituent work and other matters that are important to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late-night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session.

During the week of September 4-8, the House met for a total of 17 minutes while the Senate met for a total of 12 minutes.

Mon. Sept. 4	No House session No Senate session
Tues. Sept. 5	House 11:02 a.m. to 11:06 a.m. Senate 11:23 a.m. to 11:27 a.m.
Wed. Sept. 6	No House session No Senate session
Thurs. Sept. 7	House 11:02 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Senate 11:18 a.m. to 11:26 a.m.
Fri. Sept. 8	No House session No Senate session

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Recent Single Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:

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

Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:

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

Recent Multi-Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:

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

Walking back the horror of 9/11

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Go to www.the-somerville-times.com for more photos

— Photos by Bobbie Toner

Somerville to honor National POW/MIA Recognition Day

In the United States, National POW/MIA Recognition Day is observed on the third Friday in September. It honors those who were prisoners of war and those who are still missing in action. This year the City of Somerville will honor those Prisoners of War and those still Missing in Action with a remembrance ceremony on the eve of the National Recognition Day. The ceremony will take place at the City's Honor Roll wall, on the City Hall Concourse outside of 93 Highland Ave., beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 14. All are welcome.



Fall Open House at KenkoDo Clinic "Be Healthy with the Seasons"

The KenkoDo Clinic located at 735 Broadway in Ball Square, Somerville will host an Open House on Sunday September 24, 2017 from 11 AM to 3 PM.

People of all ages are welcome! Bring your questions and concerns. Enter our raffle to win a treatment of your choice: acupuncture, herbal consult or massage!

There will be complimentary: **Auricular (ear) treatments**; Chair massage; Nurturing refreshments; **Informational talks**; Strengthen your **immune system**; **Herbal formulas and patents** for preventing and surviving a cold and flu; **Nutritional menus** for the autumn season; **Feng Shui tips** on placement and organization for better flow of energy

KenkoDo is a group of board certified health care professionals who specialize in acupuncture, Chinese herbs and massage in a serene and healing environment. Some of the conditions they treat include: allergies, cold and flu, digestive disorders, migraines, insomnia and pain management.

For more information you can speak with **Meagan Smith, Licensed Acupuncturist and Herbalist** at 617-666-0143.

Dorothy's Corner

BY DOROTHY DIMARZO



La Boqueria Market

The Mercat de La Boqueria, or the La Boqueria Market, located in Barcelona, Spain has been up and running since 1217. Of course, over the years, it has become much larger, from one table selling meat to close to 300 vendors today! Some offerings at the market are fresh meats, fish, olives, cheese, fresh fruit, dried fruit, produce, eggs, bread, cured meats, smoothies, spices, specialty sea salts, dried mushrooms, chocolate, prepared foods and much more.

If you're in Barcelona, I highly recommend taking a stroll through this market and snacking your way through it. Or, if you're looking for a place to sit and have tapas and sip some Cava, you can find many restaurants at the edges of the market. Either way, if you're a food lover, this is an experience you will not soon forget.

For more information about the market and its hours check out this link, <http://www.boqueria.info>.

Visit Dorothy's website at <http://ddimarzo2002.wix.com/thymethief>.



Meet the Candidates: Preliminary Election 2017

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Directors of East Somerville Main Streets. My husband and I own our home here, where we are raising our two young children who we plan to send to East Somerville Community School. I am asking for your vote in the primary on September 19. If you want more information about me and my campaign, please check out my campaign website, emilyackman.com



Guillermo Hamlin

Hello Somerville,

The preliminary election on Sept. 19th is quickly approaching, and we need to settle who gets nominated to the municipal election on Nov. 7th. Due to outgoing Ward 1 School Committee member Steve Roix, our district requires that we set the course for new leadership. I'm running for this open seat because as an involved member of my community, it is clear that children and their families overcome obstacles every day and persevere despite lingering challenges. I'm convicted to address these families with the care and compassion they need because back when I was as an immigrant student, I required it. I began my activism in the city of Somerville with my friends and neighbors addressing its shortage of affordable housing and disparities in responding to constituent matters in Ward 1 (no inclusionary zoning enforcement - contract, instead of union labor in Assembly Row, increasing property taxes with no explicit relief for working families with children in the public schools, not capturing Somerville's income & cultural diversity). We stood together because it is how we

were able to fight back. This open seat presents the opportunity to be more accountable, more innovative, and more accessible. I intend to secure educational justice through direct democracy. I hoped to accomplish this not by myself, but with organizations to build coalitions with our families, residents, and students to affect lasting change for our students; I will work to promote transparency in our public deliberations; Negotiate more time for parents during parent-teacher conferences. Contain as much costs from the new high school as possible; Hold community meetings in Spanish, while coordinating to expand translation services.

However, these things won't get done unless we organize parents, youth, and neighbors toward passing resolutions, ordinances for more educational equity, transparency, and innovation needed in Somerville Public Schools. I have brought change to East Somerville before. As your Ward 1 School Committee member, I plan on canvassing my neighbors as regularly as I am during this contested campaign; gathering as much data as possible to persuade the Mayor to follow our lead with policies improving our outputs, feedback loops, and responsive constituent service to all those enrolled in Somerville Public Schools. While meeting the out of school needs of our families through outreach and community led collaboration with universities, local orgs, businesses, and churches.

If you live in Ward 1, I respectfully ask for your vote. Please vote Guillermo for Ward 1 School Committee, because our children need proven leadership to secure educational justice.

Guillermo is the Volunteer & Outreach Coordinator at MATV, Malden's Media Center. He also sits on the Board of Directors at the Somerville Media Center & CAAS. He lives on Myrtle St and can be reached at gshamlin89@gmail.com

You can find more info about the cam-

paign on Facebook: www.facebook.com/gshamlinforward1/



Kenneth Salvato

Hello,

My name is Kenneth Salvato. I am a lifelong resident of East Somerville. I have attended the Somerville public schools and I have been active in the past elections for over 26 years. My objective wasn't the same at that time and the outcome was not what I expected, however, it did create a new direction for me. It has influenced my decision to become a candidate for Ward 1 School Committee. It became obvious to me what I was truly seeking, what our community needed. It wasn't something that I thought about overnight. It has been a desire, willingness that I think about daily. My decision to become a candidate for Ward 1 School Committee is now instilled within me. I am ready and looking forward to sharing it with you, our community. I care about our schools and our children. I am a familiar face, a reckoned voice and a friend. I will continue this journey and I am inviting you and your children to join me. I have created a 5 Point Plan. I am continuously working on and committed to follow. I have created a new path, new goals and a stronger desire but my commitment to my 5 Point plan reminds the same:

My 5 Point plan consists of: # 1: Homework clubs: Homework clubs which will help to reinforce academic skills, by teaching the students the value of a good education and provide them with the support and tools to succeed in academics. # 2: For students who are experiencing learning

barriers due to the fact that English is not their primary language. I would research successful programs in other school districts and implement a Model State of the Art program in our schools to address the unique challenges of these students. # 3: Teen workshops: I have been developing these workshops since the 2015 elections. I begin working closely with many of our surrounding retail stores by creating a partnership with these businesses to help students secure a part-time work experience exposing them to possible career paths. # 4: Anti-tobacco and Drug meetings: By creating a committee to establish the best practices in the profession to address this need and to locally build a program that will effectively focus on these issues and curb the epidemic of the drug and alcohol use in our community. I would provide transportation for our children with help by their parents and bring them to safety where they can obtain professional help. # 5: Bullying: It is a serious problem, not only in our schools and playgrounds but also in our community. I am committed to develop an anti-bully program, "BE a BUDDY NOT a BULLY". I have talked to many parents and there was much concern surrounding this topic. I will work very closely with the families involved and help develop this program using knowledge and compassion.

I am the only candidate that plans to take a \$ 5000.00 pay cut to help fund and establish my 5 Point plan. I've challenged other incumbents to join me, but I still stand alone. I am running a campaign based on commitment and dedication. I am not backed by other politicians. I am solely funded and I am someone who has been there along. We need someone who is dedicated, someone determined. That someone is me, Kenneth Salvato.

I am very open to ideas and look forward to working with the families of Ward 1. I look forward to earning your vote on September 19 and Nov 7.

Thank you and God Bless.

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As school starts, we prepare for our own homework



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Students across Somerville are settling into a new school year. Just a few weeks ago they (nervously, excitedly, or even begrudgingly, I'm sure) returned to the classroom. They may or may not know they returned to a district that has been steadily racking up achievements and accolades in recent years. To name a few, on the 2016 MCAS, Somerville was the state-leading urban district for growth, the Brown School earned the prestigious Commendation School Award for outstanding growth, and Somerville High School remained the only Level 1 urban high school, a distinction they've held for the past four years. We should all be proud that our schools are on an upward trend. But we shouldn't be complacent. These successes didn't happen overnight.

The progress we are seeing on MCAS and other measures took the dogged, day-to-day dedication of our teachers and school staff. It also took an unwavering and years-long commitment by the City and schools to identify and invest in key programs and needs. That work may be showing positive returns, but it isn't over. If we want to continue the upward trajectory – and improve upon it – then we have some more homework to do this school year. Here are just a few of the initiatives we'll be focusing on.

Universal kindergarten readiness

Research shows that providing education and support for children and families beginning with pregnancy—rather than waiting until pre-school—can significantly improve how a child will perform academically. So in Somerville, we are keenly focused on what is known as universal kindergarten readiness. This year, Somerville Public Schools (SPS) will continue to work toward ensuring Somerville children show up for kindergarten best prepared to learn and grow. SPS is expanding its partnership with CAAS Head Start and adding

a third Head Start classroom within the schools. The district also added an Early Childhood Instructional Coach to support more SPS and independent classrooms, and afterschool programming for pre-K via the Community Schools program is also expanding to meet the growing need.

Developing real-time tools for student interventions

Just last month, the Boston Foundation awarded SPS with a two-year, \$200,000 grant to continue development of the Student Insights data tool. This tool is a game changer. It provides teachers with a nearly real-time look at a student's progress and where they may need additional support or interventions, which allows teachers to better meet the unique needs of individual students. During the pilot program for this tool, math scores increased for students in our test class. With this generous grant, we'll be adding features to the tool and expanding its use to additional classes and schools.

Supporting the whole child

Of course, meeting the unique needs of our students extends far beyond academic instruction. This year SPS continues to focus

on the importance of supporting the whole child, recognizing that a student's physical, social, and emotional well-being has an impact on their ability to learn. Working in partnership with several community agencies and other City departments over the past three years, our schools have been able to introduce programs that strengthened youth wellness not only in our schools but also throughout the broader community, including a new physical education curriculum, an organized recess program, adventure programming opportunities for high-risk students and students with special needs, and more.

These initiatives have created a solid foundation for a more robust wellness program moving forward. This year, SPS invested in a District Wellness Coordinator who will oversee the sustainability of these and other wellness initiatives, including expanding mindfulness programming throughout the district.

Out-of-school enrichment

Out-of-school-time learning opportunities help students explore and discover new interests and expand their network of adult mentors. This year, SPS is expanding out-of-school

programs, especially those in the middle grades, by partnering with a number of agencies and organizations, including Citizen Schools (East Somerville Community School), Breakthrough Greater Boston (district-wide), and The Calculus Project (targeted student population at West Somerville Neighborhood School and the Winter Hill Community Innovation School). This new school year will also bring targeted ELL afterschool programs at two of our schools, and an Assistant Athletic Director who will work to support and expand our middle grades athletic program.

And more...

Again, this is just a sampling of the focused work our educators will be pursuing with the support of city and school staff this year. Successful schools commit to the overall well-being of every student through rigorous academics, expanded extracurricular and enrichment programs, and wrap-around services to ensure every child is best able to learn and grow. We've made it clear, we're investing in that future—and we'll do all the homework we have to as we strive for our student's success.

Somerville Mayor and Superintendent release statement on DACA decision

Dear Somerville Public Schools Community,

As new information about the future of DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program), also known as the Dream Act, makes its way into the homes and businesses in our communities we felt it was important to reaffirm our commitment to every child—and young adult—in our district, regardless of their immigration status, and to reiterate the core values that serve as the foundation of our work in the Somerville Public Schools and the City at large. Tuesday's announcement from the White House regarding the administration's decision to formally end DACA in 6 months may impact an estimated 800,000 young individuals living, contributing, and pursuing their dreams in our communities. Among them are many in Somerville who have known no other home than the United States and now face a very uncertain future.

We believe that every child that walks through our doors, and every young adult in our community, has the right to dream. As public educators, we have the ethical and legal obligation to provide every student in our district with a high-quality education. As civil servants, we likewise strive to foster a climate of opportunity and respect for all in our community. We embrace the rich diversity – in all its forms – that makes Somerville such an exceptional community, and are fully committed to respecting and celebrating our differences. We believe that every student we serve deserves the opportunity to learn and grow in a safe environment free from fear or persecution. We believe that human dignity is the thread that unites us as a community and makes us stronger.

Like these young people pursuing their dreams, we are all dreamers, with hopes and visions for a better future ... for ourselves, for our families, and for our communities. We will continue to fight for human dignity, and for the rights of all who walk through our hallways and, as our neighbors, are woven into the fabric of our community. We will do so regardless of their immigration status, race, color, sex, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, or gender identification. It is the just and right thing to do.

Our commitment to every one of our students is unwavering. Our commitment to every one of our residents remains resolute. We appreciate your trust and your commitment to Somerville youth and your community, and we assure you that we will continue to do all we can to provide every student in our district with every opportunity to learn, grow, and dream.

Sincerely,

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone and Mary Skipper, Superintendent of Schools

PLEASE NOTE: Current DACA recipients whose DACA status expires between now and March 5, 2018, can obtain a two-year renewal if they file a renewal application that is accepted by the federal government by October 5, 2017. Somerville-based DACA participants who need assistance with filing their renewal forms, or referrals to free legal assistance, legal clinics, and workshops, are encouraged to contact the City's SomerViva Immigrant Outreach and Service Program and/or the Somerville Public Schools Parent Information Center. SomerViva can be reached via somerviva@somervillema.gov or 617-625-6600 x2122. The Parent Information Center can be reached at x2962.

COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Time to do your duty, Somerville - get out next week and vote.

Our View Of The Times



Competition is great, especially for politicians. It brings forth debate on the real issues, and we shouldn't elect an Emperor. But the current mayor's challengers don't even come close to being qualified to run pet shop, let alone a city of 78K people with budget of over \$200 million, and a city work force of 1000 plus.

We feel that Joe Curtatone, in spite of some of his political stands, has done a fantastic job for Somerville. Just look, we're not called Slumerville anymore.

We are a city of destination. Look at what the mayor did to carve out and make sure of what Assembly Square was

going to look like today. A far cry from when he took office and the old mall was virtually non-existent.

Davis square has constantly improved under his leadership. The Green Line is finally coming to Union Square, and he's making sure that it is going to be another destination point.

He has given us the 35% residential exemption for owner occupied properties. He has made all the city departments come up to date. This is the best city for emergency services during snow storms, hands down. He brought in and created 311 so that all residents can call

one line and get things done by the city. He started twice-a-year ward updates on what is going on in the city through the ResiStat meetings, open to anyone in the public.

From the many things that the mayor has done for Somerville to this day, many new people moving to Boston look to Somerville as a place to work and live. His efforts with the various city departments and in particular the Board of Alderman have been tireless, working closely to bring Somerville out of the age of gangsta, midnight fires, stolen car capital of Massachu-

setts, run down properties, abandoned factories, and many other things he's done to improve the quality of life for the residents of our city.

He's done much for Somerville throughout his tenure as mayor, yet there is so much more to do. We need him leading the city for the next two years. Again, although we're happy he has competition, his present opponents – in light of their own resumes and work histories – are not equipped to run our city.

Joseph Curtatone deserves to be re-elected mayor. We support his re-election.

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company and is good at what he does. We hope he has a great birthday for himself with his family and many friends. Happy birthday to our good friend and former Ward 7 Alderman **Bob Trane**. We hope he has a great day for himself as well. Soon to be leaving the office of Ward 4 Alderman, popular gentleman and good friend **Tony Lafuente** celebrates this week. We wish him a very happy birthday. Watch out, he might be back running someday. Happy birthday to our good friend **Jodi Gallo**, who is a big fan of our paper. Jodi, have a great day for yourself. Finally, the nicest, most thoughtful Alderman At-Large, **Mary Jo Rossetti** is celebrating this week. We wish her a very nice day for herself.

Check out www.ocpf.us and plug in a name to find out who and how local politicians stand in fundraising. We're looking it over and seeing who contributes to whom. Remember, it's not illegal to accept money from special interests, including developers, lawyers or unions

of any kind.

So the stupid crap out there is still going on with certain people. They are saying that certain candidates are getting money from developers, and although that is not illegal, they make it sound like it is. If it's wrong to take developers' money, then is it also wrong to take money from unions? In particular, **School Committee candidates** receiving money from the **Massachusetts Teachers Association**. How about their endorsements? Are the expecting something in return?

People complain all the time, "Bring back the old Somerville." Especially those that moved out of our city some time ago. It's not the same Somerville of your dreams. Somerville has changed and changed for the good. Housing prices are up, not because of the administration, it's because of the supply and demand equation. Lack of supplies and huge demand drives prices higher, not the mayor or the **Board of Aldermen**. No matter what

you think, the city is changing because old Villens are moving out and new ones are replacing them. It's happening all the time. It's great to have memories, and we will always have those memories. But prices on everything has gone up. The price of a gallon of gas back in the late 60's and early 70's was anywhere from .25 cents per gallon, new cars cost on the average of less than \$3K, and housing in Somerville back in the 70's was on an average for a single family 35K to 40K. Think about it.

Congratulations to **Ward 1 Alderman Matt MacLaughlin**, who now has a full time job over in Cambridge working for **City Councilor Dennis Carlone** as his aide, at a reported salary of over \$50K a year. We can't tell you how excited we are that Matt finally secured employment other than his **Board of Alderman** job. So let's see, he's an aide. Aren't aides usually younger student types? If you combined both salaries (alderman = \$41K) that will mean that Matt will be mak-

ing roughly \$90K plus a year. We think that's great. Matt now becomes one of the 1% percenters. By the way, we heard that his good friend and former alderman from Ward 6 **Rebeckah Gerwitz** was responsible for him getting this job over in Cambridge. We do think it odd though that Cambridge City Councilors have aides at \$50K a year. How much do the councilors get paid? Matt is going to be pretty busy with Councilor Carlone's upcoming re-election and his own re-election at the same time. We guess Matt won't have time now to campaign in Ward 4, or will he? We do know that it's not unusual for Matt to NOT show up at local Ward 1 events or meetings. Never mind NOT returning phone calls from constituents. So this job over in Cambridge won't be so bad, will it? By the way, Matt has a challenger, lifelong resident of Ward 1 and business man/family man, **Elio LoRusso**.

We guess the **Progressive Democrats of Somerville** have

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The best Riverfest ever

Riverfest at Assembly Row took place last weekend, featuring a range of free events and activities for all ages, including live, local music; children's activities, local artisans; and fireworks over the Mystic River at sundown on Saturday.

In addition to the festival, many of Assembly Row's outlet stores featured sidewalk sales and offered special promotions for attendees. Local nonprofits also set up community tables to provide information about their organizations.



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Photos by Claudia Ferro



DogFest 2017 a tail wagger

The 8th Annual Somerville Dog Festival was held at Trum Field on Sunday. The fundraiser to benefit the Somerville Pet Food Bank featured a variety of exciting dog sports, demonstrations, and multiple "try it" rings in which the public can try sports and games with their dogs to provide fun opportunities for dogs and their people, and also help promote responsible dog ownership in our city. The goal was to provide opportunities for families to enjoy healthy activities in the city with their dog and raise funds to support animals in need.



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Photos by Bobbie Toner



SPORTS

Somerville High School Highlanders football victorious over Peabody

By Beckett Bathanti

After an inauspicious start, the Somerville Highlanders rolled over Northeastern Conference opponent Peabody 24-7 at Dilboy Stadium in Somerville Friday night.

Third-year Head Coach Makonnen Fenton preached discipline during practice earlier in the week and was pleased with his team's showing Friday night.

"They made some mental errors, but it wasn't from them being undisciplined, it was from them being too hyped up or from jitters," he said.

The Tanners owned the first quarter, recovering Somerville's Wady Santana's fumble on the first play from scrimmage.

Peabody rode bruising senior running back Eric DeMayo for a quick touchdown and forced a three and out on the Highlanders' next possession.

The Highlanders looked like

a different team in the second quarter, netting their first first down of the game 15 seconds into the quarter and marching down the field for a touchdown courtesy of sophomore running back Fred Castin.

Senior quarterback Elijah Jeffreys kept the drive alive with his legs.

On 4th and 8 from Peabody's 24-yard line, Jeffreys dropped back to pass. With the Tanners smothering his receivers and defenders closing in on him, Jeffreys spun away and took off down the right sideline, finally getting gang tackled at the 4.

Castin punched it in two plays later to tie the game at 7.

The rest of the quarter was dominated by Somerville's swarming defense and special teams, as the Highlanders recovered two fumbles that led to field goals from senior Emerson Klemz to make the score 13-7 at the half.



Senior receiver/cornerback Jiovanny Pierre was a big contributor to the Highlanders' win over the Peabody Tanners on Friday

"We got after them at half-time," Coach Fenton said. "And they came out and got the job done in the second half."

The Tanners came out slugging in the second half, as a 38-yard run from DeMayo took them quickly into Highlander territory. Somerville's defense bowed its back again, stripping DeMayo and derailing Peabody's momentum.

The rest of the scoreless third quarter was a back and forth affair, as both teams traded punts. Early in the fourth quarter, senior receiver/cornerback Jiovanny Pierre grabbed Somerville's fourth takeaway of the game, a leaping interception.

The remainder of the fourth quarter was dominated by the Highlanders and senior receiver Lucas Saint-Jean, who slashed through Peabody's defense for a 68-yard catch and run that led to another field goal from Klemz.

A few minutes later, Jeffreys found Saint-Jean on a slant route for the touchdown that

sealed the game with less than four minutes left to play.

Pierre bounced outside and across the goal line for a two-point conversion that made the score 24-7.

Despite Somerville's plus-3 turnover differential, Fenton was not satisfied with his defense's performance.

"We want to be the best we can be and that's not our best," he said. "We need to start the game the way we finished it."

Senior linebacker Marcus Thomas made a huge impact for the Highlanders, bringing high energy and finishing with four tackles for loss.

"He's an animal," Fenton said with a laugh. "It's ridiculous."

Following Peabody's touchdown, Thomas felt the defense had to step up.

"We knew our offense was going to get the job done. We just had to stay in the game and help win the game with our defense," he said.

Although DeMayo had his

way early, Fenton did not panic and did not alter his game plan.

"We play our defense the way we play our defense. We'll match our guys up against any other guy in the state," Fenton said.

Pierre, who made the Boston Herald's preseason All-Star squad, was pleased after the game, and excited about Somerville's prospects this year.

"I feel great. We have a great-looking team. We have a bunch of athletes who can play multiple positions. This was a great way to start the year," Pierre said.

Fenton, already eyeing next week and beyond, assured that there would be no let-up from the Highlanders.

"They are going to keep practicing hard, and we are going to keep coaching them hard. We are here to compete for a state championship," Coach Fenton said.

Somerville hosts Lynn English Friday, September 15, at Dilboy Stadium.

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Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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| 1. What is the fastest land animal in the world? | once had birch bark tar as the main ingredient? |
| 2. What singer was shot by his father on April 1, 1984? | 8. What actor was raised to believe his grandmother was his mother and the mother was his sister? |
| 3. Who was the founder of French Impressionist painting? | 9. What film was based on a novel by Truman Capote? |
| 4. What famous photographer had a child at age 51? | 10. What athlete has Elton John as a godfather to two of his sons? |
| 5. What was the first program to receive the TV-MA rating? | 11. What building has 67 elevators as its core? |
| 6. What country was officially neutral during World War II? | 12. Where was the Superman movie starring Christopher Reeve filmed? |
| 7. What confectionary | |

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Concussion Awareness Training

September 28, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at ESCS

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health in partnership with the Massachusetts PTA and Concussion Legacy Foundation is offering free trainings to parents, educators, schools and communities on: Signs and Symptoms of concussion; Prevention and Management of youth concussion; Sports concussion regulations for schools; Return to school and athletics after a concussion.

Get the facts, learn what to do, and know how and where to get help. Training will be held on Thursday, September 28, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the East Somerville Community School Auditorium, 50 Cross St. Childcare and translation (Spanish, Portuguese, H Creole) will be available. To register, contact Mary Lou Carey-Sturniolo at mmlcs@aol.com. For more information, contact Mary Lou Carey-Sturniolo or Michelle Kelly at mkelly@k12.somerville.ma.us.

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'Strike Up the Bands' at SomerStreets



Join the City of Somerville on Sunday, September 17, for "Strike Up the Bands," the September installment of the City's SomerStreets festival. From 2:00 to 6:00 p.m., between School St. and Lowell St. on Highland Ave., enjoy live entertainment, games and activities, food, beer gardens, crafts, and much more.

SomerStreets is the City of Somerville's take on the internationally renowned Open Streets concept, closing busy city streets to vehicles, and opening them up for cycling, walking, dancing, running, and other modes of activity. Through SomerStreets, the City and its community partners aim to promote and encourage easy access to physical activity, fresh foods, and reconnecting with neighborhoods and businesses and their unique cultural elements in a thriving urban environment.

Activities along Highland Ave. will include:

Live music on two stages including:

- ONCE stage: Weather Weapon; Hambone Skinny; Flight of Fire; and Kangaroo Rat.
- Armory Stage: The Spots; Gun Mother; Grace Givertz, Special appearance by Keytar Bear.
- Aerial arts performance by Esh Circus Art
- Interactive activities with Buzzroar Interactive for all ages including paint-balloon toss mural
- Beer garden and taco stand with Cuisine en Locale
- Hockey, interactive activities, preschool games and other fun with Somerville Recreation
- Parkour with Parkour Generations Boston
- Bouncy House
- Learn to walk on stilts with Open Air Circus
- Large-format chalk drawing and photobooth with Somerville Open Studios
- Flea and artisan craft market by Somerville Flea
- Storytelling project with Somerville Media Center and the City of Somerville on the MUSCRAT bus
- Martial arts performance and demonstration class with Villari martial arts
- Explore a fire truck or ambulance
- Community vendors and local restaurants and businesses
- Facepainting with Tara Perrone and henna painting with Cool Henna Designs
- And more!

To ensure public safety at the event, the following road closures and parking bans will be in effect:

- Highland Ave. (School St. to Lowell St.): Closed to all vehicular traffic 12 p.m. - 7 p.m.; no parking 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Belmont St. (Summer St. to Highland Ave.), Spring Hill Terr., and Sycamore St. (Highland Ave. to Madison St.) will become two way streets from 12 pm to 8 p.m. to allow access for abutters.
- MBTA buses 88 and 90 will be rerouted from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. For locations of rerouted bus stops, visit MBTA.com.

All SomerStreets events will run from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m., rain or shine.

For more information, visit www.somervillema.gov, or www.somervilleartsandcouncil.org. For questions about the festival or press inquiries, please contact Special Events Manager, Nina Eichner at 617-625-6600 ext. 2998.

Free Digital Literacy training: Using Craigslist for personal use

The Somerville Public Library and Somerville Media Center are still seeking people to enroll in their collaborative training program for improving people's digital & technology skills called, Getting Comfortable in the Digital Age. The next Digital Literacy training is Tuesday, September 19 from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. at SMC, 90 Union Square).

During this time, the team will focus on "Using Craigslist for Personal Use (buying/selling, job search) and Using the Internet for Housing." We will go over using your Android and iPhones to its fullest potential by discussing various helpful apps, tips and tricks!

This is led by Library and SMC staff. An RSVP is required as spots are limited.

If you have any questions about this program, please contact Erica Jones at ejones@somervillemedia.org or by phone at 617-628-8826.

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LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on **Wednesday, September 27, 2017** at 6:00 p.m. at the **VNA, 259 Lowell Street, 3rd Floor Community Room.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

130 Walnut Street (ZBA 2017-70): Applicant, David Einis, and Owner, Garrett Realty, LLC, seek Special Permits under §4.4.1 and §8.5 of the SZO for: the upward extension of the non-conforming right side yard setback by raising the rear portion of the existing structure to a height of 30' 10 1/4 inches; constructing dormers within the right side yard setback; increasing the FAR by more than 25% by adding a large addition to the rear of the structure; Special Permits under §7.11 to increase the number of units from two to three; Special Permits under §9.13 for parking relief. RB zone. Ward 4.

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

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

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

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

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

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant
As published in The Somerville Times on 9/13/17 & 9/20/17.

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
RFP 18-05 REBID

The City of Somerville, through the Purchasing Department, invites sealed proposals for:
Community Librarian – Fab Lab Manager

The City of Somerville seeks a lab manager to manage and program the City of Somerville's and the Somerville High School's 2,000 square foot fab lab, called FabVille, located in the Somerville High School's Center for Career and Technical Education. The lab manager or management team, either an organization or sole proprietor, will provide and maintain and welcoming and safe space for the Somerville community after school hours in FabVille for 36 weeks during the 17/18 school year. Contract may be renewed for up to two additional school years.

The Request for Proposals (RFP) may be obtained from the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143 or online at <http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing> on or after: **Wednesday, September 13, 2017.** Separately sealed price and non-price proposals will be received at the above office until: **Wednesday, September 27, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.** at which time sealed non-price proposals will be opened. 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.

Please contact Thupten D. Chukhatsang at tchukhatsang@somervillema.gov for information and proposal packages. Prospective proposers shall contact Purchasing in writing to ensure they are on the bidders list to receive any updates or addenda about this RFP.

Thupten D. Chukhatsang
Procurement Analyst
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Answers

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| 1. The cheetah | 7. Chewing gum |
| 2. Marvin Gaye | 8. Jack Nicholson |
| 3. Claude Monet | 9. <i>Breakfast at Tiffany's</i> |
| 4. Annie Leibowitz | 10. David Beckham |
| 5. <i>South Park</i> | 11. The Empire State Building |
| 6. Spain | 12. Niagara Falls |

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changed their name but it's still the same group. They are now called **One Revolution Somerville**, with about 60 members (enough to fill a small function room). They have endorsed a ticket for our elections this year, and at the head of the ticket they have endorsed candidate **Payton Corbett** for mayor. The *Boston Globe* had an interesting article this past Friday. Google "Progressive-backed candidate acknowledges stupid immature jokes" written by Frank Phillips. It seems that Mr. Corbett might like to make derogatory remarks about women. He claims that the remarks were made in his youth (when he was 30 years old), but he is now 34 years old. One such remark was removed from Corbett's Facebook page. Quoting the *Globe*, "Corbett is also having to explain some

embarrassing Facebook posts in which he aired politically incorrect views, such as referring to women as 'dumb broads,' suggesting Asians have a penchant for restaurant specials, and comparing Black History Month to a coffee chain's 'Chocolate Lovers Month.'" In questioning him, he tried to brush it off by referring to George Bush's comments that he made when he was in his 20's, as opposed to him at the time he ran for President. Corbett is 34 years old, and he was 30 years old when he made those comments. That's only 4 years ago, so we guess he's trying to say they were simply immature remarks when he was 30 years old. Is Our Revolution Somerville agreeing with those remarks? If so then they can't be very progressive, can they? We're shocked that a candidate for

public office would make such rude and crude remarks. Just shocked! Aren't you?

The slate of candidates sponsored by **Our Revolution Somerville** is the aftermath of the **Bernie Sanders** campaign (does that make them Socialist?), or like we said, a remake of the **Somerville Progressive movement**. The slate of candidates that are being endorsed by them is pretty bizarre, with **Payton Corbett** leading the top. What does that say about the rest of the candidates they are endorsing? *Newstalk* will, as usual, bring you the scoop on the various endorsements that Our Revolution Somerville is making for the November election. You'll be as shocked as we are.

We have a lot to be thankful for, but those

in **Texas and Louisiana** will need our help. Join us at *The Somerville Times* in donating to the many charities that are set up and being set up: **The Salvation Army, Red Cross** and various clubs and organization as well a "gofundme" page that was set up to donate directly to residents that need our help and money. We send them our thoughts and prayers for a quick and speedy recovery to normal. We are all proud Americans and we are very generous to other countries with their disasters, but we all need to step up to the plate and donate – even \$10 – to help out our fellow Americans. Imagine if everyone here in Somerville sent a check or donated online. Every \$10 or more would be a great help to our fellow Americans who need us now. God Bless Texas and Louisiana and all those affected by this horrible nightmare.

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Community interest high for Union Square plan

By Union Square Station Associates

On Tuesday, over one hundred and fifty residents, business owners and community stakeholders attended a neighborhood meeting hosted by Union Square Station Associates (US2) at the Public Safety Building in Union Square. Following the City of Somerville's passage of the Union Square Overlay District zoning ordinance in June, the public meeting was US2's first opportunity to present its overall vision for Union Square and start the Coordinated Development Plan process required by the zoning. The redevelopment of the seven parcels entrusted to US2 will serve as a catalyst for Union Square's evolution into a pedestrian-friendly, 2.4 million-square-foot mixed-use employment center, all centered around the long anticipated MBTA Green Line station.

The neighborhood meeting was an open house format and consisted of six stations dedicated to different aspects of the project.

Topics included a project overview & community process, creation of an employment center, open space, urban design, transportation and infrastructure, and community benefits. Fourteen members of the US2 team were present as well as City of Somerville staff from the Departments of Economic Development, Transportation and Infrastructure and Planning & Zoning. Each station was manned by US2 representatives who presented project information, answered questions and took written and verbal comments.

"We value the comments and suggestions that we received from community stakeholders at the unveiling of our Coordinated Development Plan," US2 President Greg Karczewski said. "US2 will continue our commitment to engage community members throughout the development process."

"I want to ensure we maintain the unique aspects of Union Square while capitalizing on the many benefits that the Green Line, will bring," said Courtney

O'Keefe, resident. "I appreciate US2's willingness to work as a community partner."

The presentation of the Coordinated Development Plan was the culmination of decades of planning by residents, businesses and the city. The Plan seeks to maintain the vibrancy that characterizes Union Square while adding 1.4 million square feet of new work spaces and over 2.5 acres of open space. The Plan will generate over 5,000 new permanent jobs and 4,000 new construction jobs as well as millions of dollars in job linkage payments to support local workforce development initiatives. The Plan also addresses housing shortages in Somerville by creating new housing stock for families, empty nesters, young workers and everyone in between, 20 percent of which will be permanently affordable.

The Plan will result in over \$100 million dollars in public and community benefit, including \$19.2 million in US2 cash contributions to the Green Line, infrastructure needs and com-



munity benefits. The Green Line extension will better connect and make Union Square a key driver of the regional economy. Additionally, residents will benefit from substantial infrastructure improvements, including improvements to outdated water and sewage systems and the creation of a safer pedestrian environment and bike lanes.

The plan includes 61% commercial and 39% residential uses which will create significant local job opportunities and also realize an important SomerVi-

sion goal to shift the tax base to be more commercial. The city is projected to receive over \$471 million of revenue from taxes, permit fees and land sales from the project over the next 30 years.

Input from the neighborhood meeting will inform US2's Coordinated Development Plan application and the development plan moving forward. US2 plans to submit their Coordinated Development Plan application and pursue a Planning Board decision this fall.

56 affordable rental units available at Assembly Row

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone and Street Realty Inc. announced this week that 56 rental units will be offered to low/moderate income eligible households through the City's Inclusionary Housing Program. Eligible applicants will be entered into a lottery for the available units, which are located at Assembly Row in the new Montaje building, at 449 Canal Street. The first units are expected to be ready for occupancy in early 2018.

Two information sessions are planned for persons interested in applying. Sessions will be held as follows:

- Wed., Sept. 13, 2017, East Somerville Community School (50 Cross St.), 6 – 7:30 p.m.
- Thurs., Oct. 19, 2017, East Somerville Community School (50 Cross St.), 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Applications for the units will be available at the conclusion of the first information session, and will also be available online at www.s-e-b.com/property/montaje, at all branches of the Somerville Public Libraries, and at the City Hall Annex at 50 Evergreen Ave., 2nd Floor.

IMPORTANT APPLICATION INFORMATION:

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Wednesday|September 13

Central Library
Comic Con Somerville
10 a.m. - 11 a.m. | 79 Highland Ave

East Branch Library

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

Thursday|September 14

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

West Branch Library

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

Central Library

Family Lab
5:15 p.m. - 8 p.m. | 79 Highland Ave

Friday|September 15

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

Central Library

TELL (Teen Library Leaders) Meeting
3 p.m.- 5 p.m. | 79 Highland Ave

Sunday|September 17

Strike Up The Bands @ Somerstreeets
2 p.m. | Highland Ave. from School St. to Lowell St.

Central Library

The Bella Show Sing Along
2 p.m.- 3 p.m. | 79 Highland Ave

Monday|September 18

Central Library

Sing Along
11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.
Creative Drama Workshop
4 p.m.-5 p.m. | 79 Highland Ave

Tuesday|September 19

Central Library
Homeschool Reading Group for Ages 14-16
9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. | 79 Highland Ave

West Branch Library

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

Wednesday|September 20

East Branch Library

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

Central Library

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

MUSIC|ARTS

Wednesday|September 13

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Free Poker, lots of prizes!
8 p.m. | 335 Somerville Ave | 617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room
Americana Jam with: Grain Thief | 9 p.m.
Back Room
Backroom Series: The Jeremy Kittel Trio | 7:30 p.m.
Comedy Night With Jordan Handren-Seavey | 10 p.m.
247 Elm Street | 617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge

ArthurThomas&TheCount / TheCoteries / SamHaiman / StrangersByAcc
7:30 p.m. | 345 Somerville Ave

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

65 Holland St | 617-591-2100

Bull McCabe's Pub

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

Thunder Road

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

Highland Kitchen

150 Highland Ave | 617-625-1131

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

The Moth: True Stories Told Live
8 p.m. | 156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Nyota Road
8 p.m. | 14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory

Mount Eerie
6:30 p.m. | Performance Hall | 191 Highland Ave

The Rockwell

David Ryan Harris
8 p.m. | 255 Elm St

Thursday|September 14

Sally O'Brien's

Be Nice Or Leave Brass Band
7:30 p.m. | 335 Somerville Ave | 617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room
Matt Borrello, Mike Verge & Company | 9:30 pm
Backroom Series: Grain Thief and Danny Golden | 7 p.m.
Scattershots | 10 p.m.
247 Elm Street | 617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge

Shadowplay / Where's Walden / Bugs in the Corner / Raibard
7:30 p.m. | 345 Somerville Ave

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

65 Holland St | 617-591-2100

Bull McCabe's

366A Somerville Ave | 617-440-6045

Thunder Road

379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Plini
David Maxim Micic, Nick Johnston
8 p.m. | 156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

The Mystical Misfits
8 p.m. | 14 Tyler Street

The Rockwell

Carrie Rodriguez
7:30 p.m. | 255 Elm St

Arts at the Armory

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

Friday|September 15

Sally O'Brien's

Lisa Marie & All Shook Up | 6 p.m.
WEMF+ present \$10 cover | 9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave | 617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room
Irish Session | 9:30 p.m.
Back Room:
Soulsh@ | 7 p.m.
Rip Cord | 10 p.m.
247 Elm Street | 617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge

Bridging The Music Presents: MA Solo Artist Awards
7:30 p.m. | 345 Somerville Ave

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

DJ starting at 10 p.m.
65 Holland St | 617-591-2100

Bull McCabe's

TBA
10 p.m. | 366A Somerville Ave | 617-440-6045

Joshua Tree

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

Casey's

Entertainment every Friday
173 Broadway | 617- 625-5195

Thunder Road

Naughty Professor + Special Dinner & Show Package Featuring "A Naughty Dawgy Style Taste Of New Orleans"
8 p.m. | 379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Wild Belle
Fred Thomas
8 p.m. | 156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

The Group Activity
8:30 p.m. | 14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory

A Flor Comica" with Edel Holz
12 a.m. | Performance Hall
The Loop
7 p.m. | Café | 191 Highland Ave

The Rockwell

Sh!t-faced Shakespeare: Romeo and Juliet | 7 p.m.
255 Elm St

Saturday|September 16

Sally O'Brien's

One Thin Dime | 6 p.m.
Kieran Ridge Band | 9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave | 617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room:
Irish Session | 9:30 p.m.
Back Room:
Jeff Jam Family Dance Party! | 4 p.m.
Burren Backroom Comedy Presents Sean Sullivan | 7 p.m.
Red Square | 10 p.m.
247 Elm Street | 617-776-6896

P.A.'s Lounge

345 Somerville Ave

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

Karaoke
65 Holland St

Bull McCabe's

TBA
366A Somerville Ave | 617-440-6045

Casey's

Entertainment every Saturday
173 Broadway | 617- 625-5195

Thunder Road

The Pietasters, Llama Tsunami (Ska)
6 p.m. | 379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Your Friends Fest 2017
Awaaz Do, PowerSlut, Lazertüth, Baluchitherium, BLOWW
7 p.m. | 156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Annalise Emerick
8 p.m. | 14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory

LadiesCon 2017
12 p.m.-5 p.m. | Performance Hall | 191 Highland Ave

Sunday|September 17

Sally O'Brien's Bar

The Natural Wonders | 4:30 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave | 617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room
Beatles Brunch | 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
John Gannon & Friends Irish Session | 3 p.m.
Los Goutos | 7 p.m.
247 Elm Street | 617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge

345 Somerville Ave

Bull McCabe's Pub

Dub Apocalypse
366A Somerville Ave | 617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen

Sunday Brunch Live Country & Bluegrass
Sunday Night Live Music
150 Highland Ave | 617-625-1131

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

Game Night
65 Holland St | 617-591-2100

Thunder Road

Adele Tribute Brunch "Brunch'town Glory" | 10 a.m.
Americana Sundays w/ Greg Klyma
7 p.m.
379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Strike Up The Bands! Somerstreeets 2017 | 7 p.m.
Hambone Skinny, Weather Weapon, Kangaroo Rat
Hayes Carl | 8 p.m.
Curtis McMurtry
8 p.m. | 156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

Mike Morrissey 2 p.m.
The Sky Comedy Show | 7:30 p.m.
14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory

Gatsby Charity Night
4:30 p.m. | 191 Highland Ave

Monday|September 18

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Shawn Carter's Cheapshots Comedy | 7 p.m.
Marley Monday with The Duppy Conquerors reggae | 10 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave | 617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room
Bur-Run
Helena Delaney, Johnny O'Leary &

Friends Irish Session | 9 p.m.

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

P.A.'s Lounge

Jake D'Ambra Quartet / Araqsana / Noelle Micarelli / Conor Kenney
7:30 p.m. | 345 Somerville Ave

Bull McCabe's Pub

Stump! Team Trivia
366A Somerville Ave | 617-440-6045

Thunder Road

Midnight North (Rock/Country)
8 p.m. | 379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Kangaroo Rat | 6 p.m.
The Dead Boys
The Quiggs, Duck And Cover | 8 p.m.
156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory

Queer Tango
6:30 p.m. | Café | 191 Highland Ave

Tuesday|September 19

Sally O'Brien's Bar

335 Somerville Ave | 617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room
Jason Anick and the Swingers Swing/Jazz | 8:30 p.m.
Back Room:
Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan | 10 p.m.
247 Elm Street | 617-776-6896

PA's Lounge

345 Somerville Ave

Bull McCabe's Pub

The Ghetto People Band
366A Somerville Ave | 617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen

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

PJ Ryan's

Pub Quiz
10 p.m. | 239 Holland St. | 617-625-8200

Thunder Road

David Liebe Hart (Comedy, Tim & Eric Awesome Show, Great Job)
8 p.m. | 379 Somerville Ave

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Heavy Metal Tuesday | 7 p.m.
Wovenhand | 8 p.m.
156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co

Indie Trivia
8 p.m. | 14 Tyler Street

Arts at the Armory

First and Last Word Poetry
7 p.m. | Café | 191 Highland Ave

Wednesday|September 20

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Free Poker, lots of prizes!
8 p.m. | 335 Somerville Ave | 617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room
Americana Jam with: Grain Thief | 9 p.m.
Back Room
Backroom Series:
Comedy Night With Jordan Handren-Seavey | 10 p.m.
247 Elm Street | 617-776-6896

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8 p.m. | 379 Somerville Ave

Highland Kitchen

150 Highland Ave | 617-625-1131

ONCE Lounge & Ballroom

Boston Comedy Festival Presents Michelle Buteau | 6:30 p.m.
Boston Comedy Festival Presents

Judah Friedlander | 9 p.m.

156 Highland Ave

Aeronaut Brewing Co.

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

Arts at the Armory

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

The Rockwell

BCF: Stand Up Contest: Prelim Round 1 | 7:30 p.m.

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

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Wednesday|September 13

Central Library

Somerville Arts Council LCC 2018 info session
3:15 p.m.-5:15 p.m. | 79 Highland Ave

Central Library

Somerville 175 Oral History Workshop
6 p.m.-7:15 p.m. | 79 Highland Ave

Thursday|September 14

West Branch Library

Learn English at the Library
6 p.m.-8 p.m. | 40 College Ave

East Branch Library

Drop in Knitting at the East Branch
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. | 115 Broadway

First Church Somerville

Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step program for people with problems with money and debt. 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. | 89 College Ave (Upstairs Parlor). For more

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

Holland Street: 167 Holland Street

*Monday through Friday 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.
617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

*Our Holland Street Center will be serving lunch on Monday, Thursday & Fridays only until further notice.

Cross Street Center: 165 Broadway
Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

Wednesday – 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. (Please note time change) (617) 625-6600 Ext. 2335.

Ralph and Jenny Center: 9 New Washington Street,
Tuesday through Thursday 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. (Please note time change) (617) 666-5223.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Blood Pressure Screening – Cross Street Center located at 165 Broadway. Scheduled for the 3rd Thursday of

each month: October 19, November 16 and December 14. If you require additional information please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email dhiggins@somervillema.gov.

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

Diabetes Shoe Clinic – Thursday, September 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at our Holland Street Center. You must book an appointment ahead of time. Did you know that you could be eligible for a pair of diabetes shoes every year? If you have Medicare and Diabetes, please book a ten minute shoe fitting appointment by calling Natasha at 617-625-6600 ext. 2317.

Yoga in the Park – Thursday, September 14, 21 and 28 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at Hodgkins – Curtin Park located 113 Holland Street (Class will be inside the Holland Street Center if we have inclement weather.) This free event is easy to follow and low impact! For more information, questions or to RSVP please contact Chris at 617-625-6600, ext.2300.

Yoga in the Park – Monday, September 18 and 25 from 9:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at Chuckie Harris Park located right behind the Cross Street Center on Cross Street East. (Class will be inside the Cross Street Center if we have inclement weather.) This free event is easy to follow and low impact! For more information, questions or to RSVP please contact Chris at 617-625-6600, ext.2300.

Tai Chi in the Park – Monday, September 18 and 25 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at Hodgkins – Curtin Park located 113 Holland Street (Class will be inside the Holland Street Center if we have inclement weather.) This free event is easy to follow and low impact! For more info, questions or to RSVP please contact Chris at 617-625-6600, ext.2300.

Fall Super Bingo – Tuesday, September 12 – at our Ralph & Jenny Center. \$12 includes lunch, coffee, dessert, cards & prizes. Limited seating and transportation. For more information, questions or to reserve your spot please contact Kim at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

Planning for Medicare/A Countdown to 65 – Thursday, September 14 – 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at our Holland Street Center. A representative from Blue Cross Blue Shield will be speaking about various Medicare topics. For more information please contact Ashley or Natasha at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

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

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

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

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

The BBQ at Cross Street scheduled for Thursday, September 21st is SOLD OUT.

The day trip to Salem Willows scheduled for Wednesday, September 29th is SOLD OUT.

The Pine Grove Dude Ranch trip scheduled for September 24th – 20th is BOOK SOLID. Call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to put your name on the waiting list should there be an opening.

The trip to Atlantic City scheduled for October 24th to October 31st is SOLD OUT.

The trip to NYC scheduled for December 8th, 9th and 10th is SOLD OUT. Call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to put your name on the waiting list should there be an opening.

LGBTQ EVENTS:

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

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

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

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

STAY ACTIVE:

Weekly Exercise Class Schedule

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

Mondays:

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

Tuesdays:

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

Wednesdays:

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

Thursdays:

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

Fridays:

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

Every Monday

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

Every Tuesday

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

Every Wednesday

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

Every Thursday

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

Every Friday

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

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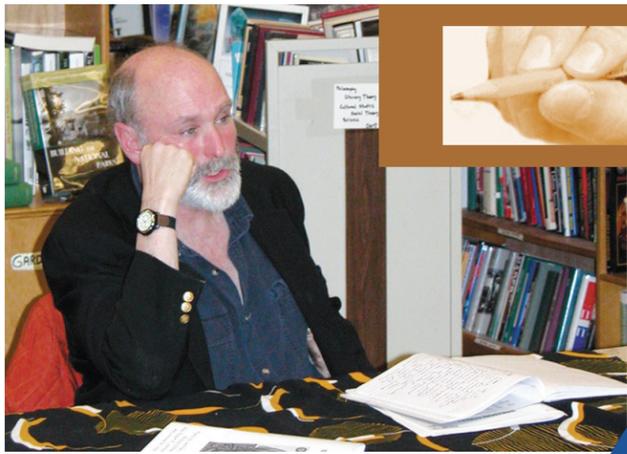
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6:00am SCATV Community Bulletin Board	7:30pm SCATV Throwback Thursday	4:00pm Words on Film	2:30pm Cyberspace Talk with Berkman Klein Center	
7:30am Somerville Storytellers	8:00pm (LIVE) Fouye No Nan Kalalou	5:00pm Tele Kreyol	3:00pm Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	
8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:30pm Henry Parker Presents	6:00pm Effort Pour Christ	4:00pm Meet the Renegades (Free Speech TV)	
9:00am Science 360	10:00pm The Beantown Beatdown	7:00pm SCOUTV	4:30pm The Laura Flanders Show (Free Speech TV)	
10:00am Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer	11:00pm Public Access Boyz	7:30pm Somerville Neighborhood News	5:00pm Tele Galaxie	
10:30am Cyberspace Talk with Berkman Klein Center	11:30pm SCATV Throwback Thursday	8:00pm Visual Radio	6:00pm The Struggle	
11:00am DW Global 3000	Friday, September 8	9:00pm Nossa Gente e Costumes	6:30pm Fallon's Daily Toast	
11:30am Hello Neighbor!	6:00am SCATV Community Bulletin Board	10:00pm The Folklorist	7:00pm Start Up TV Boston	
12:00pm The Thom Hartman Show	7:30am What's Left	10:30pm Act Out! (Free Speech TV)	7:30pm (LIVE) The Yellow Jacket Lady	
1:00pm Let's Talk Somerville Real Estate	8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	11:00pm Flotilla	8:00pm (LIVE) Somerville Overcoming Addiction	
1:30pm Fallon's Daily Toast	9:00am Caring for Others: Caring for Ourselves	Sunday, September 10	9:00pm Dedilhando au Saudade	
2:00pm StartUp TV Boston	10:00am Greater Somerville	6:00am Hello Neighbor!	10:00pm DW Tomorrow Today	
2:30pm Road To Recovery	10:30am NASA X	6:30am Eckankar	10:30pm NASA X	
3:00pm Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	11:00am The Story of Stuff	7:00am Nossa Gentes e Costumes	11:00pm The Folklorist	
4:00pm Pirate Television (Free Speech TV)	11:30am DW Tomorrow Today	8:00am Effort Pour Christ	11:00pm Rare Groove Revolution	
5:00pm Art at SCATV	12:00pm The Thom Hartman Show	9:00am Heritage Baptist Church		
5:30pm Justicia Migrante	1:00pm Aging Well	10:00am Aging Well		
6:00pm Rising Up! with Sonali (Free Speech TV)	1:30pm Health is Wealth	10:30am International Church of God		
7:00pm The Beantown Beatdown	2:00pm Somerville Neighborhood News	11:00am Chef's Table Series		
8:00pm LIVE: Somerville Pundits	2:30pm SCOUTV	12:00pm Let's Talk Somerville Real Estate		
8:30pm LIVE: Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	3:00pm Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	12:30pm Health is Wealth		
9:30pm Beyond Boston	4:00pm Gay USA	1:00pm Tufts University Jumbo Sports		
10:00pm SCATV Presents: Duck Village Stage Series	5:00pm Reeling Review	3:00pm Somerville Overcoming Addiction		
11:00pm Flotilla	5:30pm What's New Massachusetts	4:00pm Dedilhando a Saudade		
Thursday, September 7	6:00pm Real Estate Answers	5:00pm Bate Papo com Shirley		
6:00am SCATV Community Bulletin Board	6:30pm The Language of Business	6:00pm DW In Good Shape		
7:30am Esoteric Science	7:00pm StartUp TV Boston	6:30pm Somerville Neighborhood News Digest		
8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	7:30pm (LIVE) Fallon's Daily Toast	7:00pm African Television Network		
9:00am SCATV Throwback Thursday	8:00pm (LIVE) The Somerville Line	8:00pm Telemagazine		
9:30am Somerville Pundits	10:00pm Heavy Leather Topless Dance Party	9:00pm Public Domain Film Festival		
10:00am Dead Air Live	11:00pm Simply Hanging with Pete and Nate	11:00pm Simply Hanging with Pete and Nate		
11:00am Greater Somerville	11:00pm Ojo Rojo	11:30pm Ojo Rojo		
11:30am What's Left	Saturday, September 9	Monday, September 11		
12:00pm The Thom Hartman Show	6:00am SCATV Community Bulletin Board	6:00am SCATV Community Bulletin Board		
1:00pm The Somerville Line	8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	7:30am Health is Wealth		
3:00pm Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	9:00am Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	8:00am Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)		
4:00pm Poet to Poet/Writer to Writer	9:30am Henry Parker Presents	9:00am SCATV presents Duck Village Stage Sessions		
4:30pm Off the Shelf	10:00am TeleGalaxie	10:00am Perils for Pedestrians		
5:00pm DW Global 3000	11:00am Haitian Poetry in 3 Languages	11:00am Art at SCATV		
5:30pm Legacies	12:00pm Tufts University Jumbo Sports	11:30am Somerville Neighborhood News		
6:00pm Somerville Neighborhood News	2:00pm SCATV Presents: Duck Village Stage Series	12:00pm The Thom Hartmann Show		
6:30pm Somerville Neighborhood News Digest	2:30pm Hello Neighbor!	1:00pm Science 360		

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Wednesday, September 13		9:00am Aldermen at Work "Dennis Sullivan"	Sunday, September 17	1:00pm Project STAR 2017
9:00am Multi Modal Mobility and Safety	9:30am SomerViva em Português	11:30am Taste of Somerville 2017	12:00am Greater Boston Nepal Fest	1:41pm Talking Business "Quesadillas & Kimchi"
9:30am SomerViva em Português	12:00pm Multi Modal Mobility and Safety	12:00pm Multi Modal Mobility and Safety	1:00am Revisiting the Flag at Prospect Hill	2:00pm Our Ville Stands with Your Ville
12:00pm School Committee Meeting - 9.11.17	12:30pm Aldermen at Work "Dennis Sullivan"	12:30pm Aldermen at Work "Dennis Sullivan"	2:30am SomerViva en Español	3:00pm Applying For CPA Funding
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6:30pm Project STAR 2017	2:00pm SomerViva em Português	10:00am Talking Business "Quesadillas & Kimchi"	10:00am Senior Circuit	7:00pm Haiti & Brazil Hit the Ville
7:11pm Talking Business "Quesadillas & Kimchi"	2:31pm Joe's Jazz & Blues Fest	12:00pm Revisiting the Flag at Prospect Hill	12:00pm Aldermen at Work "Dennis Sullivan"	8:00pm Somerville Fight Night at Dilboy
7:30pm Multi Modal Mobility and Safety	6:00pm Multi Modal Mobility and Safety	12:30pm Aldermen at Work "Dennis Sullivan"	2:00pm Climate Forward Meeting - 6/26	10:04pm Congressional Update
8:00pm SomerViva em Português	6:22pm Applying For CPA Funding	2:30pm SomerViva em Português	2:30pm SomerStreets: Seize the Summer	10:34pm SomerViva em Português
8:30pm 9/11 Vigil in Davis Square	7:00pm Our Ville Stands with Your Ville	6:00pm 9/11 Vigil in Davis Square	10:37pm Talking Business "Quesadillas & Kimchi"	Tuesday, September 19
9:02pm Connecting Communities	8:00pm Aldermen at Work "Dennis Sullivan"	7:00pm Senior Circuit	11:00pm Haiti & Brazil Hit the Ville	12:00am Board of Aldermen Meeting - 9.14.17
9:31pm Our Ville Stands with Your Ville	8:30pm SomerViva em Português	7:30pm Connecting Communities	12:00pm Joe's Jazz & Blues Fest	9:00am Congressional Update
10:31pm Haiti & Brazil Hit the Ville	9:00pm Project STAR 2017	8:00pm Aldermen at Work "Dennis Sullivan"	2:00am Jane's Walk	9:30am Talking Business "Quesadillas & Kimchi"
Thursday, September 14	10:00pm SomerStreets: Seize the Summer	8:30pm SomerViva em Português	9:00am Project STAR 2017	11:30am Aldermen at Work "Dennis Sullivan"
12:00am Joe's Jazz & Blues Fest	10:37pm Talking Business "Quesadillas & Kimchi"	9:00pm Project STAR 2017	11:00am Our Ville Stands with Your Ville	12:00pm Senior Circuit
2:00am Jane's Walk	11:00pm Haiti & Brazil Hit the Ville	10:00pm SomerStreets: Seize the Summer	12:00pm Senior Circuit "Social Service Opportunities"	12:30pm Somerville Fight Night at Dilboy
9:00am Project STAR 2017	Saturday, September 16	10:37pm Talking Business "Quesadillas & Kimchi"	12:30pm Inventing the Charles River	2:34pm 9/11 Vigil in Davis Square
11:00am Our Ville Stands with Your Ville	12:00am Somerville Fight Night at Dilboy	11:00pm Haiti & Brazil Hit the Ville	1:33pm Multi Modal Mobility and Safety	3:00pm Raising Families "Special Needs Education"
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2:30pm Talking Business "Quesadillas & Kimchi"	12:30pm Somerville Fight Night at Dilboy	12:00pm Multi Modal Mobility and Safety	Friday, September 15	8:30pm School Committee Meeting - 9.11.17
4:00pm Upcoming Meeting Agenda	2:34pm Taste of Somerville 2017	2:30pm Somerville Fight Night at Dilboy	12:00am School Committee Meeting - 9.11.17	Wednesday, September 20
7:00pm Board of Aldermen Meeting - LIVE	6:30pm School Committee Meeting - 9.11.17	2:34pm Taste of Somerville 2017	12:00am School Committee Meeting - 9.11.17	12:00am Congressional Update
Friday, September 15	9:00pm Somerville Fight Night at Dilboy	6:30pm School Committee Meeting - 9.11.17		12:30am Our Ville Stands with Your Ville
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9:00am SHS Football vs Peabody [9.8.17]	Friday, September 15	8:00pm SHS Football vs Lynn English	8:00pm SHS Football vs Lynn English	2:00pm SHS Football vs Peabody [9.8.17]
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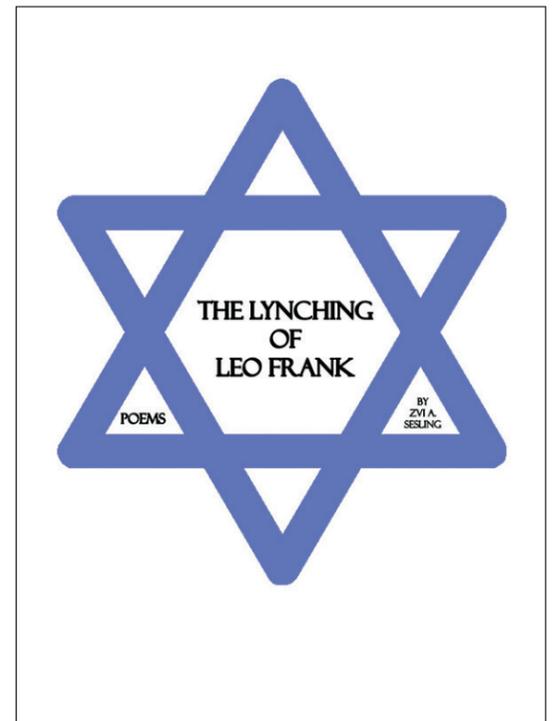


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For many years, Marguerite Bouvard was a professor of political science at Regis College and a director of poetry workshops. She is the author of 12 non-fiction books in the area of women and human rights as well as 8 books of poetry, two of which have received awards. Both her poetry and essays have been widely anthologized. Marguerite has received fellowships at the Radcliffe Institute, the Wellesley College Center for Research on Women and from the Puffin Foundation. She has been a writer in residence at the University of Maryland and has had residencies at the MacDowell Colony, the Yaddo Foundation, the Djerassi Foundation, the Leighton Artists' colony at the Banff Centre and the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts. Marguerite's activities as a resident scholar include organizing the first Tillie K. Lubin Symposium, as well as sponsoring lecture series on women and human rights and on environmental racism. Marguerite was also a founding editor of the *All Sides of Ourselves* publication series. She continues to organize panels for Women's History Month and has had two collaborative exhibits at the Dreitzer Gallery and one at the gallery in the Women's Studies Research Center.



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Opening a book about Dharamsala, a distant country and another way of life, I see a portrait of a Buddhist monk, a Geshe, a doctor of philosophy, looking out at me, his face radiating calm, peace and the knowledge that we pass by, both in schools and in seminaries. From the doorway of his damp, cold and bare hut where he meditates, his face emanates a holiness that is inclusive, a richness of spirit that rises above our shadows, our petty quarrels, our hunger for power and material wealth, untouched by the passage of time, war and enmity, surrounding us with warmth, and the depths of his understanding.

— Marguerite Bouvard

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Leo Max Frank (April 17, 1884 – August 17, 1915) was an American factory superintendent. Born to a Jewish-American family in Texas, he was raised in New York and earned a degree in mechanical engineering from Cornell University before moving to Atlanta in 1908. He became involved in Atlanta's Jewish community and was elected president of that city's chapter of the B'nai B'rith.

Mary Phagan, then only 13 years old, worked at National Pencil Company, where Frank was director. She was strangled on April 26, 1913, and found dead in the factory's cellar.

Leo was charged with, and – after a hasty trial (less than a month from the opening of the trial to conviction) – convicted of, her murder. Georgia's Governor commuted Frank's sentence from capital punishment to life imprisonment.

On August 16, 1915, Frank was kidnapped from prison by a group of armed men and lynched at Marietta, GA (Phagan's hometown). The new governor vowed to punish the lynchers, who included prominent Marietta citizens, but nobody was charged with Frank's murder. Ironically, Frank's lynching was the impetus for the creation of B'nai B'rith's Anti-Defamation League in October 1913. It also resulted in the exodus of around half of Georgia's 3,000 Jews.

In 1986, the Georgia State Board of Pardons and Paroles granted a posthumous pardon to Frank, but did not officially absolve him of the crime.

From these horrific facts – the stuff of Dreiser or Thomas Hardy novels – Zvi Sesling has woven this devastating series of poems. The poems begin – innocently enough – with recollections of (Sabbath & Passover) dinners and other meals with friends and family members. (In Jewish culture, food is never too distant from faith and observance. Indeed, we have detailed treatises on what may and may not be eaten.) From these recalled meals, Zvi moves on to the shul (synagogue) – situs of sins and forgiveness – including one (in Saint John, New Brunswick) now for sale.

Then, Zvi turns to the tragic story of Leo and little Mary. He captures in verse what cannot be fully captured in prose – the inexplicable (but, never-

theless, all-encompassing) hatred which led someone (not Mr. Frank) to strangle Mary's young life, and which led others to later strangle Leo's.

The poems in this collection also concern other, more wholesale slaughter of Jews – not limited to an isolated lynching. Oceans of ink have been spilled – like wine poured out at Passover – over the atrocities of the mid-20th Century. Zvi's writing is a notable tributary, worth traversing.

The remainder of this powerful collection is concerned with the poet's wrestling with his Jewish identity – a fitting coda to a poetic eulogy for a man hung due primarily to his. For anyone interested in a dark moment of American history – or curious about how we find (or obscure) our identities (an issue not limited to those of a certain tribe) – this collection is highly commended.

When I read (and wrote my review of) this excellent poetry collection by Zvi Sesling, I could not imagine that torch-bearing (albeit Tiki torches) neo-Nazis and their sympathizers would march in Charlottesville, VA chanting, "Jews will not replace us!" or uttering the hateful slogan "Blood and soil" (the Nazi etymology of which, I suspect, was unknown to many shouting or hearing that phrase). I could imagine even less that a sitting President would fail to immediately and vigorously condemn such actions.

These recent events make the memory of past events – such as the trial, hasty conviction and lynching of Leo Frank – all the more compelling. For we cannot begin to comprehend the horror of the present if we fail to grasp its antecedents. They do the same for Sesling's haunting poems based on those events. As Faulkner said, "The past is never dead. It is not even past."

Historic Union Square Walking Tour

Join the Somerville Historic Preservation Commission and ArtsUnion on Sunday, September 17, for a free walking tour of historic Union Square. The tour will step off from the Central Branch of the Somerville Public Library, 79 Highland Ave., at 2:00 p.m., and conclude at 5:00 p.m. at Nu Cafe for complimentary refreshments. The tour will be led by Ed Gordon, New England Chapter President of the Victorian Society in America. For more info and to RSVP, contact Brandon Wilson at BWilson@somervillema.gov, or 617-625-6600, x. 2532. A rain date has been set for Sunday, September 24.



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