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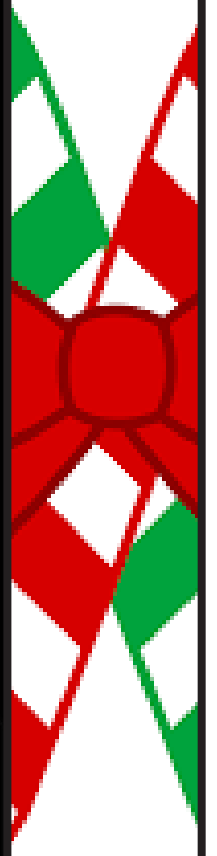
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UNINSURED MV/TRAILER c90 S34J
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ROUNER , S
35 BEACON ST. CHELSEA MA
RESISTING ARREST c268 S32B
DISORDERLY CONDUCT c272 S53
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BROOKS-JONES , ROBERT
100 WEST DEDHAM ST. BOSTON MA
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10/28/2015 08:53:45
25
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JACKSON , MICHAEL
108 CAMDEN ST BOSTON MA
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Disorderly Conduct Arrest

On October 27, 2015, I, Officer Tim Van Nostrand, was working a paid police detail in full uniform from 4:00pm-12:00am, and assigned to a fully marked cruiser. At approximately 6:34pm, I was enforcing the No Parking restrictions on Beacon St (a public way) due to the ongoing construction. As I made my way

down Beacon St, I pulled behind MA 2366WH, which was parked directly in front of a No Parking sign. I observed the vehicle's headlights on, and what appeared to be a male operator reclined in the driver's seat. As I approached, I noticed this male asleep, in the driver's seat of the vehicle, with the engine turned on, and the radio playing quite loud. I knocked a few times, and the operator finally awoke and stared at me. I asked him to roll his window down, but he continued to stare at me and not respond. I opened the car door, which was unlocked, in an effort to check the condition of the unresponsive operator. As soon as I opened the door, I detected a strong smell of marijuana emanating from the vehicle. I also observed a plastic cup in the center console with a dark colored liquid inside, and a marijuana pipe. As I attempted to have a conversation with the operator (later identified as Rainsfor Rouner), I detected the smell of an alcoholic beverage coming from his person. His eyes were glazed over, and he was slurring his words, as well as having severe difficulty having a simple conversation.

Without asking Rouner, he exited his motor vehicle, and began to mumble something unintelligible to me. He rambled on about food he was picking up, however I observed a sandwich on the passenger floorboard of

the car. I instructed Rouner to step to the back of the vehicle, out of the roadway, for our safety. Rouner was reluctant to follow direction, and had to be guided to the rear bumper. He was unsteady on his feet, and had to use the vehicle as well as my arm as a brace to walk. It was at this point Rouner started to become somewhat aggressive, and refused to answer simple questions. Rouner tried numerous times to push through me to move back towards the driver's door of his vehicle. I instructed Rouner numerous times to lean up against his rear bumper for his safety. Rouner then became belligerent, raising his voice, and informing me that he was now in charge. I was able to quickly glance around at my surroundings, and observed a crowd of 10-15 in front of Trina's Starlight lounge who had gathered to watch Rouner's antics. There was also a small group of people who congregated on the sidewalk closest to where we were standing.

Due to the volatile situation that appeared to be getting worse, I ordered Rouner to turn around and place his hands behind his back. After three requests I had to force his left arm behind his back, and ordered him to place his right hand behind his back. At this time he began to resist by pulling away, and leaning on his right hand preventing me from gaining control. I radioed Somerville control

for assistance, and continued to order Rouner to stop resisting and place his hands behind his back. Rouner was able to push off his vehicle, causing me to lose control of body position. I then guided Rouner to the ground where I was able to place him into handcuffs. Officer's Howe, Monaco, and Shackelford responded to assist. Officer Cabral responded in unit 200 to transport Rouner to the station where he was booked in the usual manner by Lt. Rymill.

While inventorying the vehicle, I removed the plastic cup, which I recognized to be wine. I located a bottle of Gasoc Malbec wine, and one cold Dogfish 90 minute IPA beer. I also located a marijuana pipe with residue, which smelled of fresh burnt marijuana.

Rouner was charged with Disorderly Conduct (272/53), Resisting Arrest (268/32B), and cited for Open Container in a motor vehicle (90/241).

Respectfully Submitted,

Officer Tim Van Nostrand #293
Somerville Police Dept.

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Jack Connolly, the oldest of five children born to Irish immigrants, has been a lifelong Somerville resident. He spent eight years working, and days studying on his way through Boston College, earning a B.S. in Political Science with honors. Jack then went on to earn a master's degree in Business Education from Boston College.

After college, Jack spent 4 years in city government (1974-1978) working for the first Community Relations to Acting Director of a multi-million dollar job and training program that employed over 1,000 Somerville citizens. Jack moved into State government in the early 1980's working as a regional coordinator in the Massachusetts Department of Management Development.

Jack has spent many years in the private sector in such working as a Property, Casualty, Life, Accident and Health Insurance Broker. In 1996, he was a founding partner of the First Source Bond Insurance Agency, Westwood, Crane & Connolly. As a business owner and president of Somerville, Jack has been heavily involved in the city's affairs, and has worked tirelessly to bring about political and economic change since the 1970's. Most notably, Jack spent considerable time working diligently to help bring development of the MBTA's Red Line to Davis Square.

Ever committed to his home town, Jack has served over 28 years as an alderman for the city, the longest tenure in the history of Somerville. He has also been appointed to serve as a committee member for Public Health & Safety, Senior Services, Finance, Veterans & Public Services, and Legislative Matters.

In addition to business and governmental pursuits, Jack is an accomplished runner being completed in eighteen marathons, including the Boston Marathons, and hundreds of local, regional, and national road racing events. Jack's passion for athletics has also led him to a long career of basketball officiating, which he has been involved in over 2,500 High School, College and Amateur Basketball games, including State Championships Tournament contests.

A local business owner, resident, committed public servant and proud father of three daughters, Jack's devotion to the city is deep. "Somerville is more than just my home town," says Connolly. "Somerville is my way of life."

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Support of the preservation of the Somerville Theater

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Community like public in Davis Sq, and extension to Cedar and then to Lowell

Park improvements including Frederick Park, Tom Field as well as the renovation of Gilroy Field and building and installation for the Founders and Veterans for skating rink on Somerville Ave.

Bicycle Hubway program throughout the city

Instituted the resident parking program and establish a traffic commission

Continued annual supporter of many charities and charity events including: Somerville Homeless Coalition, Regional Team Equipment, Somerville Art Dept, Somerville High School Sports teams and Senior Citizens events and youth developmental programs, Somerville Youth and Recreation Foundation to name a few.

Other highlights:

- Removal of Billboards around most of the city
- Provision of trash removal service and program of single stream recycling saving the City hundreds of thousands each year
- Opening of the Orange Line T station and one neighborhood at Assembly Row the first in 25 years
- Somerville bus reconstruction project
- Transformation of East Somerville business district on Beech Broadway

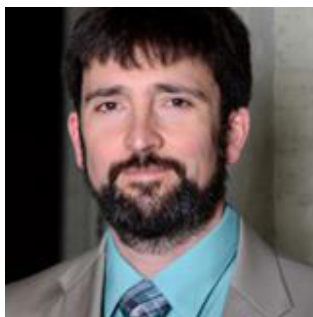
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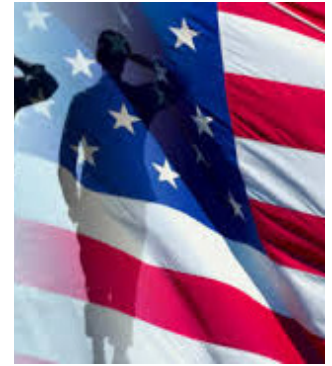
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The Somerville News Weekly's Special Person Of The Week

Stephen Jones



This week's "Special Person of the Week" honors go out to Stephen Jones

Meet this week's "Special Persons of the Week" Stephen Jones

Stephen Jones is lifelong resident of Somerville and a graduate of Somerville High School. He went on to receive his masters in Criminal Justice from UMASS Lowell.

He is a patrolman with the Somerville Police Department and former Director of Traffic and Parking. Stephen recently volunteered for the STEPS (Students and Teachers Engage Public Safety) program where he is serving as a mentor to the entire 6th grade in the Somerville Public School System.

It's a commitment Stephen and his fellow officers will carry through for a full seven years, with each officer staying with the classes from sixth grade through their high school graduation in 2022. STEPS aims to foster trust and positive relationships between young people and police officers and to help young people grow into responsible and successful adults.

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On 10/27/15 at approximately 10:00 PM, I, Officer Mark Pulli badge #311, while in full uniform and operating marked cruiser, assisted the Somerville Police Narcotic Unit during an investigation.

During the investigation, information was obtained through a confidential informant that a heroin distributor would be entering the Mystic Housing Development to initiate a heroin transaction. The confidential informant described, in detail, the heroin distributor as a black male with a goatee, approximately 6 feet tall, medium to heavy build, who operates a dark gray "sporty" sedan with silver rims. The confidential informant stated they know this heroin distributor as "Jay". "Jay" had utilized a telephone number of XXX-XXX-XXXX.

My specific duties during this investigation were to utilize my marked cruiser if necessary to conduct a motor vehicle stop and to provide a uniformed presence. The confidential informant stated that "Jay" would be arriving near the area of Memorial Rd. at approximately 9:45 PM. Consistent with this information, a gray 2015 Chrysler 200, with silver rims operated by a black male was observed turning onto Memorial Rd from Temple street, where the vehicle then stopped for approximately one minute in front of Memorial Rd. The vehicle then drove away from this location slowly. It appeared as though the operator was carefully looking at each building as he drove past. The vehicle made a brief stop and then turned right exiting the housing development as it turned right onto Mystic Ave. toward McGrath Hwy.

Based on the confidential informant's information regarding the anticipated time, location, vehicle description, and physical description of the operator, a motor vehicle stop was conducted at the intersection of Mystic Ave. and McGrath Hwy. As Det. Cicerone pulled alongside the vehicle, he observed the operator placing his right hand near his face and then quickly put it down. The operator, later identified as Robert A. Brooks-Jones, was escorted out of the vehicle by Det. Capasso.

Brooks-Jones made several grunting/throat clearing noises as if he was having difficulty swallowing. Based on the collective training and experience of all officers on scene, we believed Brooks-Jones had ingested the anticipated amount of heroin that was scheduled to be delivered to Memorial Rd.

A CJIS/RMV query showed Brooks-Jones's license to operate was currently suspended as a result of multiple possession to distribute charges. Brooks-Jones was placed under arrest for Operating After Suspension MGL c90 s23. During the entire stop, Brooks-Jones continued to make grunting/throat clearing noises.

Brooks-Jones was transported to the Somerville Police Department via the mobile detention unit and booked according to department policy by Lt. A. Rymill.

Respectfully Submitted,

Officer Mark Pulli #311



Shoplifting at T.J.Maxx at Assembly Square

On 10/28/15 at approximately 4:45 PM, I, Officer Mark Pulli badge #311, while assigned to Assembly Row Unit Alpha-2, received a call on my department issued phone from TJ Maxx Loss Prevention agent, XXXXX, who stated he had a male shoplifter in the security office who was being uncooperative and refusing to identify himself.

I notified Somerville Dispatch of the call and proceeded to TJ Maxx. Officer C. Collette, East-4, was also on scene to assist me. I entered the security office to find the male shoplifter, later identified as Jean Benoit, standing in an aggressive stance with two bags in his hands. I conducted a pat frisk of Benoit during which I located a wallet where I found his RI driver's license. I directed Benoit to sit down. He sat down and then placed his bags on the floor. XXXXX was then able to retrieve the stolen TJ Maxx merchandise.

XXXXX stated he observed Benoit select several items (\$41.95 in total value) and conceal the items in his shopping bag. XXXXX stated Benoit exited the store making no attempt to purchase the items. XXXXX approached Benoit and was able to apprehend him. Benoit stated he had exited the store to go to his car to retrieve money. I noted there was \$146.00 in cash, an ATM card in Benoit's name, and a TJ Maxx gift card in Benoit's wallet. At this time, I observed that the \$100 bill appeared larger than a typical U.S. bill. I examined the bill and quickly found based on the size and texture of the bill that it was a counterfeit bill. I also found an additional counterfeit \$100 bill folded inside the wallet.

At this time I informed Benoit that he was under arrest for Shoplifting by Concealment MGL c266 s30A and Possession of Counterfeit Notes MGL c269 s12. Benoit was transported to the Somerville Police Department via the mobile detention unit and booked according to department policy by Lt. A. Rymill.

Respectfully Submitted,

Officer Mark Pulli #311



Open container and receiving stolen merchandise arrest

On 10/23/2015 I was present in the E911 Dispatch area and overheard a call for assistance from a XXXXX of Rossmore Street, for a suspect whom he was going to meet at his residence to sell his bicycle back to him for \$40. XXXXX was alleging that this bicycle was stolen from him by this same suspect on 10/17 and that it was reported to police.

Upon my arrival I observed Melvin Knight standing on the front porch of Rossmore Street talking on his cell phone. Leaning against the fence at the curtilage of this property was the stolen Giant Rincon bicycle belonging

to XXXXX. I notified headquarters for back-up. The owner, XXXXX, entered onto the front porch and while awaiting back-up I ordered Mr. Knight to walk to the front of the property to keep the parties separated as they appeared to know each other. As I was conversing with Mr. Knight he unscrewed the cap of a half full 40 ounce Budweiser Natural Light beer bottle and drank from it. I had already identified myself as a police officer as per department regulations. I asked Mr. Knight to screw the cap back onto the bottle and I retrieved it from him placing it out of lunging distance. After arrival of back-up I had XXXXX exit the porch and upon examination he identified the bicycle as the same one he had reported stolen on 10/17. Mr. Dickson showed me several texts addressed to his phone allegedly from Mr. Knight. It was determined by me that there was a dispute between the owner and defendant over monies owed to Mr. Knight by XXXXX. He also stated he has not seen the bicycle since he reported it stolen. Mr. Knight made several spontaneous utterances regarding using the bicycle as a means to retrieve the rest of the money that was owed to him.

The defendant, Mr. Knight, was placed under arrest for possessing an open container in public in violation of Somerville City Ordinance section 9-1. I also charged him with Receiving Stolen Property, for his possessing of XXXXX's bicycle which was under his immediate control. Although this bicycle has a value of over \$250 XXXXX reported to me that he acquired this bicycle for less than its fair market value. (END).

Det. Sgt. J. Macarelli



DEFACEMENT MALICIOUS WANTON PROPERTY

Due to an uptick in vandalism to both personal and public property effecting 81 through 89 Broadway I conducted surveillance between the hours of 0000 hours and 0200 hours on 10/24/2015. This damage/vandalism involved the deliberate spilling of an oily concoction or potion in the early morning hours between Friday night and Saturday morning over a nine week period. On this date, 10/24 at 0150 hours I observed a 1999 Toyota Sienna, color green, Ma. reg. 978MT8, pull to a restricted parking space adjacent to the East Somerville Satellite station located at 81 Broadway. Unbeknownst to the operator, Natalia Delrio, I was secreted inside of this station with the window blinds drawn. I observed the front passenger, Yolanda Motiel, exit this vehicle. I watched as she walked, palming a bottle containing a yellowish liquid in her right hand. As she walked along the businesses Yolanda began spilling an oily substance on the sidewalk adjacent to these structures. I exited the station and intercepted Ms. Motiel upon her return trip and ordered her to sit down. Upon adhering my commands I observed her surreptitiously drop the aforementioned bottle to the sidewalk attempting to hide it from my view. I subsequently ordered Ms. Delrio to shut off the Toyota and raise her hands while I called for backup patrol units. I then observed a third male party, XXXXX, seated behind Ms. Delrio, and insured his hands were in view also.

Recognizing the operator, Ms. Delrio, as the perpetrator who had spilled oil on this same route (through my viewing of past videos) over the fore stated nine week period, I ordered patrol units to place handcuffs on her as a joint venturer on this particular event. Ms. Montiel was also placed in handcuffs and I also recognized her as a joint venturer from my viewing of the same video evidence regarding the aforementioned nine week period. Both females were advised of their rights under the Miranda decision, and, both exercised their rights to remain silent. (END).

Det. Sgt. J. Macarelli



DEFACEMENT MALICIOUS WANTON PROPERTY /disorderly conduct and resisting arrest

On Sunday, October 25, 2015 at 2:25 A.M., I responded to a motor vehicle accident that occurred near the intersection of Holland Street and Paulina Street. On my way to the accident scene, while traveling on Simpson Avenue I observed two males arguing and pushing each other, I stopped and checked on them and both males stated they were fine.

Upon arrival, I was informed by Officer Nardone who was first on scene, that the operator of the vehicle XXXXX told her that she had two passengers in the vehicle, her boyfriend Mr. Cory Cotter in the front passenger seat and YYYYY in the rear passenger seat. The two men left the area immediately after the crash.

I asked XXXXX how the accident happened, and she stated that while she was traveling west on Holland Street, she was arguing with her boyfriend Cory Cotter and he pulled the steering wheel to the right causing the vehicle to go onto the side walk. The vehicle struck a bus stop sign, a fence, a tree, and a park bench. The tree and the bench are located inside Hodgkins playground. XXXXX's vehicle, a 2012 Hyundai Elantra, had front end damage and was towed from the scene by Pats tow.

Sergeant Ward arrived on scene and was briefed by Officer Nardone. He then observed two males walking from Simpson Avenue towards Holland Street, as they turned onto Holland Street; he attempted to identify them by asking their names. One of them responded "My name is: go f*** yourself, you piece of s***" then took a fighting stance and clenched his fists. XXXXX identified this male as her boyfriend Cory Cotter. The other male was identified as YYYYY.

Mr. Cotter became loud and aggressive towards officers, and when YYYYY asked him to calm down, Cotter grabbed YYYYY by his shirt and refused to let go. Sgt. Ward continued to give verbal commands to Mr. Cotter, asking him to let YYYYY go and to put his hands down. Cotter had his left hand clenched and refused to comply. At this time Sgt. Ward told Mr. Cotter that he is being placed under arrest for disorderly conduct and asked him to put his hands behind his back, Cotter refused to comply. I grabbed Cotter's left hand while Sgt. Ward grabbed his right hand freeing YYYYY from his

grip. Sgt. Ward gave Cotter several verbal commands asking to put his hands behind his back. Cotter refused to comply and was assisted to the ground by myself and Sgt. Ward.

A motorist stopped and informed Sgt. Ward that Mr. Cotter was stepping in front moving vehicles, and as he was driving on Holland Street Cotter banged on his car door several times.

Mr. Cotter was transported to the Somerville Police Headquarters via unit 200 operated by Officer D'Amelio and booked by Lieutenant Lavey.

At the booking window, I advised Mr. Cotter of his Miranda rights, he stated that he understood and waived his rights. I asked him about the incident and he stated that he does not remember what happened.

All parties were offered medical treatment and refused.

Respectfully submitted,
Officer Samir Messaoudi

Real Life Somerville Police Stories: Somerville Man Charged in North End Stabbing

BOSTON, Oct. 29, 2015—A Somerville man was arraigned today on charges he stabbed another man during an early morning fight in the North End, Suffolk County District Attorney Daniel F. Conley said.

EVAN COBB (D.O.B. 2/16/93) was arraigned in Boston Municipal Court on charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and carrying a dangerous weapon. Assistant District Attorney Anthony Rizzo requested bail of \$10,000; Judge Catherine Byrne released Cobb on his own recognizance. Boston Police responded to the area Point bar on Hanover Street at approximately 1:13 a.m. for a report of a stabbing. Upon their arrival, officers located Cobb, who was bleeding from a laceration over his right eye.

While speaking with Cobb outside, officers were informed of a stabbing victim inside the establishment. Police followed a blood trail inside the bar and located a 32-year-old man lying on the floor with a stab wound to his neck. Witnesses identified Cobb as the assailant, indicating that he and the victim had been involved in a verbal argument outside that led to a physical altercation. One witness observed Cobb holding a knife behind his back during the fight, prosecutors said.

Officers found a folding knife clipped to Cobb's back pocket. He allegedly made post-Miranda statements indicating that he became involved in a physical altercation with the victim and pulled out a knife when the victim overpowered him in the fight. The victim was transported to Massachusetts General Hospital with a stab wound to the throat and has since been released. Cobb was transported to Tufts Medical Center with a laceration over his right eye, swollen lip, and minor cuts and scratches.

Cobb returns to court Jan. 7.

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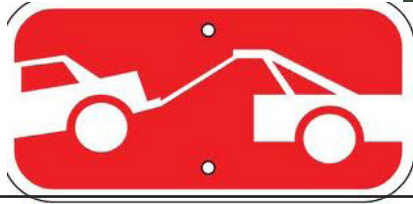


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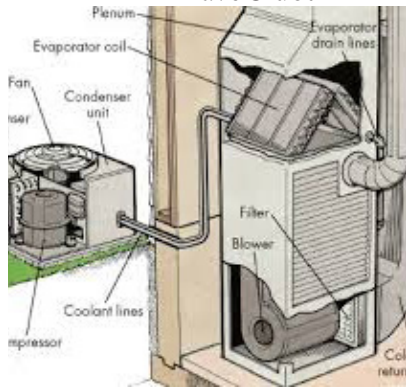

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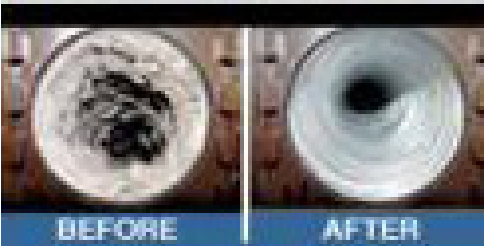
It provides the basis for grants from other levels of government. Reliable census data is an essential tool that allows our city to anticipate and adapt to change. Especially for schools, senior housing, public housing, veterans housing, public safety and all municipal needs.

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More Newstalk Shout Out continued from page 2

Here is your weekly dosage of News Talk Shout Out!

Many Villens celebrating their birthdays this week in the Ville! Happy Birthday greetings go out to Terri Latta, Mike Dibacco, Jim McNeill, Michael Buckley Jr., Herc Kalos, Nancy O'Brien, Linda Brown, Arthur Drouin, Juliana Braz, Julian Jolicoeur, Ariana Roche, Theresa Catino, Joe Carli, Terri Latter, Aunt Nancy and Ethan Moss!

Somerville Allied Council Veterans Day Memorial Service

The Somerville Allied Council and the City of Somerville invite everyone to the annual Veterans Day Memorial Service at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 11 at Dilboy VFW Post on Summer Street in Davis Square.

Please consider bringing a used and unneeded cell phone and donating it to Cell Phones for Soldiers. A donation box will be available at the memorial service.

RSVP Somerville Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner & Powderhouse Awards

Please join us for Somerville Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner & John W. Fitzgerald Lifetime Achievement Award Presentation

6:30 P.M. Reception; 7:30 P.M. Dinner; Thursday, November 5, 2015

Holiday Inn, 30 Washington Street
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Individuals \$100 per person; non-members (\$150)

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RSVP to smackey@somervillechamber.org

ST CATHERINE'S PARISH Annual Christmas Bazaar

ST CATHERINE'S PARISH will hold their annual Christmas Bazaar on Friday, November 13, 2014 from 2:00-8:00 p.m., and Saturday, November 14, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the parish hall, 179 Summer Street, Somerville. Silent Auction, games, raffles, jewelry, refreshments, items for sale, etc. Free Admission..

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Somerville COA Cross Street Center Multicultural Day

Thursday, December 3, 2015
10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

165 Broadway
Come to the Somerville Council on Aging's

Cross Street Center to learn more about the many languages, music, foods, and cultures of Somerville's older adults.

Join us for a day of international adventure with including introductions to cultural music selections and delicious, multicultural meal from various East Somerville restaurants. In between, chat with various exhibitors to learn something new about cultures all around the world. For more information or to reserve a space, call Janine at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 before Monday, November 23rd.

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From our Detective Bureau---

If your are purchasing a vehicle on craigslist and then they tell you that you have to close the transaction through eBay, it is a SCAM. Craigslist and eBay are two totally separate entities. Also the names being used by the scammers are Holly Steward and/or Sandra Brown and the phone number associated with this scam is 402-409-7036.

If this is happened to you, please call 617-625-1212 to report it.

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Edith Chaille Memorial Transportation Fund

Please join the Chaille Family, of Green and Yellow Cab for a fundraiser for senior transportation

November 9, 2015
8pm to 10pm

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Edith Chaille Memorial Transportation Fund
600 Windsor Place, Somerville, Ma 02145
Federal Id # 20-8824804

Dear Friends:

The Chaille Family, who have owned and operated Green and Yellow Cab of Somerville for over 30 years, invite you to share in the opportunity to help raise funds for the seniors in our great city of Somerville. Too many seniors fall through the cracks and are unable to get transportation for their daily needs, whether it is for medical appointments or just to get to the grocery store. In memory of our beloved Mother and Grandmother, we have started the Edith Chaille Memorial Transportation Fund. Our family will donate \$5,000 dollars a year toward this fund. Unfortunately, this is not enough. The needs are great and the resources are few. Last year with the monies raised we were able to grant over 6000 rides to seniors who needed transportation, absolutely free of charge. Through this fund many seniors were able to go physical rehab, fill their refrigerators, visit sick spouses at the hospital and unfortunately attend their loved ones funeral.

In conjunction with the Somerville Council on Aging and Somerville Cambridge Elder Services, we will be having a fundraiser event Monday, November 9, 2015, at Winter Hill Yacht Club, Somerville. The time will be 6:00pm until 10:00pm. The cost of tickets will be \$20.00. There will be a buffet & DJ, with live and silent auctions. Donations for auction items would be greatly appreciated as well.

We look forward to making this another successful event. If you have any questions or suggestions please feel free to contact Karen Lima, at klima.greencab@verizon.net You may also contact Cindy Hickey at the Council on Aging (617) 625-6600 x 2310, and John O'Neil at Somerville Cambridge Elder Services (617) 628-2601 x 3200.

Respectfully,

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE:
Beacon Hill Roll Call records local representatives' votes on roll calls from the week of October 26-30. There were no roll calls in the Senate last week.
\$328 MILLION SUPP BUDGET (H 3829)

House 157-0, approved a \$328 million fiscal 2015 supplemental budget. Provisions include \$203 million for MassHealth, the state's Medicaid program that provides health care for low-income and disabled persons; \$120 million for the state's Rainy Day Fund; \$31 million for snow and ice removal; \$29 million to fight opiate abuse; \$2.2 million to support training and staffing needs at the Department of Children and Families; \$250,000 for a grant program for municipal police departments to purchase body cameras; and creation of a special commission to study pancreatic cancer. The Senate approved the bill on a voice vote without a roll call and sent it to Gov. Charlie Baker.

Supporters said the package is a balanced one that closes out the books on fiscal 2015 and makes vital investments in the state while continuing fiscal responsibility.

(A "Yes" vote is for the budget.)
Rep. Christine Barber Yes
Rep. Denise Provost Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey Yes

SPINAL CORD INJURY (S 2109)
House 157-0, approved a bill making several changes in the operation of the Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund that provides medical cure research services for individuals with spinal cord injuries. The fund is currently funded by a \$50 surcharge assessed against any person who seeks reinstatement of his or her driver's license. The bill would raise the surcharge to \$100 for a second reinstatement and \$150 for a third.

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

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

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

Only final Senate approval is needed before the measure goes to Gov. Baker.

(A "Yes" vote is for the bill.)
Rep. Christine Barber Yes
Rep. Denise Provost Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey Yes

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL
ADOPT-A-SENIOR (S 367) – The

Elder Affairs Committee held a hearing on a bill that would establish a statewide Adopt-A-Senior volunteer program to assist seniors with snow removal and property or home maintenance services. The measure includes creation of a registry of volunteers and establishes a system of volunteer incentives to assist with the recruiting and registration of volunteers.

BANKS MUST PAY PENALTIES (H 815) – The Committee on Financial Services held a hearing on legislation that would require a bank to pay the fine, penalty and/or late charge incurred by the customer if the bank makes an error and fails to make an automatic payment pre-authorized by the customer to a third party. If a bank fails to comply with this law, the customer would be entitled to triple damages.

ALLOW BANKS TO CONDUCT RAFFLES (S 495) – Another measure on the Committee on Financial Services' agenda would allow banks to conduct a "savings promotion raffle" and offer prizes to winners. The contests, designed to encourage more people to save money, would be open only to customers who deposit a specific amount of money, to be determined by the bank, in a savings account.

Supporters say some states have already done this and have seen a marked increase in the number of people who open savings accounts at the bank. They argue it is a great promotion that will result in more people depositing money into a savings account.

Opponents say that banks should not be involved in raffles and gambling.

GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS AND BAN OFFICIALS' NAMES – The Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight held a hearing on a proposal requiring all government publications to be written for a 6th grade literacy level (H 2730) and a measure to prevent exploitation of materials bought with taxpayer money by prohibiting the placing of a personal name on any state property by an elected or appointed official (H 2707).

ALLOW LEGISLATORS TO PERFORM MARRIAGE CEREMONIES (H 3303) – The State Administration and Regulatory Oversight's agenda included a proposal that would allow all 200 state legislators to perform marriage ceremonies. The measure also allows legislators to communicate directly with a state agency in order to discuss issues brought to a lawmaker by a constituent. Some state agencies currently require constituents to sign a written release form that permits direct communication between a senator or representative and the agency on the person's behalf.

MAKE THE BAY STATE A "PURPLE HEART STATE" (H 2839) – The House gave initial approval to a bill declaring every August 7 as Purple Heart Day. The measure would recognize the "contributions and sacrifices of the men and women from Massachusetts who served in harm's way in the Armed Forces and have been vital in maintaining the freedom and the way of life enjoyed by our citizens."

PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED SUI-

CIDE (H 1991) – The Public Health Committee held a hearing on a very controversial bill that would allow terminally ill patients with fewer than six months to live to obtain medication they can self-administer to commit suicide. Voters defeated a similar measure on the 2012 ballot by a very slim 51 percent to 49 percent margin with 1,466,866 voting for the measure and 1,534,757 against. There were also 182,573 blank ballots of people who took a ballot but did not vote on this question.

PRICE GOUGING DURING EMERGENCIES (S 137) – The Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee held a hearing on legislation making it a crime to price gouge and charge unconscionable prices during a declared state emergency. The measure imposes up to a \$5,000 fine on anyone who charges excessive prices for necessities including food, fuel and shelter.

QUOTABLE QUOTES
"Any businesses attempting to avoid the licensing and usury laws of the Commonwealth at the expense of Massachusetts consumers will not be tolerated. This settlement is a victory for the thousands of Massachusetts consumers who took out Western Sky loans and serves as a warning to unlicensed lenders."

John Chapman, Undersecretary of the Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation, commenting on a settlement agreement between the state and businesses that made illegal, high-interest loans over the Internet to thousands of consumers.

"This legislation would allow Massachusetts to stand strong in the fight against climate change. We need a sustainable, healthy, economical future. Without mindful clean-energy policy, our world will see serious devastation."

Sen. Marc Pacheco (D-Taunton) testifying in favor of his legislation, which he says would reduce the state's carbon footprint and help meet the goals of the Global Warming Solutions Act.

"The epidemic of opioid addiction sweeping through our cities and towns shows no mercy, and we consider the initiatives in this bill to be significant tools in combating this unprecedented crisis. We need bold action to bend the trend in opioid deaths."

Gov. Baker and Boston Mayor Marty Walsh in a joint letter to members of the Legislature asking for swift action on Baker's recently filed legislation to combat opioid addiction.

"1.2 million Massachusetts workers risk losing their jobs if they take time off work to take care of a family medical emergency or after the birth of a child. For most working families, unpaid leave is not a financially viable option. We need paid family and medical leave for a simple reason: Hardworking people shouldn't have to choose between the jobs they need and the family they love."

Deb Fastino, co-chair of Raise Up Massachusetts, a group advocating paid family and medical leave for Bay State workers.

"We will determine where to cut

\$11 million — approximately \$5 million on the Amherst campus — and figure out how to deal with this cut. It's always difficult when you get a cut that you didn't anticipate, particularly during the middle of the academic year."

University of Massachusetts President Martin Meehan on his disappointment that the Legislature's final fiscal 2015 budget did not provide funds to cover already negotiated and paid retroactive pay increases for UMass faculty, staff and unions.

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

During the week of October 26-30, the House met for a total of four hours and 47 minutes while the Senate met for a total of five hours and 1 minute.

Mon. October 26 House 11:01 a.m. to 11:19 a.m.

Senate 11:05 a.m. to 11:24 a.m.

Tues. October 27 No House session
No Senate session

Wed. October 28 House 11:01 a.m. to 3:20 p.m.

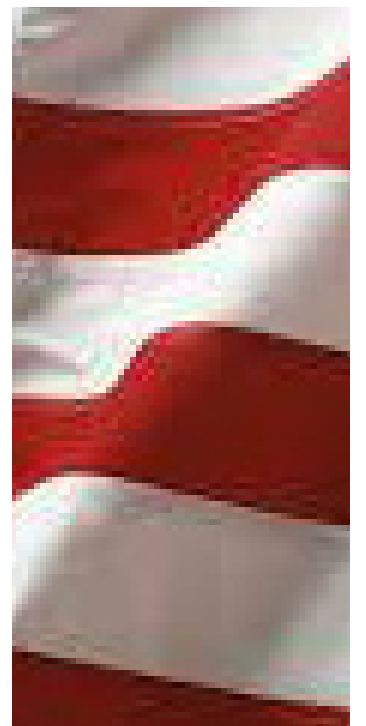
Senate 11:03 a.m. to 3:23 p.m.

Thurs. October 29 House 10:59 a.m. to 11:09 a.m.

Senate 11:04 a.m. to 11:26 a.m.

Fri. October 30 No House session
No Senate session

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com





NOTICE AND ORDER: Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor		Docket No. MI15P5659GD	Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court
In the interests of Tianah S Louis of Somerville, MA Minor		Middlesex Probate and Family Court 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge MA, 02141	
NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES			
1. Hearing Date/Time: A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 10/16/2015 by Jefly Louis of Somerville, MA will be held 11/19/2015 08:30 AM Review Hearing (date) Located 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge MA, 02141			
2. Response to Petition: You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to: File the original with the Court; and Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.			
3. Counsel for the Minor: The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.			
4. Presence of the Minor at Hearing: A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.			
ORDER TO PETITIONER(S)			
IT IS ORDERED THAT copies of this Notice and the Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor be served in hand on the minor, (if 14 or more years of age and not the petitioner), the guardian, the parents of the minor, and any other person if ordered by the Court, at least fourteen (14) days prior to the hearing date listed above.			
If Service in hand cannot be accomplished on any interested party, IT IS ORDERED that copies of this Notice and the Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor be served on the interested party by leaving at and mailing by regular first class mail to last and usual place of residence of the interested party at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date of hearing listed above.			
If the identity or whereabouts of an interested party is not known, IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that copies of this Notice and Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor be served on all interested persons at least fourteen (14) days prior to the hearing date by mailing first class mail and by publishing a copy of the Order and Notice once in Somerville News Weekly , (Newspaper city/town) publication to be at least Seven (7) days prior to the hearing date.			
If required, service on the United States Veteran Administration and the Department of Children and Families may be accomplished by regular first class mail at least Seven (7) days prior to the hearing.			
THIS IS A LEGAL NOTICE: An important court proceeding that may affect your rights has been scheduled. If you do not understand this notice or other court papers, please contact an attorney for legal advice. Date: October 16, 2015			

Barton to keynote Chamber Dinner; Rubel to Receive Lifetime Achievement Award



Alicia Barton will deliver the keynote address at the Somerville Chamber of Commerce 69th Annual Dinner & Powderhouse Awards on November 5th. Alicia is the Chief of Operations for the Global Utility group at SunEdison, the largest renewable energy development company in the world. She is the former CEO and Executive Director of the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center — one of the nation's leading clean energy agencies, responsible for helping spur record growth in Massachusetts' clean energy sector, which is now a \$10 Billion industry with nearly 100,000 workers.

Barbara Rubel, Tufts University's Director of the Office of Community Relations, will receive the Chamber's John W. Fitzgerald Lifetime Achievement Award. Barbara has represented Tufts to Somerville for more than forty years. She has served on the boards of many Somerville youth, senior, and cultural organizations.

Joining Rubel as 2015 Powderhouse Award recipients will be: Alicia Barton, Distinguished Service (Community); Paula Vancini, Vancini Accounting, Distinguished Service (Chamber); Center of the Arts at the Armory, Non-Profit of the Year; Loci Controls, Green Business of the Year; Aeronaut Brewing Company, Business Neighbor of the Year; La Brasa, Excellence in Dining & Nightlife; Office of Strategic Planning & Community Development, Excellence in Public Service; Voxcel8, Small Business of the Year; and Partners HealthCare, Excellence in Economic Development

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The dinner is the foremost annual gathering of local business, civic, and community leaders. It will be held Thursday, November 5th at the Holiday Inn, 30 Washington Street. The Chamber is pleased to have Bunker Hill Community College as a major sponsor, along with East Cambridge Savings Bank which will be sponsoring the opening reception. Additional sponsorships are available.

The reception will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m.. Tickets are \$100 per person for Chamber Members, or \$800 per table of eight guests. Non-member tickets are \$150 per person, or \$1200 for a table of eight guests. Reservations are being accepted on the Chamber website <http://www.somervillechamber.org> or by contacting Joanne Haley 617-776-4100, joanne@somervillechamber.org

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THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION BY THE POWER VESTED IN IT THROUGH A SPECIAL ACT OF THE LEGISLATURE, CHAPTER 397 OF THE ACTS OF 1978, HEREBY AMENDS THE TRAFFIC ORDINANCES WITH THE ADDITION OF THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS:

2015-33 Article V Section 5-15 "Handicapped Parking" is amended with the following additions:
16 Hillside Pk (to be placed at 14 Hillside Pk), 15 MacArthur St (90 day trial)

2015-34 Article X Section 10-10 "Snow Emergency Tow Zone" paragraph (a) is deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:

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2015-35 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Locations and Prohibitions is amended with the following addition: No Parking Anytime on the west side of Lowell St, south of Wilton St, for a distance of 20ft from the existing fire lane (90 day trial)

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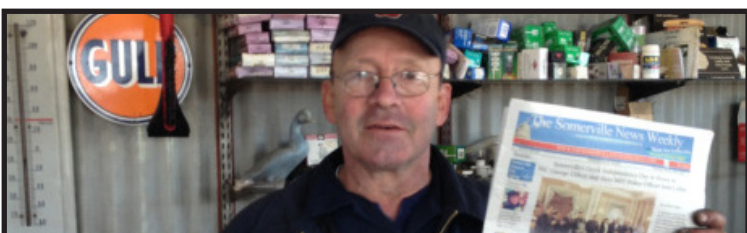


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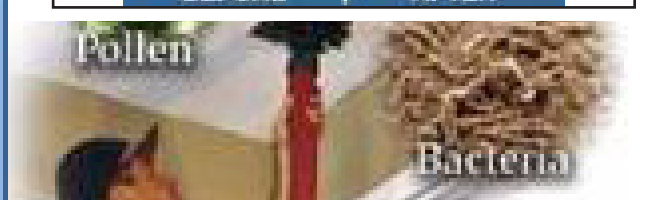


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 - Saturday, October 31: Statue Park in Davis Square at 10am, followed by Teele Square at 11am
- **Halloween treats for the kids and dogs



Somerville News Weekly's Interview with Ward 4 School Committee Candidate Andre Green



we certainly knew lots of people that were-and I absolutely remember buying people's food stamps for cash to get through the month sometimes.

Anyway, I was fortunate to get a solid public school education thanks to some truly incredible teachers-some of whom I'm blessed to still be in touch with. And then like so many people do, I came to Massachusetts to attend college. I spent 4 years in the Berkshires attending Bard College at Simon's Rock; becoming the first person in my family to complete a BA. After college I moved to East Somerville, with the vague notion that I wanted to do something related to education for a year or two before moving away for grad school. This, through a series of random circumstances including literally running into a priest on a street corner, lead me to teaching 5th grade at the old St. Benedict's school. That was in 2001. At this point 14 years, a wife, child, and career later; it seems pretty clear I'm staying put.

Q: Back to the present. What do you do now?
AG: These days I work for YouthBuild USA. YouthBuild works to help disconnected young people transform their lives and their communities by working on their GED and/or High School Diploma while they build affordable housing in their communities. Put simply, my job is to work with programs to help protect and expand the federal appropriation for the model. I take immense pride in the fact that last year my colleagues and I managed to get a Republican House to appropriate more money for the Department of Labor YouthBuild program than the President requested. In the current political environment, that's all but unheard of!

Q: So that's the biography. Now tell us, why do you want to be on the School Committee?

AG: Well, to some degree it ties into biography, right? I'm the first person in my family to graduate college, but

like many lower to lower-middle class extended families throughout the country, there were a number of cousins, neighbors, and family friends who weren't as successful. Drugs, violence, dropping out of school-all the typical markers of cycles of poverty were all around me. What made the difference in my life, far more than anything I did, was being surrounded by a lot of teachers who gave of themselves to see me thrive. Though I can't claim to have always been the most appreciative of students!

It makes sense that from teaching, to IT consulting, to non-profit advocacy, the constant thread in my career has been trying to connect young people to the educational resources they need. Education saved my life-I've spent my adult life trying to pay it forward. In serving on the School Committee, I'll be able to work to make sure every student in Somerville; regardless of where they come from, who their parents are, or how much money they have; gets the quality education they need and deserve.

Q: Let's be real though, no one runs for office calling for worse schools. What are some of the specific things you want to do on the School Committee?

AG: If we actually want to address the so-called "Achievement Gap" we're going to have to address that students from low-income backgrounds on average get to kindergarten already behind. It's not fair to those students, their classmates or the teacher to expect that ground to be made up solely during the school day. So I want to push for expanded early childhood education. The 3-year-old program at the Capuano is great, but it's not sufficient. We need more options and more seats so as many children as possible get to kindergarten ready to learn with their peers.

I've also called for a paraprofessional in every classroom and access to a para for every child with an IEP. Not only

does this increase the number of caring adults in a child's life-something we know increases their chances of success in life, but it also provides teachers with another set of hands and eyes to assist with classroom management and free them to focus on what they were hired to do: teach.

Finally, in a school system where the majority of attendees come from homes where English isn't the first language more has to be done on language access if we want parents and families to play the role in education we know they must. But language is an issue for all of us. We should set as a goal that every student who gets a Somerville education leaves functionally bilingual. Diversity is Somerville's great strength and the education we provide should reflect that.

Q: One issue that we hear a lot about that you didn't bring up is high stakes testing. Do you think they're ultimately a good thing for Somerville?

AG: I think the key word is "high-stakes" right? I'm a data-driven guy professionally; I totally appreciate the need for assessment. But assessing a school on its test scores is like assessing a marriage on how much money you spent on the anniversary gift. Sure it's nice to do well, but it doesn't actually tell you anything about everything else that goes into it. And in both cases it's much easier to do well if you're rich! Look, we know that standardized test scores correlate primarily with the socioeconomic status of the test takers, so giving schools "high-stakes" for that leads to a situation where, without intervention, teachers and schools are in effect punished for teaching poor kids. We shouldn't be surprised that schools face a temptation to resort to "drill and kill." To our credit, Somerville has worked to resist that temptation, yet we still find ourselves with teachers spending a good deal of time on test-prep. Which makes sense if you think the purpose of an education is to produce

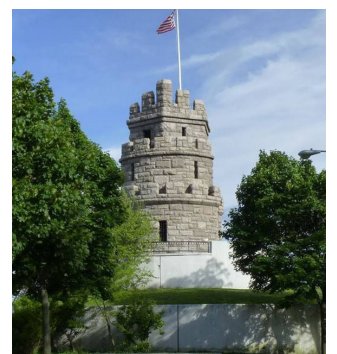
world-class multiple choice test takers. But I've never met anyone who thinks that. I think most people agree with me that the purpose of education is to produce well rounded adults. It's far from clear that standardized tests accomplish that.

Q: One last question. Those of us who've seen you out and about in the community have also gotten used to seeing your adorable daughter. Is that a subtle campaign ploy?

AG: My wife and I joke that Maddy [his daughter] is the real candidate, and I'm just her ride. Obviously, I'm aware that being around cute kids helps any candidate for office, but I wish I could say dragging her around Somerville with me was motivated by politics. It's just that Jess [his wife] and I both work full-time, Jess in shift work. While we're lucky that all of Jess's extended family lives in the area and have helped with childcare as have several friends of the family, the demands of a campaign, a career and a willful toddler are more than I can outsource. Not that I would want to-Maddy has been a trooper with Daddy's campaign and anyone who doesn't want to spend time with their children when they have the opportunity to do so should never be elected to anything!

Q: Thank you for time! It's been enlightening.

AG: It's also been fun! Thanks for listening!





Somerville's Spooky Haunted Hall



Photos by Frank Santangelo

By William Tauro

This past Thursday evening hundreds of trick-or-treaters attended the 2015 Hunted Hall at City Hall in Somerville. There were ghosts and there were goblins, witches on brooms with cats and of course Batman and Robin. Once a year, Somerville City Hall transforms itself into the scary Haunted Hall for hundreds of trick-or-treaters to enjoy and sets the scene and themes for a perfect Halloween in Somerville.

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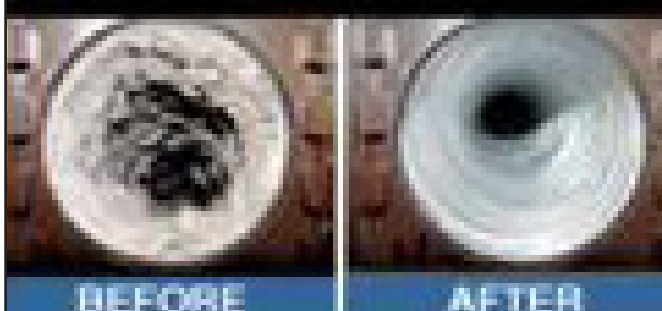
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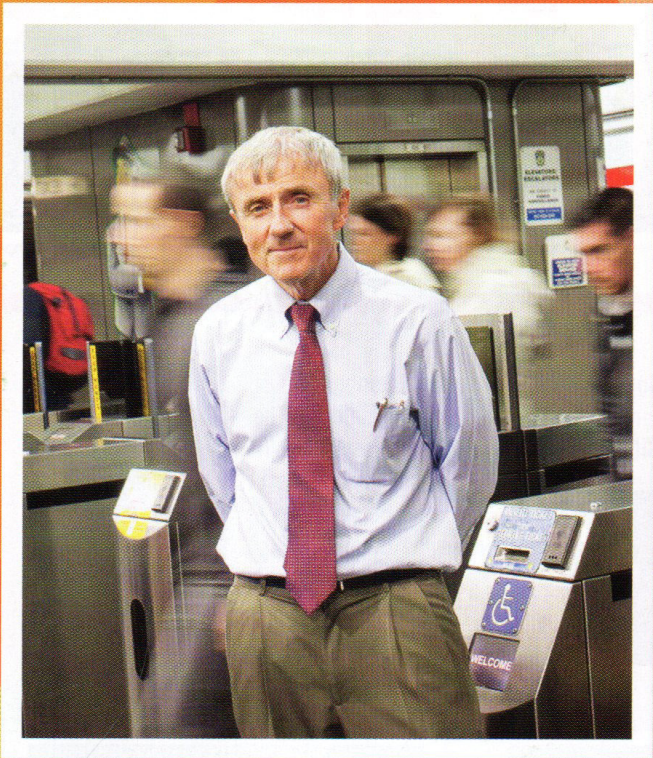
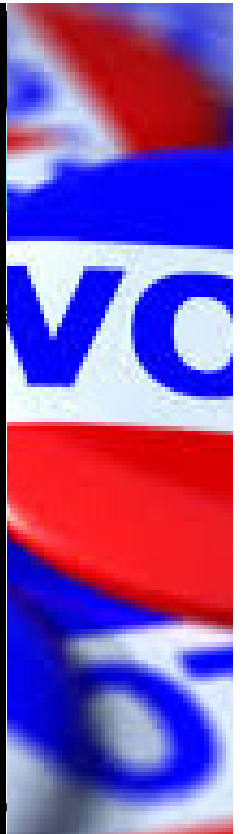
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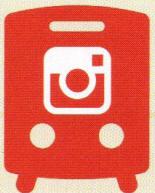
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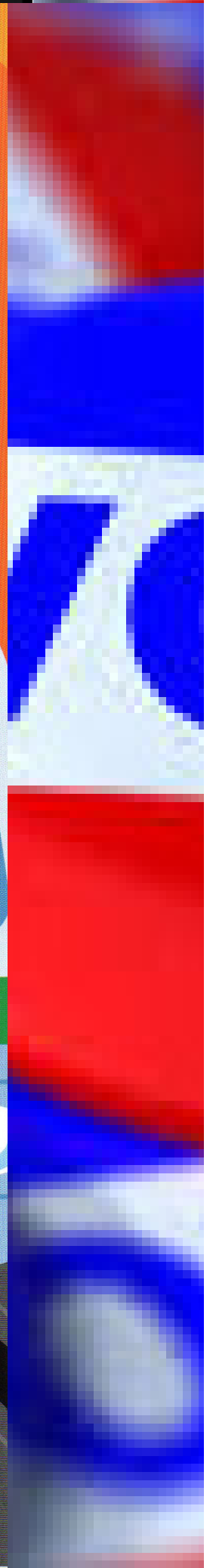
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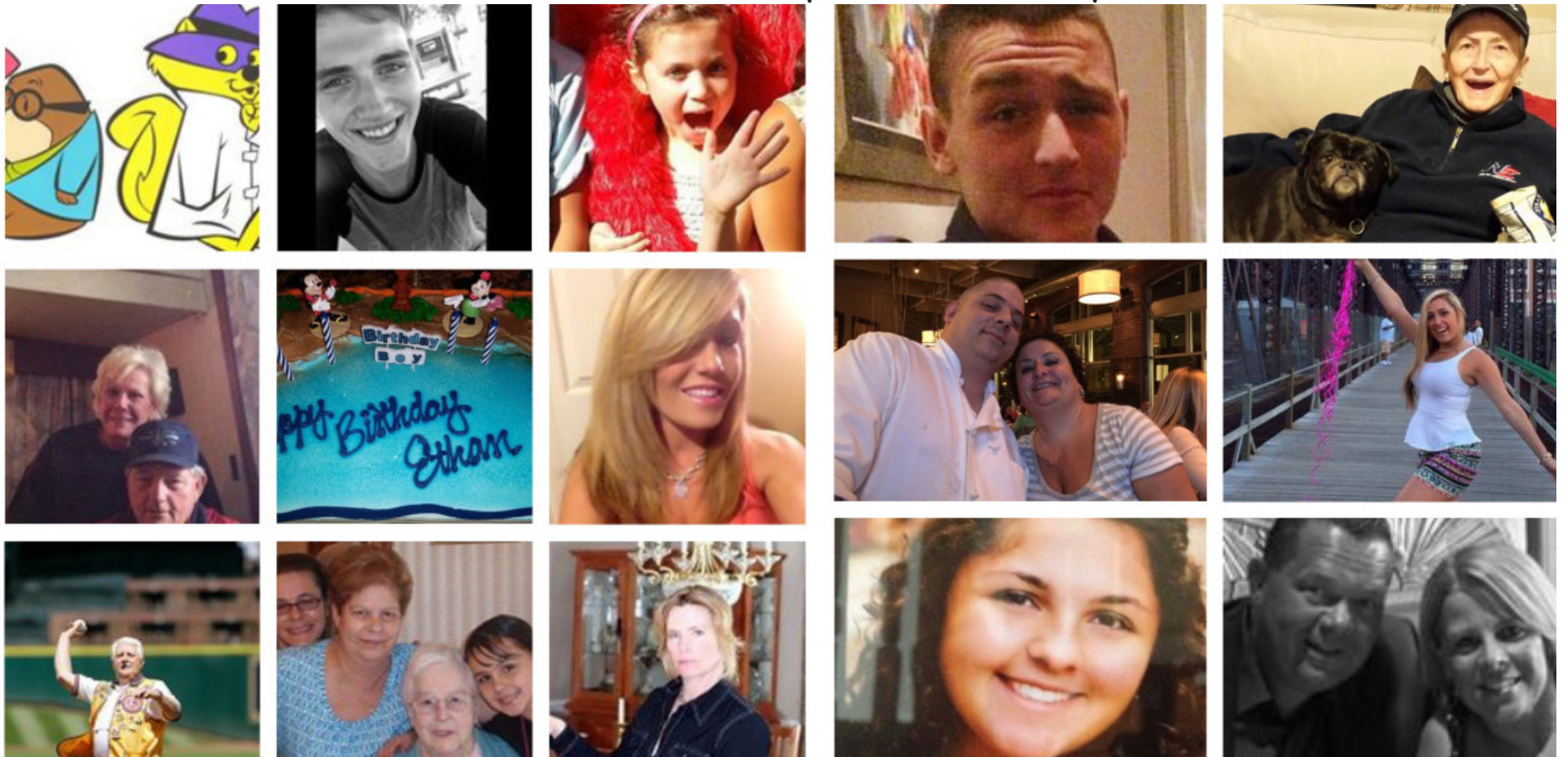
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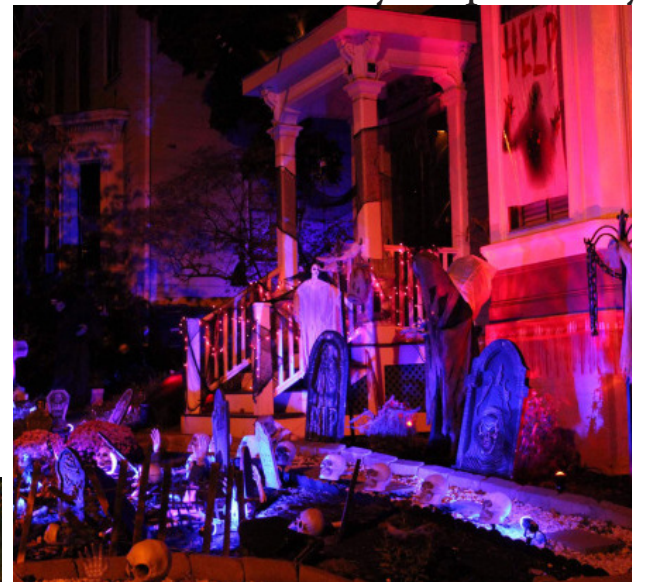
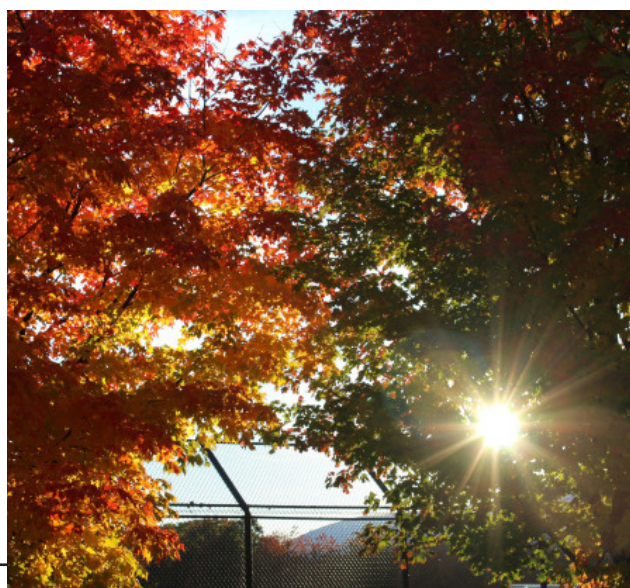
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Ward One School Committeeman Steve Roix Visits Cobble Hill Elders



By Martin Polignone

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Roix spoke of the curriculum offered in the schools and what the future holds for public education in the city.

When the subject of diversity in the schools was discussed, some recent immigrants had comments and questions about the educational benefits that young people their grandchildren's age are receiving in Somerville.

Joaquim Campos (pictured above) remarked that he is very impressed with what others from his native Brazil have told him about the quality of the teaching staff and further remarked about the advantages of a school district made up of so many different cultures such as we have here Somerville.

Campos proudly stated that as a new U.S. citizen, he understands the responsibility of voting for someone that will be the best person for the job, as he and most everyone in attendance agreed that Roix is and will continue to be the best choice for the school committee.

After winding down the event with a lot reminiscing by the elders of their "old days" in the Somerville schools and them becoming parents and grandparents of children attending the same schools as they did, Roix took time to stay an chat individually with many that stayed to ask more questions or just chat about making their beloved city and schools better for future generations to come.

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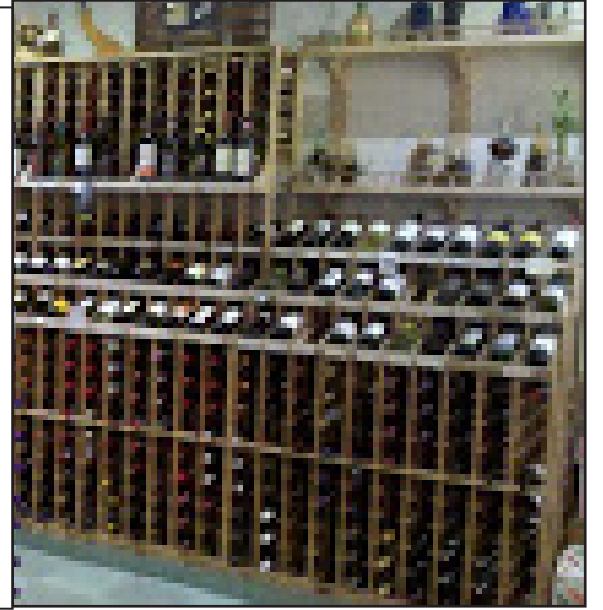



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Assistant Clerk Magistrate Joe Riley Honored for 40 Years of Service at Somerville District Court



First photo: Robert "Ted" Tomasone, Clerk-Magistrate of the Somerville District Court and Assistant Clerk Magistrate Joe Riley. Second photo: Joe Riley's grandson Colin shaking up the dance floor and setting the mode for dancing! By William Tauro

On Monday evening, dozens of friends, relatives and fellow co-workers came out to honor and pay tribute to a man who spent forty years of his life working in the best interest of public safety for the community at the Somerville Court House.

Assistant Clerk Magistrate Joe Riley was honored at his retirement party banquet at Spinelli's Function Facility that's located on Route 1 in Lynnfield for providing 40 dedicated years of service doing the job that he loved.

At the event there were sitting judges, retired judges, police officers, elected officials and friends who all came out to show their overwhelming appreciation for Joe Riley.

Speeches and citation presentations were made by elected officials and judges as well as a retirement gift presentation of a custom-made rocking chair from the attending invited guests to the retiring assistant court magistrate.



Somerville Gets Eight New Police Officers




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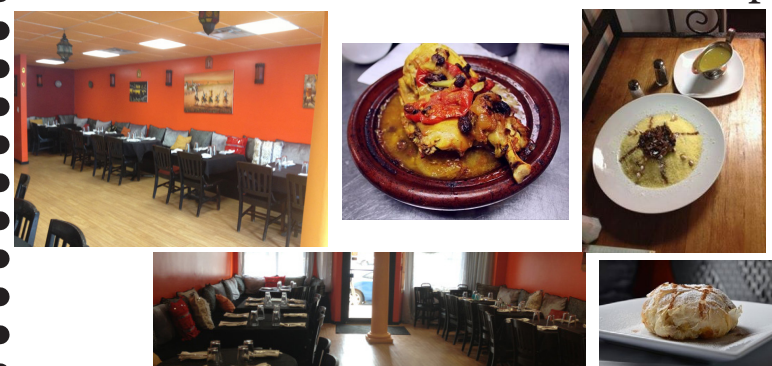
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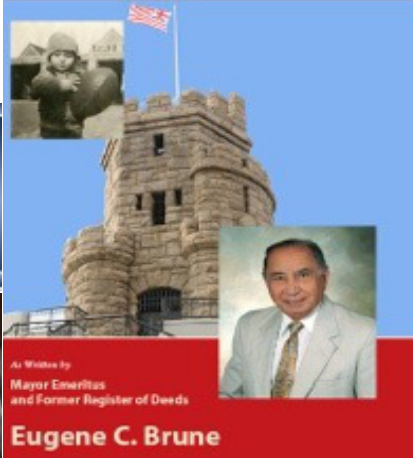

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New Murals Installed by Mystic Mural Project in Somerville



Photos by Frank Santangelo
 Photo: New murals installed by Somerville Department of Public Works under the bridge by the Boathouse.
 If you've ever driven down Mystic Ave., you've seen the results of this fantastic summer employment program for teens that combines hands-on environmental education with art.
 Each year, professional muralist David Fichter and an environmental educator work with organizations, naturalists, and local historians from the surrounding community to develop a curriculum centered on an adventurous exploration of the Mystic River Watershed. Through this exploration a new theme emerges toward the development of new panels.
 The mural project brings together an international community of youth living in Somerville. Mural participants have come from places such as El Salvador, Nigeria, Haiti, Vietnam, Brazil and the Ukraine. The youth often bring music and food from their country of origin to share while working on the mural.
 The mural project generates interest from members of the surrounding community, inspiring them to share historical and environmental information about the River. A few people have written their doctoral thesis on the project.
 In 1997, the Mural Project received a national award for excellence from American Rivers association in river education.
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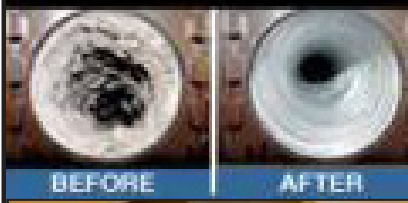
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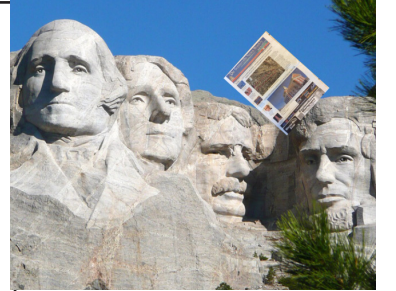


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Somerville More Free Flu Vaccine Clinics Scheduled for November 2015



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· Tuesday, Nov. 3 (Vote & Vax), East Somerville Community School, 50 Cross St., 7 – 10 a.m. and 4 – 7 p.m.
o Please use the Glen St. entrance. ESCS does not have to be your polling location to receive a vaccination, and you do not need to vote to receive a vaccination.

· Thursday, Nov. 5, City Hall Annex, 50 Evergreen Ave., 4 – 6:30p.m.

Clinics are open to Somerville residents over the age of 7, however a parent or guardian must be present for youth to receive vaccinations.

If you have any questions, contact the Somerville Health & Human Services Department at 617-625-6600 ext 4300.

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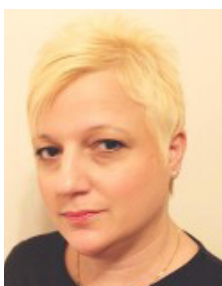
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US2 Sponsors Round 2 Of Union Square



Small Business Support Program Partnership with City of Somerville & Union Square Main Streets Gives Local Businesses Free Access to Marketing Consultants and Funding for Recommended Improvements

Somerville, MA — Union Square Station Associates (US2) today announced its second round sponsorship of the City of Somerville's Technical Assistance Program to help storefront small businesses take advantage of the new opportunities that will be presented by the community-driven redevelopment and enhancement of Union Square. Round One awardees were announced in March and completed their improvements this summer.

The program is sponsored by US2 and Union Square Main Streets, delivered by business consulting firm Retail Visioning and operated by the City of Somerville Office of Economic Development's Small Business Suite initiative with multi-lingual support from the City's SomerViva program. It provides assessments, recommendations and implementation support for business improvement in the areas of identity and positioning, store and restaurant design, visual merchandising and retail marketing. Businesses selected to participate in the program will have a one-on-one consulting relationship with

a Retail Visioning expert who will work with the business owner at their place of business to help address their specific needs. The program is free for participants.

"US2 is committed to fulfilling the community goal of making Union Square an employment center that both supports existing neighborhood businesses and attracts new employers to the Square," said Greg Karczewski, President of US2. "Our partnership with Union Square Main Streets and the City of Somerville in support of the Technical Assistance Program will help prepare more local businesses for the great new opportunities that will arise from Union Square's revitalization."

Funding from US2 has already provided assistance to four Union Square small businesses, and this next round will allow Retail Visioning to work with another four. Along with providing free retail consultation and recommendations specific to each business, the program provides grants of up to \$1,000 each to help owners implement improvements.

Kim LaFoy of Loyal Supply Co., a local design studio, retail store and workshop was among the first round awardees. "We appreciate the advice and counsel provided by the Technical Assistance Program and the improvements made

possible by US2's grant," said LaFoy. "I know the future of Union Square is bright, especially with partners like Union Square Main Streets, the City and US2 that are dedicated to our neighborhood small businesses."

"Union Square Main Streets is pleased to join with US2 and the City of Somerville to sponsor this valuable program to strengthen Union Square and our local businesses," said Esther Hanig, Executive Director of Union Square Main Streets.

Retail Visioning has provided small business technical assistance to over 500 retailers, restaurateurs, salon owners and other types of small businesses in urban centers throughout Massachusetts including Boston, Lowell, Westfield, and Cambridge. They have also provided assistance to businesses in other neighborhoods of Somerville through the Somerville Small Business Suite.

The deadline for the second round of applications is November 15. For more information about participation in the Technical Assistance Program, please contact Max MacCarthy at mmacCarthy@somervillema.gov or at 617-625-6600 x 2515 or visit <http://www.somervillema.gov/businesses/small-business-assistance>.

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SOMERVILLE LEGISLATORS TOUR MCI-SHIRLEY, DISCUSS CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORMS



(Boston) – Last Friday, Representative Christine P. Barber and Senator Patricia D. Jehlen joined members of the Harm Reduction & Drug Law Reform Caucus for a tour of MCI-Shirley and a presentation by inmates on various criminal justice issues and recommendations for reform.

“As the legislature considers ways to reduce recidivism and improve the safety of our communities, it is important to hear from those who are affected by prison reforms, the inmates themselves,” Rep. Barber said of the visit to MCI-Shirley. “I appreciated hearing these points of view to inform work in the State House on criminal justice reforms.”

The panel provided legislators the chance to engage with those who would be impacted by comprehensive criminal justice reforms most directly. It consisted of nine inmates who each prepared a presentation, ranging from prison programming to re-entry preparation. Several in-

mates addressed concern for the lack of opportunity for incapacitated or terminally ill inmates to receive “medical placement.” Massachusetts is one of only five states without a process to place seriously ill inmates, who no longer pose a threat to public safety, in hospice care outside of the prison walls.

Senator Jehlen and Representative Tim Toomey are lead sponsors of a bill that would offer a medical placement option for terminally ill or permanently incapacitated inmates in Massachusetts. H.1628 would allow the Commissioner of the Department of Correction or the Sheriff to petition the court for an order allowing for the

transfer of terminally ill or permanently incapacitated inmates in order for them to receive medically appropriate care at an alternative location.

“I met with dozens of bedridden and dying prisoners when visiting the medical facility at MCI-Shirley, many of whom are incapable of posing any safety risk to society,” said Sen. Jehlen. “This bill would save the state money and allow these men to die with a little bit of dignity.”

“Massachusetts remains one of the only states in the country where all terminally ill inmates are kept behind bars until death,” said Representative Tim Toomey, whose staff also attend-

ed the visit to MCI-Shirley. “The inmates we are talking about are mostly very frail elders, some with advanced dementia, who pose no threat to public safety and in many cases are unaware that they are even being punished. Our bill would create the option of placing these inmates into more appropriate settings where they can remain supervised, but at far less cost to the taxpayer. It makes financial sense and it’s simply the right thing to do.”



SOMERVILLE MAYOR CURTATONE JOINS LA MAYOR GARCETTI, NY MAYOR DE BLASIO, CHICAGO MAYOR EMANUEL, AND MAYORS ACROSS U.S. AS MEMBER OF NATIONAL COALITION OF #CLIMATEMAYORS Continued from front page

SOMERVILLE – With 30 days to go before world leaders convene under the United Nations banner to negotiate a new global agreement to combat climate change, Somerville Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone joined Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti today in announcing his membership in the Mayors’ National Climate Action Agenda (MNCAA), along with New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio, Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel, D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser, and Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings, bringing the total to 32 mayors and cities across the United States. Also known as the #ClimateMayors (ClimateMayors.tumblr.com), the coalition is calling on the United States to demonstrate powerful leadership and steer the United Nations Conference on Climate Change, which begins in Paris on Nov. 30, toward a strong agreement that would lead to measurable improvements in the world’s climate, human health, and quality of life. Mayor Garcetti, a founding

member of MNCAA, noted that amidst Congressional gridlock on climate action, America’s Mayors have stepped up to develop clean energy sources, build electric and alternative fuel infrastructure, and enforce green building standards as their cities have faced the increasing effects of climate change. “When climate change contributes to drought, extreme weather, wildfires and flooding, cities are on the front lines, and we cannot afford political debate. We call on our nation’s leaders to act like Mayors and confront problems, not politics, and work toward truly meaningful national and global climate change policies that will make a difference in the health of our people and the health of our planet,” Garcetti, Curtatone, and the 30 other #ClimateMayors said in a joint statement. “The worst case climate change projections of tomorrow are based on the actions we take today, which is why cities are taking the lead in setting

high goals for ourselves and chipping away at our contribution to the problem. We need our nation’s leaders—at every level of government—to do the same,” said Mayor Curtatone. “The facts, data and studies all beg our commitment to reducing carbon emissions, but there is one reason that is the most compelling: our children. I am the father of four sons. I will not abandon them, our children, or our children’s children to a world devastated by the scientific fact of climate change.” Today, the #ClimateMayors also released the Compendium of City Climate Action (lamayor.org/compendium), detailing emission reduction targets, key policies, and new actions in 30 municipalities. The 32 Mayors will count down the 30 days until the Paris talks by highlighting city-level climate action successes online, using the hashtag #ClimateMayors. Today at 1 p.m. EST, mayors, including Mayor Curtatone (@JoeCurtatone), will engage in a Twitter dialogue on climate

action in their cities. The MNCAA—founded by Mayor Garcetti, Houston Mayor Annise Parker, and Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter—commits U.S. mayors to working together to strengthen local efforts for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and to supporting efforts for binding federal and global-level policymaking. The MNCAA is complemented at the international level by the Compact of Mayors, a global cooperative effort among more than 100 mayors and city officials committed to reducing local greenhouse gas emissions, enhancing resilience to climate change, and tracking progress transparently. Mayor Curtatone has committed to making Somerville a leading city in fighting climate change. His SustainaVille initiative (somervillema.gov/sustainaville) sets a goal for the city to become carbon neutral by 2050 and, as a Massachusetts Green Community, Somerville will reduce municipal energy use by 20 percent

of 2011 levels by 2017. The community also set a goal in the city’s 20-year comprehensive plan to have 50 percent of all new trips by transit, walking or biking by 2030. To reach those goals, Mayor Curtatone has launched a number of efforts, including the widely recognized Somerville GreenTech program to pilot early-stage green technologies (somervillema.gov/greentech). Somerville is currently undertaking a greenhouse gas inventory that is Global Protocol for the Community-scale (GPC) compliant, replacing more than 4,000 high pressure sodium outdoor lighting fixtures with LEDs, and has purchased the City’s first four all-electric fleet vehicles and installed electric vehicle charging infrastructure. He currently serves as a member of the Metro Boston Climate Preparedness Commitment and has joined the Compact of Mayors.

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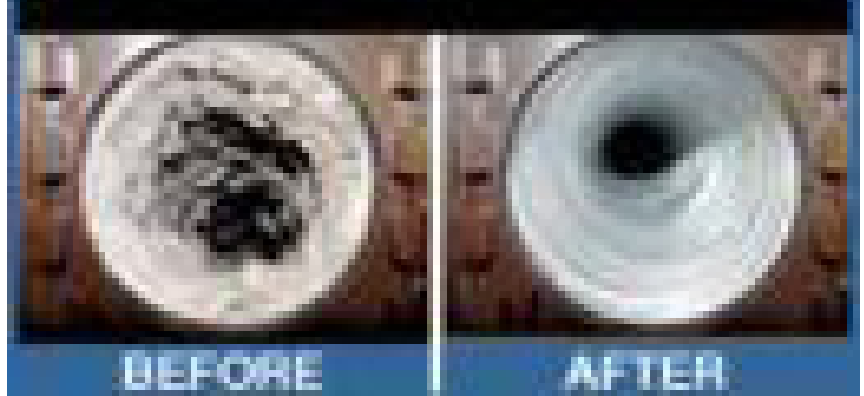


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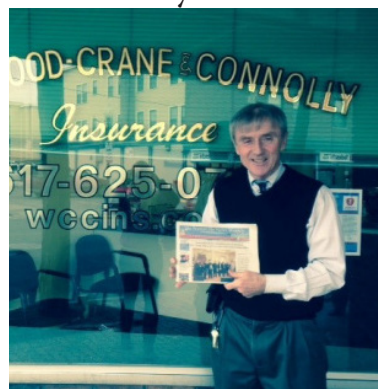
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Somerville:SCAP CONDUCTS ANNUAL ‘ COMPLIANCE CHECKS’ AT LOCAL LIQUOR LICENSEES



Somerville youth conduct compliance checks, sticker shock campaign as part of prevention, enforcement strategies.

SOMERVILLE – Annual compliance checks at all licensed Somerville liquor outlets will take place from November 2015 through June 2016, conducted by Somerville Cares About Prevention (SCAP) and the Somerville Police Department, the Somerville Office of Prevention (SOP) announced today.

Throughout the year, SCAP and Somerville Positive Forces 100% (SPF 100), SCAP’s youth leadership development program for teens, conduct compliance checks, sticker shock campaigns that warn of the dangers of selling alcohol to minors, shoulder tap surveys, and Public Service Announcements to educate the

Somerville community about the dangers of substance abuse, and alcohol sales to minors.

Student volunteers participating in the compliance checks will receive training by the Somerville Police Department. SCAP and Police Department teams will focus on package stores, bars and restaurants that have “all-forms” liquor licenses.

“We know that alcohol is the number one drug problem facing youth, resulting in more death among young people than all other illicit drugs combined,” said Cory Mashburn, Director of the Somerville Office of Prevention. “Frequent oversight of alcohol retailers increases compliance, and with our dedicated

youth leaders and volunteers, we hope to continue our successful campaigns against drug and alcohol abuse, beginning here in our own community. Activities such as compliance checks monitor and encourage establishments to make sure youth don’t have easy access to alcohol.”

SCAP is a community-based coalition supported by the City of Somerville’s Health and Human Services Department. SCAP’s mission is to reduce substance abuse among the residents of Somerville, as well as the harms associated with such use. To learn more about SCAP or to become involved contact Cory Mashburn at cmashburn@somervillema.gov or 617-625-6600 ext. 2570.

SOMERVILLE GREEN TECH PROGRAM LAUNCHES SOLAR CELL PHONE CHARGING PILOT



Model Z charging stations in Union Square, Davis Square, Assembly Row, and Ball Square will enhance citizen connectivity and promote sustainability. The City of Somerville is ex-

cited to announce the second pilot project organized by the Somerville GreenTech program. Somerville-based WrightGrid will install five Model Z solar cell-phone charging stations throughout the city. The stations will be temporarily installed in Union Square, Davis Square, Assembly Row, and Ball Square for 60 days. The City hopes to enhance citizen connectivity and promote Somerville’s commitment to sustainability and cleantech with the success of this pilot. Through Somerville’s GreenTech program, we are able to offer WrightGrid the opportunity to pilot their solar charging stations, test its current generation station, collect valuable and detailed usage data and gain

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Somerville: Share Your #SquareFlair, Help Your Neighborhood Get Celebratory Banners! Continued from front page

During the week of Nov. 1 – Nov. 6, use the hashtag #squareflair to show us what you love about your square, an example of how you support your neighbors and your favorite local business, and any way you get involved in your City to help your square win 2015 commemorative All-America City banners! Winners will be announced on Saturday, Nov. 7, at a SQUARE Party, complete with Square Dancing and square-themed food!

To mark our 2015 All-America City win, we’re going to be hanging celebratory banners around Somerville. Unfortunately, we don’t have enough to blanket the whole city, so to decide where they’ll be hung we’re launching a friendly Square Flair competition.

Here’s how Square Flair works:

From Nov. 1 through Nov. 6 you can earn points for your neighborhood by taking photos of the activities listed below and tagging them with #squareflair and your neighborhood. You can post the photos to Instagram, Twitter, or Facebook, but your post will need to be public for us to be able to count it.

What can you earn points for?

- Taking a photo with one of the new solar cell phone charging stations.
- Buying an All-America City t-shirt
- Posting a photo of you wearing your All-America City t-shirt

- Shopping at a local business and posting a photo of what you bought or the receipt (after you’ve covered any sensitive info)
- Voting (those “I Voted” stickers are great for photo ops)
- Posting a photo of a historic site or marker in your neighborhood
- Posting a photo of something that gives your square its flair
- Posting a photo of a civic good deed
- Poles that we can hang the banners from are located in East Broadway, Assembly Sq., Magoun Sq., Union Sq., Davis Sq., and Teele Sq.

The SQUARE Party!

On Saturday, Nov. 7, join us on the City Hall concourse (in case of rain, we’ll move

inside the Somerville High School atrium) from 2 to 4 p.m. for some square-themed fun before we announce the winning square(s)! We’ll kick off with some refreshments (all square-shaped, of course), music, and games (chess, checkers, four square), and cap off the celebration with some good old fashioned Square Dancing (with professional caller!). The square(s) having received the most points during the week-long Square Flair Competition will be announced after the ceremonial unveiling of the 2015 All-America City banners along the concourse.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Jackie Rossetti at JRossetti@somervillema.gov, or Meghann Ackerman at [MAckerman@somerville-](mailto:MAckerman@somervillema.gov)

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Reality Bites by James A. Norton



I never promised you a rose garden...but you can hold onto my crown of thorns if you like.

I have been going to through old columns of mine again, in

an effort to put together a collection of the best (meaning the funniest) of my writings over the years. Most were originally published in one or more newspapers I have been associated with over the last 15 years. I have come to realize that it doesn't make sense wondering about why things shook out the way they did, but rather, how much I have learned about myself and grown in the last five years. Plus, the material is comedy gold. But that's another column for another day.

I have said it before and I will say it again a gazillion times – I take great pride in my family, my friends and the people I work with. These are truly

good people I have managed to gather around me. Things are happening right now in my professional life that will change everything for everyone in my family – and I owe it all to the good and bad people who have affected my life, especially over the last five years. Good things come to those who work hard, are honest, and stick to a plan.

I don't need to write in detail about what I plan on doing next – I am going to take the phrase "actions speak louder than words" to the next level. It will involve my business in ways I hadn't thought possible, especially considering the people I have worked closely

with in the past and the closed-mindedness that ran along with it, hand in hand. They all seem to gravitate to each other. Bye, Felicia.

Moving away from all that ugliness, it has been a wonderful past month. Our granddaughter Naomi had her First Birthday, her sister Nevaeh was born and the entire family eagerly awaits their cousin Luna in just a few weeks. Lynda and I will be on the first plane to Illinois the second Luna is born to visit with Corey and his girlfriend, Kaitlin and her husband and all three granddaughters. We are going to have so much fun our faces are going to hurt from smiling so hard. For months.

To say that life is wonderful right now is an understatement. Everything is going according to plan – even the things that weren't planned – and that's a good feeling to be secure with home, with family, with friends. There's a lot of bad things in the news these days – and bad people always lurking, trying to crap on others – but just keep in mind that bad people get theirs in the end. I believe that everyone needs to take stock in their own actions, pay personal debts that are owed, and remember to every once in a while pay it forward – for it will come back to you, I promise. #GMK

Commentary by Ward 1 Alderman Matthew McLaughlin



The Boston Globe recently published an opinion piece by former drug czars William J. Bennett and John Walters, calling for our nation to "bring back the war on drugs." After a trillion dollars spent and millions of lives lost and imprisoned, it is time to call a cease fire and assess the damage caused by these czar's failed policy.

The author's entire article is a politicized fantasy meant to influence the next election rather than find solutions. "For 25 years before President Obama," they say, "US policy confronted

drug addiction with effective public health measures ... and, crucially, programs to reduce production, interdict the drugs, and lead international partnerships to destroy drug cartels. It worked." Under what possible standard can we claim the war on drugs ever worked? We remain the largest country in the world for drug consumption, far surpassing countries like Portugal and the Netherlands that have decriminalized drugs. Clearly this war is not stopping the supply or demand for drugs. The authors claim heroin deaths doubled under Obama between 2010 and 2013. However, the Center for Disease Control reports that overdoses in America increased 286 percent between 2002 and 2013. We also spent \$15 billion on the war on drugs in 2010 alone. Friends in my community were dying as early as 2000 and they did not stop because of an election. To reduce the anguish of my commu-

nity to political talking points is insulting to the departed. The authors dismiss the problem of mass incarceration to fight addiction as "a deadly falsehood." The United States has the largest prison population in the world. Over 50 percent of federal prison inmates are in jail for drug offenses, compared to just 16 percent in 1970. Mass incarceration and the threat thereof are clearly not working. It only makes it harder for addicts to seek recovery or employment and thus increases the likelihood of repeat offenses. This dismissive attitude towards the damages of mass incarceration underlies the prevailing feeling in poor communities that these problems didn't matter until the middle class was affected. Despite our "czar's" war mongering, I believe we are finally reaching a turning point in the way we deal with substance abuse. Thousands of Americans

attended a rally in Washington D.C. this weekend to advocate for reform and to eliminate the stigma of addiction. "The truth of the matter is, 'just say no' didn't work and the war on drugs failed," Donald McFarland of Facing Addiction said to the Washington Post. In Massachusetts, Republican Governor Charlie Baker is working with Democrat Attorney General Maura Healy to prioritize treatment over incarceration. Police departments like Somerville and Gloucester are now assisting addicts in seeking recovery. A member of the Governor's Council went so far as to advocate decriminalization of heroin. Once again Massachusetts is leading the way for progressive change. Their rhetoric no longer resonates with conservatives, either. In the last Republican debate, four candidates spoke in favor of reform. Sen. Rand Paul challenged Governors Chris Chris-

tie and Jeb Bush on their state's drug policies, and both candidates fought back by saying they would prioritize treatment over incarceration. Candidate Carly Fiorina said she lost a child from substance abuse and also favors treatment. Not one candidate advocated for a "tough on crime" approach. Addiction does not discriminate along race, class or party lines and even the most conservative politicians are realizing this. It is clear to everyone that we should be looking forward, not backwards, for solutions. Now is the time for real bipartisan change. Substance abuse treatment and criminal justice reform should be a plank in every city, state and federal candidate's platform. It is the one issue with enough bipartisan support that can improve public health, reduce spending and reinforce civil liberties. It is time to end the war on drugs and recover as one nation.

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Somerville Rt93 18 Protesters, Plea Deal "Continued Without a Finding"



By William Tauro

On Thursday, Somerville prosecutors accepted a plea deal of continued without a finding and community service from fourteen out of the eighteen protesters that got arrested for shutting down and protesting on Route

93 last winter in a Somerville Courtroom.

Last month there was much public outrage when Somerville Mayor Joseph Curtatone recommended that no charges were to be filed against the 18 protesters.



Artist of the Month Nomination

Nominate someone!!! Artists must live, work, or volunteer in Somerville, MA. Nominate someone whose work you admire! Somerville is a land of talent. Since 2013, the Somerville Arts Council has been featuring a different creative Somervillian each month. See annual tabs above. This series features a different creative Somervillian each month – painters, poets, song writers, you name it! The program is a way for us to celebrate the enormous wealth of talent in our city, by shining a spotlight on a different creative Somervillian on a regular basis. We'll feature an interview with the Artist of the Month on our website, as well as images of their work. Each new artist will be announced on the first Monday of each month. This series is inspired by the Nave Gallery's "Featured Artist" program, which ran from 2005 to 2009. How artists are chosen All artists who will be part of this program live or work in Somerville, MA. They were chosen by a panel from a list of nominees; many of the artists were nominated by the Somerville community through the Arts Council's website. The series is organized by a whole raft of people: Coordinators Jenn Harrington (2013, 2014) and Kellie Veiga (2013), and Somerville Arts Council board members Tim Devin, Valeria Amato, and Michael J. Epstein.



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