



Somerville Community Access Television

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Alderwoman Mary Jo Rossetti
80 Electric Ave.
Somerville, MA 02144

Dear Alderwoman Rossetti:

SCATV is certainly on the move. We just received the Alliance for Community Media 2015 Award for Overall Excellence for the ninth time in eleven years. We are thrilled to bring this award to Somerville because it spreads the word around the U.S. about all the good community work being done in our City. The award will be presented at the Alliance's national conference in Pasadena, CA in August.

Now that the City and Comcast have upgraded to fiber connections, the Channel 3 signal is much improved. We are also looking forward to launching a high definition channel, shared with the City and Education Channels, on RCN Channel 613. So far, Comcast has not agreed to join RCN in giving us a high definition channel. However, Comcast has already given an HD channel to Longmeadow, MA this year. With some pressure put on Comcast's Somerville representative, Somerville might be able to get one too. I suggest that the Board of Alderman request that the City's attorney talk to Comcast and revisit the issue.

Our old firehouse is right in the middle of the Union Square development conversation. We would like to stay in Union Square if this building is sold or repurposed. I have been having discussions Library Director Glenn Ferdman about the benefits of the Library and SCATV sharing space in a new civic building in the Square, perhaps with a senior and/or youth center as well. Having a strong civic presence in Union Square is something many people have suggested, and I hope it is something you will consider as plans move forward.

We can't do any of our media work, including the Somerville Neighborhood News, without the City's support, so we thank you and hope you make it a habit to tune in to Channel 3 or www.SCATVsomerville.org.

Sincerely,

Wendy Blom
Executive Director