

Jackie Rossetti

Jackie Rossetti, 25, is the Deputy Director of Communications for the City of Somerville, and City representative for the Young Somerville Advisory Group. Jackie is a proud lifetime resident of Somerville, and 2002 graduate of Somerville High School. She graduated with a BA in Communications from Stonehill College in 2006 and has been working for the City since September 2006. When Jackie isn't working or playing with her new dog, Brady, you can find her at one of the many great Somerville restaurants (she is a serious food addict!)

Sarah Bruinooge

Sarah Bruinooge has been frequenting the Rosebud Dinner and strolling down the bike path, and loving it, ever since she moved to Somerville four years ago. Sarah works at a non-profit called World Education where she gets to travel to Thailand and Laos to work on education development projects, and occasionally provide training in intercultural communication. Though Sarah grows many a vegetable in her Somerville garden during the summer time, she also loves to spend the night before a big winter storm in Market Basket, stocking up on goods, because "that is how the world really works."

Kerry Conley

Kerry Conley was born in Holliston, MA, very near where the marathon starts, but has traveled all over, including time in Dublin, Ireland studying political science with the Irish Green Party. During the day, she works with the Women and Public Policy Program at the Kennedy School of Government. She also studies art in order to further her self-taught graphic design skills. She has a deep and abiding love for spinach.

Aimee D'Onofrio

Aimee grew up in Michigan, and moved to Massachusetts in 1998. She has been a resident of the Magoun Square area for three and a half years. Aimee received a Bachelor's Degree in Astrophysics from the University of Michigan, and a Master's in Astrophysics from UMass Amherst, and currently works as an engineer. In her free time, her hobbies include hanging out with her cat Tucker, amateur interior design (proclaiming herself "Handy Aimee"), a member of her condo association board, and is an "amateur foodie," frequenting such local hot spots as Highland Kitchen, Alfresco's, and Ball Square Café.

Carrie English

Andover, MA native Carrie English has lived in Somerville since April 2005. She works at WGBH on two shows, "Basic Black" and "Maria Hinojosa: One-on-One." In her spare time, Carrie loves to travel (she visited South Africa and Swaziland in Summer 2008), speak French, and study Spanish.

Matt Hartman

Matt has lived in the Somerville area for about a year and a half, and he works nearby with faculty at the MIT Sloan School of Business. Matt grew up in New Hampshire, where he still organizes an annual trail run and mountain biking race to benefit Breathe NH. When he's not enjoying the great outdoors, Matt is particularly interested in exploring ways to make effective and achievable social and environmental changes.

Cory Kritzman:

Corey has lived in Somerville for the past three years and is a new member (October 2009) of YSAG. She recently finished her Masters in Social Work at Simmons College and now works with formerly homeless elders in Jamaica Plain and Brookline. In addition to being a social worker, Corey's loves include reading, exercising, volunteering, and watching reality television. Corey is excited to be a member of YSAG to get more involved in her community and give back to a city she has come to love.

Jeff Kessner:

Jeff was born and raised in South Florida. He left the land of snowless winters to attend Wesleyan University in Connecticut and moved to Somerville in 2007. He previously lived near Inman Square and currently lives outside Porter Square. Jeff is the Evaluation Manager at InnerCity Entrepreneurs, an economic development non-profit organization, and serves on the Board of Visitors at Hearth, Inc, an organization working to eliminate elder homelessness in greater Boston. Jeff is particularly interested in exploring how young Somervillians can strengthen the business base of the city while maintaining its "small community feel" for all residents.

Jorge Quiñones

Originally from Houston, Jorge has been living in Somerville for 3 years. As a new member of YSAG he hopes to use his graphic design skills to promote and help grow the organization.

Alyssa Rosen

Alyssa Rosen would prefer to spend her time water-skiing, doing fix-it projects around her house, hosting block parties, and hiking Mt. Greylock - but she also needs to pay the rent. To do so, she spends the rest of her time working as an environmental consultant for The Cadmus Group, providing technical assistance to municipalities on how to implement renewable energy systems in their towns. She loves Somerville for its small communities and neighborhood feel, and recommends Renee's in Teele Square for their wake-up-and-go brunches.

Khalid Shakir

Khalid was born and raised in Philadelphia, PA, and came to Boston in 1995 to attend M.I.T. After graduating, Khalid worked in the [dot.com](#) arena for a few years until joining a startup company, Formulatrix, where he now works. At Formulatrix, Khalid develops software and hardware for protein crystallization automation. This is Khalid's second year as a member of the Young Somerville Advisory Group. He can be seen around Somerville with his wife Maribeth and their dog Apple walking or biking around the neighborhood.

James Stark

After growing up in upstate New York, James came to Boston to attend Northeastern University. Upon graduating, he worked in the state house as a legislative aide. James currently works at the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) as the grant manager and research analyst for the Senator Charles E. Shannon, Jr. Community Safety Initiative grant. This \$13m grant provides funding to decrease gang and youth violence in 40 communities throughout Massachusetts. James has lived in Somerville for four years, in Davis, Porter, and now Sullivan Square.

Lauren Tulp

Lauren is originally from nearby Acton, Massachusetts. She has been a resident of Somerville for just over a year, but she has lived in the Cambridge/Somerville area for almost 6 years. Lauren works at GMA--a philanthropic consulting company that supports foundations across the country. As an undergraduate at Harvard College, Lauren was very involved in dorm life, as well as volunteering for youth initiatives. In her spare time, Lauren enjoys cooking and running in the different neighborhoods of Somerville.

