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Somerville Chamber Ready to Serve up the *Taste*

*Thirty area restaurants to present their finest to benefit Door2Door
Sponsorship Slots Still Available*

Somerville, MA – April 28, 2011 – The Somerville Chamber of Commerce has announced Tuesday, June 7 as the date for the popular *Taste of Somerville* (www.tasteofsomerville.org). Now in its thirteenth year, *The Taste* showcases the fare of 30 local restaurants in a festive gathering that occasions the onset of summer and raises money for a great cause.

Former Chef Ray Zonghetti will preside over the famed Somerville feast. “The *Taste* is the Chamber’s Dining and Nightlife Group’s crowning achievement each year,” says Zonghetti, “People come from far and wide to sample our unique fare.” This year’s *Taste* will be at the Boston-Somerville Holiday Inn from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.

The 2010 *Taste of Somerville* attracted over 600 attendees.

Tickets to this year’s *Taste* will be \$30.00 in advance and \$35.00 at the door. They are available online via [eventbrite](http://eventbrite.com). They will also be available for purchase at the Somerville Theater and Porter Square Books beginning in early May.

Restaurants are signing up at a steady clip. Amongst the twenty already committed are standard favorites Red Bones, Highland Kitchen, and Lyndell’s Bakery. Newcomers include Fasika Ethiopian and the recently-opened Foundry on Elm.

The beneficiary of the 2011 *Taste* will again be Door2Door Transportation by SCM. The Davis Square-based not-for-profit is a much beloved provider of 120,000 trips annually to more than 3,000 senior citizens and persons with disabilities regionally. “It is a great pleasure to cooperate with the Somerville Chamber to put on the *Taste* for a third year running,” says Executive Director Reed Cochran. “We love hosting a city-wide event that brings people together, just as Door2Door does. And, with gas prices soaring, we are hoping for a really successful year so we can keep rolling.”

The Inner Belt’s Triumvirate Environmental is chiming in as title sponsor for its second year. Triumvirate Chief Executive John McQuillan said, “The decision to support the *Taste of Somerville* is an easy one. It’s great to bring our neighbors together to celebrate Somerville’s tremendous restaurant fare. And the beneficiary, Door2Door, is a true champion on behalf of senior citizens and persons with disabilities.”

Other sponsors include CPCU Credit Union, East Cambridge Savings Bank, and Mt. Auburn Hospital. Still, organizers report that still more are needed. To attract endorsements, an ad book has been added for 2011. All sponsors at \$500 or greater will enjoy a full-page placement. Sponsorship opportunities can be found on the [event web site](#).

Updates about this year's Taste of Somerville will be made regularly on the web site and sent out on twitter @TasteofSomervil

About the Somerville Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber is an independent, local, non-profit business association of over 300 member businesses and organizations. Dining & Nightlife is the jewel of Somerville's economy. Recognized throughout greater Boston and beyond, Dining & Nightlife is the reason many people seek to live, work, and play here. The Dining & Nightlife Group serves as an advocate for this industry before municipal boards and commissions, helps coordinate industry education and marketing activities, and helps promote Somerville as a premiere Dining & Nightlife destination in greater Boston. More information can be found at www.somervillechamber.org

About Door2Door Transportation by SCM

SCM Community Transportation promotes the independence of seniors and persons with disabilities through community-based transportation. Their friendly, safe and reliable Door2Door service helps people maintain healthy, mobile and connected lives. SCM also provides private transportation and excursions, the proceeds of which directly support critical services for low income riders.

SCM was founded in 1983 by the Massachusetts communities of Somerville, Cambridge and Medford (SCM). It is one of Greater Boston's longest standing and most beloved non-profit transportation services. More information can be found at www.scmtransportation.org

About Triumvirate Environmental

Triumvirate provides distinctive environmental services to education, healthcare, industrial and life sciences companies. Recognized as a leader in customer service, the Triumvirate team demonstrates an incomparable level of commitment to clients, ensuring compliance, efficiency, and the safest possible work environment. They work as a cohesive team to provide the most effective and manageable hazardous waste programs. Environmental health and safety professionals can turn to Triumvirate for expert advice, analysis, and solutions; ultimately saving both time and money. More information can be found at www.triumvirate.com.