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The Somerville Arts Council's ArtsUnion Project presents:  
**WALKING TOUR: SOMERVILLE'S UNION SQUARE:  
 HISTORIC CROSSROADS OF COMMERCE**



**Sunday, November 7**  
 (Rain or Shine)  
**2PM-4:30 PM**  
 Meet up at:  
**70 Union Square**  
**Somerville**  
**FREE!**

**About the Event:**

Come find out what makes Union Square so eclectic and appealing! Delve into the history of Somerville's oldest and largest commercial district to understand the ingredients for its economic rebirth. Architectural historian Ed Gordon, known for his colorful and entertaining walking tours throughout the Boston area, will highlight the Square's most significant commercial buildings and why. Explore its diverse architectural styles, from a small, 1845 Greek Revival house converted to a convenience store, to grand Queen Anne storefronts, and two classic gas stations built in the early 1900's on opposite ends of the Square. Learn about future opportunities through Union Square Main Street, adaptive re-use of buildings, historic districting, and the Green Line Extension.

The tour will begin at the plaza in front of 70 Union Square, the City's former Police Station, and end nearby for a sampling of cuisine at a local restaurant. **For more information, contact the SHPC at 617-625-6600, x. 2525 or bwilson@somervillema.gov**

**About ArtsUnion: A Spotlight on the Culture and Diversity of Union Square**

The Somerville Arts Council's ArtsUnion Project is an initiative designed to boost the cultural economic development of Union Square, Somerville. Now in its fifth year, ArtsUnion has been instrumental in re-invigorating the artistic and business landscape of the area. ArtsUnion presents numerous events and markets, and leads cultural tours. In 2007, ArtsUnion commissioned local artisans to design streetscape furniture and, in 2008, began to implement the work surrounding a zoning/regulation review to further support the arts and the distinct character of the square. *The Somerville Arts Council and the Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development created ArtsUnion, in partnership with ArtsSomerville, Brickbottom Artists Association, Washington Steet Art Center, the Somerville Historic Preservation Commission, the Somerville Chamber of Commerce, Somerville Open Studios and Union Square Main Streets. Generous funding for our initiative is provided by the Massachusetts Cultural Council's John and Abigail Adams Program and the City of Somerville.*



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