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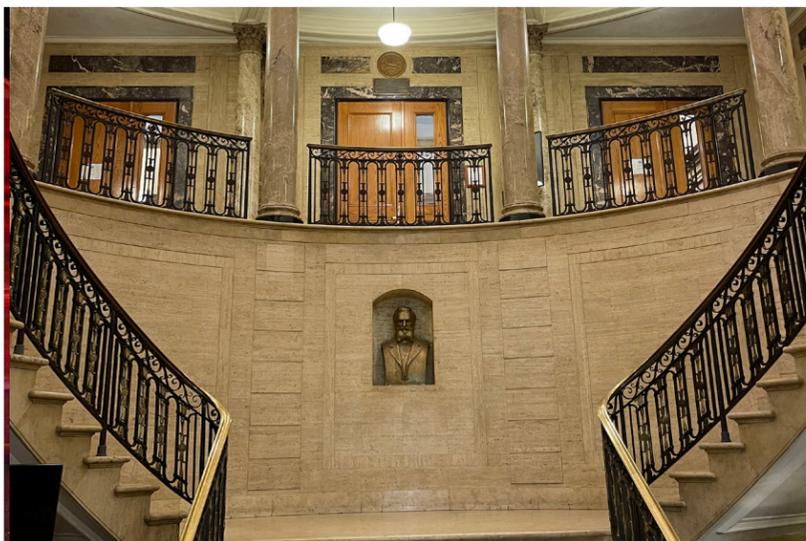
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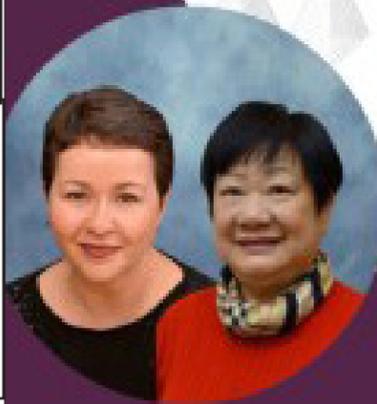
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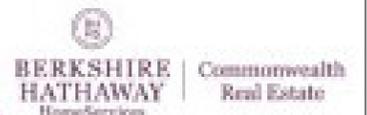
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REDUCE ESTATE/DEATH TAX

By Bob Katzen

The House 30-126, rejected an amendment that would exempt the first \$2 million of the value of a person's estate from the state's estate/death tax that a person is required to pay following their death before distribution to any beneficiary.

Under current law, only the first \$1 million is exempt. Under the current \$1 million threshold and under the proposed \$2 million threshold, the tax on anything over the threshold is a graduated one that ranges from 0.8 percent to 16 percent.

This tax applies to the entire estate value, not just the portion above the threshold. Most Republicans are against any such tax and coined the name "death tax" to imply that the government taxes you even after you die. Most Democrats support the tax and call it an "estate tax" to imply that this tax is only paid by the wealthy.

Amendment supporters said that in light of the rising value of houses, with the average home price more than \$500,000, the \$1 million threshold of this unfair regressive tax is too low and noted the federal

tax exempts the first \$12 million. They noted that Massachusetts is losing many residents, who move to Florida and other states where this tax does not even exist.

"Massachusetts has the most aggressive estate tax in the entire country," said Paul Craney, Executive Director of the Mass Fiscal Alliance. "This tax is very unpopular in every state that still has it and many states are eliminating it completely. The estate tax drives people out of the state and even President Joe Biden's home state of Delaware recently repealed it completely.

Only the Massachusetts Legislature would be willing to keep the country's most aggressive estate tax, which hurts our elderly population the most."

Amendment opponents said that this proposed tax reduction is one of many that are included in a separate stand-alone piece of legislation filed by Gov. Charlie Baker. They argued the amendment is premature and that the House should not act on this or any other tax reduction piecemeal here in the state budget but rather should wait until the Revenue Committee holds public hearing on the

governor's package as a whole. Reps. Nick Boldyga (R-Southwick), the sponsor of the amendment and Mark Cusack (D-Braintree), the main opponent of the amendment, did not respond to repeated requests from Beacon Hill Roll Call for a comment.

(A "Yes" vote is for exempting the first \$2 million of the value of a person's estate from the state's estate/death tax. A "No" vote is against it)

SOMERVILLE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION SEEKS NEW MEMBERS

Open Positions: Seven
Term: Three years
The City of Somerville seeks seven members for the Historic Preservation Commission, and all Somerville residents are invited to apply. Boards and commissions offer an opportunity for residents with a range of experience, skills, and perspectives to share their talents and

insights with their community. Six of the current openings are for candidates with specific expertise: one architectural historian, one contractor, one architect, one historian, and two Local Historic District residents or architects. The Historic Preservation Commission is charged with protecting and enhanc-

ing historic resources in Somerville. The Commission reviews alterations or repairs to properties in a Local Historic District, administers the City's Demolition Review Ordinance, offers pro bono professional advice about historic preservation and restoration, and sponsors events and activities. The Commission typically

meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:45 p.m. These are volunteer positions. Applications will be reviewed by the Mayor's Appointments Advisory Committee. New members must be approved by the City Council. Applications are due Friday, May 20. Interested residents should send a resume and

statement of interest to historic@somervillema.gov or to Historic Preservation, Attn: Deana Brown, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143. Please contact historic@somervillema.gov or (617) 625-6600 ext. 2500 with questions.

PORCHFEST RETURNS SATURDAY, MAY 14

PorchFest 2022 is set to ring out on front stoops across the city on Saturday, May 14. Stroll through neighborhoods city-wide to enjoy this showcase of Somerville's varied and diverse

array of musical talent. Festivities will start west of Willow Ave. from 12 to 2 p.m. Performances between Willow Ave. and Central St. will take

place from 2 to 4 p.m., and east of Central St. will bring it on home from 4 to 6 p.m. Check out this year's map to see who's playing. Interested in

hosting or performing? Read up on these PorchFest dos and don'ts first, then register by Thursday, May 12. Prep for PorchFest



MEDFORD ENCOURAGING SENIORS TO APPLY FOR SENIOR WORK-OFF REAL ESTATE TAX ABATEMENT PROGRAM

Seniors 60 and up can reduce taxes by temporarily working for the City Coffee Hour and information session will be held Thursday, May 26th at 1:00pm at the Medford Senior Center

(MEDFORD)—The City of Medford, in conjunction with the Council on

Aging, Assessor's Office and other departments is inviting seniors, age 60 and over, to learn about how they can lower their Real Estate tax payments by temporarily working for the City as part of the Senior Work-Off Abatement Program.

City Assessor Ellen Brideau and Council on Aging

Director Pamela Kelly will be on hand at a Coffee Hour and information session on Thursday, May 26th at 1 p.m. at the Medford Council on Aging, to answer questions, receive program updates and literature and apply to be a part of this money-saving abatement program.

Please be aware that there are only approximately

20 spots available for the program and certain positions will require specific skill sets. Preference will be given to those who have not already participated. Senior veterans are strongly encouraged to apply. Only one applicant will be selected per household.

The work program will begin July 1, 2022 and must

be completed on or before February 28, 2023.

All information packets must be completed and returned to the Medford Senior Center by June 24th at 12:00 noon. Please call 781-396-6010 to reserve your seat.

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FREE? AT WHAT COST?

By Arthur Moore

These two are at it again to give away more free stuff. Senator Pat Jehlen and Rep. Christine Barber. Why? Where does anything free come from? Free bus service? I am guessing the MBTA costs nothing to run.

Last, I hear they were in debt but somehow always has money to keep going. So somewhere money has to be coming in. As a taxpayer I expect somehow, I am paying for it. Something I personally will never use but

pay for. There are many of us going to be stuck paying for this free stuff that will never use it. But these two once again want to give things away. I pay for my own transportation and the least others can do is pay for theirs. After all they are the ones using it. And we certainly don't need any more government debt as we have way too much now. And no trees out back that grow money. I am perfectly content to drive my big SUV into Boston and if there is traffic I am much happier being in my vehicle than on a loaded bus full of people.

Plus since I no longer have a bus stop as that was taken away I don't have a choice. Try being senior and handicapped. Does not work for us in this city. I had someone drive me to Assembly to get the train. Had them come back to pick me up. Could not do that, way too much for this old body. Can't do Sullivan, that walk uphill is a killer. So MBTA is of no use for me. And I do not want to support it. Let those who use it pay. And all the incentives for electric vehicles. Why that too? We really want to screw up so much of nature by digging

up so much land? Using child labor to extract the chemicals for these blood batteries. The smelting process for extracting the chemicals. So much bad coming from this. We are getting ready to dig up some beautiful mountains for this. But wait, we have many lawsuits to go through that do not want our land destroyed. How is that going to play out. I am no expert but it seems like this is same as the 8 track for music. A passing fad until we come up with the next big thing. And how much can the electric grid handle? I see that is being

discussed now and maybe in the near future is going to be worked on. More coal and oil to run that? I would rather put money into solving a problem than for a tiny band aid that is outrageous in cost and killing the earth. It is not difficult information to find. Let's not let our elected officials keep spending money we don't have. The debt is going to kill us one day. So stop giving our tax dollars away.

MORE GUNSHOTS IN SOMERVILLE

On Sunday, May 1, at approximately 10:15 p.m., Somerville-911 Communications Center received multiple calls for shots fired in the area of 480 Mystic Avenue. Upon arrival, Officers discovered 10-9mm casings in the parking lot at Central Convenience, located at 460 Mystic Avenue.



Officers also discovered ballistic damage to windows at the rear of 7 Memorial Road where bullets entered a window of a bedroom where children were sleeping. There are no known injuries at this time or evidence of injuries. Police are asking anyone with information about this incident to call the Somerville Police Department at 617-625-1600 ext. 7229 or leave an Anonymous Tip at somervillepd.com.



SOMERVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES SEEKS NEW MEMBER

Open Positions: One
Term: Three years
The Somerville Public Library Board of Trustees seeks one new member, and all Somerville residents are invited to apply. Boards and commissions offer an opportunity for residents with a range of experience, skills, expertise, and perspectives to share their talents and insights with their community.

The Board of Trustees is the governing body of the

Somerville Public Library. The Board works with the Library Director to oversee the operating and administrative policies for the Library. The Trustees also support the libraries through long-range strategic planning, advocacy, public relations, and outreach efforts.

The Board of Trustees typically meets the second Wednesday of each month from 6 to 8 p.m. Trustees serve three-year terms in a

volunteer capacity. Trustees are appointed by the Mayor. Applications are due Friday, May 20. Interested candidates should submit a statement of interest to Cathy Piantigini, Director of Libraries, at cpiantigini@somervillema.gov or 79 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143. Please email Cathy or call her at 617-623-5000 ext. 2910 with questions.

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MEDFORD RELEASES FINALIZED CLIMATE ACTION AND ADAPTATION PLAN



City pledges to achieve net zero emissions by 2050

(MEDFORD)—In celebration of Earth Month, Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn and the Office of Planning, Development and Sustainability released the final version of the City’s Climate Action and Adaptation Plan today.

The plan outlines Medford’s course of action for addressing climate change, and the steps the City will take immediately and over the next decade for creating an increasingly resilient, just, and carbon-neutral future in Medford. The plan includes 32 strategies across four focus areas: Buildings & Energy, Ecosystems & Environment, Public Health, and Transportation. Collectively, the strategies outline the key steps that will allow the

City to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to net zero by 2050, build our resilience to growing climate hazards, advance environmental justice, and create a city where all residents can benefit from a more sustainable future.

The plan sets new goals for future efforts, like expanding renewable energy sources, providing tools for property owners and tenants to prepare for climate hazards, as well as expands on ongoing work like protecting and growing our tree canopy, creating safer roads for walking and biking, investing in stormwater maintenance, addressing food insecurity, and increasing local food system resilience.

“This document is our guide to creating a green, sustainable future for Medford that protects both our environment and community,” Mayor Lungo-Koehn said. “We’ve been making substantial progress in mitigating the effects of climate change but with the help of this plan we are taking real steps to ensure that Medford is a leader in

climate action.”

Last fall the City released a 36-page executive summary as well as a draft version of the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan for public review.

“We’re no longer in a position to debate whether or not climate change is occurring—it’s here and we need to have a plan in place that will address its effects and enable the City and the community to grow and thrive for future generations,” Planning, Development and Sustainability Director Alicia Hunt said. “This action plan is the result of hours and hours of work from a dedicated group of people who genuinely care about the future of Medford and don’t want to see our City fall behind in the race to net zero. Thank you to Mayor Lungo-Koehn, the staff at City Hall and the countless community members who all made this document possible.”

While this report is a roadmap for policy and project ideas in the future, the City has already been working to address climate change and prepare the commu-

nity for a green and renewable future.

Ongoing work that relates to the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan includes but is not limited to:

Buildings & Energy
Working to hire a qualified Facilities Maintenance Manager to oversee all municipal facilities, including preventative maintenance
Installed solar panels at DPW, Library, and Police Station

Updated lighting at 4 of the fire stations and Tufts Pool house to all LED
Ecosystems & Natural Environment

Expanding the City’s tree canopy with \$280,000 allocated for planting in low- and moderate-income areas, \$90,000 in CPA funding for public parks, increased tree planting funds in FY22 budget
Working to update the city’s stormwater regulations

Launched the “Adopt a catch basin” program and supported the Mystic River Watershed Association to expand it to other communities in our watershed
Investing \$325,000 to remove tree stumps and plant new trees

Public Health

Installed 19 micro food pantries
Pledged to be hunger free by 2025

Launched a Multilingual Resource Line
Created a social justice road map

Launched a curbside composting program
Transportation
Installed Medford’s first dedicated bus lane on Mystic Ave.

In the process of bringing a bike share program to Medford
Expanding/adding dedicated bike lanes citywide
Expanding EV charging stations citywide

The development of the Plan was made possible in part by a Planning Grant and an Action Grant from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program, particularly for early planning and development and outreach and engagement with environmental justice communities in Medford.

SMART BOX PILOT PROGRAM TO MAKE CITY RODENTS SAY, “RATS!”

Somerville recently launched a pilot program that brings the latest in rodent-control technology to the city as part of Mayor Katjana Ballantyne’s 100-Day Agenda and Somerville’s overall commitment to pest mitigation.

The City and its partner, Modern Pest Services, installed 50 SMART Boxes in four neigh-

borhoods around the city These SMART Boxes are non-toxic, do not use poisons, and are securely locked so as to not pose a risk to people, pets (and other animals), or the environment.

The SMART Box pilot will operate in conjunction with more traditional abatement efforts like residential visits, information distribution, and free

baiting through the Residential Rodent Control Assistance Program.

Follow the link in green below to read more about how the SMART boxes function, and click here to learn more about Somerville’s rodent control efforts.

SMART Box Pilot Program to Make City Rodents Say, "Rats!"

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INAUGURAL MEDFORD PRIDE COMMITTEE MEMBERS NAMED GROUP IS TASKED WITH PLANNING AND ORGANIZING THE CITY'S FIRST EVER PRIDE FESTIVAL IN JUNE

(MEDFORD)—The City has announced that six Medford residents have joined the inaugural Pride Festival Committee and are now tasked with helping to plan, organize and coordinate the City's first celebration this June. The City extends congratulations to the following Committee Members:

Honorary Chair Lucy Rodriguez
 Michael Lowe
 Cyan McDermott
 Joan Cyr

Myrlande Paul
 Paul Donato Jr.

Committee Chair and Medford's Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Frances Nwajei held a zoom meeting on Monday April 11 with all the applicants and discussed the objective of the committee, and that those who are not selected for the committee can still play a major part of this historic event by volunteering during the festival. "The amount of interest

from the public this event has garnered has been truly inspiring and I can't wait to get to work with this incredible group to plan a historic and memorable Pride Festival on behalf of the City," Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Frances Nwajei. "Picking just six people was extraordinarily difficult and the breadth of experience, passion and eagerness to be a part of the festival was apparent in everyone I spoke with." The committee will begin

meeting on a weekly basis to evaluate shared ideas, begin conducting outreach about potential sponsorship opportunities and coordinate event logistics with departments. The festival is tentatively scheduled for the weekend of June 24-26th, with a specific date to be announced in the coming weeks.

"I am overwhelmed by the enthusiasm and spirit of all who applied to be on this committee," Mayor Breanna

Lungo-Koehn said. "With these six members, along with an amazing group of volunteers, this festival is sure to be a thriving and vibrant event for the entire community. I can't wait to see what they have in store for June."

For more information on the Pride committee and how you can volunteer, please contact Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Frances Nwajei at fnwajei@medford-ma.gov.

BRING YOUR OWN CAR



By Bob Katzen

The Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) announced that beginning May 2, applicants taking the road test to obtain their driver's license are required to bring their own vehicle for the road test.

Two years ago, the COVID-19

pandemic led to the implementation of health and safety protocols under which the RMV deployed a fleet of state-owned vehicles, for road tests, which were cleaned and sanitized on a regular basis. Applicants now scheduled for testing through a driving school should confirm they have access to the school's vehicle for their road test.

"Vehicles on loan from our MassDOT Highway Division partners and other commonwealth agencies' vehicles allowed us to continue road testing and licensing in a safe and healthy manner during the State of Emergency and continued COVID-19 restrictions," said Registrar of Motor Vehicles Colleen Ogilvie. "As we prepare for the

transition back to private cars, we want applicants to be aware of our requirements and to be prepared to arrive sufficiently skilled behind the wheel to pass the road test on their first try."

The RMV has a new webpage, [Mass.Gov/RoadTest](https://www.mass.gov/RoadTest) to help applicants obtain information and details related to their road test.

AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS



By Bob Katzen

The Baker administration announced the awarding of \$527,000 in grants to cities and towns to purchase

Automated External Defibrillators (AED) for public safety and first responder vehicles that will equip 246 vehicles serving about 70 percent of the

state's cities and towns.

The governor's office described an AED as a medical device used to support people experiencing sudden cardiac arrest, which is the abrupt loss of heart function in a person who may or may not have been diagnosed with heart disease. The AED analyzes the patient's heart rhythm and, if necessary, delivers

an electrical shock, or defibrillation, to help the heart re-establish an effective rhythm. A study from the American Heart Association found that 350,000 people suffer sudden cardiac arrest outside of the hospital every year in the U.S.

"Emergency responders bring their training and expertise to scenes where

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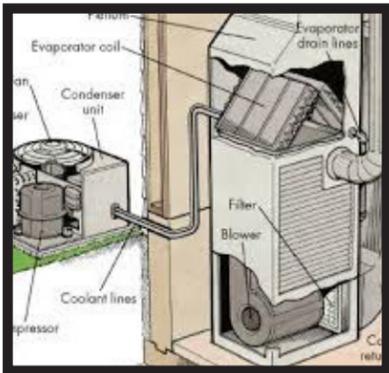
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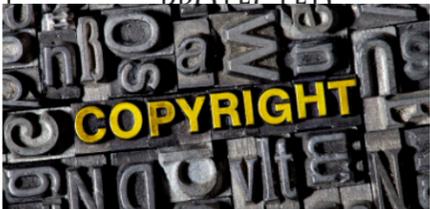
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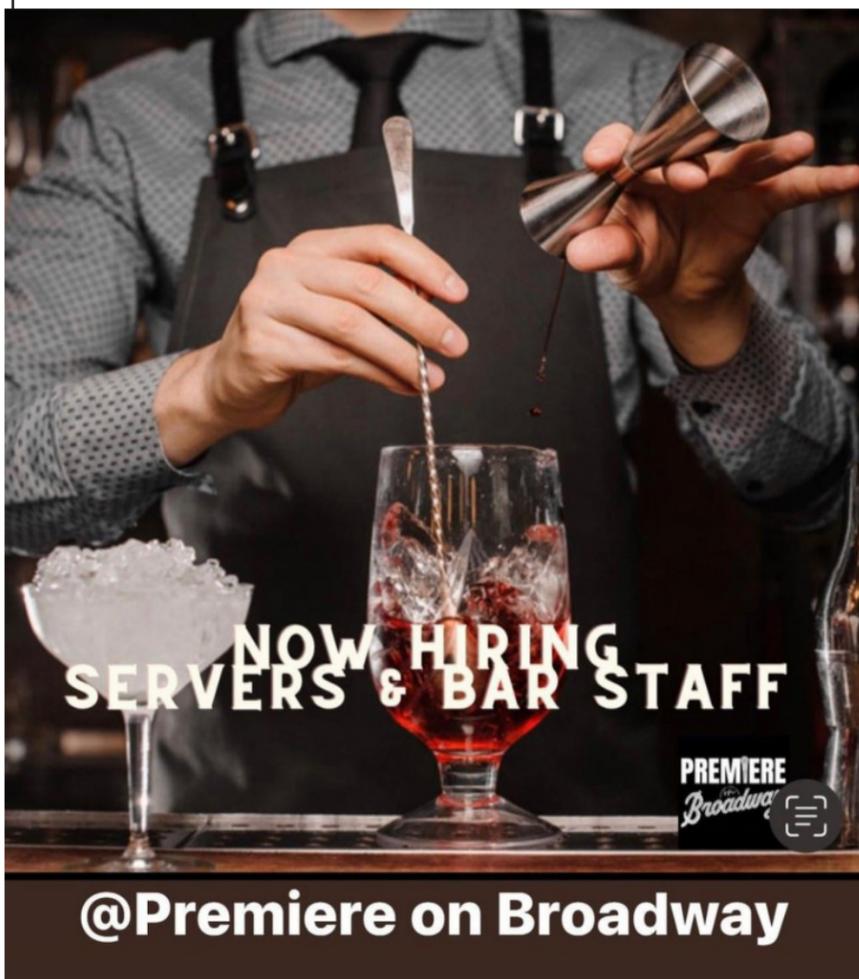
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The Somerville Council on Aging is hosting a morning of ballroom dancing on Friday, May 6, from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Holland St. Center (167 Holland St.).

Taught by Eileen Herman-Haase and Raul Nieves of Dance Caliente, this event will showcase multiple routines performed by Herman-Haase and Nieves, as well as participatory lessons after

each performance. Dance from your chair or out on the floor. Grab-and-go lunch will be offered after this event. Please follow the link below to learn more and RSVP.



APPROVE \$49.7 BILLION FISCAL 2023 STATE BUDGET



By Bob Katzen

The House 155-0, approved and sent to the Senate a \$49.7 billion fiscal 2023 state budget after adding nearly \$130 million in spending during three days of debate. The House version now goes to the

Senate which will approve a different version. A House-Senate conference committee will eventually craft a plan that will be presented to the House and Senate for consideration and sent to the governor.

Provisions include \$18.4

billion to fully fund MassHealth caseloads; \$70 million in rate increases for subsidized child care providers; \$3 million for early childhood mental health grants; \$110 million for a year-long extension of universal school meals; \$243 million for charter school aid; \$60 million for adult education to support English Language Learners and adults working towards their GED; \$15 million to support teachers of color, including \$7.5 million for Tomorrow's Teachers program to provide scholarships to people committed to teaching in public schools and \$7.5 million

for loan repayment for teachers of color; \$188.6 million for the Bureau of Substance Addiction Service; and \$653 million for the University of Massachusetts system.

Another provision would require the Department of Correction (DOC), sheriffs and the Department of Youth Services (DYS) to provide phone calls free of charge to persons receiving and initiating phone calls and other services such as video or electronic communications, who are currently paying \$14.4 million per year to communicate.

The package also would outlaw child marriage of children under the age of 18 and empower minors currently in marriages to seek divorce or annulment on their own.

“The House budget responds to the economic challenges currently facing Massachusetts residents by balancing a focus on immediate needs such as workforce development, with a focus on long-term investments that are designed to grow our economy in a sustainable way,” said House Speaker Ron Mariano (D-Quincy).

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2022-8 Article V Section 5-5 “Parking Locations and Prohibitions” is amended as follows: No Parking Anytime extending

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2022-9 Article V Section 5-15 “Handicapped Parking” Schedule H is amended with the addition of the following location: one parking space in front of 620 Broadway, currently 2 hour parking except by permit 2022-10 Article V Section 5-5 “Parking Locations and Prohibitions” is amended as follows: No Parking Anytime extending approximately 60 feet on the north side of Holland St op-

posite Cameron Ave and No Parking Anytime extending approximately 15 feet on the south side of Holland St just west of Cameron Ave, all currently regulated as “2 hour parking from 8:00am to 2:30am except by permit and permit parking only from 2:30am to 8:00am”, for the installation of pedestrian refuge islands.

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DADDY JONES BAR & RESTAURANT OFFERS THURSDAY NIGHT TRIVIA



SOMERVILLE, MA, ISSUED APRIL 11, 2022...Daddy Jones Bar and Restaurant (<http://daddyjonesbar.com>), a lively restaurant offering outdoor dining, casual Greek food and burgers, and which has served the Somerville community since 2012, is introducing a fun activity for family and friends alike: Thursday Night Trivia, right at the restaurant at 525 Medford Street.

Come join your friends and neighbors each Thursday evening starting at 8 p.m. to test your trivia skills. It's all in fun, and there are prizes given away each week to the top competitors. There is no cost to attend, but reservations are required and people can register on the website or at the restaurant. Thursday Night Trivia offers a different theme each week. Contests have included about Golden Girls, Real Housewives and a range of topics from the classic to the edgy. John Flaherty, a manager at Daddy Jones, is the trivia host.

Owner Dimitra Murphy notes that the next trivia contest, scheduled for April 14, is "Cancelled." She says, "We've all heard a lot about cancel culture. We have an actual trivia contest about people who have been cancelled because of something they've done or that they haven't done. Come and join in the

fun!" Owner Dimitra Murphy, a Somerville native with deep ties to the community, invites customers to come for dinner prior to trivia. Dinner is served from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, until 11 p.m. Fridays and Saturday and to 9 p.m. on Sundays. Daddy Jones also offers weekend Coffee Shop services and anticipates opening their patio for outdoor dining in the near future. And for those who prefer take-out, they can order online.

About Daddy Jones Bar and Restaurant and Dimitra Murphy Dimitra Murphy opened Daddy Jones Bar and Restaurant after having worked in the hospitality and restaurant industry in the Boston area for a number of years. The Boston University graduate worked with The Lyons Group to open

several establishments, served as General Manager of The Alibi Bar & Lounge at the Liberty Hotel, and managed several other facilities. A lifelong Somerville resident, she is a former cross country coach for Somerville High School and holds a Real Estate License. She launched Daddy Jones, a 100% woman-owned business, in 2012.

Daddy Jones Bar and Restaurant is a neighborhood restaurant offering casual dining with specialties in Greek and American cuisine. The restaurant has operated with a "community first" focus throughout its nine-year history, partnering with many community organizations and hiring a number of Somerville High School graduates over the years. Daddy Jones began as a small cocktail bar and under Dimitra Murphy's leadership it has grown into a favorite place for Somerville and vicinity residents to

come and enjoy a meal with friends and neighbors.

Daddy Jones offers mobile online ordering or counter ordering, as the restaurant does not use wait staff. Through the online ordering methods, the restaurant shares tips with all Daddy Jones team and the restaurant is proud to offer a livable wage to employees and support the often forgotten Back Of House staff when it comes to the sharing of tips! Daddy Jones is known for its tzatziki, gyros and Chris Burgers! Customers are encouraged to enjoy a cocktail, beer or a coffee at one of their two patios. Daddy Jones offers outdoor dining on its backyard patio for reservations and walk-in, and for take-out. Daddy Jones also offers coffee and breakfast sandwiches beginning at 8 a.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. For additional information, please visit <http://www.daddyjonesbar.com>.

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Mayor Katjana Ballantyne, Ward 5 City Councilor Beatriz Gómez Mouakad, and City staff invite you to a virtual community meeting on Tuesday, May 10, to discuss the expansion and renovation of Junction Park, located off of Central Street near the Community Path extension.

At this meeting, we'll outline the project scope and present several design concepts for feedback. Community engagement and design will continue through the summer, and construction is

expected to begin after the MBTA Green Line and Community Path extensions are completed later this year.

This virtual meeting will be held on Zoom on Tuesday, May 10, at 5:30 p.m. No computer or smartphone required: participants can either participate online or call in from any phone. Learn more and register to attend at somervillema.gov/junction-park.



SOMERVILLE EVICTION MORATORIUM EXTENDED ONE LAST TIME UNTIL JUNE 30

At their meeting on April 21, the Somerville Board of Health voted to extend the City's eviction moratorium another two months and ultimately sunset the moratorium on June 30.

The Somerville eviction moratorium is the last remaining municipal eviction moratorium in the state. It is one strategy the City has used to help keep

residents in their homes during the pandemic, but it's not the only one. Other forms of help are available, and as the Mayor announced recently, additional housing assistance programs are coming soon.

If you or someone you know needs housing support, contact one of these organizations as soon as possible:

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On 05/01/2022, while assigned to marked unit East-4, an RP called in a check condition on a male party in the area of Assembly Row that may be asleep behind the wheel.

Sector East (Officer VanNostrand) located this party at the intersection of Middlesex Ave and Mystic Ave, both public ways in the city of Somerville. He was with MA State Trooper Brian Labrola out of the Medford State Police Barracks. I responded as well to this incident. Upon my arrival I saw a white cargo van up against a support beam for signage to the highway. The vehicle was wedged against the pole and there was damage to the front of the vehicle. I approached the passenger compartment and saw a male party sitting in the driver's seat. The operator of this vehicle would later be identified as Mr. Vando Soares DaSilva. Officer VanNostrand stated that Mr. DaSilva did not speak English. West-7 (Officer Torres) was on his way to translate. Officer Torres soon arrived and translated as we got Mr. DaSilva safely from the motor vehicle. Mr. DaSilva was unsteady on his feet and had to hold onto the vehicle for balance. At one point he swayed forward and grabbed for the door frame to hold himself up. Close up to Mr. DaSilva I could smell the odor of alcohol coming from his breath. His Eyes were bloodshot and glassy. As he spoke to Officer

Torres, his speech sounded slurred to me. Mr. DaSilva was escorted across the roadway to the sidewalk where it would be safer to speak. Due to the odor of alcohol, unsteadiness on his feet, slurred speech, and bloodshot, glassy eyes. Mr. DaSilva was asked if he would perform roadside assessments. Mr. DaSilva Agreed. I requested Officer VanNostrand turn off all front facing blue lights to the cruisers in the road. I pulled my cruiser onto the sidewalk and turned on the scene lights to illuminate the area. The tests were attempted on a section of the sidewalk that was flat, clean, and free of debris.

Note: All statements refereed to in this report are translated through Officer Torres.

Mr. DaSilva, when asked stated he does not wear glasses nor does he wear contacts. He had no injuries that would preclude him from performing any balance or walking tests. He stated he is not on any type of medication.

The first test was Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus. HGN is the involuntary jerking of the eyes. His pupils were both equal sizes. He had no resting Nystagmus. I explained through Officer Torres

several times that I wanted him to follow a stimulus. In this case being a blue penlight I keep in my vest. Mr. DaSilva would not follow the stimulus after being explained to him several times. Officer Torres asked if he understood the directions and Mr. DaSilva said he did. After several more attempts the directions were explained again. This time Mr. DaSilva started moving his head. At this point, I asked Mr. DaSilva to put his hands to his cheeks to hold his head steady. He did for a moment and then dropped them. After several more attempts, the test was aborted as Mr. DaSilva could not follow the directions.

Walk and Turn

The walk and turn test was performed on a flat spot on the sidewalk which was clean and clear of debris.

Mr. DaSilva was explained the directions and the test was demonstrated to him several times. When asked, he stated he understood the directions and did not ask any clarifying questions when asked if he had any. On Mr. DaSilva's first nine steps he walked in a normal fashion, not heel-to-toe, did not walk on the line at all, did not count out his steps, and used his arms for balance. He also took 11 steps

His return was the same. Not stepping on the line, walking in a normal fashion and not heel-to-toe, raised his arms for balance, did not count his steps. His return was nine steps. His turn was improper, as he just walked in a circle and returned. He began several times before being instructed to do so. He was specifically told not to start until instructed.

One leg stand.

The test was conducted on flat spot on the sidewalk and it was clean and clear of debris. The test was explained and demonstrated for him. He was given the opportunity to ask any clarifying questions and he had none. He stated he understood the directions. Mr. DaSilva had to be told to begin several times. Mr. DaSilva put his foot down at, by my watch at three seconds, eight seconds, and twelve seconds. The test was stopped for safety. Mr. DaSilva used his arms for balance, put his foot down, and swayed heavily.

PBT

Mr. DaSilva attempted several times to use the pbt

It was the Alcotest6820, serial number ARLN0269, test number 26. This was provided and conducted by Trooper Labrola.

Mr. DaSilva did two tests as he was having difficulty following the directions. The first was a .089. The second was .175

I then placed Mr. DaSilva in handcuffs and informed him he was under arrest. Due to Mr. DaSilva's shoulders being tight, I felt he would be more comfortable in two pairs of cuffs. Mr. DaSilva was transported back to the station by Officer Haley in the prisoner transport vehicle (unit 200) and was booked in the usual manner by Lieutenant Capasso.

Mr. DaSilva refused the breathalyzer test.

Mr. DaSilva will be mailed MA uniform citation T1829275 for OUI Liquor and Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle. It will be mailed due to an emergency incident occurring in the city and he was bailed before the ticket could be given to him.

Respectfully submitted,

Officer Christopher Fusco #328

INCREASE TAX BREAK FOR SENIORS

By Bob Katzen

The House 31-125, rejected an amendment that would increase by \$1,005 (from \$750 to \$1,755) the maximum tax credit which seniors over 65 who qualify, can receive under the Senior Circuit Breaker Tax Credit Law. The law applies to seniors with homes valued at less than \$884,000 and who earn \$62,000 or less for a single individual who is not the head of a household; \$78,000 for a head of household; and \$93,000 for married couples filing a joint return.

Also to qualify, if you are a homeowner, your property tax payments, together with half of your water and sewer expense, must exceed 10 percent of your total Massachusetts income for the tax year. If you are a renter, 25 percent of your annual Massachusetts rent must exceed 10 percent

of your total Massachusetts income for the tax year.

Amendment supporters said this will help seniors on fixed incomes who are having a difficult time as inflation and the cost of food and gas soar.

Amendment opponents again said that this amendment is premature and urged the House not to act on tax reductions one at a time but instead to wait and consider Gov. Baker's comprehensive tax reduction package which might be voted on in a few weeks.

(A "Yes" vote is for the increased tax credit of \$1,005. A "No" vote is against it).

Rep. Christine Barber No
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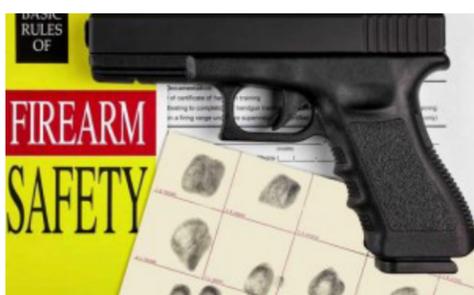
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REDUCE CAPITAL GAINS TAX FROM 12 PERCENT TO 5 PERCENT

By Bob Katzen

The House 29-127, rejected an amendment that would reduce the short-term capital gains tax from 12 percent to 5 percent.

Chip Ford, executive director of Citizens for Limited Taxation said that anything that can help the investors in Massachusetts keep up with mounting inflation is a positive step for the commonwealth's

economy, "Why should the capital gains or any tax imposed be charged at a higher rate than earned income, especially considering the multi-billions in historic revenue surpluses?" asked Ford.

"The Massachusetts Legislature had a great opportunity to lower the capital gains tax, which taxes economic growth," said Paul Craney, Executive Director of the Mass

Fiscal Alliance. "Unfortunately they refused to lower it and in fact, their legislature's ballot question this November hopes to increase the tax from 12 percent to 17 percent for some earners. It's clear the Legislature wants to bring us back to Taxachusetts."

Amendment opponents again said that this amendment is premature and urged the House not to act on tax reductions

one at a time but instead to wait and consider Gov. Baker's comprehensive tax reduction package which might be voted on in a few weeks.

Reps. Nick Boldyga (R-Southwick), the sponsor of the amendment and Rep. Mark Cusack (D-Braintree), the main opponent of the amendment, did not respond to repeated requests from Beacon Hill Roll Call for a

comment.

(A "Yes" vote is for reducing capital gains tax from 12 percent to 5 percent. A "No" vote is against the reduction).

Rep. Christine Barber No
Rep. Mike Connolly No
Rep. Erika Uyterhoeven No

GAS TAX SUSPENSION

By Bob Katzen

The House 32-124, rejected an amendment that would have suspended the state's 24-cents-per-gallon gas tax for 60 days. The measure also requires the state to use money from its General Fund to cover transportation costs, normally funded by the gas tax, such as road and bridge maintenance, during the two-month

holiday.

"The gasoline tax relief would help individuals with the rising costs of transportation, groceries, goods and services," said sponsor Rep. Paul Frost (R-Auburn). "Democrats and Republicans came together in Connecticut to temporarily eliminate their state gasoline tax and there is no reason we can't provide that immediate

relief for the residents and businesses here in Massachusetts."

Rep. William Straus (D-Mattapoisett) said the tax is currently paid by distributors, not directly by consumers at the pump. He noted that the amendment does not assure that the tax cut will be passed along to consumers.

"If Rep. Straus is claim-

ing the savings won't be passed down to the consumer than that can be addressed through the attorney general or Rep. Straus could've offered a further amendment to address the issue when it was on the floor instead of making it an excuse not to vote for it," responded Frost. "Rep. Straus wasn't interested in making it work for Massachusetts residents or busi-

nesses but rather chose to grandstand against much needed tax and cost relief."

(A "Yes" vote is for the suspension of the gas tax. A "No" vote is against the suspension).

Rep. Christine Barber No
Rep. Mike Connolly No
Rep. Erika Uyterhoeven No

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SOMERVILLE WAGE THEFT ADVISORY COMMITTEE SEEKS ONE MEMBER



Open Positions: One
Term: Three years
The Somerville Wage Theft Advisory Committee seeks one new member, and all Somer-

ville residents are invited to apply. Boards and commissions offer an opportunity for residents with a range of experience, skills, expertise, and perspectives to share their talents and insights with their community.

The Wage Theft Advisory Committee meets at least once every two months to review wage theft complaints and advise the City Council on the implementation and effectiveness of the Somerville Wage Theft Ordinance.

This is a volunteer position appointed by the Mayor.

Applications are due Friday, May 13. Interested candidates should submit a statement of interest to Hannah Carrillo, Legislative Liaison, at hcarrillo@somervillema.gov or to the Mayor's Office, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143. Please contact Hannah with any questions at the previously listed email or 617-625-6600 ext. 2100.

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charge, upon request.

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Now, she is the founder and CEO of not one but two companies. Her first company, VIASWORLD, is a high-end fashion, art, and design company that makes custom pieces for clients such as the NBA, NFL, recording artists, and other celebrities.

After getting VIASWORLD up and running, Ms. Via decided to focus on a business with an incredible mission. She started Via Guatemala Coffee, a high-end coffee brand that reminds the world of the importance of corporate social responsibility through high wages, high-quality ingredients, and sustainable farming practices. Ms. Via tries to show her competitors that there is a way to harvest and sell coffee without sacrificing essential values and beliefs.

Via Guatemala Coffee is specialty coffee harvested in Guatemala by Mayan farmers who are paid higher

wages than the average Guatemalan and are given the resources they need to succeed. A portion of the profits from Via Guatemala will go toward foundations in Guatemala to support the people she grew up with. When you take a sip of Via Guatemala, you'll taste luxury, but you'll also taste compassion because that's what Silva Via represents in all she does.

Owning two companies doesn't satisfy all the creative energy that Ms. Via has flowed through her. Her passion is art, and she sells custom pieces to fine art galleries worldwide. She gives back to the art community through her leadership as an art director for several corporate and international art projects. Additionally, her philanthropic efforts led her to create a nonprofit that supports victims of domestic violence. After realizing that there were existing efforts in Guatemala to support these victims, Ms. Via

decided to fund donations to those organizations instead.

Giving back to the community has always been a pillar for Silva, as illustrated by her commitment to support her fellow Guatemalans in every way she can. She seeks to ensure that no passionate female in the world feels alone in their endeavors. Ms. Via regularly spends time with her mentees, usually young, minority businesswomen. Acting as a beacon of hope, she reminds women from all walks of life that nothing can squelch their creativity and that they are worthy of success. Her experience illustrates how the ugly parts of life can be turned into something beautiful if that energy is channeled correctly.

Silva Via is iconic; she makes waves in every industry she steps into. Silva has become internationally renowned as a leader in art, fashion, coffee, and community. The respect

others have for her stems from the care she has developed for herself. Her story is one of perseverance, creativity, hopefulness, and light. All those times she was treated poorly, underestimated, or doubted are the times that fueled her fire. Ms. Via is a master at turning challenges into energy and passion; you can look to her if you ever need to be reminded how to do that.

If you're interested in learning more about the work of Silva Via, or getting involved in one of her endeavors, follow her on Instagram and Facebook @viaguatemalacoffee or check out her website at <http://www.viaguatemalacoffee.com>.

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MEDFORD, HOUSING AUTHORITY TO PILOT FREE E-BIKE PROGRAM AT HOUSING AUTHORITY BUILDINGS THIS SPRING

City partnered with Metro Mobility to secure State grant

MEDFORD – In partnership with Metro Mobility and the Medford Housing Authority, the City of Medford is piloting an E-Bike ownership and lending program in Medford this year. The program is made possible through a \$1 million regional grant from the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center. Medford’s e-bike program will create an affordable and accessible zero-emission transportation option by prioritizing low-income residents, essential workers, and renters in Environmental Justice areas.

Through the pilot program, 15 e-bikes will be provided to Medford community

members as follows:

Station-based e-bikes owned by individuals who have access to the station for charging and storing the bikes (5 bikes)

Station-based e-bikes available as low-cost rentals (5 bikes)

E-bikes owned by individuals and charged/stored at home (5 bikes)

The e-bike stations will be located at MHA locations LaPrise Village and Willis Avenue Apartments.

“Lack of equitable transportation options affects critical needs like healthcare, food access and the ability to find work,” said Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn. “By installing these e-bike stations throughout our MHA facili-

ties we are expanding affordable transportation access to those in our community who need it most.”

“Medford Housing Authority residents will benefit from environmentally friendly transportation by use of e-bikes at its family developments,” said Gabe Ciccariello, MHA Director of Modernization. “this pilot program is a great opportunity to address climate change and provide transportation options for City of Medford residents.”

About MassCEC The Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) is dedicated to growing the state’s clean energy economy while helping to meet the Commonwealth’s clean energy, climate, and economic development

goals. Since its inception in 2009, MassCEC has helped clean energy companies grow, supported municipal clean energy projects, and invested in residential and commercial renewable energy installations, creating a robust marketplace for innovative clean technology companies and service providers. MassCEC constructed and operates the Wind Technology Testing Center and the New Bedford Marine Commerce Terminal. Massachusetts Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Kathleen Theoharides chairs MassCEC’s Board of Directors.

About Metro Mobility: Metro Mobility is a Cambridge, Massachusetts based company dedicated

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homeless and less fortunate.
A "Somerville Blessing Boxes" Facebook page has been established keep everyone updated on donations and the Blessing Boxes inventory status. Please feel free to join the page and follow all the good that is being done everyday by the good people of Somerville.
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REAL LIFE SOMERVILLE POLICE STORIES: (OUI LIQUOR, UNLICENSED OPERATION)

On 05/01/2022, while assigned to marked unit East-4, an RP called in a check condition on a male party in the area of Assembly Row that may be asleep behind the wheel.

Sector East (Officer VanNostrand) located this party at the intersection of Middlesex Ave and Mystic Ave, both public ways in the city of Somerville. He was with MA State Trooper Brian Labrola out of the Medford State Police Barracks. I responded as well to this incident. Upon my arrival I saw a white cargo van up against a support beam for signage to the highway. The vehicle was wedged against the pole and there was damage to the front of the vehicle. I approached the passenger compartment and saw a male party sitting in the driver's seat. The operator of this vehicle would later be identified as Mr. Vando Soares DaSilva. Officer VanNostrand stated that Mr. DaSilva did not speak English. West-7 (Officer Torres) was on his way to translate. Officer Torres soon arrived and translated as we got Mr. DaSilva safely from the motor vehicle. Mr. DaSilva was unsteady on his feet and had to hold onto the vehicle for balance. At one point he swayed forward and grabbed for the door frame to hold himself up. Close up to Mr. DaSilva I could smell the odor of alcohol coming from his breath.

His Eyes were bloodshot and glassy. As he spoke to Officer Torres, his speech sounded slurred to me. Mr. DaSilva was escorted across the roadway to the sidewalk where it would be safer to speak. Due to the odor of alcohol, unsteady ness on his feet, slurred speech, and bloodshot, glassy eyes. Mr. DaSilva was asked if he would perform roadside assessments. Mr. DaSilva Agreed. I requested Officer VanNostrand turn off all front facing blue lights to the cruisers in the road. I pulled my cruiser onto the sidewalk and turned on the scene lights to illuminate the area. The tests were attempted on a section of the sidewalk that was flat, clean, and free of debris.

Note: All statements refereed to in this report are translated through Officer Torres.

Mr. DaSilva, when asked stated he does not wear glasses nor does he wear contacts. He had no injuries that would preclude him from performing any balance or walking tests. He stated he is not on any type of medication.

The first test was Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus. HGN is the involuntary jerking of the eyes. His pupils were both equal sizes. He

had no resting Nystagmus. I explained through Officer Torres several times that I wanted him to follow a stimulus. In this case being a blue penlight I keep in my vest. Mr. DaSilva would not follow the stimulus after being explained to him several times. Officer Torres asked if he understood the directions and Mr. DaSilva said he did. After several more attempts the directions were explained again. This time Mr. DaSilva started moving his head. At this point, I asked Mr. DaSilva to put his hands to his cheeks to hold his head steady. He did for a moment and then dropped them. After several more attempts, the test was aborted as Mr. DaSilva could not follow the directions.

Walk and Turn

The walk and turn test was performed on a flat spot on the sidewalk which was clean and clear of debris.

Mr. DaSilva was explained the directions and the test was demonstrated to him several times. When asked, he stated he understood the directions and did not ask any clarifying questions when asked if he had any. On Mr. DaSilva's first nine steps he walked in a normal fashion, not

heel-to-toe, did not walk on the line at all, did not count out his steps, and used his arms for balance. He also took 11 steps. His return was the same. Not stepping on the line, walking in a normal fashion and not heel-to-toe, raised his arms for balance, did not count his steps. His return was nine steps. His turn was improper, as he just walked in a circle and returned. He began several times before being instructed to do so. He was specifically told not to start until instructed.

One leg stand.

The test was conducted on flat spot on the sidewalk and it was clean and clear of debris. The test was explained and demonstrated for him. He was given the opportunity to ask any clarifying questions and he had none. He stated he understood the directions. Mr. DaSilva had to be told to begin several times. Mr. DaSilva put his foot down at, by my watch at three seconds, eight seconds, and twelve seconds. The test was stopped for safety. Mr. DaSilva used his arms for balance, put his foot down, and swayed heavily.

PBT
Mr. DaSilva attempted several times

to use the pbt. It was the Alcotest6820, serial number ARLN0269, test number 26. This was provided and conducted by Trooper Labrola. Mr. DaSilva did two tests as he was having difficulty following the directions. The first was a .089. The second was .175.

I then placed Mr. DaSilva in handcuffs and informed him he was under arrest. Due to Mr. DaSilva's shoulders being tight, I felt he would be more comfortable in two pairs of cuffs. Mr. DaSilva was transported back to the station by Officer Haley in the prisoner transport vehicle (unit 200) and was booked in the usual manner by Lieutenant Capasso.

Mr. DaSilva refused the breathalyzer test.

Mr. DaSilva will be mailed MA uniform citation T1829275 for OUI Liquor and Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle. It will be mailed due to an emergency incident occurring in the city and he was bailed before the ticket could be given to him. Respectfully submitted,

Officer Christopher Fusco #328

SOMERVILLE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS SEEKS TWO MEMBERS

Open Positions: One full and one alternate
Term: Five years for full members, two years for alternate members
The City of Somerville seeks two new members for the Zoning Board of Appeals, and all Somerville residents are invited to apply. A background in architecture, landscape architecture, urban design, urban planning, and/or land use law is beneficial but not required.

The Zoning Board of Appeals reviews all variances and appeals

under the Somerville Zoning Ordinance. The Board has full members and alternate members. Alternate members participate in all discussion on items before the Board and vote in the place of full members when full members are absent from a meeting.

The Board typically meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. Full members earn a monthly stipend of \$495.33, and alternate members earn a monthly stipend of \$247.67. Applications will be reviewed by the Mayor's Ap-

pointments Advisory Committee. New members must be approved by the City Council.

Applications are due Friday, May 20. Interested residents should send a resume and cover letter to planning@somervillema.gov or to the Planning, Preservation, & Zoning Division, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143. Please contact planning@somervillema.gov or (617) 625-6600 ext. 2500 with questions.

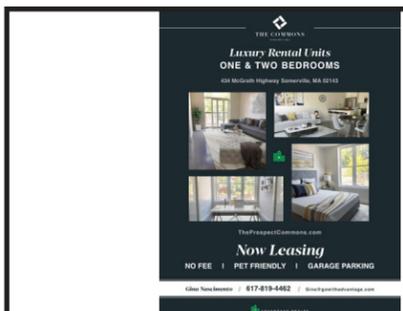
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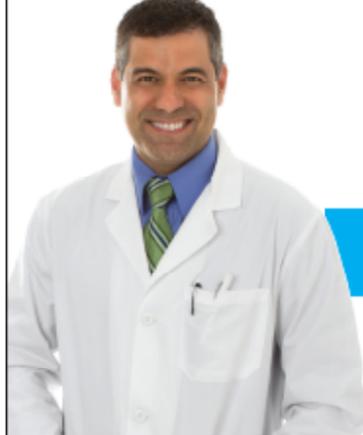
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MEDFORD SPRING 2022 "BIG SWEEP" STREET SWEEPING BEGINS APRIL 19TH



"Big Sweep" on all public roads in Medford to take place over several weeks. Full schedule and map at <http://www.medfordma.org/street-sweeping>.

Cars must be moved from streets on designated street sweeping days or will be ticketed and towed.

MEDFORD – The Medford DPW will conduct spring 2022 street sweeping on secondary roads and side streets over the course of several weeks, beginning on Tuesday, April 19th.

In the interest of public health and public safety, street sweeping is conducted to clear leaves and

debris from streets and catch basins, allowing for proper drainage of water, snow and ice, and making sure that our City's streets are clean and safe. The DPW conducts two "Big Sweep" events of all secondary roads twice each year, once in the spring and once in the fall.

Street sweeping will generally be conducted Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Street sweeping is divided into 14 zones with one zone conducted each day. The full schedule, including a map and a list of all 14 zones can be found at <http://www.medfordma.org/street-sweeping>. In the event of heavy rain or severe weather, sweeping may be cancelled on a particular day, and would be rescheduled for the end of the regular schedule. All updates will be posted on <http://www.medfordma.org> as well as the City's social media feeds.

To be notified of specific dates of street sweeping in your neighborhood, residents are reminded to check that you are signed up, for the City's Reverse 911 call and email system. You can log in or sign up at <http://www.medfordma.org/alerts>, or email alerts@medford-ma.gov to check your status or to sign up. The City will send out one general call as well as specific calls for dates and times of each zone.

Parking Information

There is NO PARKING on the designated street while sweeping is taking place between 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM. Cars that remain parked on the streets designated for that day will be subject to enforcement, including ticketing and towing. Parking will be allowed on main roads from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. during the Big Sweep Street Sweeping schedule.

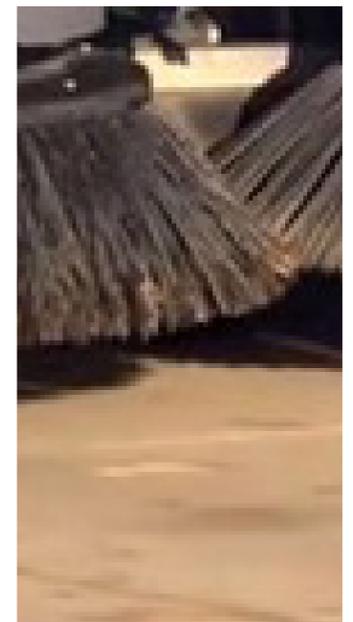
If you have questions about the street sweeping schedule, please contact the Department of Public works at 781-393-2417. After 4 p.m. and on weekends, if you have a pressing issue, please call 781-393-2402.

Street Schedule & Zones (please note that some zones appear out of order due to trash pickup schedules)

- Zone 1 – Tuesday, April 19th
- Zone 2 – Wednesday, April 20th
- Zone 3 – Thursday, April 21st
- Zone 4 – Friday, April 22nd
- Zone 5 – Thursday, April 28th
- Zone 6 – Monday, April 25th
- Zone 7 – Wednesday, April 27th
- Zone 8 – Tuesday, April 26th
- Zone 9 – Friday, April 29th

- Zone 10 – Monday, May 2nd
- Zone 11 – Tuesday, May 3rd
- Zone 12 – Thursday, May 5th
- Zone 13 – Wednesday, May 4th
- Zone 14 – Friday, May 6th

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PRESCRIPTION REBATE FOR SENIORS OVER 67

By Bob Katzen

The House 28-127, rejected an amendment making seniors, aged 67 or older, who are at or below 300 percent of the federal poverty guidelines, eligible for a prescription drug rebate on their total out-of-pocket expenses of up to \$2,500 for the 12 months from July 1, 2022 until June 30, 2023.

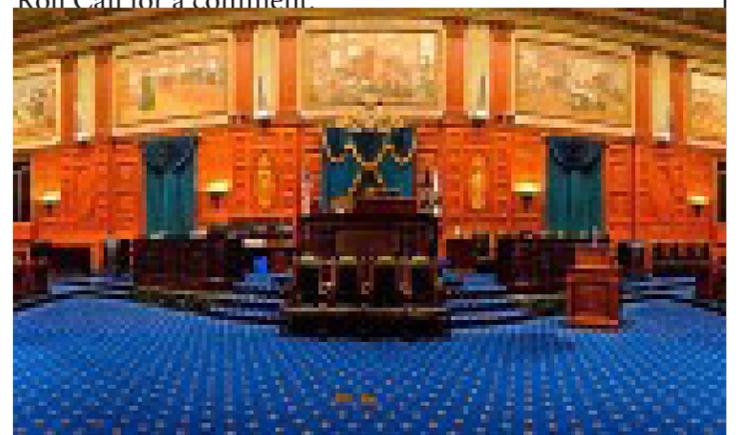
Amendment supporters said this rebate will help low-income seniors on fixed incomes. They noted some of these seniors currently have to choose between paying for prescription drugs, food and heating costs.

Amendment opponents said there are several bills being worked on that

would help seniors pay for their prescription drugs. They said this proposal should be filed as a separate bill in order to hold public hearings on the measure.

Reps. Nick Boldyga (R-Southwick), sponsor of the amendment and Tom Stanley (D-Waltham), the main opponent of the amendment did not

respond to repeated requests from Beacon Hill Roll Call for a comment.



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Issued: Wednesday May 4, 2022

The Project and the Sponsor
The Somerville Housing Authority (SHA) has received a planning grant award from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), to undertake a mixed-income redevelopment of Clarendon Housing Development, a state-aided family public housing development. The redevelopment will be carried out with the Preservation of Affordable Housing, Redgate, and Somerville Community Corporation, the SHA's designated Developers. The resulting mixed-income community will require the SHA to relocate approximately 75 families into apartments not owned by the SHA. The SHA is a public housing agency established by MGL c. 121B to provide housing to low-income residents in the City of Somerville. The SHA is not an agency of the City of Somerville; it owns and manages 1,415 Units throughout the City including family, elderly/disabled.

In addition, the SHA administers a large rental assistance program (Section 8, MRVP, & AHVP).
Scope of Services
The SHA seeks multiple owners of developments or single rental units, proximate to Somerville, Massachusetts 02145 with preference given to those apartments in Somerville, MA with available 1, 2-, & 3 - bedroom units that will be vacant Between May 2022 and October 2024, to enter into a master lease agreement (Attachment B) with the SHA for 18 months with a month-to-month extensions following the lease period. The Tenant shall have the right of first refusal to extend up to 30 months. The SHA will pay Fair Market Rent (FMR) as the applicable payment standards for the units. The SHA will be entering into an agreement with multiple owners, to sublease approximately 75 units, with an agreement signed for each unit occupied. The FMR payment standard by bedroom size is as follows.
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2-Bedroom units - FMR \$ 2,399
3-Bedroom units - FMR \$ 2,966
To receive a full RFP Package please send a request via email to Kevin Bumpus at KevinB@sha-web.org on or after May 4 th ,2022. All questions should be directed to Kevin Bumpus at 617-625-1152 Ext. 321.
Completed proposals should be emailed to KevinB@sha-web.org no later than 1:00 PM on Monday June 6 th ,2022. Proposals may also be mailed to The Somerville Housing Authority
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REDUCE GAMING TAX

By Bob Katzen

The Senate 4-35 rejected an amendment that would reduce from 20 percent to 10 percent the gaming excise tax for in-person betting and from 35 percent to 12.5 percent the tax for mobile bets and

daily fantasy sports.
“This amendment creates a much more practical accounting for taxes that reflects the market realities that are present in the sports wagering industry across the nation,” said amendment sponsor Sen.

Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester). “If you want to have a successful sports wagering business in the commonwealth then the tax rates in the bill have to be more realistic and practical.”
Senate Ways and Means chair Mike Rodrigues (D-

Westport) urged senators to defeat the amendment. “One of the missions of this particular bill was to provide the best benefit for the commonwealth’s citizens and taxpayers, not the best benefit for the on-line gaming operators that want to work here.”

(A Yes” note is for the reduction. A “No” vote is against it).

Sen. Patricia Jehlen No

MEDFORD TO FORM SOLID WASTE TASK FORCE

Group will make recommendations on new contract needs based on input from community
City urging those of all backgrounds interested in joining to fill out application

(MEDFORD)—The City of Medford is forming a task force to help coordinate and plan Medford’s priorities for the future of its waste management operations, Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn announced today. The City applied for and was awarded a Community Compact Grant from its current round for \$30,000 from the state to develop waste contracts that are fiscally, environmentally, and otherwise beneficial to the community.

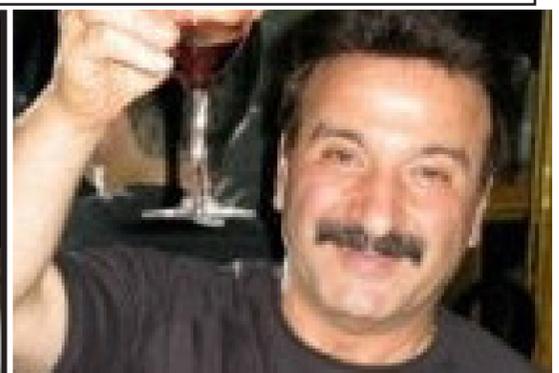
The Mayor, along with the Department of Public Works and the Department of Planning, Development and Sustainability staff have been

assessing the waste removal needs of the community and talking with residents and environmental advocates about where the City can best improve its operations. We are bringing together a taskforce to hear from a greater cross section of the community and to leverage the expertise that exists in our community in this field. Our current waste management contract expires in June 2023 and we want to

ensure that the scope of our procurement is developed with thought, care and input from the community. The taskforce’s work will be a community driven process that seeks input from diverse cross sections of the Medford community across geography, industry, and purpose.
“Our waste removal needs and priorities have changed greatly over the past several

years and we need a plan in place that will best serve our residents now and in the future,” Mayor Lungo-Koehn said. “In addition to receiving input from the community, the solid waste task force will offer their own expertise and insight in crafting a new set of guidelines and protocols for the City’s waste management that are efficient, equitable and sustainable.”

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THE ELIZABETH PEABODY HOUSE CELEBRATES 125 YEARS OF IMPACT

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125th Anniversary Soirée Concludes Year of Celebration

SOMERVILLE, Mass. April 27, 2021 – The Elizabeth Peabody House celebrated its 125th Anniversary Soirée on April 23, 2022, marking the conclusion of its 125th anniversary year. Some 125 supporters, staff members, families, and neighbors

celebrate this historic milestone at The Harvard Club of Boston, enjoying the music of Shore Jazz, hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, and a silent auction.

Speakers included Elizabeth Peabody House Interim Executive Director Sheri Graziano, board chair Kaitlin Gastrock, alumna and current teacher Jasmine Cooper, and a special video message from Somerville Mayor Katjana Ballantyne. The event raised more than \$15,000 for the Somerville nonprofit; all of the proceeds will support the organization's best-in-class programs and revitalize its historic building. Bridge Bank,

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The Elizabeth Peabody House was founded as a settlement house serving the Irish and Jewish immigrant community in Boston's West End in 1896. Offering arts, education, and health programming, the organization was named in honor of Elizabeth Palmer Peabody, a Kindergarten pioneer and noted intellectual. During the redevelopment of the

West End in the 1950s, Elizabeth Peabody House followed much of the community up the road to Somerville and has been a fixture in Winter Hill in the former Broadway Methodist Church building in the decades since. Today, as a modern nonprofit, The Elizabeth Peabody House supports families in Somerville and surrounding communities – including Boston, Cambridge, and Medford – in reaching their full potential through early childhood education, youth development, and family assistance.

About The Elizabeth Peabody House Celebrating its 125th an-

niversary, The Elizabeth Peabody House supports families in reaching their full potential through early childhood education, youth development, and family assistance. Founded in 1896, The Elizabeth Peabody House continues its tradition of impact today serving more than 100 students in its preschool, afterschool, and summer camp programs as well as more than 10,000 patrons in its food pantry in the past year. Learn more at teph.org and follow The Elizabeth Peabody House on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

SOMERVILLE/MEDFORD REMEMBERING HARRIETT A. (STANTON) MCLAUGHLIN

Harriett A. (Stanton) McLaughlin, of Somerville, passed away at home surrounded by her family on April 30, 2022, she was 94. Born in Boston, she was the daughter of the late Helen (Busby) and Robert Stanton.

Beloved wife of the late John B.

McLaughlin. Devoted mother of Nancy Maffei and her husband Joseph, of Windham, NH, Denise Ford and her husband Richard of Windham, NH, William McLaughlin and his husband Christien Polos of West Roxbury, Anne Marie Kelly and her

husband Michael of Medford and Maureen Connolly and her husband Brian of Somerville. Cherished "Mimi" of Megan, John and his wife Caroline, Lindsay, Kelly, Erin, Lauren, Charlotte, Andrew, Cameron, Owen, Jack, Grace and Ava, Great-Mimi of James.

Funeral Procession from the George L. Doherty Funeral Home, 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.) Somerville on Thursday morning at 9AM followed by a Funeral Mass celebrated in St. Raphael Church, Medford at 10AM. Relatives and friends invited to attend.

Calling Hours Wednesday 4PM-7PM. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations in Harriett's memory can be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, <http://www.stjude.org>



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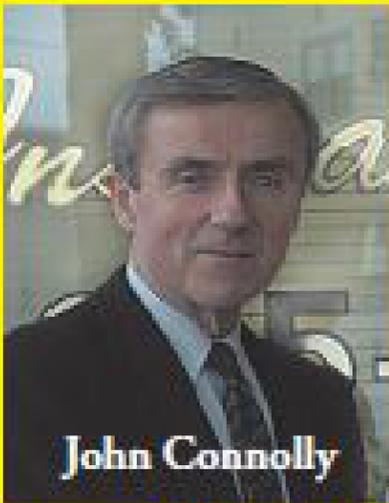
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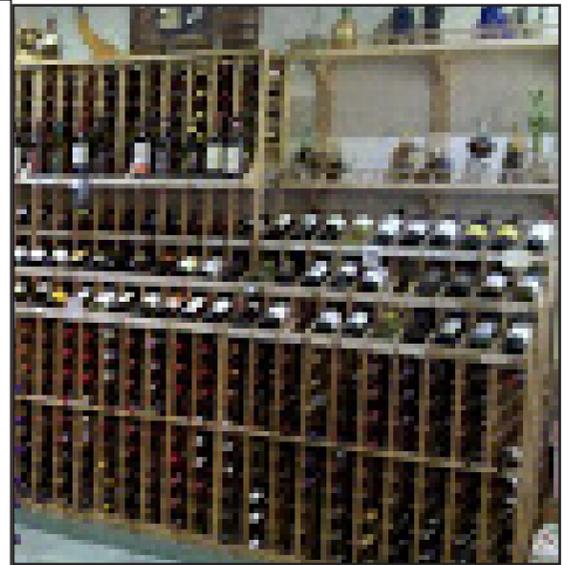


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