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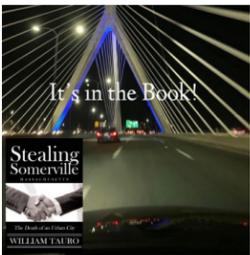
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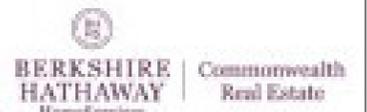
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SOMERVILLE/MEDFORD REMEMBERING RAY LEMMONS



Lemmons, Ray W. – Of Medford July 13, 2022. Former husband and friend of Michelle Lemmons. Loving father of Christopher Lemmons and his partner Nicole Smith of Stoneham, Shayla, Safiya and Jayson Lemmons all of Medford.

Beloved partner of Michelle Chaitman. Dear brother of Reggie Lemmons and his wife Stephanie of Austin, TX. Brother-In-Law of Theresa Sammon and her husband Brett Risser. Uncle of Ava, Evan and Ryan. Friend to many. A Funeral Home Memorial Service will be held

for Ray, in the George L. Doherty Funeral Home, 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.) Somerville, Thursday morning, July 21st at 11:00. Relatives and friends invited. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Ray's memory to the American Heart Associa-

tion, <https://www.heart.org/aha/donate>



SOMERVILLE/MEDFORD REMEMBERING DENISE DONAHUE FOSCAROTA



Denise M. Foscarota

April 22, 1966 - July 16, 2022

Denise Donahue Foscarota, born on April 22, 1966, passed peacefully at home with her family by her side on July 16, 2022 at the age of 56. Denise was truly loved by all who knew her. Cherished daughter of the late Philip C. and Sandra Donahue, Denise was the beloved wife of John Foscarota and loving mother to son, Richard Foscarota of Somerville, MA. She was a dear sister to Philip R. Donahue and wife Janice, Mark Donahue and wife

Maureen, and Keith Donahue and a special godmother to Renee Marzullo and Jessica Colleameno. She was a loving aunt to Renee Marzullo, Patrick, Connor, Julia, John, Paul, and Rachel Donahue, Kayla and John Foscarota, and Emily Hight. Denise will be deeply missed by the many aunts, uncles, cousins, in-laws and lifelong friends who all loved her dearly. Denise was kind and had a gift of brightening the

day of those she loved, always there to support her family in both good times and in bad. Throughout her life, Denise was a pivotal figure in the lives of both the younger and older generation in her family, always just a phone call away to babysit, provide advice, celebrate milestones, and help with anything you needed. Denise had a special bond with many aunts and uncles and spoke with them often. Some of her favorite

times were spent visiting with her Uncle Rick and Aunt Nancy in Florida. For Denise, her son, Richard, was the pride and joy of her life. From the day he was born, Denise was completely devoted to his health and happiness. Denise's most cherished memories all reflect wonderful times with Richard: bedtime stories, baking, first days of school, sports games, beach days, and time spent talking and sharing stories. Denise was so proud of Richard's accomplishments as a young adult, his Catholic education, National Honor Society induction, and maturity as he plans for future higher education. She will always be with him as he moves toward

his goals in life. There are no words to express how greatly Denise will be missed. Her family and friends take comfort in knowing she will forever live on in our memories and hearts. Funeral Services for Denise Donahue Foscarota will be private. Denise will be laid to rest at St. Paul Cemetery in Arlington, MA. A memorial mass will be held at a later date to honor Denise. In lieu of flowers, please donate to The American Cancer Society at <http://www.cancer.org>.



SALES TAX HOLIDAY ON AUGUST 13 AND 14

By Bob Katzen

The House and Senate set Saturday, August 13 and Sunday, August 14 as this year's Sales Tax Holiday. This will allow consumers to buy most products that cost under \$2,500 on those two days without

paying the state's 6.25 percent sales tax. This annual sales-tax-free weekend was made permanent in 2018 and gives the Legislature the authority to set the dates by June 15 each year. Supporters of the holiday

say it has been in effect for many years, would boost retail sales and noted that consumers would save millions of dollars. They argue that the state's sales tax revenue loss would be offset by increased revenue from the meals and gas tax revenue generated

by shoppers on those two days. Opponents of the bill say the state cannot afford the up to \$30 million estimated revenue loss and argued the holiday actually generates little additional revenue for

stores because consumers typically buy the products even without the tax-free days. They say that the Legislature should be looking at broader, deeper tax relief for individuals and businesses and not a tiny tax-free holiday.

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\$4.2 BILLION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PACKAGE AND TAX CUTS (H 5077)

By Bob Katzen

The House 154-0, approved and sent to the Senate a \$4.2 billion economic development package. The bill provides \$500 million one-time tax rebates to an estimated 2 million eligible people. A \$250 rebate would go, by September 30, to individual taxpayers and a \$500 rebate to married taxpayers. Eligibility will be determined by annual income reported in 2021, with the minimum income required to be \$38,000, and the maximum \$100,000 for individual filers and \$150,000 for joint filers.

Beginning in 2023, several permanent tax reductions would take effect including increasing the Child and Dependent Care Credit from \$180 per child to \$310 per child, as well as eliminating the current cap of \$360 for

two or more children; increasing the Earned Income Tax Credit from 30 percent to 40 percent of the federal credit; increasing the Senior Circuit Breaker Tax Credit from \$750 to \$1,755; increasing the rental deduction cap from \$3,000 to \$4,000; and increasing the estate tax threshold from \$1 million to \$2 million.

The measure would break new ground for the Massachusetts Lottery by allowing it to sell some of its products online. Some of the revenue collected from online sales will go to fund an Early Education and Care Fund.

Other provisions include \$80 million for community health centers; \$30 million to support rest homes; \$15 million for grants to reproductive rights providers for security, workforce and educational needs; \$175

million for state parks and recreational facilities upgrades, with \$25 million for communities of color; \$100 million for the Clean Water Trust Fund; \$125 million for small businesses, with \$75 million for minority-owned businesses; \$50 million for broadband investments in underserved communities; and \$75 million in grants to hotels across the state who saw financial losses during the pandemic.

“Today, the House passed much needed relief for the citizens of the commonwealth,” said Rep. Mark Cusack (D-Brain-tree), House Chair of the Committee on Revenue. The one-time stimulus program we adopted, along with the Essential Premium Pay Program from earlier this year, means that nearly three million residents will have received direct pay-

ments totaling nearly \$1 billion this year. We are also making permanent changes to our tax system that will provide over \$500 million in relief every year going forward.”

“As Massachusetts residents continue to face severe inflation and economic uncertainty, I’m proud of the action taken by the House today that will provide low and middle-class taxpayers with much needed financial relief,” said House Speaker Ron Mariano (D-Quincy). “Included in this legislation are several significant tax relief proposals, over \$2.5 billion worth of one-time industry targeted investments, economic relief rebates for qualifying taxpayers and a newly established source of revenue to fund the state’s early education and care system. These are vital forms of real, tangible economic relief.”

“This legislation will ensure Massachusetts continues its strong economic growth and puts us in solid footing to rebound from the pandemic,” said Rep. Jerry Parisella (D-Beverly), House Chair of the Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies. “Some highlights include providing a boost to our local theaters, giving our academic institutions the ability to lead the nation in fields like artificial intelligence, advanced manufacturing, cyber security and robotics. And also provide funding to create thousands of units of housing throughout the commonwealth.

(A “Yes” vote is for the bill).

Rep. Christine Barber Yes
Rep. Mike Connolly Yes
Rep. Erika Uytterhoeven Yes

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If you are interested, Dickie can answer questions about the best e-bike option for your lifestyle and

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SOMERVILLE HIRING POLLING PLACE WORKERS FOR 2022 ELECTION CYCLE



Learn more at an Info Session on July 28

The City of Somerville is hiring polling place workers for the upcoming 2022 election cycle. Hundreds of poll workers will be needed this year to conduct a successful election. Interested residents are encouraged to attend an information session on Thursday, July 28, to learn more.

General Duties
Poll workers are encouraged to commit to working both election days: Tuesday, September 6, and Tuesday, November 8. Each workday starts at 6:30 a.m. and ends after the polls close at 8 p.m., with a two-hour break. Poll workers serve in one of the following roles: The Warden is in charge of the precinct. They make sure everything is set up correctly, all regulations are followed, and all materials are returned to City Hall at the end of the day. The compensation is \$265 per day.

The Clerk maintains all records, ensures that all pertinent documents are

signed, and verifies that the votes of the precinct are accurately recorded. The Clerk is in charge in the absence of the Warden. The compensation is \$235 per day.

The Inspectors check off names as voters check in, assist at the voting machine, or staff the demonstration table. Inspectors also help set up and break down the precinct. The compensation is \$200 per day.

Information Sessions
The Elections Office is hosting two information sessions about becoming a poll worker on Thursday, July 28, at City Hall (93 Highland Avenue) in the City Council Chambers

on the second floor. The afternoon session is 2 to 3 p.m., and the evening session is 6 to 7 p.m. Register to attend at somervillema.gov/PollWorkerInfoSessions.

If you are interested in learning more but not able to attend an information session, please contact the Elections Office at 617-625-6600 ext. 4200.

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Police are looking to identify the pictured individual in relation to an incident that occurred in Davis Square on June 7th, 2022. Anyone with information should contact **Detective Alan Monaco** at 617-625-1600 Extension 7226, or text an **anonymous** tip to the confidential hotline at 617SPD (847411).



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To participate as an exhibitor, sign up online by Wednesday, August 3.

SOMERVILLE JUNCTION PARK EXPANSION & RENOVATION VIRTUAL MEETING, JULY 26



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

This project will combine the existing 0.6-acre park with an adjacent 0.8-acre City-owned lot that had been used for parking, creating valuable new green space in the city and a resting place along the Community Path. Potential new amenities may include seating and

plantings, water features, and adult fitness equipment. Support is provided in part by the Commonwealth's Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC) Grant Program and City of Somerville Community Preservation Act funds.

At this meeting, City staff and consultants will discuss the design process to date, continue to define the spaces and materials within the park, and seek public feedback. Construction is expected to begin after the MBTA Green Line and Community Path extensions are completed later this year.

The meeting will take place on Tuesday, July 26, at 6 p.m. Learn more and register to attend at somervillema.gov/junctionpark.

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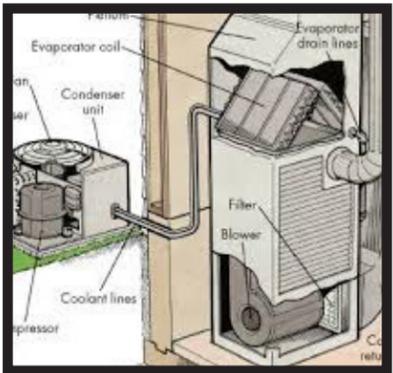
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Anyone with information regarding the murder of Deanna Cremin please call 617-544-7167

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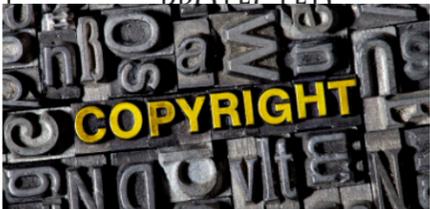
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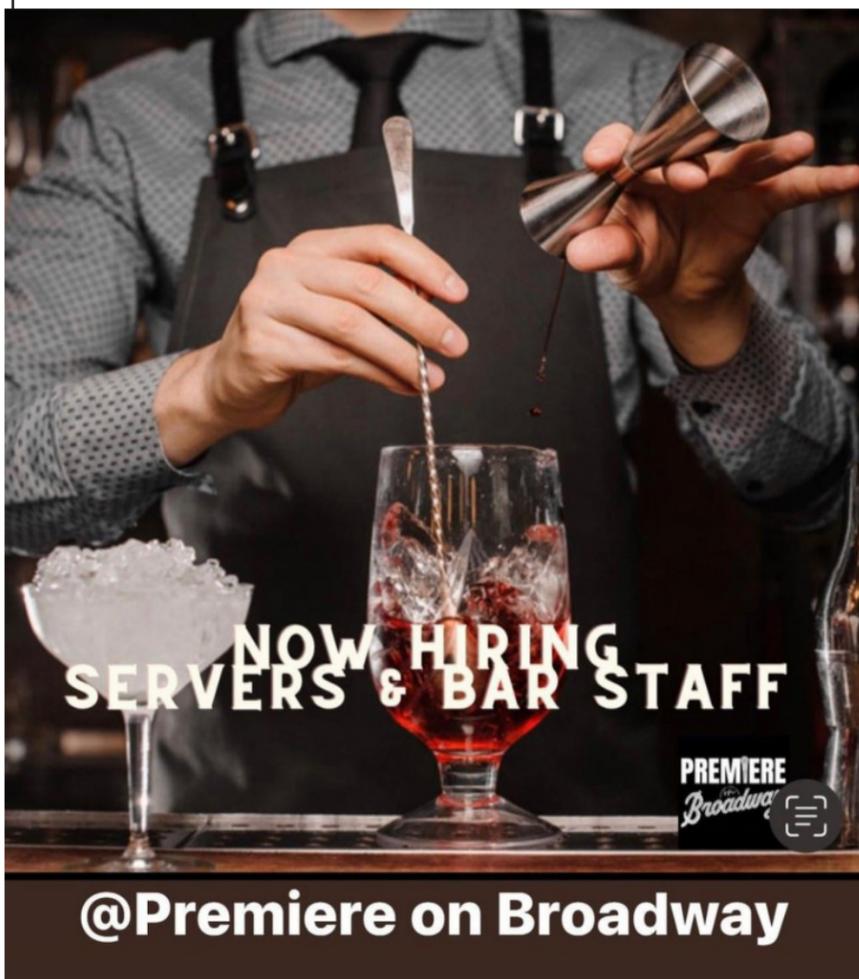
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ADOPT ANIMALS USED IN RESEARCH – “THE BEAGLE BILL”

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STATE DEP ISSUES NEW GUIDANCE ON ALERTING PUBLIC OF HAZARDOUS WATER QUALITY FOLLOWING RAINSTORM



Per State Regulations, City is Installing New Signage and Issuing Reverse 911

Notification to Warn Public of Hazardous Water Quality After Significant Rainstorm

(MEDFORD)—In accordance with new Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection regulations on combined sewer and sanitary sewer overflow notifications, the City of Medford will be

installing permanent signage at all public access points to the Mystic River informing the public of potentially hazardous water conditions following significant rainfall.

In the event of a storm, a warning will be issued by the City to avoid contact with the Mystic River for a period of 48 hours upon receiving

the alert. Storm water runoff has the potential to contain harmful bacteria and other hazardous materials following a substantial rainstorm. By having this water drain into the Mystic River, it creates unsafe conditions in the water for a two-day period and when such an event occurs, boating, swimming and fishing are prohibited

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SOMERVILLE MUNICIPAL SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE SEEKS ONE MEMBER



Open Positions: One Term: Three years The City of Somerville seeks one new member for the Municipal Scholarship Committee, and all Somerville residents are invited to apply. Applicants

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Applications are due Friday, August 5. Interested residents should submit a statement of interest to treasury@somervillema.gov or Treasury Department, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143. Please

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PROHIBIT REVOCATION OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSES IF A PERSON DEFAULTS ON A STUDENT LOAN

By Bob Katzen

The House gave initial approval to legislation that would repeal current state laws which created professional licensure consequences for anyone who defaults on their student loan. Under existing law, a borrower's

state-issued professional or occupational certificate, registration or license can be suspended, revoked or cancelled if the borrower is in default on an education loan.

“As a former seventh grade public school teacher and an education

attorney for more than a decade, I've come to expect Massachusetts to be identified as a pioneer in a promising practice or out in front on an education issue,” said sponsor Rep. Kate Lipper-Garabedian (D-Melrose). “So I was quite surprised to find that Massachusetts is one

of the only states that mandates the denial of professional licenses to student loan defaulters. This draconian approach prevents an individual from access to the profession for which he or she has trained and has the perverse result of furthering hindering their abil-

ity to earn a living and making it more difficult to make loan payments. And as families work to recover from the financial fallout of the pandemic, the last thing the state should do is deny them access to their professional pursuits because of student loan defaults.”

PROTECT PUPPIES AND KITTENS (S 2994)

By Bob Katzen

The Senate approved and sent to the House legislation designed to protect the health and safety of puppies and kittens in cities and towns by addressing inhumane practices relating to the transfer of pets.

Provisions include prohibiting the sale of puppies and kittens under eight weeks of

age; ending the sale of animals on roadsides, parking lots, flea markets or in other public spaces; and requiring the Department of Agricultural Resources to establish reasonable rules and regulations for the operation of breeding kennels and catteries producing pets for the public as well as boarding kennels and daycare facilities for dogs and cats.

“Separating puppies and kittens at a critical stage from their mother and litter before the end of their primary socialization developmental stage can result in significant behavioral problems, including separation anxiety and aggression,” said Senate sponsor Sen. Harriette Chandler (D-Worcester). “This bill has the potential to truly protect the wellbeing of puppies and kittens

in the commonwealth, who will otherwise suffer without clear, mandatory regulations on their purchase, storage and caretaking.”

“As the owner of a Labrador Retriever and a cat, and as a veteran who has observed the important work that animals do to assist the young and the old when we are in crisis and need, I know firsthand that our animal companions play

a central role in our lives—and promoting their wellbeing protects both pets and people,” said House sponsor Rep. Linda Dean Campbell. “By ensuring kennels meet safety standards and preventing the dangerous sale of pets that are too young, we will reduce the risk of aggressive behavior that can put dogs, cats and people at risk.”

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THIS WEEK'S QUOTABLE QUOTES ON BEACON HILL

Quotable Quotes



By Bob Katzen

“Taxpayers are experiencing the largest inflation spike in 41 years and our Statehouse leaders have a pile of money they could give back to help taxpayers with these high costs. Instead, they are choosing to hold onto the vast majority of the money and they even have the nerve to continue to push for

their graduated income tax surcharge amendment which will increase the state income tax by 80 percent on some high-income earners and small businesses.”
—Paul Craney, spokesman for the Mass Fiscal Alliance.

“This legislation is critically important because despite the well-known

hazards, Massachusetts law still permits schools and childcare centers to use toxic pesticides ... on playgrounds and playing fields. Shielding our communities and children from these damaging pesticides ought to be a public health priority.”
—From an open letter from several representatives and organizations to House Speaker Ron Mari-

ano, supporting a bill that would improve pesticide protections for Massachusetts schoolchildren.
“This train is leaving the station.”
—Sen. Jo Comerford (D-Northampton) during debate on railway service.

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REQUEST FOR DESIGN SERVICES (RFS)

The Somerville Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed proposals from registered Engineering firms to provide professional design and construction administration services to replace the Chiller System at our Capen Court development located in Somerville, MA 02144. The replacement will include evaluation and design of a new system sized for One Capen Court, a 95 unit elderly housing development. The Award is subject to DHCD requirements and guidelines. A briefing and site inspection is scheduled for 10:00 AM on Thursday, July 28 th , 2022, at the Capen Court elderly facility located at One Capen Ct, Somerville, MA 02144.

Response to this RFS must be submitted no later than 2:00PM Thursday , August 4 th ,2022. The RFS may be obtained after 11:00AM on Wednesday, July 20, by contacting BrianL@sha-web.org or by phone at 617-625-1152 Ext.330. Questions must be sent in writing to BrianL@sha-web.org no later than Monday, August 1st, 2022.

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\$10.9 BILLION TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE PACKAGE

By Bob Katzen

The Senate 39-0, approved a nearly \$11 billion transportation and infrastructure package that includes \$1.375 billion for Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) modernization; \$400 million for MBTA safety projects; \$275 million for the East-West rail project; \$1.27 billion for non-federally aided roads and bridges; and a provision that directs the MBTA and allows Regional Transit Authorities across the state to create a low-income fare program. The House has approved a different version of the package and a House-Senate conference committee will likely hammer out a compromise version.

Other provisions include \$225 million for emissions reduction

initiatives, including \$50 million to support access to electric vehicle charging infrastructure; \$114 million for airport improvements; \$25 million for municipal road pavement improvements; and \$407.7 million for local and regional transportation projects.

Of the more than 200 amendments filed by senators none came to a roll call vote. Many were simply approved or rejected one at a time on voice votes. To move things along even faster, the Senate also did its usual "bundling" of many amendments. Instead of acting on each amendment one at a time, dozens of the proposed amendments are bundled and put into two piles—one pile that will be approved and the other that will be rejected, without a roll call, on voice votes where it is impossible to tell which way a senator

votes.

Senate President Karen Spilka, or the senator who is filling in for her at the podium, orchestrates the approval and rejection of the bundled amendments with a simple: "All those in favor say 'aye,' those opposed say 'no.' The ayes have it and the amendments are approved." Or "All those in favor say 'aye,' those opposed say 'no.' The no's have it and the amendments are rejected." The outcome was predetermined earlier behind closed doors.

"This transportation bond bill provides Massachusetts with the key to unlock once-in-a-generation federal funding from the bipartisan infrastructure law," Sen. Brendan Crighton (D-Lynn), Senate Chair of the Committee on Transportation. "With these

combined state and federal investments, we will be able to complete vital work on our highways, roads, bridges and public transportation systems, improving mobility for all residents of the commonwealth."

"While repairs to our transportation infrastructure will be beneficial to many communities across the commonwealth, this bill goes much further than merely repairing but will instead actively transform our infrastructure to be more modern, environmentally sustainable and regionally equitable," said Senate President Karen Spilka (D-Ashland). "The support for electric vehicles, regional transportation authorities, low-income fares on public transit, expanded East-West connectivity and many other initiatives included in this bill will bring benefits to

residents, visitors and businesses throughout Massachusetts."

"Today's passage of this multi-pronged ... transportation infrastructure investment package builds on our longstanding commitment to ensure the commonwealth's transportation system is more equitable, reliable, safe and modern," said Sen. Mike Rodrigues (D-Westport), Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means. "Going far beyond just roads and bridges, the Senate's transportation bond bill will stimulate our economy, increase accessibility for our residents, support local businesses, create jobs, and boost economies in all corners of our commonwealth," said Rodrigues.

"CROWN ACT" – FORBID DISCRIMINATION AGAINST A PERSON WITH A NATURAL HAIRSTYLE

By Bob Katzen

The House and Senate approved a new version of a bill that would prohibit any person or entity including educational institutions workplaces and public spaces from implementing any policy that would explicitly target someone who wears their natural hairstyle.

The measure defines natural hairstyle as hair texture, hair type and protective hairstyles including braids, locks, twists and other formations. Only final Senate approval is needed prior to the measure going to Gov. Baker for his signature.

"Racial discrimination is unacceptable in all of its forms," said

bill sponsor Rep. Mike Day (D-Stoneham). "I was proud to join my House colleagues in unanimously advancing a bill which would ensure that Black students and workers won't be told that their hair is unprofessional or be forced to cut it in order to participate in activities or go to work. I hope that the governor will join the

Legislature in standing against discrimination by signing these protections into law."

"On the long march toward justice, and especially racial justice, the Legislature's passage of this legislation marks another step forward," said Sen. Jason Lewis (D-Winchester), Senate Chair of the Commit-

tee on Education. "We would not be at this point without the great courage and strength of Mya and Deanna Cook, who as 15-year-old students faced discrimination and abuse from their high school for their hairstyles, and bravely stood up for their rights and those of so many other black women."

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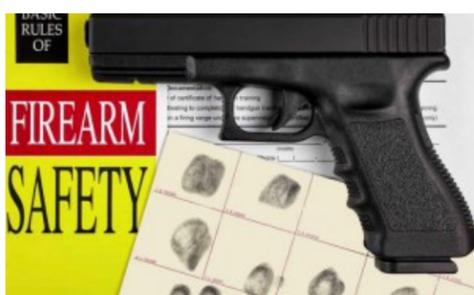
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SOMERVILLE – Mayor Katjana Ballantyne and the City of Somerville Housing Division are pleased to announce 11 income-restricted condominiums for sale to eligible, first-time homebuyer households through the City’s Inclusionary Housing Program. Six units are available to households making at or below 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI), and five are available to households making between 81% and 110% AMI.

About 60 Cross Street East: Nine income-restricted units are available at 60 Cross Condominiums, including two studios, four 1-bedroom units, two 2-bedroom units, and one 3-bedroom unit. This building is a new residential

development in East Somerville with 75 total units and a parking garage. The building is within walking distance of Winter Hill, Assembly Row, and Sullivan Square. All units come with a deeded parking space, which is included in the sales price. All residents will have access to a community park at the front of the building, a shared second-floor green space courtyard, and a community room with kitchen and lounge. Units feature oak laminate floors, quartz kitchen countertops, high ceilings, oversized windows, modern hanging lights over kitchen island, LG range and dishwasher, and LG ThinQ refrigerator. These units will be ready for occupancy upon closing, which is anticipated for Fall/Winter 2022.

About 109 Prospect Street: Two income-restricted 2-bedroom units are available at 109 Prospect Street Condominiums, a new residential development in the Union Square/Inman Square neighborhood with 15 total units and a parking garage. The building is within walking distance to the new Green Line station at Union Square. The affordable units include an exclusive use right to one designated parking space per unit, which is included in the sales price. All residents have access to a shared rooftop deck with greenery. Units feature wood laminate floors, high ceilings, central heat and AC, modern hanging lighting over kitchen island, Bosch appliances, and a private balcony. These units

will be ready for occupancy upon closing, which is anticipated for Fall/Winter 2022.

How to Apply: Multilingual applications and full eligibility requirements are now available at somervillema.gov/inclusionaryhousing. Applications must be submitted by Monday, August 1, at 2 p.m. Completed applications can be emailed to inclusionary@somervillema.gov, mailed or hand-delivered to the Inclusionary Housing Program (Housing Division) at 50 Evergreen Avenue, Somerville, MA 02145 (must be received by this date, not postmarked), or faxed to the Inclusionary Housing Program at 617-591-3235.

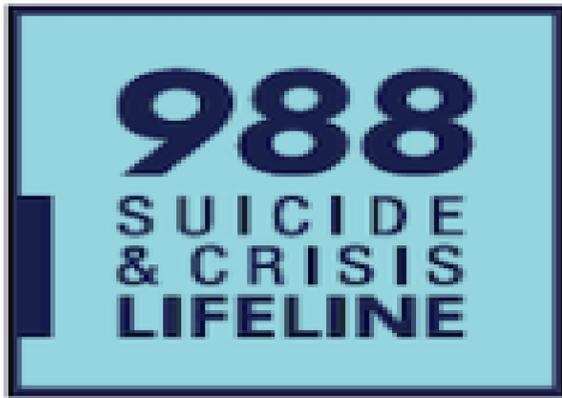
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REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE

By Bob Katzen

The Senate 40-0, approved a bill designed to further protect reproductive health care and those who perform abortions in the Bay State. The measure specifically declares that both reproductive health care and gender-affirming care are rights secured by the constitution or laws of Massachusetts and would shield providers of reproductive and gender-affirming care and their patients from out-of-state legal action.

Other provisions include preventing the state's cooperation with anti-abortion and anti-gender-affirming care laws in other states; mandating health insurance coverage for abortion and abortion-related care with no cost-sharing;

ensuring access to emergency contraception; and providing confidentiality to providers of reproductive and gender-affirming care.

“Passing this legislation is a monumental step forward in Massachusetts, as we are seeing increasingly more anti-abortion and anti-gender-affirming care legislation rise across the country,” said Sen. Cindy Friedman (D-Arlington), Senate Chair of the Committee on Health Care Financing and the sponsor of the bill. “We must do everything to protect the rights of our providers, patients and visitors to the commonwealth. As we further realize the impact of the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision ... we will continue to fight these attacks on reproductive and

gender-affirming care with meaningful action.”

“A fundamental teaching of the Catholic faith is that an unborn child is a human person with the inalienable right to life and this life must be protected from conception to birth,” said a statement from the Massachusetts Catholic Conference. “It is in this light that the Catholic Bishops of Massachusetts have always strongly opposed abortion and all legislative efforts to expand the practice.”

“We cannot let other states threaten Massachusetts’ pregnant and transgender people, or the providers who take care of them,” said Senate President Karen Spilka (D-Ashland). “Massachusetts will not waiver in protecting our

residents’ rights. The Legislature prepared for the end of Roe v. Wade by passing the ROE Act in 2020, which ensured the continuation of reproductive healthcare services when we could no longer count on the federal government. Now, we must prepare our commonwealth for the potential further erosion of our rights and protections at the federal level.”

“The Legislature’s myopic pursuit of abortion and gender identity extremism is out of sync with the voters of Massachusetts, and seeks to undermine pro-life, pro-parental rights laws across the country,” said the president of the Massachusetts Family Institute Andrew Beckwith. “This bill also specifically grants Planned

Parenthood the power to effectively re-write our commonwealth’s abortion laws through the regulatory process. When you combine that with the \$15 million giveaway to abortion activists in the proposed state budget, it is clear what this is really about: our elected officials handing over power and money to their political allies in the abortion industry.”

(A “Yes” vote is for the bill).

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

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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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SOMERVILLE ENTERS NEW FISCAL YEAR WITH HISTORIC INVESTMENTS PLANNED FOR YOUTH, AFFORDABLE HOUSING, SUSTAINABILITY, & MORE

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\$293 million FY23 budget delivers on urgent needs and lays foundation for longer-term progress across all departments

Major investments include largest increase in history for Somerville Public Schools, nearly \$8.3 million for affordable housing, and \$1 million for participatory budgeting

SOMERVILLE – The City of Somerville is entering the new fiscal year with an ambitious slate of funding priorities for the next 12 months and beyond. In late June, the Somerville City Council passed a \$293 million Fiscal Year 2023 budget, delivering on Mayor Katjana Ballantyne’s historic investment in Somerville Public Schools and transformative programs supporting youth, affordable housing, climate resilience, and quality of life improvements. The budget also seeks to improve City systems and services that undergird all municipal operations, laying a foundation for a more inclusive, accessible government and stronger, more equitable Somerville.

“This budget charts a course not just for the year ahead, but for long-term progress to improve the lives of all Somerville residents,” said Mayor Ballantyne. “We are putting our equity goals into practice, as reflected in our funding priorities and in our collaborative approach to budgeting this year and in the future. I’m grateful to my colleagues on the City Council for their partnership on this budget, their thoughtful questions, and their due diligence on behalf of our community. I’m excited to get this work started.”

Historic Investment in Schools & Youth
The hallmark of this year’s budget is a record-high 10 percent increase in funding for public schools, students, and Somerville youth. The City will invest an additional \$8.4 million in the Somerville Public Schools budget to ensure that all

students, particularly low-income students, students of color, and students with disabilities, have access to a high-quality and well-rounded education. Funds will go toward urgent mental health and social-emotional wellness resources, special education, and pay equity for paraprofessionals. In addition, the City will invest \$850,000 to make critical improvements to school buildings, including the Brown School and Winter Hill School. The FY23 budget also nearly doubles funding for the Mayor’s Summer Jobs Program and creates a new Director of Youth Services position to oversee youth-focused policies and services across all departments.

\$8.3 Million for Affordable Housing
Another cornerstone of this budget is affordable housing. Nearly \$8.3 million from the Green Line Extension (GLX) Stabilization Fund, no longer needed for GLX, has been reallocated to the Somerville Affordable Housing Trust Fund for affordable housing acquisition. Typically, funds are committed by the Trust after properties have been purchased and development plans are underway, but this investment will enable affordable housing partners to buy land or buildings quickly in the fast-moving Somerville market, then hold them while working to execute new affordable housing development on these sites.

First Ever Investment in Participatory Budgeting
For the first time in Somerville, a historic \$1 million has been dedicated for participatory budgeting. This investment will allow community members to propose and vote on priority projects for funding in future budgets. Residents and community-based organizations will have the opportunity to have their voices heard in a new way as part of the City’s municipal budget process. The bulk will be directly allocated by Somerville residents,

with a small amount going toward setting up and administering the program.

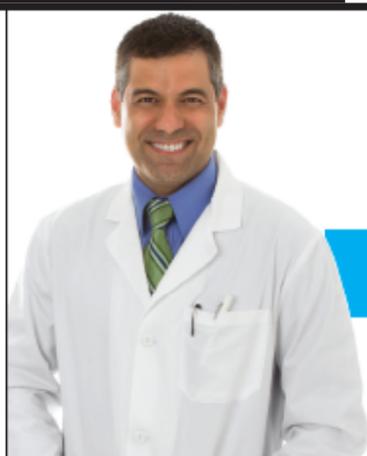
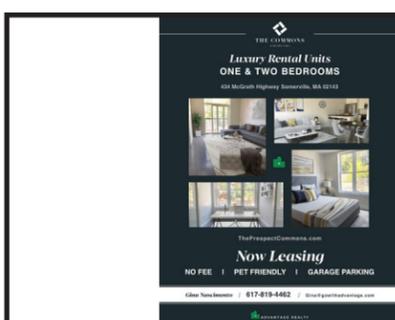
Other major investments include:

- A Clean, Green Somerville**
A total of \$1.25 million to expand and maintain Somerville’s tree canopy
- An infusion of \$300,000 to promote energy efficiency in City buildings
- \$100,000 for the creation of an Urban Pollinator Action Plan to support Somerville-specific pollinators and wildlife
- \$75,000 for the development of a Zero Waste Program to integrate conventional aspects of solid waste management with other initiatives, including composting
- A Program Manager to administer the new Clean Green Energy Efficiency Rehab Program, which will assist eligible property owners in making comprehensive energy-saving improvements to their properties
- A Sustainability Planner, who will review new and renovated development under state and local codes
- An Ecosystem Restorative Planner, who will ensure that open spaces generated by private development contribute to citywide ecosystem goals
- Improved City Systems & Services
- A new Chief Administrative Officer, who will oversee day-to-day City operations, work to ensure efficient, high-quality services, and free up staff to focus on their core duties
- A new Web Services Division to improve the content, functionality, and accessibility of the City’s website, one of the most-used public resources
- Two IT Support Specialists to strengthen underlying systems and better meet the daily needs of residents
- Two new Human Resources staff to support efficient, effective recruitment and implement modern HR software
- A Small Business Liaison to sup-

- port small businesses as they apply for permits
- Software upgrades for Planning & Zoning to show zoning regulations on a parcel-by-parcel basis
- Equity at the Core
- Two new roles in the Office of Housing Stability to help residents facing housing insecurity navigate and obtain resources to help them stay in their homes
- A Racial and Social Justice Investigator, who will investigate concerns related to hate, bias, discrimination, and other injustices such as wage theft or intimidation
- A full-time LGBTQ+ Coordinator role, expanded from its current part-time status, due in part to data showing the COVID-19 pandemic’s pronounced impact on members of Somerville’s LGBTQ+ community
- A Spanish-Speaking Case Manager, who will connect Spanish-speaking residents and business owners with City resources
- Expanded translation and interpretation services while the Somer-Viva Office of Immigrant Affairs develops a comprehensive five-year Language Access Plan
- Funding for a strategic plan for the Somerville Commission on Women
- An Accessibility Study for 1 Franey Road, which houses DPW and other departments, and continues to be an accessibility challenge
- As the City continues its journey and community engagement around reimagining public safety, the Mayor’s Office will return to the City Council with proposals and requests for additional funds.
- Public Health & Wellbeing
- New public health positions to continue to fight COVID-19 and plan for the pandemic’s long-term impacts
- An expanded Emergency Management department for emergency response and preparation
- A Manager of Mental Health Services to augment and support frontline mental health staff
- An additional \$500,000 earmarked for a supervised consumption site as the City awaits the results

- of a community engaged process and continues to plan and engage stakeholders
- A SomerBaby Home Visitor, who will connect families with new babies to key City services to support their children from Day One
- A Veterans Benefits Administrator, who will help veterans access financial benefits, mental health supports, housing resources, and education and job opportunities
- Livability & Connected Communities
- \$1.8 million in stabilization funds for street reconstruction and traffic safety intervention to advance the City’s Vision Zero Action Plan
- More than \$400,000 for a mobility infrastructure maintenance crew to maintain community paths, quick-build bike infrastructure, neighborways, and permanent separated bike facilities
- Continued funding to install protected bicycle facilities, accessible sidewalks, raised crosswalks, speed humps, refuge islands, and curb extensions on College Avenue, Holland Street, Pearl Street, Cross Street, Temple Street, Franklin Street, and other key locations across the city
- Expansion of the SMART System rodent control program
- An Arts Space Planner within the Arts Council to strategically preserve existing arts spaces and generate new arts and cultural spaces across the city
- Three Inspectional Services positions, including a liaison to guide residents and businesses through the permitting process, an operations manager, and an electrical inspector
- Continued funding to advance infrastructure improvement projects to reduce flooding, mitigate combined sewer overflows, and improve water quality
- Enhancement of educational, social, and daily living programs to meet the needs of Somerville’s older adult population
- To learn more about the budget and plans for the year ahead, go to somervillema.gov/fy23budget.

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APPLY TO SERVE ON SOMERVILLE'S ARPA ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Open Positions: 15

Term: August 17 through September 14, 2022

Mayor Katjana Ballantyne is building an ARPA Advisory Committee, and all Somerville residents are invited to apply. The ARPA Advisory Committee will be a diverse group of 15 constituents who will

work with Mayor Ballantyne to co-create broad funding guidelines for Somerville's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) program. These guidelines will be used by: ARPA staff, to solicit and judge applications; the public, to have a transparent view of how this once-in-a-generation funding source will be spent in their community; and project applicants, to understand the City's priorities for project funding.

The ARPA Advisory Committee will:

1. Review the findings of the ARPA community engagement process
2. Create a statement of community values for all ARPA projects to adhere to
3. Establish the Mayor's ARPA Funding Priorities, which will provide broad guidelines for how the City will allocate ARPA funds

between different eligible uses
4. Provide feedback on the ARPA funding criteria / request for proposals

The ARPA Advisory Committee will not review any ARPA funding applications, and its members may not submit any ARPA funding applications during their time on the Advisory Committee.

The Mayor seeks committee members from a broad range of life experiences, including but not limited to the following demographic groups: renters, low-income residents, residents of color, immigrants, speakers of languages other than English, members of the LGBTQ+ community, youth, seniors, Somerville Public Schools parents, business owners, local workers, artists, nonprofit organization staff, and a Somerville City

Council President appointee.

The Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet on Wednesdays, August 17 through September 14, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. This is a volunteer position. Advisory Committee members will be confirmed by the Mayor.

Applications are due Friday, July 29. To apply, please submit a statement of interest and complete a brief questionnaire online at somervillema.gov/arpa. To request a printed copy of the application, contact Erica Satin-Hernandez, ARPA Specialist, via email at es-hernandez@somervillema.gov, by phone at 617-729-5042, or by mail at Erica Satin-Hernandez, ARPA Office, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville MA, 02143.

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GET YOUR FRESH FRUITS & VEGGIES AT THE SOMERVILLE MOBILE FARMERS MARKET

Illustrated fruits and veggies on the Mobile Farmers Market logo
The Somerville Mobile Farmers Market is now open for the season, selling fresh, local produce through October 15. This week, pick up a colorful array of veggies including yellow squash, green beans, kale, onions, carrots, and much more.

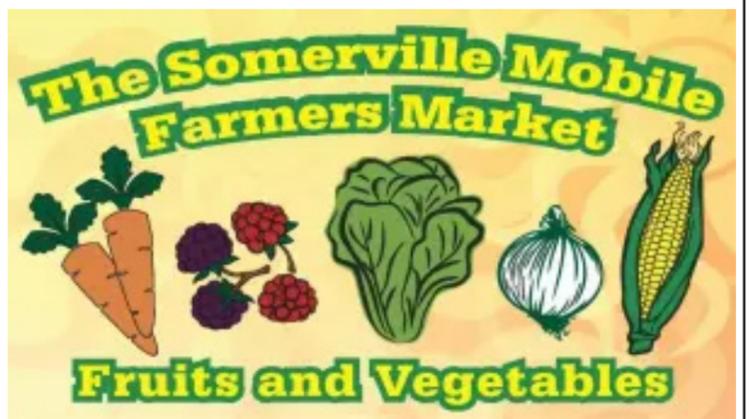
The market accepts cash, debit,

credit, SNAP, WIC Farmers Market Coupons, and Senior Farmers Market Coupons, and it offers an unlimited 50% discount for anyone who needs it. All are welcome. Find the Mobile Farmers Market at the following locations:

Fridays
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.: Council on Aging / SCALE (167 Holland St.)

2:30-4:30 p.m.: East Somerville Community School (50 Cross St.)

Saturdays
10-11:30 a.m.: North Street Housing (24 North St.)
1:30-3 p.m.: Mystic Housing (between 15B and 25B Memorial Rd., at the playground)



DAVIS STATION ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS – JULY 18



The Somerville Council on Aging is hosting a meeting with the MBTA about accessibility and amenity upgrades at Davis station. The MBTA plans to install a new elevator at the Holland St. entrance and replace the elevator at the College Ave. entrance, among other updates. The

project team will give a presentation, then attendees can ask questions and share feedback.

This meeting is Monday, July 18, at 11 a.m. at the Holland St. Center (167 Holland St.).

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FIREARM RECOVERED FROM SOMERVILLE SHOOTING INCIDENT

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On Wednesday, July 13, 2022, the Somerville Police and Cambridge Police Department, working collaboratively, served two search warrants at the homes of Ibrahim Barry, 18, Cambridge, and Craig Smith, 20, Cambridge, in furtherance of an investigation of a Somerville shooting incident that occurred on February 20, 2022 at 500 Mystic Avenue in Somerville.

Barry was arrested pursuant to a warrant issued by

the Somerville District Court for armed assault with intent to murder, discharging a firearm within 500 feet of a dwelling, carrying a loaded firearm without a license, and assault and battery by means of a firearm. Smith was arrested and charged with possession of a firearm without a license, possession of a large capacity feeding device, failure to properly store a firearm and possession of ammunition. An illegal loaded Glock, 40 caliber handgun

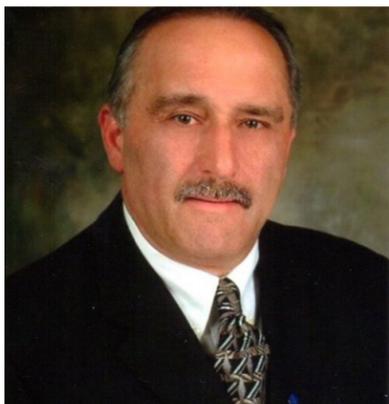
was recovered from his home. Somerville Police Chief Charles Femino and Cambridge Police Commissioner Christine Elow are very pleased with the results of this collaborative effort. Gun violence, particularly violence involving youth in our two communities, has been an ongoing concern and priority for both agencies and we remain deeply committed to aggressively investigating and mitigating such harmful activity.

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<https://somerwilped.com/public-safety-news/426-press-release-firearm-recovered-june-13-2022>

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POACHING

By Bob Katzen

The Senate approved and sent to the House a bill that would regulate poaching—the illegal hunting that harms or kills wildlife including fish, birds, mammals and endangered or threatened species. Other provisions elevate the fines

and penalties for poaching; align Massachusetts poaching regulations with other states; and bring Massachusetts into the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact, which helps states to work together to prevent illegal hunting across state lines.

“It has been nearly a century since many of the commonwealth’s anti-poaching laws were last updated,” said sponsor Sen. Michael Moore (D-Millbury). “The absence of action on anti-poaching laws has resulted in outdated penalties that result in no more than a slap on

the wrist for offenders. This legislation finally brings our laws, fines and penalties in line with other states. It also brings Massachusetts into the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact, a nationwide law enforcement network that allows our wildlife protection agencies to share information

about poachers with other states. With the passage of this legislation, Massachusetts is making it clear that we will no longer be a safe haven for those who wish to do harm to our wildlife, marine life and ecosystems.”

MEDFORD-CITY IS ASKING FOR COMMUNITY FEEDBACK ON HOW TO SPEND COVID-19 FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDS

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American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding Can Be Used to Address Systemic Public Health and Economic Challenges

(MEDFORD)—The City will be distributing surveys to engage and solicit feedback from the public on where to invest federal COVID-19 response

funding as part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn announced.

Medford is receiving over \$48 million in APRA funds, distributed in installments until 2025, and after allocating a percentage to existing fiscal needs such as revenue replacement (over \$19 million), some of the over \$20 million remaining will be invested directly into community projects, programs and initiatives.

Surveys will be available to public in multiple

languages to help City staff determine where this money will have the most impact. Hard copies will be available at:

- Medford Public Library
- Medford High School
- Council on Aging
- Medford Housing Authority
- West Medford Community Center

Digital versions of the survey can be found on the City’s website at medfordma.org/arpa, or by clicking the links below in the following languages:

- English
- Kreyòl ayisyen
- Português
- Español

If you’d like to volunteer to help the City distribute these surveys at various points throughout the community, please send an e-mail to dtejera@medford-ma.gov

About the American Rescue Plan Act
On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. This fund is administered by the US Department of

the Treasury. The ARPA provides an estimated \$1.9 trillion in stimulus to aid in the COVID-19 pandemic. Within the ARPA, the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund provides \$350 billion for states, municipalities, counties, tribes, and territories, including \$130 billion for local governments split evenly between municipalities and counties.



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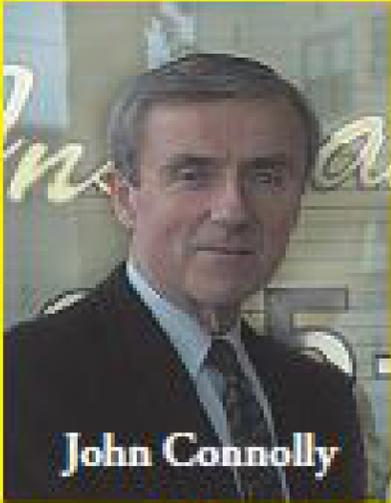
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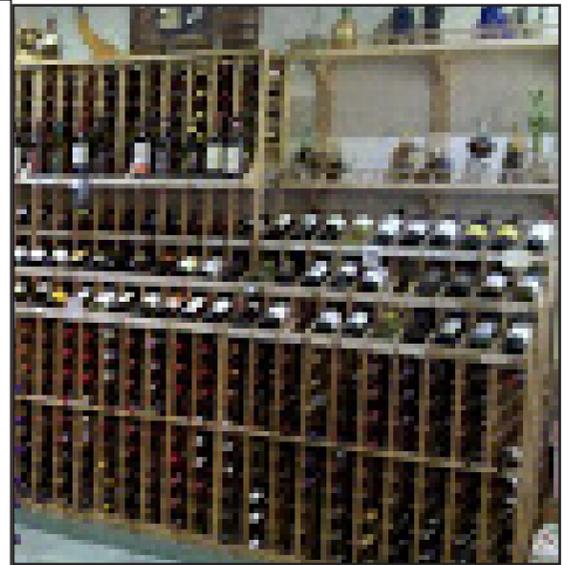


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