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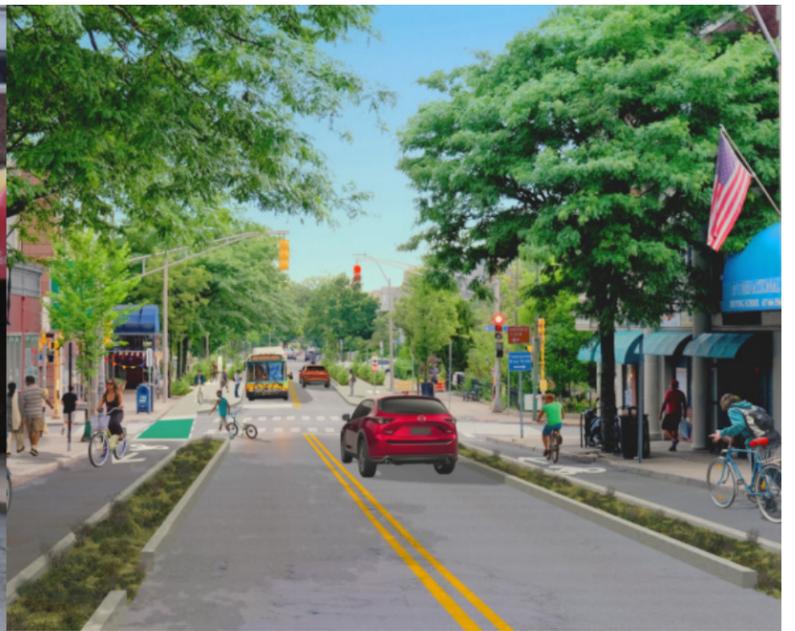
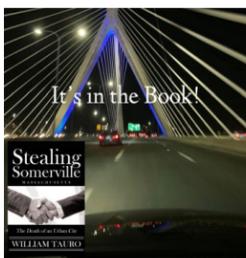
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### RIGHT TO DIE/ASSISTED SUICIDE/END OF LIFE OPTIONS (S 1331)

By Bob Katzen

This bill, known by many names, would give a terminally ill, mentally capable adult with a prognosis of six months or less to live the option to request, obtain and ingest medication—to die in their sleep if their suffering becomes

unbearable. It is currently before the Judiciary Committee.

Supporters say the bill is modeled after the Oregon Death with Dignity Act, which has been in practice for 25 years without a single instance of abuse or coercion. They note

the bill includes several core safeguards including requiring the terminal illness and six-month prognosis to be confirmed by two doctors; requiring the attending physician to inform the individual about all of their end-of-life care options, including hospice and pain or symp-

tom management; and allowing the terminally ill person to withdraw their request for medication, not take the medication once they have it or otherwise change their mind at any point.

Sponsor Sen. Jo Comerford (D-Northampton)

said she is working side-by-side with her co-sponsors and other supporters to get this bill through the Legislature this session. "Individuals with terminal diagnoses should have access to safe options," said Comerford.

### BAN DOXING (S 1116)

By Bob Katzen

Legislation before the Judiciary Committee would ban doxing which is the knowing release of private personal identifying information of

a person, without their consent, with the intent to intimidate, harass or cause stalking, physical harm or serious property damage. Currently there is no state law that makes doxing a crime.

"Doxing is a hateful act that goes far beyond violating one's privacy," said sponsor Sen. Becca Rausch (D-Needham). "It is used to intimidate, harass and jeopardize

one's safety. Online harassment has real-life implications and can no longer be tolerated. We need legislation to address this continual trend of online doxing and harassment, and protect citizens from

experiencing such egregious behavior within the commonwealth."

### SOMERVILLE/MEDFORD REMEMBERING BERNICE M. O'LOUGHLIN



BERNICE'S OBITUARY:

O'Loughlin, Bernice M. (O'Keefe) Of Reading, formerly of Somerville, March 18, 2023.

Born and raised in Somerville to the late James and Dorothy (Knox) O'Keefe. Benice loved bingo and never passed up an opportunity to Vegas or Atlantic City with her friend Kay. She also enjoyed traveling. She loved to spend time with her family, especially with her grandchildren. Bernice loved to go to the beach and enjoyed driving with her beloved hus-

band to Sailsbury beach or even the long 2 and 1/2-day drive to Florida. She would eventually overcome her fear of flying and would love to travel to California to visit "Auntie Franny". One of her favorite times was her Saturday afternoons spent at the kitchen table with her closest and dearest friend, Mary. Beloved wife of the late George E. O'Loughlin. Devoted mother of Donna M. Wilkinson and her husband Rodney of Tewksbury, and Linda M. O'Loughlin and her fiance Leo Scanlon of

Andover. Cherished grandmother of Scott Wilkinson and his wife Kristen, Bryan Wilkinson, and Michele Anderson and her husband Paul. Loving great grandmother of Emelyn, Riley and Audrey. Also survived by her two best friends Mary O'Donnell and Barbara Jordan. many loving nieces and nephews. A funeral mass will be celebrated on Friday, March 24th at St. Williams Church, 1351 Main St. Tewksbury, at 10:00AM. Please meet directly at church.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend. Calling hours will be held in the George L. Doherty Funeral Home 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.) Somerville on Thursday, March 23 from 4:00PM to 7:00PM. Services will conclude with interment at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden.

### SOMERVILLE/MEDFORD REMEMBERING LILLIAN D. DAMICO



LILLIAN'S OBITUARY:

Damico, Lillian D. (Venuti)- Of Somerville, passed away surrounded by her loving family on March 17, 2023. She was 86 years old.

Born in Belmont to the late Leo and Nellie (Tudaro) Venuti. Lillian was a woman of great and dignity. She was known to always have the best advice and was known to be the "glue" to the family. Family was everything to Lillian, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Seeing her grandchildren always brought a smile to her face. Besides her love for her family, she had a deep passion for cooking. No one could

compete with her meat ball and gravy recipe. On her down time, she enjoyed puzzles and making ceramics. Lillian was more than just a mom, she was a role model to all.

She was the beloved wife of 61 years to Augustine A. Damico. Devoted mother to David Damico and his wife Laurie of Georgetown and Christine Hoag and her husband Kevin of Reading. Cherished grand-

mother of David Damico and his wife Courtney, Christopher Damico and his wife Taylor and Danielle Damico, Garrett, Grace and Jessica Hoag. The loving great-grandmother of Lilly and Michael. She is also survived by many loving niece and nephews.

A Funeral mass will be celebrated on Saturday, March 25th at St. Raphael Church, 512 High St., Medford at 11:00Am.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend.

Calling hours will be held Saturday morning at the George L. Doherty Funeral Home 855 Broadway(Powder House Sq.) from 10:00AM to 11:00AM.

Services will conclude with Lillian being laid to rest with her beloved husband at Puritan Lawn Cemetery, Peabody.

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## SOMERVILLE BUDGET PLAN COULD START HIGHLAND AVE. PROTECTED BIKE LANE PROJECT IN 2024



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**Somerville Budget Plan Could Start Highland Ave. Protected Bike Lane Project in 2024**



tion of Highland Avenue, which will include extensive pedestrian safety and accessibility improvements, in addition to protected bike lanes in both directions, following the anticipated completion of sewer separation work in 2024,” a spokesperson from Somerville Mayor Ballantyne’s office told Streetsblog on Thursday.

Much of Highland Avenue between Central Street and Medford Street has been torn up this winter while the city installs new water and sewer pipes as part of the city’s Spring Hill Sewer Separation Project.

For several years now, street safety advocates have viewed that project – which will also construct numerous new traffic-calming features like rain gardens and improved crosswalks on the neighborhood streets immediately south of Highland – as an opportunity to re-imagine how Highland Avenue will be rebuilt when it’s time to re-build the street’s surface, sometime in late 2024 or early 2025.

Before the sewer construction project, Highland Avenue was 40 feet wide from curb to curb, with almost half of its space dedicated to two lanes of curbside parking, while moving traffic squeezed into two travel lanes in the middle.

In a guest column published on StreetsblogMASS in 2020, Arah Schuur and George Schneeloch of Somerville

Bike Safety argued that a reconstructed Highland Avenue should reflect the city’s climate goals by swapping out its on-street parking for new protected bike lanes and improved bus stops:

Reimagined design for Highland Avenue with protected bike lanes A reimagined design for Highland Avenue would prioritize moving people safely and easily along its length. Rendering courtesy of Street Plans. Two years ago, in February 2021, the Somerville City Council unanimously passed an order to direct city staff to pursue a new design for Highland Avenue that would include protected bike lanes after the sewer project is completed.

The city hosted a virtual public meeting in November 2021 to discuss general conditions on Highland Avenue and collect feedback, but since then, there appear to have been no further public meetings about possible new roadway designs.

Ward Three City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen, who represents the Spring Hill neighborhood and sponsored the 2021 City Council order for protected bike lanes, told StreetsblogMASS on Thursday that he’s had close calls with reckless drivers while biking along Highland Avenue with his young children, and that he’s grateful Mayor Ballantyne included funding in her budget proposal to get the

project back on track.

Ewen-Campen also pointed out that Highland Avenue is identified as one of the top priorities for safer bike infrastructure in the implementation chapter of the city’s new Bike Network Plan.

“My understanding is that this dedicated funding in the (capital investment plan) will only cover the eastern portion of Highland Avenue after the sewer project is done, but I’m hopeful we can also get a quick-build project done on the western portion,” he said.

Mayor Ballantyne’s capital budget proposal also includes funding to build a new traffic-calming intersection design for Clarendon Hill at Alewife Brook Parkway, and to begin a major safety-focused street and sidewalk reconstruction project for Broadway between Alewife Brook Parkway and Ball Square.

Find out more about the proposed capital spending plan on the City of Somerville’s new capital budget website.

Somerville Budget Plan Could Start Highland Ave. Protected Bike Lane Project in 2024 – StreetsblogMASS

By William Tauro

Say goodbye to businesses and parking on both sides of Highland Avenue! Broadway is next! Absolutely no consideration was given for the businesses that have been here for years, the elderly who depend on automobiles daily and the people who depend on automobiles to get to and from work and to do their daily activities in and around the city and beyond! The road should be shared by all! Let’s bring common sense back to Somerville before it’s totally gone!

Could Start Highland Ave. Protected Bike Lane Project in 2024

By Christian MilNeil  
Mar 9, 2023

Highland Avenue near Central St. in 2020.  
Highland Avenue near Central St. in 2020.  
On Thursday night, City of Somerville officials presented a new capital budget for the upcoming year that would include a major line-item to rebuild the eastern portion of Highland Avenue, a major east-west bike route, with “protected bike lanes in both directions.”

The City of Somerville’s Capital Investment Plan (CIP) “commits to the streetscape reconstruct-

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## REAL LIFE SOMERVILLE POLICE STORIES: (OUI LIQUOR)ARREST

On Thursday, March 16th, 2023 at 10:48 PM, Somerville Police Control received a call regarding a Motor Vehicle accident with injuries in front of Los Paisanos Restaurant, located at 62 Broadway, a public way located in Somerville as defined by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

I, Officer Barton assigned to marked unit East 3 was dispatched to that location, due to marked units East 1 and 4 being tied up at that time. While en route, Somerville Police Control informed me that the parties involved in the crash started becoming aggressive and hostile towards one another, to which Officer M. Canty, assigned to marked unit East 2, was dispatched as backup.

Upon my arrival, EMTs were already assessing operator of Motor Vehicle 1 (MA #XXXX), later identified as Mario BARDALES.

EMTs were also simultaneously assessing the operator of Motor Vehicle 2 (MA #XXXX), later identified as XXXX.

Both vehicles were pulled over on the right-hand side of Broadway facing East, with moderate rear-end damage to MV2 and heavy front-end damage to MV1.

As BARDALES was speaking to one of the EMTs, I heard him state that he hurt his head, back, and legs in the crash and was requesting to be taken to the hospital. BARDALES was then brought inside Cataldos ambulance for further evaluation and for transport to Cambridge hospital.

As this was happening, XXXX began yelling in my direction Look at him! Hes drunk

Based on my observation from roughly 10 feet away, BARDALES did not appear to be uneasy on his feet and his speech did not appear to be slurred.

It should be noted that BARDALESs steering wheel airbag was deployed and there was major front-end damage to his motor vehicle. At that time, I decided that based on his complaints of injury, the damage to the vehicle and the deployment of the airbag, getting BARDALES to a hospital would have to take precedence over a Field Sobriety Test.

I then went to speak with the operator of motor vehicle 2, XXXX. She stated that BARDALES rear-ended her as she was fully stopped at a red light at the intersection of Broadway and Franklin Street at a high rate of speed. After both vehicles pulled over in front of 62 Broadway, XXXX then stated BARDALES got out of the car holding a Natty Ice to which he then threw into a nearby garbage can. This was corroborated by XXXX husband, XXXX, who arrived shortly after the crash. I then walked over and viewed a 25oz. Natural Ice beer in the garbage (Photo attached).

XXXX stated that she injured her neck in the crash, but she refused medical attention.

Officer Lentini, assigned to marked Unit East 4, was soon able to clear his call and back up Officer M. Canty and I.

At that time, I noticed BARDALES exiting the ambulance and the EMT stated that he changed his mind and refused medical attention. I then went over to BARDALES to ask if he was sure about his decision and the severity of his injuries, to which he replied, nah, theyre ok, it will get better soon.

As BARDALES told me that, I smelled the odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from his breath, and also noticed that his eyes were glassy and a mix of yellowish and bloodshot.

Those factors, as well as the 25oz. Beer can and his medical refusal prompted me to begin Standardized Field Sobriety Tests on BARDALES.

I asked BARDALES about the Natural Ice beer can that I found, to which he stated that he was coming from his friend/uncles house down the road and only had two (2) 25oz. Cans.

Before I was able to begin the tests, a Pats Tow employee arrived to take BARDALESs MV to the tow yard and requested BARDALESs keys. Officer M. Canty then told him to keep his house key but to give his car key to the employee. BARDALES then began acting uncooperatively, by disobeying orders given by Officer M. Canty and myself, turning away from us and by stating No man you dont

have to do this.

BARDALES continued to disobey orders, which soon led to him turning and walking away, stating I'm leaving man.

At that point, Officers Lentini and M. Canty grabbed BARDALES and held him against the wall of a nearby building as he continued to stiffen up his limbs and attempt to escape, gripping harder onto his keys.

We were able to de-escalate the situation and calm BARDALES down, resulting in the Tow truck driver obtaining the car keys.

I moved BARDALES to the middle of the sidewalk on Broadway where the conditions for the SFST were less likely to play a factor in his performance.

I would like to note that the conditions of where BARDALES performed the Standardized Field Sobriety Test was even-leveled, dry, illuminated by the street lights, roughly 40 degrees Fahrenheit and not windy. BARDALES was wearing flat, leather dress shoes during this test.

Using my Law Enforcement Dimensions Standardized Field Sobriety Test Field Card, I brought BARDALES through the events of the tests.

I began with the Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus test and asked him if he wore any contact lenses, to which he replied no. I then used the tip of my note-taking pen as the stimulus. I asked BARDALES if he could clearly see the tip of my pen and he replied yes I then instructed BARDALES to follow the tip of the pen with only his eyes and without moving his head or body, to which he stated that he understood. I positioned my pen roughly 12 away from BARDALESs face and slightly above his eye level. I moved my pen from the center of his face to his left side first, checking for equal tracking. BARDALES was unable to keep his head still and follow only with his eyes. I told him again to follow with his eyes only and he stated that he understood. Again, he failed to follow the directions given.

I instructed him a third time that he was supposed to only move his eyes and not his head and he was unable to follow the directions. I found that both of BARDALESs pupil sizes and tracking were proper. I then checked for resting Nystagmus, which I did not find.

After that, with my pen, again located roughly 12 from BARDALESs face and slightly above eye-level, I checked for a lack of smooth pursuit in both eyes, by having him follow the tip of my pen which I found in both BARDALESs left and right eye. I then double checked and confirmed my findings.

Next, I performed the test to determine whether BARDALES had Distinct and Sustained Nystagmus at Maximum Deviation. I was able to find that both of his eyes displayed the signs.

Finally, I tested for Onset of Nystagmus prior to 45°, to which I found that both his left and right eyes displayed the signs at roughly 41°.

Based on the testing, I concluded that BARDALES demonstrated 6 out of 6 clues put forth to prove intoxication for that portion of the SFST. (Only 4 are needed).

I then administered the Walk and Turn Test. I explained to BARDALES what the test was, and demonstrated it to him and he claimed that she understood. I would like to note that it took BARDALES four (4) times of my explaining that he needed to begin the test with his right heel touching his left toe to begin. I immediately noticed that he could not keep her balance during the Instructional Stage of this test and also began the test too soon four times.

At that point, BARDALES sighed in defeat and stopped the test on his own accord. He looked at Officers M. Canty and I and stated that he wanted to be sincere with us BARDALES

revealed that he had a total of about four (4) 25 oz. Natural Ice Beer cans, roughly 2 hours ago.

Based on all of the previous evidence and confessions, I decided to place Mario BARDALES under arrest for the following offenses;

M.G.L c90 / § 24 OUI LIQUOR

It was at this time that I contacted Somerville Police Control, requesting for Unit 200 to transport BARDALES to Somerville Police Headquarters for booking, located at 220 Washington Street. Unit 200 was operated by Officer Torres and BARDALES was booked by Lt. Fusco.

XXXX was still on scene and requested medical attention once more for her neck. She was transported to Cambridge Hospital, and XXXX drove MV2 off scene.

It should be noted that an unopened green apple vodka Smirnoff nip was found in BARDALESs right coat pocket before transport, to which he added that he also had two (2) of them after the beers.

It should be noted that BARDALES refused a chemical test to determine blood alcohol concentration.

Both of those items of evidence will be properly tagged and stored.

BARDALES will be receiving Massachusetts Uniform Citation T3067805 for the following offenses:

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# MEDFORD POLICE ARE SEARCHING FOR THESE THREE WHO WORK TOGETHER TO STEAL A WOMAN'S WALLET IN WEGMANS

Medford Police are searching for these three who work together to steal a woman's wallet in Wegmans.

(it was clarified that one is a woman, and the other two are men.. there was some confusion based on photos circulated, with some thinking three men)

From Medford PD : The Medford Police De-

partment is looking for assistance to identify the suspects (one female and two males) shown in these still photos. On January 27, 2023 at 3:15pm, the suspects worked in tandem to create a distraction to steal an elderly woman's wallet while she was shopping at Wegmans. They went on to commit a second theft outside in the parking lot. Full video of the incidents can be viewed on our YouTube

Channel at <https://youtu.be/k9689lNAkDg>.

If you can identify any of the suspects, please contact Detective Mike Pellegrino at 781-391-6767 ext. 3244.



# LETTER FROM THE EDITOR: CASPAR'S WOMEN'S RESIDENTIAL SERVICES NEW DAY TELLING MOMS WITH BABIES TO LEAVE WITH ONLY THREE DAYS NOTICE



This past week I called as a request for help from a Somerville resident, CASPAR who runs this Women's Residential Service called NEW DAY that's located at 242 Highland Ave, Somerville, MA 02138. I spoke to the Elizabeth LaCasse who is listed as the Program Director.

When I called to speak to her about the letter, instead of guiding me, she became one of the most rudest, belligerent and most unprofessional people I that have ever spoken to in all my life and just hung up on me instead of discussing protocol and/or any remedies/protocols that are required. When I immediately called her right back I told her that "She is probably the reason why this program is closing because

of people like you and your unprofessionalism and rudeness. No wonder their program failed!"

Below is the message that was sent to me:

"Hi Billy, This is xxxxxxxxxxx. I have some very disturbing news that has been brought to my attention. My daughter is a resident with her son at New Day in Somerville. All the woman there have been told that this place is shutting down due to the use & abuse of residents. I worked in that field for years and that is not the standard protocol. When this happens, you either give them a choice of leaving or a referral to detox, not leave the woman left on their own

devices to fend for themselves. Where is the safety for the sick and suffering addict and the recovering addict or the women who are inducted to the program for the first time?

Billy I need your help to help me find out what really happened and secure scattered sites for these women while they are awaiting their housing. My daughter just received her Sec 8 certificate and has no where to go. The date the women were given is March 17th to move out and they only notified them on the 14th just leaving these women and babies only three days prior to up and leave. All in one week this happened ... Something doesn't add up here.. Please get back to me asap. I spoke with many people who suggested that I talk with you.

Also please keep in mind that the date to evacuate the premises is March 17th and New Day has not secured a scattered site for these girls and their babies..

This letter was just given to my daughter 3 days before the

actual date to vacate New Day. No notice was given to prepare these women with children to help them with shelter in place.. This is totally unacceptable.

Thank you Billy in advance for your help.

Sincerely, xxxxxx xxxxx



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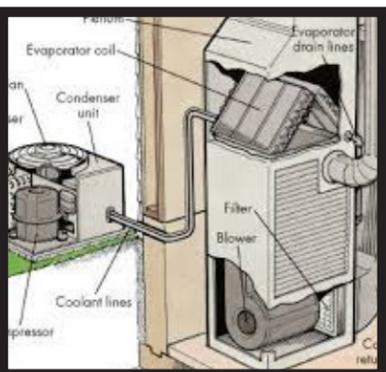
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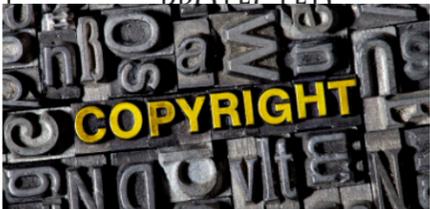
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## MEDFORD STABBING



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## REAL LIFE SOMERVILLE POLICE STORIES: (POSS. CLASS B) (BOSTON WARRANT)ARREST

Continued from front page



On March 20, 2023, I, Officer McAloney, was assigned to marked unit East-1. At approximately 5:03 AM, I was dispatched to 23 Cummings Street (La Quinta Hotel) for a report of a check-condition. Officer T. Lambert (East-4) and Officer Messaoudi, (Sector-East) responded as backup.

On scene, officers spoke with the reporting party, Mr. XXXX who stated that

he had seen a black Dodge Charger with a Florida registration speeding through the hotel parking lot as well as revving the engine. XXXX stated that he did not want to get complaints from guests of the hotel, which is why he called the Somerville Police and requested that officers remove the vehicle and operator from the parking lot. XXXX stated the vehicle was parked outback.

Officers searched the parking lot of La Quinta and found a black Dodge Charger, FL registration XXXX, with the engine running in the middle of the parking lot. The operator was slumped over the wheel. There was also a hammer and a long metal pipe in the center console area. Officer

Messaoudi knocked on the window to get the operator's attention. The operator woke up and appeared to be confused. The operator then reached his right hand in between the center console and the seat, and officers asked him to show both hands, but he refused to comply.

The operator was asked several times to show his hands; he punched the driver's side window and then rolled it down. It was at this time that Officer Messaoudi unlocked the driver's side door and opened it. The operator continued to reach around the vehicle after officers asked him to step out. Officer Lambert unbuckled the operator and pulled him out.

Officer Messaoudi explained

to ORTIZ that we were performing a community caretaking function to ensure he did not need medical attention and was not a under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

The operator was identified as Mr. Robert ORTIZ. I radioed Somerville Police Control to check the status of ORTIZ's driver's license and found ORTIZ had an active driver's license and an outstanding warrant out of Boston District Court (Docket # 2301CR000890).

I placed ORTIZ under arrest and requested a tow for FL registration XXXX, which was approved by Lieutenant Fusco, (Siera-8). ORTIZ was transported back to the station by prisoner transport

unit 200, Officer Radochia, and booked by Lieutenant Shackelford.

During the inventory of the vehicle, I observed a white, rocky substance believed to be crack cocaine in a clear plastic bag inside the cup holder between the driver and passenger seats. The preliminary weight of the substance with packaging was 13.5 grams.

I transported the confiscated rocky substance back to the station, where it was photographed and entered into evidence.

Respectfully,

Officer Keighla McAloney #369

## BURY PETS WITH OWNERS (S 1310)

By Bob Katzen

A proposal before the Municipalities and Regional Government Committee would give cities and towns the right to give cemeteries the author-

ity to allow the burial of people and their pets in the same location.

Supporters say people often consider their pets as members of their families and the current law

prohibiting joint burial is unfair.

Opponents say that joint burial presents sanitary, environmental and religious concerns.

Sponsor Sen. Mark Mon-

tigny (D-New Bedford) did not respond to repeated requests by Beacon Hill Roll Call to comment on his proposal.



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\$73,655 BASE SALARY FOR ALL 40 SENATORS

By Bob Katzen

The new base salary for the 2023-2024 session for senators is \$73,655—up \$3,119 (4.4 percent) from the \$70,536 base salary in the 2021-2022 session.

Senators' salaries are up for adjustment in January every two years, either up or down, under a 1998

constitutional amendment approved by a better than two-to-one margin by voters. It requires that every two years the salaries of the governor, the other five constitutional statewide officers and all representatives and senators be increased or decreased based on data from the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) that measures the quarterly change

in salaries and wages. Senators' base salaries were increased by \$2,515 for the 2021-2022 legislative session; \$3,709 for the 2019-2020 session; and \$2,515 for the 2017-2018 legislative session. Those hikes came on the heels of a salary freeze for the 2015-2016 legislative session, a \$1,100 pay cut for the 2013-2014 ses-

sion and a \$306 pay cut for the 2011-2012 session. Prior to 2011, legislators' salaries had been raised every two years since the \$46,410 base pay was first raised under the constitutional amendment in 2001. The new \$73,655 base salary means senators' base salaries have been raised \$27,245, or 58 percent,

since 2011 when the mandated salary adjustment became part of the state constitution and senators were earning \$46,410.

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### 34 WALKER STREET SOMERVILLE 3 ALARM FIRE

By William Tauro

Firefighters battled a three alarm fire this Saturday afternoon the 18th of March located at 34 Walker Street in Somerville at about 3:30 PM.

This story is still developing...



### 4 ALARM SATURDAY NIGHT FIRE MEDFORD

By William Tauro

Firefighters battled a four alarm house fire on Saturday night in Medford at about 10:00pm located at 44 George Street.

This story is still developing as the fire investigation continues...



### BRYANT MANOR 75 MYRTLE STREET SOMERVILLE WORKING FIRE

By William Tauro

A working fire was reported at 6:45 PM on Wednesday March 15th at Bryant Manor located at 75 Myrtle Street in Somerville with a Fire on the fourth floor. Somerville Fire Department was dispatched.

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**SOMERVILLE VETERANS COMMISSION SEEKS FIVE MEMBERS**



After several years of inactivity during the pandemic, the City of Somerville is reestablishing its Veterans Commission. The City seeks five motivated members to relaunch the Commission, and all Somerville residents are welcome to apply.

The Veterans Commission maintains the custody and care of all monuments, memorials, and dedications

in Somerville to respectfully commemorate the services and sacrifices of the soldiers, marines, and airmen who have served our country in war, or persons who have served the Commonwealth in time of war. The Commission will also develop policies and procedures for the construction and review of memorials, monuments, and hero square dedications.

The Commission will consist of five members appointed by the Mayor. Three members must be Veterans, and two can be any qualified community member. Meetings are expected to

begin in Spring 2023. The Commission will meet monthly for approximately two hours, with additional time expected at Memorial Day and Veterans Day. Members will serve one-, two-, or three-year terms with potential reappointment for a three-year term. These are volunteer positions.

Applications are due Wednesday, March 22. To apply, please submit a statement of interest explaining why you would like to serve and any relevant background experience, along with an optional professional resume, to veterans@

somervillema.gov or by mail to: Attn: Veterans Commission Member Application, Somerville Department of Veterans Services, 50 Evergreen Ave., Somerville, MA 02145. Please contact the Department of Veterans Services at 617-625-6600 ext. 4700 or veterans@somervillema.gov with questions.

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The City of Somerville continues to host weekly walk-in vaccination clinics for residents through the end of March, with both flu vaccines and the bivalent Moderna COVID-19 booster available. Clinics will take place each Wednesday from 1 to 4 p.m. at the City Hall Annex, 50 Evergreen Ave., through March 29.

The City's COVID-19 booster appointments are open to individuals aged 6 years and older, at least two months after their last dose. The City's flu vaccine appointments are open to everyone aged 6 months and older. The flu vaccine and the updated COVID-19 booster dose are provided at no cost, regardless of health insurance or immigration status.

Advance registration is recommended to save time but not required. Pre-register online at [somervillema.gov/vaccineclinics](http://somervillema.gov/vaccineclinics) or by calling 311 (617-666-3311). Flu vaccines and updated COVID-19 boosters are also available at many pharmacies and other locations. Find a provider at [vaccines.gov](http://vaccines.gov).

Free COVID-19 test kits also continue to be available by request at all Somerville public libraries, at City Hall, and at the City Hall Annex. Persons with disabilities who need auxiliary aids and services for effective communication (i.e., CART, ASL), written materials in alternative formats, or reasonable modifications in policies and

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### SOMERVILLE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PLAN PUBLIC HEARING, MARCH 22

The Somerville Community Preservation Committee (CPC) is holding its annual Community Preservation Plan public hearing on Wednesday, March 22, at 6:30 p.m.

The CPC holds a public hearing each year to identify community needs and priorities for Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds. Testimony from the hearing informs the CPC's annual Community Preservation Plan update, which establishes how

the year's CPA funds will be allocated across affordable housing, historic resources, and open space categories.

The hearing will be held virtually. Visit [somervillema.gov/CPA](http://somervillema.gov/CPA) for the meeting link, or join by dialing 415-655-0052, access code 112-228-434. Written comments may also be submitted by Friday, March 31, to [rcameron@somervillema.gov](mailto:rcameron@somervillema.gov) or Roberta Cameron, CPA Manager, Somerville City Hall, 3rd Floor, 93 Highland Ave.,

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Residents can also share their ideas by taking the Community Preservation Committee survey at [somervillema.gov/CPA](http://somervillema.gov/CPA). Paper surveys are available at City Hall, Council on Aging locations, and libraries.

About the CPA:

The CPA is a special City fund reserved for capital improvement projects related to open space/rec-

reation and historic preservation, and for projects that help to create or support affordable housing. Since Somerville residents voted to adopt the CPA in 2012, CPA funds have supported improvements at 50 unique sites throughout the city. Recent projects include renovating the West Branch Library, Somerville Community Growing Center, Prospect Hill Park, and Lou Ann David Park; preserving the former church that houses the Somerville Hispanic Association in East Somerville;

and installing an elevator at the Somerville Museum. Persons with disabilities who need auxiliary aids and services for effective communication (i.e., CART, ASL), written materials in alternative formats, or reasonable modifications in policies and procedures in order to access the programs, activities, and meetings of the City of Somerville should please contact Adrienne Pomeroy in advance at 617-625-6600 x 2059 or [apomeroy@somervillema.gov](mailto:apomeroy@somervillema.gov).

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# SOMERVILLE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST SEEKS ONE NEW MEMBER

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The City of Somerville seeks one Somerville resident to serve in a volunteer capacity on the Somerville Affordable Housing Trust (SAHT). This vacancy is for a Somerville tenant whose household is income eligible for federal or state housing programs with an interest in addressing and advocating for the city's affordable housing needs.

The SAHT administers funding to create and preserve affordable homes in

Somerville for renters and prospective owners with low and moderate incomes. Through a public process, Trustees evaluate project and program proposals and approve funding allocations to increase the local affordable housing supply. Applicants must be a Somerville tenant whose household gross income is at or below \$78,300 for one person; \$89,500 for two people; \$100,700 for three people; \$111,850 for four people; or \$120,800 for five people. Income limits for households of six or more people are available by request. The SAHT typically meets virtually on the second Thursday of each month at 5:15 p.m. The length of meetings varies depending on the specific nature of agenda items. The Trust

may also hold a special meeting in addition to its regular monthly meeting if necessary. Applicants should expect to commit a total of approximately four hours per month, which includes the duration of the monthly meetings and review of documents circulated in connection with each meeting. Members serve two-year terms in a volunteer capacity. The Trust is composed of nine Trustees: three designated by the Mayor, City Council, and Somerville Housing Authority, respectively. Six members are appointed by the Mayor following recommendations from the Appointments Advisory Committee: two Somerville residents (one who is a tenant whose household is eligible for federal or state housing

programs), two representatives of nonprofit organizations, one professional in real estate or housing, and another in banking or finance. Applications are due Wednesday, April 5. Interested candidates should submit a resume, cover letter, and any relevant supplemental material by email to [pgoldstein@somervillema.gov](mailto:pgoldstein@somervillema.gov) or by mail to Paul Goldstein, City of Somerville, OS-PCD Housing Division, 50 Evergreen Ave., Somerville, MA 02145. Please contact Paul at the email above or 617-625-6600 ext. 2587 with questions. Applications will be reviewed by the Appointments Advisory Committee. The City of Somerville does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion,

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## LEARN ABOUT SOMERVILLE'S ANNUAL BUDGET PROCESS AT A VIRTUAL WORKSHOP, MARCH 29

Workshop to cover budget basics and budget process, followed by Q&A, and an opportunity for residents to share budget priorities

SOMERVILLE – The City of Somerville is hosting an informational workshop about the City's annual budget process. All are invited to learn about what the budget is, how it's created, and how residents can keep up-to-date with the process. After a presentation by the City's Budget team, attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions and share their priorities for the fiscal year 2024 budget.

The virtual workshop will take place online Tuesday, March 29, at 7 p.m. To learn more and

register to attend, go to [somer-villema.gov/budget](http://somer-villema.gov/budget).

**About the Budget Process**  
The city budget is a financial document that reflects community values, priorities, and needs. It dictates how public funds will be allocated to support public services, including day-to-day expenses and longer-term investments. The proposed budget is developed over many months, with several key milestones in the spring and early summer.

This year, Mayor Katjana Ballantyne will present her proposed fiscal year 2024 budget in late May. In February, as part of the Ballantyne administration's efforts to better incorporate City Council input, Council

priorities were requested. After the Mayor's budget submission, per City Charter, the City Council Finance Committee will hold a series of meetings in late May and June to review the budget and propose any cuts. They also hold a public hearing for community members to testify about the general budget. Finally, the Mayor will submit an amended final budget for approval, and the Council will vote on the budget ahead of the new fiscal year on July 1.

**How to Engage**  
Understanding community priorities is essential to creating a budget that meets community needs. The Mayor, City Council, and City staff gather public input year-round as they engage with constituents, local busi-

nesses, community partners, and other stakeholders and listen to their goals and needs. What they learn at the meetings, events, discussions, and more held throughout the year on a range of topics helps shape budget decisions. But March and April are another good time to give feedback. Beyond attending this workshop to learn about the budget and share your priorities, you can offer your input in other ways:

Email [budget@somervillema.gov](mailto:budget@somervillema.gov) or if you do not have access to email, call 311 at 617-666-3311.

Testify at the budget public hearing in late May/June. More details on date and time will be shared when they are finalized. Watch the budget hearings live

or later via streaming at [somer-villema.gov/TV](http://somer-villema.gov/TV) and on GovTV on Comcast Channel 22 and Astound Channels 13 and 613. Meetings are also posted to the GovTV YouTube channel at [youtube.com/SomervilleCityTV](http://youtube.com/SomervilleCityTV) for later viewing.

**Participatory Budgeting Is Happening, Too**  
Take part in this year's first-ever Participatory Budgeting process, where residents will decide how to spend \$1 million. Residents can propose ideas for what to invest in to improve Somerville. Residents age 12 and older can vote on ideas, and the City will put the winning ideas into action. Learn more at [somer-villema.gov/pb](http://somer-villema.gov/pb).

### Join The Somerville Blessing Boxes Group



Somerville Blessing Boxes are located at Union Square Plaza and Statue Park Davis Square  
Give what you can, Take what you need  
Check us out Somerville Blessing Boxes on Facebook and please join the group!  
The outpour of support of donations that have been coming in of much needed supplies of foods, hygienic items and warm clothing from the generous people of Somerville is overwhelming.  
Its up to all of us to help when we can to make a difference in the lives of others especially in those of the

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.  
One blessing box is located at Statue Park in Davis Square and the other is located at Union Square, Plaza in Union Square.  
"Give what you can, Take what you need."  
Much thanks and appreciation,  
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### SOMERVILLE/MEDFORD NEWS WEEKLY SPEAKUP LINE: TOP OF PEARSON RD AND BROADWAY SOMERVILLE... THIS HAD BEEN LIKE THIS FOR YRS & GETTING WORSE

Dear Billy T and Somerville/Medford News Weekly Speakup Line,

BILLY , THIS IS A PICTURE OF THE SIDEWALK AT THE TOP OF PEARSON RD AND BROADWAY SOMERVILLE... THIS HAD BEEN LIKE THIS FOR YRS & GETTING WORSE ..

I'VE CALLED THE CITY MULTIPLE TIMES AND THE MAYOR'S OFFICE MULTIPLE TIMES... WORK ORDERS HAVE BEEN PUT IN & THEY KEEP SAYING IT WILL GET DONE .. WELL I COME TO FIND OUT THOUGH A VERY RELIABLE SOURCE THAT ZERO WORK ORDER HAS BEEN PUT IN ..

AS I'VE SAID TIME AND TIME AGAIN . WE HAVE DISABLED PEOPLE AND ELDERLY PEOPLE WHO NEED TO HAVE A SIDEWALK THAT IS IN GOOD CONDITION DUE TO WHEEL CHAIRS .. WELL TODAY I HAD TO HELL AN ELDERLY WOMEN WHO GOT STUCK WITH HER POWER WHEELCHAIR IN THIS MESS ... THEY WON'T FIX THIS BUT THEY WILL DUMP ALL KINDS OF MONEY INTO 25 FT SIDEWALKS THAT SERVE ZERO PURPOSE ... IS IT POSSIBLE U CAN HELP WITH THIS PROBLEM. ...

THANK YOUR FRIEND, TONY D..



### RETURN YOUR COMPLETED 2023 CITY OF SOMERVILLE CENSUS FORM



All Somerville residents should be on the lookout for the 2023

annual City of Somerville census in their mailbox. Upon receipt, please complete the brief form and return it to the City via mail, email, fax, or in person.

High census participation provides an accurate population count, which helps the City

plan municipal services and adapt as the population changes. The Elections Department also uses the census to help keep voting rolls up to date. Completed census forms can be returned via the postage-paid return envelope included in the mailing, by scanning the form and emailing it to census@

somervillema.gov, by dropping it off in a census box at City Hall (93 Highland Ave.), or by faxing it to 617-625-5643. Contact 311 at 617-666-3311 with any questions. Persons with disabilities who need auxiliary aids and services for effective communication (i.e., CART, ASL), written

materials in alternative formats, or reasonable modifications in policies and procedures in order to access the programs, activities, and meetings of the City of Somerville should please contact Adrienne Pomeroy in advance at 617-625-6600 x 2059 or apomeroy@somervillema.gov.

### JOIN THE POPLAR STREET PUMP STATION CONSTRUCTION KICK-OFF COMMUNITY MEETING ON MARCH 27, 2023

Virtual Meeting Will Share Overview and Anticipated Timeline for Construction of Stormwater Pump Station on Poplar Street

SOMERVILLE – Mayor Katjana Ballantyne and Ward Two Councilor Jefferson Thomas Scott invite the community to a virtual meeting on Monday, March 27, at 6 p.m. to learn about the City's construction of a stormwater pump station at 10 Poplar Street. Work on the

pump station is expected to begin this spring and to continue through 2025.

The meeting will take place virtually Monday, March 27, at 6 p.m. Visit somervillema.gov/poplarstreet, or call the Engineering Division at 617-625-6600 x5400 to register to attend.

During the meeting, City staff will present an overview of the construction process and timeline for the pump station,

stormwater storage tank, and associated utility improvements. This presentation will let residents know what to expect throughout the initial phases of the project's construction. Attendees will also learn how the pump station will help alleviate City and regional drainage issues and have the opportunity to ask the project managers about the construction.

The Poplar Street pump station and accompanying

underground storage tank will fundamentally change the way stormwater drainage is managed for approximately 60% of the city. It represents a major investment in modernizing the City's stormwater management infrastructure and increasing preparedness for extreme weather events. This critical piece of infrastructure will mitigate flood-risk in Ward Two and Ward Three, help reduce combined sewer overflows (CSOs), and unlock

development planned as part of Somervision 2040.

Interpretation into any language is available upon advance request (at least seven days in advance) by contacting the SomerViva Office of Immigrant Affairs at somervillema.gov/ContactSomerViva or calling 311 at 617-666-3311.

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## SOMERVILLE'S PARKS TREE HEALTH PROGRAM GETS UNDERWAY THIS SPRING



Trees in City parks to undergo proactive maintenance and comprehensive health assess-

ments; park closures required during maintenance. The City of Somerville's annual Parks Tree Health Program is set to begin this month to promote healthy tree growth and help preserve Somerville's urban forest. Now in its fourth year, the Parks Tree Health Program is designed to go beyond routine maintenance. Led by the Public Space and Urban Forestry Division, the program involves a comprehensive

health assessment of parks trees by a certified arborist, proactive maintenance work, and development of long-term maintenance recommendations. This spring, 232 trees throughout seven parks will be assessed and maintained through the program.

Parks will close to the public on days when tree maintenance is taking place. This year's schedule is as follows:

Parks Tree Health Program Work Schedule – Park Closures Required  
 Glen Park / Capuano Field: February 21, 22, 23 & April 18 (school vacation weeks)  
 Grimmons Park: February 24 & April 19  
 Kenney Park: March 6, 7  
 Morse-Kelly Playground: March 8  
 Dickerman Playground: March 9 & April 17

Stone Place Park: March 13  
 City Hall Concourse / 1895 Building: April 17, 18, 19 (school vacation week)  
 For more information on the program, including a description of what assessment/maintenance activities are included and previous years' reports, visit [somervillema.gov/treehealth](http://somervillema.gov/treehealth).

## SOMERVILLE BIOSAFETY COMMITTEE SEEKS TWO MEMBERS



The City of Somerville Biosafety Committee seeks two new members, and all Somerville residents are invited to apply. One vacancy is for an academic expert, and one is open to any qualified community member.

The Biosafety Committee works to protect the health, safety, and general welfare of Somerville residents. The Committee promotes the development of a clean and pollution-free industry through the regulation of the research and use of recombinant deoxyribonucleic acid ("rDNA") and biological agents. The Committee reviews permit applications from institutions researching and developing rDNA and biological agents, approves health and safety processes, and makes recommendations for internal policy and

procedures. Committee members will be appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council. The Committee typically meets monthly for two to four hours. Members will serve three-year terms in a volunteer capacity.

Applications are due Thursday, March 23. To apply, please submit a summary of your interest in biotechnology, meeting availability, and previous experience by email to Colin Zeigler at [czeigler@somervillema.gov](mailto:czeigler@somervillema.gov) or by mail to: Attn: Colin

Zeigler, Inspectional Services Department, 1 Franey Rd., Somerville, MA 02145. Please contact Colin at the above email or 781-808-8499 with questions.

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### EXTRA PAY FOR ALL 40 SENATORS

By Bob Katzen

All 40 senators receive an additional stipend, above the \$73,655 base salary, for their positions in the Democratic and Republican leadership, as committee chairs, vice chairs and the ranking Republican on some committees. The stipend is increased or decreased every two years based on data from the BEA that measures the quarterly change

in salaries and wages.

Senate President Karen Spilka (D-Ashland), the top Democrat, earns the highest stipend of any senator: \$109,163. Senate Minority Leader Sen. Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester), the top Republican, earns an \$81,872 stipend. The other 38 senators' stipends range from \$27,564 to \$102,430.

Supporters say legislators in

these important positions should be appropriately compensated for their many added responsibilities and hard work.

Critics say the base salary is sufficient and is eligible to be increased every two years.

\$20,468 OR \$27,291 FOR GENERAL EXPENSES – Each senator also receives an annual general expense

pay allowance of \$20,468 for members who live within a 50-mile radius of the State-house and \$27,291 for those who are located outside of that radius.

This separate, flat rate expense allowance is taxable as income. It is designed to pay for some of the costs of senators' district offices and other expenses including contributions to local civic groups and

the printing and mailing of newsletters. Senators are not required to submit an accounting of how they spend the money. But they are allowed to deduct any expenses, permitted under federal law, from their gross income on their federal and state tax return.



THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION, BY THE POWER VESTED IN IT THROUGH A SPECIAL ACT OF THE LEGISLATURE, CHAPTER 397 OF THE ACTS OF 1978, HEREBY AMENDS THE TRAFFIC REGULATIONS WITH THE ADDITION OF THE FOLLOWING:

- 2023-23 Article V Section 5-15 "Handicapped Parking" is amended with the addition of the following locations: the west side of Bowdoin St. from approximately 20 ft. south of Washington St. to 40 ft. south of Washington St. (alternate spot for 318 Washington St.); the east side of Leland St. from approximately 20 ft. north of Washington St. to 40 ft. north of Washington St. (alternate spot for 349 Washington St.).
- 2023-24 Article V Section 5-10 "Safety Zones" is amended as follows: Fire Lane – Chester Ave, running from the corner at McGrath Highway down the residential side of the street in an easterly direction for 175 ft.
- 2023-25 Article V Section 5-10 "Safety Zones" is amended as follows: Fire Lanes – Hardan Road, starting from the corner at Ware St. and covering the narrow portion of the street, for a distance of 83 ft. on the even side and a distance of 101 ft. on the odd side.
- 2023-26 Article III Section 3-7 "Temporary Emergency Construction Restrictions" is amended as follows: Approximately 60 ft. of two-hour except by permit parking at 355-357 Medford St. is converted to No Parking Any Time for the duration of the School St./Community Path Detour.
- 2023-27 Article III Section 3-7 "Temporary Emergency Construction Restrictions" is amended as follows: Approximately 210 ft. of resident permit parking on the east side of School St.

- between Medford St. and the School St. bridge is converted to No Parking Any Time for the duration of the School St./Community Path Detour.
- 2023-28 Article III Section 3-7 "Temporary Emergency Construction Restrictions" is amended as follows: Approximately 275 ft. of two-hour except by permit parking on the east side of Medford St. from Pearl St. to the Medford St. bridge is converted to No Parking Any Time for the duration of the School St./Community Path Detour.
- 2023-29 Article V Section 5-9.1 "Parking Meter Locations and Regulations" is amended as follows: convert the existing two hour parking spaces on the east side of Grand Union Blvd. from approximately 400 ft. south of Foley St. to approximately 280 ft. south of Foley St. to metered parking.
- 2023-30 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Locations and Prohibitions" is amended as follows: convert the existing two hour parking space on the east side of Grand Union Blvd. from approximately 280 ft. south of Foley St. to approximately 260 ft. south of Foley St. to No Parking Any Time.
- 2023-31 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Locations and Prohibitions" is amended as follows: convert the existing two hour parking spaces on the east side of Grand Union Blvd. from approximately 120 ft. south of Foley St. to approximately 80 ft. south of Foley St. to No Parking Any Time.
- 2023-32 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Locations and Prohibitions" is amended as follows: convert the existing metered spaces on the west side of Grand Union Blvd. from approximately 55 ft. south of Foley St. to approximately 115 ft. south of Foley St. to No Parking Any Time.
- 2023-33 Article V Section 5-2 "Loading/Service Zones" is amended as follows: convert the existing No Parking Any Time space on the west side of Grand Union

- Blvd. from approximately 430 ft. south of Foley St. to approximately 505 ft. south of Foley St. to a loading zone.
- 2023-34 Article V Section 5-15 "Handicapped Parking" is amended with the addition of the following location: the west side of Grand Union Blvd. from approximately 505 ft. south of Foley St. to approximately 525 ft. south of Foley St.
- 2023-35 Article V Section 5-9.1 "Parking Meter Locations and Regulations" is amended as follows: convert the existing electric vehicle parking on the west side of Grand Union Blvd. from approximately 55 ft. north of Foley St. to approximately 95 ft. north of Foley St. to metered parking.
- 2023-36 Article V Section 5-11C "Bus Stops" is amended as follows: extend the existing bus stop on the east side of Grand Union Blvd that currently ends 60 ft. north of Canal St. an additional 20 ft., converting the existing accessible space into part of the bus stop.
- 2023-37 Article V Section 5-15 "Handicapped Parking" is amended with the addition of the following location: the north side of Canal St. from approximately 50 ft. east of Grand Union Blvd. to approximately 30 ft. east of Grand Union Blvd.
- 2023-38 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Locations and Prohibitions" is amended as follows: convert the metered space on the west side of Grand Union Blvd. from approximately 30 ft. north of Artisan Way to approximately 50 ft. north of Artisan Way to No Parking Any Time.

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replacement of the shingle roofing at (AMP-1) Mystic View Apartments Asphalt Shingle Roof Replacement, located on 40-50-60 River Road and 70-80-90 River Road, Somerville, MA 02145. The work is estimated to cost: \$430,000.00. All bidding "Requests For Information" (RFI's) shall be forwarded to Peterd@ehadesign.com by March 30, 2023 for general bids. Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.149. & to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §§26 to 27H inclusive and federal wage rates established by the Davis Bacon Wage Act and the Secretary of Labor, under the

Provisions of the Code of Federal Regulations, as amended. The higher of the two rates shall be paid. The project is subject to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968. THIS PROJECT IS BEING ELECTRONICALLY BID AND HARD COPY BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Please review the instructions in the bid documents on how to register as an online bidder. All bids shall be submitted online at www.biddocsonline.com, by the date and time specified. General Bidders must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) for

the category of Roofing, and general bids must be accompanied by a DCAMM Certificate of Eligibility, and Update Statement. General Bids will be received electronically at www.biddocsonline.com until 2:00 p.m., on Thursday, April 6, 2023, and publicly opened online, forthwith. General bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five percent (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount (including all alternates), and made payable to the Somerville Housing Authority. A one hundred percent (100%) Payment Bond will also be required. Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for review at www.biddocsonline.

com (may be viewed and downloaded electronically at no cost) or at Nashoba Blue, Inc. at 433 Main Street, Hudson, MA 01749 (978-568-1167). A pre-bid conference / site visit will be held at the rear Modernization Office of the SOMERVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, Massachusetts 02145, on Thursday, March 29, 2023 at 1:00pm. It is strongly recommended that prospective bidders attend.

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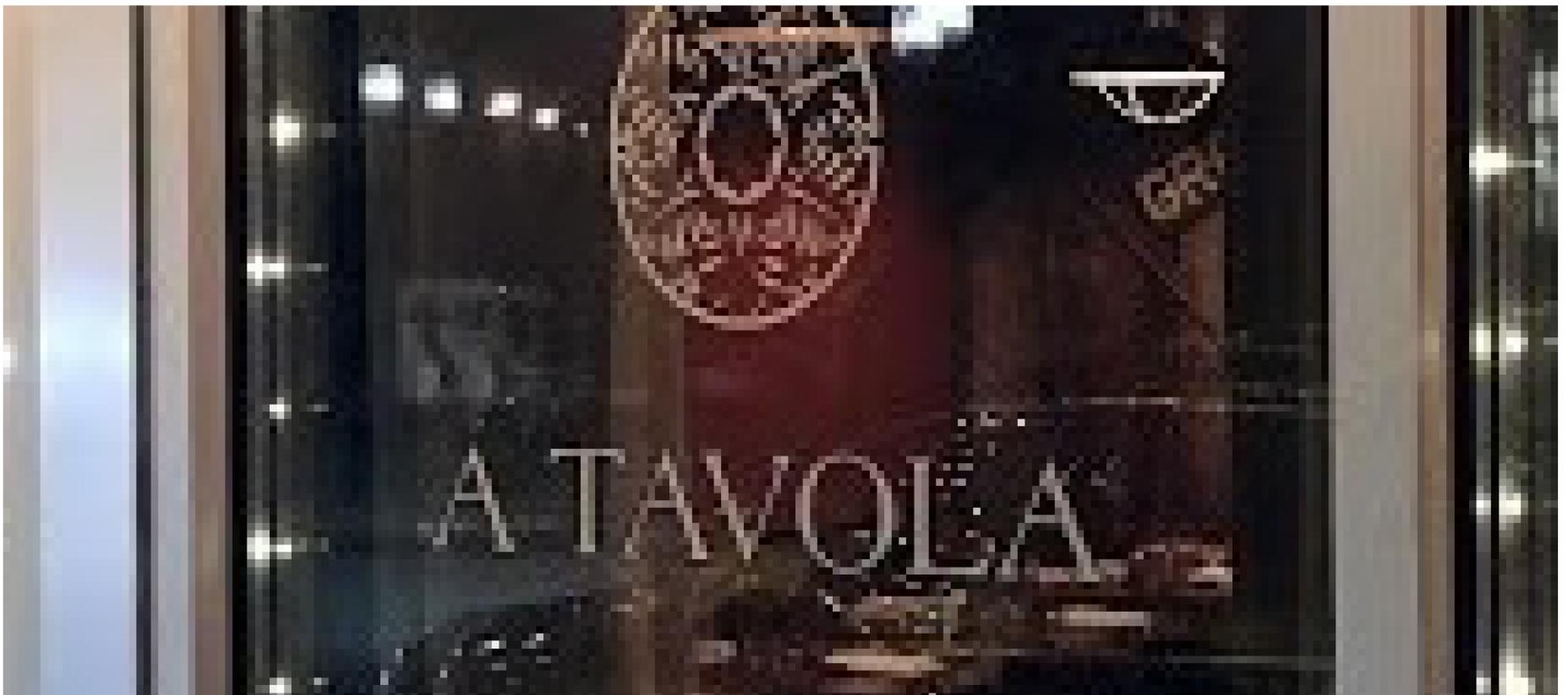
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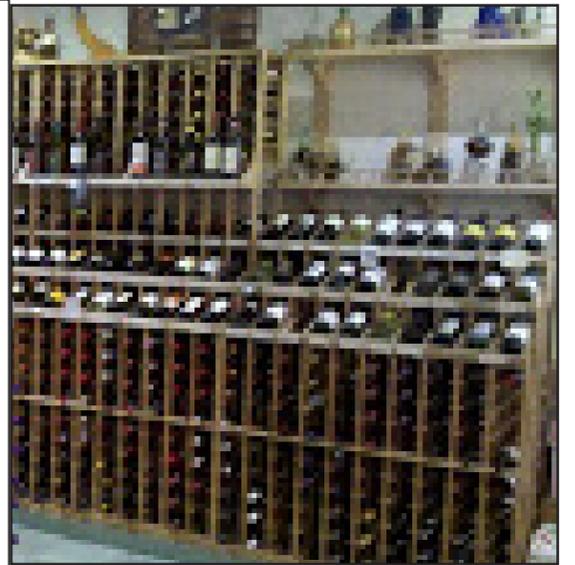


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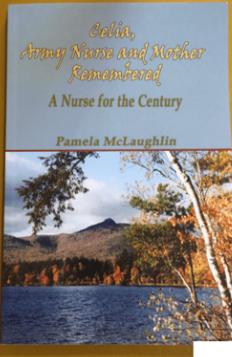
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