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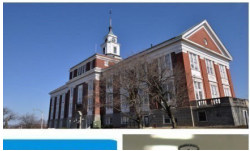
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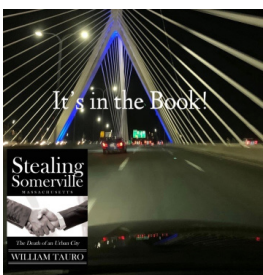
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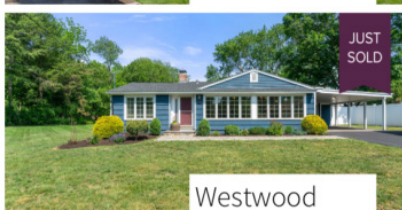
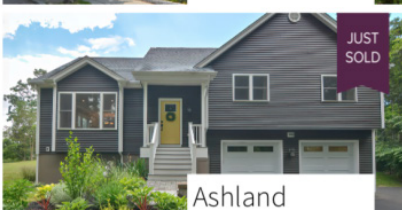
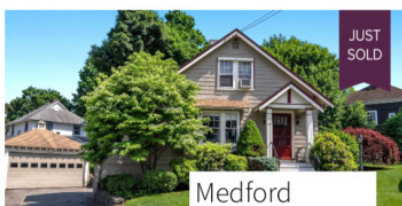
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**SOMERVILLE/MEDFORD REMEMBERING MARY L. (KENNEDY) TOOMEY**



and Somerville, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on April

3, 2023.

Mary was born to Matthew Kennedy and Mary (Davis) Kennedy on December 7, 1945 in Cambridge, MA. She was a graduate of St. Joseph's High School in Somerville and received her nursing diploma at Catherine Laboure School of Nursing in Dorchester. She went on to receive her Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Boston College and later entered the adult nurse practitioner program there, graduating with a Master of Science in Nursing. She worked for the City of Cambridge at Cambridge Hospital for over 20 years, where she was a nurse manager of the outpatient clinics. Later in her career, she worked at Brigham and Women's Hospital as

a per diem nurse. Beloved wife of 42 years to the late Dr. Timothy J. Toomey Jr. of Cambridge. Loving mother of Dr. Timothy J. Toomey III and his wife Dr. Nicole Cimbak of Boston. Sister of Matthew Kennedy of Somerville and the late Sheila Tobin of Cambridge, Margaret McDaid and her husband Anthony McDaid of Somerville. Loving aunt of Nancy J. (Tobin) Enos, her husband John Enos, and their daughter Julie Enos of Arlington, Timothy McDaid of Somerville, Kathryn McDaid of Medford, Matthew McDaid of Medford and the late Michael Tobin of Tewksbury and Kellie McDaid of Somerville. Also survived by many devoted grandnieces and nephews. Mary loved to travel, especially to Ireland, and enjoyed golfing

with her friends. She was a member of Sigma Theta Tau (International Honor Society of Nursing) and an Affiliate of the Order of Malta, with whom she made a pilgrimage to Lourdes. She volunteered through Belmont Hill School, Newton Country Day School, and staffed the Cathedral Cares Clinic of the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston.

Funeral from the Brown & Hickey Funeral Home, 36 Trapelo Rd., Belmont on Tuesday April 11th at 9:00 AM, followed by a Funeral Mass at 10:00 AM in St. Peter Church, 100 Concord Ave, Cambridge. Relatives and friends are kindly invited. Visiting hours will be held in the funeral home on Monday April 10th from 4:00 - 7:00 PM. Inter-

ment will follow in Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge. In lieu of flowers, donations in Mary's memory can be made to Project Care and Concern, care of Sister Joyce McMullen, 22 Beechwood St. Dorchester, MA 02121 or to Catherine Laboure School of Nursing, where a Mary L. Toomey Memorial Scholarship has been created for a nursing student in need during this school year. <http://www.laboure.edu/giving> or Laboure College Development Office, 303 Adams Street, Milton, MA 02186.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Mary L. (Kennedy) Toomey, please visit our floral store.

**SOMERVILLE/MEDFORD REMEMBERING DONA MAE (MCCUTCHEON) SCANNELL**



Dona Mae (McCutcheon) Scannell, 80, of Cambridge.

Beloved wife of the late Edward G. Scannell (his "Snookums"), cherished mother of Edward P. Scannell II and Andrew P. Scannell, and loving grand-

mother of Rodin Oceani Hunter. Eldest daughter of Muriel S. Daly and Philip B. McCutcheon Jr. (and his wife Mary McCutcheon). Proud sister of Douglas A. McCutcheon, Frank McCutcheon Sr., Rosemarie (McCutcheon) Whipple, and predeceased by Philip B. McCutcheon III.

Best friends of Lena Wasserman, Alice Linnell, and Arleen Henry, amongst countless others, all of whom would tell you

"Dona was a Saint".

Born in Somerville Massachusetts on January 9th, 1943, and graduated from Winchester High School. Dona worked as a clerk at the Cambridge Courthouse and for the "Homebase" program, a Cambridge Public Schools early-childhood development program that helped prepare young children and their parents for kindergarten.

She loved music, animals, love

stories, late-night TV mysteries, games of all kinds, the color red, sitting on the porch in the sun with her dog Jessie Mae, and above all, her greatest pride, her family and friends. Her heart was legendary and her humility and sincerity were unparalleled. She was the girl 1950's songs were written about. She is free now, to ride horses and dance at 3 AM to her favorite songs. We will miss her sweet voice, her warm hugs, and her timeless dimples.

Words could never capture her.

Family and friends are invited to attend the funeral mass at Mount Auburn Cemetery at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 15th. Attendees can meet inside the main entrance on Mt. Auburn St. and will be led to the service at Euonymus Path off of Ilex Path. A gathering will be held afterward from 12 - 4 p.m. at the nearby VFW Post 8818 (688 Huron Ave. Cambridge). In lieu of flowers, please

**SOMERVILLE/MEDFORD REMEMBERING MRS. FILOMENA ROSA CABRAL**



Cabral, Filomena Rosa (Sousa) of Lynn, April 7, 2023, at age

84.

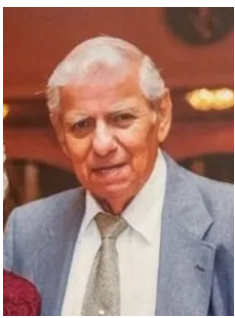
Devoted wife of over 64 years to Jose Cabral. Loving mother of Fatima Rosanina and her husband Antonio, Armenia Miranda and her husband Marcos, Anna Paula Cabral and her husband Cisco

Meneses, John Cabral and his significant other Fernanda Carreiro, Filomena Cabral Fitch and her husband Fitch, Arman Cabral and his wife Susan, Joe Cabral and his significant other Robyn Ross O'Connell. Filomena was the cherished grandmother of 16 grandchild-

dren, adored great-grandmother of 2 great-grandchildren, was pre-deceased by her 11 siblings, nephews and other loving relatives and friends. Funeral from the Rogers Funeral Home, 380 Cambridge Street in Cambridge on Wednesday,

April 12, 2023, at 9:00 am. Funeral mass to follow at St. Anthony's Church, 400 Cardinal Medeiros Avenue in Cambridge at 10:00 am. Visiting hours at the funeral home in Cambridge on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, from 4:00 to 8:00 pm.

**SOMERVILLE/MEDFORD REMEMBERING EDWARD J. NOVI**



Edward J. Novi, a lifelong resident of Medford, passed away on April 5, 2023, he was 91. Born in Somerville and raised in Medford he was the son of

the late Louise (Nazzaro) and Joseph Novi. Edward proudly served our nation in the United States Air Force during the Korean War. Following his honorable discharge, he began his career with the Brinks Company as an armored truck driver.

Edward is survived by his dear niece, Marie Connor and her husband Richard of Medford; great nieces and nephews: Trenton and Nicole Cavicchi, Gerry and Joelle Huot, Joseph

and Tania Connor, David and Ana Connor and Stephen Connor and his fiancé Montoya Monteiro; as well as seven great-great nieces and nephews. Loving brother of the late Mildred Moropito and her husband Nicholas and Phyllis Linnehan and her husband Frederick and uncle of the late Joseph and Paul Moropito. Father of Donna Novi.

Calling Hours will be held in the George L. Doherty Funeral Home, 855 Broadway (Pow-

der House Sq.) Somerville on Wednesday morning, April 12th from 8:30AM to 10:30AM followed by a Funeral Mass celebrated in St. Raphael Church, Medford at 11AM. Relatives and friends invited to attend. Services will conclude with burial and military honors at Oak Grove Cemetery, Medford.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Edward's memory can be made to the Disabled American Veterans at <http://www.dav.org>, St. Jude's Children's Hospital at

<http://www.stjude.org> or to the Neurology Research Department at Mass General Hospital at <https://giving.massgeneral.org/donate/neurology-chief-catalyst-fund>

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### SO MUCH FOR SOMERVILLE BEING KNOWN AS "TREE CITY USA"

By William Tauro

So much for Somerville being known as "tree city USA" they have close to a dozen trees on Powderhouse Boulevard alone labeled unsafe all lined up in the row to be cut down. Why all of a sudden?

All trees on the blvd starting at the church on Powderhouse blvd at the corner of Curtis and heading down towards Packard Avenue. All the trees have signage on them. And they say they are starting today to cut them down. At least five trees on one side so far. There may be more on the other side of the street coming down as well.

There are also more trees being cut down in bulk in a different areas of the city at the same time between Avon and Summer Streets next to where Elfland used to be located.

Many are wondering if these trees

were approved for cutting down by the City of Somerville? This was the same stunt that they pulled when the city took over the old Cobble Hill Convenient Store parking lot They cut down all the trees adjoining the Cobble Hill Apartment Complex saying that they were diseased all of a sudden.

I was at a public meeting at Cobble Hill Apartments one day recently when the neighbors of Cobble Hill were protesting the city's plan when they decided on taking the property. I was sitting at a table when I overheard a Somerville senior, a resident of that complex ask Councilor Strezio "Why are you cutting down all these beautiful trees?" Councilor Strezio's answer to her question was by saying to her "They may be diseased or contaminated." Really? That's how it begins with a lame excuse like that now they are doing it throughout the city when and wherever they want!

Maybe the administration up at city hall and our city councilors forgot when the Arbor Day Foundation Recognized Somerville As "Tree City USA" and further stating that Somerville achieved Tree City USA recognition for its commitment to effective urban forest management just a few years ago? They tend to forget very quickly!

The Arbor Day Foundation has named Somerville a 2021 Tree City USA. (Shutterstock) SOMERVILLE, MA — The Arbor Day Foundation, the largest non-profit membership organization dedicated to planting trees, has named Somerville a 2021 Tree City USA in honor of the city's commitment to effective urban forest management.

#### Arbor Day Foundation Recognizes Somerville As Tree City USA

Somerville achieved Tree City USA recognition for its commitment to effective urban forest management.

Annie Sandoli, Patch Staff

Posted Mon, Jun 27, 2022 at 3:29 pm ET

Reply



### TOP SOMERVILLE COMMENTS ONLINE RE: SHOTS FIRED AROUND 31 TEMPLE STREET



If the city officials would enforce the laws that criminals break and place them in jail where they belong we would not need trama assistance. You tie the police departments hands and the criminals blossom and cause terror. It is said

to think someone cannot drive through the city walk from their home and be safe.

It so funny to think that when the Mayor and the recently elected Congressman had their town hall the location was

not disclosed. WHY WHAT ARE THEY AFRAID OF? The Congressman also has a police escort I remember seeing him with her at night out in foss park. That night should be safe? What in Gods name is wrong with this city and its elected of-

ficial. Defunding police and tying their hands does not make anyone safe.

Afraid

### TOP SOMERVILLE COMMENTS ONLINE RE: POLICE IN SCHOOLS ARE MUCH NEEDED CONTRARY TO THOSE WHO FEEL ITS A THREAT

Jesse sadly was a proponent for defunding the police. That only changed when he was confronted by numerous unhappy residents who reside at the Mystic Development. More police are a good start, supporting them when they arrest and charge a bail for those criminals who

continue to make our community unsafe. Putting them in jail until they realize how to be a responsible member of the community. Police in schools are much needed contrary to those who feel its a threat, the shootings, drugs and violence would be better controlled and

caught before serious issues occur.

There are more PCO's and Crossing Guards on the street than the much needed police.

John



### TOP SOMERVILLE COMMENTS ONLINE RE: POLICE STAY AWAY THEY DON'T WANT YOU

Police: stay away they don't want you. Remember this: when the stuff hits the fan and is out of control, then they will call you. When you get there it's a soho hole and out of control. When you try to stop the shti there will be dozens of cameras filming and the kids and anti police defenders will be trying to get you charged

with a crime.

Now the very people who called you will testify against you! Go slow, do nothing you are being used. Let them call a social worker to stop their problem

John O



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# APPLY TODAY TO REVIEW PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING IDEAS AS A BUDGET DELEGATE VOLUNTEER



Somerville residents ages 17 and older can apply now to review ideas submitted for the City's first-ever round of Participatory Budgeting Applications due May 20, 2023

SOMERVILLE – The City of Somerville is now accepting applications from residents ages 17 and older to join the City's Participatory

atory Budgeting process as Budget Delegate Volunteers. This role will give residents hands-on experience working directly with City staff to review Participatory Budgeting idea submissions and determine which 20 ideas will be voted on by their fellow residents. No previous finance or budgeting experience is required; all residents will be given training and background as needed.

The time commitment for Budget Delegates will consist of an orientation meeting (about two hours), tentatively scheduled for June 15, 2023. Then ten recurring, in-person, meetings will take place on Thursday nights from 6 to 8 p.m. starting in June and ending in August. The location of these meetings will be confirmed and shared shortly.

To apply, please complete the application here: [bit.ly/BudgetDelegate-App](http://bit.ly/BudgetDelegate-App) or call 617-625-6600 ext. 2107 with any questions or to receive a paper application.

During orientation, Budget Delegates will have the opportunity to choose which of the five subcommittees they would like to join. A minimum of four people will sit on each subcommittee. If necessary, a Budget Delegate may be on multiple subcommittees to ensure this happens.

The subcommittees categories will be:  
Community-Wide Resources  
Parks & Green Spaces  
Streets & Sidewalks  
Arts & Culture

### Education

How many projects a subcommittee will select for the final ballot of 20 will be determined by the proportionality of how many ideas were submitted in that category, with a minimum of one. The current list of ideas is available for the public to look at here.

Once the subcommittees are formed, volunteers will review and research each idea, in consultation with city staff, and narrow down a smaller selection to research further and grade based on the following criteria:  
Need (5 points)  
Impact (5 points)  
Feasibility (5 points)

With these criteria in mind, as

well as feedback from City staff on project cost, the subcommittees will select the final 20 allotted proposals for the ballot. All city residents will have the opportunity to vote on the selected proposals in September 2023.

Residents can also stay up to date on one-time or seasonal volunteer opportunities, as well as process updates via the Participatory Budgeting E-Newsletter: <http://www.somervillema.gov/PB>

## ONE SOMERVILLE, EVERY CHILD: CELEBRATE 'WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD' ON

April 10-14 is Week of the Young Child, an annual celebration designated by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families.

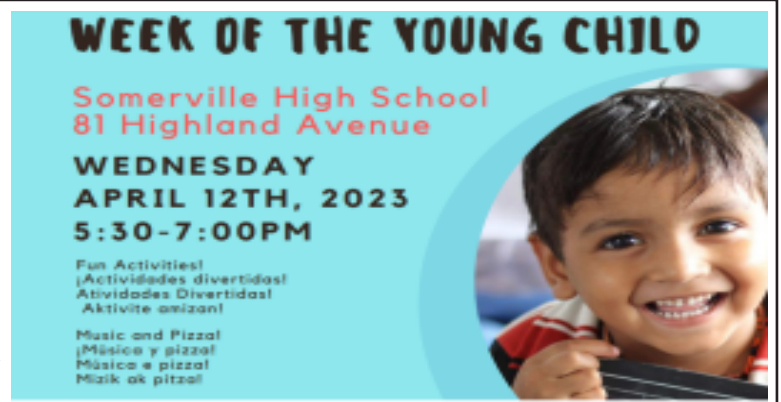
In recognition, Mayor Katjana Ballantyne, Somerville Public Schools, and Somerville's early childhood community invite parents, children

and educators to enjoy music, pizza, and games at the One Somerville, Every Child celebration on Wednesday, April 12 on the Somerville High School concourse (81 Highland Ave.) from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Somerville is committed to creating a city where all youth and families can thrive. A collective approach to meeting the needs of young children is supported by the Somerville

Children's Cabinet, which develops comprehensive child well-being and education systems that leverage the many resources and partners within the city and surrounding community to eliminate the link between children's socioeconomic status and academic achievement.

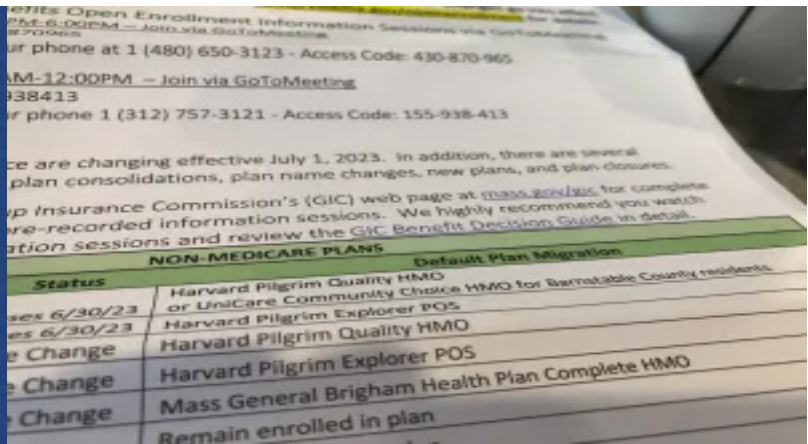
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## TOP SOMERVILLE COMMENTS ONLINE RE:LOOK UP THE DEFINITION OF "MIGRATION"

Mayor(?)

Mayor and her clown council are now referring to retirees and anyone who has city health insurance as "animals!" Look up the definition of "migration" &@%#&!!!!!



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### ALLOW TEMPORARY LICENSE PLATES

By Bob Katzen

A new Massachusetts law that took effect last week would allow car dealers and sellers in Massachusetts to provide temporary 9-day license plates for vehicles that are purchased by out-of-state residents and allow them to use the plates until the vehicle can

be driven to and registered in their home state. The measure went into effect last week but was originally approved by the Legislature and signed into law by former Gov. Charlie Baker in January. Under Massachusetts law, most new laws take effect 90 days following the governor's signing of them.

Supporters say that under prior regulations, out-of-staters leave the dealership after a purchase and are forced to coordinate a complicated delivery across state lines to their home state while the new law will allow these buyers to take their vehicles home straight off the lot rather than wait

for delivery. They argue this will save dealerships and consumers the cost of delivery and ensure that the sales tax revenue flows to Bay State coffers rather than to those of the buyer's home state. "Big news!" tweeted Rep. Smitty Pignatelli (D-Lenox). "Effective today,

the @MassRMV will start issuing temporary registration plates. This policy will generate millions in revenue for our commonwealth and is an added convenience to customers and dealers. Glad to be a part of the team that worked hard to get this done."

### ESTABLISH INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION (S 7)

By Bob Katzen

The Election Laws Committee held a hearing on a proposed constitutional amendment that would establish a seven-member redistricting commission to draw Massachusetts legislative and congressional districts every 10 years. The plan then would be submitted to the Legislature, which would vote it up or down. The amendment would replace current law which allows the Legislature itself to draw the

districts. The proposed commission would include a dean or professor of law, political science or government from a Massachusetts college, appointed by the governor; a retired judge, appointed by the attorney general; and an expert in civil rights law, appointed by the secretary of state. The other four members would be chosen by the above three members from a list of candidates nominated by the House Speak-

er, House Minority Leader, Senate President and Senate Minority Leader. The proposal requires the commission to follow specific rules, including ensuring that districts are compact and contiguous and are not drawn for the purpose of diluting the voting strength of any group based on race, ethnicity, language, minority status or for the purpose of augmenting or diluting the voting strength of a political party or any individual.

The commission also would be required to attempt to follow other guidelines, including preventing a city or town from being divided into more than one district. Sponsor Sen. Jamie Eldridge (D-Acton) said current law allowing the Legislature itself to redraw districts leads to concerns over the objectivity and transparency of the redistricting process. "This issue has recently gained national attention

because of the allegations against Republican-controlled state Legislatures 'gerrymandering' districts to disproportionately benefit Republicans," said Eldridge. "Although Democrats have supermajorities in both chambers of our state Legislature, Massachusetts should be a leader on objective, transparent and equitable redistricting procedures."

### FAKE SERVICE ANIMALS (H 1481)

By Bob Katzen

A bill that would make it a crime for anyone to misrepresent that a dog or other animal is a service animal was heard by the Judiciary Committee. First-time offenders would be required to perform 30 hours of community service for an organization that serves individuals with disabili-

ties and/or up to a \$500 fine. Subsequent offenses would be punishable by 60 hours of community service and/or up to a \$1,000 fine. "The bill seeks to protect service dogs and their handlers from people who are abusing the rights afforded to them under the Americans with Disabilities Act," said sponsor Rep. Kim Ferguson (R-Holden). "Whether intentional or not, people who try to pass their pets off as service dogs, in order to bring them into businesses, public places, etc. are breaking the law and are taking advantage of access rights afforded to the individuals who need working service dogs and the support they provide day to day."

rep. Kim Ferguson (R-Holden). "Whether intentional or not, people who try to pass their pets off as service dogs, in order to bring them into businesses, public places, etc. are breaking the law and are taking advantage of access rights afforded to the individuals who need working service dogs and the support they provide day to day."

"I think we can agree that we have seen many pets in stores, restaurants [and] places of business ... riding in shopping carts, dressed up in clothing or being a nuisance—simply because they are pets, not highly trained service dogs," continued Ferguson. "At times, it is also impacting members of the general public who

want to be in a place of business—a restaurant, etc.—without someone's pet interfering unnecessarily—eating off plates, sniffing at their food, barking or snarling. This has become an increasing problem throughout the country, so much so that 27 other states have had to pass laws such as this."

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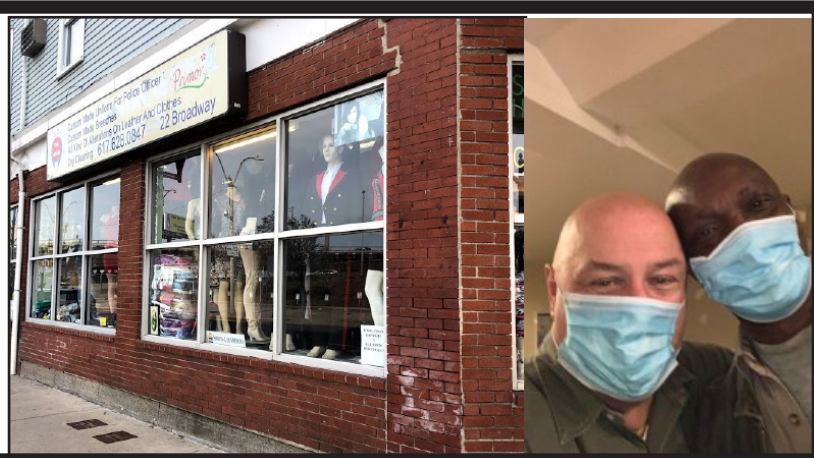




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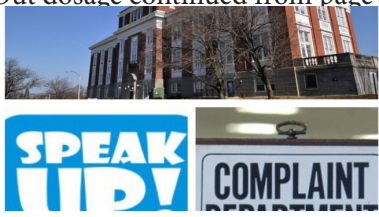
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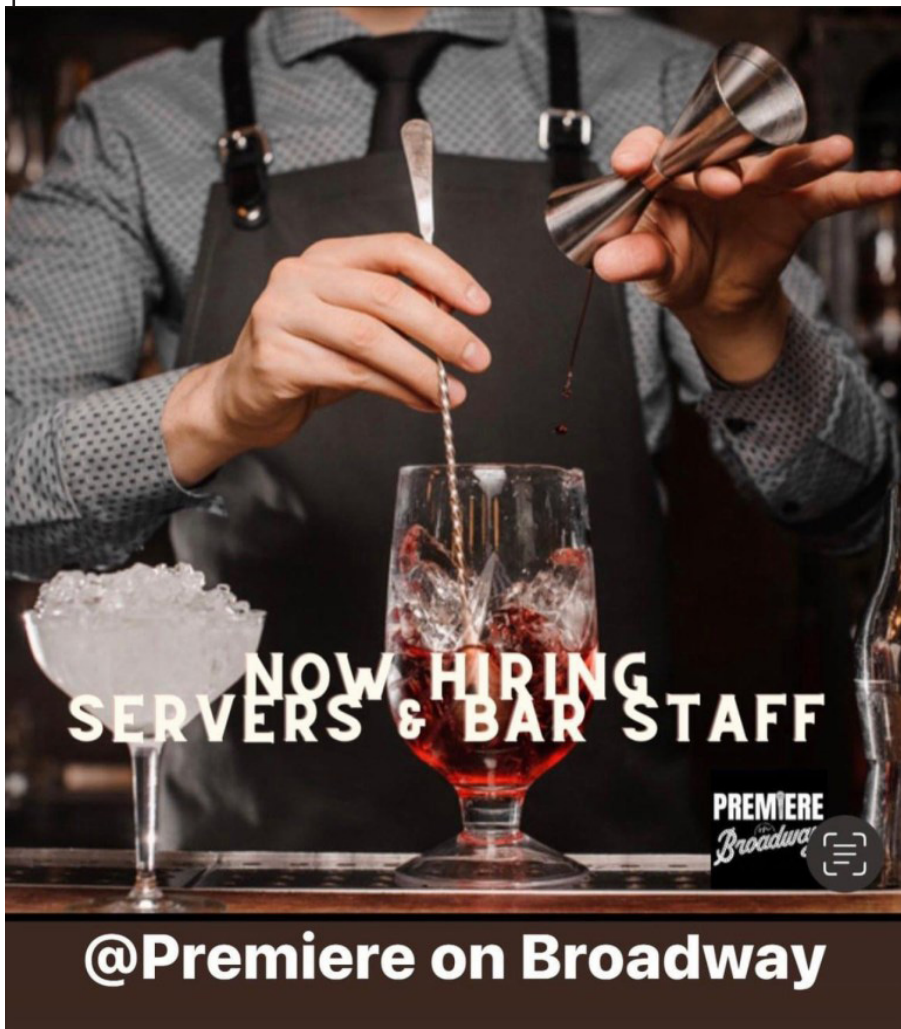
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### REAL LIFE SOMERVILLE POLICE STORIES: (TRESPASS, RESISTING ARREST, INTIMIDATION)ARREST



On Thursday April 6th 2023 I was on duty, assigned to uniform patrol cruiser east 1. At approximately 8:10AM, I was dispatched to 220 Broadway, Dunkin Donuts, for a report of an unwanted inebriated male inside the store refusing to leave.

Officer Legros on marked unit east 4 was dispatched as backup. Upon arrival, we were met inside by the

reporting party and manager, Ms. XXXX. As soon Ms. XXXX started to explained to us what was taking place, a male party, later identified as the defendant Mr. Leodan Salmeron-Molina, walked over and started to yell at Ms. XXXX in an attempt to prevent her from speaking to us. I immediately escorted Mr. Salmeron-Molina outside and explained to him that if the Dunkin Donuts staff

asked him to leave because of his disruptive behavior, he had to leave. However, Mr. Salmeron-Molina was very agitated and refused to let me speak further.

I was able to explained to Mr. Salmeron-Molina, however, that he was trespassed from the store and if he was to return inside he would be subject to arrest, to which he replied "i will go back inside." I reiterated numerous times about the consequences of going back inside.

As soon as we left, Mr. Salmeron-Molina went back inside the store,

and this prompted the manager, Ms. XXXX, to run towards my cruiser as we were driving around the block back into the parking lot of the Dunkin Donuts. Then, once we arrived, Mr. Salmeron-Molina started to walk outside. Once he was outside, I attempted to place Mr. Salmeron-Molina under arrest, however, he refused to turn around and a brief struggle ensued. I took Mr. Salmeron-Molina to the ground and asked him to put his hands behind his back. Mr. Salmeron-Molina complied.

I placed Mr. Salmeron-Molina under

arrest for Trespassing M.G.L. C.266 S. 120, Intimidation of a witness M.G.L. C.268 S.32B/D , and Resisting arrest MG.L. C. 268 S.32B.

Once the transport vehicle unit 200 arrived, Mr. Salmeron-Molina stated to us that the judge was going to let him go and he was going to come back inside the store.

Respectfully submitted,

Officer Ducasse, 313  
Somerville Police Department

### SOMERVILLE WORKERS AND SMALL EMPLOYERS INVITED TO ATTEND EMPLOYMENT-BASED RESIDENCY INFORMATION SESSION HOSTED BY PATHWAYS FOR IMMIGRANT WORKERS AND CITY OF SOMERVILLE



Informational session will be held on April 12, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the East Somerville Community School Cafeteria,

50 Cross St.

SOMERVILLE – The City of Somerville and Pathways for Immigrant Workers will host a free immigration legal information session for small employers and lower-wage workers on Wednesday, April 12, 2023, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the East Somerville Community School Cafeteria located at 50 Cross St.

The information session will

share how small employers can sponsor lower-wage workers for employment-based permanent residency. Employers and workers will be invited to schedule an individual assessment with Pathways for Immigrant Workers to determine eligibility to receive pro-bono legal representation for qualifying workers.

To find out more, and register in advance, email [info@myim-](mailto:info@myim-)

[migrantpathway.org](http://migrantpathway.org). Registration is not required to attend the workshop, and walk-ins are welcome.

Interpretation in Spanish, Portuguese, and Haitian Creole will be available and additional languages may be requested by emailing [somerviva@somervillema.gov](mailto:somerviva@somervillema.gov) or calling 311 at 617-666-3311.

Pathways for Immigrant

Workers is a Cambridge-based non-profit legal organization that assists lower-waged workers and small employers with employer-sponsored green card applications. The organization provides pro-bono legal representation to eligible small businesses who otherwise would not have the means to obtain legal representation to sponsor their employees.

### CHILDCARE TAX CREDIT (\$ 1814)

By Bob Katzen

A measure before the Revenue Committee would allow up to a \$3,000 annual tax credit for families that spend money on childcare services. The childcare servicer must be a provider licensed by the state in order to qualify

for the tax credit and the child receiving childcare services must be a dependent of the taxpayer.

Sponsor Sen. Ryan Fattman (R-Sutton) did not respond to repeated requests by Beacon Hill Roll Call to comment on his proposal.



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DONALD'S OBITUARY:

Desrochers, Donald L. Sr. – Of Malden, passed away surrounded by his loving family after a brief but fierce battle with cancer on April 4, 2023. He was 54 years young.

Born and raised in Somerville. He was the son of the late

Roger and Wilma (Davies) Desrochers. Donald was a family man who loved making memories with his family, he cherished every moment with his grandchildren. Whenever he was with family, he felt the joy. Donald was known as a jokester, he loved to make a friendly joke with anyone he would come in contact with. He knew almost everyone from being so friendly. He was a kind, strong and most of all a gentle giant. The world was a brighter place with Donald in it and he will be missed by all. He was the beloved husband

of Elizabeth "Betty" (MacNeil) Desrochers. The devoted father of Donald Desrochers Jr. and his wife Kaitlyn of Griswold, CT, Bridget Hanson and her husband Derek of Malden, Cruz Desrochers and his fiancé Layne Koeppel of Southbridge, and Owen Desrochers and his wife Jisel of Everett. He was the loving Pepere of Donald III, Dakota, Derek Jr., Gordon, and Elle. The cherished brother of Roger Desrochers Jr. and his wife Denice, Roy Desrochers and his wife Elaine, William "Billy" Desrochers and his wife Janice, and Thomas

Desrochers (Gail Bramante), Sean Desrochers and his wife Elizabeth "Beth". Dear brother inlaw of Timothy "Timmy" MacNeil and his wife Lisa, Jackie MacNeil and his wife Claudia, Inez Fabiano and her late husband John and the late Thomas "Tommy" MacNeil. He is also survived by many loving, nieces, nephews, and close family and friends along with his crazy puppy Daisy girl.

A Funeral Procession will be from the George L. Doherty Funeral Home 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.) on Friday,

April 7th at 9:00AM. Please remain in your vehicles. A graveside service will be held at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett at 10:00AM. Calling Hours will be held on Thursday, April 6th from 4:00PM to 7:00PM.

Services will conclude with Donald being laid to rest at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

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proximately 3:41am on Friday morning. Due to the nature of the incident, additional details can not be released at this time. This was an isolated incident and there is no threat to the public.

These are all the details that can be released regarding this incident. Respectfully,  
Captain Paul F. Covino







**SOMERVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIME LOG 3/21/2023 – 3/27/2023**

<p>Assault</p> <p>23014822: On 3/22/23 at approximately 12:57 AM, Somerville Police responded to the MBTA station on College Ave for report of two males fighting. Upon arrival, officers spoke with the two males who stated they got into a verbal argument that escalated into a fight. One of the male parties suffered minor injuries.</p>	<p>Somerville Police responded to the Somerville Hospital for report of a past assault. Upon arrival, officers spoke with an employee who stated she was attacked by a female patient.</p>	<p>a male party entered the store then brandished a firearm and demanded money. The clerk gave the male suspect approximately \$3,000 and he fled down Marshall St. He was described as a white male, 6'0-6'1, wearing a black hooded jacket, grey sweat pants and a white scarf covering his face.</p>	
<p>Assault</p> <p>23015688: On 3/26/23 at approximately 2:40 AM,</p>	<p>Armed Robbery</p> <p>23015363: On 3/24/23 at approximately 4:15 PM, Somerville Police responded to a business in the area of Broadway &amp; Marshall St for report of an armed robbery. Upon arrival, officers spoke with the clerk who stated</p>	<p>Other Crimes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 MV Vandalisms</li> <li>• 1 Bike Theft</li> <li>• 1 Car Break</li> <li>• 1 Package Theft</li> </ul>	

**SOMERVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIME LOG 3/28/2023 -4/3/2023**

<p>Other Crimes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 Car Breaks</li> <li>• 1 Bike Theft</li> <li>• 2 MV Vandalisms</li> <li>• 2 Package Thefts</li> <li>• 1 MV Theft</li> </ul>	
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RFP's will be received by email to ryanc@sha-web.org by May 24th, 2023, at 1:00 PM.

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**SOMERVILLE/MEDFORD REMEMBERING FEDERICO STUTO**



**FEDERICO'S OBITUARY:**

Stuto, Federico - Of Somerville, passed away at home on Saturday, April 8, 2023. He was 78 years old.

Born and raised in Ramacca, Sicily. He was the son of the late Vincenzo and Giuseppina (Cappello) Stuto. He was the beloved husband of 50 years to Grazia (Sottile) Stuto. The devoted father of Vincenzo Stuto of Revere and Giuseppina "Josephine" Stuto of Revere. Cherished brother of Santo Stuto of Malden and the late Giuseppe

Stuto. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. A Funeral Procession will be held in the George L. Doherty Funeral Home 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.) Somerville, on Friday April 14th at 9:30AM. Followed by a grave side service at Holy Cross Cemetery at 10:30AM. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend.

Calling Hours will be held on Thursday April 13th from 5:00PM to 7:00PM. Words of remembrance will be said at 6:30PM.

Services will conclude with Federico being laid to rest at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden.



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Memorial Day parade will return this year on Sunday, May 28 (rain date: May 29).

This year's event will be the first time Somerville has hosted a parade on Memorial Day weekend since 2016. The City's annual remembrance ceremony will immediately follow at Veterans Cemetery to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice while in service to our country.

Somerville to host parade on Sunday, May 28; remembrance ceremony will immediately follow

Sign up now to be in the parade or volunteer

SOMERVILLE – Mayor Katjana Ballantyne and the Department of Veterans' Services are pleased to announce Somerville's

The parade will step off at noon from Davis Square, proceeding west on Holland Street through Teele Square and onto Broad-

way, ending at the Veterans Cemetery between Alewife Brook Parkway and North Street.

The ceremony will feature a wreath laying and remarks by Mayor Ballantyne, City Council President Ben Ewen-Campen, Director of Veterans' Services Ted Louis-Jacques, and several members of the local Veterans community.

Sign Up to Be in the Parade or Volunteer

Somerville community groups and organizations are encouraged to participate and march along with

local Veterans and first responders. To participate, please complete a brief form at [somervillema.gov/veterans](http://somervillema.gov/veterans) or call 617-625-6600 ext. 4700 by Friday, April 28.

The City also seeks volunteers to help with promotion, parade setup and clean-up, and general event support. To volunteer, please complete a brief form at [somervillema.gov/veterans](http://somervillema.gov/veterans) or call 617-625-6600 ext. 4700 by Friday, April 21.

Save the date now and join us for our celebration of service. Please contact the Somerville Department of

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### SOMERVILLE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST SEEKS ONE NEW MEMBER



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,

age, national origin, disability, or any other protected category. Auxiliary aids and services, written materials in alternative formats, and reasonable modifications in policies and procedures will be provided to qualified applicants and employees with disabilities free of charge, upon request. 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 PORCH FEST 2023

PorchFest Somerville 2023 will take place on Saturday, May 13th (rain date 14th) from 12-6pm

Designated Times:  
12-2pm – West (west of Willow)  
2-4pm – Central (from Willow to Central)

4-6pm – East (east of Central)  
PorchFest is not a festival per se but rather a community event where Somervillians share their love of playing and listening to music.  
<https://somervilleartscouncil.org/porchfest>



### MUNICIPAL SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS



Five \$1,000 municipal scholarships are available for high school seniors graduating in 2023 through the City of Somerville Municipal Scholarship Committee. Applicants must be residents of Somerville who

have been accepted to an accredited post-secondary institution.

To apply, students are asked to create a profile and answer three short essay questions. Scholarship America –

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### Join The Somerville Blessing Boxes Group



Somerville Blessing Boxes are located at Union Square Plaza and Statue Park Davis Square  
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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.  
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Much thanks and appreciation,  
Frank Santangelo

#### Blessing Backpack Checklist

<b>BASICS:</b> ___ Wool beanie {hat} ___ Smart wool socks ___ Gloves ___ Scarf  <b>FOOD &amp; DRINK</b> ___ Quality instant coffee ___ Tea ___ Energy drink ___ Beef jerky ___ Dried fruit ___ Fruit leathers ___ Trail mix ___ Nuts ___ Granola bars ___ Protein powder packets ___ Restaurant gift cards  <b>HELP THEM CONNECT</b> ___ Journal & pen ___ Stationary ___ Stamps ___ Pre-paid phone card	<b>TOILETRIES</b> ___ Multi-purpose wipes ___ Chapstick ___ Facial wipes ___ Moisturizer ___ Comb ___ Toothbrush & tooth paste ___ Grooming kit  <b>SURVIVAL</b> ___ First aid kit ___ Water bottle with built in filter ___ Heat-pack ___ Multi-purpose tool  <b>TREATS:</b> ___ Chocolates ___ Fruit snacks ___ Cookie snack packs ___ Candy {individually wrapped} ___ Mints ___ Chewing gum  <b>SPLURGE:</b> ___ Starbucks gift card ___ Compact reusable bag
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### EXTRA PAY FOR 103 REPRESENTATIVES

By Bob Katzen

One hundred and three of the current 158 representatives receive an additional stipend, ranging from \$7,096 to \$109,163, 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. Fifty-five representatives do not receive a stipend. The stipend is increased or decreased every two years based on data from the BEA that measures the quarterly change in salaries and wages.

House Speaker Ronald Mariano (D-Quincy), the top Democrat, earns the highest stipend of any representative: \$109,163. House Minority Leader Rep. Bradley Jones (R-North Reading), the top Republican, earns an \$81,872 stipend.

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 representative also receives an annual general expense pay allowance of \$20,468 for members who live within a 50-mile radius of the Statehouse 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 representatives' district offices and other expenses including contributions to local civic groups and the printing and mailing of newsletters. Representatives 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 returns.

#### REPRESENTATIVES WHO LIVE

50 OR MORE MILES FROM THE STATEHOUSE ARE ELIGIBLE TO PAY A REDUCED OR NO FEDERAL INCOME TAX ON THEIR LEGISLATIVE SALARY – Representatives who live more than 50 miles from the Statehouse are eligible for a special federal tax break. A 1981 federal law allows them to write off a daily expense allowance when filing their federal income tax return. The complicated system determines a daily amount, ostensibly for meals, lodging and other expenses incurred in the course of their jobs, which can be deducted for every "legislative day."

Under the Massachusetts Legislature's system and schedule, every day of the year qualifies as a legislative day. The Legislature does not formally "prorogue" (end an annual session) until the next annual session begins. This allows legislators to take the deduction for all 365 days regardless of whether the Legislature is actually meeting or not. Legislators do not even have to travel to the Statehouse to qualify for the daily deduction.

The amount of the deduction is based on the federal per diem for Massachusetts. It varies from year to year. The daily per diem for legislators for fiscal year 2023 varies in different parts of the state and is seasonal. It ranges from \$98 per day to \$459 per day or between \$35,770 and \$167,535 annually. Beacon Hill Roll Call's research indicates that 41 of the state's 158 representatives live more than 50 miles from the Statehouse, qualify for this deduction and are eligible to pay a reduced or no federal income tax on their legislative salaries.

PARKING SPACE – Representatives are entitled to a parking space inside the Statehouse garage or at the nearby McCormack State Office Building. The first \$300 in monthly value of the space is a tax-free benefit under federal and state guidelines that apply to all public and private employees, not just state representatives. Any value of the space above this amount is treated as taxable income.

The value of the parking spaces in 2023 was determined by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to be \$449 per month. Based on that figure, legislators would be taxed on the excess \$149 monthly by the Internal Revenue Service and the state.

HEALTH INSURANCE – Representatives are eligible to choose from nine health insurance plans offered by the state's Group Insurance Commission, which manages the plans for over 137,000 individuals—current and retired state workers, as well as certain municipal workers, and their dependents.

Representatives elected on or before July 1, 2003, pay 20 percent of the total premium and the state pays 80 percent. Those elected to their first term on or after July 1, 2003 pay 25 percent while the state picks up 75 percent. State and federal privacy regulations protect this information and it is not possible to obtain records about which plans individual legislators have purchased. The out-of-pocket monthly premiums paid by representatives for family plans range from \$311.02 to \$788.43. For individual plans, they pay from \$125.66 to \$354.68 each month.

LIFE INSURANCE – Representatives who purchase a health insurance policy from the state are also required to buy the state's basic \$5,000 life insurance policy. This costs employees \$1.27 to \$1.59 per month, depending on the date of hire. The same 20/80 25/75 formula used for health insurance also applies to this life insurance. Representatives also have the option to buy additional life insurance with a value of up to eight times their salary. The entire premium for the optional insurance is paid by the representative.

LONG-TERM DISABILITY AND HEALTH CARE SPENDING ACCOUNT – Representatives also have the option to open a Health Care Spending Account (HCSA) and Dependent Care Assistance Program (DCAP), and to buy long-term disability insurance. The HCSA allows legislators to set aside

funds to pay for out-of-pocket health care expenses with before-tax dollars while the DCAP allows them to set aside funds to pay for certain dependent care expenses with before-tax dollars. This participation reduces their federal and state income taxes. The entire premium for long-term disability is paid by legislators.

DENTAL AND VISION INSURANCE – Representatives are eligible to choose one of two dental/vision insurance plans. Current monthly employee premium costs paid by representatives for family plans range from \$14.32 to \$19.36, while individual plans range from \$4.64 to \$6.26. All representatives pay 15 percent of the premium and the state pays 85 percent.

GRAND TOTAL OF LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES' SALARIES Here are the top 10 representatives who are paid the highest salaries including the three categories of base pay, stipends and general expense pay allowance.

- Ron Mariano (D-Quincy) \$203,286
- Aaron Michlewitz (D-Boston) \$182,818
- Brad Jones (R-North Reading) \$175,995
- Mike Moran (D-Brighton) \$175,995
- Kate Hogan (D-Stow) \$162,350
- Kim Ferguson (R-Holden) \$148,705
- Sarah Peake (D-Provincetown) \$148,705
- Susan Gifford (R-Wareham) \$148,705
- Fred Barrows (R-Mansfield) \$141,882
- Tony Cabral (D-New Bedford) \$141,882

CATEGORY #1 – LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES' BASE SALARIES Here are local representatives' base salaries. They are the same for all representatives.

Rep. Christine Barber \$73,655 Rep. Mike Connolly \$73,655 Rep. Erika Uytterhoeven \$73,655

CATEGORY #2 – LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES' STIPENDS Here are local representatives' stipends for their positions in the Democratic and Republican leadership, as committee chairs, vice chairs and the ranking Republican on some committees.

Rep. Christine Barber \$20,468 Rep. Mike Connolly \$0 Rep. Erika Uytterhoeven \$0

CATEGORY #3 – LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES' GENERAL EXPENSE PAY ALLOWANCE Here are local representatives' pay for general office expenses. The amount is \$20,468 for members who live within a 50-mile radius of the Statehouse and \$27,291 for those who are located outside of that radius.

Rep. Christine Barber \$20,468 Rep. Mike Connolly \$20,468 Rep. Erika Uytterhoeven \$20,468

GRAND TOTAL OF LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES' SALARIES Here are the top ten representatives who are paid the highest total salaries including the three categories of base pay, stipends and general expense pay allowance.

- Ron Mariano (D-Quincy) \$203,286
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Here are local representatives' current total annual salary including the three categories of base pay, stipends and general expense pay allowance.

Rep. Christine Barber \$114,591 Rep. Mike Connolly \$94,123 Rep. Erika Uytterhoeven \$94,123

### \$73,655 BASE SALARY FOR ALL 158 REPRESENTATIVES

By Bob Katzen

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

Representatives' 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.

Representatives' 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 session 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 representatives' base salaries have been raised \$27,245, or 58 percent, since 2011 when the mandated salary adjustment became part of the state constitution and representatives were earning \$46,410.

### 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.

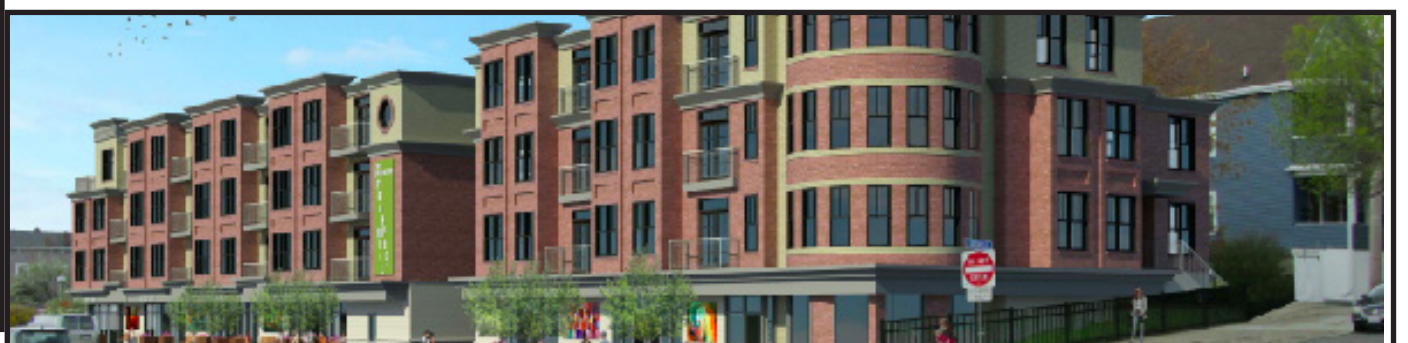
High census participation provides an accurate population count, which helps the City plan municipal services and adapt as the population changes. The Elections Department also uses the census to help keep voting rolls up to date.

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,

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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 [somer ville.ma.gov/treehealth](http://somer ville.ma.gov/treehealth).

### SOMERVILLE STREET SWEEPING RESUMES APRIL 3, 2023 SOMERVILLE STREET SWEEPING REGULATIONS IN EFFECT APRIL 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31



SOMERVILLE – Mayor Katjana Ballantyne and the Somerville Parking Department remind all residents that regular street sweeping will resume this season on Mon-

day, April 3, and continue through December 31, 2023. Department of Public Works crews conduct street sweeping not only to help keep our streets clean but to also reduce flooding by preventing clogged street drains.

On designated street sweeping days, vehicles must be moved from the side of the street being swept, as noted on signs posted on each street. The

penalty for not complying with street sweeping parking regulations is a \$50 fine. Vehicle owners are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the street sweeping schedule in areas where they park. The best way to do this is to note the days for street sweeping on your street by relying on posted signs.

You can also look up a street's sweeping schedule or sign up for complimen-

tary street sweeping reminders by text, email, or phone, by visiting [somer ville.ma.gov/sweeping](http://somer ville.ma.gov/sweeping). Soon the City will also release a smartphone app for street sweeping, trash and recycling reminders as well. The reminder service is offered as a courtesy and as a backup, but not as a failsafe service. Drivers should always check the street signs when parking.

For more information

regarding street sweeping procedures, visit [park-somerville.com](http://park-somerville.com) or call 311 (617-666-3311).

### SOMERVILLE/MEDFORD REMEMBERING GIUSEPPE PICCIRILLI



Piccirilli, Giuseppe– Of Somerville, passed away at his home on Sunday, April 9, 2023. He was 90 years old.

Giuseppe Piccirilli was born May 24, 1932 in Bari, Italy to the late Sabino and Porzia (Corcelli) Piccirilli immigrated to Massachusetts in 1962. He lived the American dream fulfilling the idea of hard work and providing his children a better life than he had as the head of the family. He was a kind strong man that we all should admire. Giuseppe was a talented welder and fitter and used his talent to open his own business. His talent did not stop there but it could be seen with how he tended to his vegetable garden which he loved to show case to others. On his down time, he loved to spend time with his family, watch the Bruins, Patriots and his favorite Italian soccer teams. As well as his favorite T

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## SPRING 2023 SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED FOR CITY HALL COMMUNITY MEETINGS SERIES WITH THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCILORS



Meetings for All Seven Wards Will Be Held End of April through Mid-May

SOMERVILLE – Community members are invited to join Mayor Katjana Ballantyne and the City Council at the spring 2023 City Hall Community Meetings. These meetings are held twice a year in each of Somerville's seven wards to share the latest City and neighborhood updates with community members. They are an opportunity to get an overview of the latest City news, learn more about City programs and initiatives, meet your neighbors, find ways to get involved, and talk with elected officials and City staff.

In-person meetings start with a social half-hour with pizza and kid-friendly, healthy snacks, where you can chat one-on-one with elected officials including the Mayor and your Ward City Councilor or At-Large City Councilors as well as staff about issues important to you. The meeting then includes presentations by the Mayor and staff on projects in your neighborhood, updates on citywide initiatives, and a look at neighborhood crime stats followed by a roughly 20-minute open Q&A. This year, we'll also be collecting ideas for how to spend the \$1 million dedicated to the City's first ever Participatory Budgeting process ([somer villema.gov/PB](http://somer villema.gov/PB)).

All Ward meetings will be held in person and one all-virtual, all-ward meeting will be held on Zoom and will be accessible online or by any phone. Two additional, all-ward meetings will take place in person: one in Spanish and one in Portuguese. All in-person meetings will be recorded for later on-demand or TV viewing.

Spring 2023 Community Meeting

**Schedule**  
Meetings run from 6:30 to 8 p.m., with refreshments and meet-and-greets starting at 6 p.m. Unsure about which ward you live in? Find out with the MySomerville address lookup tool at <http://www.somer villema.gov/mysomerville>.  
Ward 3 (N. Union Sq., Prospect Hill, Spring Hill, Central Hill, and more): Tues., April 25, Somerville High School Cafeteria, 81 Highland Ave.  
Ward 5 (Magoun Sq., NE Ball Sq., Cedar & Lowell St. areas, NW Porter Sq., and more): Weds., April 26, Kennedy School Cafeteria, 5 Cherry St.  
All Ward Meeting in Portuguese: Tues., May 2, East Somerville Community School Cafeteria, 50 Cross St. This meeting will also be livestreamed on the City of Somerville YouTube page, and shared on Portuguese language Facebook page [fb.com/SomervilleCidade](https://fb.com/SomervilleCidade).  
Ward 6 (Greater Davis Sq. neighborhood and more): Mon., May 8, Somerville Community Baptist Church, 31 College Ave.  
Ward 1 (East Somerville, Assembly Sq., and more): Tues., May 9, East Somerville Community School

Cafeteria, 50 Cross St.  
All Ward Meeting in Spanish: Weds., May 10, East Somerville Community School Cafeteria, 50 Cross St. This meeting will also be livestreamed on the City of Somerville YouTube page, and shared on the Spanish language Facebook page [fb.com/SomervilleCiudad](https://fb.com/SomervilleCiudad).  
Ward 2 (S. Union Sq., Perry and Lincoln Park neighborhoods, Beacon St. area, and more): Mon., May 15, Argenziano School Cafeteria, 290 Washington St.  
Ward 4 (Winter Hill, Ten Hills, and more): Tues., May 16, Healey School Cafeteria, 5 Meacham St.  
Ward 7 (West Somerville, Teele Sq., and more): Thurs., May 18, West Somerville Neighborhood School Cafeteria, 177 Powder House Blvd.  
All Ward Virtual Meeting: Monday, May 22, online via Zoom with interpretation into Spanish and Portuguese, as well as other languages by request. You may join online or call in on any phone. For sign-in information, please visit <http://www.somer villema.gov/communitymeetings> or call 311 at 617-666-3311.  
All meetings will be recorded by

the City's GovTV team. Watch them on-demand with optional closed-captioning (select the CC icon) on [YouTube.com/SomervilleCityTV](https://YouTube.com/SomervilleCityTV). Or watch on cable TV at GovTV Comcast Ch. 22 and GovTV Astound (RCN) Ch. 13 & 613. Videos generally post within one business day of recording.

Interpretation into your language is available for all meetings upon advance request by contacting the Somerviva Office of Immigrant Affairs at [somerviva@somer villema.gov](mailto:somerviva@somer villema.gov) or calling 311 at 617-666-3311. Interpretation availability is also being advertised in Spanish, Portuguese, Haitian Kreyol, Nepali, Mandarin, and Cantonese.

For more information about the Community Meetings, visit [somer villema.gov/communitymeetings](http://somer villema.gov/communitymeetings). For questions, please contact Victoria MacGregor at [vmacgregor@somer villema.gov](mailto:vmacgregor@somer villema.gov) or 617-625-6600 x2620.

## SOMERVILLE BOARD OF ELECTIONS COMMISSIONERS SEEKS ONE NEW MEMBER



The City of Somerville seeks one registered Republican to serve on the Board of Elections

Commissioners. The Board consists of four people who represent each of the two leading political parties (Democrats and Republicans), as defined in Chapter 50, Section 1 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

The Board supports all functions of the Elections Department and assumes nearly all responsibilities relating to primaries and elections in Somerville. Commissioners

supervise all official elections and recounts, assist in testing voting equipment, and oversee the accurate tabulation of all voting machine results at the end of each election night. They also attend occasional meetings as needed.

Commissioners serve three-year terms and earn a monthly stipend of \$318. Applicants must be registered to vote in Somerville and cannot be a

member of any other Somerville board or commission. Commissioners must possess a valid Massachusetts driver's license and have access to a vehicle on all official City of Somerville election days in order to deliver sealed absentee ballots to individual polling locations if needed. Applicants should be able to lift a voting machine (approximately 30 lbs.).

Applications are due Wednesday, May 3. To apply, please send a statement of interest to Nicholas Salerno, Chairman of the Board of Elections Commissioners, at [nsalerno@somer villema.gov](mailto:nsalerno@somer villema.gov) or Somerville Elections Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143. Please email [nsalerno@somer villema.gov](mailto:nsalerno@somer villema.gov) or call 617-625-6600 ext. 4210 with questions.

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Deadline to Apply Is Friday, April 28

SOMERVILLE – As part of Pub-

lic Safety for All efforts, the City of Somerville is bringing in the nationally recognized Urban Peace Institute for an anti-violence initiative that will include the creation of a community-based Anti-Violence Working Group. Mayor Katjana Ballantyne and the City's Department of Racial and Social Justice (RSJ) announced today that Somerville residents and workers are invited to apply to join the working group, which will collaborate closely with the Urban Peace Institute, on community safety and violence reduction including gun and gang violence in Somerville. Applications are available starting the week of April 3 and must be received by Friday, April 28, at 7 p.m.

The Urban Peace Institute is a recognized leader in promoting health and safety and ending mass incarceration, with documented success in reducing violence. Founded by civil rights leader Connie Rice, the nonprofit institute broke ground on innovative community-based solutions that address community violence and engage in system reform. Over the past two decades, the institute's unique approach to addressing the root causes of community-level

violence has been applied in more than 20 communities across the country, including Los Angeles where it was founded, to effectively increase safety. Key to the success of their approach is to engage community members in solutions.

"We are honored to have such a forward thinking and effective organization come to Somerville as we work to build public safety for all. The Urban Peace Institute has not only successfully reduced crime, they have also reduced youth arrests because their public health approach understands that we must address the root causes of violence and systems that are not working," said Mayor Katjana Ballantyne. "I want to thank the Racial and Social Justice Department for bringing such an important partner to Somerville. We need to seize this opportunity, so I encourage community members to get involved."

The Anti-Violence Working Group will consist of community members who live or work in Somerville, as well as representatives from several local nonprofit organizations, other key stakeholders, and subject-matter experts. All

community-member applicants must live or work in Somerville and must be at least 17 years of age. Participants are asked to bring their compassion, commitment, and creativity to the process.

"Since the RSJ Department was formed, this initiative has been a focal point for us. To create effective solutions that promote safety and reduce crime we must center transparency, collaboration, and community voices in this work," said RSJ Director Denise Molina Capers. "This is a shared responsibility and our community is the key – they have the first-hand knowledge that will transform ideas into sustainable, enduring public safety policies and programs."

Working group members will be compensated for their time. Members will be expected to attend meetings up to ten hours per month over a period of no longer than six months. The meetings will be hosted both virtually and in person with a hybrid option. Working group members should also be prepared to attend potential additional meetings for subcommittees and independent work. The City will provide access and/or training for any

community members who are interested in participating but are concerned that virtual meetings may create an access barrier.

How to Apply: Deadline Friday, April 28

The Anti-Violence Working Group application is available online, will be shared via City and RSJ social media feeds, and through a range of City communication methods and channels. Community members can also pick up printed applications at the Somerville City Hall front desk or by calling the RSJ Department at 781-808-8344.

Applications are due by 7 p.m. on Friday, April 28, 2023. Applicants can fill out the online form, email their responses to [rsj@somervillema.gov](mailto:rsj@somervillema.gov), or hand-deliver or mail them to Somerville City Hall, Attn: RSJ Department, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143.

Please reach out to the RSJ Department with any questions or for more information at [rsj@somervillema.gov](mailto:rsj@somervillema.gov) or 781-808-8344.

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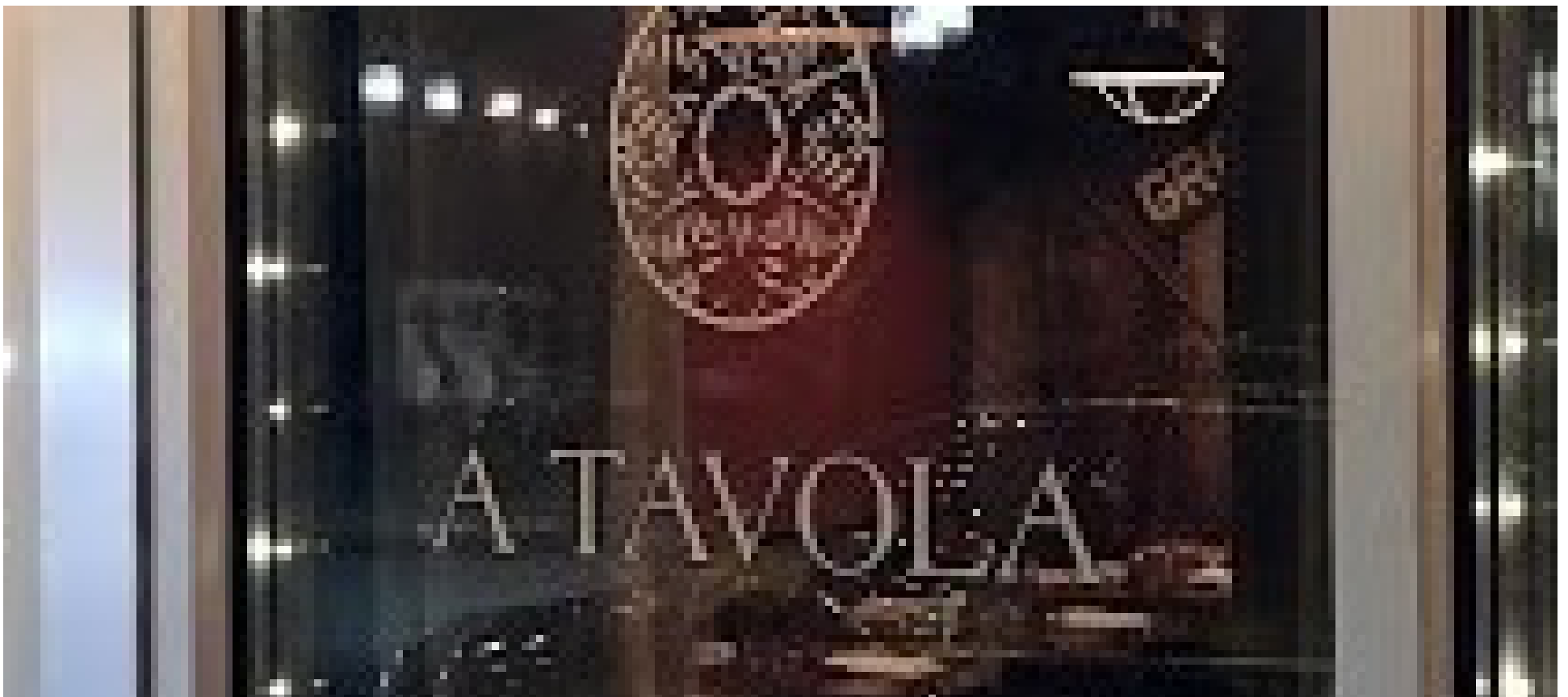
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