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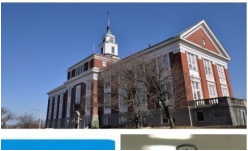
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Tuesday April 25th, 2023

SUSTAINAVILLE WEEK RETURNS: CELEBRATE CLIMATE ACTION IN SOMERVILLE, APRIL 22-29

SustainaVille Week Returns!
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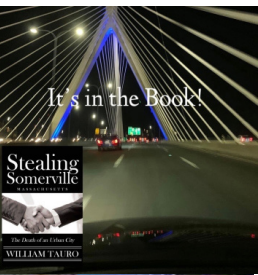


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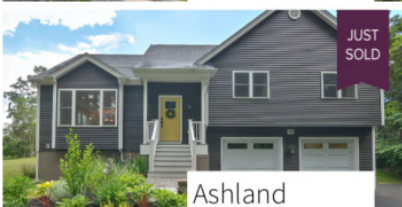
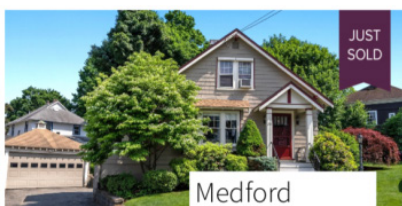
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We have been busy, but never too busy for you! These four properties were sold in one month! If you see something you would like to know more about, have any questions or are thinking about buying or selling a property, please don't hesitate to send us an email or give us call!

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SOMERVILLE/MEDFORD REMEMBERING JOSEPH VILAIRE VILLEFRANCHE



JOSEPH'S OBITUARY

Joseph Vilaire Villefranche – Of Somerville April 17, 2023. Beloved husband of Wanique (Thelesmond)

Villefranche. Complete notice to follow.

WAKE INFORMATION
Evangelical Haitian Church
400 High Street

Medford, MA 02155
Saturday, April 29, 2023 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

FUNERAL SERVICE

Evangelical Haitian Church
400 High Street
Medford, MA 0215

Saturday, April 29, 2023 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

SOMERVILLE/MEDFORD REMEMBERING BRENDA L. SIMARD-REID



BRENDA'S OBITUARY

Simard-Reid, Brenda- Of Malden, passed away peacefully after a brief illness on Thursday, April 20, 2023 at Jack Byrne Care Ceneter in Lebanon, NH. She was 53.

Born and raised in Somerville.

She was the daughter of Roland and Josephine (Moore) Simard. She was the beloved mother of Robert Lee Harris IV, Isiah Michael Reid, Devine Christian Reid, Myisha Lanna Reid, Shawn Simard, Tiffany Simard, Brendalee Marie Simard, Deniece Si-

mard and Jessica Fox (Kyana Reid). She is also loving survived by her three sisters, two brothers and many nieces and nephews. Calling Hours will be held in the George L. Doherty Funeral Home 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.) Somerville, on Sunday April 23rd

from 12:00PM to 3:00PM. A prayer service will be held in the funeral home at 2:30PM. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend. Interment will be private

SOMERVILLE/MEDFORD REMEMBERING JOSEPH JEUNE

JOSEPH'S OBITUARY

Jeune, Joseph- Of Medford, passed away on April 18, 2023 at Lahey Hospital in Burlington.

Born and raised in Cayes, Haiti. He was the son of the

late Curney and Docercent (Doricia) Jeune. He was the beloved husband of Denise (Jean Phillppee) Jeune. The devoted father of Kelly Jeune, Bernard Jeune, Alder Jeune, and Myriam Jeune. The cherished brother of Immaculee Aubourg, and

Charles Joujoute. A Funeral mass will be celebrated in St. John the Evangelist Church 2254 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge on Saturday, April 29th at 10:00AM. Please meet directly at church. Calling Hours will be held in

the George L. Doherty Funeral Home 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.) Somerville, Friday, April 28 from 4:00PM to 7:00PM. Services will conclude with burial at Oak Grove Cemetery, Medford.



SOMERVILLE/MEDFORD REMEMBERING LESLIE ANN MAILLET



LESLIE'S OBITUARY

MAILLET, Leslie Ann – Of Medford April 21, 2023. Beloved wife of the late Alfred J. Maillet. Complete notice to

follow.

WAKE INFORMATION
George L. Doherty Funeral Home
855 Broadway

Somerville, MA 02144

Thursday, April 27, 2023 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

FUNERAL MASS

St. Francis of Assisi

441 Fellsway West
Medford, MA 02155

Friday, April 28, 2023
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

THIS WEEK'S QUOTABLE QUOTES ON BEACON HILL

By Bob Katzen

“Companies who employ young workers must comply with our child labor laws and provide a safe and fair environment for them. My office remains committed to protecting the health and well-being of the state’s youngest workers, ensuring their rights are protected, and that companies are complying with the rules we have in place.”

— Attorney General Andrea Campbell upon issuing citations totaling over \$370,000 against two Dunkin’ franchisees for numerous child

labor violations.

“With the passage of the income tax surcharge, taxpayers are now paying more in taxes than they were a year ago. It’s time for Gov. Maura Healey, Speaker Ron Mariano and Senate President Karen Spilka to step up and do their part in making Massachusetts more affordable and efficient with how they spend taxpayer money. We cannot continue to be among the costliest states in the country if we want to be economically competitive.”

—Mass Fiscal Alliance spokesman Paul Craney upon release of a new

report which Craney says ranks the Bay State as one of the most inefficient states in the country for how it spends taxpayer dollars on maintenance and administrative costs of highways.

“Our waste reduction work is another great example of how investments in environmental protection directly contribute to the economic development of our state. As we work to reduce waste from mattresses, textile, and food, Massachusetts’ entrepreneurs are stepping up with innovative businesses to power this shift. Our administration is

proud to support these efforts.”

—Gov. Maura Healey on \$1.1 million in grants awarded to 19 Massachusetts organizations as part of the state’s Recycling and Reuse Business Development Grant program aimed at expanding the collection of mattresses, textiles and food material.

“This expansion ... will further diversify and strengthen the Massachusetts’ life sciences ecosystem. Entrepreneurs of all backgrounds deserve full access to our robust life sciences sector, and our economy will be stronger because of it. We will continue to do all we can to

support diverse founders looking to advance innovative therapies and products for patients around the world.”

—Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll on the launching of the expansion of the Massachusetts Next Generation Initiative, a public-private partnership designed to support underrepresented entrepreneurs in the Massachusetts life sciences ecosystems.

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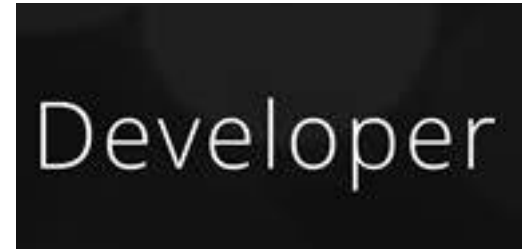
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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR: "DO AS I SAY NOT AS I DO!" IT MUST BE NICE TO BE ENTITLED



"Do as I say not as I do!" it must be nice to be entitled? This is the same person, our new mayor, Katjana Ballantyne that I had a televised debate with during the last election that she said that her "husband was not a developer", but people were more concerned that I drove a Hummer!

I wonder if anybody else tried to do a building plan like that if we would be allowed to? The real sad part of all this is that all of the city counselors and I repeat all of them know it's going on, so they are all in cahoots, and all guilty of conspiring with them!

Noticed the picture of her husband, Richard Nilsson in Home Depot on Wednesday picking up stock for the project . It must be nice?

6 Pearl Street Somerville

MEETINGS START THIS WEEK WITH WARD 3 (TUESDAY 4/25) & WARD 5 (WED. 4/26)



Come to your ward's City Hall Community Meeting for an overview of the latest City and neighborhood news and to learn more about City programs and initiatives, meet your neighbors, find ways to get involved, talk with elected officials and City

staff, and enjoy local pizza. The spring season starts this week with meetings in Ward 3 and Ward 5. Ward 3 includes north Union Sq., Prospect Hill, Spring Hill, Central Hill, and more. Ward 5 includes Magoun Sq., north-

east Ball Sq., Cedar and Lowell St. areas, northwest Porter Sq., and more. Not sure what ward you live in? Use our My Somerville lookup tool to find out. All meetings start with a half-hour casual meet-and-greet with pizza and snacks at 6 p.m. (you can use this time to browse the info table or chat directly with elected officials and staff), presentations by the Mayor and City

staff start at 6:30 p.m., and a Q&A follows. WARD 3, Tuesday, April 25, 6pm: Join Mayor Ballantyne, City Council President and Ward 3 Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen, At-Large Councilors, and City Staff for the Ward 3 City Hall Community Meeting at the Somerville High School Cafeteria, 81 Highland Ave.

WARD 5, Wednesday, April 26, 6pm: Join Mayor Ballantyne, Ward 5 Councilor Beatriz Gomez Mouakad, At-Large Councilors, and City Staff at the Kennedy School Cafeteria, 5 Cherry St.

PRIVACY OF LOTTERY WINNERS (S 194)

By Bob Katzen

This bill would allow Lottery winners to request that their names, addresses and other identifying information not be disclosed by the Lottery Commission.

The measure also requires the Lottery Commission to inform a winning ticket holder of their right not to have their personal information disclosed to the public. Another provision gives winners the right to refuse to perform any public action in connec-

tion with the awarding, payment or collection of prize money. "Private citizens should never have to worry about their personal privacy or safety should they choose to play the lottery," said sponsor Sen. Mark Mon-

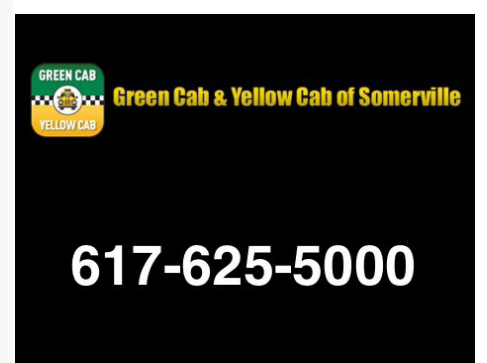
tigny (D-New Bedford). "Right now, the commonwealth effectively forces a prize winner to hire private legal counsel in order to remain confidential. This policy needs to change before someone is harmed by the shameless publicity and

marketing sought by the Lottery, which is the only reason this bill has stalled. Personal safety is far more important than the promotion and advertisement of mere games, and I will continue to aggressively push this legislation."

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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 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 budget-

ing 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/BudgetDelegateApp 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 sub-

committee 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>

MAN FOUND GUILTY IN CONNECTION WITH 2021 NORTH CAMBRIDGE SHOOTING



CAMBRIDGE – Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan and Cambridge Police Commissioner Christine Elow have announced that Che Meranda, 31 of Boston, was found guilty last week by a Middlesex Superior Court jury of two counts of assault with intent to kill, assault with a dangerous weapon, two counts of carrying a firearm while loaded, possession of ammunition, two counts of reckless endangerment of a child and discharging a firearm within 500 feet of a building.

These charges stem from an incident in August, 2021 in which Meranda drove through North Cambridge firing multiple rounds from his car at another man.

On August 25, 2021, shortly before 6:00 p.m., Cambridge Police received multiple calls for gunshots in the area of Pemberton and Middlesex Streets. When police arrived on scene they located a vehicle with obvious signs of ballistic damage.

Further investigation revealed that Meranda and the other man, identified as Maurice Morris, exchanged gunfire while they were in separate vehicles in the area of Rindge Avenue and Clifton Circle. Several shell casings were located in the roadway from the intersection of Rindge Avenue and Clifton Circle to the intersection of Rindge Avenue and Clifton Place. Following the shooting Meranda fled the vehicle but was ultimately identified by investigators after a review of surveillance footage and by interviewing witnesses at the scene.

"This type of gun violence cannot be tolerated in our communities. It is difficult to assess which is worse, that Mr. Meranda fired multiple rounds while his vehicle was traveling through a densely populated area during a time when many people were outside or that he

was engaged in a gun battle while his two small children were in the car. While incredibly, no one was struck, the risk that was created is staggering," said District Attorney Ryan.

"To truly address this type of gun violence we must aggressively address it through both enforcement and meaningful change to strengthen our gun laws," District Attorney Ryan continued.

Middlesex District Attorney Ryan has proposed a bill to create a new felony offense to appropriately punish a shooter who acts "without regard for the risk of serious bodily injury to another" but who shoots intentionally or recklessly and "hereby causes a substantial risk of serious bodily injury." The bill, H2433 "An Act relative to the reckless discharge of firearms" was filed in partnership with Representative Marjorie C. Decker.

Maurice Morris was charged with Carrying a Loaded Firearm Without a License, Carrying a Firearm without a License, Possession of a Firearm without an FID Card, Possession of Ammunition without an FID Card, Armed Assault to Murder, Assault and Battery with a Firearm, Discharging a Firearm within 500 Feet of a Building. That case is scheduled for trial on October 23, 2023, in Middlesex Superior Court.

The prosecutors assigned to this case were Ashlee Mastrangelo and Edward Kim.

This case was investigated by the Middlesex District Attorney's Office, Cambridge Police, State Police assigned to the Middlesex District Attorney's Office, The U.S. Marshals Service, Boston Police Department, Everett Police Department, Medford Police Department and the Somerville Police Department.

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SOMERVILLE 2023 YARD WASTE PICKUP BEGINS APRIL 18



SOMERVILLE- The City's yard waste pickup program resumes for 2023 on Tuesday, April 18. Yard waste is picked up

weekly in the early spring (April 18 through May 12, 2023) and mid-to-late fall (October 10-December 8, 2023) and is picked up every other week during the intervening weeks. To check the full yard waste calendar, please visit somervillema.gov/yard-waste or call 311 (617-666-3311).

On pickup weeks, yard

waste should be put out with your trash and recycling on your normal pickup day and be placed in either a paper yard waste bag or you may use a trash barrel with a "Yard Waste Only" sticker on the barrel. Tree branches should be tied into bundles no larger than 3ft x 3ft.

Stickers are available free

of charge at the DPW Building, 1 Franey Road, or the Welcome Desk in the entrance of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue. To request that a sticker be mailed to you, please call 311 or email 311updates@somervillema.gov.

Please keep in mind that pickup will be on a one-day delay this week (April 17-21) due to the Patriot's

Day holiday on Monday, April 17. Place trash, recycling, and yard waste out one day after your normal pick-up day. For more information, including a full yard waste calendar, please visit somervillema.gov/yard-waste. or call 311 (617-666-3311).

SOMERVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIME LOG 4/11/2023 – 4/17/2023



Residential Breaking & Entering

23018904: On 4/13/23 at approximately 8:03 AM, Somerville Police responded to an apartment complex in Assembly Row for report of a past breaking and entering. Upon arrival, officers spoke with the victim who stated that his storage unit was broken into and multiple electronics were stolen.

Commercial Breaking & Entering

23020005: On 4/13/23 at approximately 8:25 AM, Somerville Police responded to a construction site on Middlesex Ave for report of a past breaking and entering. Upon arrival, officers spoke with the reporting party

who stated that overnight, someone broke into the work site and spray painted several structures and equipment.

Assault

23019879: On 4/13/23 at approximately 6:03 PM, Somerville Police responded to Broadway & Temple St for a fight. Upon arrival, officers observed two male parties involved in an altercation. One of the males was then observed pushing the other male to the ground several times. The victim suffered injuries to his elbows. Officers identified the suspect.

Arrest

23020558: On 4/16/23 at approximately 6:42

PM, Somerville Police responded to Assembly Row for report of a male party threatening people with a knife. Upon arrival, officers spoke with two security guards who stated that the suspect stole numerous items from a nearby store. When the security guards approached him, the suspect brandished a knife and swung it at them. The security guards then alerted officers that the suspect was trying to enter a car stopped at a red light on Middlesex Ave. Officers stopped the vehicle and ordered the suspect to exit. Officers then located a knife in the suspects pocket and bags containing the stolen items. He was placed under arrest.

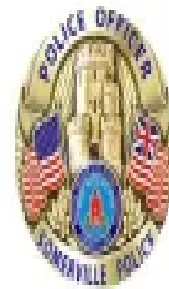
Arrest

23020338: On 4/15/23 at approximately 5:23 PM, Somerville Police responded to 78 Broadway for report of an injured party. Upon arrival, officers were flagged down by multiple people who pointed to the male suspect. Officers then detained the suspect while they gathered more information. While speaking with a witness, officers learned that the suspect

struck the victim in the head with a bottle. The victim suffered injuries to his face. The suspect was then placed under arrest.

Other Crimes:

- 1 MV Part Theft
- 4 Bike Thefts
- 4 Car Breaks
- 6 MV Vandalisms
- 4 Package Thefts
- 4 MV Thefts



Crime Log

4/11/2023 – 4/17/2023

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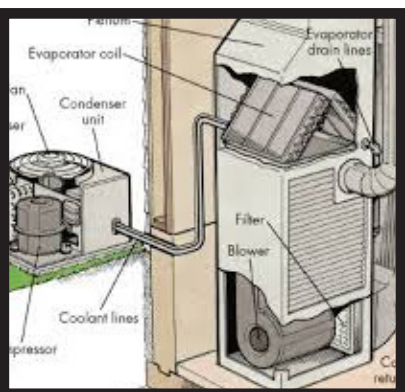
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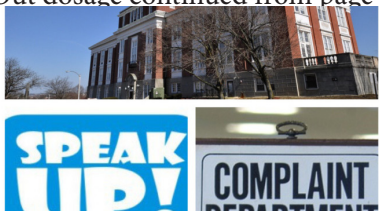
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SOMERVILLE ANTI-DISPLACEMENT TASK FORCE SEEKS NEW MEMBERS FOR CULTURAL, RESIDENTIAL AND SMALL BUSINESS DISPLACEMENT COMMITTEES

The City of Somerville Anti-Displacement Task Force (ADTF), which was formed to research and recommend policies to prevent residential displacement, has now expanded to advocate for a wider range of the Somerville community, including small business displacement and cultural displacement.

The Task Force is seeking community members with an interest in working on anti-displacement policies to serve in a volunteer capacity on one of the Task Force's three committees: Residential Displacement Committee (RDC) Small Business Displacement Committee (SBDC) Cultural Displacement Committee (CDC) All committees are seeking both committee members and co-chairs.

Residency in the City of Somerville is not a requirement to serve on the Task Force, though applicants

should have a direct connection to Somerville and the committee they are applying for. More information on the specific qualifications encouraged to join each committee can be found below.

Residential Displacement Committee
The Somerville Residential Displacement Committee will be made up of community members, professionals in anti-displacement, city staff, and city council members, who will work with City staff to research and develop policy and programming recommendations aimed at reducing the rate of displacement of Somerville's residents over a yearlong period.

The RDC will research and evaluate different options for addressing displacement including but not limited to rent stabilization. The Co-Chair will work with the City staff assigned Co-Chair to manage the agenda and

work of the RDC.

Applicants for the Residential Displacement Committee should have professional or lived experience with residential displacement or otherwise have a strong interest in working on issues of anti-displacement in Somerville. Members of the community who are at risk of displacement or have been previously displaced are strongly encouraged to apply.

Examples include but are not limited to: Community members who live in Somerville. Community members who used to live in Somerville and experienced displacement. Community members with professional or volunteer experience focused on serving Somerville residents who are either experiencing or, at risk of experiencing, displacement.

Small Business Displacement Committee

The Somerville Small Business Displacement Committee members will work with City staff to research and develop policy and programming recommendations aimed at reducing the rate of displacement of Somerville's small businesses over a year-long period. The Co-Chair will work with the City staff assigned Co-Chair to manage the agenda and work of the SBDC.

Applicants for the Small Business Displacement Committee should have professional or lived experience with small business displacement or otherwise have a strong interest in working on issues of anti-displacement in Somerville. Members of the small business community who are at risk of displacement or have been previously displaced are strongly encouraged to apply.

Examples include but are not limited to:

Community members who own a small business in Somerville. Community members who used to operate a small business in Somerville and experienced displacement. Community members with professional or volunteer experience focused on serving Somerville small businesses who have experienced or are currently at risk of experiencing displacement.

Cultural Displacement Committee

The Somerville Cultural Displacement Committee will be made up of creatives and non-profit representatives that have connections to the Somerville community. The committee will be made up of community members, city staff, and a city councilor.

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SOMERVILLE/MEDFORD REMEMBERING ELLENMARIE DONAHUE



ELLENMARIE'S OBITUARY

Donahue, Ellenmarie-Of Methuen, passed away on Wednesday, April 19th, 2023 surrounded by her family at home. She was 64 years young.

Born and raised in Somerville. She was the daughter of the late Francis D. and Rita F (Barnes) Dedrick.

She was the beloved wife of 43 years to Kevin J. Donahue. Beloved mother of Nicole Desmarais and her husband George and Kelley Shea and her husband Christopher. She was the loving grandmother of Jack and Emily Desmarais. Cherished sister of Carol A. Correia and her husband Eddie, Michael F. Dedrick and his wife Shirley, and Thomas W. Dedrick and

his wife Nancy. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews and friends. Calling Hours will be held at the George L. Doherty Funeral Home 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.) Somerville, Saturday April 29th from 10:00AM to 11:00AM. Followed by a funeral mass celebrated in St. Catherine Church 179 Summer St. Somerville at 11:30AM.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made in Ellenmarie's name to American Cancer Society.

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SUSTAINAVILLE WEEK RETURNS: CELEBRATE CLIMATE ACTION IN SOMERVILLE, APRIL 22-29

**SustainaVille Week Returns!
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Week of Events Features Key-note Address with Mayor Katjana Ballantyne and Senator Ed Markey, Plus Family-Friendly Activities, Panel Discussions, & More

SOMERVILLE – Join Mayor Katjana Ballantyne and the City of Somerville Office of Sustainability and Environment for a series of free events, workshops, and interactive activities to celebrate SustainaVille Week, April 22-29, an annual celebration of sustainability and climate action in Somerville during the week of Earth Day.

“Whether it’s planting a pollinator garden, advocating to decarbonize new construction in our area, recycling, or invest-

ing in sustainability initiatives, every day the City and Somerville community work together to help protect our planet,” said Mayor Ballantyne. “I invite all of our community members to join us for SustainaVille 2023 to celebrate what we have achieved so far and continue the hard work of fighting climate change.”

The 2023 SustainaVille Week lineup features a keynote address with Mayor Ballantyne, who introduced Somerville’s 2019 Green New Deal City Council resolution, and Senator Ed Markey, cosponsor of the 2019 Congressional Green New Deal resolution, as well as fun and educational activities for the whole family.

Advance registration is required for the keynote address with Mayor Ballantyne and Senator Markey, as well as the eco-themed sing-along at the West Branch Library.

Check out highlights of the schedule below:

Earth Day Growing Event, Saturday, April 22 (rain date April 29), 1-4 p.m., Growing Center (22 Vinal Ave.)

Join us for a fun day of family-friendly activities, including vegetable and houseplant planting tutorials and a popular canning demonstration. Language support will be available for Spanish and other languages upon request.

The Green New Deal & Somerville, Monday, April 24, 6:30 p.m., Somerville High School Auditorium (81 Highland Ave.) Join us for SustainaVille Week’s keynote address with Mayor Ballantyne and Senator Markey. Community members will learn about the Green New Deal, the Inflation Reduction Act, and how federal funding and priorities can support climate action in Somerville. Advance registration is required. Register here: bit.ly/MarkeyandBallantyne

Sing-Along at West Branch, Tuesday, April 25, 11 a.m., West Branch Library (40 College Ave.)

As part of SustainaVille Week’s community events lineup, we invite Somerville families to an eco-themed sing-along event to celebrate Earth Week. Tickets, which are free, are required to attend this event. Get tickets here: bit.ly/3nTIqCA

SustainaVille Panel: Investing in Our Planet, Tuesday, April 25, 6-7:30 p.m., Virtual Zoom Event

The Somerville community is invited to a panel discussion that covers three topics: Environmental Justice, Environmental, Social, and Governance Investing Resilience. Panelists include Cassidy Yates, EIT (Climate Resiliency Engineer at Weston & Sampson), Julie Dyer Wood (Climate Compact Director at Charles River Watershed Association), and Devin MacGoy (Energy Democracy Community Organizer at GreenRoots, Inc.). Registration is not required. Join on Zoom at the start of the event: zoom.us/j/99533806195

“An Inconvenient Sequel: Truth

to Power” Movie Screening, Wednesday, April 26, 6:30-8:30 p.m., West Branch Library (40 College Ave.)

Join the Somerville Public Library and the Office of Sustainability and Environment at the West Branch Library in honor of Earth Day. We will be viewing “An Inconvenient Sequel: Truth to Power” (2017), a documentary about former Vice President Al Gore’s continuing efforts to fight climate change globally. Register here: <https://rb.gy/diqhn>

SustainaVille Week is also the kick-off of the Somerville Climate Forward Plan update. Somerville Climate Forward is the City’s climate action plan, first developed in 2018. Over the next few months, the City will update this plan with community feedback and more recent climate data to reassess our priorities and identify strategies to accomplish our climate goals. For more information, visit: voice.somervillema.gov/somerville-climate-forward-update.

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Are you familiar with problem gambling? The National Council on Problem Gambling estimates that two million adults in the U.S. meet the criteria for gambling disorder, with another four to six million people in the U.S.

struggling with problem gambling. Somerville Prevention Services will host a free virtual Problem Gambling Prevention presentation in English on Thursday, April 27, and in Chinese

on Thursday, May 4, in partnership with the Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center (BCNC). Presentations will go over what problem gambling is, the signs, and available resources. Registration is not required.





SFD 2-1 WIN OVER SPD GUNS & HOSES CHARITY GAME

Photo & Story Courtesy of Somerville Police Employees Association (SPEA) Page

Chris Desousa.

A great Guns vs. Hoses charity game! A game well played by both teams.

Both teams gave it their all tonight, with every skater playing their part to assist in all goals and all saves made. All the family and friends that came out to show their support made the game that much better, and we thank you for coming out on your Saturday night! All of the money raised is to benefit Somerville youth hockey.

The head to head game went into overtime with a tied score of 1-1. SPD's goal came from the SPEA's very own, Officer Eric O'Brien.

Somerville Firefighters Local 76 took the overtime shootout win 2-1. SPD's goal came from



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Calling all food explorers – Nibble Kitchen, a Somerville Arts Council

initiative that celebrates culinary-cultural exchange, is hosting a series

of cooking classes led by Nibble Chefs and program graduates representing their home countries, cultures, and cuisine. Participants prepare a meal and dine together all while learning about delicious

foods.

The series kicks off on Tuesday, May 9 with an exploration of Benin cuisine, followed by classes on Jamaican cuisine, pasta making, and Lao cuisine.

Registration and a paid fee is required. Learn more and see the full schedule at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/nibble-cooking-class-series-2023-2025149>



DISTRIBUTE LOTTERY REVENUE BASED ON LOTTERY SALES IN CITIES AND TOWNS (H 363)

By Bob Katzen

This bill would require that revenue from the Lottery be apportioned

to cities and towns proportionate to lottery sales in those cities and towns. Under current law, the revenue is distributed

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Supporters said that towns where no or few tickets

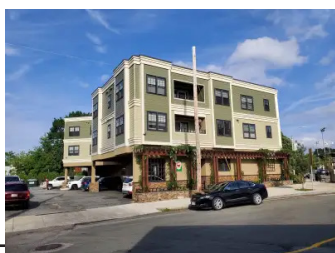
are sold are getting an unfair amount of revenue. They argued distributing the revenue based on Lottery sales is a fairer

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2023-39 Article V Section 5-15 "Handicapped Parking" is amended with the addition of the following locations: 1 Franklin St., the second space on School St. north of Highland Ave, Highland Ave (odd-side) at the west side of the high school concourse entrance, Highland Ave (odd-side) at the east side of the high school concourse entrance (two spaces), Highland Ave (odd-side) just west of Walnut St. (two spaces).

2023-40 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Locations and Prohibitions" is amended as follows: convert approximately 405 ft. of residential permit parking on the west side of Liberty Ave from approximately 30 feet south of Broadway to approximately 435 ft. south of Broadway to two hour except by permit parking.

2023-41 Article V Section 5-9.1 "Parking Meter Locations and Regulations" is amended as

follows: convert approximately 85 ft. of two hour except by permit parking on the north side of Broadway from approximately 20 ft. west of Pearson Road to approximately 130 ft. west of Pearson Road to metered parking.

2023-42 Article V Section 5-9.1 "Parking Meter Locations and Regulations" is amended as follows: convert approximately 20 ft. of residential permit parking on the west side of Bay State Ave from approximately 10 ft. south of Broadway to approximately 30 ft. south of Broadway to metered parking.

2023-43 Article V Section 5-9.1 "Parking Meter Locations and Regulations" is amended as follows: convert approximately 20 ft. of residential permit parking on the east side of Bay State Ave from approximately 10 ft. south of Broadway to approximately 30 ft. south of Broadway to metered parking.

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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 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 or call 617-625-6600 ext. 4700 by Friday, April 21.

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REAL LIFE SOMERVILLE POLICE STORIES: (ASSAULT W/ DANGEROUS WEAPON, LARCENY) (BOSTON & BROCKTON WARRANTS) ARREST

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On April 16, 2023, I, Officer Ferrara, was in full uniform working for the Somerville Police Department, assigned to marked unit East-1. At approximately 1842 HRS, I was dispatched along with Sector East to the area of 698 Assembly Row, for a report of a white male wearing a white shirt and tan pants with a blue duffel bag threatening people with a knife.

Upon arrival, I was flagged down by one of the victims XXXX, in front of Starbucks (700 Grand Union Boulevard). XXXXX stated that the subject, Quentin HARRIS, took off towards the Christmas Tree Parking lot (177 Middlesex Ave). I then followed XXXX in my cruiser and began checking the Christmas Tree parking lot. XXXX then screamed out that HARRIS was trying to get into a car stopped at a red light at the intersection of Fellsway and Middlesex Ave.

I then observed the male party en

tering a 2016 white Toyota Corolla bearing MA REG XXXX which was stopped at the red light. I then activated my lights and pulled my cruiser out in front of the vehicle at the red light. The vehicle pulled to the side and stopped. I gave the male party, who was later identified as HARRIS, an exit order to get out of the vehicle he had just entered and placed handcuffs on him for my safety. I asked him if he had a knife on him which he replied he was not sure if he still had the knife on him or if he dropped it. Ofc. Thompson then searched HARRIS and found a black switch blade in his side pocket. I then told HARRIS that he was placed under arrest and called for 200.

I spoke to the operator of the vehicle, XXXX. XXXX stated that he was stopped at the red light when HARRIS approached his car while he was on the phone. HARRIS told him that he had just missed his bus and asked XXXX if he could give him a ride up the street and that he would pay him. XXXX agreed and unlocked his car and

HARRIS entered the back seat of his vehicle. XXXX then saw my cruiser at the light and saw that the bags HARRIS was carrying had security tags on them and he then pulled his vehicle to the side.

I then spoke to the two victims, XXXX and XXXX.

XXXX stated that he and XXXX work for Assembly Row Security.

XXXX stated he was leaving CVS at 495 Grand Union Blvd and began walking towards Southern Kin when he saw HARRIS in front of Southern Kin with two blue duffel bags with the security tags still on them. XXXX told HARRIS that he needed to return the items to the store. HARRIS then told XXXX that he was going to slice him up with his knife if he did not get away from him. XXXX then called this into Assembly Row Security and stated that he was going to follow HARRIS. XXXX then responded to XXXX location. XXXX then followed HARRIS to the bike path across from 698 Assembly Row and asked him a

second time to stop and return the items. XXXX stated that HARRIS looked at them and said "Are you guys serious?" HARRIS then pulled out a black switch blade knife out of his side pocket and began walking towards XXXX and XXXX swinging the knife at them. XXXX and XXXX began to advance backwards. HARRIS then took off again towards Starbucks and XXXX and XXXX followed him. XXXX then saw my cruiser pulling up and flagged me down.

I asked XXXX if any of their cameras in the area would have caught HARRIS swinging the knife and he was not sure if it would catch the area they were in but told me he could provide any footage that we needed upon request.

I then went to TJ MAX to return the stolen property. A manager at TJ MAX rang the clothing and bags up and told me the total amount of stolen property was \$570.92.

Based on the facts at hand, HARRIS was arrested for the follow-

ing charges:

265/15B/A A&B With A Dangerous Weapon

265/15B/A A&B With A Dangerous Weapon

266/30/C Larceny Under \$1,200.00

HARRIS was transported to the Somerville Police Department by Officer Collette in Unit 200 and was booked by Lt. Capasso.

Upon booking HARRIS it was discovered he had two warrants.

- 90/23/D License Suspended, OP MV With
- 90/25/A Identify Self, MV Operator Refuse
- 266/30/C Larceny Under \$1,200.00
- 90C/34/C Drug, Possess Class B

The knife on HARRIS's person was placed into evidence.

Respectfully submitted,
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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:
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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

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<https://cityofsomerville.dollarsforscholars.org/index.php?section=chapterWebsite&action=main&fwid=1131>

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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.
"Give what you can, Take what you need."
Much thanks and appreciation,
Frank Santangelo

Blessing Backpack Checklist

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REAL LIFE SOMERVILLE POLICE STORIES: (A&B W/ DANGEROUS WEAPON, A&B ON PERSON OVER 60 OR DISABLED ARREST



The following report is a brief summary of incident #23020338:

On April 15, 2023, I, Officer Dylan Lambert, was working my assigned shift in marked unit East-1. At approximately 5:26 PM, I was dispatched to the area of Bairos Liquors located at 78 Broadway, Somerville, MA in regards an injured party that was bleeding. As I was enroute, Somerville Dispatch informed me that the injured party may have been assaulted. Somerville Dispatch radioed that the suspect was still on scene, but was attempting to flee. All of the East-End Patrol Units responded to assist.

When I arrived in the area I saw that Somerville Firefighters appeared to be rendering aid to a party. I was flagged down by multiple people, who pointed to the

suspect. The suspect, who was later identified as Mr. Richardo Nunes Silva, was with his wife, Ms. XXXX. I radioed to Somerville Dispatch that the suspect was in front of Sullivan Liquors. I got out of my cruiser and told Mr. Silva to stop. I told Mr. Silva that I was detaining him because he was suspected of hitting a party in the head with a bottle. Mr. Silva appeared to have a dried substance on his lips and left hand that appeared to be blood. Mr. Silva yelled no multiple times and that he didn't do anything. Ms. XXXX attempted to grab on to Mr. Silva as I was trying to detain him and she dropped to the ground. Mr. Silva attempted to pull his arm away to avoid being handcuffed, but I was able to place him in handcuffs. I then attempted to assist Ms. XXXX up. I asked Ms.

XXXX if she needed any medical attention, to which she said no.

While detained, Mr. Silva kept asking to go home and said that he didn't do anything. I asked Mr. Silva if he needed any medical attention, to which he said no. Mr. Silva didn't appear to be injured and the dried blood could have been from the victim.

Officer Hartsgrove arrived on scene at one point and spoke to the victim. Officer Hartsgrove told me that the victim appeared to have a significant injury to his head. The victim was transported by Cataldo Ambulance to Massachusetts General Hospital. Detective Jason Costa responded to the hospital to check on the victim's condition and interview him. Please refer to Detective Costa's supplemental

report. Detective Costa told me that the victim's name was Mr. XXXX (DOB: XXXX). Detective Costa took a picture of Mr. XXXX injuries, which will be digitally attached to this report.

Sgt. Berrouet arrived on scene and assisted with translating. Mr. Silva primarily spoke Spanish, but could communicate some what in English. Ms. XXXX primarily spoke Spanish. Sgt. Berrouet attempted to get an account of the incident from Ms. XXXX, but she was very upset, and would yell in Spanish. Sgt. Berrouet was unable to get a statement from Ms. XXXX. Sgt. Berrouet interviewed Mr. XXXX, who witnessed the incident. Mr. XXXX told Sgt. Berrouet that prior to the incident, Mr. Silva, Mr. XXXX, and Ms. XXXX were walking down the street together. Mr. XXXX told Sgt. Berrouet that Mr. Silva struck the victim with a bottle.

There is a camera located in the area of Bairos Liquor Store, but we were unable to get access to it at this time. Detective Costa will be following-up to retrieve the footage.

Based on the facts at hand, Mr. Silva was arrested for the following charges:

- M.G.L. 265 Section 15A A&B With A Dangerous Weapon
- M.G.L. 265 13K A&B On A Person Over 60 Or Disabled

Mr. Silva was transported to the Somerville Police Department by Officer Torres in Unit 200 and was booked by Lt. Holland.

Respectfully submitted,

Officer Dylan Lambert #351
Somerville Police Department



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 participa-

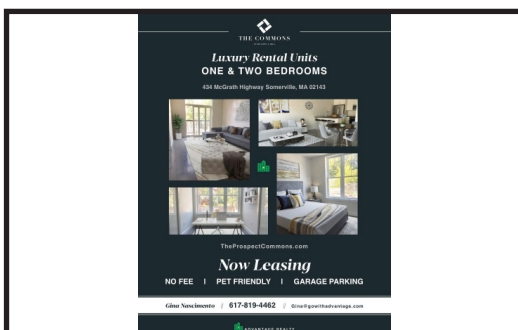
tion provides an accurate population count, which helps the City plan municipal services and adapt as the population changes. The Elections Department also uses the census to help keep voting rolls up to date. Completed census forms

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 pro-

cedures 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.

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intersections. Join us at a pop-up on Thursday, April 27 at Broadway & Franklin Street from 3 to 6 p.m. to ask questions and provide feedback. Learn more at:Somervillema.gov



REDUCE LOTTERY LITTER (S 201)

By Bob Katzen

This bill would require the Lottery to create a second chance Lottery game involving all paper lottery tickets and cardboard scratch tickets that do not contain winning numbers.

Supporters said this second chance game would encourage the return and recycling of millions of losing lottery tickets that otherwise are carelessly tossed out in stores and on the streets and contribute

to the litter problem.

“While there is currently an anti-lottery littering regulation in place, it does not go far enough to ensure lottery tickets and scratch tickets are redeemed and recycled,” said State Senator Patrick O’Connor (R-Weymouth). “These tickets are constantly being found on the side of the road, in our parks and in our oceans. We can do better. Massachusetts had a very successful second-chance

lottery game, the Clean Fund Sweepstakes, from 2001 to 2007 and it is time we revisited the concept to help keep our public spaces clean.”



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 Monday, 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 regula-

tions 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 complimentary street sweeping reminders by text, email, or phone, by visiting somervillema.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 or call 311 (617-666-3311).

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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 ville.ma.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 ville.ma.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.
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.
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 ville.ma.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. 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 ville.ma.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 ville.ma.gov/communitymeetings. For questions, please contact Victoria MacGregor at vmacgregor@somer ville.ma.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 ville.ma.gov or Somerville Elections Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143. Please email nsalerno@somer ville.ma.gov or call 617-625-6600 ext. 4210 with questions.

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SOMERVILLE ANTI-DISPLACEMENT TASK FORCE SEEKS NEW MEMBERS FOR CULTURAL, RESIDENTIAL AND SMALL BUSINESS DISPLACEMENT COMMITTEES

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Applicants for the Cultural Displacement Committee should have professional or lived experience with displacement or otherwise have a strong interest in working on issues of anti-displacement in Somerville. Members of the creative community or non-profits who are at risk of displacement or have been previously displaced are strongly encouraged to apply.

Examples include but are not limited to:
Community members who work for or own a creative enterprise or operate a non-profit in Somerville.
Community members who used to operate a creative enterprise or non-profit in

Somerville and experienced displacement.
Community members with professional or volunteer experience focused on serving Somerville creative enterprises or non-profits who have experienced, or are currently at risk of experiencing displacement.
Community members interested in becoming a committee co-chair should also demonstrate proficiency in:

- Anti-displacement policy
- Public speaking
- Board/committee functions
- Setting agendas
- Leading meetings
- Getting consensus
- Duration and Time Commitment
- Members serve a one-year

term in a volunteer capacity. Members will meet four times ADTF-wide: May 18, 2023; September 21, 2023; January 18, 2024; and May 16, 2024, at 6 p.m.

In addition to the task-force-wide meetings, the members will meet once monthly as their committee on a Thursday, with time to be set by the group.

Applicants should expect to commit a total of approximately five to seven hours a month, which includes ADTF-wide meetings, monthly committee meetings, and reviewing and drafting documents circulated in connection with each meet-

ing. Co-Chairs can expect to commit an additional two hours a month to administrative duties.

Application Process
Applications are due Friday, April 28th, 2023. Interested candidates should send a resume and/or letter of interest explaining why they want to be a part of the committee as a member or as a co-chair, along with brief answers to the questions below by e-mail to lquizhpe@somervillema.gov or by mail to Luis Quizhpe, City of Somerville, OSPCD Admin, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville MA 02143. Please contact Luis at the email or address above or call 311 to obtain assistance in ap-

plying by telephone.

What is your understanding of Somerville's displacement crisis?

Why is it important for you to participate in this task force? Please explain which of the eligibility criteria above you meet and how?

Do you have any additional experiences that you think will add a new perspective to the Task Force?

In your opinion, what are one to two things that would allow residents/small businesses/creatives/nonprofits (please select based on which committee you are interested in joining) to remain in Somerville?

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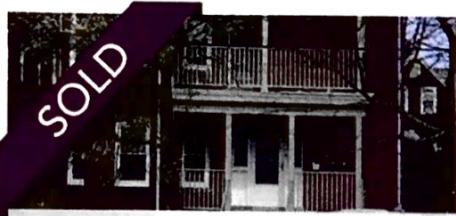
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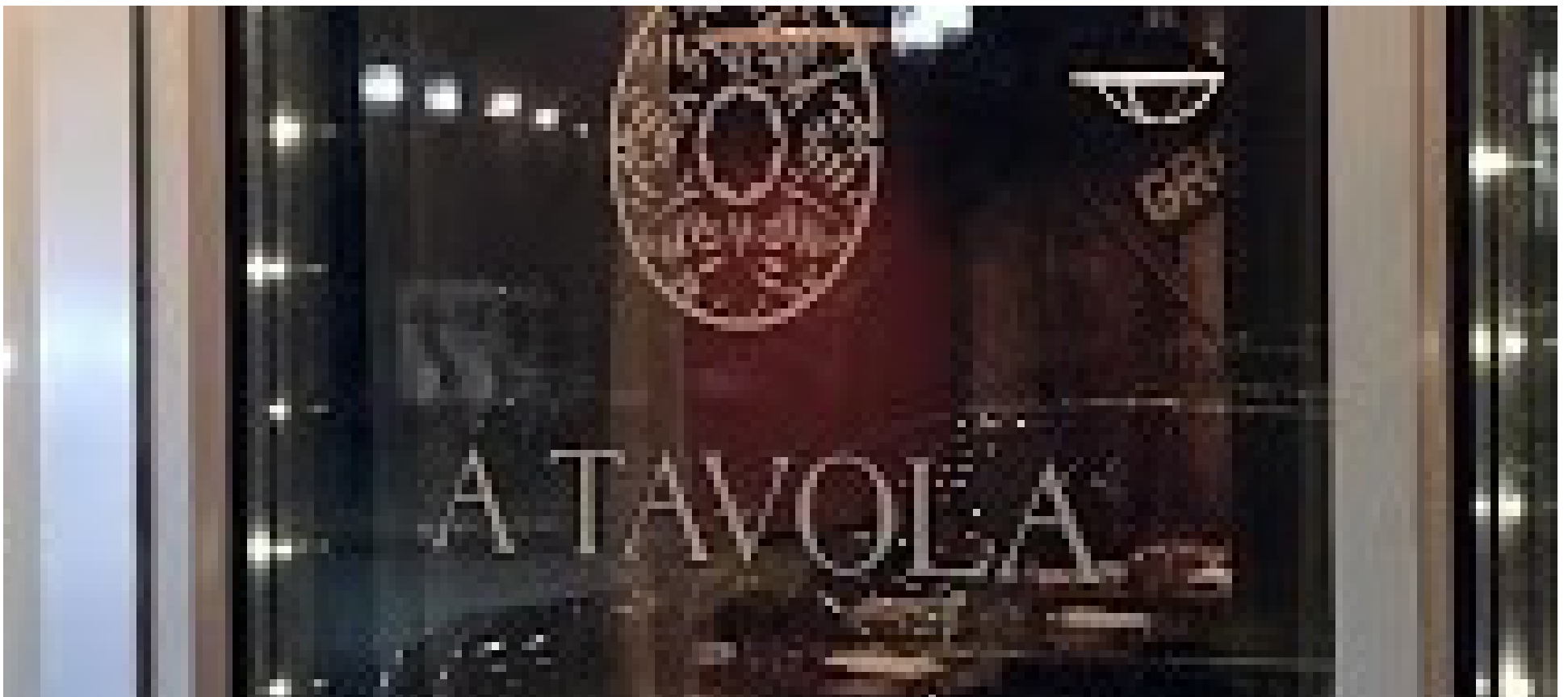
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