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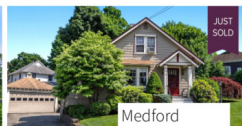
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SOMERVILLE/MEDFORD REMEMBERING LINDA A. SVENDSEN

	<p>SVENDSEN, Linda A., of Somerville, passed away peacefully on April 18, 2023.</p> <p>Beloved daughter of the late Samuel 'Sal' Firicano and Grace (DiMicurio). Dear ssiter of Carol Consolo and Providenza</p>	<p>Barry. Best friend of Louis "Louie" Castro. Dear God-mother of Joseph Consolo. Linda is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, and dear friends.</p> <p>Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Visitation on Tuesday, May 2nd from 9:30am-10:30am in</p>	<p>St. Benedict's Church, 21 Hathorn Street, Somerville. her Funeral Mas will immediately follow at 10:30am. Burial will be Private.</p>
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SOMERVILLE/MEDFORD REMEMBERING WENDELL P. "PAUL" TUTTLE JR.

<p>TUTTLE, Wendell P, JR.– Affectionately known as Paul, passed away on Saturday April 29, 2023 at Care Dimensions in Lincoln. He was 86. Born in Boston. He was the son of Wendell P. and Mary (Guitar) Tuttle. Paul was the beloved husband of 60 years to Carol A. (D'Angelo) Tuttle. He was the devoted father of Cheryl Kulas and her</p>	<p>husband Edward of Stoneham, Donna Bova and her husband Anthony of East Hampstead, NH and Paul Tuttle III of Somerville. The loving grandfather of Heather Ann Tuttle and her fiancé Liam Harrington and Anthony JohnPaul Bova and his fur grandchildren Jaxson, Tigger and Jaguar. Cherished brother of Fannie Mae Juliano and Bertha Hallissey and the late Nancy D'Angelo,</p>	<p>Joseph Tuttle, and Mary Lou White. He was the godfather and uncle of Benjamin L. Perrault Jr. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. A funeral procession will be held at the George L. Doherty Funeral Home 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.) Somerville, on Thursday, May 4th at 9:00AM. Followed by a funeral mass celebrated in St. Catherine</p>	<p>Church, 179 Summer St. at 10:00AM. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend. Calling Hours will be held on Wednesday, May 3rd from 4:00PM to 7:00PM. Services will conclude with burial at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Paul's name to the Yarmouth Police Foundation, P.O Box</p>	<p>701 Yarmouth, MA 02675 in honor of Office Gannon and Nero.</p> 
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SOMERVILLE/MEDFORD REMEMBERING GEORGE E. PORT JR.

 <p>GEORGE'S OBITUARY: George Edward Port, Jr, long-time resident of Plum Island died on April 27, 2023.</p>	<p>He was the son of the late George and Johanna (Nolan) Port and the beloved husband of 68 years to the late Ann Elizabeth (Donnelly) Port. George is survived by one brother, Richard Port and his wife Antonette; one Son, George Edward Port III; and 5 daughters, Ann Elizabeth Allevi and her husband Richard, Mary Johanna (Port) Mabee and her husband Ira; Eileen Marie Port and her husband Paul Stain-</p>	<p>kamp, Patricia Marie Port-Erhard and her husband Thomas; and Kathleen Marie Port. He is also survived by 4 grandchildren Valerie Ann Utnick; Richard Paul Allevi, Jr; Emma Marie Port; and Cole Johnathan Erhard; as well as two great granddaughters, Nina Ann Utnick and Noelle Shoshana Utnick. He was predeceased by a son, Daniel Joseph Port. George attended Boston College High School and Boston</p>	<p>College as well as Boston University, where he attained a PhD in education. He was a teacher and principal as well as Superintendent of Schools in Middleton MA, then in four districts in New York State. He was a Professor at the Graduate School of Pace University and served as a consultant in many school districts in New York and Connecticut until his retirement in 2004. Calling hours have been omit-</p>	<p>ted. A funeral mass will be held at St Clements Church, 60 Warner St, Somerville on May 3, 2023 at 11:00 am, followed by interment at Holy Cross Cemetery in Malden. In lieu of flowers, mourners are encouraged to donate to the Wheelock College of Education of Boston University in George's name at http://www.bu.edu/wheelock/about-us/support.</p>
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<p>I'm sure most of you remember the tragedy that occurred last March when state trooper Tamar A Buccu was killed assisting a disabled motorist. I personally know her dad, Anthony J Buccu and he is doing something amazing for his daughter. Anthony started a company called Convicted Inc. specializing in Interior/ Exterior Painting and Masonry Pavers.</p> <p>Anthony's worst fear is having his daughters death be forgotten so he plans on building a</p>	<p>park in Tamar's honor. To raise the money to build this park he is donating 10% from every job he does in the homeowners name into the park and put the homeowner's name on display in the foundations go fund me page that he started for his daughter. The website is the Tamar Buccu Foundation.com and anyone that hires Anthony will be mentioned on the website also. Anthony is also going lay a memorial brick at the park in the homeowners name with whatever they want written on</p>	<p>it. Anthony named his company Convicted Inc because he is convicted in making this happen for his beautiful daughter to honor her legacy. If you need painting done, or any masonry work Anthony has 40 years experience and would be honored to give you a free estimate. Anthony is fully insured so let's rally behind him and support this worthy cause while getting top quality work. I have personally seen his work product and I can say he very talented and very meticulous. His number is</p>	<p>781-873-9535 so give him a call and be part of this epic project. I got chills in my spine just thinking about the love this man has for his daughter and I'm sad that a parent and good man like Anthony has to go through this tragic nightmare. Every parents worst nightmare but Anthony is determined to make something special from this tragic event. Let's rally behind Anthony and help him make this happen.</p> <p>1. CONVICTED INC will donate 10% in the home owners</p>	<p>name into fallen state trooper Tamar A Buccu's foundation with proceeds being used to build a park in her honor.</p> <p>2. A brick in the homeowners name will also be placed in the park which is a \$100 value.</p> <p>3. Convicted Inc has been in the painting business for 40 years.</p> <p>4. We also specialize in pavers.</p> <p>5. Free estimates</p>
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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR: LOOKING FOR MISS MARY KNIGHT!

Looking for Miss Mary Knight!

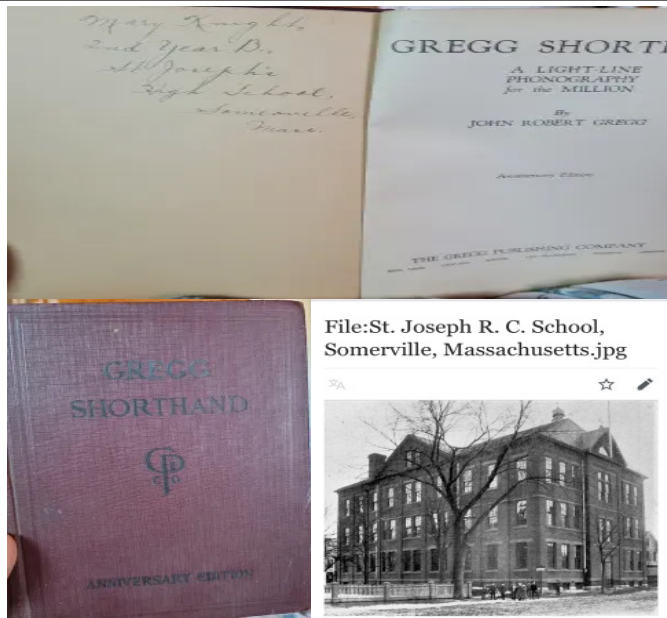
I received this message posted below from one of my readers who is trying to find relatives of a Miss Mary Knights wondering if anyone knows who she is? Anyone who could help me with this, please inbox me so we can return the book to the family.

Thank you, Billy

"Hello William, This may seem a little strange, but I have a book and was hoping to possibly get some help, locating its family. I live in Maine, and I've had this book since I was a teenager, so about 17 years now. I had boughten it at a local antique shop here because it was just so unique

and I was fascinated by it. I had packed it away and after all these years I came across it in a box today and remembered the writing inside the book.

Mary Knights, 2nd year B., St. Joseph's High School, Somerville, Mass. So, here's my journey to hopefully sending the book to relatives of the original owner of the book. I'm hoping that this could possibly be the right place to start? I have no knowledge about the area, so I started with the newspaper lol If not, please let me know what would be best! Thank you in advance."



File:St. Joseph R. C. School, Somerville, Massachusetts.jpg

BRAD RAWSON'S CCONTINUING SPREE OF FAILURES TO THIS CITY



By Arthur Moore

It just goes on and on as one failure after another leads to another one. Our Powder House Circle was like a national monument to this city. Not it looks like something out of a comic book causing people to drive more toget around this corn maze. It should be considered defacing a national treasure it is so bad. Why is he still employed here? His job is like plagiarism. He

copies things that are in place in other cities and pastes them here.

They make work in other places but certainly they are most definitely not working here. It is like an attack on the elderly and the handicapped making them suffer more than they already do and more difficult to access their homes and places they want to go to. And small business. Why attack them? Just look at what was done to Winter Hill. Why would one do this to this community? It's a daily problem here with this mess. Almost accidents constantly and actual accidents are so common now. The little

I am on Broadway sees tow trucks and cars pieces on the ground. Trying to get on to Fenwick Street is like being in a war zone not knowing which way anyone is coming at you. And the uncommon scene of a lone biker maybe once or twice a week so that so many can suffer for that where it was a never a problem in my over 70 years here. And to add even more insult the next target of destruction is continuing this disaster down to Rush Street. I hope they know that if they file a petition before this starts they can stop this before it destroys their neighborhood as well. There are many parts of Somerville I do not venture into. All

of the squares covers most of what I no longer see. So I am not aware how bad those are, I have only heard and none of that is good. This is not a way to make progress in this time and age. Common sense says make it better for small business by having good access to it will reduce car trips. I have to leave Somerville to do my shopping and go to restaurants. I no longer have access to most places. Before I forget in order to make the time of the buses seem less we cut out stops. Bright idea. I used to take the bus to go to my medical appointments in Boston. They took away my stop. I do not have the mobility to get to a bus stop now. Can't

drive to one and park. So now I hop into my big F150 and drive into Boston. With Brad's help I now drive more. More people are now becoming aware of this person and I hope one day we can get someone that can do the job and not make a mess of things. Maybe get his nose out of the computer and actually look at the problem and use common sense to make it right. What a novel idea.



SOMERVILLE/MEDFORD NEWS WEEKLY SPEAKUP LINE: BRAD RAWSON HANDS-DOWN WINS THE AWARD FOR HAVING AN EGO BIGGER THAN THE UNIVERSE!



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

I belong to Ward 7, but decided to attend Ward 5 Meeting as well. Among the glaring high-lights, Brad Rawson hands-

down wins the award for having an ego bigger than the universe.

He repeatedly congratulated himself and gave himself credit for saving lives (huh?) due to his life-saving (what?!) speedbumps, white

poles in Powderhouse Sq.etc. Brad expounded to say speedbumps are an international phenomenon...(really?)... Oh, and Somerville Drivers have become fast driving maniacs on the road, so thank goodness we have

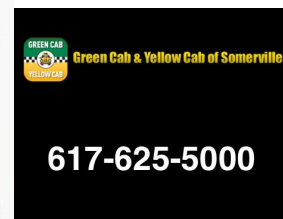
him to save us... It was like watching a Saturday Nite Live Spoof...what a spectacle...a Ward Mtg.like no other...!

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<p>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</p> <p>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-</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>To apply, please complete the application here: bit.ly/BudgetDelegateApp or call 617-625-6600 ext. 2107 with any questions or to</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>The subcommittees categories will be: Community-Wide Resources Parks & Green Spaces Streets & Sidewalks Arts & Culture Education</p> <p>How many projects a sub-</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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)</p> <p>With these criteria in mind,</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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</p>
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UPDATE: SOMERVILLE ANTI-VIOLENCE WORKING GROUP APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENDED

	<p>Update The deadline to apply for the Anti-Violence Working Group has been extended to Friday,</p>	<p>May 19. Applicants can fill out the online form here: bit.ly/rsj_avwg. Applications can also be</p>	<p>emailed to rsj@somervillema.gov, or either hand-delivered or mailed to Somerville City Hall, Attn: RSJ Department, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143.</p>	<p>Please reach out to the RSJ Department with any questions or for more information at rsj@somervillema.gov or 781-808-8344.</p>
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CONSOLIDATED AMENDMENT ON CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS, STATE ADMINISTRATION AND TRANSPORTATION (H 3900)

<p>By Bob Katzen</p> <p>The House 157-0, approved a \$5.2 million consolidated amendment that funds Constitutional Officers, State Administration and Transportation.</p> <p>This amendment includes a \$9,000 pay raise, from \$36,025 to \$45,025, for the eight members of</p>	<p>the Governor's Council which provides advice and consent on gubernatorial appointments, pardons and prison sentence commutations.</p> <p>Rep. John Lawn (D-Watertown) did not respond to repeated requests by Beacon Hill Roll Call to comment on why he proposed the section of</p>	<p>the consolidated amendment that provides the 25 percent pay hike.</p> <p>"The budgeting process at the Statehouse is completely broke," said Paul Craney, spokesman for the Massachusetts Fiscal Alliance. "This is just one example of how taxpayer dollars get thrown around with no account. There's</p>	<p>absolutely no excuse why the amendment sponsor or a member of the House leadership team couldn't have made their case as to why they feel these pay increases are necessary. Why even bother having a House chamber if they're going to conduct all of their debates in rooms that the press and public are barred from entering?"</p>	<p>asked Craney.</p> <p>(A "Yes" vote is for the consolidated amendment that includes the \$9,000 pay raise.)</p> <p>Rep. Christine Barber Yes Rep. Mike Connolly Yes Rep. Erika Uytterhoeven Yes</p>
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SOMERVILLE PREVENTION SERVICES HOSTING WEBINARS FOR COMMUNITY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT PROBLEM GAMBLING



Free Webinars Will Be Held in English on April 27 and in Chinese on May 4

SOMERVILLE - The City's Prevention Services division, in partnership with the Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center (BCNC), invites the community to learn more about gambling, signs of problem gambling, how to prevent it, and treatment resources. 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.

The Zoom webinars, which will be hosted in English and Chinese, are free to join and will also be recorded and sub-

sequently uploaded on the City's YouTube page: youtube.com/SomervilleCityTV.

Event details are below: English: April 27th, 6 - 7 p.m: bit.ly/problemgambling23 Mandarin Chinese: May 4th, 6 - 7 p.m: bit.ly/problemgambling23

To request additional information, please contact Prevention Services Manager, Matthew Mitchell, at mmitchell@somervillema.gov or calling (617) 625-6600 ext. 2570.

LAURA'S LAW: NEW SIGNAGE, LIGHTING, SECURITY FEATURES NOW ORDERED FOR MASS EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS

By Bob Katzen

In 2021, former-Gov. Charlie Baker signed into law "Laura's Law" that would require all hospitals to meet minimum criteria and standards that ensure safe, timely and accessible patient access to hospital emergency departments. The Department of Public Health has finally established a set of regulations for "Laura's Law" that hospitals must comply with by Jan. 1, 2024.

"Laura's Law" was named in memory of Laura Levis, a 34-year-old woman who, on September 16, 2016, went to CHA Somerville Hospital while suffering a fatal asthma attack, but was unable to get inside." Peter DeMarco, Levis's husband, has led the campaign for passage of the legislation. He is a journalist who wrote about Laura's death almost five years ago for the "Boston Globe" in a story called "Losing Laura."

According to DeMarco's story, "Laura chose a locked door to try to access the emergency room because the correct door was not properly

marked. Though Laura was on surveillance video, the hospital security desk was left unattended all night, so no one saw her. When a nurse from the emergency department eventually looked out the door for Laura, she did not see her, as the spot where Laura collapsed was in near darkness." Laura had called 911 but by the time first responders found her, she had collapsed in cardiac arrest and died a few days later.

"I know Laura's name is on these new regulations, but they are not just for the rare case of someone collapsing outside an emergency department door—far from it," said DeMarco at a Statehouse news conference last week. "These new regulations will help all of us find and get inside emergency departments faster, and for some people the difference between getting to a doctor ten minutes faster or wasting ten minutes trying to find the emergency department due to poor signage, confusing layouts, going to the wrong door, could be life changing. It was for Laura."

"I hope so much these new regulations serve as a stepping stone for other states to take a serious look at whether their residents could benefit by establishing rules for emergency department signage, lighting, wayfinding and security monitoring as well," continued DeMarco. "Maybe that starts with every state in New England."

"There is no way to change the past, but we have done our best to expect a future with optimal outcomes when any of us visits a hospital emergency department," said Sen. Pat Jehlen (D-Somerville), co-sponsor of the legislation. "I continue to thank Peter, the Department of Public Health and other advocates committed to honoring Laura's memory by collaborating on this new set of regulations that I believe will save lives."

"After years of advocacy, I am grateful to Peter for his extensive research and willingness to share Laura's story, which led to the passage of our bill, Laura's Law, in early 2021," said co-sponsor Rep. Christine Barber (D-Somerville).

"After more than two years of additional work, new regulations and guidance from the Department of Public Health reflect a number of new requirements to ensure all hospitals in Massachusetts will follow appropriate safety measures on lighting, security and wayfinding. Particularly in an emergency situation, patients need clear and obvious information about how to get to care quickly, no matter where people are seeking emergency care."

The rules are aimed at eliminating as much confusion as possible for patients in crisis who rush to an emergency department, and to provide fail safes should they have difficulty getting inside. They were finalized in early April, more than six years after Laura's passing from an asthma attack on the doorstep of a Somerville emergency department where she was unable to get inside, in part because the hospital lacked a single "Emergency" sign above any door for her to have followed. The regulations now specifically require such signs.

Other regulations include requiring any prominent door that is locked at night, as well as a hospital's main door and Emergency Department door and ambulance-bay door, has to have an audio-video intercom connecting a lost patient to a live operator as well as a duress alarm; requiring hospitals to set up directional signs to their emergency departments, starting the moment you reach the property, so that after you pass one sign another is already within your sight; requiring doors and patient drop-off and pick-up areas must be brightly lit and on surveillance 24 hours a day; and requiring each emergency department to have its own GPS address for navigation purposes if its doors are not located at the hospital's main address.

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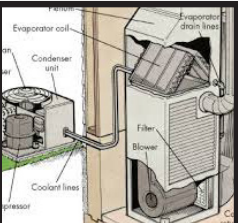


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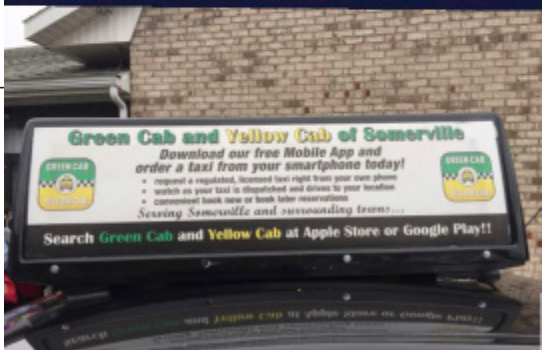
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DISTRICT ATTORNEY RYAN RETAINS INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED FORENSIC INVESTIGATIVE GENETIC GENEALOGY (FIGG) EXPERT

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First-of-Its-Kind Partnership includes June DNA Drive Day to Provide Free Family Tree DNA Tests to Help Missing and Unidentified Persons Cases.

WOBURN – Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan has announced that internationally recognized Forensic Science specialist Dr. Claire Glynn will join the Office as a consultant. In this newly created role, Dr. Glynn will work with the District Attorney, prosecutors, and police partners to employ the latest technology and expand the use of state-of-the-art investigatory tools.

Dr. Claire Glynn, Professor of Forensic Science, and the Assistant Director of the Henry C. Lee Institute of Forensic Science at the University of New Haven in Connecticut, will be working closely with investigators to examine and identify cases that would be strong candidates for utilizing FIGG to generate new leads and solve crimes. Dr. Glynn previously worked as a forensic scientist for one of the United Kingdom's leading forensic science providers for UK law enforcement, Eurofins Forensic Services, which investigates some of the UK's most challenging crimes.

"In Middlesex County we strive every day to be the most

dedicated, effective, and most innovative prosecutor's office in the United States. We recognize that technology is constantly evolving and, while we have already been able to use FIGG in some investigations, with the help of Dr. Glynn, we will be able to accomplish even more," said District Attorney Ryan.

The multi-pronged partnership also includes, for the first time in Massachusetts, enlisting the public's help to enhance existing DNA databases that law enforcement can use in FIGG investigations. On Saturday, June 17 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., District Attorney Ryan, Dr. Glynn and Newton Mayor Ruthanne Fuller will host a DNA Drive Day at Newton City Hall. Members of the public, and particularly family members of missing persons, are encouraged to attend the event. Participants will have the opportunity to voluntarily provide a DNA sample, collected using a mouth cheek swab, and in return will be provided a free genetic ancestry analysis from Family Tree DNA. The DNA information will also be added to GEDmatch, an online genetic genealogy database, where any member of the public can upload their DNA data to explore genetic connections with other users. The Family Tree DNA and GEDmatch databases are currently used by investigators across the nation and internationally to assist with

resolving unidentified persons investigations, some of which have been unsolved for decades. Other consumer DNA testing companies, e.g., AncestryDNA, 23andMe, MyHeritageDNA, etc., are not accessible for law enforcement investigations, as their terms of use prohibit this.

"DNA has had one of the most profound investigatory impacts on our work," District Attorney Ryan continued. "It is important for the public to remember that we are not just using FIGG to identify suspects but also to help identify victims, missing persons and human remains. We are looking at these cases so that families who have been waiting for answers will finally know what happened to their loved ones. It is my hope that this program can serve as a model across the Commonwealth."

In an effort to expand knowledge about this evolving tool, District Attorney Ryan, Dr. Glynn, Isa Woldegiorgis, Executive Director, The Center of Hope and Healing, Inc. and Adrienne Lynch, Chief of the Middlesex District Attorney's Office Homicide Unit, will discuss its potential uses at a program today.

In Middlesex County the use of FIGG is already having a tangible impact on cases. In February of this year, the Office announced (https://www.

middlesexda.com/press-releases/news/district-attorney-announces-arrest-2013-cold-case-sexual-assault) that nine years after a young woman was sexually assaulted at knifepoint at a commuter rail station in Acton, an investigative breakthrough using Forensic Investigative Genetic Genealogy analysis resulted in the identification and arrest of Christopher Aldrich, 28, of Lunenburg.

District Attorney Ryan is focused on utilizing every possible tool including re-examining existing evidence and employing the latest investigative techniques and technology to resolve cases. Having created the Office's Cold Case Unit in 2019, District Attorney Ryan views this new initiative as "a natural outgrowth of my unwavering commitment to Middlesex County's oldest unsolved cases." Dr. Glynn's work will include working with various units, including the Cold Case Unit to examine unsolved homicides, suspicious deaths where foul play is suspected, and missing persons cases.

Dr. Glynn is a Professor of Forensic Science and the Assistant Director of the Henry C. Lee Institute of Forensic Science at the University of New Haven in Connecticut. Dr. Glynn joined the University of New Haven in 2014 and teaches both undergraduate and graduate courses

in forensic science, focused on forensic biology, forensic DNA analysis, and Forensic Investigative Genetic Genealogy (FIGG). Dr. Glynn previously worked as a forensic scientist at Eurofins Forensic Services (formerly named LGC Forensics) in Oxfordshire, England. Eurofins Forensic Services is one of the United Kingdom's leading forensic science providers for the UK's police forces. Dr. Glynn worked in the forensic biology department, within the homicide and sexual assaults team, which has investigated some of the UK's most high-profile crimes. Dr. Glynn also conducts extensive research with her students, focused on FIGG, and the broad range of applications for this novel investigatory tool. This includes investigating the effects of degraded samples and novel technologies, establishing best practices, the international feasibility of this tool, historical applications, and ethical considerations, to name just a few. Dr. Glynn is the founding Director of the University of New Haven's online Graduate Certificate in Forensic Genetic Genealogy, and she actively consults and provides subject matter expertise on the topic to law enforcement agencies, both nationally and internationally. Lastly, Dr. Glynn was named one of Connecticut's "40 under 40" for the Class of 2022 by Connecticut Magazine.

HOUSE APPROVES \$56.2 BILLION FISCAL 2024 STATE BUDGET (H 3900)

By Bob Katzen

The House 156-0, approved and sent to the Senate a \$56.2 billion fiscal 2024 state budget after adding an estimated \$120 million in spending during three days of debate. The House version now goes to the Senate which will approve a different version. A House-Senate conference committee will

eventually craft a plan that will be presented to the House and Senate for consideration and then sent to the governor.

"From critical investments in health care and workforce development, to funding for new initiatives that are designed to increase educational opportunities, better support working families, and provide for a safer

and more reliable public transportation system, the House's fiscal year 2024 budget will help to make Massachusetts more affordable for residents, while allocating support for the commonwealth's most consequential institutions," said House Speaker Ron Mariano (D-Quincy).

"This budget builds off the

successes of the last few years by prioritizing our residents. Whether it is greater investments into programs like housing stability, food security or early education, these initiatives are a reflection of our shared values," said Rep. Aaron Michlewitz (D-Boston), chair of the House Committee on Ways and Means. "By reinvesting in the people of the common-

wealth, we will continue to assist those recovering from this pandemic while making our economy more competitive and equitable for years to come."

(A "Yes" vote is for the budget.)

Rep. Christine Barber Yes Rep. Mike Connolly Yes Rep. Erika Uytterhoeven Didn't Vote

CONSOLIDATED AMENDMENT ON LABOR AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (H 3900)

By Bob Katzen

The House 157-0, approved a \$31.5 million consolidated amendment that funds labor and economic development

programs.

"We are continuing to see positive data with jobs, unemployment rates and the labor market," said Rep. Josh Cutler (D-Dux-

bury), House chair of the Committee on Labor and Workforce Development. "These datapoints tell us that the investments we've made in our workforce are having a positive impact.

This House budget we approved ... continues this trajectory by investing more resources in our people."

(A "Yes" vote is for the

consolidated amendment.)

Rep. Christine Barber Yes Rep. Mike Connolly Yes Rep. Erika Uytterhoeven Didn't Vote



THIS WEEK'S QUOTABLE QUOTES ON BEACON HILL

Quotable Quotes



"Massachusetts has a real opportunity to close the digital divide and ensure all people in our state can participate in the digital economy. These grants will help residents build their digital skills and get online affordably, thereby

expanding their connections to job and training opportunities, healthcare resources, social connections and so much more."

— Economic Development Secretary Yvonne Hao announcing \$14 million in new grants from the state's Digital Equity Partnerships Program to address statewide digital equity gaps.

"Thanks to a number of forward-thinking supporters and partners, Tech Goes Home has been working for more than 20 years to advance digital equity in Greater Boston and beyond and has a proven model for how to address the challenges facing individuals and families. Today's announcement represents a major step forward in expanding our work across the com-

monwealth and bringing greater attention to the economic, educational, and health disparities that are connected to digital inequity."

— Dan Noyes, CEO of Tech Goes Home upon receiving a historic \$4.5 million dollar grant to expand its programming and help build stronger systems to equitably and sustainably close the digital divide.

"The court's decision today is welcome and important news, and it affirms what we already knew: the leaders and managers of facilities like the Soldiers' Home share responsibility for the health and safety of their residents. Today's decision allows us to focus once again on securing accountability for the tragic and preventable deaths

at the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke."

—Attorney General Andrea Campbell on the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court ruling that a criminal trial can proceed against two former Holyoke Soldiers' Home officials accused of negligence that led to the deaths of elderly veteran residents early in the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The dedicated men and women who keep our communities safe too often hide the significant stress and trauma they incur from the job. Every officer in the commonwealth must have access to quality mental health services and peer support to combat this stigma, improve policing, and enhance the lives of our police and their families." —Sen. Mark Montigny

(D-New Bedford) on the program he created that this year will deliver \$1 million in grants that will provide police officers across Massachusetts access to mental health services, peer support and critical incident stress management.

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CITY COUNCILOR RICK CARAVIELLO OFFICIALLY LAUNCHES CAMPAIGN FOR MAYOR OF MEDFORD

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Cites his consistent, transparent, and common-sense approach to city government

MEDFORD, MA – City Councilor Richard “Rick” Caravello announced his candidacy for Mayor of Medford. With over 12

years of experience serving on the Medford City Council, including three terms as President, Caravello brings a wealth of knowledge and dedication to the community.

Caravello is a lifelong resident of Medford, having raised his children in

the community with his wife of nearly 47 years, Carol. He has been an active member of the community, supporting organizations such as the Medford Kiwanis, Medford Chamber of Commerce, and the Medford Youth Hockey Association.

Throughout his career, Caravello has demonstrated a deep commitment to supporting working people and their families. He has stood alongside unions, supporting all union resolutions that come before him and even standing on the picket line with Medford’s teachers, firefighters, and city employees.

“I am excited to announce my candidacy for Mayor of Medford,” said Caravello. “I have spent my entire life in this community, and I am committed to working hard to make it an even better place to live, work, and raise a family. I will bring a thoughtful, collaborative, and common-sense approach to city government, and I look forward to serving the people of Medford in this expanded role.”

One of Caravello’s proud-

est accomplishments is bringing a new, state-of-the-art Public Library to the city of Medford, and his work as co-chair of the foundation that raised \$6 million to offset costs to the city. Bringing this groundbreaking project to life demonstrates his commitment to investing in the community.

Caravello is running for Mayor out of a genuine love for the City and a desire to help keep Medford a great place to live, work, and raise a family. He brings a consistent, transparent, and common-sense approach to city government, ensuring that the needs of the community are always at the forefront of decision-making.

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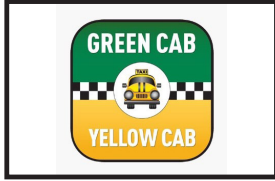


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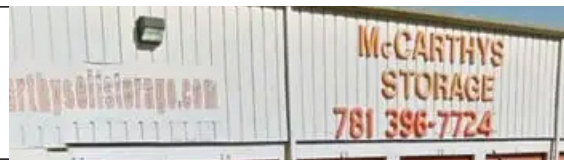
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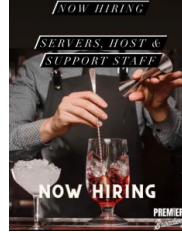


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TAX REVENUE FROM MILLIONAIRE'S TAX (H 3900)

By Bob Katzen

The House 25-132, rejected an amendment that would remove a section in the budget that exempts tax revenue generated from the recently voter-approved Millionaire Tax from counting toward the allowable state tax revenue limitations, under Chapter 62F, which provides that whenever revenue collections in a fiscal year exceed an annual cap tied to wage and salary growth, the excess is returned to taxpayers. Last year, \$3 billion in refunds were returned to taxpayers when the law was triggered for

just the second time since its passage in 1986. The revenue from the Millionaire Tax is deposited into the new Education and Transportation Stabilization Fund.

"There is no justification for excluding the Millionaire Tax revenues from the Chapter 62F calculations, as all other taxes including taxes constitutionally designated towards specific uses like the gas tax, are included in the current calculation, and tax rate increases have not been held aside from the formula previously," said amendment sponsor GOP

House Minority Leader Rep. Brad Jones (R-North Reading). "Attempting to exclude these revenues is a slap in the face to the state's taxpayers and the voters who supported this ballot question."

Amendment opponents said the amendment will put the new revenue in jeopardy and argued this new revenue is earmarked for education and transportation and must be protected and treated differently than other tax revenue.

Revenue Committee House chair Mark Cusack

(D-Braintree) did not respond to repeated requests by Beacon Hill Roll Call to comment on why he urged representatives to vote against the amendment.

(A "Yes" vote is for the amendment that favors tax revenue generated from the recently voter-approved Millionaire Tax counting toward the allowable state tax revenue limitations. A "No" vote is against the amendment and supports exempting the revenue from the allowable state tax revenue limitations.)

Rep. Christine Barber No

Rep. Mike Connolly No
Rep. Erika Uyerhoeven No



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SOMERVILLE COMMUNITY INVITED TO JOIN PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL'S SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CHARTER REVIEW

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Virtual Hearing Will Allow Public to Provide Feedback on Special Committee on Charter Review's Proposed Changes to Somerville City Charter

SOMERVILLE – The City of Somerville is announcing a Public Hearing before the City Council's Special Committee on Charter Review, that is scheduled for Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at 6 p.m. Members of the Somerville community are encouraged to join the virtual hearing to share their thoughts regarding the proposed updates to the City

Charter.

Attendees can join the hearing virtually by via the GoToWebinar registration link: attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6828112774658855259, which is also available on the Somerville City Council's calendar. Registration for the meeting will be open until the meeting begins. After registering, participants will receive an email with instructions on how to join the webinar.

Community members who are unable to attend the meeting, but wish to make their voices heard, are welcome to email their comments to cityclerk@somervillema.gov, or send them by US mail to the City Clerk, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, 02143, or

drop them into the secure drop box outside the back door on the School Street side of City Hall.

Public comments must arrive no later than 12 p.m. on May 10, in order to be ensure they are conveyed to the Council.

The City of Somerville's Charter serves as its local constitution, creating a structure for City government. The Charter establishes the key institutions of City government and defines the relationship and powers between the Mayor, the City Council and the School Committee. The charter review process seeks to comprehensively review the current charter and to recommend changes to ensure Somerville's government meets the current and

anticipated needs of residents and is responsive to the challenges of today and tomorrow.

More information on the City's Charter Review, including prior meetings' minutes and agenda, can be found here: bit.ly/Charter-PublicHearing



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SOMERVILLE PORCH FEST 2023

<p>PorchFest Somerville 2023 will take place on Saturday, May 13th (rain date 14th) from 12-6pm</p>	<p>4-6pm – East (east of Central)</p>	
<p>Designated Times: 12-2pm – West (west of Willow) 2-4pm – Central (from Willow to Central)</p>	<p>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</p>	

MUNICIPAL SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

	<p>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</p>	<p>have been accepted to an accredited post-secondary institution.</p>	<p>Because College Doesn't Happen by Chance https://cityofsomerville.dollarsforscholars.org/index.php?section=chapterWebsite&action=main&wID=1131</p>
	<p>To apply, students are asked to create a profile and answer three short essay questions. Scholarship America –</p>		

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

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USPS IMPROVING SERVICE RELIABILITY, FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY IN FIRST TWO YEARS OF DELIVERING FOR AMERICA PLAN



POSTAL NEWS

New progress report details milestones to date under 10-year plan, including: Improved operating practices across the organization driving transformational change. Service performance improves today with 98% of American public receiving mail and packages within three days.

Self-sustaining initiatives reduce projected 10-year loss despite inflation.

Stabilized the workforce by converting 125,000 pre-career employees to full-time positions.

Plan underway to electrify nation's largest and oldest federal fleet.

Network Transformation initiated will enable world-class service performance at affordable prices.

WASHINGTON — The United States Postal Service today released its Second-Year Progress Report on Delivering for America (DFA), the 10-year plan to return the organization to financial sustainability and achieve service excellence while maintaining universal six-day mail delivery and expanding seven-day package delivery. "As we enter the third year of our Delivering for America plan, there is a new energy and vibrancy at the U.S. Postal Service," said Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer Louis DeJoy. "As I travel the nation meeting with the great men and women of the Postal Service, it is clear the investments we are making are paying

off — and it is showing through our improved delivery for the American people and our business customers. The progress we've made in the last two years demonstrates that our plan is realistic and achievable. We're just getting started."

The Delivering for America plan was published March 23, 2021, to transform the Postal Service from an organization in financial and operational crisis to one that is self-sustaining and high performing. In the first two years since, the Postal Service has aggressively advanced core DFA strategies and initiatives. While much work remains to be done to address the Postal Service's financial and operational performance, DFA has already demonstrated that the path forward is achievable, and that the organization is working to be financially self-sustaining, high performing and provide excellent service to the nation. DFA Two-Year Milestones Include:

Aligned for Operational Excellence: USPS is intensely focused on becoming the high-performing organization the public expects. Today, our Executive Leadership Team and organizational structure are aligned around achievable goals with a level of accountability consistent with top-performing organizations in private industry. Positioned to Financially Break Even Over Next 10 Years, Despite Inflation: Just two years into the 10-year plan, projected losses for the decade have been reduced by more than half — from \$160 billion to \$70 billion. That is significant progress toward our 2030 10-year break-even goal. Even with the unexpected burden of inflation, the organization still forecasts we can achieve break-even

operations by the end of DFA's 10-year period.

Fostering Service Excellence for the American People: We have already reversed years of declining reliability and are closing in on meeting the primary objective of 95 percent on-time performance across all mail types. In fiscal year 2022, all market-dominant products experienced increased service performance over FY2021. In FY22, 95.6% of packages were delivered on-time; On average, 99.9% of packages were delivered in less than three days. Converting 125,000 Employees to Full-Time Positions: We have focused steadily on stabilizing our workforce and have converted 125,000 pre-career workers to full-time career employees since October 2020, including 50,000 conversions between April 2022 and March 2023.

Modernizing Our Delivery and Processing Network: We have committed nearly \$7.6 billion of the plan's \$40 billion self-funded investment budget to create a modernized postal network and work is underway, including: Six New Sorting and Delivery Centers: We have started to open larger, centrally located Sorting and Delivery Centers (S&DCs). These facilities are comprised of both new and repurposed facilities and to provide faster and more reliable mail and package delivery over a greater geographic area. The first S&DC opened in Athens, GA last fall and is already demonstrating operational benefits. In Feb. 2023, S&DCs opened in Gainesville, FL; Panama City, FL; Woburn, MA; Utica, NY; and Bryan, TX. We are currently evaluating more than 100 new S&DC locations nationwide.

New Regional Processing and Distribution Centers Underway: Our processing network is also being overhauled. We have launched a new, flexible construction program to create a modern, streamlined and effective network of new or reimagined, clean, spacious and bright processing facilities. These purpose-built or purpose-redesigned Regional Processing and Distribution Centers (RPDCs) — in some instances, more than 1 million square feet in size — will enable new, effective workflows that simplify the movement of all classes of mail and packages. Design for 11 new RPDCs is underway (Atlanta, GA; Richmond, VA; N. Houston, TX; Greensboro, NC; Santa Clarita, CA; Portland, OR; Charlotte, NC; Chicago, IL; Indianapolis, IN; Jacksonville, FL; Boise, ID). Four RPDCs will be opened in 2023 (Atlanta, GA; Richmond, VA; Charlotte, NC; and Chicago, IL). In the coming years, we expect to open about 60 RPDCs across the country. Increased Daily Package Processing Capacity to 60 Million. In the past two years, we have purchased and installed 249 new package processing machines across the nation. These machines, coupled with operational precision improvements, have increased daily packaging capacity processing to 60 million. Updating and Electrifying the Nation's Largest and Oldest Federal Fleet. Modernizing our mail delivery fleet is a critical part of DFA. From the start, we committed to purchase the most environmentally sustainable vehicles across our entire ground fleet consistent with financial and operational considerations, with the understanding that the electrification of our fleet

could be accelerated as our strategy evolved, as technology improved, and as our financial condition stabilized.

In December 2022, USPS announced plans to acquire 106,000 new vehicles, including at least 66,000 battery electric delivery vehicles, which includes at least 45,000 battery electric-powered Next Generation Delivery Vehicles (NGDVs) and 21,000 commercial off-the-shelf vehicles (COTS) that we expect to be battery electric-powered. In February 2023, USPS placed the first order for 9,500 electric vehicles and 14,000 electric vehicle charging stations.

Additional milestones in the first two years of Delivering for America include: Enactment of the Postal Service Reform Act (April 2022) Implementation of new service standards for select Market Dominant and Competitive products Judicious implementation of new pricing authority

New offerings to expand package delivery, including USPS Connect As the Postal Service enters the third year of the Delivering for America plan, the organization continues its focus on improving service reliability for the American public and business customers by modernizing the outmoded and aging postal network across the nation, operational stabilization, and new competitive product offerings for our customers.

To learn more and read the Second-Year Progress Report and the Delivering for America plan in full, visit usps.com/deliveringforamerica.

CONSOLIDATED AMENDMENT ON ENERGY, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND HOUSING (H 3900)

By Bob Katzen

The House 158-0, approved a \$7.3 billion consolidated amendment that funds energy, environmental affairs and housing programs.

"We are on the front lines

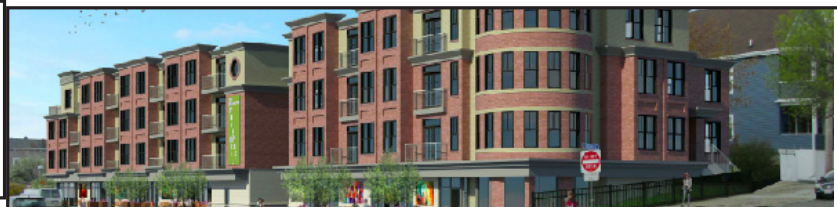
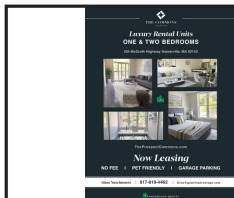
of the climate crisis and if we are to minimize irreversible impacts, we must make unparalleled changes," said State Representative Jeffrey N. Roy (D-Franklin), House Chair of the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities, and En-

ergy. "The House budget and adopted energy and environmental amendment together commit 1.25 percent of the state's total budget to implement the policies and strategies stemming from robust climate bills passed over the past few sessions."

(A "Yes" vote is for the consolidated amendment.)

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

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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 Friday, May 26. Interested candidates should submit a resume, cover letter, and any relevant supplemental material by email to pgoldstein@somervillema.gov or by mail to Paul Goldstein, City of Somerville, OSPCD 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, 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.

SOMERVILLE COMMISSION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES SEEKS ADDITIONAL MEMBERS



Somerville residents are invited to apply for three vacancies on the Somerville Commission for Persons with Disabilities. Each vacancy must be filled by someone who identifies as having a disability.

The Somerville Commission for Persons with Disabilities is committed to ensuring equity and in-

clusion for all persons who live in, work in, and visit Somerville. The Commission works closely with the City's Department of Racial and Social Justice and ADA Coordinator to ensure people who live in, work in, and visit the Somerville community are welcomed.

After completing a first term, Commissioners may be considered for reappointment for an additional three years. Candidates must be able to commit to a minimum of five hours of monthly service in

addition to attending regular Commission meetings on the second Tuesday of each month from 7 to 9 p.m. These are volunteer positions.

The appointment process includes an interview with members of the Commission, followed by a recommendation from Mayor Ballantyne and appointment by the City Council.

Applications are due Wednesday, May 24. Interested Somerville residents should submit a personal

statement of interest describing why they would like to join the Commission by email to ada@somervillema.gov, or by mail to Adrienne Pomeroy, ADA Coordinator, City of Somerville, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143. Please contact Adrienne at 617-625-6600 x2059 to apply by phone or with any questions about the Commission.

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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.

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 ([somervillema.gov/PB](http://www.somervillema.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.somervillema.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://www.facebook.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://www.facebook.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.somervillema.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@somervillema.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 www.somervillema.gov/communitymeetings. For questions, please contact Victoria MacGregor at vmacgregor@somervillema.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@somervillema.gov or Somerville Elections Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143. Please email nsalerno@somervillema.gov or call 617-625-6600 ext. 4210 with questions.

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The Somerville Housing Authority is requesting quotes from qualified contractors to furnish and install 20 countertops on an as needed basis for all SHA Developments. Quotes are subject to M.G.L c.149 sec.44A (2)(A) and to minimum wage rates as required by

M.G.L c.149 §26 to 27H inclusive.
The Project consists of: Labor and material for the installation of corian solid surface kitchen counters and backsplashes with sinks on newly renovated apartments. The apartments will be a mix of handicap (ADA-compliant) and non-handicap units. General cabinet layouts are provided within the bid package.

Contractors who intend on providing a quote shall email Ryan Cummiskey at ryancc@sha-web.org after 11:00AM on Thursday, May 11 th 2023 to request a quote package.

Proposals must be received by 11:00AM on Thursday, May 25 th 2023. Proposals can be emailed to ryancc@sha-web.org . Please contact Ryan Cummiskey at ryancc@sha-web.org with any questions.

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The Somerville Housing Authority is requesting quotes from qualified Electrical Contractors to perform electrical work including installations and repairs on an as needed basis. Proposals should include an hourly rate for electrical services. Term: 12 months Not to exceed \$49,999.99

Quotes are subject to M.G.L c.149 sec.44A (2)(A) and to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L c.149 §26 to 27H inclusive. Scope of work: The Contractor shall provide all labor and tools to provide the necessary work as directed for the completion of the electrical services at the SHA's various developments. The Contractor shall apply for and obtain permits and regulatory approvals as may be required. The SHA shall reimburse the contractor the amount paid. The cost shall be identified and included in the monthly invoice.

The Contractor shall be required on site within one week as scheduled by SHA. Stock and Materials: The Contractor shall use SHA furnished fixtures and finishes unless otherwise authorized. Items purchased by the Contractor at the SHA's request shall be billed at no more than cost plus 15%. The Contractor will be required to present the original itemized invoice to the SHA. The cost shall be identified and included in the monthly invoice.

Payment Invoicing: Contractor's invoicing must be itemized to reflect contract pricing for each item. Contractors who intend on bidding shall email Ryan Cummiskey at Ryancc@sha-web.org after 11:00AM on Thursday, May 11 th 2023 to request a bid package.

Proposals must be received by 2:00PM on Thursday, May 25 th 2023. Proposals can be emailed to Ryancc@sha-web.org. Please contact Ryan Cummiskey at Ryancc@sha-web.org with any questions.

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