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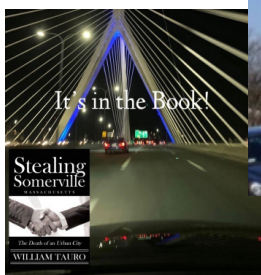
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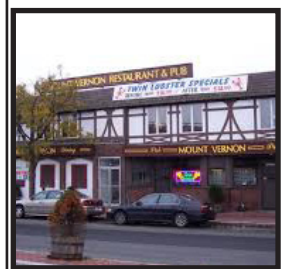
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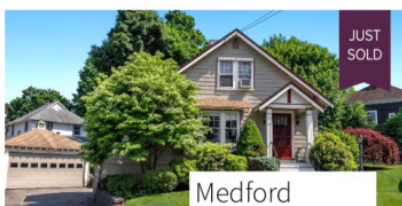
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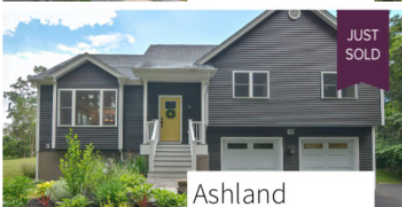
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Johnston Mildred M. (Fitzgerald) – Of Kingston formerly of Somerville January 19, 2024. Beloved wife of the late Richard Allen Johnston Sr.

Loving mother of Richard A. Johnston Jr. of Stoneham and his late wife Patricia, Robert Johnston of Somerville, Kathy Nastri and her husband Richard of Lakeville, Donna San Filippo and her husband

Frank of Stoneham, Lawrence Johnston and his wife Anita of Dedham.

Sister of the late Lorraine Mullane and her late husband Jeremiah.

Dear Nana Chickie to Michael, Matthew and Alyssa Nastri. Great Nana Chickie of Aidan, Jacob, Gia and Luca.

Loving Godmother of Jody, also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Visiting hours will be held for Mildred, in the George L. Doherty Funeral Home, 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.) Somerville, Wednesday morning January 24, 2024, 8:30 – 10:30, followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Clement Church, Somerville/Medford at 11:00.

Relatives and friends invited.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Mildred's memory to <http://www.smiletrain.org> Smile Train, 633 3rd Ave 9th Fl, New York, NY 10017

SOMERVILLE/MEDFORD REMEMBERING JOSEPH J. LOMBARDO



Obituary
JOSEPH J. LOMBARDO

Command Sergeant Major, United States Army (Retired), 42 years of service

January 18, 2024

Joseph J. Lombardo of Medford passed away with his family by his side on Thursday, January 18, 2024. He was 93. He was the beloved husband of 62 years to the late Irene A. Lombardo (McGrath).

Joseph Lombardo was born in Boston. Son to the late John and Josephine (Postizzi) Lombardo. Loving brother to the late John R. Lombardo.

Joseph was the loving father of John Lombardo of Medford, Maureen Lombardo, Esquire and her husband Charles Tacito of Medford, Diane Lombardo-Riva, Esquire and her husband Randall of Winchester, Joseph Lombardo and his wife Patricia

of Raymond, NH and Thomas Lombardo, Esquire and his wife Sharon of Stoneham. Cherished grandfather to Michelle Grant, John Lombardo, Jr., Eric Lombardo, Marianne Pasqual, Maureen Tacito, Marina Riva, Renee Rodgers, Joseph Lombardo, Patricia Ellis, Christina Logel, Olivia Lombardo and Ross Lombardo. Loving great-grandfather to Shane, Sam and Spencer Grant, Jack and Alex Lombardo and Liam Ellis.

Joe was a graduate of Chelsea High School. He joined the military at a young age and served in the United States Army for 42 years. It was one of the greatest accomplishments of his life along with raising a family with his beautiful wife, Irene.

The start of Joe's military career focused on Nike Ajax & Hercules missile training in Ft. Bliss, TX where he was stationed for many years. While in Texas he served as Section Chief. He was awarded a U.S. Army Commendation Medal for his section's performance, and his unit was recognized as one of the "finest Air Defense Artillery units in the Command."

Joe got promoted from Section Chief to First Sergeant, where he oversaw over 300 personnel. Next, he worked with the 101st Combat Engineers, followed by the 26th Cavalry and 101st Engineering Battalion until he was promoted to Command Sergeant Major. Joe trav-

eled to Ft Bliss Texas to study their military academy and helped form the Massachusetts Military Academy at Camp Edwards in Cape Cod. Joe had an accomplished career at the Academy. After 7 years, he was assigned to Ft Devens and then became State Quarter Master. He worked on missile sites (NORAD), military firearm sites and nuclear sites. During his career, he was also called to State Active Duty for Pope John Paul II and Queen Elizabeth's historic visits to Boston. Joe proudly lived by the Army Values of a Soldier: Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity and Personal Courage.

At the very end of his career, he was assigned to the state security HQ. In 1990, Joe retired with an honorable discharge after 42 years of service to his country. When he retired, the U.S. Army awarded his wife with an award for his family's sacrifice over the many years of his military career. Serving in the U.S. military set the stage for Joe's outlook on life and left him with a unique appreciation for hard work, determination and character. Joe was very proud to have served his country for many years. His detailed military stories will be shared for many family generations to come. A few of the Medals Awarded to him include: The U.S. Army Commendation Medal, The U.S. Army Oak leaf Cluster, Meritorious Service

Medal, The U.S Army Achievement Medal.

Upon his military retirement, he worked for many years at the West Roxbury Veterans Administration Medical Center as Supervisor of Engineering. Joe was a jack of all trades. He was a master auto mechanic, gourmet chef and expert gardener. He owned several homes and took pride in maintaining them over the years. He could fix or rebuild anything! If you needed advice figuring out a complex problem – Joe was the one to call. His ability to tackle any issue was admirable amongst his friends and family. He was a multi-talented man with vast analytical intelligence.

Joe's summers were spent at his beach house in picturesque Point Independence, Onset, MA where he enjoyed boating, fishing, gardening and family time. He also enjoyed traveling with his wife Irene to Florida, California, Hawaii and Europe. Joe also had a lifelong love for classic cars. Joe was restoring a classic 1965 Ford Mustang, a 1976 Cadillac Deville and an antique Dodge truck well into his 90s. He could disassemble any auto or marine engine and meticulously reassemble it – making it work better than previously. He was truly one of a kind.

Visitation will be held on January 23, 2024 at 9:30am – 10:30am at the Doherty Funeral

Home, 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.), Somerville, MA, followed by a Mass of the Christian burial at St. Raphael Church at 11am on January 23, 2024, 514 High St., Medford, MA. Interment with Military Funeral Honors at Oak Grove Cemetery, Medford. (Masks are respectfully requested at the Calling Hours and Mass.) The funeral will be broadcast live via Zoom.

Joseph J. Lombardo will be honored for his devoted 42 years

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The students were inspired to sell Medford tie dye shirts and raise money for

comfort stuffed animals. These stuffed animals can be given out during stressful and traumatic events and interactions, and will certainly provide some emotional support. The firefighters thank these students for their thoughtfulness, kindness, and generosity.



SOMERVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT WEEKLY CRIME LOG 1/9/2024 – 1/15/2024



Crime Log

1/9/2024 – 1/15/2024

<https://www.somervillepd.com/public-safety-news>

Commercial Breaking and Entering

24001998: On 1/11/24 at

approximately 5:08 PM, Somerville Police responded to a property on Walnut St for report of a

past breaking and entering.

Upon arrival, officers spoke with the reporting party who stated he came to close the property and noticed a glass door was broken and the alarm was triggered. Nothing was reported missing.

Residential Breaking and

Entering

24001598: On 1/9/24 at approximately 10:12 PM, Somerville Police responded to a residence on Craigie St for report of a past breaking and entering. Upon arrival, officers spoke with the victim who stated he left his apartment and when he returned, noticed several

electronics and marijuana were stolen.

Other Crimes:

- 2 MV Thefts
- 2 Package Thefts
- 3 MV Vandalisms
- 3 Bike Thefts
- 3 Car Breaks
- 1 Moped Theft

BAN DECLAWING OF CATS (S 2552)

By Bob Katzen

The Senate 39-0, approved and sent to the House a bill that would prohibit surgeries that declaw cats, tendonectomies and similar procedures except in cases of medical necessity in which a veterinarian determines that the surgery would address a condition that jeopardizes the cat's health. Declawing a cat means amputating the first bone on each toe and tendonectomies involve cutting a tendon in each toe that controls the extension of claws.

The penalty for violat-

ing this ban is \$1,000 for the first offense, \$1,500 for a second offense and \$2,500 for a third or subsequent offense. In addition, veterinarians who perform a declawing without it being medically necessary may be subject to disciplinary action by their licensure board.

Many cat owners often declaw their pets to prevent scratches or damage to household items like rugs or furniture. However, veterinarians and the Humane Society of the U.S. have said that cats who have had their claws removed are more likely

to experience paw pain, back pain, infection and the inability to use their legs properly.

"Declawing is an abhorrent practice that most veterinarians view as inhumane, but it is also a procedure that is widely misunderstood and requested by owners," said sponsor Sen. Mark Montigny (D-New Bedford). "By passing this legislation, veterinarians will no longer have to weigh the choice knowing that if they don't provide the procedure the owner is likely to just look for someone who will."

"This is another step in my commitment to protect animals in the commonwealth," continued Montigny. "As a state we have done far too little to punish heartless abusers and to push back against a weak court system that has too often failed to hold them accountable. There are too many people who have committed horrendous abuses to animals that have been unpunished and are walking free to continue to do harm."

"We thank the Senate for advancing this bill and again demonstrating their commitment to

animal protection," said Kara Holmquist, Director of Advocacy for the MSPCA-Angell. "Our animal hospital, Angell Animal Medical Center, has not performed declawing surgery for decades because it is not in the interest of the animal, often involves painful complications and can create lifelong behavior problems. We are grateful that this unnecessary amputation will be prohibited in the state."

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(781) 324-9570 or email us at americanegion@gmail.com. We would be happy to welcome you into our family. By the way, Post 69 host's a karaoke party every first and third Friday of the month. This is a great opportunity for veterans and the public to come together and have some fun. The party starts at 7:00 PM and ends 11:00 PM. There is no cover charge. Food and drinks will be available for purchase We hope to see you there!



MEDFORD VFW POST 1012 HAS A NEW COMMANDER

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SOMERVILLE/MEDFORD REMEMBERING FRANK J. RUF



Obituary

RUF, Frank J. – Of Tewksbury formerly of Somerville and New York, January 18, 2024.

Beloved husband of the late Mary Ruf (Frazer).

Loving father of Christopher Ruf and his wife Maura of Salem, NH, Jason Ruf and his wife Nicole of Methuen and David Ruf of Tewksbury.

Brother of Doris Hubner and her husband Robert of Staten Island, New York.

Dear grandfather of Jonathan, Brianna, Lilly, Jason, Ellis and Carter.

Funeral procession from the George L. Doherty Funeral Home, 855 Broadway (Powder

House Sq.) Somerville, Monday morning January 29, at 9:00am, followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Ann Church, Somerville at 10:00.

Relatives and friends invited.

Calling hours Sunday January 28, 2:00 – 5:00.

Interment private.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Frank's memory to the American Cancer Society.

Late US Navy Veteran, Vietnam Era.

SOMERVILLE/MEDFORD REMEMBERING NANCY J. O'CONNELL



Obituary

Nancy J. (Kaminski) O'Connell passed away on January 14, 2024 at home surrounded by the love of family, she was 80. Born and raised in Cambridge, she was the daughter of the late Delphine (Levanitis) and Stanley Kaminski.

The beloved wife of the late Gerald L. "Jerry" O'Connell, together they were married 58 years before his passing in 2018.

She was the loving mother of Susan Casamassima (O'Connell) and her husband Vinny of Tewksbury.

Jason O'Connell and his wife Jennifer of Wilmington and the late Carol J. Rodriguez (O'Connell).

Cherished grandmother of Brendon, Aidan, Ella, Christopher, Timothy, Jaime and Alexis and great-grandmother of Avriana,

Kingston, Manny, Ava, Kiley, Christian, Milena, Simona and Natalia.

A private committal service will be held on Monday, January 22, 2024.

SOMERVILLE/MEDFORD REMEMBERING MARY L. SULSKONIS



Obituary

Mary L. Sluskonis – Of Medford, passed away unexpectedly at home on Thursday, January 18, 2024. She was 69.

Born and raised in Somerville, she was the daughter of the late John J. and Lillian (Crosby) Sullivan. Mary was a woman who had deep pride and love

for her family. She considered all of her nieces and nephews her children. Her love and devotion to them was similar to a second mom. When she wasn't spoiling her "children", you could find her sitting on the couch watching the Pats or Celtics, but never interrupt her on Monday-Friday from 2 pm-3pm... General Hospital is on! She would also enjoy a "friendly" conversation with her Dad and brothers about her favorite ball player, Carl Yastrzemski. Mary also enjoyed spending time with the "Bowling Girls of Southie", weekend getaways were the best, she said. She enjoyed cooking for the

family gatherings, her antipasto squares were a hit! Mary enjoyed her camping trips and day trips to the White Mountains and the Maine Coast with her husband, Stephen, who was also her best friend.

She was the beloved wife of 35 years to Stephen Sluskonis. Devoted sister of Jim Sullivan and his wife Marie, Jean Analetto and her husband Stephen, Eileen Toomey and her husband Stephen, Shawn Sullivan and his wife Erica, Dennis Sullivan and his wife Eileen, Margaret LaFauci and her husband Nick, Diane Burns and her husband Gary and the late Ellie. She is also lovingly

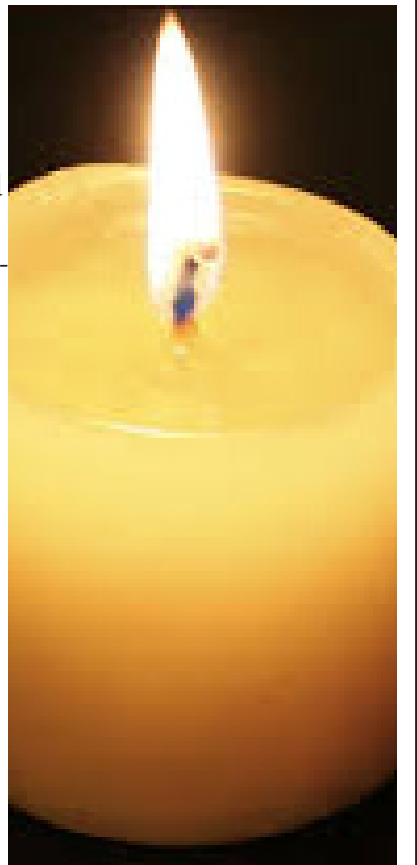
survived by many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, extended family members and friends.

Calling Hours will be held in the George L. Doherty Funeral Home, 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.), Somerville on WEDNESDAY, January 24th from 3:00PM to 7:00PM.

A prayer service will be held in the funeral home on Wednesday evening at 6:30PM.

Interment will be private.

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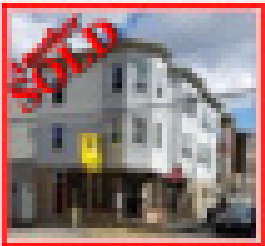


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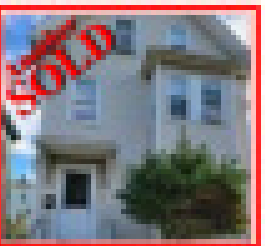
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BAN DISCRIMINATION BASED ON HEIGHT AND WEIGHT (H 1705)

By Bob Katzen

A bill that would prohibit discrimination on the basis of a person's height or weight, unless for the purpose of compliance

with any established state, federal or industry safety standard, was heard by the Judiciary Committee.

"This bill takes an important step towards rectify-

ing biases about a person's height and weight factors often beyond their control," said sponsor Rep. Tram Nguyen (D-Andover). "Body size discrimination affects all aspects of

an individual's life, from the workplace, to health-care, to their education. By safeguarding individuals from discrimination based on their looks we not only promote equal

opportunities but also foster a healthier and more equitable community."

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until January 16th.

If you missed our first information session, we will be holding another one on January 10th at the Medford Police Department from 6:00-8:30pm.

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SOMERVILLE/MEDFORD REMEMBERING DAVID T. GIBBONS



Obituary Gibbons, David T. - Of Medford, passed away on Monday, January 15, 2024 at the Blue-

berry Hill Rehab. He was 79. David was the last surviving member of his family, and he always stressed how important family was to him and would help any of us if needed. He missed his wife so, who passed three years prior and enjoyed getting together with his two sister in-laws to reminisce of the old days. David loved them like his own. He was proud of his sons and the lives that they have created with their loving wives. David was very proud of his grandchildren, he may not have always told them, but he always wanting to know what they were up to and kept track of all their accomplish-

ments and milestones. David was an avid sports fan, he loved routing for his beloved Red Sox, and New England Patriots. David was also very much into Drag racing which for him began back in the early 60's as a teenager. He enjoyed going to New England Dragway to race his car in the 60's and continued to follow his passion off and on into the mid 90's when he just become a spectator. He still enjoyed going to the track to see old friends and watch his son who followed in his footsteps race. Dad is now with his love Norine and his son Brian watching over us.

Beloved husband of the late

Norine C. (Cronin) Gibbons who passed away in 2020. Devoted father of David Gibbons Jr. and his wife Cheryl of Wakefield, Michael Gibbons and his wife Amy of Lynnfield, Matthew Gibbons and his wife Francesca of Medford and the late Brian Gibbons. Loving grandfather of Thomas, Katelyn, Tyler, Cameron, Madison, Kaleigh, Nicholas and Thomas. The cherished great grandfather of Ella, Hallie, Thomas and Samuel and Lily. The dear brother of the late Gerald Gibbons, Joseph Gibbons and John Gibbons. The brother in-law of Judith Yurkus, and her husband Joe of Lynnfield and Marilyn Cronin and her husband Jose

Cedillo of Somerville. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews

Calling Hours will be held in the George L. Doherty Funeral Home 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.) Somerville on MONDAY, January 22nd from 4:00PM to 7:00PM.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend.

A prayer service will be held in the funeral home on Monday evening at 6:30PM.

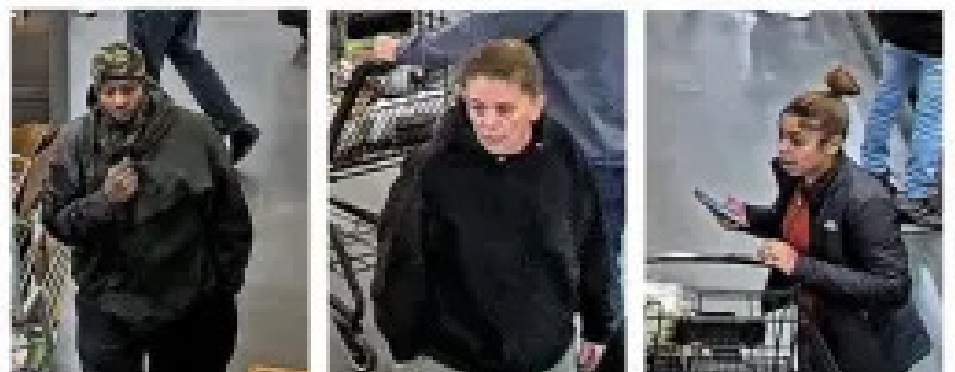
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MEDFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT IDENTIFICATION WANTED

On December 31, 2023, at approximately 11:35 a.m., an unknown black male suspect wearing dark colored clothing and a green camouflage ski mask assaulted a Wegmans' customer after it appears that the victim got into an argument with a female

party. A second female associate of the suspect was also present. If you can identify any of these suspects or have any information regarding this incident, please contact Detective Thomas Mattos at 781-391-6767 ext. 3245.

IDENTIFICATION WANTED





SOMERVILLE/MEDFORD REMEMBERING PATRICIA “TRICIA” A. O’LEARY



Obituary

Patricia Ann O’Leary passed away peacefully on Wednesday January 17, 2024 at her home in Arlington after a long and valiant battle with cancer.

Tricia is preceded in death by her father, Joseph Michael O’Leary. She is survived by her mother, Dorothy Ann (Impolario) of Medford, her siblings Paul and his wife Joanne of Arvada CO, Kristin Hogan of Woburn and Michael of Medford. She was the self-described “cool” Aunt to Katie and her wife Keila of Arvada CO, Lauren and her husband Tom of Maitland FL, Jessica and her husband Josué of Freder-

icksburg VA, Megan of Charlotte NC, Jarred of Woburn, Timothy of Denver CO and Michael of Woburn. Tricia also loved her grandnephews and grandniece Theodore, Roni and Benjamin.

Tricia was born in 1970 and graduated from Medford High School in 1988. She earned an Interior Design degree from Becker College and worked doing floral arrangements and for a furniture store/design consultant, which gave her the opportunity to travel around the world seeking exotic and unique furniture and art pieces. She later worked as a bartender at various restaurants and bars in Somerville, Cambridge, Boston, and Fitchburg. Tricia became the mixologist at all family events, frequently improvising a delicious drink from the available ingredients.

She eventually found her true calling as a dog walker and doggie day and overnight care provider. Tricia had always loved having animals around –

dogs, cats, birds, fish – and this allowed her to be surrounded by dogs all the time. She frequently had up to thirteen dogs crammed into the back of her little hatchback, taking them for walks around Fresh Pond or to run and play in family’s, friends’, and neighbors’ fenced yards. We all got to know many of her regular client pooches and grew to love some of them almost as much as Tricia did.

Whether Tricia had clients or not, she was always accompanied by her beloved rescue dog Hobo. Tricia and Hobo were rarely apart and traveled all over the northeast together. Before Hobo, Tricia had rescues Ozzie and Pearl, who also received VID (Doggie) treatment from her.

Tricia was a fiercely independent person and lived life exactly as she wanted to. She loved hanging out with friends and had so many that we could not even try to list them. She could frequently be found hanging out in a dimly lit bar to watch

a Celtics game, or at a small local dumpling place, or at one of the local beaches. She loved introducing her nieces and nephews to swinging hot spots and unusual events around Boston. Otherwise, she was likely in her apartment hosting a bunch of friends, drinking wine and listening to her latest favorite band, in a room lit only by candles.

Tricia felt strongly about Women’s and LGBTQIA+ rights, and frequently attended rallies and marches to support those causes. She was never shy about letting everyone know her opinions.

Tricia kept a positive attitude during her illness and did her best to not let it interfere with her best life. She continued to work with her client dogs, continued to hang out with friends and spent as much time as she could with family for as long as possible.

As her condition worsened, her friends stepped up to help her

family with Tricia’s care, providing rides to appointments, help with bills, and everything she possibly needed. Heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped with her care over the last few years – we will never be able to express how much it meant to her and to her family.

Calling Hours will be held in the George L. Doherty Funeral Home, 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.) Somerville on Sunday, January 28th from 12:00PM to 3:00PM. Relatives and friends invited to attend.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Tricia’s memory can be made to the MSPCA-Angell Animal Medical Center at <https://www.mspca.org/medical-centers/angell-animal-medical-center-boston/> or to the American Cancer Society at <http://www.cancer.org>

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF KAYLA DRISCOLL
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SOMERVILLE OPENING OVERNIGHT WARMING CENTER TO SERVE COMMUNITY FOR 2024 WINTER SEASON Continued from front page



Warming Center Will Also Provide Access to Hot Meals, Bathrooms and Safe Sleeping Spaces for Residents Experiencing Homelessness

SOMERVILLE – Mayor Katjana Ballantyne, the City of Somerville’s Health and Human Services Office, and Housing Families, are announcing the opening of an overnight warming center for the remainder of the winter 2024 season. Starting tonight, January 8, the warming center will operate seven nights a week from 6:45 p.m. to 7 a.m., on the second floor of the Armory (191 Highland Ave). The center is scheduled to conclude operations on Sunday, March 24, 2024.

“The opening of our overnight warming center reflects Somerville’s commitment to providing not just shelter, but also dignity, compassion, and supportive services to our neighbors experiencing homelessness,” said Mayor Ballantyne. “I want to thank City staff, and our partners at Housing Families, for their collaboration in opening this potentially life-saving center. Because of their hard work, the City can now provide warmth, safety, and community for any adult resident that needs help this

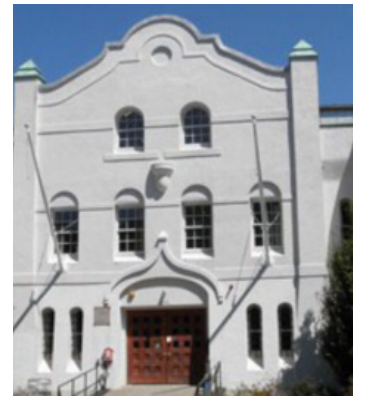
winter.”

Warming center guests will also have access to free hot and cold meals, water, bathrooms, yoga mats, and space to sleep. The space is equipped to support up to twenty adults on a nightly basis.

The warming center will only be available to adults experiencing homelessness. For families or those with children, please contact the Somerville Office of Housing Stability by calling 617-625-6600, Ext. 2581 for referral to family

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For questions regarding the Somerville Overnight Warming Center, please visit somervillema.gov/warmingcenter or contact Somerville 311(627-666-3311)



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SOMERVILLE/MEDFORD REMEMBERING ROBERT J. "BOB" PETERS



Obituary

In the early hours on January 16th 2024, Robert "Bob" J.

Peters of Medford passed away peacefully in his home surrounded by his family. Born on October 7, 1946 to the late Bernard and Anita Peters.

One of 7 children. Preceded in death by his brothers Johnny, Eddie, Hank, and Billy. He is survived by his sister Marie and brother Barney. At the age of 20, Bob joined the United States Army and served in the Vietnam War. Soon after returning from war, he chased down the love of his life, his late wife, Margaret "Margie" Peters and

they welcomed their first and only child. His son Kenneth J Smock Sr and wife Rachael Smock lived together with Bob in a two family home. Family meant everything to him. Although working long hours, he always came home and made time for his two grandchildren Kenneth J. Smock JR and Jacquelyn M. Smock as well as his niece Kelley O'Keefe and nephew Nicholas O'Keefe. From picking them up from school, playing cribbage for hours, or even just sitting at the kitchen table having deep

meaningful conversations. Bob was always there for them. He is also a great grandfather to Colson. In his spare time, Bob enjoyed watching game shows, eating Chinese food, scratching lottery tickets, and going to the casino. Bob will be missed by many. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Veterans Advocacy Service.

A Prayer service will be held in the George L. Doherty Funeral Home 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.) Somerville on WEDNESDAY, January 24 at

11:00AM.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend.

Calling Hours will be held on Tuesday, January 23rd from 4:00PM to 7:00PM.

Services will conclude with Bob being laid to rest with his beloved wife at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

SOMERVILLE COMMUNITY INVITED TO JOIN KICKOFF MEETING FOR BROADWAY CORRIDOR AREA PLAN



SOMERVILLE – Somerville community members are invited to join a community meeting on Monday, January 22, to learn more about the Area Plan for the Broadway corridor, which extends from Ball Square to the crest of Winter Hill.

The plan is part of a partner-

ship between the cities of Somerville and Medford to address challenges related to split parcels and conflicting zoning regulations along the corridor, establishing a unified urban design vision for the Broadway Corridor.

Broadway Corridor Kickoff

Meeting Details
Date: Monday, January 22, 2024
Time: 6 – 8 p.m.
Place: Healey School (5 Meacham St)

This kickoff meeting will give attendees an opportunity to share their opinions and concerns about current zoning

in the area, as well as provide information from the Somerville planning team. Community input will help City teams recommend zoning and policy changes to streamline and coordinate regulations between the two cities.

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SOMERVILLE JOB CREATION AND RETENTION TRUST COMMITTEE SEEKS ONE NEW MEMBER Continued from front page



The City of Somerville Job Creation and Retention Trust (JCRT) is now accepting applications for one local business representative to join the committee as a new member.

The JCRT assists the City of Somerville in the creation and maintenance of employment opportunities within and near Somerville for local residents. The time commitment for JCRT committee members is typically two-three hours

per month, including a monthly evening meeting. Other potential time commitments include possible subcommittee meetings, and reviewing meeting materials. Members serve three-year terms in a volunteer capacity. All members are appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council. All Trustees must comply with and sign the City of Somerville's Code of Conduct for Board, Commission, and Committee Members. Applications are due Monday, February 26th by 12 p.m. Interested candidates are asked to submit a resume and brief answers to the following questions by email to wblackmer@somervillema.gov or by mail to William Blackmer, City of Somerville, OSPCD,

93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA. 02143.

Questions for Somerville Job Creation and Retention Trust Committee Applicants

What is your connection to a Somerville business?

What is your experience with hiring locally? Detail your/your organization's experience hiring individuals from diverse backgrounds (including individuals without post-secondary education, individuals who speak English as a second or other language, individuals from low-income backgrounds, individuals from underrepresented racial and gender backgrounds, etc.

What has been your interaction with the work-

force development system, agencies, or nonprofits as a job seeker, employer, professional, or other stakeholder?

Have you served on a nonprofit board or governmental advisory committee in the past or currently? If so, what is one lesson you would take from that experience to the Job Creation and Retention Trust Board of Trustees?

What do you believe is the biggest threat facing the regional labor market in the next 10 years?

What do you believe is the most urgent issue facing job seekers or employers today that the Job Creation and Retention Trust could address?

Please contact William at the email above or 617-625-6600 ext. 2547 with any questions or for more information.

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homeless and less fortunate.
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SOMERVILLE COMMUNITY INVITED TO LEARN MORE ABOUT DAVIS SQUARE COMMERCIAL AREA PLAN

<p>SOMERVILLE – Somerville community members are invited to join a community meeting on Monday, January 29, to learn more about the updated commercial area plan for Davis Square. The presentation will review changes</p>	<p>to the previous draft of the plan released in 2020 and offer the opportunity for initial feedback from attendees. Broadway Corridor Kick-off Meeting Details Date: Monday, January 29, 2024</p>	<p>Time: 6 – 8 p.m. Place: West Branch Library (40 College Ave) The January Public Meeting will be only the first of a series of in-person and online engagement opportunities for community</p>	<p>members, and there will be numerous opportunities to share feedback and help shape development and implementation of the plan for Davis Square. To learn more about the Davis Square Commercial</p>	<p>Area Plan, please visit somervillebydesign.com/neighborhoods/davis and sign up for the Somerville by Design mailing list for updates somervillebydesign.com/ mailing-list</p>
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SOMERVILLE/MEDFORD REMEMBERING JOHN J. SULLIVAN, JR.

	<p>Obituary Ret. Col. Sullivan, Jr. John J. – Of Somerville, passed away peacefully on Monday January 15, 2024 at his home surrounded by his family. He was 90 years old. Born in Boston and raised in Somerville.</p>	<p>He was the beloved son of the late John J. and Nora (Shaughnessy) Sullivan. The cherished brother of Mary Barbara Sullivan of Somerville and Eleanor A. Sullivan of Somerville. Also survived by many loving cousins, extended family members, and</p>	<p>friends. Relatives and friends are invited to visit with John’s family in St. Benedict Church, 25 Arlington Street, Somerville on FRIDAY, January 26th from 10:00AM – 11:00AM to be followed by his Funeral Mass at 11:00AM. Services</p>	<p>will conclude with burial at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in John’s name to St. Benedicts Parish, 25 Arlington St., Somerville, MA 02145</p>
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REPEAL ARCHAIC LAWS (S 2979)

<p>The Senate 39-0, approved and sent to the House a measure that would repeal several archaic laws, still on the books in Massachusetts, which many people no longer see as criminal and/or may be unconstitutional. The bill would repeal archaic laws that intrude on an individual’s privacy regarding sexual activity by removing the statute that criminalizes sodomy, removing language that criminalizes “unnatural”</p>	<p>acts and removing language pertaining to “common night-walkers.” It would also establish a permanent law revision commission and leaves in place statutes prohibiting prostitution and statutes prohibiting sex with animals. “This bill sends a message that Massachusetts is a place that cares about the freedom of individuals,” said Senate sponsor Sen. Will Brownsberger (D-Belmont). “I look forward to working with my House</p>	<p>colleagues to get this on the governor’s desk.” “Repealing homophobic and transphobic language in state law helps to build a safer and more inclusive commonwealth,” said Sen. Julian Cyr (D-Truro). “In Massachusetts, we take pride in being a welcoming state, and our laws must reflect our values. The archaic and discriminatory language found in ... the General Laws dates back to 1887 and historically was de-</p>	<p>ployed to criminalize LGBTQ+ people. By removing harmful, homophobic and transphobic language from our statutes, we ensure the letter of the law promotes equity and justice for all.” “I filed this legislation with Rep. Lindsay Sabadosa to modernize the commonwealth’s statutes to better codify the social progress that has been made and have our laws reflect our values,” said Rep. Jay Livingstone (D-Boston)</p>	<p>who along with Sabadosa filed an earlier version of the bill in the House. “The law revision commission is particularly important to ensure that Massachusetts statutes do not have discriminatory laws that infringe on ... civil liberties. Given the current political climate around the country, we can no longer assume that some archaic laws are not enforceable.”</p>
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Public Tavernn 565 Broadway, Somerville

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I recently had the pleasure of dining at Public Tavern, nestled at 565 Broadway in Somerville, MA, and boy, was it a lively experience! This sports bar offers a fantastic blend of entertainment options, from arcade games to karaoke, making it the perfect spot for a Wednesday night out with friends.

We kicked off our evening by trying a couple of their cocktails, and let me tell you, they didn't disappoint. I ordered the lemon drop cocktail, and it was a delightful balance of sweet and tart. On the other hand, the margarita, while enjoyable, was a touch sweeter than my usual preference. But here's the kicker - both drinks were only \$10 each, making them a fantastic bargain!

Moving on to the food, we decided to go all out with a variety of bar bites. The nachos were an absolute

standout; priced at just \$10, they were generously loaded with peppers, cheese, jalapeños, and came with a side of salsa that added a delightful zing. The value for money here was unbeatable, and I'd easily rate them a solid 8/10.

Next up, we dug into the turkey club, which came with three slices of bread, lettuce, tomatoes, and crispy bacon. The accompanying fries were well-seasoned, and while they were good, they didn't quite reach the same level

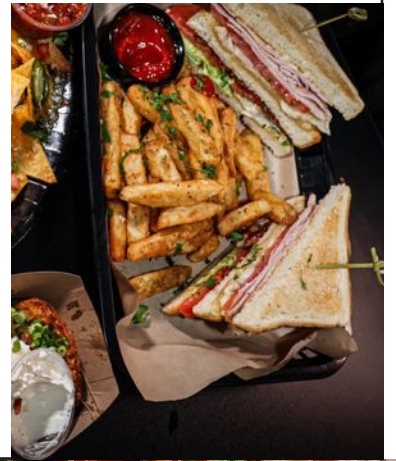
of excellence as the nachos. I'd give the turkey club a respectable 7/10.

Finally, we tried the potato skins, which were served in a set of three. They were pretty standard but managed to pack a punch in terms of seasoning. My only quibble was that they were on the smaller side, but they did hit the spot taste-wise 7/10.

Overall, Public Tavern is a gem worth checking out, especially if you're a local looking for a great spot to catch a game, enjoy some

arcade games with friends, and indulge in reasonably priced drinks and delicious bar bites.

Food: 7/10
Affordability: 9/10
Ambiance: 8/10



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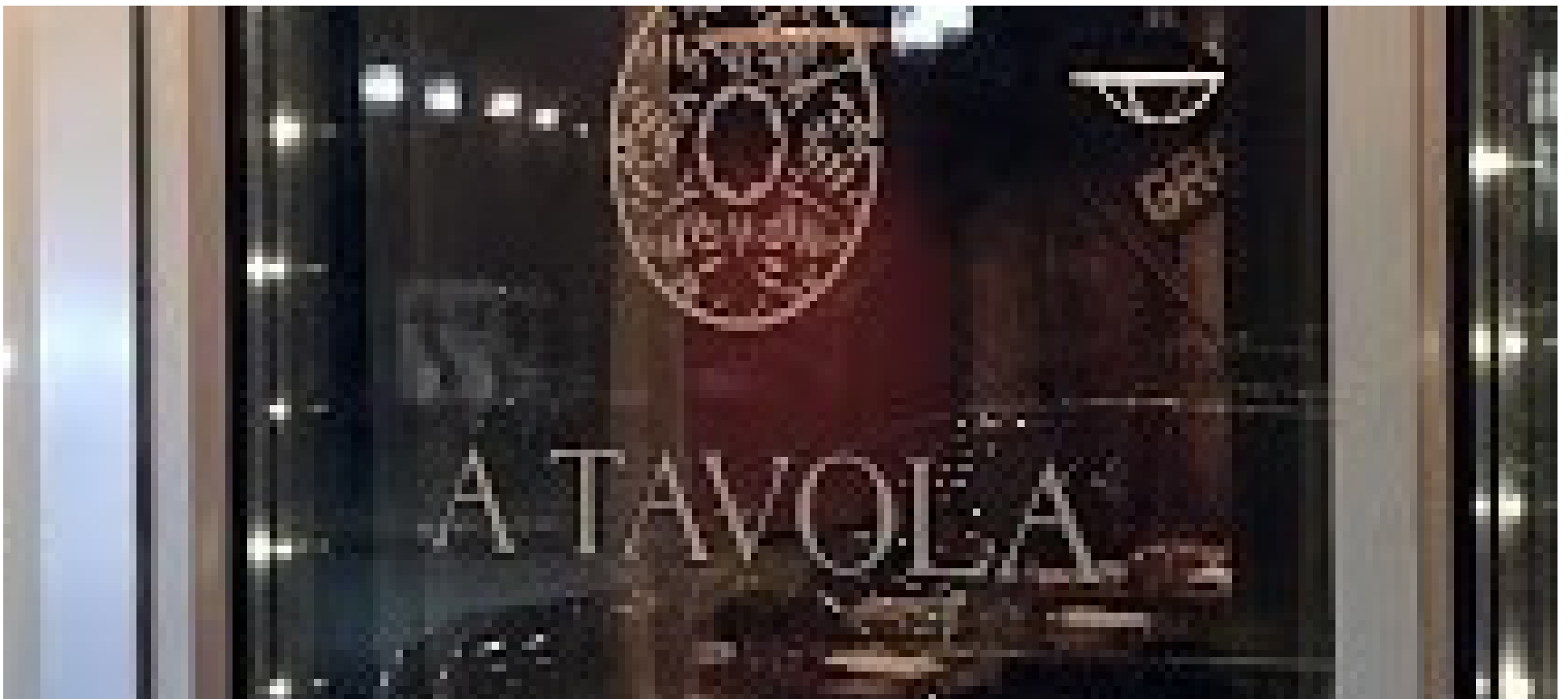
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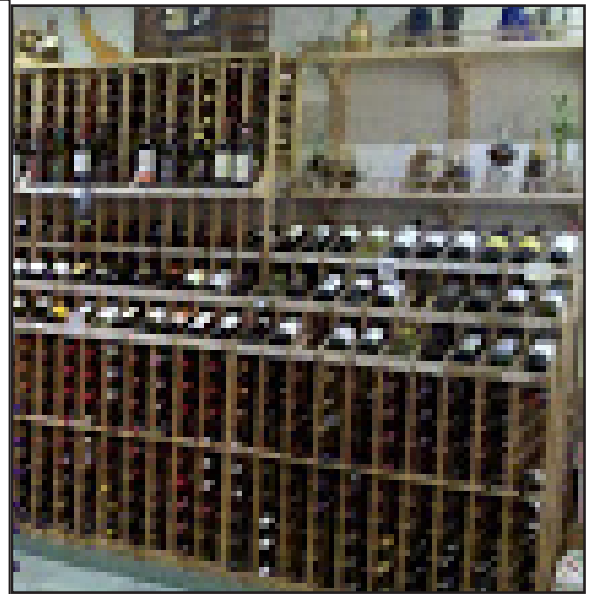


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