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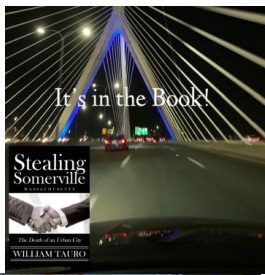
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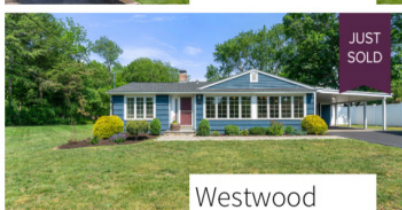
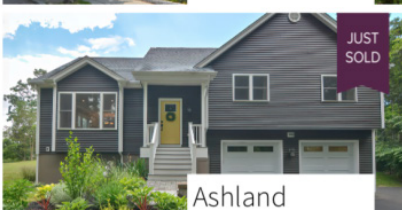
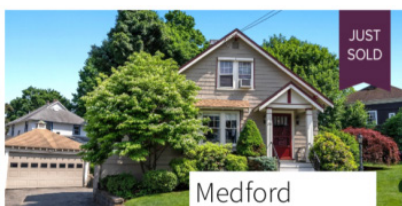
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### SOMERVILLE/MEDFORD REMEMBERING HELEN P. ESTABROOK



Obituary  
Helen P. (Murphy) Estabrook, of Bedford and formerly of Arlington,

passed away surrounded by the love of her family on January 23, 2024, she was 95. Born in Boston she was the oldest of six children born to Catherine (Slattery) and Charles F. Murphy.

In earlier years, Helen worked for Jordan Marsh as a buyer for their children's department and later for the COOP in

Harvard Square. She had an incredible work ethic and worked full time until she was 85 commuting on the bus and train every day. She loved all Boston sports and above all enjoyed being around family.

Helen was the beloved wife of the late Arthur Estabrook and devoted mother of Patricia Filosi of Bedford. Loving grand-

mother of Cheryl Cleary and her husband Patrick of Burlington and great-grandmother of Sofia and Colin Cleary. Helen was the dear sister of the late John Murphy, Theresa Joyce, Margaret Joyce, Mary Chicoine and Ann Murphy. She is further survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held in

the George L. Doherty Funeral Home, 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.) Somerville on Tuesday morning, January 30th from 10:00AM to 11:00AM followed a Funeral Procession to the Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Arlington for a graveside service at 11:30AM. Relatives and friends invited to attend.

### SOMERVILLE/MEDFORD REMEMBERING VINCENT A. DRAGO



Obituary

Drago, Vincent A. – Of Somerville January 24, 2024.

Beloved husband of Josephine (Leone) Drago. Loving father of Vincent M. Drago and his wife Michèle Hansen of

Somerville, Bruce J. Drago of Somerville, and David S. Drago of Medford.

Brother of Maryruth Trubiano, Diane Drago-Stack, and the late Darlene Filosi.

Dear Papa of Ryan, Sofia, Isabella, Melissa and Sara Drago.

He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Vincent was a lifelong Somerville resident and graduated from Somerville High School. He only had to travel across the street to meet the love of his life, Josephine, who he

has been married to for 57 years. He worked as a mail sorter at American Railway Express and later as a tax examiner for the Department of Revenue for many years.

Vincent was inquisitive, funny, compelling, and set in his ways. He loved to get the last word. In his older years, Vincent publicly made his voice heard and advocated on behalf of his neighborhood when he felt let down by the local government.

On any given day, you could find Vincent enjoying songs by his favorite artists—which ranged

from Elvis to Lady Gaga—quoting his favorite movies and television shows, indulging in “Reese’s cups,” writing poems for his grandchildren, and placing a few bets.

He loved dancing with his wife, preparing steamers for his family, making risky jokes, picking up his grandchildren from school, playing candlepin bowling, and being right.

To his last day, Vincent was unapologetically himself.

Funeral procession from the George L. Doherty Funeral Home, 855 Broad-

way (Powder House Sq.) Somerville, Wednesday morning, January 31, 2024 at 9:00am, followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Catherine Church, Somerville at 10:00am.

Relatives and friends invited. Calling hours Tuesday January 30th 4:00pm – 7:00pm. Interment private.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Vincent’s memory to the St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Stjude.org.

### SOMERVILLE/MEDFORD REMEMBERING ALBERT J. WALSH



Obituary

Walsh, Albert J. – Of

Cambridge, formerly of Somerville, passed away at home on January 18, 2024. He was 94.

Born in Boston, he was the son of the late William and Della (Hardiman) Walsh. Albert had a successful career: he owned his own executive recruiting business for many

years in Newtown Pa and Boston

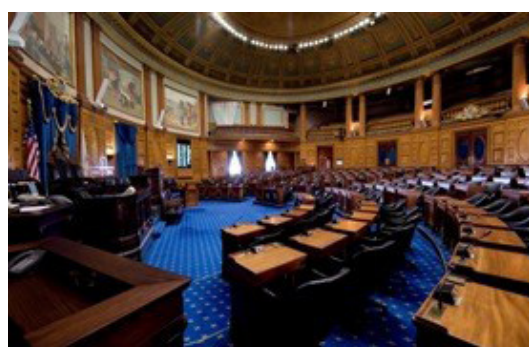
Beloved husband of 67 years to the late Joyce A. (Carrigan) Walsh who died in 2021. Devoted father to Brian and his wife Lisa of Paradise Valley, AZ, Lee Ann of Somerville, MA , Graham of Merrimack NH,

and predeceased by his daughters Judy and Sandy. Cherished grandfather of Jenny Mayer and her husband Owen, Colin Walsh, Natalie Downing and her husband Ricky, Luca Walsh and Lauren Walsh. Great Grandfather of Hudson, Theo, and Charlotte Mayer. Brother of (Helen, Dorothy,

Mary). Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date in Pennsylvania when we lay him to rest next to his wife Joyce

### FREE BUSES (H 3266)



By Bob Katzen

The Transportation Committee held a hearing on legislation that would create a 1-year pilot program for free access to bus service for the MBTA and regional transit authorities. The measure also would establish advisory committees to evaluate the impacts of the pilot program on ridership,

equity, increased access, efficiency, on-time performance, cost savings and other metrics.

“Sen. [Pat Jehlen] and I filed [the bill] because access to public transit is critical to the well-being and economic development of our communities,” said House sponsor

Rep. Christine Barber (D-Somerville). “As we continue to see lower ridership compared to before the pandemic, removing barriers to public transit is an important method to get people out of their cars, decrease bus waiting time, decrease carbon emissions, reduce traffic and improve health.”

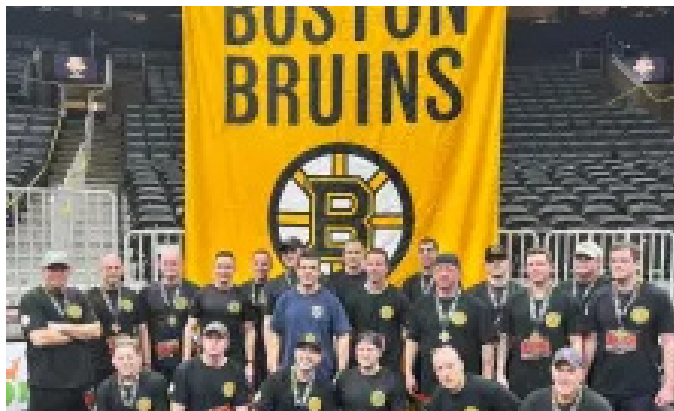


### MEMBERS OF SOMERVILLE LOCAL 76 PARTICIPATING IN BFIT CHALLENGE

Strong work by the members of Local 76 once again participating in the BFit Challenge! The money raised by the team this year benefited the On-Site Academy which is an organization for the training and treatment of emergency personnel

struggling with critical incident stress and/or substance abuse.

For those looking to donate to our team, there are still a few weeks left!



### SOMERVILLE CITY COUNCIL OVERWHELMINGLY PASSES CEASEFIRE RESOLUTION

Prior to the 9-2 vote, hundreds of Somerville residents rallied in support and packed the council chambers

SOMERVILLE, MA: On January 25th, the Somerville City Council voted overwhelmingly in favor of a resolution calling on the Biden administration to work toward an immediate and enduring ceasefire in Gaza.

The 9 to 2 vote makes Somerville the first city in Massachusetts to call for a ceasefire, following mere hours after the Minneapolis City Council passed their own ceasefire resolution.

The months-long effort to bring forward the resolution brought many in the community out. Nearly 500 supporters rallied outside Somerville City Hall, then packed the Council Chamber and two overflow rooms, to listen to the three hours of deliberation. While emotions ran high, pro-ceasefire community members respectfully engaged with the Council, and waited patiently for hours as the resolution was debated, amended, and passed. The grassroots turnout was organized by Somerville for Palestine, a newly formed inter-faith, intergenerational, interracial group of Somerville residents standing in solidarity with the Palestinian people and demanding an immediate and lasting ceasefire. About 10 people opposed to the resolution attended as well.

Council President Ben Ewen-

Campen introduced the resolution, saying that “for the last 100-plus days, we have seen a military campaign that has been the most devastating bombing campaign in our generation, killing tens of thousands of people, huge numbers of them innocent children. Something like 2 million people are now homeless and hungry, on the brink of starvation, being denied basic humanitarian aid. I am one of the many, many people in our community and beyond who believes that this needs to end, and it needs to end now.” Explaining that he struggled for many months with the decision to bring forward this resolution, he said “the truth is that this is an issue that is coming from the bottom of my heart. My moral convictions compelled me to draft this resolution, pure and simple.” Councillor Ewen-Campen’s full statement can be read here.

Councillor Ewen-Campen and other councilors supportive of the resolution sponsored Somerville residents to speak about why this resolution was meaningful to them.

Jamal Halawa, a Somerville High Teacher and Palestinian American resident who has lived in the city for over twenty years, testified before the council urging them to support the ceasefire resolution. “Simply put, voting for a ceasefire signals to Palestinian and Arab Americans and Muslims in Somerville that our lives matter,” Halawa said. Halawa’s full speech can be found here.

Carina Kurban, the granddaughter of a Palestinian refugee who was ethnically cleansed from Haifa in 1948, shared the stories of direct brutality her family has faced at the hands of Israel, including when their home in Southern Lebanon was commandeered by the Israeli military for nearly two decades. As a 20 year old college student, Kurban told the council, she was stopped at Ben Gurion airport while traveling to the West Bank, “interrogated and humiliated for 8 hours, denied entry, strip searched, jailed, sexually harassed, assaulted, deported in handcuffs, and banned from the country indefinitely – and I was given no reason other than ‘terrorism.’” Kurban said, “We need a permanent ceasefire, and for Israel to be held accountable. Because without both, the situation will go back to what scholars like Noam Chomsky have called ‘an incremental genocide’ rather than an accelerated one.” Kurban’s full speech can be found here.

Councillor Willie Burnley Jr. was also supportive of the resolution, having spoken previously at Somerville for Palestine rallies about his efforts to pressure the federal partners to call for a ceasefire and his experiences in Palestine. “For 110 days, the Apartheid State of Israel has dropped tens of thousands of bombs on Gaza, destroying more than 70% of homes, killing more than 25,000 people (the vast majority of which are women

and children). We have a duty to listen to our constituents, to demand that our elected leaders put pressure on President Biden, and to end this genocide before it is too late!” Councillor Burnley Jr’s full speech can be found here.

Long time Somerville resident Alain Jehlen, the son of a Holocaust survivor and husband of State Senator Pat Jehlen, urged Somerville Councilors to vote in favor of the Ceasefire Resolution. “It makes me furious that the Israeli government is using Holocaust victims like my family as a reason to slaughter Palestinians. Mass bombing, the systematic demolition of homes, and depriving everyone of food and water have nothing to do with defending Jews... The lesson for us from centuries of oppression capped by the murder of millions is that nobody should ever go through that again. Not just Jews, but nobody. Every human life is equal.” Jehlen’s full comments can be found here.

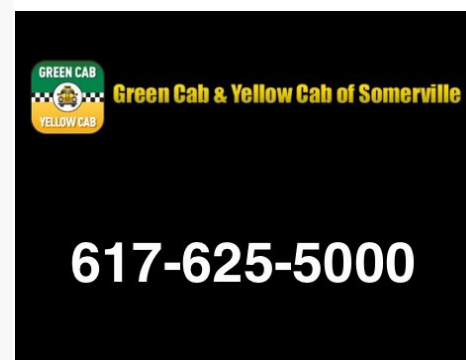
Somerville for Palestine has been circulating a public letter to Senators Markey and Warren calling for a ceasefire and solidarity with Palestinians, with over 800 signatures from Somerville residents. Somerville for Palestine organizer Sara Halawa stated, “I’m so incredibly proud of my city for being the first in Massachusetts to call for a ceasefire. Like our SHS fight song says, ‘Somerville leads the way!’”



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# INTERIM PAVING AND STREETSCAPE PLANNING FOR HIGHLAND AVENUE

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Interim paving on schedule for early summer 2024

Full streetscape redesign process with community input in planning

SOMERVILLE — To help community members stay informed on planned work for Highland Avenue, the City of Somerville is sharing important information regarding the current timeline for utility work, upcoming interim paving, and the streetscape redesign process.

Mayor Katjana Ballantyne's fiscal year 2024 budget, approved by the City Council in June, allocates \$375,000 for interim paving of eastern Highland Avenue from Central Street to McGrath Highway. This stretch is one of Somerville's most traveled roadways, and the administration identified it as a priority for interim repaving prior to a full, multi-modal streetscape redesign and reconstruction.

Critical utility work currently underway along Highland Avenue planned for Winter/Spring 2024 requires digging that can cause damages to the roadway surface. Once this work is complete, the interim paving of the roadway will be undertaken as a measure to support safe travel for all users. A full redesign and reconstruction of Highland Avenue that will be informed by community process will follow

beginning in 2025. More information on each of these items can be found below.

Utility Upgrades on Eastern Highland Ave. (Winter/Spring 2024)

Ongoing utility work as part of the Spring Hill Sewer Separation project is underway. In addition, the City and Eversource Gas have coordinated to prioritize Eversource's Gas Main Upgrades project. Gas main upgrades are currently expected to start in early February 2024 (weather permitting).

Recently completed and upcoming utility improvements along eastern Highland Avenue include:

Spring Hill Sewer Separation (Sewer, Drainage, and Water Main Upgrades)

Central St. – Walnut St. – completed fall 2023

Walnut St. – Thorpe St. – spring 2024

Eversource Gas Main Replacement

Benton Rd. – School St. – winter/spring 2024

This schedule ensures that the newly paved roadway will not be disturbed by major utility work.

Interim Paving Work

The first step for interim repaving is the completion of underground utility work. Over recent months, Engineering Division staff have coordinated closely with contractors from the City's Spring Hill Sewer Separation Project and partners at Eversource Gas to accelerate this work.

The next step, following completion of utility work, will be paving of the two travel lanes of the roadway (approximately 28-feet wide). This partial paving, which does not include the parking areas next to the curbs, is intended to restore the road surface travel areas. This is an interim measure to support safe travel for all users of the road until the full redesign and reconstruction of Highland Avenue.

Paving is on schedule for early summer of 2024. This interim paving is expected to extend from roughly McGrath Highway to Central Street.

Future Phases: Full Redesign and Reconstruction of Highland Avenue

The City's Five-Year Capital Investment Plan includes a larger-scale redesign and recon-

struction of Highland Avenue. This effort is currently planned to begin as early as July 2025, but the City is exploring options for moving this timeline forward. For more details visit [somervillema.gov/highlandave](http://somervillema.gov/highlandave).

To ensure consistency with the City's Vision Zero Action Plan and Citywide Bicycle Network Plan, this larger project will include:

Reconstructed sidewalks.

Traffic calming and crosswalk safety enhancements.

Two directions of separated bicycle lanes.

Bus priority infrastructure.

Green stormwater infrastructure elements.

The project development process will include a thorough evaluation of resident, business, and visitor parking and loading needs with a commitment to serve these needs in the context of the future street design.

To stay informed on the larger-scale redesign and reconstruction project please visit [somervillema.gov/highlandave](http://somervillema.gov/highlandave).

What is the Spring Hill Sewer Separation?

Much of Spring Hill is served by a combined sewer system that collects both wastewater and stormwater runoff in the same pipes. The City of Somerville is currently working to upgrade these systems by installing new storm drains that separate stormwater from the existing combined sewer. This measure is one in a series of actions the City is undertaking to reduce water pollution, mitigate flooding, and ultimately modernize our infrastructure.

In addition to the installation of a modern, separate sewer system, the Spring Hill Sewer Separation project includes:

Green infrastructure to help manage stormwater by mimicking natural processes.

185 new trees to be planted throughout the neighborhood.

Improvements to the streetscape for people walking, wheeling, driving, or cycling.

## MEDFORD VFW POST 1012 HAS A NEW COMMANDER

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# HEALEY FILES \$58.15 BILLION FISCAL YEAR 2025 STATE BUDGET Continued from front page

By Bob Katzen

Gov. Maura Healy filed her second annual state budget, this one with a price tag of \$58.15 billion. The package calls for about \$2.07 billion or 3.7 percent more spending compared to the fiscal 2024 budget she signed in August 2023.

“We are tightening our belts,” Healy said. “I want to be clear about that, Our economy remains strong, but the revenue picture is changing. Pandemic-era funding relief has gone away, and nationally, the economic recovery has stabilized. So, in this environment, it is important that we manage spending in a way that is making strategic choices, examining the impact of every dollar we

propose to spend and that we bring our budget in line with a rate of inflation and in line with the resources and the revenue that we have.”

“What Gov. Maura Healy is proposing is an irresponsible budget, coming in higher than last year which was already too high, while missing the much-needed reforms to curtail our immigration problems along with making our state more competitive,” said Paul Craney, a spokesman for the Massachusetts Fiscal Alliance. “The governor is continuing to spend taxpayer money on immigrants, while cutting spending on taxpayers, closing a state jail and shifting money away from dedicated savings. The governor describes this budget as fiscally responsible,

but this budget reflects a state that is fiscally crumbling from the top down.”

“As a former mayor, and someone who has traveled around the state listening to our local officials, I’m proud of the way that this budget proposal responds to local needs,” said Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll. “We’re fully funding the Student Opportunity Act to make sure our K-12 schools have equitable access to the resources their students and educators need. We’re also increasing the amount of local aid going to cities and towns and boosting Chapter 90 funding to improve roads and bridges, particularly in rural communities.”

“Gov. Healy has filed a fiscal

year 2025 budget that calls for significantly increased spending across state government, but those aspirations need to be tempered by the fiscal realities facing the commonwealth,” said House Minority Leader Rep. Brad Jones (R-North Reading). “After six-plus months of tax revenues coming in lower than expected, Gov. Healy has already implemented hundreds of millions of dollars in mid-year cuts and downgraded projected revenues by \$1 billion for fiscal year 2024. At the same time, funding for the migrant shelter crisis continues to drain much-needed revenues that would otherwise have been spent on other programs and services, with no end in sight.”

The budget now goes to the

House which will craft and approve its own version and then it moves to the Senate which will offer a different plan. A House-Senate conference committee will eventually hammer out a compromise version that will be approved by both branches and sent to Gov. Healy who has the power to veto any spending and any other items. The House and Senate can then choose to override any of the governor’s vetoes.



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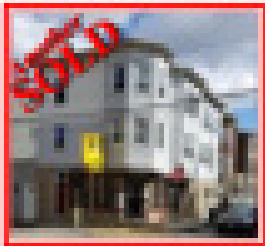


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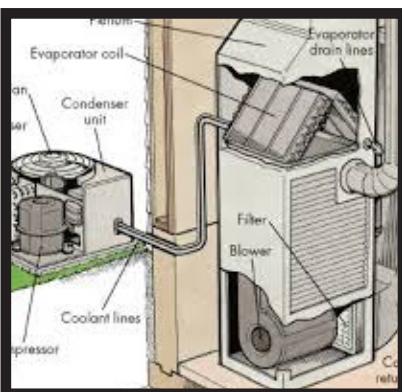
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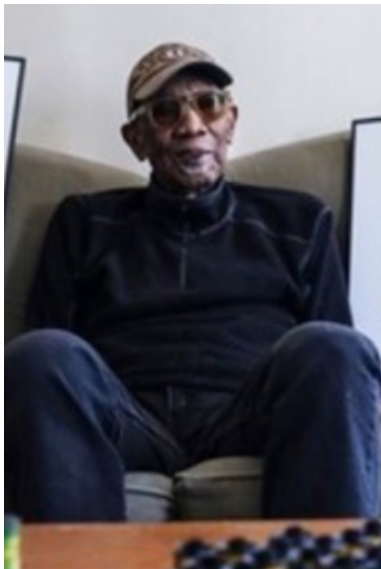
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seriously.”

Mr. Daniels, whose thousands of rolls of film — most still undeveloped — may end up being the greatest photographic record of Boston’s early rock history, died Monday in Tufts Medical Center of pneumonia as cancer treatment compromised his immune system.

He was 81 and had lived in Somerville for 35 years in a home where much of his historic trove of cameras, lenses, and film still resides.

When he met Mr. Daniels in Harvard Square in the mid-1960s, Wolf was the overnight DJ on the legendary WBCN-FM rock station and singing with the Hallucinations — his band before J. Geils fame arrived.

“He was extremely dedicated to his craft,” Wolf recalled.

The two became close friends, with Mr. Daniels hanging out in Wolf’s radio studio while they conferred nicknames on one another.

“He was the one who gave me the moniker Woofa Goofa,” Wolf said, “and in turn I gave him the moniker the Master Blaster.”

The friendship and mutual respect the two developed became the foundation for the professionalism Mr. Daniels showed young rock stars strutting through Boston.

As the Boston Tea Party’s ace emcee, he soon was invited to announce bands at places including the old Boston Garden, the Orpheum Theatre, and the Music Hall.

And all the while he shot photos.

“Charles’s talent seemed to be catching somebody unaware,

trying to find the decisive moment when somebody was just relaxing and being themselves,” Wolf said. “But he did it in a way — which is so important — that was not intrusive. His aim was an artistic aim, not a voyeur aim. He had great respect for everyone.”

The rolls of film, meanwhile, contained more than musicians onstage and backstage.

“I always felt that the camera was his way of interpreting the world and how much the world changed around him,” said artist Susan Berstler.

Mr. Daniels and Berstler were a couple for about 35 years.

In pre-digital days, when the cost of film was always a factor, “he was very precise in his picture taking,” she said.

One contact sheet she found begins with a few shots of his girlfriend in the morning, followed by scenes from his subway ride and what he saw strolling across Boston Common. “It ends up with four shots of The Who backstage at the Boston Garden, because he was announcing the concert,” Berstler said.

While much of the international attention Mr. Daniels drew over the past few years focused on his treasure chest of concert photos, his undeveloped archive also captured Boston’s day-to-day history in that era — along with the unheralded people who made life possible behind the scenes for famous musicians.

“He had the limousine driver and the stewardess on their jet and the road manager,” Berstler said. “He was taking pictures of everybody around him.”

Mr. Daniels’s work, Wolf said, “is a great chronicle and a great historical record of the times and the culture.”

Charles Daniels was born on Nov. 30, 1942, in Luverne, Ala.

As a boy he spent much of his time on a farm that is still in his family, which during Prohibition ran a speakeasy in the woods, where young Charlie was introduced to the wonders of live music.

“I remember bringing water out to my relatives who were working in the fields, picking cotton. I was like 5, 6, 7,” he told Phil Mistry for the PetaPixel website. “You always had to watch out for snakes. I was convinced there was one snake that was hiding, waiting to scare me.”

Mr. Daniels, who added an “s” to his family’s name, was the only child of Albert Charles Daniel, a cook on the Boston-to-Chicago train after the family moved to Roxbury, and Peculiar McGhee Daniel, a domestic so valued by families that some said their marriages wouldn’t have survived without her sensible advice.

Educated as a boy in a one-room schoolhouse in Alabama, Mr. Daniels left formal education behind early on in Boston.

“Charles was one of the smartest people I ever met in my entire life and one of the most intuitive. And he never made it past the seventh grade,” said Berstler, a visual artist and director of the Nave Gallery in Somerville.

His emcee prowess led to invitations for Mr. Daniels to go on tour with the Faces, through his friendship with guitarist Ronnie Wood, who then asked him to come along for a 1975 tour when Wood joined the Rolling Stones.

“I didn’t need to see the final result as much as I just thought I needed to pay attention,” Mr.

Daniels said, in a 2022 Globe interview, about why he let that last step linger.

With a Somerville Arts Council grant as seed money, he and Berstler began a fund-raising campaign to cover the costs of sending his unrealized work to a developer that specializes in rescuing old, undeveloped film.

In the past few years, Berstler also was caring for Mr. Daniels as he underwent chemotherapy.

“Susan was such an amazing force at trying to rally for his art and his health,” Wolf said. “We should all be blessed with a guardian angel like her.”

She is his only immediate survivor. A celebration of Mr. Daniels’s life and work will be announced.

Generous with time, talent, and equipment, Mr. Daniels encouraged numerous aspiring photographers over the years, often giving them their first cameras.

That same warmth melted barriers that usually protect rock stars wary of hangers-on trying to exploit fame. Many years passed before Mr. Daniels even exhibited his work in galleries.

“It was always totally an artistic endeavor,” Wolf said. “People trusted Charlie, which was important. They knew he wasn’t trying to get a gotcha photo. He was trying to document an artist, and the photographs speak for themselves.”

Interview credited to Bryan Marquard can be reached at [bryan.marquard@globe.com](mailto:bryan.marquard@globe.com). (Boston Globe Staff)

**Obituary**  
New to Boston in the early 1950s, Charles Daniels was on the cusp of adolescence when he found a camera in the closet of his parents’ Roxbury home.

They were transplants from Alabama, where young Charlie had helped bring water to relatives picking cotton in the fields. Exploring Roxbury and venturing to Harvard Square as he grew older, Mr. Daniels brought along his camera, which became a kind of notepad he filled with visual jottings about life.

Then in the 1960s, he began emceeing rock concerts at fabled venues like the Boston Tea Party, announcing and befriending musicians who were becoming more famous by the day and photographing them, too: Peter Wolf and Ronnie Wood, Mick Jagger and Jimi Hendrix. Those friendships brought access to offstage moments, and Mr. Daniels gradually grasped that his photos might someday become part of history he was watching unfold.

“I considered myself a street photographer,” he told The Boston Globe in 2022. “At some point I realized I had an advantage to do stuff that no one else was doing. That’s when I started photographing the bands more



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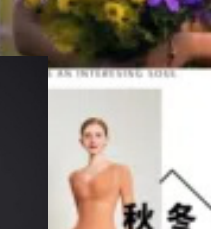



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Warming Center Will Also Provide Access to Hot Meals, Bathrooms and Safe Sleeping Spaces for Residents Experiencing Homelessness

SOMERVILLE – Mayor Kat-jana 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

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By Bob Katzen

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— Massachusetts Transportation Secretary and CEO Monica

Tibbits-Nutt on the MBTA’s announcement of several fare change proposals, including the introduction of a reduced fare program for riders with low income, that aim to improve equity, increase ridership and simplify fare rules,

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—From “America’s Rental Housing 2024,” a new report by the Harvard Joint Center for Housing Studies.

“Overall, the story of criminal justice reform in Massachusetts since 2018 is largely positive. This

research finds crime and incarceration have fallen, and we have significantly expanded services for many. Our challenge now is to continue with a focus on reducing the large racial and ethnic disparities in our prison populations with housing, treatment and restorative justice practices.”

—Lee Pelton, President and CEO of the Boston Foundation, on its new report “Criminal Justice Reform in Massachusetts: A Five-Year Progress Assessment.”

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## SOMERVILLE JOB CREATION AND RETENTION TRUST COMMITTEE SEEKS ONE NEW MEMBER



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](mailto: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.  
 A "Somerville Blessing Boxes" Facebook page has been established keep everyone updated on donations and the Blessing Boxes inventory status. Please feel free to join the page and follow all the good that is being done everyday by the good people of Somerville.  
 One blessing box is located at Statue Park in Davis Square and the other is located at Union Square, Plaza in Union Square.  
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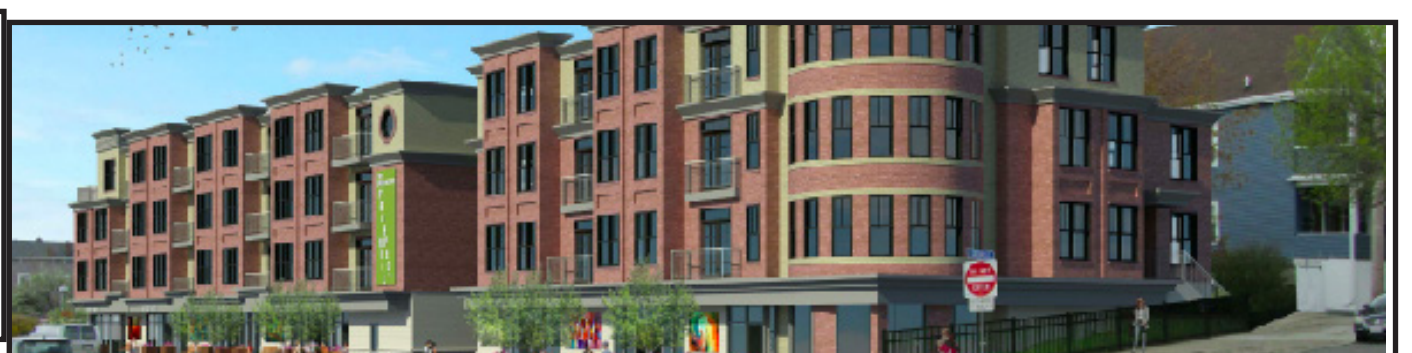
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### SOMERVILLE/MEDFORD REMEMBERING PAUL C. BOYDEN



Obituary

, Paul C. – Of Somerville,

passed away at home surrounded by his loving family on Sunday, January 28, 2024. He was 84.

Born and raised in Somerville, he was the son of the late Clifton L. and Margaret C. (McAveney) Boyden.

Complete obit to be posted.

Calling Hours will be held in the George L. Doherty Funeral Home 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.) Somerville on Thursday, February 1 from 4:00PM to 7:00PM.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend.

A prayer services will be held in the funeral home Thursday evening at 6:30PM.

Interment will be held privately.

At Paul's request please omit any flowers and in lieu of flowers contributions may be made in Paul's name to Care Dimensions Hospice 75 Sylvan St., Suite B 102 Danvers, MA 01923.

### WAIVE FIRST ANNUAL INSPECTION FOR NEW CARS (H 3255)

By Bob Katzen

Another proposal before the Transportation Committee, offered by Rep. Jim Arciero (D-Westford),

would eliminate the initial state-required annual inspection for brand new vehicles for one year.

Supporters said that the

legislation is based on the fact that pre-delivery inspections (PDIs) are required by each motor vehicle manufacturer from their dealers prior to the

sale of a vehicle to a consumer. The PDI check list parallels the state's vehicle inspection checklist and is an unnecessary duplication of the state's inspec-

tion process.

### PRIVACY OF COLLEGE STUDENTS (H 4266)

By Bob Katzen

The House gave initial approval to a bill that would prohibit colleges from being required to release certain student education records to third parties that request the records. The prohibition would not apply to federal, state or municipal agency requests.

“This bill is about protecting and safeguarding the privacy of our students in public higher ed and ensuring they have the same rights as all stu-

### STATE PANEL DENIES EFFORT TO REMOVE FORMER PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP FROM MARCH 5 REPUBLICAN PRIMARY BALLOT

By Bob Katzen

The State Ballot Law Commission dismissed a challenge that alleged Donald Trump is ineligible for office due to his role in the Jan. 6, 2021 attack on the U.S. Capitol, ruling that it

does not have jurisdiction over the case.

“The commission, having reviewed the materials submitted, has determined that the State Ballot Law Commission does not have jurisdiction over the

matters presented,” the panel wrote.

“Donald Trump's name will not be appearing on the presidential primary ballot as a result of the submission of nomination papers or a certificate of

nomination over which the commission does have jurisdiction,” the panel continued. “Rather, Donald Trump's name will appear on the presidential primary ballot as a result of the Republican State Committee's submission of his name to the

Secretary of the commonwealth on September 29, 2023 ... This submission from the state party should not be confused with a certificate of nomination.”

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# Public Tavernn 565 Broadway, Somerville

## YELP First to Review Maria M.Elite 24 Somerville, MA

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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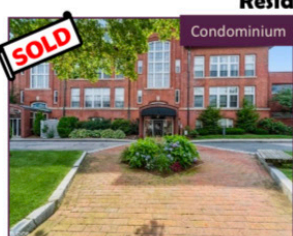
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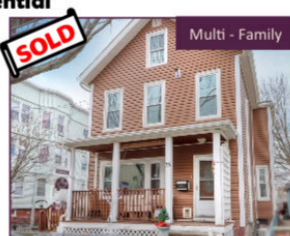
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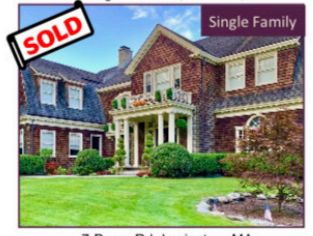
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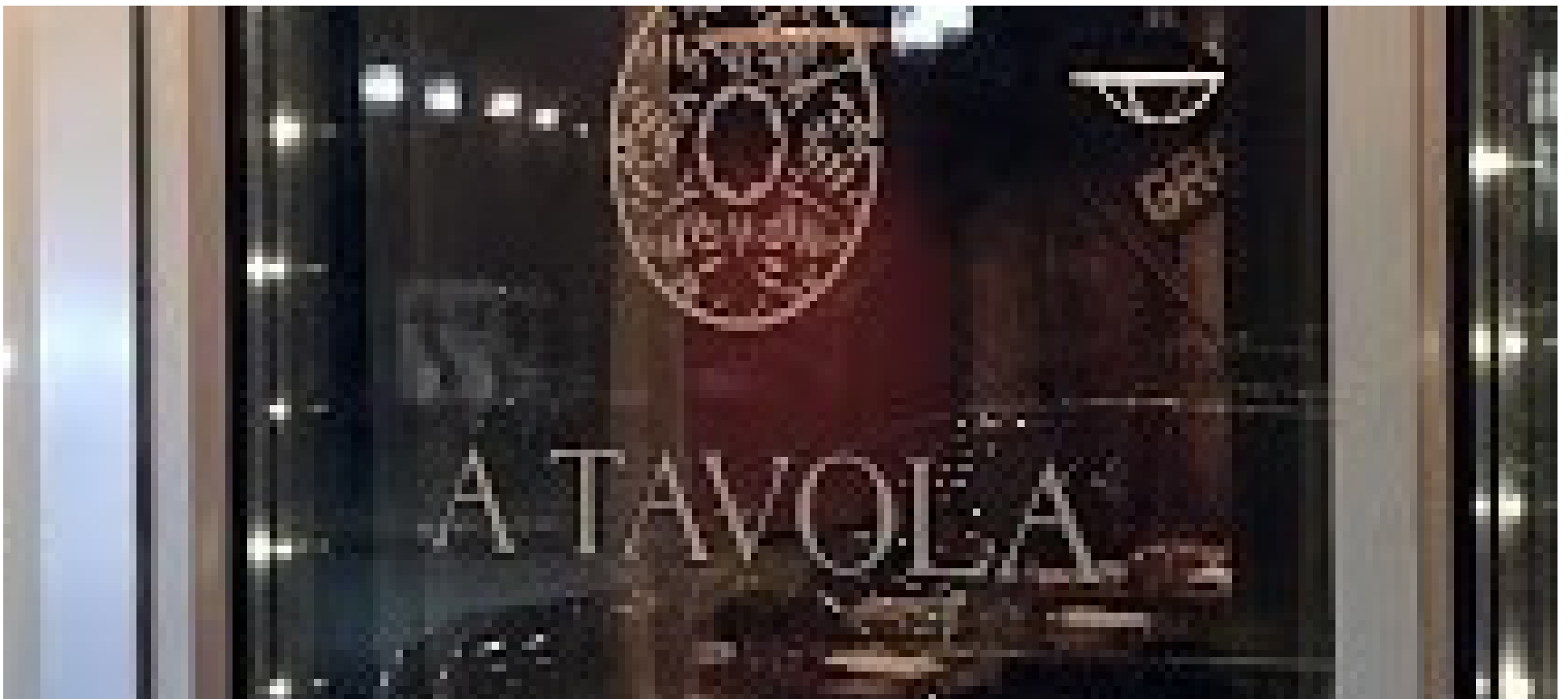
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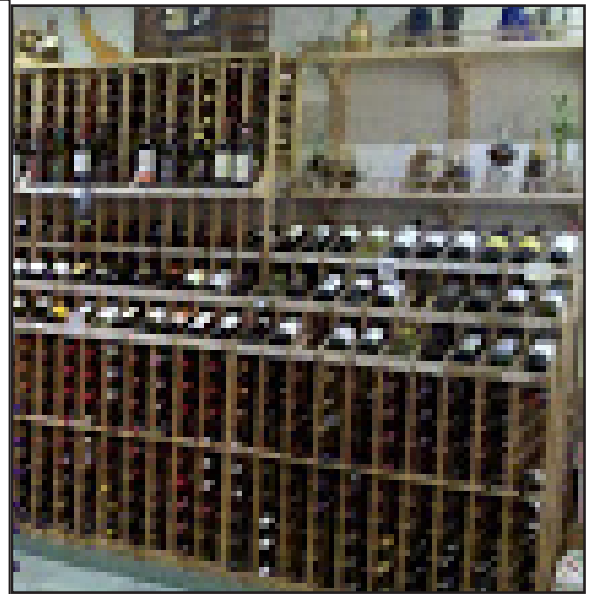


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