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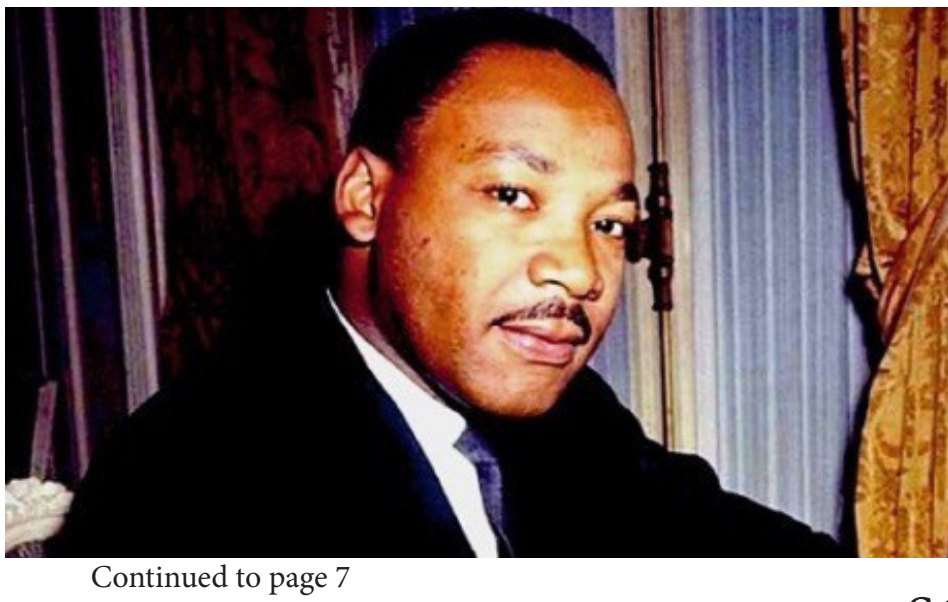

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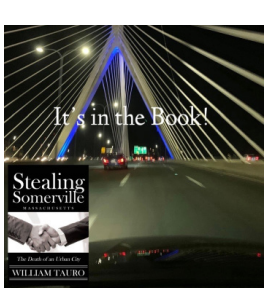

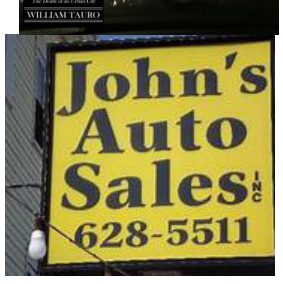

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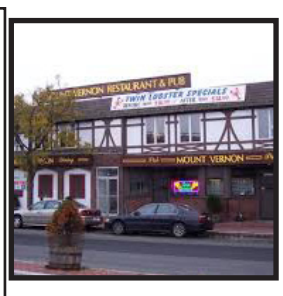

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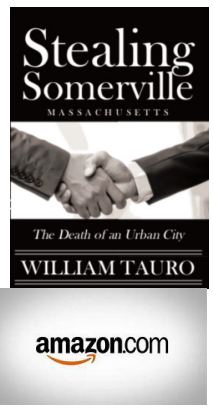

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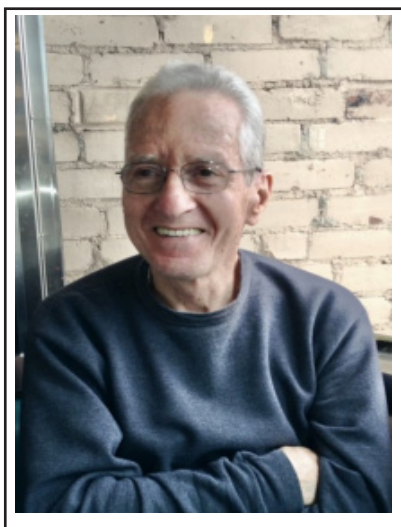


Obituary
Ernesto "Ernie" Palmacci, devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, award-winning wood carver, and life-long Somerville, MA resident, died peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family on January 7, 2024, after a brief and noble battle with cancer at the age of 86

Born in Somerville, MA, he was the beloved husband of Patricia (Bears) Palmacci for nearly 67 years and the son of the late Elisa (D'Onofrio) Palmacci and Ernesto Palmacci. He was the adored little brother to the late Libero "Libby" Palmacci, Araldo "Tarzan" Palmacci, Almicere (Charles) Palmacci, and Iride "Edie" Boeri. He is survived by his brother Gino Palmacci of Belmont, MA, and his children: Ernesto Palmacci, Jr. and his wife Brenda of Groton, MA, Steven Palmacci and his wife Eugenia of Melrose, MA, Lisa Palmacci of Woburn, MA and John Palmacci of Ogunquit, ME. He will be greatly missed by his grandchildren Nicholas, Lauren, Lia, Don, Francesca, Steven Jr, and Jack as well as his great-grandchildren, Anthony, Jake, Ava, and Robert Williams, Jr. as well as his surviving niece and nephews.

Ernie was a skilled self-taught craftsman of many trades and used them to perfection in his proud home of over 50 years as well as various projects for his family.

Over the years, his career included work for Granite Research, Skil Power Tools, Parkwood of New England, and Compass Flooring. He was also a master of dad jokes, devoted Patriots fan, avid fisherman, and a skilled artist. He discovered he had a talent for wood carving close to when he retired and went on to win multiple blue ribbons and honors including the Ward World Competition Best in Songbird Category in 2016. He took such pride in his beautifully realistic bird creations of which he happily spent numerous hours ensuring he made exacting details come to life in wood. He was a real family man, dedicated husband, and an excellent role model for his children. He was always willing to help at the drop of a hat. He befriended many neighbors over the years and his warm personality and genuine interest in others, led to him being known as the "Mayor of Bay State Ave." He will be missed by all whose lives he touched.

Calling Hours will be held on Friday, January 12th in the George L. Doherty Funeral Home 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.) from 4:00PM to 7:00PM.

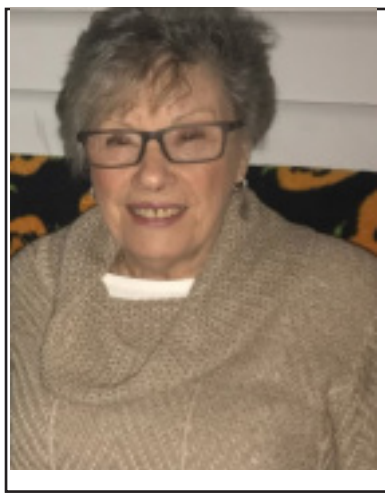
Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend.

A prayer service will be held privately.

Donations in lieu of flowers can be made in Ernie's name to The American Cancer Society or Massachusetts Audubon Society

https://www.legacy.com/funeral-homes/obituaries/name/ernesto-ernie-palmacci-sr-obituary?pid=206062037&v=batesville

SOMERVILLE/MEDFORD REMEMBERING VALIA A. BURNS



Obituary
Burns, Valia A. (Beloste) – Of Somerville, passed away peacefully at home on Sunday January 7, 2024 morning. She was 90.

Complete obit to be posted.

A funeral procession will be held from the George L. Doherty Funeral Home 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.) on FRIDAY, January 12th at 9:00AM. Followed by a funeral mass celebrated in St. Joseph Church 262 Washington St., Somerville at 10:00AM.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend.

Calling hours will be Thursday, January 11th from 4:00PM to 7:00PM.

Services will conclude with burial at St. Paul Cemetery, Arlington.

SOMERVILLE/MEDFORD REMEMBERING WILLIAM A. BROWN

Brown, William A. – Of Somerville, passed away at home on December 26, 2023. He was 64 years old.

Born in Chelsea to the late John and Danni (Forlizzi) Brown. William had a successful 22 year career with the City of Somerville in the DPW department and working for the schools.

Beloved father of Jason Brown, Johnathan Brown and Jordan Brown. Cherished and loving grandfather of Jadon, Devin, Joseph and Lyla. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, family members and friends.

Services are private.

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IS STREZO THE BOZO-AT-LARGE STILL LIVING AT ASSEMBLY ROW UNDER FALSE PRETENSES?

By William Tauro

I believe you ran on the platform of how affordable, American Disabilities Act (ADA) units are so vital for those with Mobility Needs and you were able to get one for you and your family including your grandmother (who with her mobility needs provided you access to get on the waitlist/lottery for the ADA unit)

This is an excerpt from http://www.kristenstrezo.com-your website, "However, Kristen found that it was near-impossible to find housing in Somerville that was both affordable and handicap-accessible for her grandmother. Kristen chose to move into affordable housing to help stabilize the diverse needs of her family—a move that changed her life for the better."

Excerpt from another campaign quote publicly, "Caring for two small children and my elderly grandmother, I learned that finding an affordable first floor apartment or an apartment with elevator access was virtually impossible to accommodate my Grandmother's ADA needs. My Grandmother relied on a walker. My family had to literally win an affordable housing lottery to get a unit that was affordable, large enough for a family, and ADA accessible."

I am so sorry for the loss of your Grandmother who passed away in 2021 the one that you were able to get the ADA Affordable priority at Assembly Row due to her mobility impairments. But now why are you not residing in a non-ADA unit to give others the chance to have the mobility needs that are so limited? Instead you are taking away the opportunity for those that have so few units available and yet you consider yourself a City Council person who puts the community first. Did you notify your apartments to tell them that the ADA member of the household no longer resides there? Did you tell your constituents that you are taking away a low income ADA unit away from the people affected the most right now? Nope..you sat idly by while taking advantage of the system at the expense of a disabled family that could not afford housing otherwise. You are still milking off the situation and exploiting the system in which you have been entrusted to legislate. Do you not claim to fight for Fair Housing all while pulling a scheme on the people?

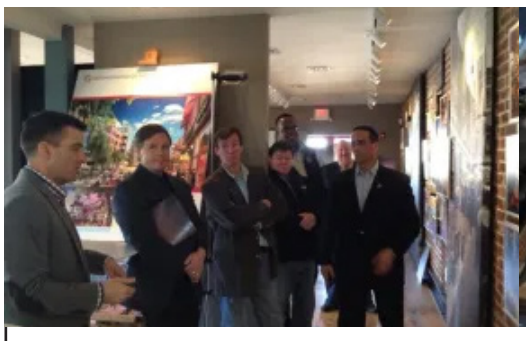
You were granted this opportunity due to ADA Needs of your Grandmother, but now that you do not have a need for ADA housing, YOU are in fact taking it away from the population that has the most limited options.

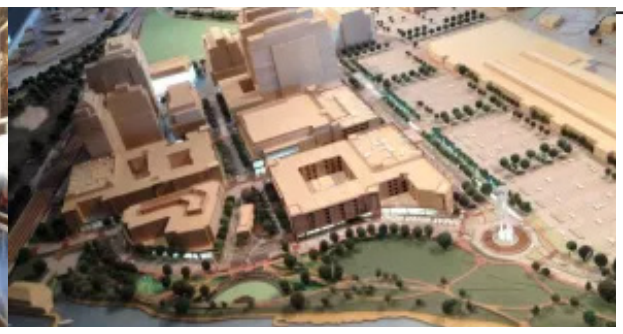
Just to let you know Councilor-at-Large Strezo, and as you are aware that I live a floor or two below you in the same building, but I am paying top dollar to be there. Is that fair as well?

QUESTION: Will you in fact go back on the non ADA waitlist and move out of your residence at Assembly Row or will you continue to take away from those with mobility issues?

You have failed to assist your community on the very issues you were put in office to assist with all while laughing all the way to your affordable ADA apartment.

SOMERVILLE/MEDFORD NEWS WEEKLY SPEAKUP LINE: SOMERVILLE DOES NOT CARE ABOUT THE MOST VULNERABLE OF THE POPULATION





Photos by William Tauro (File footage photographed at Federal Realty)

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

In my opinion Somerville does not care about the most vulnerable of the population. They Mayor and her Chief of Staff, Nikki Spencer have failed me and the City. The City is more proud of protecting their conflict of interest relationship with the Federal Realty (FRIT) than doing what is LEGAL AND RIGHT.

Explain to me why, I am not able to get copies of documents that are FOIA transparent docs. Explain why the city has been refusing to provide documents. What are they hiding? Why do they refuse to provide me accommodations to read and understand city documents? They try to take advantage of the fact that I cannot read or write.

Rented a SOMERVILLE INCLUSIONARY UNIT in Miscela owned by Federal Realty and managed by Greystar. They are liable partnership. The city has a duty to those in the inclusionary units and should enforce regulations and enforce landlord to do as they are supposed to, if not they are the responsible party to ensure my safety. PROPERTY HAS HAD MOLD- KNOWING IT COULD BE FATAL, WITH HELD THE REPORT FOR MONTHS, EVEN THOUGH THIS WAS A REQUIREMENT FOR MOVE IN A NON-POSITIVE MOLD TEST. THE CITY AND APARTMENTS HAVE REFUSED TO ENFORCE BUILDING CODE VIOLATIONS SINCE THIS WAS SUPPOSED TO BE AN ADA WHEELCHAIR FULLY ACCESSIBLE UNIT, WHICH IT IS NOT. BUT ACCORDING TO CITY THE DOCS WERE SIGNED OFF BY MULTIPLE CITY OFFICIALS AS WALKING THE PROPERTY BEFORE THE PLANS WERE MADE AND STATING IT WAS FULLY ADA. WHY ARE THERE NO FULLY EXECUTED DOCS ON INCLUSIONARY HOUSING AND MISCELA ON THE DEED OR A RECORD OF EVEN THOUGH IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE SIGNED BEFORE BEING ALLOWED TO BE BUILT!

I AM DISABLED, VULNERABLE ADULT WHO USES A WHEELCHAIR AND CANNOT COMMUNICATE IN ANY ASPECT BUT VERBALLY.

Everyone was aware prior to move in that mold can be FATAL for me in even small amounts. They said they would do a mold test prior to move in. And then held my apartment captive a few days prior by demanding a letter stating they could do after and provide me results immediately. They did the test the day after move in Oct. 2023 and then refused to provide me, the city, the hospital, or anyone the results. Federal Realty and its Agents knowingly withheld these results. KNOWING THAT I COULD NOT BE EXPOSED TO EVEN SMALL AMOUNTS OR COULD BE FATAL. They were aware of the HOSPITALIZATIONS AND ignored all attempts to provide the test results. The unit had water issues and still has water issues and MOLD and they ignored proper REMEDIATION and it had MOLD Prior to move in. It took me 2+ months to get results that were in possession of MISCELA the entire time and their Attorneys. It took a court order. I was hospitalized numerous times in this situation due to this. I WOULD HAVE NEVER MOVED IN KNOWING THIS!!! Yet they let me suffer and deteriorate MALICIOUSLY WITH KNOWLEDGABLE INTENT! I ended up in HOSPITAL AGAIN over this. My body cannot handle exposure. And they are participating in watching me be injured

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We are committed to serving veterans and their families. We can help you open doors to benefits, Health care assistance, employment, and other veteran programs. We also support youth programs in scouting, ROTC, and help young people
learn the importance of education and service to their country. If you are not a Veteran and has family member that was or is a Veteran, we have a program for you – The Sons of the American Legion. The Sons hold their own events, but
also support Post activities.

If you are interested in joining the American Legion Post 69, please contact us at (781)
324-9570 or email us at americanegion@gmail.com. We would be happy to welcome you into our tamily 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

Photo L-R:Jim Henry, Billy Tauro, Steve McLaughlin

Congratulations to The Medford VFW on its new Installation of Commander Steve McLaughlin as he takes charge.

Best of luck and we can't wait to see all the good things that you will bring to the VFW under your guidance and leadership!

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As always our gift cards will be available through our website, over the phone and in person. Starting Tuesday, for every gift card purchase over $100, we will add an additional $20 gift card as a way to thank you for your support.

If there is anything in particular you would like to see from us or if you need help preparing food at home for your families please reach out and we will do our best to help. Whether it be recipe ideas with random things you might have purchased or if you run out of something that you need that we can help with please don't hesitate to ask.

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Thank you for your continued support.

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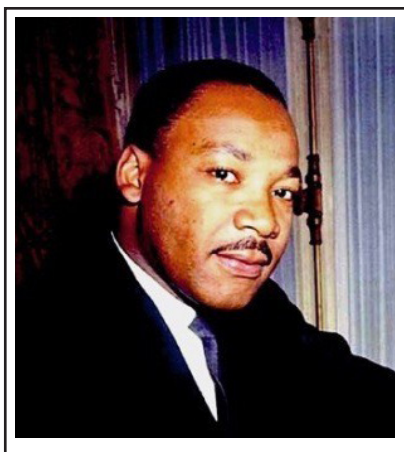

Youth Workshops and Donation Drive for Unhoused Residents

SOMERVILLE – Mayor Katjana Ballantyne, and Somerville's Department of Racial and Social Justice (RSJ), are announcing two programs celebrating the life and legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in observance of Martin Luther King Day. To provide an opportunity for youth to intensively engage in the work of the civil rights leader, a youth writing and dialog series will launch in advance of the holiday. To allow all to model the good works of Dr. King, a drive for donations of winter items needed for unhoused residents will launch the week of the holiday.

Youth Creative Writing and Dialogue Workshop Series
In January, RSJ, in partnership with Books of Hope, will begin a series of youth creative writing workshops and dialogue sessions to discuss the works and solidarity of Martin Luther King. Youth will discuss various works of Dr. King and explore the intersections of his legacy and life in the 21st century.

The first workshop, titled Remaining Awake Through Revolution, will be held on Wednesday, January 10 at 6:00 p.m. at The Dojo at Somernova (15 Properzi Way). Youth will be provided with writing materials and food at the event.

MLK Community Donation Drive
Throughout January 2024, Somerville residents of all ages are invited to share in the spirit of service by donating new or gently used winter goods to the MLK Community Donation Drive. Donated items will help support our unhoused neighbors and be delivered to community partners supporting unhoused and displaced residents.

Residents can donate:

New or gently used
Hats
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Neck warmers
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Sleeping bags
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Soup/pasta cups
Microwavable oatmeal
Microwavable Mac n' Cheese
Crackers/chips
Meat sticks
Mini cereal boxes

Labeled collection boxes are set up around the City. Donations can be made at:

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Somerville Central Library (79 Highland Avenue)
Somerville East Library (115 Broadway)
Somerville West Branch Library (40 College Avenue)
City Hall Annex (50 Evergreen Street)
Dept. of Public Works (DPW) Building (One Franey Road)
Council on Aging Offices (167 Holland Street)
Somerville Police Headquarters Lobby (220 Washington Street)
Somerville Fire Department Headquarters (266 Broadway)
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SFD Union Square Station (255 Somerville Avenue)
SFD Teele Square Station (6 Newbury Street on the corner of Holland Street)
SFD Lowell Street Station (651 Somerville Avenue on the corner of Lowell Street)

Donations will be accepted through Wednesday, January 31st.

For questions about the winter goods drive or the upcoming series of youth workshops centering the work of Dr. Martin Luther King, please contact rsj@somervillema.gov.

THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION, BY THE POWER VESTED IN IT THROUGH A SPECIAL ACT OF THE LEGISLATURE, CHAPTER 397 OF THE ACTS OF 1978, HEREBY AMENDS THE TRAFFIC REGULATIONS WITH THE ADDITION OF THE FOLLOWING:

2023-130 Article V Section 5-15 "Handicapped Parking" is amended with the addition of the following location: 84 Ten Hills Rd (to be located at 86 Ten Hills Rd).

2023-131 Article V Section 5-10 "Safety Zones" is amended as follows: Rescind the two Fire Lanes on Palmer Ave – on the north side, the entire length from Franklin St. to the dead end (93 ft.) and on the south side, from Franklin St. extending 20 ft. westerly.

2023-132 Article V Section 5-10 "Safety Zones" is amended as follows: Fire Lane on Arlington St., from the corner of Hathorn St. down the odd-side in a westerly direction for a distance of 20 ft.

2023-133 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Locations and Prohibitions" is amended as follows: the west side of Beacon St. from approximately 60 ft. south of Roseland St. to 100 ft. south of Roseland St., regulated as Valet Parking Only at all times.

2023-134 Article V Section 5-2 "Loading/Service Zones" is amended as follows: on the west side of Beacon St. from approximately 20 ft. south of Roseland St. to approximately 60 ft. south of Roseland St., regulated as loading zone from 9am-7pm and permit parking at all other times.

2023-135 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Locations and Prohibitions" is amended as follows: on the west side of Edmands St., from approximately 110 ft. north of Bonair St. to approximately 360 ft. north of Bonair St., regulated as No Parking Any Time.

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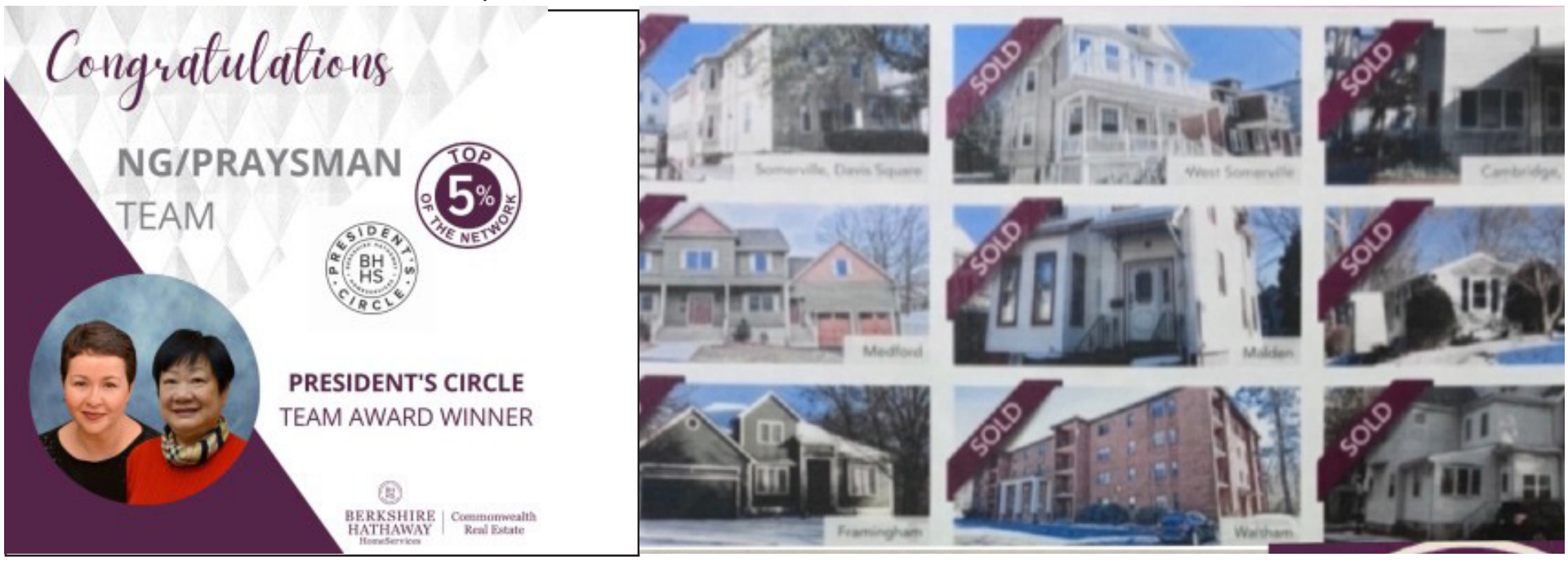

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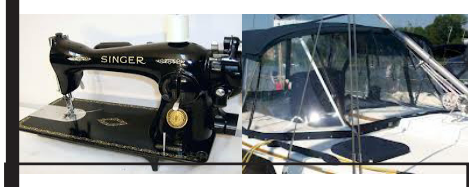

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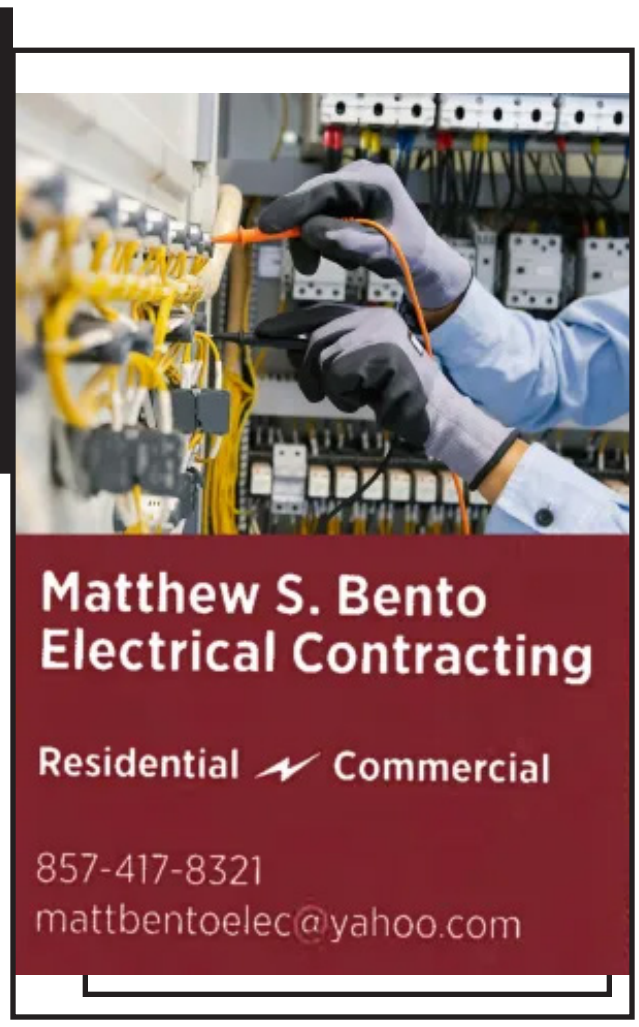

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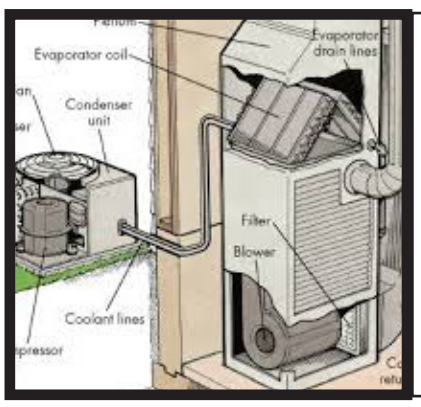

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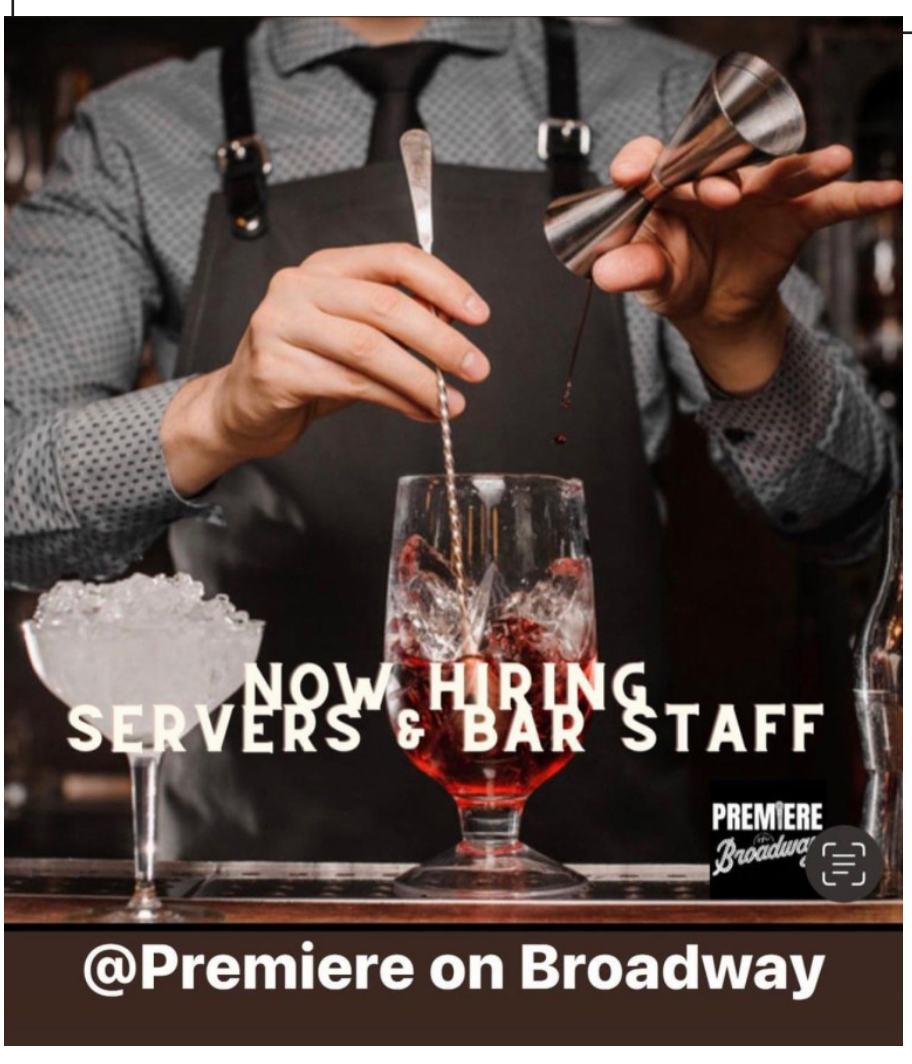

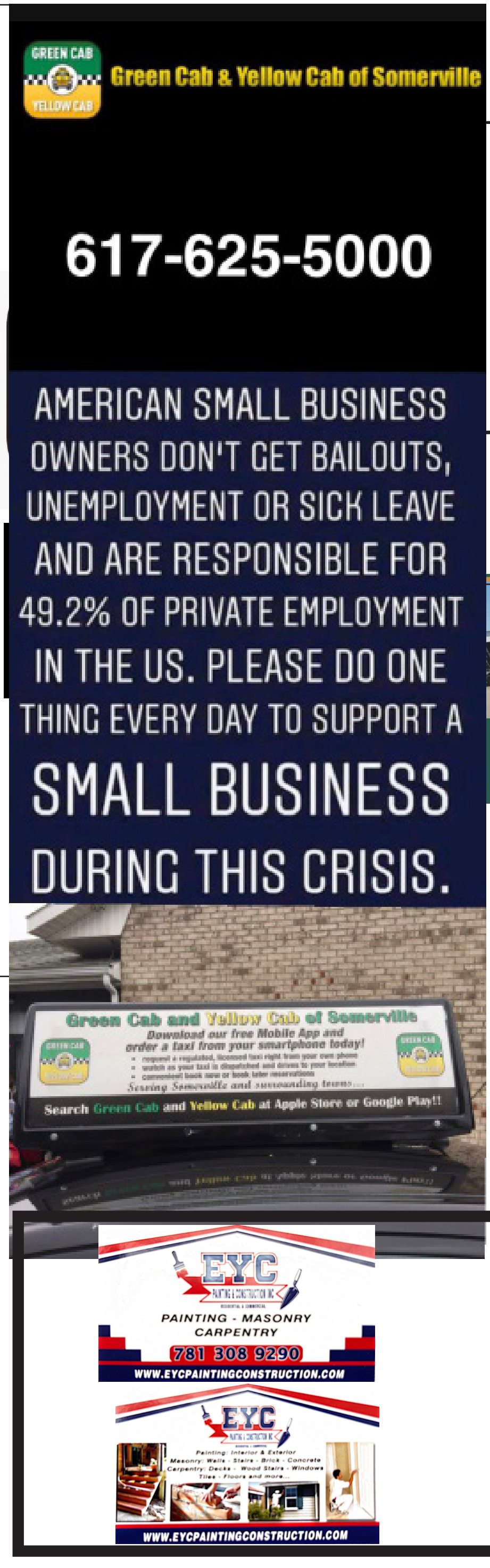

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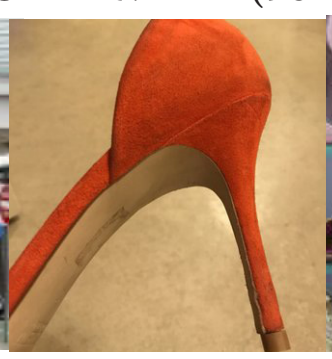
Instant Shoe and Luggage Repair is located on the corner of Broadway and Mt. Vernon Street, just before the I-93 overpass and only a few blocks from Sullivan Station.

Instant specializes in repairing zippers, on luggage and hand bags, as well as shoe repair services such as stretching, resoling, and re-heeling. The store also stocks items ranging from blankets, to perfumes, jeans, belts, jackets and socks



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 rectifying 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 healthcare, 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." .

MEDFORD POLICE ARE HIRING

. The first step to becoming a police officer is to take the Massachusetts Civil Service Police Entrance exam.

You can apply for the exam at https://www.mass.gov/info-details/2024-municipal-police-officer-mbta-transit-police-officer-and-state-trooper-examination 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.

SOMERVILLE AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT TRANSITION PLAN TASK FORCE SEEKS MEMBERS

SOMERVILLE – The City of Somerville's Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan Task Force, which will review and update the City's ADA Transition Plan, is accepting applications from community members to join the Task Force.

The ADA Transition Plan Task Force will be part of a community driven process to review the ADA Transition Plan and ensure that the City complies with all disability laws and promotes an environment free of discrimination and harassment for individuals with disabilities in Somerville. Task Force members will review the current ADA transition plan, propose updates to the plan, and draft and propose accountability measures to monitor and sustain continual progress.

The Task Force will consist of 6 constituent members supported by City staff and representatives from the City's Commission for Persons with Disabilities. All applicants must live or work in Somerville. Ideal candidates will be committed to disability and accessibility advocacy and invested in expanding accessibility services Citywide. Applicants must be at least 17 years old.

Duration and Time Commitment
ADA Transition Plan Task Force members will be compensated for their time. Members will be expected to attend meetings, which will be hosted both virtually and in-person with a hybrid option, up to two hours per week over a period of no longer than 8 months. Members should also be prepared to attend potential additional meetings for subcommittees and readings. If virtual meetings create a barrier for you, please still apply, and our team will work to aid you with access and/or training.

How to Apply: Deadline January 19, 2024
The ADA Transition Plan Task Force application will be available online starting Monday, December 18 on the City website at somervillema.gov, the RSJ website at somervillema.gov/RSJ, and will be shared via City and RSJ social media feeds. Community members can also pick up printed applications at the Somerville City Hall front desk or by calling the ADA Coordinator, Adrienne Pomeroy, at 617-625-6600 x2059.

Applications are due by 7 p.m. on Friday, January 19, 2024. Applicants can fill out the online form, email their responses to apomeroy@somervillema.gov, or hand-deliver or mail them to Somerville City Hall, Attn: RSJ Department, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143.

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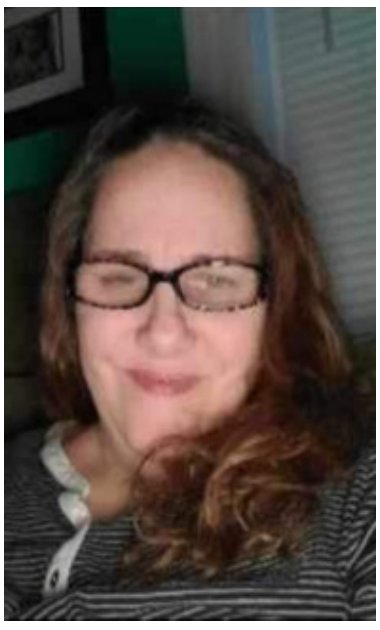
The City of Somerville is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, age, national origin, disability or any other protected category. Women, minorities, veterans, and persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply. Auxiliary aids and services, written materials in alternative formats, and reasonable modifications in policies and procedures will be provided to qualified individuals with disabilities free of charge, upon request.

Persons with disabilities who need auxiliary aids and services for effective communication (i.e., CART, ASL), written materials in alternative formats, or reasonable modifications in policies and procedures in order to access the programs, activities, and meetings of the City of Somerville should please contact Adrienne Pomeroy at 617-625-6600 x 2059 or apomeroy@somervillema.gov.

SOMERVILLE/MEDFORD REMEMBERING MARIELLEN PARKS



Mariellen Parks passed away Friday, December 29th at Massachusetts General Hospital. She was
56. A lifelong Medford resident, she was the daughter of the late Donald and the late Roberta
As one of 14 siblings, Mariellen was the go-to person for help with her nieces and nephews and other neighborhood children.

Although not a mother herself, her maternal instinct was expressed by her loving care for the young people in her life. She was like a nanny to many of them, helping to bring them up with much love.
A fixture in her neighborhood, everyone knew Mariellen as a nice person who was always welcoming to others. A woman with a kind heart, Mariellen loved her family and neighbors and was an awesome aunt and Godmother. She enjoyed cooking and baking from scratch, and did this often with children. Mariellen liked to visit the Mystic Lakes and occasionally tried her luck with scratch tickets.
Mariellen was a dear sister to James Parks and his wife Theresa, Debra Medeiros and her late husband Edward Sr., Karen Parks, William Parks and his wife Margaret, Dawn Gentile and her husband Ralph, Lawrence Parks and his wife Pamela, Elizabeth Parks, Lori Castagnetti and her husband Robert, Julie Martin and her husband Dennis, Donald Parks Jr. and his wife Laurie, Robert Parks and his wife Shelia, Keri Parks, and Brenda Orlando and her husband Carl. She was also a loving aunt and Godmother to many nieces, nephews and Godchildren.
Mariellen's funeral will be from the Dello Russo Funeral Home, 306 Main St., Medford on Saturday, January 6th at 10 AM, followed by a Mass of Christian burial celebrated at Saint Raphael Church,
512 High St., Medford at 11 AM. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend. Visiting hours will be on Friday from 4-8 pm.
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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.
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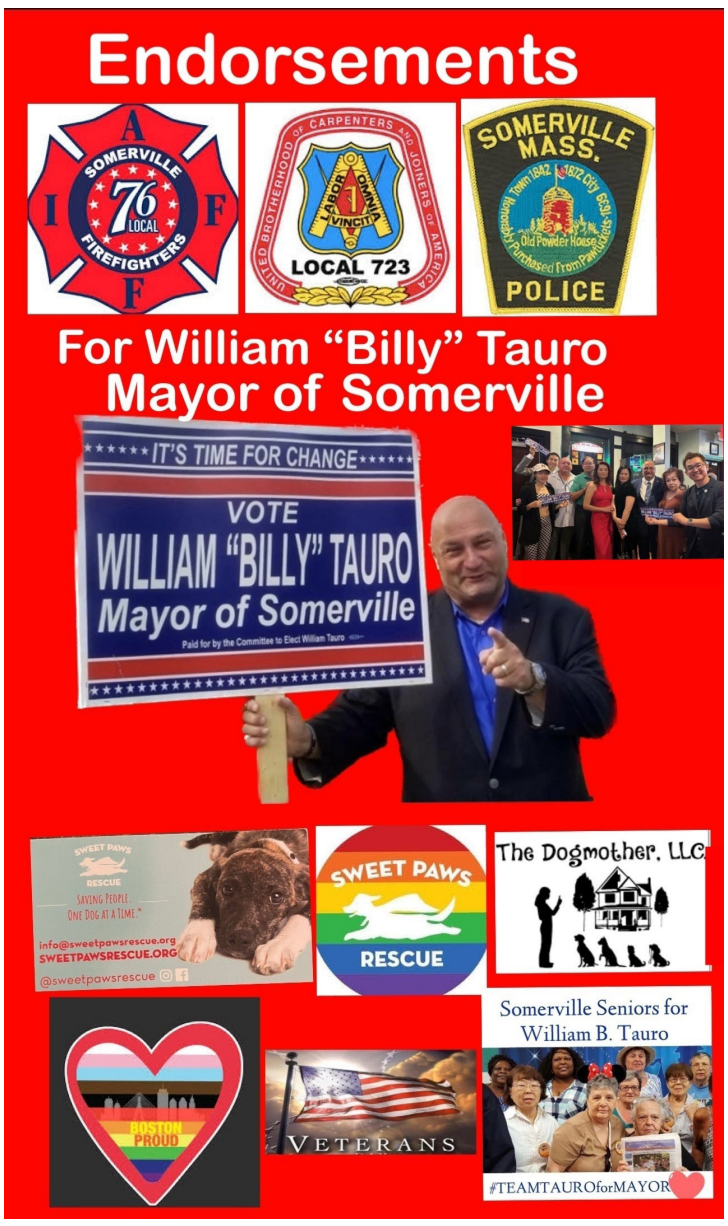

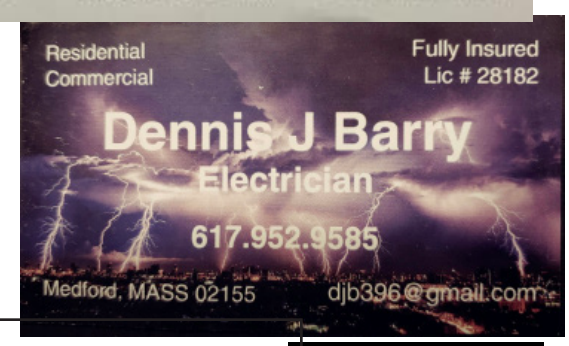

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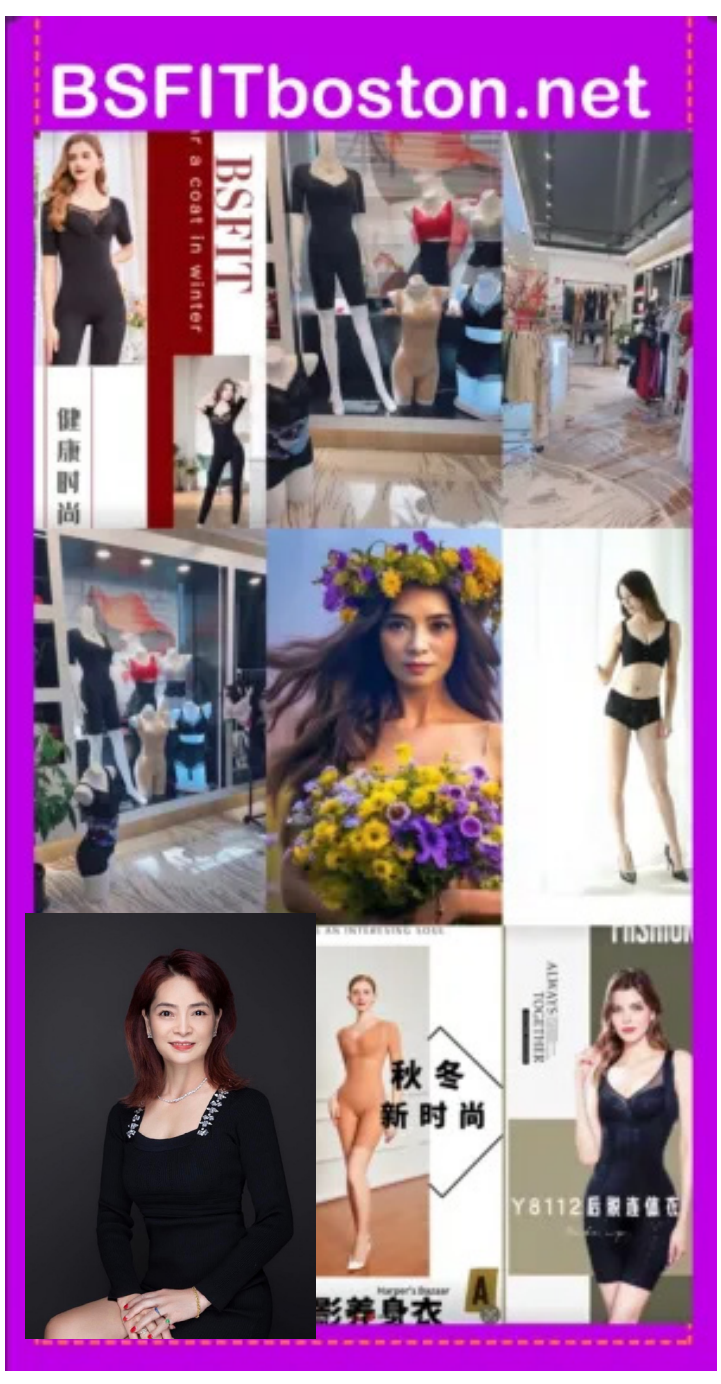

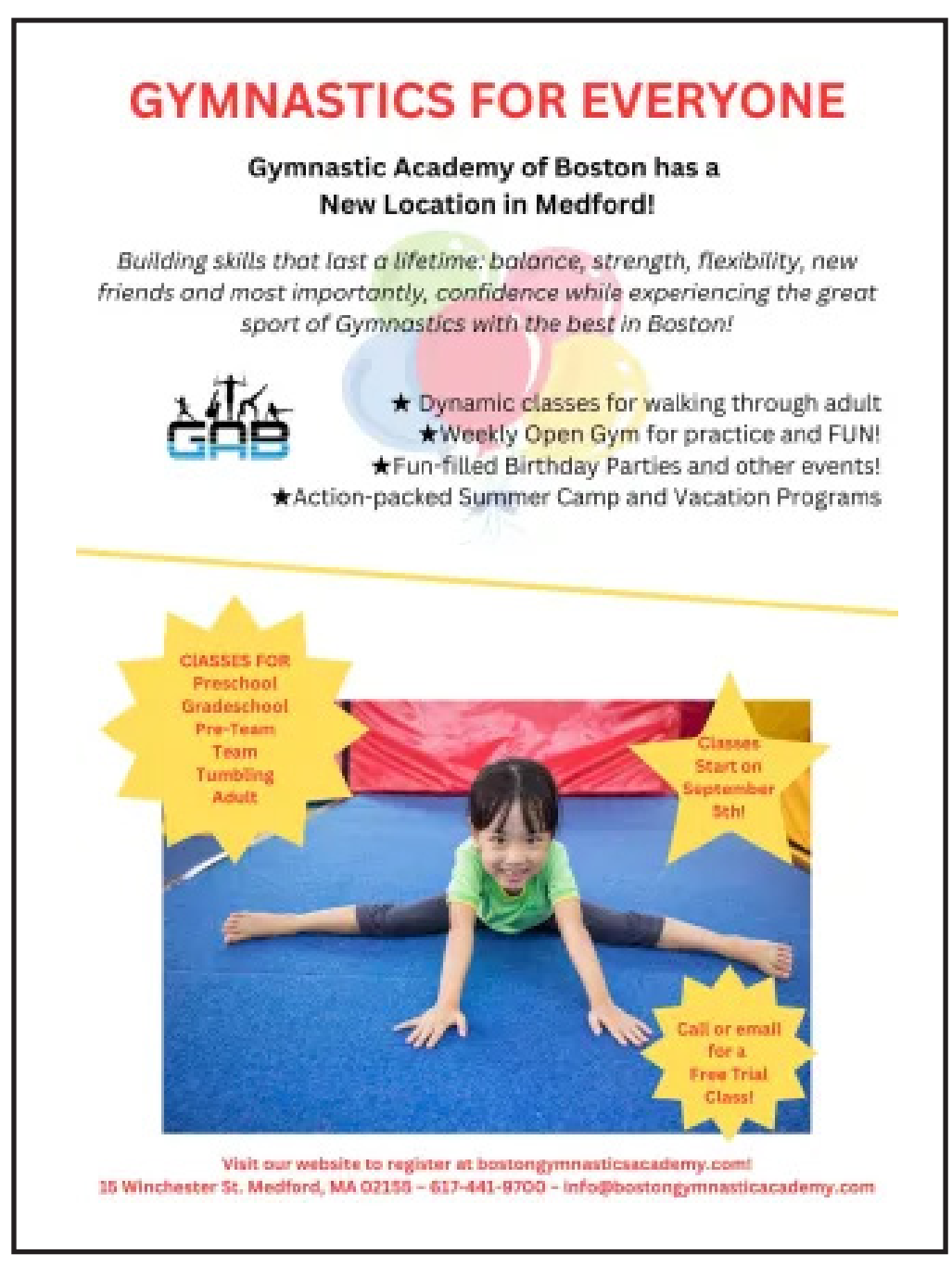

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300 Somerville Ave. #6	2	$1,290	N/A	1,509
124 College Ave. #2-5	2	$1,492	Water; Sewer	650

* Min. income requirements are waived for households with rental subsidies through mobile housing vouchers such as Section 8, MRVP, VASH etc.

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE: Tues. Jun. 27– Wed. Jul. 26 22
Online at: somervillema.gov/inclusionaryhousing
Request hard applications and more information at: (617) 625-6600 X 2566 or inclusionary@somervillema.gov

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Wed. Jul. 26, 2023 at 2:00 PM
Faxed to: 617-591-3235; **Emailed to:** inclusionary@somervillema.gov
Mailed/Dropped off to: City Hall Annex: 50 Evergreen Ave., Somerville, MA 02145;

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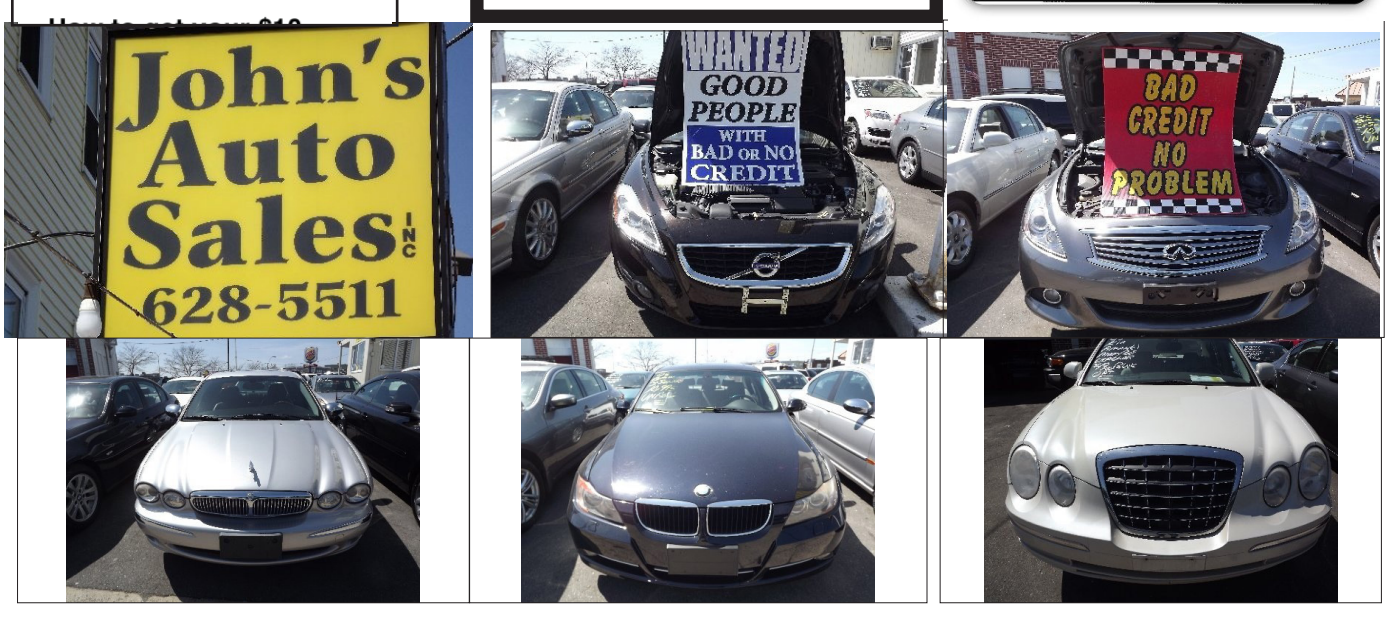

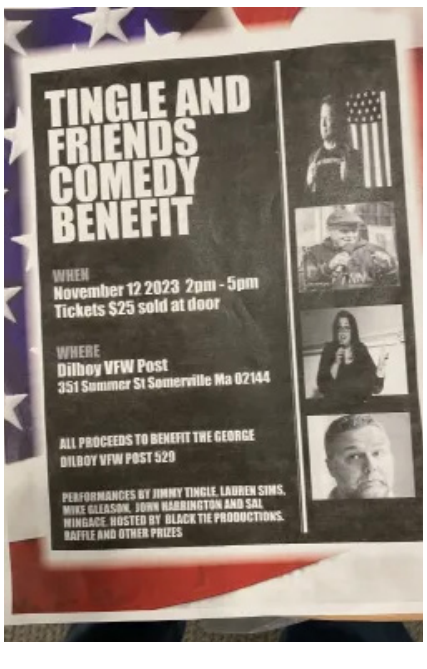

PUBLIC TAVERN AT 565 BROADWAY SOMERVILLE IS NOW OPEN!

The makers of "Premiere on Broadway" now brings you another Somerville hotspot!

Public Tavern at 565 Broadway, Somerville, MA 02145 is now open!

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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

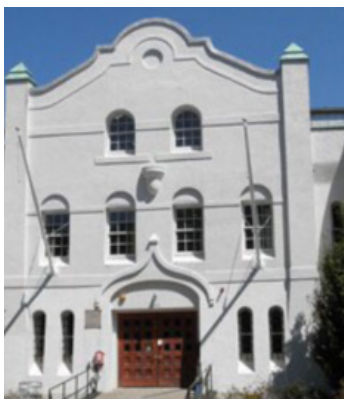
SOMERVILLE – Mayor Katjana Ballantyne, the City of Somerville's Health and Human Services Office, and Housing Families, are announcing the opening of an overnight warming center for the remainder of the winter 2024 season. Starting tonight, January 8, the warming center will operate seven nights a week 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 resources and shelters.

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 NEWS WEEKLY SPEAKUP LINE: SOMERVILLE DOES NOT CARE ABOUT THE MOST VULNERABLE OF THE POPULATION

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I will carry these injuries with me when I leave here and these may be my death sentence. The city has watched this happen refused to handle the matter they are in partnership with. I have requested through someone assisting me writing a letter to request that Miscela Federal Realty to move me in another apartment or the hotel they owned. They ignored me. They have Harassed me and ignored to communicate in any manners of urgency via verbal my only communication method. The city has allowed this. PLEASE CALL THEM AND PUT PRESSURE ON THEM TO PUT ME SOMEWHERE SAFE!! I have to use a voucher and they know that I don't have money and still the CITY ALLOWS THIS BEHAVIOR. Nikki at the Mayors office has known since Dec. 22 and she has ignored me and the situation. Federal Realty knew the whole time and have ignored getting me to safety.

The city has allowed them to retaliate against me, discriminate, refuse communication methods and by the city's failure they have became co-actors in a situation where they are responsible for this if the landlord since they are a partnership. My understanding is the attorney general has been calling and they have ignored their calls too. Nikki and this "leadership" need to be held accountable for this matter. OSCPD (Thomas G.) director of the division (at the time of signatures he was in a different department and just recently moved up) but OSCPD previously signed off on the inclusionary docs he and they have refused responsibility or to be honest about paperwork. The unit was not ADA wheelchair accessible, even though housing, building, zoning and mayor signed off on it stating it was fully. What happened there? ISD told Federal Realty they had to correct in a 14 page letter which Federal Realty did not comply!!! ISD has refused to turn over docs requested after stating they would and cannot get a call back from NICK A. (Director), he has allowed his staff to refuse to accommodate people with disabilities. I was told they were going to take FRIT to court but somehow the landlord appealed.

In my opinion FRIT and City of Somerville does NOT care about the fact they are PURPOSELY, KNOWINGLY PUTTING RESIDENCE ENDANGER OVER THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH FRIT. Thomas G. leaked docs show that he told coworkers the fact he knowingly knew this was an ADA unit prior to him telling me that he did not. He LIED to a VULNERABLE adult.

In my opinion FRIT has IGNORED and REFUSED TO PUT ME IN SAFE, NON MOLD AND ADA HOUSING!!! While I am dying!!

Nick at the ISD office does not know how to return phone calls but only communicates with non disabled people and FRIT, but refuses to speak to constitutes!!!

BTW the city, SEB AND Miscela Revolution had refused to open up waitlist when ADA units became available to ADA people when there was no ADA needing people on the waitlist. By law this is required, instead they were just filling them with non ADA people and ignoring the requirements. I brought this to light and they said it wasn't them, now Somerville has admitted they are now trying to change this.

HOW MANY ADA PEOPLE WERE REFUSED WHILE THE CITY DID THIS! I had to get them to fix this for me!! But how many other people were damaged over this! This was POLICY!! And no on paid attention!!

VOTE OUT THE POLITICIANS THAT WOULD LET ME DIE AND ME PAY FOR THEIR FAILURES AND THEIR MALICIOUS CONDUCT!!! AND TO ALLOW FEDERAL REALTY TO HURT THE COMMUNITY!!! THEY CANT RETURN CALLS, TAKE RESPONSIBILITY AND ARE OK WITH BIGOTED BEHAVIOR FROM FRIT AND THEMSELVES. THEY HAVE IGNORED THE DISABLED PERSON WHICH IS ILLEGAL! Tell your POLITICIANS THAT FED REALTY AND OSCPD need to be ACCOUNTABLE FOR THIS!

Sincerely,

A frustrated and terrified Somerville resident

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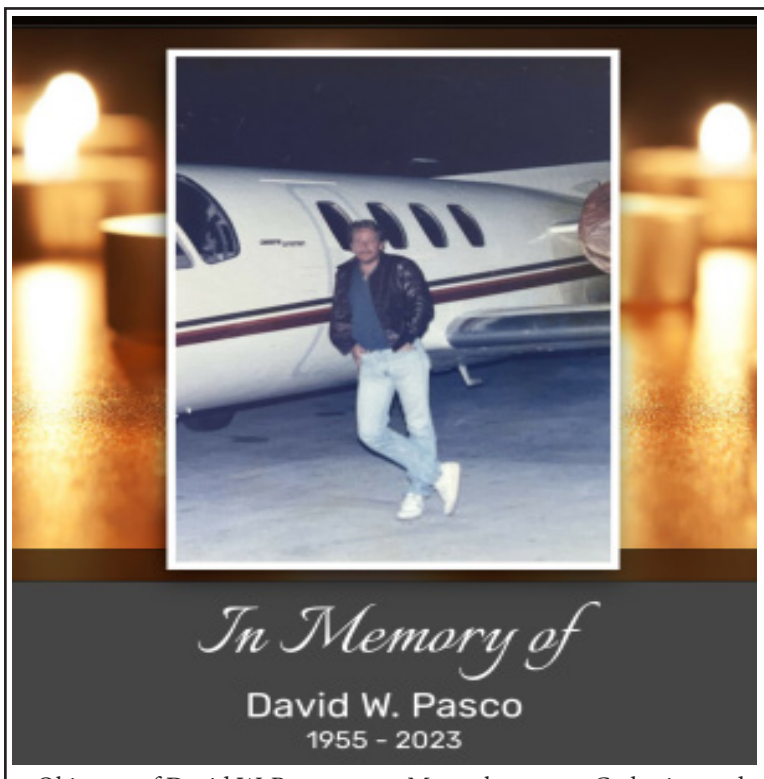
SOMERVILLE/MEDFORD REMEMBERING DAVID W. PASCO



Obituary of David W. Pasco

David Wylie Pasco passed away peacefully from natural causes at his home in Lincoln, Massachusetts

at the age of 68, on December the 21st, 2023. David was born on October 6th, 1955 in Cambridge, Massachusetts to Catherine and Charles Pasco of Cambridge, Massachusetts.
Although his beautiful story came to completion in Lincoln, Massachusetts, David was a product of Cambridge through and through. He grew up in Cambridge surrounded by countless friends and family who loved, supported, and nurtured him throughout his upbringing. Dave graduated from St Mary's High School with the Class of 73'. Upon moving out of Cambridge, David moved to the suburb of Concord, Massachusetts where he would go on to graduate from Comeford Flight School at Hanscom Air Force Base. This was the beginning to his long and illustrious career in aviation which became one of the most vital aspects of his unique and wonderful story. He spent decades working at Hanscom as both a pilot and instructor in which he fostered many beautiful friendships which lasted him a lifetime. Through Diamond Air L.G, the company he flew for, he was able to meet the mother of his three children (Aliisa Gray) of Concord. He is survived by the three beautiful children they shared, Chloe Elizabeth, Keagen Alexander, and Wyatt Tucker Pasco. David Wylie Pasco was the absolutely beloved son of his parents Charles "Chick" Pasco and adoring mother Catherine "Cathy" Pasco (McDevitt). David is survived by his brother Robert Pasco whom they shared countless memories growing up on Worcester Street, as well as many others in Cambridge. David is also survived by Robert's children Bobby, Brian, and Brendan Pasco. As well as his loving cousin Carol Edwards of Norwood and countless others. David resided in and around Concord, Massachusetts for the last few decades of his life so that he could be in close proximity to his children to support them both physically and emotionally to the absolute best of his ability. David was a beloved father, brother, and son. David Pasco was a lover through and through. Apart from aviation, he had an intense love of art, as well as traveling, and cuisine. He absolutely adored making people laugh, cooking for those he loved, and spending time with those who meant most to him. He enjoyed gardening and listening to music, and reminiscing about his past and the uncountable stories that arose from his upbringing in Cambridge and beyond. He never failed to attend his children's hockey games and support them constantly in whichever way he possibly could. He adored his parents, his brother, his nephews, his coworkers, his friends, and his loving children. David leaves a legacy of love, laughter, and appreciation for everything this world had to offer.
The graveside service will be held at The Cambridge Cemetery at 11:00 AM on Monday, January the 8th.
He will be buried alongside his loving mother and father.
In Lieu of flowers, his family would appreciate any and all thoughtful donations going towards the American Heart Association

Join The Somerville Blessing Boxes Group

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 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 the 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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__ Smart wool socks
__ Gloves
__ Scarf

FOOD & DRINK
__ Quality instant coffee
__ Tea
__ Energy drink
__ Beef jerky
__ Dried fruit
__ Fruit leathers
__ Trail mix
__ Nuts
__ Granola bars
__ Protein powder packets
__ Restaurant gift cards

HELP THEM CONNECT
__ Journal & pen
__ Stationary
__ Stamps
__ Pre-paid phone card

TOILETRIES
__ Multi-purpose wipes
__ Chapstick
__ Facial wipes
__ Moisturizer
__ Comb
__ Toothbrush & tooth paste
__ Grooming kit

SURVIVAL
__ First aid kit
__ Water bottle with built in filter
__ Heat-pack
__ Multi-purpose tool

TREATS:
__ Chocolates
__ Fruit snacks
__ Cookie snack packs
__ Candy {individually wrapped}
__ Mints
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SPLURGE:
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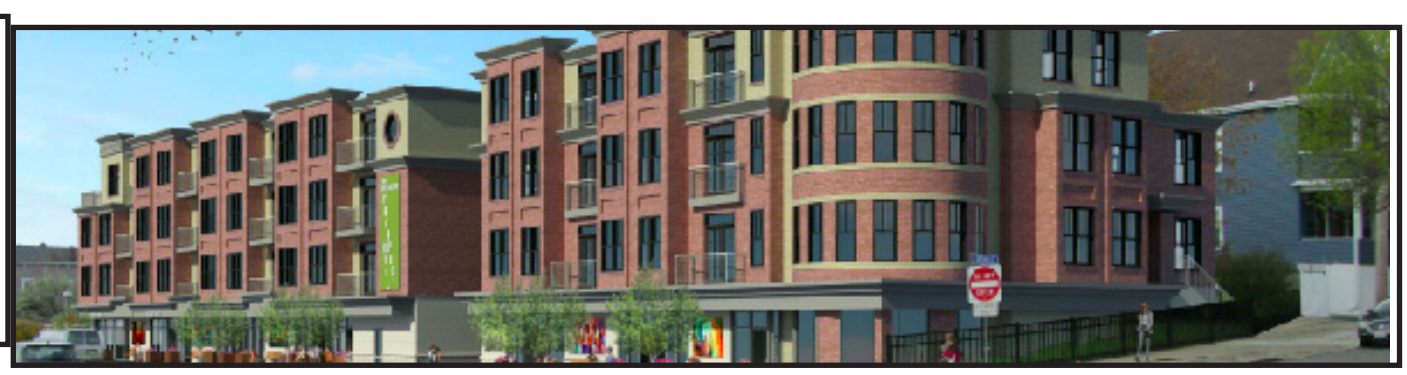

SOMERVILLE MUSICIAN AND PERFORMER TACKLE BIRTHDAY LORE ON STAGE

Alexandria Nunweiler with collaborative dance company The Click presents a new dance/theater work "Edge of Aquarius." The performance takes inspiration from the surprisingly strange phenomenon of birthdays – the rituals surrounding them, the odd bonds people have with others who share theirs, the increasing malaise about them as people age, and the rites of passage they represent.

Several years in the back of her mind as an idea, Nunweiler was compelled to create the work when iconic actress Betty White died just shy of her 100th birthday. (She and White shared a January 17 birthday.) Interwoven with personal stories from performers, fun and irreverent props, and fascinating birthday lore, this piece takes a microscope to aging and the way we celebrate and commemorate milestones. Cake is involved.

Somerville-based composer Benjamin Cuba created new works and an original sound score. Somerville-based dancer Katrina Conte performs.

Katrina Conte is a dancer and choreographer and graduated with her BFA in Dance with a minor in Technical Theater from Ball State University. She has had the opportunity to work with Sidra Bell, Jamy Meek, Shen Wei Dance Arts, Noa Shadur and Kairos Dance Theater. Katrina also has a passion for lighting design; she designed several dance shows at Ball State, and has had the opportunity to work as a technical crew member for Terri O'Conner, Rosie Herrera Dance Theater, Paul Taylor, Pilobolus, and Shen Wei Dance Arts.

Benjamin Cuba works as a ballet pianist and dance-class accompanist for Boston Conservatory, Emerson College, and Greater Boston School of Dance. He has composed music for Alive Dance Collective, The Click, Somerville ArtBeat, and NACHMO '19, '20, '22, and '23. He also plays bass for the band Midnight Motion. He is a multi-instrumentalist, accompanist, and composer.

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Crime Log

12/26/2023 – 1/1/2024

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Commercial Breaking and Entering

23074563: On 12/27/23 at approximately 9:35 PM, Somerville Police responded to a business on Holland St for report of a breaking and entering in progress. Upon arrival, officers conducted a search of the business and located a male party inside. He was then placed under arrest.

Commercial Breaking and Entering

23074344: On 12/26/23 at approximately 6:47 PM, Somerville Police responded to the West Somerville School for report of a past breaking and entering. Upon arrival, officers spoke with an employee who stated four juveniles broke into the school via the side door. Nothing was reported missing.

Commercial Breaking and Entering

23074530: On 12/27/23 at approximately 6:16 PM, Somerville Police responded to a business on Prospect St for report of a past breaking and entering. Upon arrival, officers spoke with the victim who stated he arrived for work in the morning and observed the front door had been forced open and multiple drawers had been rummaged through. Nothing was reported missing.

Armed Robbery

24000046: On 1/1/24 at approximately 11:05 AM, Somerville Police responded to a business on McGrath Hwy for report of a man with a knife. Upon arrival, officers spoke with the manager who stated a male party entered the store and proceeded to shoplift various items. When the manager approached him, the suspect dropped the items and brandished a knife at him.

Residential Breaking and Entering

23075255: On 12/31/23 at approximately 7:25 PM, Somerville Police responded to a residence on Knapp St for report of a past breaking and entering. Upon arrival, officers spoke with the victim who stated she went out and when she returned to her apartment, observed a male party inside. The suspect then fled out the back door. A speaker was reported stolen.

Residential Breaking and Entering

23074757: On 12/29/23 at approximately 12:45 AM, Somerville Police responded to a residence on Caldwell Ave for report of a past breaking and entering. Upon arrival, officers spoke with the victim who stated she and her partner were watching TV then noticed a male party inside the apartment. The suspect then left out the back door. Nothing was reported missing.

Residential Breaking and Entering

23075035: On 12/30/23 at approximately 10:00 AM, Somerville Police responded to a residence on Park Ave for report of a past breaking and entering. Upon arrival, officers spoke with the victim who stated he was reviewing his surveillance system and observed a male party enter his home a few hours earlier. Nothing was reported stolen.

Assault

24000008: On 1/1/24 at approximately 12:42 AM, Somerville Police responded to Washington St for report of a fight. Upon arrival, officers spoke with two victims who stated they were at a party inside an apartment complex and were approached by a group of females. Two of the females then began to attack the victims. During the fight, one of the suspects brandished a knife. Both victims suffered several injuries.

Arrest

23075273: On 12/31/23 at approximately 10:23 PM, Somerville Police responded to Ames St for report of an assault. Upon arrival, officers observed a male party suffering from a stab wound to his face. He stated that he was involved in an altercation with another male party and was stabbed in the face with a screwdriver. Officers located the male suspect and he was placed under arrest.

Other Crimes:
- 3 Bike Thefts
- 2 MV Thefts
- 2 Car Breaks
- 1 Vandalism
- 1 Package Theft

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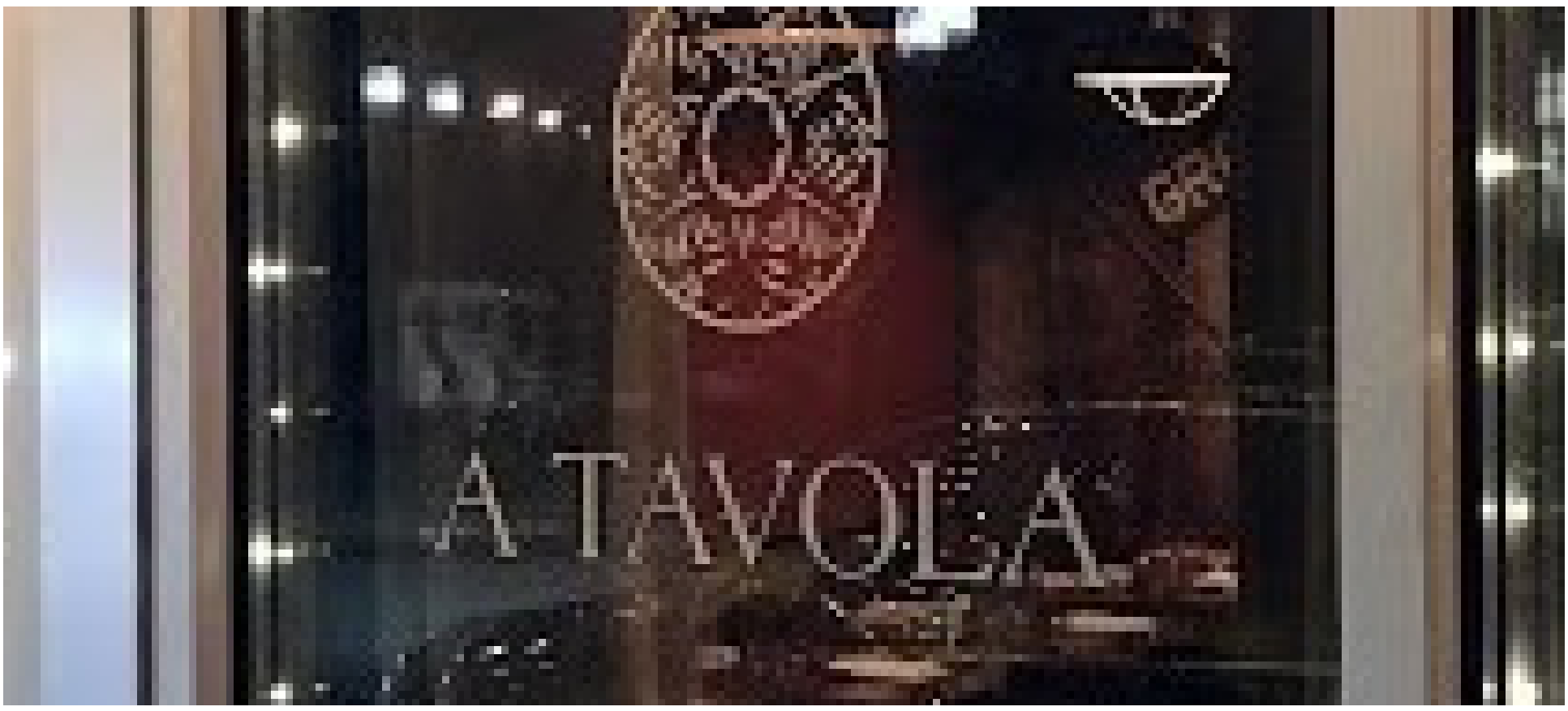

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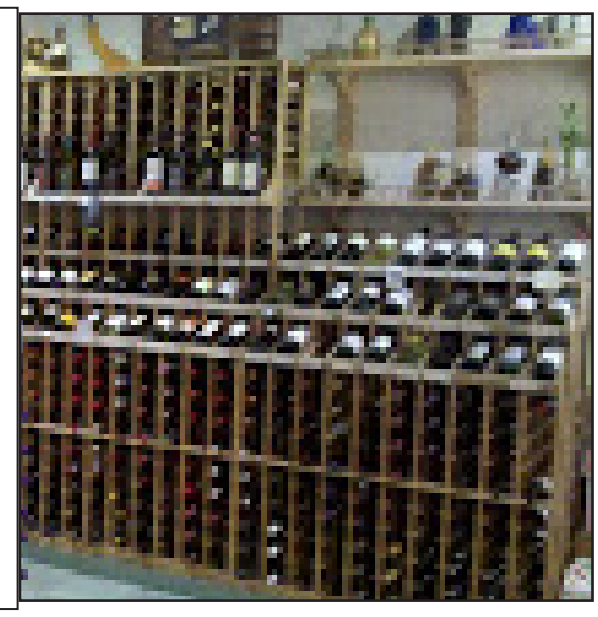

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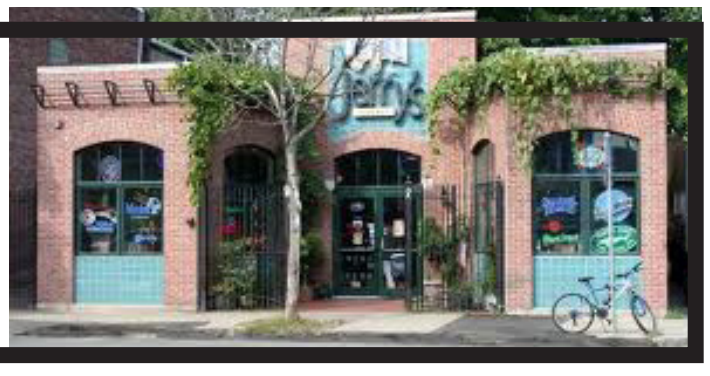
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