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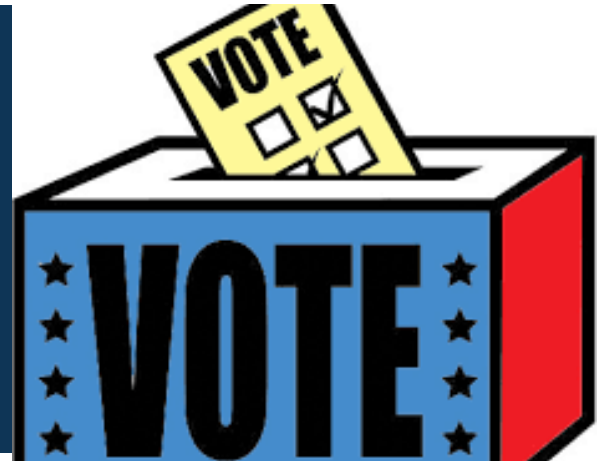
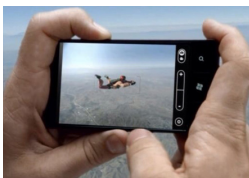
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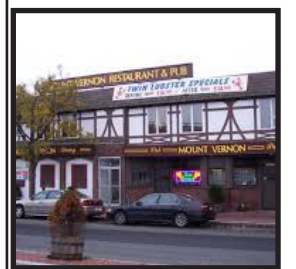


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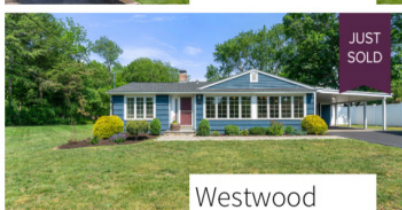
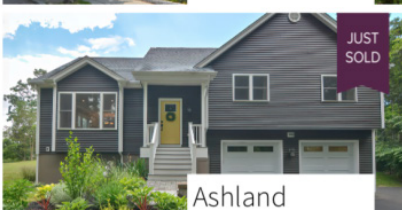
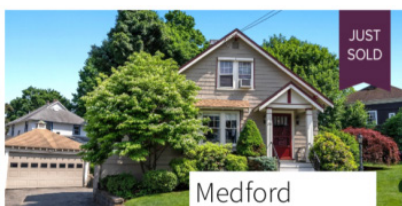
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SOMERVILLE/MEDFORD REMEMBERING VILMA FERRI SULLIVAN



Obituary

Vilma Ferri Sullivan passed away on January 29, 2024.

Vilma is survived by her son Gene, his wife Tisha, her two grandchildren, Scott and Lillie, and several nieces and nephews. Vilma was preceded in death by her parents, Umberto and Giovanna Ferri, who were both born in Italy, her husband Gene, her daughter Joanne and her sister Anna.

Born in 1929, Vilma lived in East Boston until she

graduated from high school, then lived the remainder of her life in Somerville. Much of her working career was spent at Tufts University where she was an editor for the school's publications until her retirement in 2007. While working full-time there, she also earned a college degree at age 54. She was a life-long parishioner at St. Clement's church.

Throughout her life, she taught others her hobby: arts & crafts. Early on, she taught children in the store she owned with her husband and taught adults at night at Somerville High School. More recently, she taught senior citizens at the Somerville Senior Center until age 89.

She was passionate about gardening. She was a certified Master Gardener,

and she served as President of the Somerville Garden Club. She generously shared her knowledge, plants and time with others, often volunteering to beautify the city.

Vilma was an avid reader, loved to travel, enjoyed sharing her baked goods with friends and family and adored her cats. She loved hosting holidays and spending time with her friends.

A devoted and loving wife, she was the sole care-giver to her husband for many years after he became disabled, taking on full responsibility for raising her two young children and working full-time all the while. Likewise, she was a care-giver to her elderly parents for many years. As a labor of love, she published a cookbook of her mother's Italian recipes,

which she gave as gifts to family and friends.

She was a very proud grandmother, often taking her grandchildren along with her to her activities at the Somerville Museum and to plays at Tufts Arena Theater. She acted as their short-order cook during Sunday visits every week.

Vilma will be remembered for her seemingly boundless energy and enthusiasm. She considered herself blessed to have so many wonderful family members and countless friends through the years.

Vilma did not wish to have any kind of service. Her ashes will be scattered in the ocean in East Boston by her family. In lieu of flowers, those who wish to do so can make a donation to the Joanne Mary Sullivan Prize Fund

@ Tufts University. Checks can be made payable to Tufts University and sent to Tufts University, Box 3306, Boston, MA 02241-3306.



SOMERVILLE/MEDFORD REMEMBERING BARBARA COTREAU



Obituary
Barbara (Walsh) Cotreau

- Of Somerville, passed away on February 1, 2024. She was 85.

Born and raised in Somerville, she was the daughter of the late George and Loretta (LaBlanc) Walsh. Barbara was a stay-at-home mom and ran her home like a well oiled machine, while raising three boys. She loved to cook and bake delicious meals for her family. Seeing

them enjoying her cooking always brought a smile to her face. Her home was her pride and joy and she always made sure all the decor was tastefully done. During the holidays, she would love to decorate her windows for all the passersby to see. They would be done up so extravagantly, similar to a window display at Macy's. Her love and dedication to her family was endless.

Her caring nature and loving demeanor will be missed by all whom she loved.

Belove wife of 64 years to Carl Cotreau. Devoted mother of Ken Cotreau and his wife Kim of Beverly, Keith Cotreau, and the late Kevin Cotreau who died in October of 2023 and his surviving wife Laura of Haverhill. Cherished grandmother

of Ben, Patric, and Christopher. Dear sister of Joan Vena of Arlington and Janet Fraser of Arizona. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

At Barbara's request all services are private.

She was laid to rest with her beloved mother at Puritan Lawn Cemetery, Peabody.

SOMERVILLE/MEDFORD REMEMBERING PATRICIA A. CARBONE



Obituary,

Patricia A. (Mack) - Of Medford, formerly of Somerville passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on Monday, January 29, 2025. She was 88.

Patricia loved her family and enjoyed spending her time with them, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She would always boast with pride about all their accomplishments. On her down time, she enjoyed listening to music. Her favorites were anything Jimmy Buffet related and Patsy Cline. She was an avid Celtics fan! If there was a game on, no one could bother her because she needed to give her team all her attention.

She enjoyed trips to New Hampshire and spending time with friends. Patricia's sense of humor, loving personality will be missed by all whom she knew.

Beloved wife of the late Theodore Corrieri. Devoted mother of Barbara Trant and her husband Joseph "Joe" of Medford, Ann McCormack and her husband John of Everett. Loving grandmother of Jason Trant and his wife Melissa, Joseph "Joey" Trant, Johnny McCor-

mack and the late James Trant. Cherished great grandmother of Julianna and Juliette Trant and Joseph and Jacob Trant and their mother Eileen Sullivan. Dear sister of 5 late siblings. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews and friends.

Calling Hours will be held in the George L. Doherty Funeral Home 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.) Somerville, on Monday, February 5th from 4:00PM to 7:00PM.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend.

A Funeral mass will be celebrated in St. Francis of Assisi Church, 441 Fellsway West Medford on Tuesday, February 6th at 10:00AM. Please meet directly at church.

Services will conclude with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to a charity of one's choice.



SOMERVILLE EARLY VOTING AND VOTING BY MAIL INFORMATION FOR MASSACHUSETTS PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION



SOMERVILLE – The Presidential Primary election for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is Tuesday, March 5. The primary election is open to all registered voters in Somerville. Somerville voters can vote early in person or by mail.

Register to Vote by February 24
You can register one of three ways:

Register to vote online at somervillema.gov/register-to-vote, or in person at City Hall (93 Highland Ave.)
Call the Elections Department (617-625-6600 ext. 4200) and request a voter registration form.

Call 311 (617-666-3311) and they will connect you to Elections.

The registration deadline is Saturday February 24, at 12 a.m. online or in person by 5 p.m. You also may mail in your form it must be post-marked by February 24.

Vote Early at City Hall, February 24 – March 1
Vote early at City Hall from Saturday, February 24 through Friday, March 1.

The schedule is as follows:

Saturday, February 24, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sunday, February 25, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Monday, February 26, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 27, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 28, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 29 8:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. (all-day and evening hours)

Friday, March 1, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (morning only)

How to Vote by Mail

Applications to vote by mail must be received by 5 p.m., February 27:

Applications to vote by mail must be received (not post-marked) by the Somerville Elections Department by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, February 27. Download an application from somervillema.gov/votemail, pick one up in the Elections office at City Hall, or request one be mailed to you by calling Elections at 617-625-6600 ext. 4200.

Ballots must be received by 8 p.m., Tuesday, March 5:

Eligible voters who submit valid applications will receive their ballot in the mail. Ballots must be completed, signed, sealed, and received

by the City no later than 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 5. Voters can check the status of their ballot on the state's website.

How to return your application and ballot:

Drop boxes:
Leave it in a drop box at one of the following locations:

City Hall concourse, 93 Highland Ave.

East Somerville Community School, across from 68 Glen St.

In front of the Argenziano School, 290 Washington St.

In front of the Somerville Community Baptist Church, 31 College Ave.

In front of the Igreja Presbiteriana De Boston Church, 212 School St.

In front of Saint Catherine of Genoa Church parking lot,

182 Summer St.

In front of the Armory, 191 Highland Ave.

In front of Dilboy Post, 351 Summer St.

In front of the Tufts Administrative Building, 167 Holland St.

In front of the West Somerville Neighborhood School at 177 Powder House Blvd.

Ballots can also be returned directly to the Somerville Elections office located at City Hall or mailed to Somerville Elections Department, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, 02143.

Completed applications ONLY can be emailed to vote@somervillema.gov or faxed to 617-625-5643. Ballots cannot be returned by email or fax.

For all information about voting in Somerville, go to somervillema.gov/elections.

THIS WEEK'S QUOTABLE QUOTES ON BEACON HILL

Quotable Quotes



By Bob Katzen

“For years, Publicis Health’s marketing schemes helped fuel the nationwide opioid crisis, which has shattered some

of our most vulnerable communities, while creating significant financial strain on our state systems.

I am proud of my team’s national leadership in securing this settlement, which will not only bolster accountability and transparency for this ongoing crisis but will also provide millions of dollars for much needed treatment and services to support individuals and families across Massachusetts.”

—Attorney General Andrea Campbell announcing a \$350 million national settlement with Publicis Health that would resolve the state’s litigation

against the marketing and communications firm for its role in the opioid crisis, including its work for opioid manufacturer Purdue Pharma. Massachusetts will receive nearly \$8 million from the settlement to help address the opioid crisis.

“You are not on your own, kid, when declaring what is rightfully yours. Be fearless and write your name in the blank space on our website at any time.”
—State Treasurer Deb Goldberg urging everyone to check the list of unclaimed money held by the state at findmassmoney.gov or call 888-344-MASS (6277).

“We made universal free school meals permanent in Massachusetts, helping students and families access the food they need without a hassle or stigma. We’re grateful for the organizations that have stepped up already as sponsors, and we encourage more to join us as we work with the Biden-Harris Administration to advance access to meals and food security for students and families during the summer when school isn’t in session.”

—Gov. Maura Healey on the upcoming June launch of “Summer Eats” — a U.S. Department of Agriculture-funded initiative that

provides free, nutritious meals to children when school is not in session.

“This legislation’s core purpose is to protect survivors of abuse. It is unconscionable to me that a survivor of spousal abuse, who had the courage to get away from an abusive partner, should have to be reminded of that abuse and continue to pay for it once the marriage is over.”
—Sen. Jake Oliveira (D-Ludlow) on his newly-filed bill requiring courts to decline alimony payments by the victim to a spouse convicted of abuse.

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INTERIM PAVING AND STREETScape PLANNING FOR HIGHLAND AVENUE

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.

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.

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

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

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SOMERVILLE HIRING POLLING PLACE WORKERS FOR 2024 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY



Interested Community Members Can Learn More at Informational Session on Tuesday, February 6 Primary Will Be Held on Tuesday, March 5, 2024

SOMERVILLE – The City of Somerville is hiring polling place workers for the upcoming 2024 Presidential Primary on Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

No experience is required to be an election inspector, you will receive \$200 for participating in this important civic activity. More information on election worker roles and payments please see below.

Interested residents are encouraged to attend an information session on Tuesday, February 6, to learn more.

Information Session The Elections Office is hosting two information sessions about becoming a poll worker on Tuesday, February 6 at City Hall (93 Highland Ave.) in City Council Chambers on the second floor. An afternoon session will be held from 2

to 3 p.m. The evening session will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. Register to attend at somervillema.gov/Poll-WorkerInfoSessions.

If you are interested in learning more but not able to attend an information session, please contact the Elections Office at 617-625-6600 ext. 4200.

General Duties Poll workers are encouraged to commit to work-

ing the entire day of the primary election: Tuesday, March 5, 2024. The workday starts at 6:30 a.m. and ends after the polls close at 8 p.m., with a two-hour break. Election inspectors check off names as voters check in, assist at the voting machine, or staff the demonstration table. Inspectors also help set up and break down the precinct. The compensation is \$200 per day.

APPROVE FIREARMS BILL (S 2572)

By Bob Katzen

The Senate 37-3, approved a bill that would change some of the state's gun laws. The House has already approved a different version of the measure and a House-Senate conference committee will try to hammer out a compromise version.

Provisions in the Senate bill include cracking down on the spread of ghost guns — unserialized and untraceable firearms; codifying the state's existing prohibition on assault weapons; making it illegal to possess devices that convert semi-automatic firearms into fully automatic machine guns; giving firearm licensing authorities access to some of a gun permit applicant's mental health hospitalization history; prohibiting

the carrying of firearms in government administrative buildings, with exceptions for law enforcement officers and municipalities that choose to opt out; allowing health care professionals to petition courts to remove firearms and licenses from patients who pose a risk to themselves or others; and creating a commission to analyze the allocation of state violence prevention funding and recommend changes to reduce gun violence in disproportionately impacted communities.

“Concern for public safety, a commitment to equity, respect for the Second Amendment, and a focus on the root causes of gun crime and gun accidents—these principles underlie each of the policies included in the bill the Senate passed today,” said Sen.

Cindy Creem (D-Newton), the chief sponsor of the measure. “I’m proud of the collaborative effort that went into the [the bill] and I look forward to seeing these policies signed into law by the end of [the 2024] session.”

“Today the Senate came together and acted on gun violence—rising above the divisiveness of this critical issue in the name of protecting our residents from gun crime, modernizing our laws and supporting communities who have been torn apart by unnecessary violence,” said Senate President Karen Spilka (D-Ashland). “I’m proud to lead a body that is committed to building on our commonwealth’s record as a national leader on gun safety.”

“Despite not having a

public hearing on the gun bill which means the public didn’t have the opportunity to weigh in on it and despite having one of the lowest gun crime rates in the country, the Massachusetts Senate voted in favor of more restrictive laws for gun owners in the commonwealth,” said Sen. Ryan Fattman (R-Sutton). “The bill went too far infringing upon lawful gun owners rights while not going far enough to attack illegal firearm trafficking and unlawful possession ... I was disappointed we didn’t do more to penalize career criminals perpetrating the vast majority of gun crime in the commonwealth. We need to spend our time and effort on addressing security issues at the border that will prevent guns and substances from entering the country at rates as high as

they are now.”

“I voted against this bill because I have deep concerns with a number of provisions that I feel lead us into a constitutional gray area and risk opening up our great gun laws to legal challenge in front of the Supreme Court,” said Sen. Patrick O’Connor (R-Weymouth). “In a fairly unprecedented move, this bill also did not have a public hearing, which is arguably the most important part of our legislative process.”

(A “Yes” vote is for the bill. A “No” vote is against it.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

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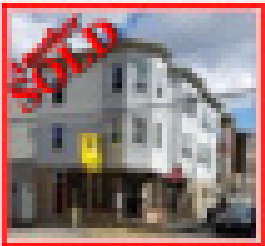


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HEALEY FILES \$58.15 BILLION FISCAL YEAR 2025 STATE BUDGET



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,” Healey 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 Healey 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. Healey 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. Healey 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. Healey 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.



REGULATE RIDES ON MOBILE AMUSEMENT CARNIVALS (H 3896)

By Bob Katzen

Another measure heard by the Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee would require that mobile carnival rides which use enclosed pods, cabins, compartments or other enclosed passenger

areas as part of a ride have a safety restraint system that includes seat belts. Violators would be subject to up to a \$1,000 fine and/or 1-year prison sentence.

“The goal of this bill is to protect children and families who use these

amusement park rides at fairs and carnivals,” said sponsor Rep. Jim Arciero (D-Westford).

“Several years ago, a young girl in my district was severely injured on such a ride which resulted in temporary paralysis

and months of physical therapy and recovery following her passing out on such a ride which did not have a restraint,” continued Arciero. “She was thrown about for several minutes as the ride continued in an unconscious state. While improve-

ments have been made in regulations regarding amusement rides over the years, I believe a simple change in state law will ensure that this dangerous and unfortunate situation is never repeated again.”

TOXIC CHEMICALS IN CHILDREN’S TOYS (S 2564)

By Bob Katzen

The Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee has recommended passage of a bill that would direct the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), in consultation with the Toxics Use Reduction Institute,

to create and publish a list of toxic chemicals in children’s products; a list of high priority chemicals in children’s toys and other products; and a list of safer alternative chemicals that can replace chemicals on the high priority chemical list.

Manufacturers who make

children’s consumer products that are for sale in the state would be required to report detailed information to DEP about the inclusion of toxic chemicals in their products. The information would then be made public on DEP’s website. DEP would be required every three years to report and make

recommendations on additional ways to reduce exposure to toxic chemicals in children’s products. The bill would also ban PFAS in children’s products, subject to rules and regulations promulgated by the department.

“We know that these forever chemicals are in our

everyday products and the harm that they pose to our health—especially the health of our children,” said sponsor Sen. Cindy Friedman (D-Arlington) who said she hopes to see it move to the floor for a vote soon.”

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2023-3 Article V Section 5-10 "Safety Zones" is amended as follows: Fire Lanes on Gordon St., running from the corner at North St. down both sides in a westerly direction for a distance of 20 ft.

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BAN EMPLOYERS FROM ASKING FOR CREDIT REPORTS (H 2372)

By Bob Katzen

The House gave initial approval to a proposal that would prohibit employers from obtaining the credit reports of existing or potential employees except in certain circumstances including hiring for a position that requires national security clearance; a position for

which a person is required by federal or state law to obtain a consumer report; and some executive or managerial positions at a financial institution.

“Massachusetts has moved one step closer to ending employment credit check discrimination,” said former Rep. Josh Cutler

(D-Duxbury), chair of the Committee on Workforce Development, who resigned from the House to become Gov. Maura Healey’s Undersecretary of Apprenticeship, Work-based Learning and Policy in the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development. “I’m proud of the progress we’ve made towards eliminating needless

barriers to employment for otherwise qualified employees and am confident my colleagues will see this bill through to the finish line.”

“Credit reports should not be a part of the hiring process,” said Chi Chi Wu, senior attorney at the National Consumer Law Center. “They don’t predict

job performance they are riddled with errors, and the scores blatantly reflect racial inequities and injustices,”

ILLEGAL FIREWORKS (H 3634)

By Bob Katzen

The Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee held a hearing on a bill that would amend current law which imposes a fine between \$10 and \$100 on anyone convicted of illegal possession or use of fireworks. The bill would increase the pen-

alty, in areas with a population density of 1,000 or more persons per square mile, to a fine of between \$200 and \$500 and/or a prison sentence or up to six months.

“The misuse of fireworks poses a significant threat to public safety, property and the well-being of our

communities,” said sponsor Rep. Rodney Elliott (D-Lowell). “The current fine is less than a parking ticket. By increasing fines for illegal fireworks usage, we not only deter irresponsible behavior but also send a clear message that the safety of our citizens is eminent.”

Elliott continued, “Fireworks, when used improperly, can cause devastating fires, severe injuries and significant distress to individuals, pets etc. There have been 979 fires and explosions involving illegal fireworks in Massachusetts in the past ten years. By escalating penalties, we enforce

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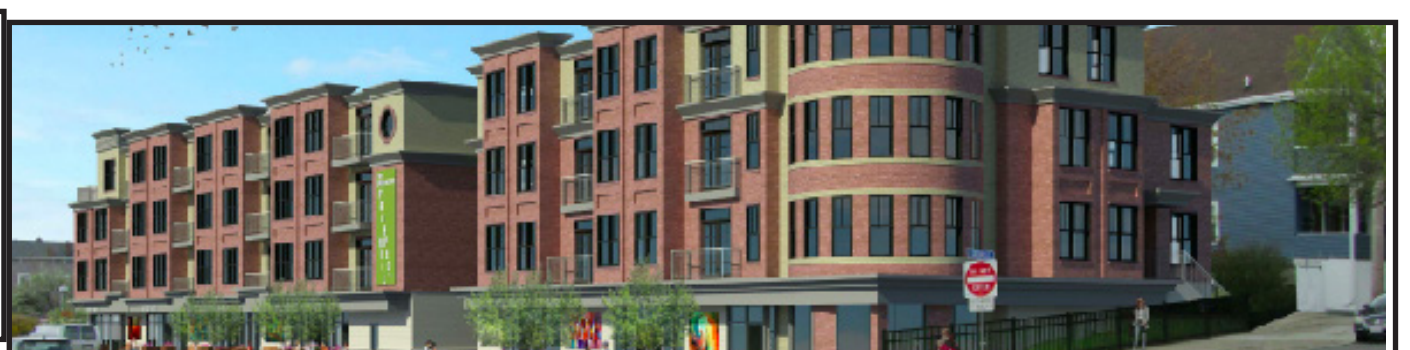
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SOMERVILLE/MEDFORD REMEMBERING PATRICIA A. DREW

Obituary	She was 78.	Complete obit to be posted.	
Drew, Patricia A. – Of Medford, passed away on January 20, 2024 at the Sawtell Hospice House.	Born in Somerville, she was the beloved daughter of the late John and Katharine (Wilcox) Drew.	A celebration of life will be held at a later date.	

SEND BILL BACK TO COMMITTEE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING (S 2572)

By Bob Katzen	[and Homeland Security] will allow for it to have a public hearing where industry experts and people from all walks of life can weigh in and share their perspectives," said Sen. Patrick O'Connor (R-Weymouth). "Public hearings are one of our greatest assets as legislators, and forgoing the opportunity to hold	one on this bill is a disservice to ourselves as legislators and our constituents." Sen. Cindy Creem (D-Newton) said that in November, the Public Safety Committee held a public hearing on 57 firearm-related bills, many of which provide the foundation of the current bill	under consideration. "Given that the policies in the bill have been vetted both at the public hearing and through months of conversations with senators, gun safety advocates, gun owners' groups, gun industry groups, police chiefs, district attorneys and health care professionals, the [bill is] ready for consider-	ation on the Senate floor." (A "Yes" vote is for sending the bill back to the committee. A "No" vote is against sending it to committee.) Sen. Patricia Jehlen No
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MARKETING GUNS TO PEOPLE UNDER 18 (S 2572)

By Bob Katzen	or shooting sports." Under Massachusetts law, applicants for a Firearms Identification Card (FID) must be 18 years or older – or can be 14–17 years of age with parental consent. While applicants 14 years old may apply, a card will not be issued until they reach age 15.	"Sponsoring this amendment enables us as a Legislature, to implement laws that respects the constitutional right to bear arms and instill the importance of firearm safety to our youth when they engage in lawful activities such as hunting and competitive shooting sports," said sponsor Sen. Adam Gomez (D-Springfield). "This ap-	proach balances the interests of a variety of stakeholders and sets a precedent for responsible participation." "I have consistently opposed the advertising or marketing to minors of dangerous products, whether they be vaping, alcohol, marijuana, sports betting or guns," said Sen. John Keenan	(D-Quincy) who opposed the amendment. (A "Yes" vote is for the amendment. A "No" vote is against it.) Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes
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"LEGACY" GUNS (S 2572)

By Bob Katzen	this new Senate bill would make new purchases of such weapons illegal. "The Senate's intention, in codifying our existing assault weapons ban was to enshrine the current	law without changing the status of any firearms that are currently legally owned in the commonwealth," said sponsor Sen. Cindy Creem (D-Newton). "This ... amendment removes any ambiguity on that	point, making absolutely clear that a firearm that is legally owned in Massachusetts today will still be legally owned when [this bill] becomes law." (A "Yes" vote is for the	amendment.) Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes
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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

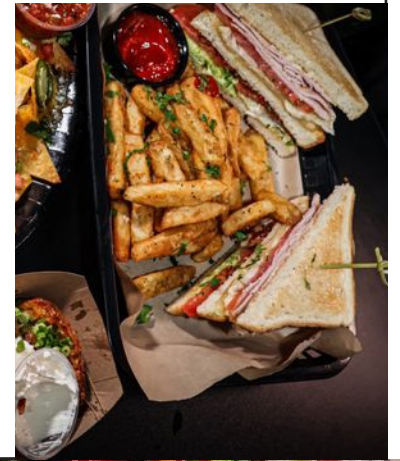
of excellence as the nachos. I'd give the turkey club a respectable 7/10.

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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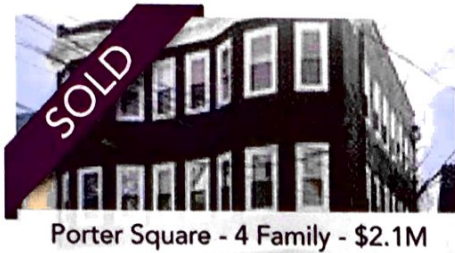
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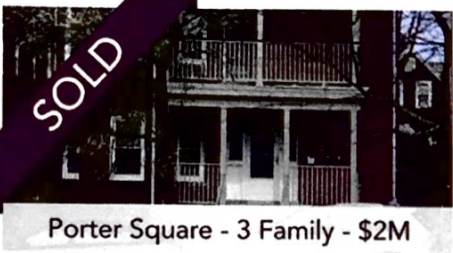
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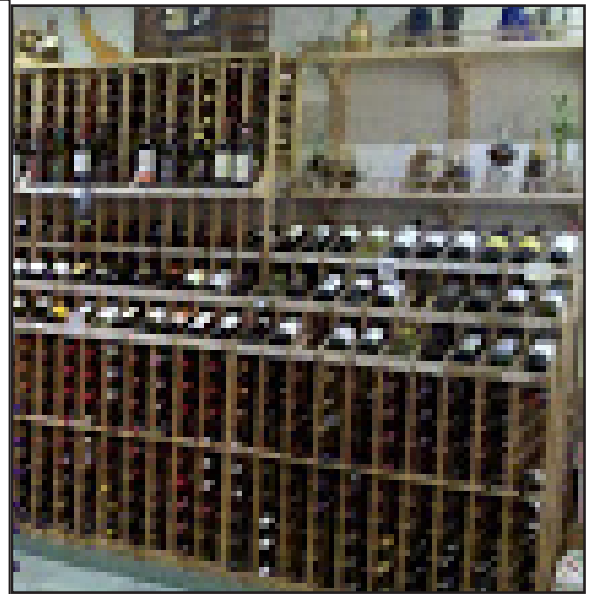


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