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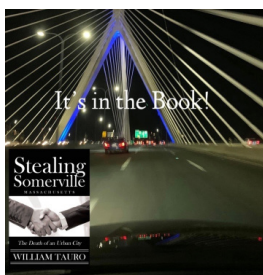
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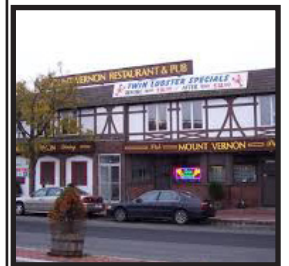


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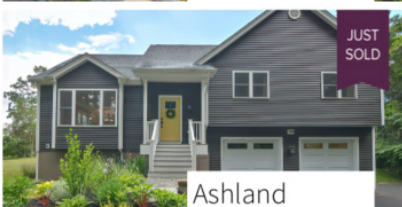
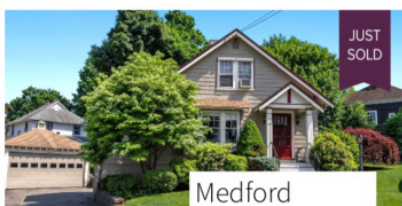
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SOMERVILLE/MEDFORD REMEMBERING VINCENT N. "VINNY"



Giusti, Vincent N. "Vinny" of Cambridge, passed away on March 6, 2024,

after a long illness at age 63.

Devoted son of Annette (Evangelista) and Primo Giusti.

Loving brother of Dona Maffei and her husband Michael.

Adored uncle of Gianluca Maffei and Ava Maffei.

Also survived by many other loving relatives and numerous friends.

Vincent, a lifelong Cambridge resident and

business owner ran his family's business "University Monuments" in Cambridge. He was very talented when it came to sculpting granite and marble monuments. He loved life and spent many cherished years either riding his Harley or driving his Corvette. As much as he enjoyed these times, his favorite was spending time with family and friends.

A visitation will be held at

the Rogers Funeral Home, 380 Cambridge Street in Cambridge on Friday, March 15, 2024, from 4:00 to 8:00 pm.

A viewing will be held at St. Mary's Church, 155 Washington Street in Winchester on Saturday, March 16, 2024, from 10:00 to 11:00 am, with a funeral mass to follow at 11:00 am.

Interment will be at the Cambridge Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers please

consider making a donation in his memory to the Massachusetts Alzheimer's Disease Research Center, C/O Massachusetts General Hospital, Building 114, 16th Street, Suite 2011, Charlestown, MA 02129.

SOMERVILLE/MEDFORD REMEMBERING NICOLE K. LAVOIE HUARD



Obituary

LaVoie Huard, Nicole K. - Of Billerica, passed away on Sunday, March 17, 2024. She was 39 years young.

Complete obit to be posted.

A funeral procession will be held from the George L. Doherty Funeral Home 855 Broadway (Powder House SQ.) Somerville, on SATURDAY, March 23rd at 8:30AM. Followed by a funeral mass celebrated in St. Ann Church, 399 Medford St. Somerville at

9:30AM.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend.

Calling Hours will be held on Friday, from 4:00PM to 7:00PM.

Services will conclude with interment at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden.

SOMERVILLE/MEDFORD REMEMBERING REGINA M. (MURPHY) SULLIVAN



Obituary

Regina M. (Murphy) Sullivan, of Medford, passed away on March 16th surrounded by the love of her

family, she was 70 years old.

Born in Boston and raised in Medford she was the daughter of the late Louise (Bowen) and Timothy B. Murphy. A graduate of St. Clement High School, she went on to further her studies and became a certified Ophthalmic Technician.

The beloved wife of Stephen Sullivan, they were married on November 4, 1978 and celebrated 45 years together. Cherished and devoted mother of Timothy J. Sullivan and

his wife Edith A. Block of Wakefield. Dear sister of Mary Hughes and her husband Kenny of Arlington, Helen Marino and her husband Peter of Burlington, Robert Murphy and the late Louise Murphy of Arlington, John "Jack" Murphy of Connecticut, Paul Murphy and his surviving wife Donna of Malden. Regina is further survived by numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Especially devoted to her family, she enjoyed the holidays and loved to host her annual Christmas Eve Party. Despite facing many

struggles, Regina lived life to its fullest with gratitude and an open and loving heart to all she cared about.

Funeral Procession from the George L. Doherty Funeral Home, 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.) Somerville on Friday morning, March 22nd at 9:00AM followed by a Funeral Mass celebrated in St. Raphael Church, 512 High Street, Medford at 10:00AM. Relatives and friends invited to attend. Calling Hours in the funeral home on Thursday, March 21st from 4:00PM ~ 7:00PM. Services will con-

clude with burial at Oak Grove Cemetery, Medford.

Following the burial, Regina's family wishes to invite all to the Menotomy Grill & Tavern, 25 Massachusetts Avenue in Arlington for a reception to continue in honoring and celebrating her life.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Regina's memory can be made to the Joslin Diabetes Center at <http://www.joslin.org>

SOMERVILLE/MEDFORD REMEMBERING DANIEL CRAWFORD HARGROVE



Obituary

Daniel Crawford Hargrove 65 of Cambridge passed away peacefully, March 14, 2024. Dan was the loving husband of Susan (Gray) Hargrove of Somerville and the

adoring father of Daniel Hargrove.

Born in Washington DC on August 16, he was the beloved son of Jacqueline Elizabeth Crawford (Hargrove) Richardson; and the late Earl Lamont Hargrove Sr. Dan was raised in Cambridge and attended Cambridge High and Latin School and later received his diploma from Cambridge Ridge and Latin. He was a member of the St. Paul AME church, his faith and trust in God was evident throughout his life.

Dan's passions include fishing, photography and music. He spent many days at the local fishing ponds with Daniel and cherished the deep-sea fishing adventures

he had with friends. Dan strived to capture photographs of his family and his friends so his greatest memories could be frozen in time. He was a phenomenal bass guitarist. His love for music started as a toddler with the creation of the Little People Choir, at St. Paul AME Church, Cambridge, which was created by his mom. He was the bass guitarist and singer of many well-known bands, he toured with Rage, The Joe Perry Project, The Wild Bunch and The Screwballs, ultimately, coming full circle and reuniting with Rage.

Dan worker for MIT, Cambridge, where he was employed for the last 18 years. He held other various

positions within the music industry, and was the lead administrator at the Music Complex, Sullivan Square, Somerville for over 10 years. He had a passion for teaching and wanted to share the world of music with as many as he could.

Dan is survived by his loving wife, Susan (Gray) Hargrove, son Daniel, Mother Jacqueline Elizabeth Crawford (Hargrove) and brother Earl L Hargrove Jr. (Amacyah), of Plymouth, mother-in-law, Patricia S. Gray, sister-in-law, Rita Gray and niece, Baylee Flemming of Revere. He leaves behind many cousins and friends who were more like family, and he will be deeply missed.

Services:

Visiting Hours will be held in the George L. Doherty Funeral Home, 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.) Somerville on Wednesday, March 20th from 4:00PM ~ 7:00PM. Relatives and friends invited to attend.

Funeral Services will be held at St. Paul A.M.E. Church, 37 Bishop Allen Dr, Cambridge on Thursday, March 21st beginning with viewing at 10:00AM followed by a Funeral Service at 11:00AM.

Services will conclude with burial at Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge.



SOMERVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS UPDATES

On Tuesday, March 12, we had the pleasure of meeting Nick and his mother Sheri.

Sheri explained to us that Nick has autism and deals with difficulties in everyday life, however he loves First Responders and especially the police. Sheri brings Nick all over New England to visit Police Stations and collect challenge coins and patches. In fact, Nick has over 1000 police patches. We were able to get Nick several of our specialty patches, including one for Autism awareness. Nick was so excited, we had to bring him to see our west end substation's collection. Nick was so happy to drive in the cruiser and play with the sirens. Thank you to the Somerville Fire Department for showing Nick their trucks. Thank you to Tufts Police for also showing Nick their cruisers and giving him several of their specialty patches as well. Nick was so happy to spend the day with his friends in the First Responder community. We can't wait to have him back for more fun.



MAYOR BALLANTYNE AND PARTNERS INVITE SOMERVILLE COMMUNITY TO WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION



Third Annual Event Will Feature Live Music, Games and Free Refreshments

SOMERVILLE – Mayor Ballantyne, the Somerville Commission for Women, Somernova, and the City's

Department of Racial and Social Justice are announcing the City's third annual Women's History Month celebration. Members from the Somerville community are invited to join the celebration and share in honoring the many contributions of women throughout our history.

The event will take place on Wednesday, March 27 at 6:30 p.m. at Somernova, 29 Properzi Way. Registering for the event via RSVP

is encouraged but not required. Attendance is open to all.

"It is so important that we gather as a community to celebrate the remarkable contributions and achievements of women who have shaped our community and beyond," said Mayor Ballantyne. "As only the second female mayor in Somerville's long history, I look forward to honoring the work of the women who have paved the way forward and hope our celebration will inspire

our community to continue breaking barriers and never accept their gender identity as a roadblock to achieving their goals."

This year's celebration will feature keynote speakers, music from DJ L'Duke, and interactive games with prizes. Food and drink will also be provided during the event.

"In celebration of Women's History Month, the Somerville Commission for Women hopes this event allows all of us to take a

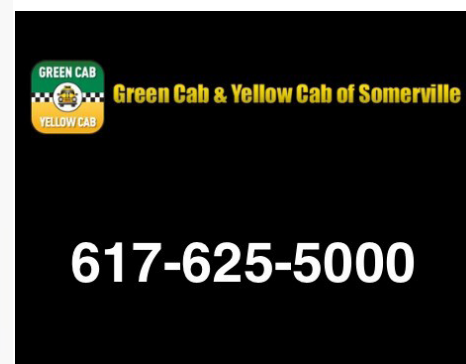
moment to reflect on our commitment to support women's empowerment, uplift the women in our lives, celebrate our progress, and continue to build a community of equality and love," shared the Somerville Commission for Women.

For more information about the event, please contact Latoya Saulters, Commissions Coordinator, at lsaulters@somervillema.gov

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SOMERVILLE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT PROGRAM SEEKS INPUT FOR FUTURE PROJECTS



Online Survey Now Available for Community to Share Ideas and Priorities for CPA-Funded Projects. Virtual Public Hearing Will be Held on Wednesday, March 27, starting at 6:30 p.m.

SOMERVILLE – The Somerville Community Preservation Committee is inviting residents to participate in shaping the

future of their neighborhoods by providing input on potential projects to be funded by the Community Preservation Act (CPA) in the coming year. CPA in Somerville has a history of supporting a diverse range of initiatives, including rehabilitating playgrounds and schoolyards, making historic public buildings safe and handicapped accessible, building affordable housing, and supporting rental assistance.

CPA is a grant funding program that aims to address the needs and priorities of the community. Before launching the next funding round the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) is actively seeking input from

the Somerville community to identify the greatest needs and priorities in the upcoming year. Are there historic buildings that would benefit from repairs? Outdoor community space or recreation needs? How can CPA funds help to advance equity in Somerville? The CPC wants to hear from you.

Residents are encouraged to participate in a virtual public hearing scheduled for Wednesday, March 27, at 6:30 p.m., where they can share their ideas and suggestions directly with the Community Preservation Committee. Additionally, residents can contribute their input by taking a survey available at <http://www.somervillema.gov/cpa>.

The Community Preservation Committee will also be tabling at locations throughout Somerville to share more about the types of work the CPA can support. Current locations include:

Thursday, March 14, 4-6 p.m., West Branch Library (40 College Ave)

Thursday, March 21, 4-6 p.m., Somerville Central Library (79 Highland Ave)

Saturday, March 30, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Somerville Winter Market (191 Highland Ave)

Additionally, the CPC is plan-

ning to table at local farmer's markets and Somerstreets events throughout the late summer and fall. Community members interested in inviting the committee to discuss potential funding opportunities with their organization are encouraged to email Roberta Cameron, Preservation Act Manager, at rcameron@somervillema.gov or calling 617-625-6600 Ext. 2528

For more information about the Somerville Community Preservation Act program and how to get involved, please visit <http://www.somervillema.gov/cpa>.

SOMERVILLE/MEDFORD REMEMBERING GLADYS C. (ARRITOLA) GOMEZ



Obituary

Mrs. Gladys C. (Arritola) Gomez, of Medford, passed away surrounded by the love of her

family on March 13, 2024 at the age of 84. Born and raised in Havana, Cuba, she was the daughter of the late Concepcion (Pubillones) and Julio Arritola.

Gladys came to the United States in 1962, first settling in Boston and later to Miami, Florida where she owned and operated her florist shop, La Orquidea Florists. She loved animals, shopping, getting her nails done, and trying her luck at the casino. But above all

she was devoted to her family. Gladys loved nothing more than spending time with her daughter, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and her dog, Perlita.

The devoted, loving mother of Ann Marie Franquiz of Medford and her partner Joe DiGirolamo. She was the cherished grandmother of Patrick Hughes of East Brookfield, Janessa Sullivan and her husband Robert of Medford, and Breanna

Martignetti and her husband Grant of Medford. Loving great-grandmother of Gianna and Robert Sullivan. She was the dear partner of Orlando Albuin, sister of the late Julio Arritola and his surviving wife Deisi Arritola, and loving aunt to her nieces and nephews.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at Immaculate Conception Church, 600 Pleasant St, Malden, MA 02148 on Saturday morning, March 16th at

10:00AM. Relatives and friends invited to attend. Services will conclude with burial at Oak Grove Cemetery, Medford.

Flowers are welcome or if you wish, donations in her memory can be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital at <http://www.stjude.org> or to the MSPCA at <http://www.mspca.org>

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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MAYOR BALLANTYNE INTRODUCES INNOVATIVE MUNICIPAL HOUSING VOUCHER PROGRAM TO INCREASE HOUSING STABILITY AND REDUCE COSTS FOR VULNERABLE FAMILIES

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Program delivering local housing support to help families often underserved by federal and state programs

SOMERVILLE – Mayor Katjana Ballantyne announced today the City of Somerville’s Office of Housing Stability’s (OHS) new Municipal Voucher Program that targets needed local support to families historically underserved by broader government housing programs.

“We know that families in need of housing help are falling through the gaps, and our new voucher program will help Somerville families that need it most secure stable, local, housing so they can continue to thrive here,” said Mayor Katjana Ballantyne. “Our Housing Needs Assess-

ment showed that households with young children and households including persons of color, especially Black and Latino persons, are disproportionately impacted by local affordable housing challenges. I’m happy to share that we have already secured housing for eight participating families, and want to thank everyone from the City and our advocacy partners for the creative problem solving that made this program a reality.”

Housing voucher programs that subsidize housing costs are usually the domain of state and federal programs. But many families fall through the gaps or can only receive very minimal support. Somerville’s program introduces a new option for vouchers offered at the city level for the most vulnerable local families.

Under Somerville’s Municipal Voucher program, participating families’ rent and utility costs will be capped at 30% of their income, with the voucher covering remaining rental costs. This applies even if their net household income is zero. The voucher program will

cover all remaining rent and the security deposit.

The program is targeted to households paying at least 50% of income for rent and utilities, who are ineligible or poorly served by federal or state housing programs, and/or who are facing eviction or severe overcrowding. Families with children in the Somerville public schools or local daycare programs were prioritized. The pool of candidates were identified through a collaborative effort between the Somerville Public Schools (SPS), Somerville’s anti-poverty agency the Community Action Agency of Somerville (CAAS), Somerville Homeless Coalition (SHC), and the City’s Somerville Office of Immigrant Affairs (SOIA) and its Office of Housing Stability (OHS). Twenty-seven families were selected to receive a voucher via an internal lottery system and OHS is hoping to increase this number to 30.

“The devastating impact of involuntary displacement on children in our public schools who often have already experienced trauma led us

to work as creatively and as doggedly as possible to find a solution for as many of these at-risk families as possible,” said Ellen Shachter, Director of Somerville’s Office of Housing Stability. “Seeing the first eight families move into their new homes was a priceless experience.”

The Cambridge Housing Authority (CHA) will oversee the logistics of voucher recipient placement. Somerville’s OHS team has secured 12 project units for some of the selected families to move into, while the remaining families will work with CHA to use their vouchers to find new housing or stay in their current household with an MVP rent subsidy. Each family will be assigned a stabilization worker from CAAS to help them access government resources and maintain their stabilized housing.

The program has built-in incentives for participating landlords, including receiving a month’s rent as an incentive payment, the security deposit, and some funding for property repairs.

Recipient families will work with their CAAS stabilization worker and CHA to annually recertify their eligibility. Unlike most housing subsidy programs, tenants’ rent will not increase between annual recertifications allowing them to benefit fully from increases in their income.

The program, funded through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) until December 2024, has received commitments from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund and the City to sustain operations through the calendar year 2026. The City has contributed \$1.8 million, matched by the Trust, with funds allocated through free cash.

If you are a landlord interested in participating in the program, or for more information, please contact Ellen Shachter, Director of the Office of Housing Stability by emailing eshachter@somervillema.gov or calling (617) 625-6600 Ext. 2580.

JOIN THE SOMERVILLE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF SOMERVILLE’S NEIGHBORHOODS

SOMERVILLE – Are you passionate about contributing to the redevelopment and revitalization of Somerville’s neighborhoods? Consider applying for a position on the Somerville Redevelopment Authority (SRA) Board. The SRA is currently seeking applications for one open board position. The application deadline is April 15, 2024.

About the Somerville Redevelopment Authority
The SRA is dedicated to enhancing the livability and prosperity of various areas within the City through the implementation of urban renewal. This transformative process focuses on redevelop-

ing underused or substandard areas, guided by community outreach, presenting a vision for redevelopment, and, when necessary, justifying the use of eminent domain—a governmental action where private property is acquired for public use, with fair compensation and support for existing tenants or residents.

Current Projects
The SRA is actively engaged in urban renewal plans in Union Square and Winter Hill, with an ongoing demonstration project plan at 90 Washington Street. The Authority regularly evaluates the suitability of urban renewal in other areas.

Responsibilities and Commitment
SRA members are expected to attend monthly board meetings lasting approximately 90 minutes, ten to twelve months a year. Meetings involve discussions on the progress of urban renewal projects and voting on related matters. Members may also be required to attend special sessions. Preparation for each meeting typically involves reviewing materials (1-3 additional hours).

Membership terms last for five years, and members must reside in Somerville.

Compensation: \$318/month

Why Join the Somerville Redevelopment Authority Board?
Becoming an SRA board member provides a unique opportunity to influence the direction of neighborhood redevelopment in Somerville. It allows you to contribute to a transparent and well-justified redevelopment process.

Application Details
To apply, submit a resume and a statement of interest explaining why you wish to serve on the SRA. Application materials can be provided via email to Ben Demers at bdemers@somervillema.gov, by mail to 93 Highland Avenue, 3rd Floor, Somerville, MA 02143,

or by phone at (617) 625-6600 x 2537.

The application review process involves City staff and the City’s Appointments Advisory Committee (AAC). Successful applicants will be interviewed by the AAC, which will then recommend two candidates to the Mayor’s office for a final decision. The selected candidate must be approved by the Somerville City Council.

For questions about the application process, contact Ben Demers at bdemers@somervillema.gov or (617) 625-6600 x 2537.

JOIN THE MORRISON AVENUE FLOOD RELIEF & WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS COMMUNITY MEETING ON MARCH 25



Virtual Meeting Will Highlight Initial Design Concepts and Collect Neighborhood Feedback

SOMERVILLE – Mayor Katjana Ballantyne, Ward 6 Councilor

Lance Davis, and Ward 5 Councilor Naima Sait

invite you to join a virtual community meeting to learn about flood relief and water quality improvement efforts planned for Morrison Avenue (Cedar Street to Grove Street) and the surrounding neighborhood.

The meeting will take place Monday, March 25, at 6 p.m. Visit somervillema.gov/morrisonave to learn more.

At this meeting, City staff will introduce the project and share initial concept designs. Following the presentation, residents will have the opportunity to ask questions about the project and provide feedback.

The City of Somerville is making substantial systemwide investments to modernize its sewer and stormwater infrastructure. As part of this effort, the City will be installing new drainage infrastructure and rehabilitating the existing sewer

system along Morrison Avenue (between Cedar Street and Grove St.) as well as throughout the surrounding neighborhood. This project will reduce flood risk in the surrounding area and help maintain the water quality of local rivers.

In addition to the underground utility improvements, this project will also include street safety improvements and green infrastructure (drainage features designed to mimic natural processes such as irrigated planting areas,

bioretention basins with select soils and plants that catch and filter stormwater, and new trees) throughout the neighborhood.

This project is one of a series of actions the City is undertaking to reduce water pollution, address flooding, and modernize Somerville’s infrastructure. Final designs are currently anticipated to be completed by fall 2025. Construction is anticipated to begin as early as spring 2026. All schedules are preliminary and subject to change.



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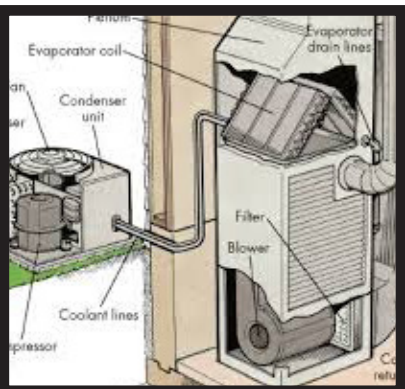
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BAN EMPLOYERS FROM ASKING FOR CREDIT REPORTS (H 1434)

By Bob Katzen

The House approved and sent to the Senate legislation 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

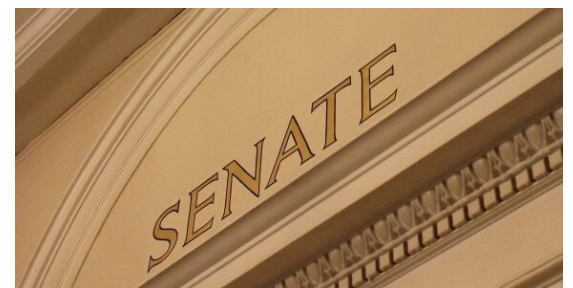
law to obtain a consumer report; and some executive or managerial positions at a financial institution.

The [bill] reduces barriers to employment by limiting the use of personal credit reports in the hiring process," said sponsor former Duxbury representative Josh Cutler who is now Gov. Maura Healey's Undersecretary of Apprenticeship,

Work-based Learning and Policy in the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development. "Credit scores were never intended to be used for employment purposes and pre-employment credit checks can create needless barriers for otherwise qualified workers. Eleven other states already taken similar steps."

Sen. Mike Barrett (D-Lex-

ington), the Senate sponsor of the bill, did not respond to repeated requests from Beacon Hill Roll Call to comment on the bill and its passage.



SOMERVILLE/MEDFORD NEWS WEEKLY SPEAKUP LINE: SPONSOR MA HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS ENLISTING



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

On behalf of an all-volunteer community planning committee, we invite you to sponsor Massachusetts' sixth annual Our Community Salutes High School Enlistee Recognition Ceremony on May 19, 2024 at Gillette Stadium.

Our Community Salutes (OCS) recognizes, thanks and honors Massachusetts' high school seniors who are enlisting in the U.S. military immediately after high school graduation. This recognition ceremony is accompanied by a community fair which introduces the enlistees and their parents to service organizations and employers who can assist them during and after their service. You can view the 2023 Massachusetts ceremony here:

<https://www.facebook.com/OCSMass/videos>

This year, we will host a community fair and recognition ceremony at Gillette Stadium and invite community supporters to say, "Thank You", to the enlistees from across Massachusetts. We plan to broadcast the event on Facebook Live to include our state-wide audience of extended families and accommodate transportation challenges and calendar conflicts. Our print and digital program will highlight enlistees, their high school, support organizations and our sponsors. Your sponsorship will go toward publication of the event program, purchase of enlistee gifts, and production of the community fair and recognition ceremony.

Thank you for considering our invitation. Please contact Ellen Sullivan

at 760-885-1931 Ellen@collaborate.vet if you have questions. We hope you will join us in recognizing these new enlistees!

Sincerely,
Andrew McCartyEllen Sullivan
Air Force Veteran Volunteer
Co-ChairDevelopment

Our Community Salutes of Massachusetts is an all-volunteer organization associated with Our Community Salutes, a national 501c3 nonprofit (OurCommunitySalutes.org).

2024 Our Community Salutes – Massachusetts Sponsorship Levels

Sponsors are invited to participate in the 2024 Our Community Salutes – Massachusetts at one of the following levels:

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gram

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Organization name listed on the pre-show video screens

Organization name shown in the event program

*All sponsorships include an invitation for 4 people to attend the ceremony,

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We can accept money transfers using Zelle. Contact us for guidance. Make checks payable to our fiscal sponsor, Greater Boston Veterans Collaborative. Please add the note "OCS 2024" as the memo.

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Greater Boston Veterans Collaborative, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit- the tax ID is 85-1762348.

We also welcome volunteer support for the event and will provide commensurate recognition as listed above. If your organization provides services that can help us host a great event for these enlistees, please contact Bob Notch at 617.446.3789 or bob@collaborate.vet.



NATIVE AMERICAN GRAVES PROTECTION AND REPATRIATION ACT (H 3248)

By Bob Katzen

The House gave initial approval to a bill that applies the federal law known as the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act to any museums and state agencies that receive state or local funding in the state

of Massachusetts.

The federal law, according to the National Park Service's website, requires that federal agencies and museums receiving federal funds take inventory of Native American human remains, funeral-related and sacred objects

and provide written summaries of other cultural items. The agencies and museums must consult with Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations to attempt to reach agreements on the repatriation or other disposition of these remains and objects. Once lineal

descent or cultural affiliation has been established, and in some cases the right of possession also has been demonstrated, lineal descendants, affiliated Indian tribes or affiliated Native Hawaiian organizations normally make the final determination about the disposition

of cultural items.

Co-sponsors of the bill, Reps. Dave Rogers (D-Cambridge) and David Biele (D-South Boston) did not respond to repeated requests by Beacon Hill Roll Call to comment on their proposal.

ASSAULT A TRANSIT WORKER (H 4355)



By Bob Katzen

The House gave initial approval to a bill that imposes a prison sentence of between 90 days and 2.5 years or a fine of between \$500 and \$5,000 on a person who assaults a transit worker while the transit worker is performing his or her

duties. The measure also expands the definition of assault to cover flinging a bodily substance including blood, saliva, mucous, semen, urine or feces.

"Before the Carmen's Union approached me with this issue, I had no idea how bad these experiences were," said spon-

sor Rep. Joe McGonagle (D-Everett). "Seeing the statistics, hearing the stories, it is very hard to ignore. It is imperative that our transit workers are able to perform their jobs safely, knowing they have support and protection."

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SOMERVILLE/MEDFORD REMEMBERING LISA "PIXIE" FERRARINI



Obituary

Lisa "PIXIE" Ferrarini suddenly left our realm on March 11, 2024. The beloved mother of Briahna and Joey, and Mema to Donminyk.

Sadly leaving behind her mother Regina Mahoney and siblings Tara

O'Halloran (Jim), Artie Mahoney (Kerri), Lora Hayes (Rob), Danni Mahoney (Mark LaRose), Mark and Elizabeth Ferrarini, and an especially close uncle, Matthew Henebury.

She will be missed by a countless number of aunts, uncles, nieces,

nephews, cousins and friends.

PIXIE will be joyfully reunited with her Daddy Joe Ferrarini, her Dad Arthur Mahoney and her beloved grandparents and others who will welcome her with love.

Here in our mortal world

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A celebration of life will be announced at a later date.

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SOMERVILLE/MEDFORD NEWS WEEKLY SPEAKUP LINE: MEDFORD RESIDENTS SPEAKING UP AGAINST CITY COUNCIL Continued from front page



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

Note: This letter was written
and then read before the Med-
ford City Council on Tuesday
evening, March 12, 2024.

It expresses my thoughts on the
state of the city of Medford's
elected city council body and
the direction they are taking us.

Thank you!
Anthony D'Antonio

To say that I am disappointed
and angry, but not surprised
in the least, by the actions,
attitudes and discriminatory ac-
cusations towards our citizens
that the current, irresponsible
and questionable motion being

brought by this sitting council
this evening, is monumentally
understated.

The sitting council members,
those supported, endorsed and
financed by the progressive so-
cialist group "Our Revolution",
have furtively laid the ground-
work to target and punish Med-
ford citizens...in particular;
home owners, business owners,
taxpayers and workers...that's
just about everyone, except
themselves and their agenda.
Why!?! It's what progressive
socialists do...find ways to take
and spend your hard earned
money and possessions.

The council body has drawn
that infamous red line in the
sand, creating a schism, which
is, for all intents and purposes,

the systematic and ultimate
degradation of a city... a city
along with its people who stand
proud...a friendly, productive,
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and, your favorite word, inclu-
sive, for more years than most
of you councilors have walked
the earth...many more!
You exercise ambiguous lan-
guage when you attempt to in-
troduce to us national and state
political agendas under the
guise of "it's good for Medford",
"it's good for the people" when
in fact it is not.

Your efforts in these matters are
not welcome...as are not your
attempts to indoctrinate Med-
ford to a socialist doctrine. Not
here...not now... not ever!
I am steadfast in declaring that
I have very little faith, if any
at all, in your abilities as city
councilors to perform your
duties as city councilors; your
lack of experience in life's circus
is pretty evident...verbosity is a
lame substitute for performance
when used to deceive the pub-
lic...we are not fooled nor are

we fools!
Understand this, we, the major-
ity of Medford's citizens, the
hard working property owners,
the business owners, the long-
time residents who for many
years have contributed to and
for the betterment of Medford,
are the people who you work
for...period. We are not your
property!

I refuse, as I believe we all
do, to be treated as chattel for
your political ideologies and
schemes...none which are
beneficial for this city. This is
not the place for you to build
your curriculum vitae on the
backs and the bank accounts of
Medford's citizens. What gives
you the audacity to assume
such and lay the groundwork?

Your responsibility as city
councilors, when you took the
oath of office, was to insure that
we have a city made safe for
its residents, schools, students,
visitors; good streets, sidewalks,
etc., to welcome and support
businesses so they may flourish,

and, also as important, if not
most importantly, financial in-
tegrity, discipline and acuity...
which we are sorely lacking...
fix this first...don't burden us
financially because we have a
weak, ineffective and irrespon-
sible administration and you
lack the tools and experience
needed to mitigate this prob-
lem.

We are not your cash cow. You
are paid extraordinarily well to
perform your duties
We're waiting for our return on
investment. I don't see anything
on the horizon! Please, do your
job or tender your resignations!
Anthony D'Antonio 12 March,
2024... Before the Medford
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homeless and less fortunate.
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Much thanks and appreciation,
Frank Santangelo

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<input type="checkbox"/> Energy drink	SURVIVAL
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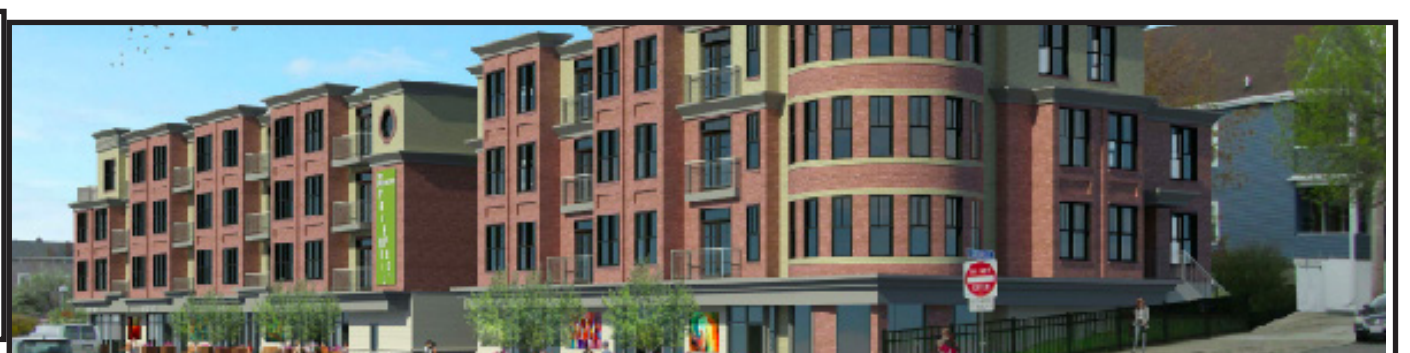
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GOVERNOR MAURA HEALEY MOVES TO PARDON MISDEMEANOR MARIJUANA POSSESSION

Continued from front page

By Bob Katzen

Governor Healey has issued an executive order that would pardon misdemeanor marijuana possession convictions that occurred in Massachusetts before March 14, 2024.

If approved by the Governor's Council at its upcoming March 27 meeting, the pardons will apply to hundreds of thousands of people who were convicted of the offense which is no longer an offense. The Bay State decriminalized marijuana

possession in 2008 and then legalized it on a ballot questions in 2016.

In October 2022, President Biden issued a presidential proclamation that pardoned many federal and D.C. offenses for simple marijuana possession. In December 2023, he expanded that pardon to include more offenses and issued a call for governors to take action to pardon marijuana convictions in their states.

"Nobody should face barriers

to getting a job, housing or an education because of an old misdemeanor marijuana conviction that they would not be charged for today," said Healey. "We're taking this nation-leading action as part of our commitment to using the clemency process to advance fairness and equity in our criminal justice system. We're grateful for President Biden's leadership on this at the federal level and proud to answer his call to take action in the states."

"Marijuana laws have signifi-

cantly changed over the past decade, and it's essential that our criminal justice system adjusts with them," said Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll. "Gov. Healey's proposed pardon represents an important step toward righting historic wrongs, particularly around our country's misguided War on Drugs. We thank the Governor's Council for their careful consideration of this recommendation and look forward to continuing our progress to make Massachusetts a more fair and equitable home for all."

"Because of this pardon recommendation, many people in Massachusetts may get a second chance," said Carol Rose, Executive Director of the ACLU of Massachusetts. "It means people will no longer be punished for behavior that is now legal in our state, and will face fewer barriers to housing, jobs, education, student loans, and stability. We thank Gov. Healey for her leadership on this life-changing issue."

CONSIDER TAX CREDIT FOR COMPANIES THAT PROVIDE EARLY EDUCATION AND CARE (S 2697)

By Bob Katzen

The Senate 7-32, rejected an amendment that would require a study which would make recommendations on employer-supported early education and care benefits, to include possible creation of a tax credit for employers that provide these early

education and care benefits to their employees.

Amendment supporters said this amendment does not create a tax credit but simply requires a study of the possibility of one. They said that all options should be looked into and put on the table in order to help support

employers that provide child-care. "The bill already includes a new competitive grant program to incentivize employers to invest in additional early education and care slots for their employees," responded Sen. Jason Lewis who opposed the amendment. "Furthermore, a federal

tax credit has been available to employers since 2001 and has proven ineffective in expanding access to affordable early education and care for workers."

GOP Minority Leader Sen. Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester), the sponsor of the amendment, did not respond to repeated re-

quests by Beacon Hill Roll Call to comment on his amendment and its rejection.

(A "Yes" vote is for the amendment that would include the possibility of tax credits in the study. A "No" vote is against the amendment.)

\$500 STIPEND FOR NON-PROFIT BOARD MEMBERS (H 4358)

By Bob Katzen

The House gave initial approval to a bill that amends a current law which provides that a non-profit group lose its civil liability protection if it pays any amount of stipend to a board member. The bill would allow the non-profit to retain its civil liability protection as long as the stipend is not more

than \$500.

Sponsor Rep. Alice Peisch (D-Wellesley) noted that federal law currently allows this \$500 stipend. "This change would allow nonprofits to provide board members with this modest stipend, facilitating their service and improving board representation," said Peisch.

DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES (H 4429) - The House gave initial approval to a bill that would make some changes in the current state laws about debt collection practices.

The measure includes increasing from 85 percent to 90 percent the percentage of a person's wages that is protected from garnishment.

Another provision reduces from the current 12 percent to 3 percent the maximum interest rate that can be charged for judgements issued after 2024.

Supporters said the bill would help people to eventually pay off their debts without being overburdened by them and will ensure that no one in Massachusetts will

be imprisoned for failure to pay a consumer debt.

"The [measure] creates common-sense consumer protections to prevent wage garnishment, reduce interest rates on debts and keep more money in the pockets of working families," said co-sponsor Rep. Christine Barber (D-Somerville.)

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EARLY EDUCATION AND CARE CHANGES (\$ 2697)

By Bob Katzen

The Senate 40-0, approved and sent to the House a bill aimed at making early education and care money more accessible and affordable for young families across the Bay State. The bill would make high-cost state grants for early education and care providers permanent; increase the income threshold to make more families eligible for childcare subsidies; and establish recommended salary and benefit guidelines for early childhood teachers commensurate with K-12 public school teachers.

Under current law subsi-

dies are limited to households whose incomes equal up to 50 percent of the state median income, or \$73,000. The bill would raise the eligibility threshold to 85 percent of the state median income, or \$124,000 for a family of four.

“Access to high-quality, affordable early education and childcare is essential for the healthy development of young children, as well as for the economic well-being of working families and employers in the commonwealth,” said Sen. Jason Lewis (D-Winchester), lead sponsor and Senate Chair of the Committee on Education.

“With the passage today of the Early Ed Act, Massachusetts is demonstrating national leadership in addressing the broken early education and childcare system in our country.”

“From my first day in the Senate, I have been pushing for expanded access to early education and increasing staff salaries to ensure educators can earn a good living,” said Sen. Sal DiDomenico (D-Everett). “This critical legislation will drastically expand access to affordable, high-quality, early education and childcare and deliver significantly better pay and benefits for early educators. I am proud

to support this bill which helps move our state one step closer to guaranteeing every child will receive world-class education from childhood through adulthood. We must get this bill over the finish line and keep our state a livable and welcoming home for families of all incomes.”

“An equitable and competitive commonwealth is one in which every child and family has access to affordable quality early education,” said Senate President Karen Spilka (D-Ashland). “At the same time, we must recognize the incredible work of the providers who are shaping the minds and

hearts of our earliest learners. Today I’m proud that the Massachusetts Senate is once again taking action to lower costs for families, open up more opportunities for children, increase pay for our early educators and make support for providers permanent so they can keep their doors open and thrive for years to come.

(A “Yes” vote is for the bill.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

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invite you to join a virtual community meeting to learn about flood relief and water quality improvement efforts planned for Morrison Avenue (Cedar Street to Grove Street) and the surrounding neighborhood.

The meeting will take place Monday, March 25, at 6 p.m. Visit somervillema.gov/morrisonave to learn more.

At this meeting, City staff will introduce the project and share initial concept designs. Following the presentation, residents will have the opportunity to ask questions about the project and provide feedback.

The City of Somerville is making substantial systemwide investments to modernize its sewer and stormwater infrastructure. As part of this effort, the City will be installing new drainage infrastructure and rehabilitating the existing sewer system along Morri-

son Avenue (between Cedar Street and Grove St.) as well as throughout the surrounding neighborhood. This project will reduce flood risk in the surrounding area and help maintain the water quality of local rivers.

In addition to the underground utility improvements, this project will also include street safety improvements and green infrastructure (drainage features designed to mimic natural processes such as irrigated planting areas, bioretention basins with select soils and plants that catch

and filter stormwater, and new trees) throughout the neighborhood.

This project is one of a series of actions the City is undertaking to reduce water pollution, address flooding, and modernize Somerville’s infrastructure. Final designs are currently anticipated to be completed by fall 2025. Construction is anticipated to begin as early as spring 2026. All schedules are preliminary and subject to change.

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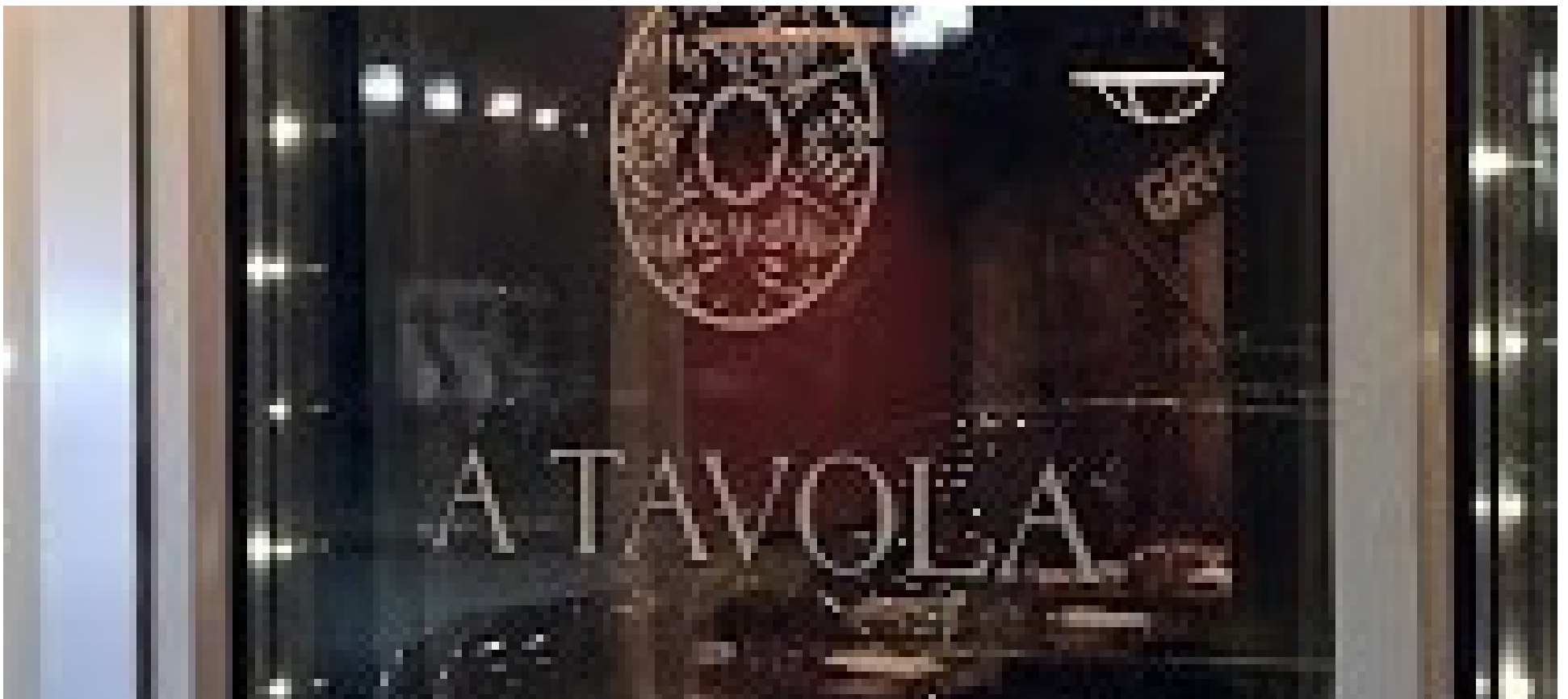
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