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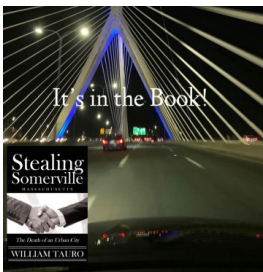
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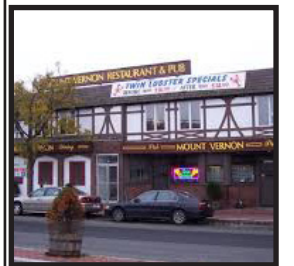
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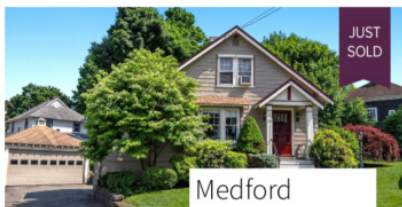
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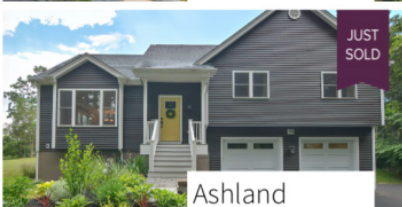
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### MAYOR BALLANTYNE INVITES LOCAL TEENS TO APPLY FOR MAYOR'S 2024 SUMMER JOBS PROGRAM



SOMERVILLE – Applications are now open for the City of Somerville Mayor’s Summer Jobs Program. Mayor Katjana Ballantyne encourages all interested

local teens to apply. Interested teens can apply online now at somervillema.gov/summerjobs.

Applications are due by Sunday, April 28 . All applicants will be interviewed the week of May 13.

About the Mayor’s Summer Job Program

Every summer, the City of Somerville hires local teens to work with a variety of City departments, such as the Recreation Department, the Office of Sustainability, Parks and Open Space, the public libraries and more. Students are also placed with local businesses that partner with the program. The program encourages career exploration and

skill development and fosters deeper connections with the Somerville community.

Applicants must be at least 14 years old by May 5, 2024, and either be enrolled in a Somerville school, or be a Somerville resident. The time commitment is approximately 20 hours per week for six weeks starting in July,

though actual schedules will vary by job site placement. The program will require onboarding and orientation. All positions are paid. The hourly rate is \$17.72.

If you have any additional questions, please contact summerjobs@somervillema.gov.

### SOMERVILLE/MEDFORD REMEMBERING LAURA C. ROTHBERG



#### Obituary

Laura C. Rothberg, nee Laura Gail Clayman, passed away peacefully at

home on Thursday, April 17, 2024, aged 88, following a two year battle with non-smokers’ lung cancer.

The daughter of Russian immigrants Hyman and Dora Clayman, Laura was born on February 1, 1936, in Queens, New York. She was raised along with her late sister Rochelle “Shelley” Clayman Gillenson, in the apartment above their father’s small neighborhood grocery.

Laura left college in her junior year to wed the

late Dr. Richard Rothberg, and support him through medical school, his military service, and his academic career in pediatrics. They settled in Chicago, IL, and had three children. After Richard’s passing in 1985, Laura returned to school and earned credentials as a lab technician, working in transplant research at the University of Chicago and Northwestern University until she retired and moved to Somerville, MA, in 2013 to live with her sons. She enjoyed

classical and folk music, fine art, and splitting the occasional beer with good company.

Laura is predeceased by her eldest son Benjamin Z. Rothberg of Somerville, and daughter Miriam Rothberg Ruffalo of Boca Raton Florida, and is survived by her youngest son Dr. Jonathan D. Rothberg and his wife Kriss Barnhart of Somerville. Laura is also survived by her beloved granddaughter Rachel Mara Ruffalo of Miami, Florida, son-in-law Glen Ruffalo of Boca

Raton, cousin Alice Lazar of Washington DC, and many extended family members on the East and West Coasts.

Services will be held privately by the family.

In lieu of flowers and in honor of her activism in civil rights and women’s health, memorial donations in her name can be made to Planned Parenthood. <https://www.plannedparenthood.org/get-involved/other-ways-give>

### SOMERVILLE/MEDFORD REMEMBERING FRANCIS XAVIER FAHEY



#### Obituary

Francis Xavier Fahey was born on March 1st 1950

and passed away on April of 2024 in Somerville.

Francis was a loving family man, who cared for all those around him. He was giving, curious, kind, supportive, and incredibly hardworking. Francis built a company from scratch, A1 Plumbing and Heating in Somerville, MA and was well known amongst the community. From being featured on television for his work and expertise,

to having photographs of him showcased in an art exhibit about the characters of Somerville decades later – Francis was a local staple.

Francis loved all things nature; from fishing, to running, to road tripping and camping – he felt most himself surrounded by the peace and tranquility of the wilderness. He had most fun playing racquetball with friends, working

out, and playing catch with his grandson. He was a man who loved and was loved. Gentle, intelligent, and warm.

“He was loved by his partner of nearly 50 years, Agnes Needham, whom he spent his most adoring moments with road-tripping to Maine.”

Francis is survived by his son, James, and his grandson, Marcus. He was the

loving brother of Joseph Fahey and his wife Marie, Eileen Fahey and the late Robert Fahey, John Fahey, Marie Fahey, Edward Fahey, Leo Fahey, and William “Billy” Fahey. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews.

A service will be held for Francis Fahey at a later date. PROPERTY TAX

### EXPAND PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENTS FOR POLICE AND FIREFIGHTERS (H 2890)

By Bob Katzen

The House gave initial approval to a bill that would expand the current law which provides a property tax abatement to the surviving spouses and minor

children of police officers and firefighters “killed in the line of duty.” The bill provides that the abatement also go to the families of officers who “died in the line of duty.”

“Killed in the line of duty”

has a limited definition usually meaning the individual lost their life in an incident, accident or due to violence that are directly related to their service. “Died in the line of duty” is broader and can account for a number of medical

emergencies like stroke or heart attack.

“This legislation honors the sacrifice of our brave police and firefighters,” said sponsor Rep. Paul McMurtry (D-Dedham). “This simple language

change will assure that surviving family members receive the tax benefit they are deserving of and what I believe was the original intention of the exemption.”



### SOMERVILLE/MEDFORD NEWS WEEKLY SPEAKUP LINE: SOMERVILLE NO SHOW JOBS IN ACTION

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

This is Russell Road and Ware  
Street and probably the other  
surrounding side streets that all  
have signs posted but no work-  
ers. This is also the street where  
our absentee mayor lives on  
Russell Road and this is all hap-  
pening right under her nose.

Workers showed up at 11AM  
yesterday and left at 2PM. But  
we can't park from 7AM to  
5PM. I wonder if the city is  
being billed from 7AM to 5PM  
and if so, who is getting a cut  
out of it?

I called the city but they're  
useless said they would alert  
the liasom who is also another  
useless being.

But sorry to bother you so early  
in the morning, but you're the  
only one I know who cares  
about our city.

Thank you,  
A frustrated Somerville Resi-  
dent



### MAYOR BALLANTYNE ANNOUNCING

### 2024 SOMERVILLE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE AND REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

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Community Encouraged to  
Sign Up as Volunteers and  
Parade Participants

SOMERVILLE – Mayor  
Katjana Ballantyne and the  
Somerville Department of  
Veterans' Services are an-  
nouncing  
that Somerville's Memorial  
Day parade will be held on  
Sunday, May 26.

The parade will step off at  
11 a.m. from Davis Square,  
proceeding west on Holland  
Street through Teele  
Square and onto Broadway,  
ending at the Veterans Cem-

etry between Alewife Brook  
Parkway and North Street.

The City's annual remem-  
brance ceremony will be held  
at 10 a.m. Monday, May 27  
at the Somerville Veterans'  
Memorial Cemetery to hon-  
or those who have made the  
ultimate sacrifice while in  
service to our country. The  
ceremony will feature re-  
marks by Mayor Ballantyne  
and Director of Veterans'  
Services Jerome Thomas.

Sign Up to Join the Parade as  
a Marcher or Volunteer

Somerville community  
groups, organizations, and  
local businesses are encour-  
aged to participate and  
march  
along with local Veterans  
and first responders, as well  
as volunteers to help the  
parade run smoothly.

To sign up to participate, or

volunteer, please complete a  
brief form at

[somervillema.gov/memori-  
alday](http://somervillema.gov/memori-<br/>alday)  
or call 617-625-6600 x 4700  
by end of day on Tuesday,  
April 30.

Please contact the Somerville  
Department of Veterans'  
Services at  
[veterans@somervillema.gov](mailto:veterans@somervillema.gov)  
or call 617-625-6600 x 4700  
with questions.

### CURBSIDE YARD WASTE PICKUP RESUMES WEEK OF APRIL 15 IN SOMERVILLE

Trash, Recycling, and Yard  
Waste Pickup on one-day delay  
all week due to Patriot's Day  
Holiday on Monday

SOMERVILLE–Somerville's  
yard waste pickup begins for  
the season the week of April

15th. That week's  
collection is on a one-day delay  
due to the Patriots' Day Holiday  
on Monday, April 15, so put all  
trash, recycling, and yard waste  
out one day later than you nor-  
mally would. A full yard waste  
calendar is available at

[somervillema.gov/yardwaste](http://somervillema.gov/yardwaste)  
and is also in the Environmen-  
tal Service Guide mailed to all  
households this month.

Yard waste should be put out  
with your trash and recycling  
on your normal pickup day.  
Yard waste must

either be in a paper bag or a  
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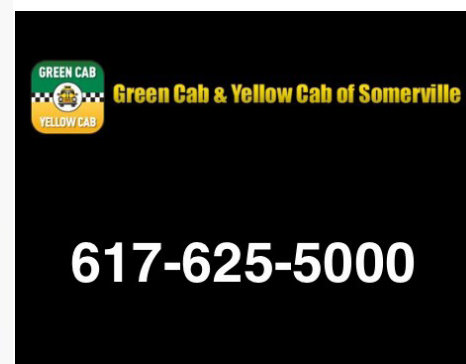
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### MAYOR BALLANTYNE ANNOUNCING PUBLIC INTERVIEWS FOR SOMERVILLE POLICE CHIEF CANDIDATES

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Residents, community members invited to attend and share feedback to help select Somerville's next Chief of Police

SOMERVILLE – Mayor Katjana Ballantyne and Somerville Police Chief Search Committee are inviting all community members to attend public inter-

view sessions with candidates under consideration to be the next Chief of Police for the City of Somerville on Thursday, May 9, 2024. All interviews will take place in-person at Somerville City Hall (93 Highland Ave.) between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., with a final schedule to be shared with the community in the coming days.

In advance of the public interviews, candidate bios will be shared with the community on Friday, April 26, on the City of Somerville website: somervillema.gov/policechief.

Community input is a vital part of this process, and interview attendees are encouraged to

share their opinions on the interviews via a community feedback form. The link will go live on the morning of Thursday, May 9, and feedback will be accepted through Thursday, May 16 at 5 p.m.

The interviews will be broadcast live on City TV (channel 22 on Comcast and channel 13 on RCN). Live closed captioning will be available on the online streaming video of the hearing. Rebroadcasts of the hearing on City TV will include closed captioning.

After the public hearing, Mayor Ballantyne will review the submitted community feedback to inform her interviews with

the candidates and make a final decision.

Background on Somerville's Police Chief Search Process  
Somerville Chief of Police David Fallon retired from the Somerville Police force in December 2020 after 21 years of service. Chief Charles Femino accepted the role of Acting Chief at that time taking on pandemic public safety emergency response duties as well as the ongoing work of the department.

Somerville established a Police Chief Search Committee, consisting of constituents, subject matter experts, local elected officials, and City staff, to lead

the community driven search. In February 2023, the City selected GovHR to lead the nationwide search to identify candidates with the requisite experience and principles to lead SPD. The firm has over 30 years of experience recruiting for leadership positions in the public-sector and shares Somerville's commitment to equity, diversity, and accessibility. GovHR has successfully recruited for almost 80 Chief of Police roles in 14 states.

For more information on the Police Chief Selection Committee and process, please email ChiefSearch@somervillema.gov.

### SOMERVILLE/MEDFORD REMEMBERING ANDREA D. GARCIA

#### Obituary

Garcia, Andrea D.- Of Lynn, passed away after a brief illness surrounded by her loving family on Friday, April 19, 2024. She was 30 years young.

Complete obit to be posted.

A Funeral Mass will be held in St. Benedict

Church 21 Hathorn St., Somerville on FRIDAY, April 26th at 10:00AM. Please meet directly at church.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend.

Calling Hours will be held on Thursday in the George L. Doherty Funeral Home 855 Broad-

way (Powder House Sq.) Somerville, from 4:00PM to 7:00PM.

Interment is private.



### 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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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

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Thank you for your continued support.



## SUSTAINAVILLE WEEK 2024: CELEBRATE CLIMATE ACTION IN SOMERVILLE, APRIL 20-27

<p>Week of Events Features Release of Updated Community Climate Action Plan, Bike Clinic, Miyawaki Forest Tour, and More</p> <p>All Events Are Free and Family Friendly</p> <p>SOMERVILLE – Join Mayor Katjana Ballantyne and the City of Somerville Office of Sustainability and Environment for a series of free and family friendly events and interactive activities to celebrate SustainaVille Week, April 20-27, an annual celebration of climate action in Somerville during the week of Earth Day.</p> <p>See the full schedule of events online here: <a href="http://www.somervillema.gov/sustainavilleweek">http://www.somervillema.gov/sustainavilleweek</a>.</p> <p>“Whether it’s planting a pollinator garden, advocating to decarbonize new construction in our area,</p>	<p>recycling, or investing in sustainability initiatives, every day the City and Somerville community work together to help protect our planet,” said Mayor Ballantyne. “This year’s SustainaVille Week is especially exciting as community members can review the City’s updated Climate Forward plan that will help us maintain a strong, healthy community in the face of climate change while simultaneously reducing climate pollution and our dependence on fossil fuels. I look forward to seeing everyone to celebrate what we have achieved and inspire the hard work ahead of us as we continue fighting climate change.”</p> <p>The 2024 SustainaVille Week lineup features a community celebration for the updated community climate action plan, the Climate Forward plan. Get inspired by interactive art that explores our shared climate resilient vision. The event is free, open to all, and family</p>	<p>friendly. The event will include interactive art, light refreshments, and live music.</p> <p>Check out highlights of the schedule below:</p> <p>Pollinators, Plants, and Possibilities, Saturday, April 20</p> <p>10 a.m.-1 p.m.: Groundwork Somerville’s South Street Farm (138 South Street)</p> <p>2 p.m.-4 p.m.: Somerville Community Growing Center (22 Vinal Ave)</p> <p>Join us for a fun day of family friendly activities, including seed plantings, composting demos, arts &amp; crafts, and live music. Language support will be available for Spanish and Portuguese, and other languages upon request.</p> <p>Youth Led Bike Clinic, Monday, April 22, 6-8 p.m., The Dojo @ Somernova (15 Properzi Way)</p>	<p>Bring your bike and get it tuned up by the Groundwork Somerville Bike Team!</p> <p>Pollinator Action Table at West Branch, Tuesday, April 23, 4-6 p.m., West Branch Library (40 College Ave.)</p> <p>Learn about the Pollinator Action Plan and ways to explore the biodiversity in your neighborhood at this information table.</p> <p>Imaging Climate Forward 2050, Wednesday, April 24, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Greentown Labs (444 Somerville Ave.)</p> <p>Step into Somerville in 2050 where we have succeeded in creating a climate forward community! Get inspired by interactive art that explores our shared climate resilient vision.</p> <p>Join the City of Somerville for the release of its updated community climate action plan – the Climate Forward plan. The event is open to</p>	<p>all and is family friendly. The event will include interactive art, light refreshments, and live music.</p> <p>Registration recommended but not required: <a href="http://greentownlabs.com/event/imagining-climate-forward-2050/">greentownlabs.com/event/imagining-climate-forward-2050/</a></p> <p>Miyawaki Forest Tour, Thursday, April 25, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Behind Somerville High School (81 Highland Ave.)</p> <p>Come explore the Miyawaki forest seedlings and learn about the city’s urban tree canopy.</p> <p>Civic Day, Saturday, April 27, 12-4 p.m., City Hall Concourse (93 Highland Ave.)</p> <p>Learn about local government, programs, services, and ways to get involved!</p>
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<p>City of Somerville Income Restricted Homeownership Opportunity 71 Bow Street 65-71 Bow Street Somerville, MA 02143 <a href="http://www.71BowStreetLottery.com">www.71BowStreetLottery.com</a></p> <p>Asset Limit: \$75,000 (excluding restricted assets) Applications are available during the application period, from Monday, April 1st, 2024 — Wednesday, May 15th, 2024 To complete an online application, visit: <a href="http://www.71BowStreetLottery.com">www.71BowStreetLottery.com</a> To have a hard copy of the application mailed to you, please email <a href="mailto:71Bow@MaloneyProperties.com">71Bow@MaloneyProperties.com</a></p>	<p>MaloneyProperties.com or call (617) 639-3064 Ext 771   US Relay 711 Hard applications will be available at the entrance of the City Hall Annex located at 50 Evergreen Ave, Somerville City Hall located at 93 Highland Ave., &amp; all Somerville Public Library branches. Four (4) Inclusionary Homeownership Units Unit # Unit Size Estimated Square Footage AMI Parking Space Purchase Price Minimum</p>	<p>Downpayment (3%) Estimated Monthly Condo Fee Minimum Household Size 203 1-Bedroom + Study 940 81%-110% No \$278,649 306 2-Bedroom 1,014 80% Yes \$229,410 401 2-Bedroom 1,248 80% Yes \$229,410 405 2-Bedroom 998 81%- 110% No \$335,834 \$10,075 \$197 2</p>	<p>Fully completed + signed applications must be submitted online or delivered (not postmarked) no later than Wednesday, May 15th, 2024 by 5pm Mailed to: Maloney Properties, Inc. Attn: 71 Bow Street Lottery 27 Mica Lane, Wellesley, MA 02481 Information Sessions: Wednesday, April 24th, 2024 at 12pm Wednesday, May 8th, 2024 at 6pm Join Zoom Meeting: <a href="https://maloneyproperties.zoom.us/j/82209393467?pwd=R29sboO0hfK5XGceJpMgvdSIYPj2pC.1">https://maloneyproperties.zoom.us/j/82209393467?pwd=R29sboO0hfK5XGceJpMgvdSIYPj2pC.1</a> Meeting ID: 822 0939 3467</p>	<p>Passcode: 001739 One tap mobile +13052241968,,82209393467#,,, *001739# US +13092053325,,82209393467#,,, *001739# US Selection by Lottery. Asset, Use &amp; Resale Restrictions Apply For more information, free language assistance, or to make a request for reasonable accommodations, please call (617) 639-3064 Ext 771   US Relay 711 or email <a href="mailto:71Bow@MaloneyProperties.com">71Bow@MaloneyProperties.com</a> 04/16/24, 04/23/24</p>
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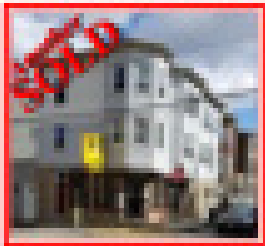


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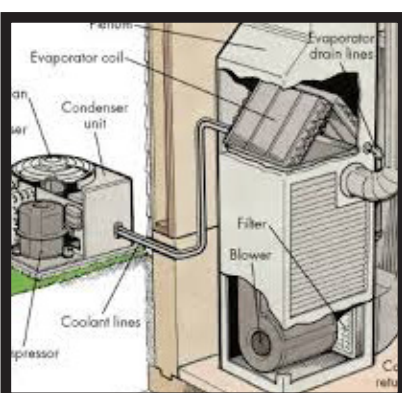
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## SOMERVILLE/MEDFORD REMEMBERING MARIE J. MEUS



### Obituary

Born and raised in Ganthier,

Haiti. She was the daughter of the late Lemond and Emelia (Pierre) Meus. Marie was a family woman, she loved to spend time with her family, especially her beloved son Alvin.

Her sons' accomplishments would always boost joy and happiness into her life. Marie enjoyed cooking for others. It made her

feel happiness when she saw someone enjoying one of the delicious meals she cooked. She wasn't just a fabulous cook but also a great sewer and super handy around the house. When the house needed remodeling or something repaired, Marie would study how to do such things and complete it herself.

She was the beloved mother of Alvin Lamisere of Medford. The devoted sister Marquise Meus and Mariette Rose Meus. The cherished and loving aunt of Mélia Michel and Hugues Meus. She is also lovingly survived by many friends, cousins and extended family.

A funeral mass will be held

in the Holy Bible Baptist Church 64 College St., Somerville on SATURDAY, May 11th at 10:00AM. Please meet directly at church.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend.

Services will conclude with interment at Oak Grove Cemetery, Medford.

## REMINDER: JOIN THE FUN AT SOMERVILLE'S CIVIC DAY CELEBRATION ON APRIL 27 SOMERVIVA STAFF AT CIVIC DAY



Mayor Ballantyne and City staff are gearing up for Somerville's second annual Civic Day! Come learn about City services, local government, and enjoy free activities, food, and entertainment next Saturday, April 27, from noon to 4 p.m. at City

Hall (93 Highland Ave.) and on the City Hall concourse.

Join dozens of City departments and School staff on the concourse for a variety of creative activities: Take a tour of City Hall and get a selfie

at the Mayor's podium. Cast your vote in a mock election. Bring the family to explore a Somerville Fire Department truck, face painting, games, music, and much more. Food truck and other free snacks, musical entertainment by Somerville High

talents, and more rounds out the fun.

In the event of inclement weather, all outdoor activities will be moved inside to Somerville High School (81 Highland Ave.).

## DISPOSE OF EXPIRED OR UNUSED MEDICATIONS ON NATIONAL DRUG TAKE BACK DAY, APRIL 27

Let's work together for the safety and health of our community. The City is hosting two collection events on Saturday, April 27, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for residents to safely dispose of prescription medi-

cations and unused sharps (needles and syringes). Locations include:

- 220 Washington Street (dispose of sharps here)
- 6 Newbury Street

Overdose prevention information and resources will also be available. Can't make these events? Somerville also offers a 24/7, year-round kiosk at 220 Washington Street for disposal.

For more information, contact COHR Director, Patty Contente, at [pcontente@somervillema.gov](mailto:pcontente@somervillema.gov).



## SOMERVILLE/MEDFORD REMEMBERING RAKIM J. SMITH-LARTEY



### Obituary

Smith-Lartey, Rakim J. - Of Somerville, passed away on April 13, 2024. He was 32 years young.

Born in Cambridge, he was the beloved son of Gertrude Lartey and Rakim Reiser. Rakim was always an outgoing spirit ever since he was a baby. He would always be making new friends wherever he went. If you were just meeting Rakim, it felt as if you'd known him forever. He enjoyed watching anything sports related but most of all

he LOVED basketball. He was a talented basketball player who learned all his skills from his Uncle Leslie, and some phenomenal coaches/teachers. His personal goal was to be a professional basketball player. Rakim's kind soul and gentle soul will be forever missed by all whom he loved.

Beloved son of Gertrude "Trudy" Lartey of Cambridge, and Rakim Reiser of Waltham. Devoted brother of Aleahna Lartey of Cambridge and Reese

M. Smith. Loving grandson of Vida Djarnie of Somerville, and Douglas Smith and Debra Smith of Brockton. Cherished nephew of Leslie Lartey and his wife Julia Allen-Lartey, Kamal Umrani, and Cheresse Reiser. Dear cousin of Taj Allen-Lartey. He is also survived by countless loving family members and friends.

Calling Hours will be held on Saturday, April 27th in the George L. Doherty Funeral Home 855 Broadway (Powder

House Sq.) from 10:00AM to 12:00PM.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend.

Words of Remembrance will be held Saturday morning at 11:30AM.

Interment will be private.



### INCREASE TAX ABATEMENT FOR BLIND RESIDENTS (H 4458)

By Bob Katzen

Another bill heard by the Revenue Committee would increase from \$457 to \$1,800 the amount of

the real estate tax exemption for blind residents.

Supporters said this exemption has remained at \$437 for more than 20

years and has not provided the intended benefit to blind residents.

“I sponsored this bill after being made aware of this

issue by a constituent who had received this tax abatement for most of his life,” said sponsor Rep. Angelo Puppolo (D-Springfield). “It does not make

sense for a benefit such as this one to lose its value with the US dollar. The figure should be updated to reflect the proportional assistance that was in-

### INCREASE PARKING FINES (H 3326)

By Bob Katzen

The House gave initial approval to legislation that would allow cities and town to double the maximum fine for some parking violations. Current law sets a maximum

fine for many violations at \$50 if paid within 21 days, \$55 if paid after 21 days and \$75 if paid after the parking clerk reports the parking offense and fine to the Registry of Motor Vehicles.

The bill increases the fines to \$100 if paid within 21 days, \$110 if paid after 21 days and \$150 if paid after the parking clerk reports the parking offense and fine to the Registry of Motor Vehicles.

Rep. Susan Gifford (R-Wareham), the bill’s sponsor, said the current maximum fines established in have not been changed since 2004, nearly twenty years ago. “This bill does not establish any minimum fines or mandate

an increase in any existing fines,” continued Gifford. “It merely gives communities the option to adopt policies that better suit local needs and enforcement priorities.”

### REPLACE PROPERTY TAX (H 4271)

By Bob Katzen

The Revenue Committee held a hearing on a measure that would allow cities and towns to abolish the local property tax and replace it with both a personal and business income tax to fund

the local city or town’s budget.

The bill was filed by Rep. James Arciero (D-Westford) at the request of a constituent, under the state law that allows citizens to request their local legislator file a bill on the constituent’s behalf.

These bills are known as “by request” bills and do not necessarily have the support of the legislator who filed it for the constituent.

“This bill was filed at the request of Mr. Peter Barbella of Littleton who is interested in ways to decrease the real

estate tax burden on seniors who typically are on a fixed income,” said Arciero. “He feels this would help seniors, who in many cases have already paid taxes for many years to their local town government, to stay in their long-term residence instead

of being forced out by rising real estate tax rates. This bill would essentially allow a municipality to change from a revenue stream based on real estate taxation by replacing it with both a personal and business income tax to support a local town’s budget.”

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# MAYOR BALLANTYNE AND THE CITY COUNCIL INVITE SOMERVILLIANS TO NEW "SLICE OF THE CITY" SPRING MEET-UP SERIES

Continued from front page



Connect with Mayor, City Officials, and Neighbors Over Free Pizza, Refreshments, and Kids' Activities in a Somerville Park Near You

SOMERVILLE- Mayor Katjana Ballantyne and the City Council invite Somerville community members to the inaugural "Slice of the City" meet-up series. This new series of family-friendly pizza parties in the parks offers attendees a new way to connect and engage with city leaders and staff as well as neighbors all while enjoying Somerville's parks.

The outdoor series for all ages will feature seven early evening meet-ups, from 5 to 7 p.m., throughout the month of May – one each in each of the city's seven wards. Held in parks and

green spaces, the drop-in style gatherings are an opportunity to mingle with Mayor Ballantyne, your Ward and At-Large City Councilors, School Committee members, and State Delegation representatives, as well as City staff and neighbors. Meanwhile, the Recreation Department will host kid's activities, and refreshments and pizza will be provided.

"Not everyone can squeeze a whole weeknight community meeting into their schedules, and others may be hesitant to join a more formal event, so it's important that we try out new ways for people to connect with the public servants who serve them," said Mayor Ballantyne. "We are excited to launch the 'Slice of the City' series as part of our ongoing commitment to creating access to local government and building community. Plus it's always great to have a reason to hang out in our awesome parks."

Staff on hand will be happy to discuss neighborhood projects, City programs and services, questions or

concerns, or your favorite pizza topping. Slice of the City Schedule Look for the balloons and tables at each location. Rain locations if needed will be posted to somervillema.gov/slice or contact 311:

Thursday, May 2 : Ward 4 at the Healey School Playground, 5 Meacham Street

Monday, May 6 : Ward 1 at Chuckie Harris Playground, 17 Cross Street East

Thursday, May 9 : Ward 6 at Powderhouse Park, 850 Broadway (College Ave. side)

Monday, May 13 : Ward 7 at Lou Ann David Park, 1060 Broadway

Thursday, May 16 : Ward 5 at Trum Field Playground, One Franey Road at Cedar Street

Monday, May 20 : Ward 3 at Prospect Hill

Park, 68 Munroe Street

Tuesday, May 28 : Ward 2 at Lincoln Park, 290 Washington Street (near Argenziano School entrance)

Each "Slice of the City" event will prioritize inclusivity and accessibility, with language assistance available through the SomerViva Office of Immigrant Affairs and accommodations for seniors and individuals with mobility needs. In the event of inclement weather, indoor locations will be announced.

Replacing the traditional spring cycle of City Hall Community Meetings, the "Slice of the City" series, along with the City's new annual Civic Day on Saturday, April 27, is designed to provide a broader range of engagement opportunities, ensuring that more residents have the chance to learn about and participate in Somerville civic life. This pilot program will be evaluated upon completion, with the goal of enhancing accessibility and

inclusivity in civic access and discourse. More information: Visit somervillema.gov/slice for more information. ADA Accommodations: 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 in advance at 617-625-6600 x 2059 or apomeroy@somervillema.gov. Interpretation: We will make every effort to provide interpretation into any language upon advance request (at least seven days in advance). Contact the SomerViva Office of Immigrant Affairs at somervillema.gov/Contact-SomerViva or contact 311 at 617-666-3311 or somervillema.gov/311.

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reer Center (186 Alewife Brook Parkway, Suite 310) from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Meet with representatives from our Human Resources department to

learn about current job opportunities. Visit our job portal now or scroll to the bottom of this newsletter each week to find open positions.



### SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET INCLUDING \$250 MILLION FUNDING FOR SHELTERS (H 4466 AND S 2711)

By Bob Katzen The House 121-33, Senate 32-8, approved different versions of a supplemental budget that includes an additional \$250 million

in funding for the Emergency Assistance Program that funds the emergency family shelter system which houses migrants. Other provisions keep in

place some pandemic-era programs, set to expire, including allowing restaurants to sell beer, wine and cocktails for take-out and expanding outdoor dining.

The bills have been in conference committee since March 28. (A "Yes" vote is for the budget. A "No" vote is

against it.) Rep. Christine Barber Yes Rep. Mike Connolly No Rep. Paul Donato Yes Rep. Erika Uyterhoeven No Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

### APPROVE FIREARMS CHANGES (H 4139 AND S 2572)

By Bob Katzen The House 120-38, Senate 37-3, approved different versions of a bill that would change some of the state's gun laws including

limiting the carrying of guns into public places including schools, polling places, government buildings and the private residences of others, with an exemption for law enforcement. Another provision would

crack down on the spread of ghost guns — unserialized and untraceable firearms. The bills have been in conference committee since February 29.

(A "Yes" vote is for the bill. A "No" vote is against it.) Rep. Christine Barber Yes Rep. Mike Connolly Yes Rep. Paul Donato Yes Rep. Erika Uyter-

hoeven Yes Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

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### USE INTEREST FROM STATE'S "RAIN DAY FUND" TO LEVERAGE FEDERAL FUNDS (H 4446 AND S 2554)

By Bob Katzen

The House 154-0, Senate 39-0, approved different version of

a bill that would leverage the interest from the state's Rainy Day Fund to better compete for federal dollars, to ensure

the state receives the maximum possible share of federal funds and to pay down the state's long term debt liabilities. The Rainy

Day Fund currently has a historic balance of \$8.2 billion. The bills have been in conference committee since March 25.

(A "Yes" vote is for the bill.) Rep. Christine Barber Yes Rep.

### TAX INCENTIVE FOR URBAN AGRICULTURE (H 2852)

By Bob Katzen

The House gave initial approval to legislation that would promote urban agriculture and horticulture by allowing Gateway cities as well as cities

and towns, with populations of more than 50,000, to exempt from property taxes any land of two acres or less that is used for commercial urban agriculture and horticulture. Additionally, the parcel must have had

at least \$500 in gross sales of agricultural or horticultural products in the prior year to be eligible for the tax exemption.

"Rep. Vanna Howard (D-Lowell) and I filed this bill together

to support small-scale urban agriculture, which expands access to healthy food and promotes economic growth in cities," said co-sponsor Rep. Hannah Kane (R-Shrewsbury). "In addition to these benefits,

urban agriculture also improves environmental health and makes local food systems more resilient. By incentivizing urban agriculture, this bill will help cities obtain the benefits of these operations."

### REVENGE PORN AND TEEN SEXTING (H 4241 AND S 2703)

By Bob Katzen

The House 151-0, Senate 40-0, approved different versions of a bill that would prohibit the posting of sexually explicit images of another person online without their permission—commonly referred to as "revenge porn." The practice is often used by ex-spouses or ex-partners.

Massachusetts is one of only two states that does not have a law about this crime. The measure makes it illegal to do so and establishes a sentence of up to 2.5 years in prison and/or a fine of up to \$10,000; increases the upper limit of the fine for criminal harassment from \$1,000 to \$5,000; and allows a victim to petition the court for a

harassment prevention order against a person who has violated this statute.

Another provision changes current law under which minors, under 18 years of age, who share explicit images of themselves or other minors, can be charged with violating Massachusetts child pornography laws and are required

to register with the Sex Offender Registry. The bill allows minors to be diverted to an educational program that would provide them with information about the consequences of posting or transmitting indecent visual depictions of minors.

This bill has not yet been sent to a conference commit-

tee because the Senate has not yet appointed its members of a conference committee.

(A "Yes" vote is for the bill.)

Rep. Christine Barber Yes Rep. Mike Connolly Yes Rep. Paul Donato Yes Rep. Erika Uyterhoeven Yes Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

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homeless and less fortunate. A "Somerville Blessing Boxes" Facebook page has been established keep everyone updated on donations and the Blessing Boxes inventory status. Please feel free to join the page and follow all the good that is being done everyday by the good people of Somerville. One blessing box is located at Statue Park in Davis Square and the other is located at Union Square, Plaza in Union Square. "Give what you can, Take what you need." Much thanks and appreciation, Frank Santangelo

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<b>FOOD &amp; DRINK</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Comb
<input type="checkbox"/> Quality instant coffee	<input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush & tooth paste
<input type="checkbox"/> Tea	<input type="checkbox"/> Grooming kit
<input type="checkbox"/> Energy drink	<b>SURVIVAL</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Beef jerky	<input type="checkbox"/> First aid kit
<input type="checkbox"/> Dried fruit	<input type="checkbox"/> Water bottle with built in filter
<input type="checkbox"/> Fruit leathers	<input type="checkbox"/> Heat-pack
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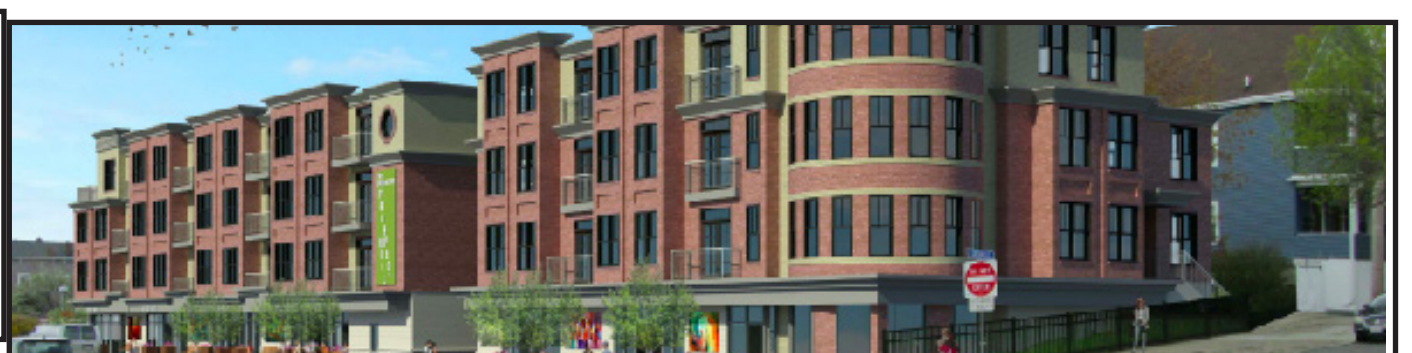
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Diane Slonina (Turner) of Somerville passed away on April 14, 2024, comfortably, at home. She was 68 years old. In accordance with her wishes, there will be no services. She will be cremated, and her ashes interred at her camp on her beloved Deer Pond in Hollis Maine.

Diane was beautiful, intelligent, loving, caring, thoughtful, compassionate, empathetic, and generous. She was warm, humble, and immensely kind. If you were lucky enough to have known her, then you were granted an enormously special gift. She will be missed terribly by her family and friends.

Diane is survived by her loving husband/best friend/soul mate of 42 years, David Slonina. Diane and David are the loves of each other's lives.

Devoted daughter of the late Archibald Turner and Irene Turner-Anderson of Somerville, Stepdaugh

ter of the late James Anderson of Arlington. Niece of the late Beatrice Doherty-Flynn and her husband Joe of Florida, and Evelyn Turner Shiere and her husband Charles of Somerville.

Beloved Daughter-in-Law of Marie Slonina and her late husband Henry Slonina of East Cambridge, Somerville and Lowell.

Loving sister of Carol Dunne and her husband Charles of Londonderry, New Hampshire, Sandra Fowler and her husband James of Andover, Massachusetts, the late David Turner, late Stephen Turner, and Stephen's widow Florence Turner of Florida.

Cherished Sister-in-Law of Henry J. Slonina of Somerville, Mary Ricci and her husband Michael of Tewksbury, and the late Anthony Slonina and his former wife Betsy Cullen of Watertown.

Treasured aunt of Melanie Sheehy and her husband Brian of Methuen,

Amy Rufo and her Husband Tom of New Hampshire, Charles Dunne of New Hampshire, Leah James of New York, Courtney Dunne of New Hampshire and Michael Slonina and his wife Nicole of Watertown.

Adoring Great Aunt of Brynn Sheehy, Owen Sheehy and Connor Sheehy, Alison Rufo, T.J. Rufo, and Leo Rufo.

Life-long friend of Georgia Woodsworth of Somerville. Loving "second mother" to Nicole Woodsworth-Sullivan, her husband Neil and their children Julia, Andrew, and Bailey of Cambridge. Everlasting love of angels Andrew and Michelle Woodsworth, rest in peace.

Diane's legacy may be recognized in various ways. Those who wish to honor Diane's true and overarching essence of immense kindness may do so by making a charitable donation to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (a charity close to her heart), or any charity of your choosing, or by simply performing one genuine act of kindness in Diane's memory.

Diane attended the Carr School in Somerville, Weston Junior High School and graduated from Somerville High School.

She held accounting positions at East Cambridge Savings Bank and Benjamin Thompson and Associates Architects, Inc. Most recently, Diane worked for over forty years for ProPrint as an office/business manager/bookkeeper with long-time colleague, collaborator and friend, Jay Arthur.

She was loving mother and caretaker to all her dogs; Isis, Sam, Mia (all departed) and, most recently, Ted E. Bear (an adopted 170-pound Great Pyrenees, German Shepherd mix who adored her most).

She loved to crochet Afghan blankets for her loved ones until it became too difficult for her hands to do. Crocheting was a family tradition handed down from her beloved Nana Doherty.

She treasured going to her Deer Pond in Hollis, Maine to care for her precious hummingbirds, to play dominos with family and friends, cards and board games with all the nieces and nephews, whist with her siblings, mother and stepdad. She loved to deliver Lyndell's pastry and cupcakes to everyone and to enjoy the quiet peacefulness and beauty of the pond, especially the afternoon's four o'clock breeze.

She was a "meat and potatoes" girl, as she would say, but was crazy over a Polish dish called Nalesiki, a form of blintz, laborious to make. She would always ask, "Can we have some now?" as the batches of Nalesiki were being made. She would assist in making mounds of them on New Years Eve, working long into the night and then sharing the dish at a Polish food banquet with friends and family on New Years Day. She loved ice cream sundaes (with mint chocolate chip ice cream and extra hot fudge.....no nuts!) and was a chocolate fanatic.

She adored tulips and couldn't wait for spring for them to arrive. Ironically, she passed just when the tulips were starting to bloom.

I cursed God when this happened. It made no sense to me. So many terrible, awful, horrible people in the world that should be removed from this planet and God called her? HER? MY DIANE? The best woman, wife, and friend to me, and so many others! Her?

Then, upon reflection, I realized that I should instead be thanking God for sending her to me. As

painful as her passing is, I am so amazingly and incredibly lucky to have met her and that she chose to marry and spend the rest of her life with me.

She was the best person I've ever known and the love of my life, my champion, my partner, and my safe harbor. She allowed me to attempt to fly and made sure I wasn't injured when trying to land. She was never judgmental, petty, envious, or mean. She cared deeply for everyone she knew and loved.

She would do things for relative strangers whom she found to be in need and would do those things anonymously never looking for thanks or acknowledgement.

Thanks to Lindsay, Katie and Danielle from Visiting Nurse and Community Care of Arlington for their wonderful hospice care.

Special thanks to my sister Mary and her husband Mike, and my brother Hank for their invaluable and precious support.

To Diane's loving and wonderful sister Carol, words of gratitude would never come close to communicating how much your selfless dedication, loving care, amazing strength and tenderness meant to Diane and to me. Diane loved you with all her heart and so do I. Immeasurable and infinite thanks for everything you did. You're amazing.

Diane, my love, memories of you will be cherished forever in the many hearts you touched and help to fill the gaping hole left by the pieces of those hearts that went with you. The hole in my heart, however, will remain hollow until we are united once again and my heart repaired and restored.

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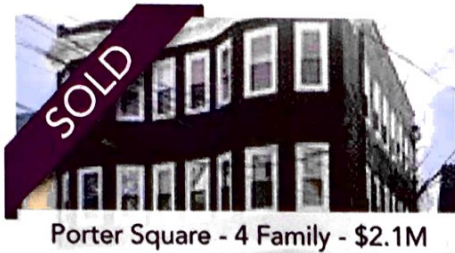
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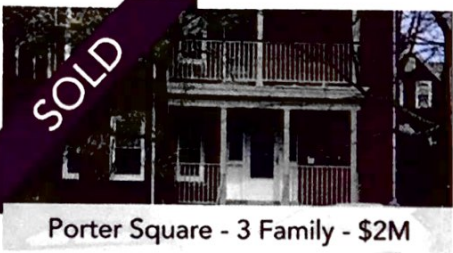
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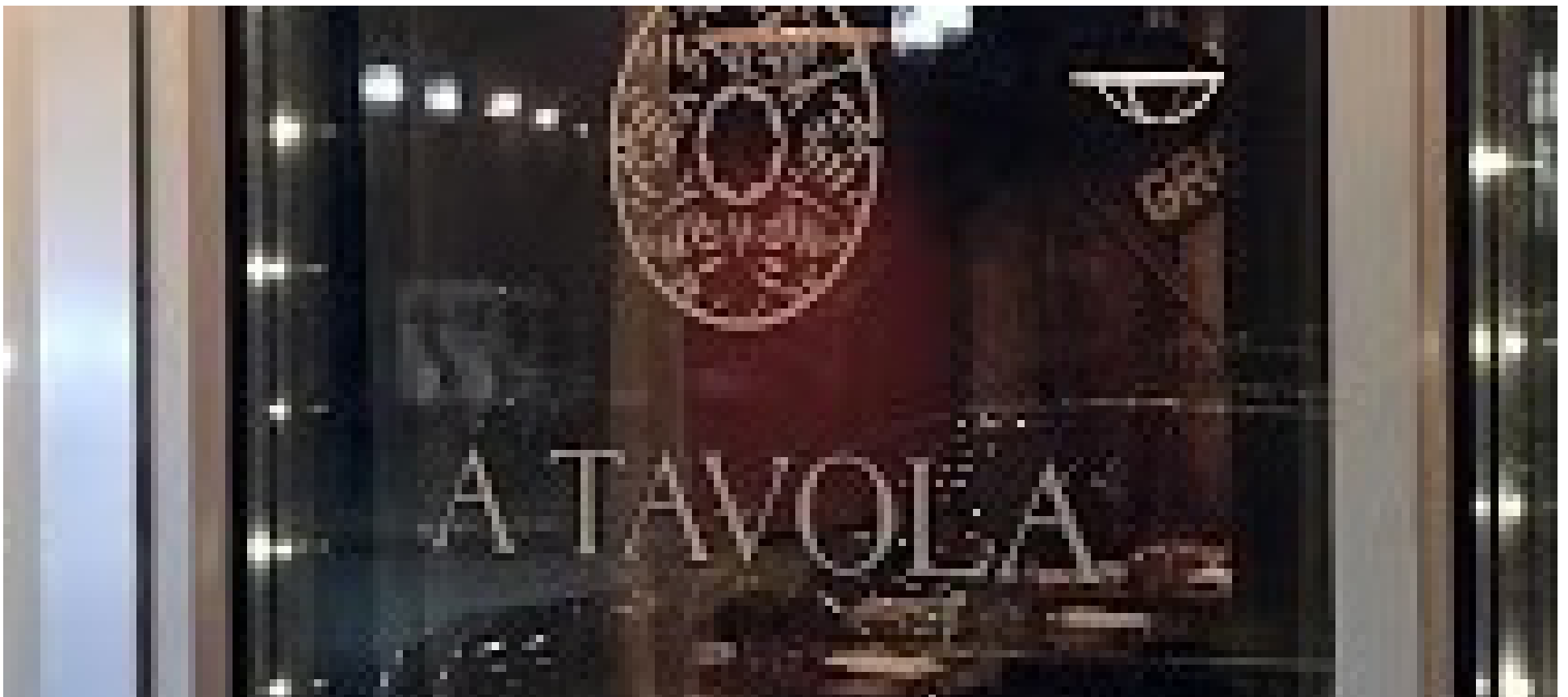
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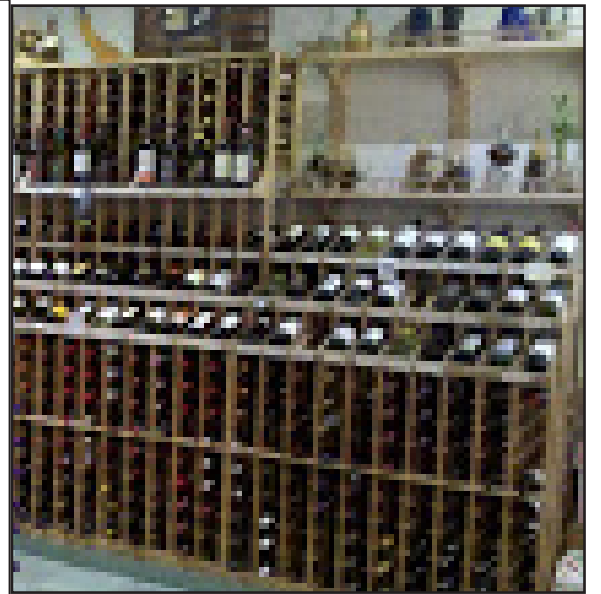


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