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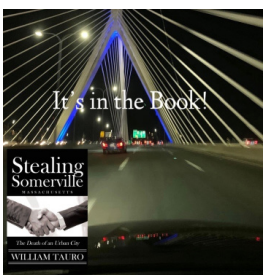


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To Somerville Mayor



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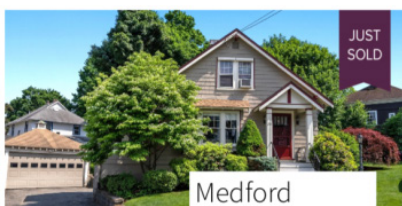
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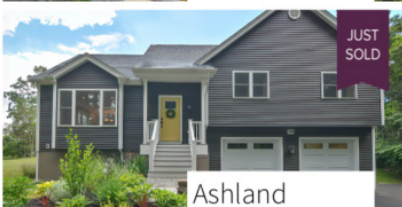
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Somerville/Medford Remembering Mary F. Ellis



Obituary
 ELLIS, Mary F. (McLaughlin) – Of Somerville and Pocasset born on November 9, 1933, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her loving family, October 20, 2024, at the age of 90.

Born in Charlestown, Ma, Mary moved to Somerville at the age of 12. She attended St. Clements Schools. It was at a local dance that she met her beloved husband, Arthur

D. Ellis, with whom she shared 55 wonderful years of marriage. Together, they raised four children. Mary prioritized family above all else. She was a vibrant and devoted mother, who instilled in her children's values of independence, strength, service to others, and above all love.

Her grandchildren and great grandchildren were the true light of her life. She enjoyed nothing more than watching them play in her back yard in Somerville, dinners around the kitchen table, and summering on the beach in Pocasset. She loved watching her children and grandchildren play at the beach and hearing their laughter fill the air. Those memories of times spent with family are a testament of her love and she cherished every moment. Those memories filled her heart with immeasurable joy and

treasured them deeply.

Mary's life was a testament to the power of love and family. Being in the spotlight or material things were never important to her. Her legacy lies in the hearts of her children and grandchildren. She showed us all the true measure of success is found in the love we share and the connections we foster.

Mary was a brilliant, hard-working, women who spent her life in service to others. She worked at the Cooperative for Human Services for over 30 years, where she was highly respected and valued. Her dedication and service were appreciated until her Retirement in 2022, at the age of 89.

Mary was predeceased by her beloved husband Arthur D. Ellis, Sr and her sons Arthur D. Ellis Jr, and William C. Ellis.

She is survived by her daughters Janice Ellis Bal-lerini and her husband Anthony, and their children, Jamie and Max; her daughter Maureen Gage and her husband Scott, and their children Scott, James and Mary; her daughter-in-law Jean Ellis, wife of Arthur David Ellis Jr., and their children, David, Kate and Ryan; her grandchildren, the children of William Ellis, Amy, Ross and William Ellis; and her eight great-grandchildren.

She is also survived by her sisters Joan Farren of Medford, and Eugenia Kane of Woburn, her sister-in-law Fran McLaughlin of Waltham, and is predecease by her brother James J. McLaughlin of Waltham.

Mary's love, strength and kindness will remain with her family forever.

A funeral procession will be held from the George L. Doherty Funeral Home 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.) Somerville, on Friday October 25th at 9:00AM. Followed by a funeral mass celebrated in St. Clement Church, 64 Warner St., Medford at 10:00AM.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend.

Calling hours will be held on Thursday from 4:00PM to 7:00PM.

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

In lieu of flower's donations may be made in Mary's name to the Cooperative for Human Services 420 Bedford ST., Building A Floor 2 Lexington, MA 02421.

Somerville/Medford Remembering Robert H. Racicot



Obituary

Robert H. Racicot, of Medford and formerly of Somerville, passed away

on October 19, 2024, surrounded by his loving family. Born and raised in Somerville, he was the devoted son of the late Rene and Filomena Racicot. After graduating from Somerville High School, Robert enlisted in the US Navy during the Vietnam era, serving his country with honor.

Robert was deeply devoted to the City of Somerville, where he worked for many years in the Somerville Housing Department, making a significant impact on many residents. In addition to his work

for the city, he was also a self-employed contractor. In 1990, he was awarded the Key to the City for his heroic actions in saving lives during a fire on the corner of Cedar and Summer Streets. In 1998, he was voted Somerville's Finest Citizen.

An extremely talented athlete, Robert enjoyed playing baseball, golf, softball, and basketball, and was a long-time member of the Somerville YMCA. His unwavering generosity, loyalty, and friendship will be missed by many.

Robert is survived by his beloved siblings: Roland and Carol of Medford, John Racicot of Medford, Elizabeth Campo of Somerville, Marie Cotter of Stoneham, Barbara and John Mobilia of Somerville, Denise Kallis of North Reading, and Yvonne Racicot-Nicholson of Medford. He was predeceased by his brothers David and Joseph Racicot.

A funeral procession will begin from the George L. Doherty Funeral Home, 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.) Somerville,

on Thursday morning at 9am, followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Clement Church, Somerville/Medford at 10:00. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. Calling hours will be held on Wednesday from 4:00 to 8:00. Interment will take place at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Robert's memory can be made to the Parkinson's Foundation at <http://www.parkinson.org>

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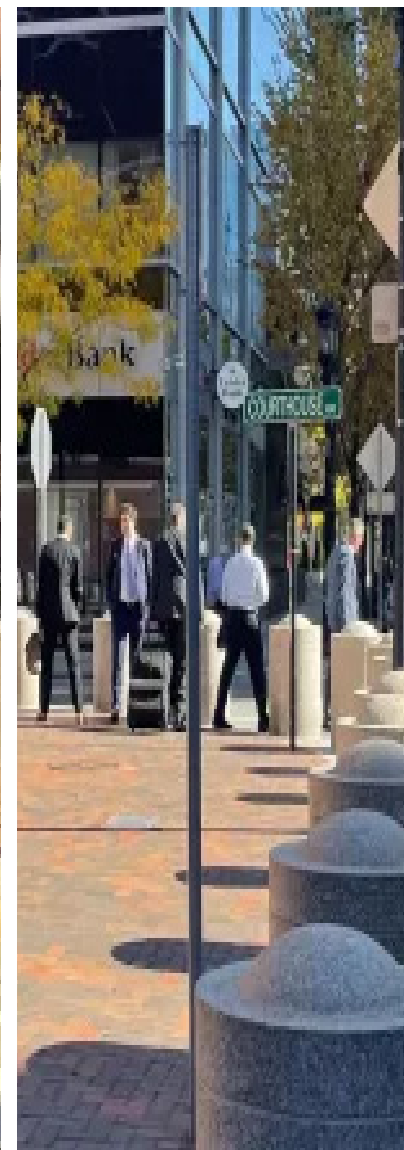
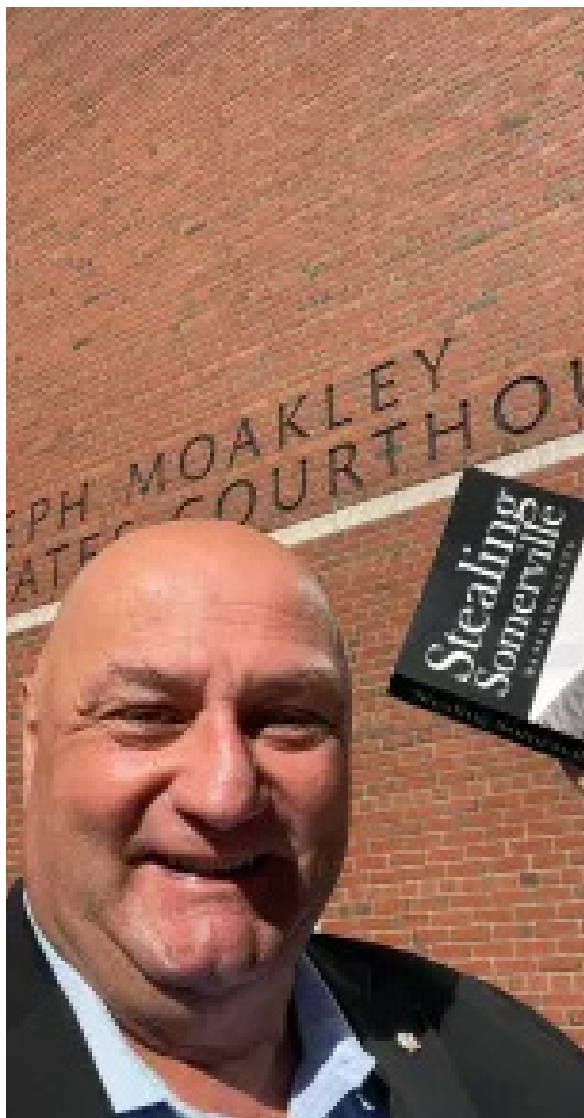


Former Somerville Mayor Joe Curtatone In Federal Court On Alleged Corruption Charges

By William Tauro

What a great day in Boston Federal Court today seeing Joe Curtatone on the witness stand being asked about all of his political corruption throughout the years as the mayor of Somerville and his crime family's involvement! Finally his day has come! The walk of shame!

Let Justice prevail! As I have said many times "It's in the Book!"



Somerville Police Capt Dan Cotter On Witness Stand Federal Court Admitting Falsifying Reports

I was right from day one! It's in the Book!" Just in time for my election!

Today was day one of the City of Somerville being brought to court for corruption! It was more like a page out of my book "Stealing Somerville." Public court records now shows that a certain handful of Somerville superior police officers and former Mayor Joe Curtatone and his crime family are the face of pure evil and corruption! I was right all along! "It's in the Book!"

Today Federal Court defendant, the corrupt former Somerville Police Captain Dan Cotter took the witness stand in front of a jury and admitted under oath that many of his police investigations and reports were indeed incomplete and "falsified!"

Former Somerville Mayor

Joe Curtatone who is one of the defendants in the case did not appear in Federal Court today, but we do know he hopped on a flight Saturday to Milan Italy to avoid being in court this week! He is now subpoenaed to show up this coming week in Federal Court as a defendant!

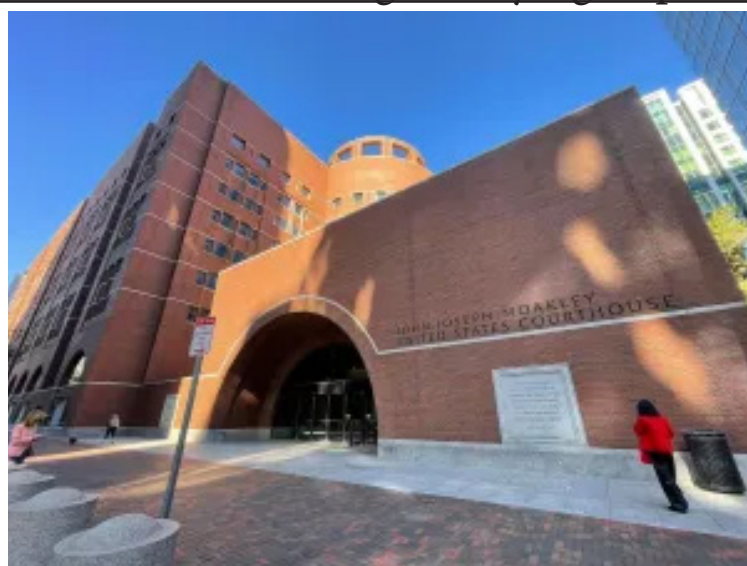
This story is still developing...

"MEMORANDUM AND ORDER ON DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT F. Dennis Saylor IV, Chief Judge, United States District Court

This is a civil action brought by a former police detective for alleged violations of his constitutional rights and for various state-law claims. Plaintiff Dante DiFronzo has filed suit against the City of

Somerville, former mayor Joseph Curtatone, former chief of police David Fallon, and former police captain Bernard Cotter, alleging that they unlawfully retaliated against him for engaging in protected conduct. Specifically, he contends that he was wrongfully terminated by defendants for filing complaints with Curtatone and the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office concerning corruption in the police department.

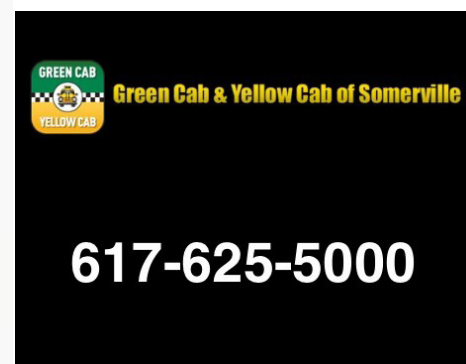
Defendants have filed a motion for summary judgment as to all claims. For the following reasons, the motion for summary judgment will be granted in part and denied in part."



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FREE COMMUNITY COLLEGE TUITION

By Bob Katzen

The state officially launched MassEducate which allows Massachusetts residents who do not already hold a bachelor's degree the opportunity to attend any of the state's 15 public community colleges and pay no tuition or fees.

MassEducate builds on the first successful year of the MassReconnect program which provides free community college to students 25 and older. More than 4,500 students statewide received MassReconnect grant awards in the 2023-24 academic year.

MassEducate expands the law and offers the free tuition to all other residents in addition to those 25 and older. Supporters noted that the Bay State now has one of the most accessible, equitable and comprehensive free community college programs in the country for full-time and part-time students, regardless of income.

To be eligible for free community college, candidates must have a high school diploma or equivalent; live in Massachusetts for at least one year with an intent to stay in the state; maintain satisfactory academic progress according to the col-

lege's requirements; and not be in default on any federal or state educational loan.

For more information about financial aid opportunities and how to apply for free tuition, go to Mass.Gov/StudentAid

"We knew that MassReconnect would be transformative for thousands of students, for our amazing community colleges and for our economy – and that was only the beginning," said Gov. Healey. "This universal free community college program will continue to transform opportunities for students and strengthen our workforce.

Massachusetts' community colleges are economic drivers, helping students move ahead in their careers and meeting the needs of our employers."

"We heard from MassReconnect students that the commonwealth's investment in them was game-changing and now we are offering that opportunity to our full and part-time students across the commonwealth," said Education Secretary Dr. Patrick Tutwiler. "Massachusetts' comprehensive free community college program is a true testament to Massachusetts' commitment to increasing access and

affordability in higher education so students can realize their dreams."

"Universal free community college is transformative," said Senate President Karen Spilka (D-Ashland). "MassEducate will deliver an education to every resident who wants one, fill workforce shortages faced by our businesses and has already reversed a decade of enrollment decline. Our community colleges are well-positioned to support this program, which will change the life trajectories of many students and their families."

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3. LEASE TERM

Lease terms must be at least five years with extensions if desired.

4. LEASE RATES AND PAYMENT SCHEDULES

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Somerville. Any questions please contact Brian Langton at 617 625 1152 Ext.331 or email BrianL@sha-web.org

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Somerville Invites Kids of All Ages to "Truck O' Treat" at City Hall



City Hall Halloween Celebration Will Be Held On Thursday, October 24, 5-7 p.m.

SOMERVILLE – Mayor Katjana Ballantyne, along with Somerville's Department of Public Works and Parks & Recreation

Office, invite all local ghosts and ghouls to "Truck O'Treat" on Thursday, October 24, from 5-7 p.m. outside City Hall (93 Highland Avenue). In the event of inclement weather, the event will be moved to Thursday, October 31.

Costumes are encouraged at the family-friendly event, which will include safe Trick-or-Treating on the City Hall concourse, a spooktacular visit from a decorated City of Somerville truck, refreshments and more.

For more information please contact Midalys Rosario by emailing mrosario@somervillema.gov or calling 617-625-6600 x2054.

This Week's QUOTABLE QUOTES On Beacon Hill

By Bob Katzen

"We shouldn't pollute our air and endanger our health just by doing everyday yard work. We have better options. It's good to see more cities and states across the country take action to improve our health and quality of life by switching away from dirty gas lawn mowers and leaf blowers."

— Janet Domenitz, MASSPIRG Education Fund Director, unveiling a study showing nationwide progress on transitioning away

from gas-powered lawn equipment.

"The significant decline in recidivism rates reflects the Department's focus on evidence-based practices and strategic interventions designed to support successful reentry into society. Reducing recidivism not only benefits those who are reintegrating but also enhances public safety across Massachusetts."

—Public Safety and Security Secretary Terrence Reidy on the release of the Depart-

ment of Corrections' Annual Recidivism Report showing that the recidivism rate decreased from 29 percent to 26 percent.

"Our noses are to the grindstone, we're trying to identify the right people through the [request for proposals] process to plan, address and get it online. Because once we go online, we want it to be perfect."

—State Treasurer Deb Goldberg on the expected launch of the state's Lottery online in April 2026. The original

launch date was supposed to be in late 2025.

"I'm excited to announce the launch of Uplift Salem, our guaranteed income pilot program to help directly address poverty in our community and contribute to the growing evidence from across the nation about the efficacy of these types of initiatives... Hopefully, the outcome of this year-long effort will be to add to the momentum for greater state and federal support for these programs, and most impor-

tantly, to lift up some of our most vulnerable neighbors here in Salem."

—Salem Mayor Dominick Pangallo on the launch of Uplift Salem, a guaranteed income pilot that will invest \$500 a month in 100 Salem residents for one year. Participants will be able to spend the cash however they want. The total cost of the pilot, which is funded through American Rescue Plan Act dollars and a private contribution through UpTogether, is \$685,000.

Register of Deeds Making AllThe Wrong Headlines!



Have you heard the most recent NEWS about the South Middlesex Registry of deeds? Two Separate News Stories were report on September 30th and October 7th Alleging fixing deeds to deprive other family Members of Real Estate Property Worth Millions of dollars.

I'm William Tauro vote the person not the party! I'll investigate these and other allegations and prosecute title theft.

Please vote William Billy Tauro Registrar of Deeds:

ATTORNEY GENERAL CAMPBELL FILES LAWSUIT AGAINST TIK TOK

By Bob Katzen

Massachusetts Attorney General Andrea Campbell has filed a lawsuit in Suffolk Superior Court against TikTok for intentionally designing its social media platform to be

addictive and harmful to young users and deceiving the public about its efforts to keep its platform safe.

The lawsuit alleges this violates the state's consumer protection laws and has contributed to a

youth mental health crisis among the hundreds of thousands of young people in the Bay State who use TikTok's platform.

"Massachusetts will not tolerate a future where companies exploit the

vulnerabilities of young people for profit," said Campbell. "Today's lawsuit further demonstrates my office's focus on the wellbeing of our children by laying out arguments that TikTok, primarily driven by greed, designed tech-

nology that leads young people to become compulsive and addicted users of the platform, harming their wellbeing and contributing to the ongoing youth mental health crisis across our country."

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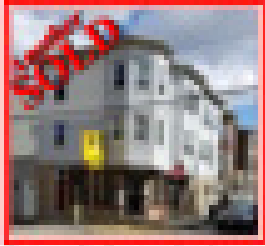


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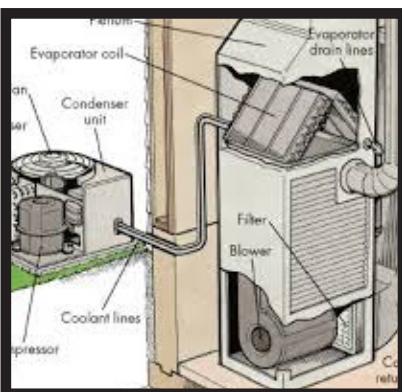
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Somerville Sharing Four Home Ownership Opportunities at 26-28 South St. and 115 Thurston St.



SOMERVILLE –Mayor Katjana Ballantyne and The Mayor’s Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD), in cooperation with Southville Development Partners, LLC and 115 Thurston, LLC, are pleased to announce the sale of four (4) deed-restricted condominium to eligible, first-time homebuyer households at a below market price through the City’s Inclusionary Housing Program. The units will be offered to households with a yearly gross income at or below 80% Area Median Income (AMI) at price tier P1 and to households between 80% and 110% AMI at price tier P2.

The units will be offered to income eligible, ready buyers through a pre-lottery application, lottery and income certification process. Interested buyers should be prepared to proceed with an income certification. The Housing Division recommends households begin collecting their past three years of W2s, 1099s and federal tax returns, including all schedules and pages, and the most recent three (3) complete, consecutive months of all income and asset statements. The City reserves the right to request more income/asset information during the income certification.

The affordable units are Deed Restricted, and the sale prices are set by formula. Buyers of these units will be subject to equity and resale provisions and annual compliance monitoring. These units may not be used for Airbnb, Vrbo or other short term rentals platforms or services and cannot be leased or subleased. The units must be used as the primary and principal residence of the household.

Building Description & Unit Description
28 South is a new, residential development in the Cobble Hill/Boynton Yards neighborhood consisting of nineteen (19) units with a parking garage. Units feature new, state of the art appliances, oversized windows, pendant and recessed lighting, and other modern finishes. Unit 202, a 2BR unit located on the 2nd floor, comes with deeded parking, which is included in the sales price. All units have access to a shared rooftop terrace. Limited bike parking spaces are available in the building. These units will be ready for occupancy upon closing, which is anticipated for Fall/Winter 2024.

115 Thurston St. is a new, residential development in the Winter Hill neighborhood consisting of nine (9) units with a parking garage. Unit 3 features new, state of the art appliances and other modern finishes. The buyer will have access to one (1) deeded parking space, which is included in the sales price. Units will be ready for occupancy upon closing, which is anticipated for Fall/Winter 2024.

How to Apply
Pre-lottery applications are now available between Tuesday, October 15th, 2024 and Thursday, November 14th, 2024 at 12 PM electronically on the City of Somerville Inclusionary Housing Program website.

Complete applications include:

A valid Massachusetts Homeownership Collaborative approved first time homebuyer’s training class certificate or verification of current enrollment in a first time homebuyers course scheduled to be completed by November 21st, 2024
A valid mortgage pre-approval letter for a 30 year fixed rate standard mortgage including an interest rate or interest rate range that is valid through November 21st, 2024.
A completed application must be delivered to the Housing Division by 12 PM on Thursday, November 14th, 2024 (must be received by this date, not post-marked).

Applications may be mailed to the Inclusionary Housing Program (Housing Division) located at:
City Hall Annex
50 Evergreen Ave.
Somerville, MA 02145

OR emailed to: inclusionary@somervillema.gov OR; faxed to:617-591-3235.

Unit Number and Tier:	Sale Price:	Minimum 3% Down Payment:	Estimated Initial Condo Fee:
28 South #101 (1-Bedroom @ 80% AMI)	\$190,459	\$5,714	\$104
28 South #202 (2-Bedroom @ 80% AMI)	\$222,493	\$6,675	\$121
28 South #305 (2-Bedroom @ 110% AMI)	\$316,831	\$9,505	\$174
15 Thurston #3 (1-Bedroom @ 80% AMI)	\$230,723	\$6,922	\$38



90 Washington St. – Letter from Bill Mahaney To Somerville Mayor



Dear Mayor Ballantyne and Somerville City Council,

I would like to introduce myself as the new Property Manager for Cobble Hill Apartments. You likely know Ms. Evelyn Ortiz retired in July after working at Cobble Hill for over 20 years. In time, I hope to earn the level of trust and support she received from the Cobble

Hill community.

As we transition, please don't hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss any Cobble Hill Apartments concerns.

Separately, I am also new to Cobble Hill's struggle to retain their green space, 37-space parking lot and the alleyway behind 84 Washington Street that we use for emergency access and trash removal. In time, hopefully I will make sense as to why a beautiful acre of green berm and mature trees are being taken by the city for new development. It seems unlikely that affordable residents would benefit from having these assets being stripped unless the city's plans include quality of life benefits that are targeted to all residents of Somerville.

Frankly, I find it unsettling that people are making decision that are not community based.

In time I hope to come to a more nuanced understanding. In the meantime, I plan to carry on Evelyn's tradition of circulating the thoughts and words of the Cobble Hill residents. Similar to Ms. Ortiz, I too will try to be their advocate for the change they would like to see for our community.

Attached please find a letter from Bill Mahaney. Mr. Mahaney lives at 84 Washington Street and has served on the 90 Washington Street Civic Advisory Committee as Cobble Hill's Community Representative since January 2023.

Many more residents

have expressed a desire to contribute their thoughts as well. I will circulate their letters when they are ready.

I am available to anyone on this circulation to discuss any of your concerns.

Thank you,

Kevin Wiggins
Property Manager
Cobble Hill Apartments

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To whom it may concern,

I occupy the Resident Abutter Seat, Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) of the 90 Washington St Project. Among City officials listed as "Who's Listening" are Melissa Woods, Capital Projects Director, mwwoods@somervillema.gov and Ted Fields, Senior Planner, @OSPCD, tfields@somervillema.gov.

The CAC is a liaison with the city and the neighborhood residents @ 90 Washington St. We provide diverse local neighborhood feedback to the Somerville Redevelopment Authority (SRA) and to Somerville City Council throughout the developer selection process.

The CAC is a 12-member committee including 2 City Councilors:

- Matthew McLaughlin, Ward One Councilor, mattforward1@gmail.com and
- Jake Wilson, City Councilor At Large, jwilson@somervillema.gov

When the time comes for CAC members to recommend 1 of the 3 developers (Pennrose, ONYXGROUP, or Greystar) to the SRA, I will recommend the developer that best accommodates the wants and needs of Cobble Hill Residents as they concern:

1. Preserving parking between 74 & 84 Washington St.
2. Preserving access to the Trash Pickup behind 84 Washington St.
3. Preserving the Trees and Environment, and
4. Preserving the BERM between Cobble Hill and 90 Washington St.

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One of our most important institutions that is constantly forgotten is the Registry of Deeds. We are only reminded of this elected office when securing property or concluding a transaction involving real estate. Then, it becomes the most important focus in the business of the day..

I plan to restore the integrity and accountability, that the Registry of Deeds should have at all times. But, has faltered, even prior to the covid epidemic. It's time we make the changes needed to set us back on the right course and reestab-

lish conducting business in a proper way.

I need your help. With your vote,,, and that of friends, neighbors, and family , We can move forward and create a more positive future for everyone to have trust in..

Now I have been recently told horror stories of how ownership of real properties have been stripped away and reissued to undeserving parties from fudged paperwork or misfilings. Let me just tell you that the stories I have heard have been investigated to uncover the truth. It is appalling that someone entrusted in a seat of power can easily manipulate the system to benefit their friends and hurt innocent people.

It isn't just time for a change, it's time to step up and fix the problems that rotate daily in the Commonwealth and make things right for those deserving.

If elected Registrar of Deeds for Southern Middlesex County, I would implement the following changes to streamline the registry and enhance its efficiency and cost-effectiveness:

- 1 Address the Backlog: Prioritize correcting and updating the backlog of registered land records to ensure accuracy and accessibility.
- 2 Expand Staffing: Hire sufficient staff to ensure all departments operate effi-

ciently, reducing delays and improving service quality.

3 Enhance Training: Implement comprehensive training programs for any new software related to title searching, ensuring all staff are proficient and up-to-date.

4 Foster Collaboration: Organize monthly meetings with attorneys, title examiners, civil engineers, and land surveyors to gather feedback and address concerns, which will help improve online access and overall service.

5 Investigate Fraud: Establish an in-house department dedicated to investigating fraudulent recordings to safeguard the integrity of the registry.

6 I will protect your home, your property and I will fight public corruption.

This would be just the beginning of the many more things that we can accomplish together once in office.

I vow to set things right, and run a trustworthy office for all to keep faith in. Remember I need everyone here to help me.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me on my personal cell phone at 617-293-2016.

Please consider voting for me this upcoming election. Thank you, Billy



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\$19.2 MILLION FOR PREPAREDNESS AGAINST TERRORIST ACTS

By Bob Katzen

The Healey administration announced that state agencies and Regional Homeland Security Advisory Councils representing all areas of Massachusetts will receive \$19.2 million to strengthen the

state's resilience and preparedness against terrorist acts.

"This grant program allows our administration to identify evolving threats to our state and invest in measures to be better prepared to prevent and

respond to threats and critical incidents," said Gov. Maura Healey. "We're grateful to the Biden-Harris Administration for prioritizing the safety of our communities through these investments."

"Preparedness is our

greatest protection against threats," said Public Safety and Security Secretary Terrence Reidy. "Collaboration across all levels of government combined with the necessary funding ensure that our cities and towns are prepared to respond and equipped to

prevent potential emergencies. This grant is critical to safeguarding our communities and ensuring a coordinated, effective response in times of need."

\$1.75 MILLION IN ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION GRANTS

By Bob Katzen

Gov. Healey announced the awarding of \$1.75 million in Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants to 45 municipalities across Massachusetts to fund 29 clean energy initiatives that help municipalities meet their own climate goals and share

the benefits of climate action equitably.

"Massachusetts' cities and towns are on the front lines fighting climate change, and we are committed to supporting their efforts through funding like Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants and more broadly

through our Green Communities Program," said Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Rebecca Tepper. "These grants will help municipalities reduce their use of harmful fossil fuels, protect local governments from energy price volatility and help build more resilient communi-

ties."

"Energy efficiency and building decarbonization is core to our strategy to combat climate change and lower energy costs," said Department of Energy Resources Commissioner Elizabeth Mahony. "With this funding, 45 communities will get

another chance to reduce their energy needs and municipal budgets. The energy manager seed funds will help many communities who want to act but lack the resources to plan expansive energy projects leverage additional funding."



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ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE SEEKS INPUT ON DRAFTING OF ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENCES REGULATIONS

By Bob Katzen

Attorney General Andrea Campbell's office announced it is seeking public feedback on the drafting of consumer protection regulations for assisted living residences in Massachusetts. Members of

the public can provide comments to the office through an online form, available here.

"We know the best way to serve our constituents is by listening to them," said Campbell. "Every resident of an assisted living facility

has the right to live in a safe and habitable environment, free from abuse, neglect and exploitation. Our older adults deserve to age safely with dignity and respect, which is why creating consumer protection regulations for assisted living facilities is so important and

responsive to their advocacy." Assisted living residences are designed for older adults who can live independently in a home-like environment, but may need help with daily activities like housekeeping, bathing or medication as-

sistance. According to the Executive Office of Elder Affairs, more than 17,000 people currently live in these residences in Massachusetts and have various options available to them.

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St. 2024-51 Article V Section 5-9.1 "Parking Meter Locations and Regulations" is amended as follows: the two metered parking spaces at 2-4 Ibbetson St are restricted for use by actively charging electric vehicles only. 2024-52 Article V Section 5-2 "Loading/Service Zones" is amended as follows: convert the existing loading zone on the east side of Grant St nearest 275-277 Broadway, approximately 20 ft north of Broadway to approximately 80 ft north of Broadway, from Wednesdays 10am-7pm to

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 7am-7pm. 2024-53 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Locations and Prohibitions" is amended as follows: the east side of Columbia St nearest 516 Columbia St, from approximately 30 ft south of Windsor Place to approximately 325 ft south of Windsor Place, convert the existing two hour parking regulation to no parking any time. 2024-54 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Locations and Prohibitions" is amended as follows: on the west side of Columbia

Street nearest 495 Columbia Street, from approximately 115 feet south of Windsor Place to approximately 250 feet south of Windsor Place, convert the existing no parking regulation to be two hour parking. 2024-55 Article V Section 5-2 "Loading/Service Zones" is amended as follows: on the west side of Columbia Street nearest 495 Columbia Street, from approximately 30 feet south of Windsor Place to approximately 60 feet south of Windsor Place, modify the existing 8AM to 5PM Mon-

Sat Loading Zone in the Traffic Commission Regulations Schedule C so that it refers to 495 Columbia Street instead of 517 Columbia Street, and convert the posted no parking anytime regulation to this Loading Zone. PROMULGATED: OCTOBER 10, 2024 ADVERTISED: OCTOBER 22, 2024 OCTOBER 29, 2024 NOVEMBER 5, 2024 EFFECTIVE: NOVEMBER 13, 2024 Somerville/Medford News Weekly 10/22, 10/28, 11/04/24

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Somerville Set to Release Updated Plans for West Broadway with October 22 Community Open House

Driven by data, transformative project aims to bring safer walking, biking, rolling, and driving to high-crash street

SOMERVILLE—Most people are well aware of the speed limit on the streets they use, but three other important numbers that define each street are driving road safety efforts in Somerville: the number of crashes, the number of vehicles and pedestrians, and the average vehicle speed. This data helped make clear the need for the new West Broadway Reconstruction safety project.

In Somerville, Mayor Katjana Ballantyne, the City Council, and community members have rallied to prioritize transportation improvements on streets with high crash and injury risks as well busy pedestrian areas or crossings. West Broadway fits that bill, and all are invited to learn more about and discuss the West Broadway Reconstruction safety project at an upcoming community open

house.

The open house, hosted by Mayor Katjana Ballantyne, Ward 7 Councilor Judy Pineda Neufeld, and City staff welcomes all community members to learn about this effort, review an updated design, and share their feedback on Tuesday, October 22, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the West Somerville Neighborhood School, at 177 Powder House Boulevard.

Broadway is one of the most used main streets in Somerville, crossing the entire city from east to west. Unfortunately, it has seen more than 200 crashes between 2018 and 2022. The westernmost segment of Broadway, the focus of this project, serves as a gateway to the city, connecting Somerville to Arlington, North Cambridge, Alewife Brook Parkway, and the Greenway Bike Path. It is heavily used by people walking, riding bikes, driving, or taking the bus.

The West Broadway Reconstruction project aims to dramatically reduce the number of crashes and increase safety by providing new and improved crossings, protected bike lanes in both directions, and traffic calming to reduce speeding. In addition, the City aims to improve the experience of traveling along the street with more trees for shade coverage, floating bus stops with dedicated waiting areas for bus riders, and all new sidewalks as well as a repaved roadway.

“Not all crashes include injuries, but every crash creates a risk of serious injury or death, so we are steadily working to end traffic fatalities and serious injuries in our city. That’s our clear Vision Zero goal, and we are making progress with projects like West Broadway among other efforts,” said Mayor Katjana Ballantyne.

“Serious crash injuries in

Somerville are down 54 percent between 2013 and 2023. Last year, for the first time since 2018, we had no fatal crashes,” continued Mayor Ballantyne. “But I share this progress solemnly with those who we have lost in mind. Our work is far from done. The West Broadway Reconstruction Project is an opportunity to take a significant step forward, and it must be one of many.”

Building off the City’s Vision Zero Action Plan, Bicycle Network plan, and community input gathered since Fall 2023, City staff have worked with engineering consultants to develop an updated design.

At the open house, community members can explore different aspects of the design and talk directly to the project team about their questions and comments. If community members cannot attend, there will be multiple other ways to

share feedback such as through an online feedback survey, street outreach pop-ups and more. Visit somervillema.gov/west-broadway for more details.

“Our residents want and need safer streets—and we need this as quickly as possible. We’ve shown that smart, community-driven, reconstruction projects can not only increase safety. We can increase the number of people who feel comfortable walking, biking, and rolling. We can improve public transit access and reliability. And we can strategically manage parking and vehicle traffic so all people can access our streets and businesses.

This type of project is how Somerville moves forward on our safety and climate goals,” said Brad Rawson, Director of Mobility.

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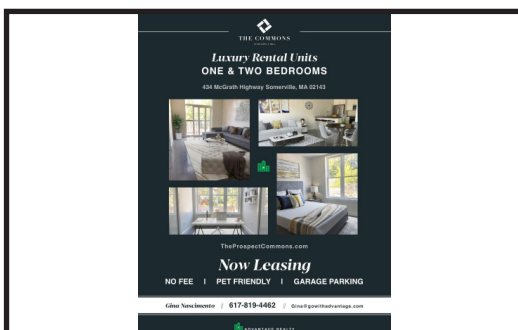
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Somerville Inviting Community to Join Annual Vigil Honoring Victims of Domestic Violence



Vigil will be Held Wednesday, October 30, at 6 p.m. at East Somerville Library

SOMERVILLE – Mayor Katjana Ballantyne, the Somerville Commission for Women, RESPOND, Inc., the Somerville Public Library, and the Department of Racial and Social Justice (RSJ) invite residents to attend the City’s annual Domestic Violence Vigil on Wednesday, October 30, 2024. This annual

vigil is dedicated to commemorating the lives lost to domestic violence in the past year, recognizing the strength of survivors, and renewing our community’s dedication to eradicating domestic violence.

“As a community, we must come together to support those impacted by domestic violence and stand in solidarity with survivors and victims, said Mayor Ballantyne. This vigil is a time for us to reflect, to remember, and to reaffirm our commitment to creating a safe and supportive environment for everyone in Somerville.”

The 2024 Somerville Domestic Violence Vigil will begin at 6 p.m. at the East Somerville Library (115 Broadway). If there is

rain, the vigil will move indoors to Connexion, 149 Broadway. The event is free and open to the public. Light food and refreshments will be provided. There will be American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation at the event. If you would like to attend, please consider RSVPing in advance here.

Attendees will be invited to raise a candle in remembrance of domestic violence victims and participate in the Clothesline Project – an interactive community art project that raises awareness about domestic violence. A display will be presented from attendees who participated in the Clothesline Project at last year’s vigil and this year’s attendees will be invited to again

participate in the community art project.

“This annual candlelight vigil provides a space for us to honor the women, men, and children whose lives were tragically taken by acts of domestic violence this year. By coming together as a community, we show solidarity to our neighbors in need and reaffirm personal commitments to breaking the cycle of violence. We invite everyone to join us in this powerful evening of remembrance as we work towards a future where every person can live free from fear and abuse,” shared Kimberly Sheridan, Somerville Commission for Women Co-Chair.

Victoria Helberg, Chief Execu-

tive Officer of Respond INC., shared that “Domestic violence continues to affect far too many lives, leaving a devastating impact on individuals, families, and communities. We gather to honor those whose lives have been tragically lost and to stand united as a community with a shared commitment to end domestic violence. Together, we have the strength to drive meaningful change; it’s through our collective efforts that we can break the cycle and create a safer future for everyone.”

For more information about the vigil, please contact Latoya Saulters, Commissions Coordinator, at lsaulters@somervillema.gov or (857) 274-2719.

\$1.75 MILLION IN ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION GRANTS

By Bob Katzen

Gov. Healey announced the awarding of \$1.75 million in Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants to 45 municipalities across Massachusetts to fund 29 clean energy initiatives that help municipalities meet their own climate goals and share the benefits of

climate action equitably.

“Massachusetts’ cities and towns are on the front lines fighting climate change, and we are committed to supporting their efforts through funding like Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants and more broadly through our Green Communities Program,”

said Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Rebecca Tepper. “These grants will help municipalities reduce their use of harmful fossil fuels, protect local governments from energy price volatility and help build more resilient communities.”

“Energy efficiency and building

decarbonization is core to our strategy to combat climate change and lower energy costs,” said Department of Energy Resources Commissioner Elizabeth Mahony. “With this funding, 45 communities will get another chance to reduce their energy needs and municipal budgets. The energy manager seed funds will help

many communities who want to act but lack the resources to plan expansive energy projects leverage additional funding.”

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Somerville Launching VoteSomerville Tool for Voters to Verify Their Ward and Polling Place



SOMERVILLE – Mayor Katjana Ballantyne is pleased to share that the City of Somerville has created a new web page where voters can look up their current address to verify their ward and polling place ahead of the November 2024 Presidential Election.

The portal is designed to provide Somerville voters with localized, precise ward and polling place information so you know where to go on Election Day. To use the portal, visit somerillema.gov/votesomerville and start typing your address into the search bar. Simply keep typing until you see a match, and then click on the correct matching address. The portal will then display your ward, precinct, and polling place with address, as well as the names and contact information of your City, State, and Federal officials.

You will also find helpful links with directions to your polling place, instructions on how to

register to vote, vote-by-mail guidance, and ballot dropbox locations.

Under rare circumstances, such as new construction, your address may not appear in the search. If you don't find your address, you can also contact the Elections Department at 617-625-6600 ext. 4200 to verify your polling place or check with the Commonwealth's online tool for finding election information.

A complete list of polling places is available on the City's website.

This tool was created as an enhancement to existing statewide tools, providing Somerville-specific information as well as additional translation options to meet the needs of the City's residents.

Translations: Somerville has made the text of each ballot question on the November ballot available online in 12 languages. You can find these translated ballots on the City's website. If you need help at your polling place, interpreters are available by phone on-demand. You can request an interpreter by asking one of the poll workers at your polling place.

Accessibility: The State of Massachusetts and the City of Somerville work to ensure equal access to all for voting. Poll workers are trained to assist voters with disabilities, and all polling places include accessible parking, entrances, and ramps wherever there are stairs.

Early voting and all polling locations must have at least one accessible voting machines. AutoMARK Voter Assist Terminals are available at all Somerville polling locations for visually impaired voters and can also read your ballot to you before you print it out and submit it.

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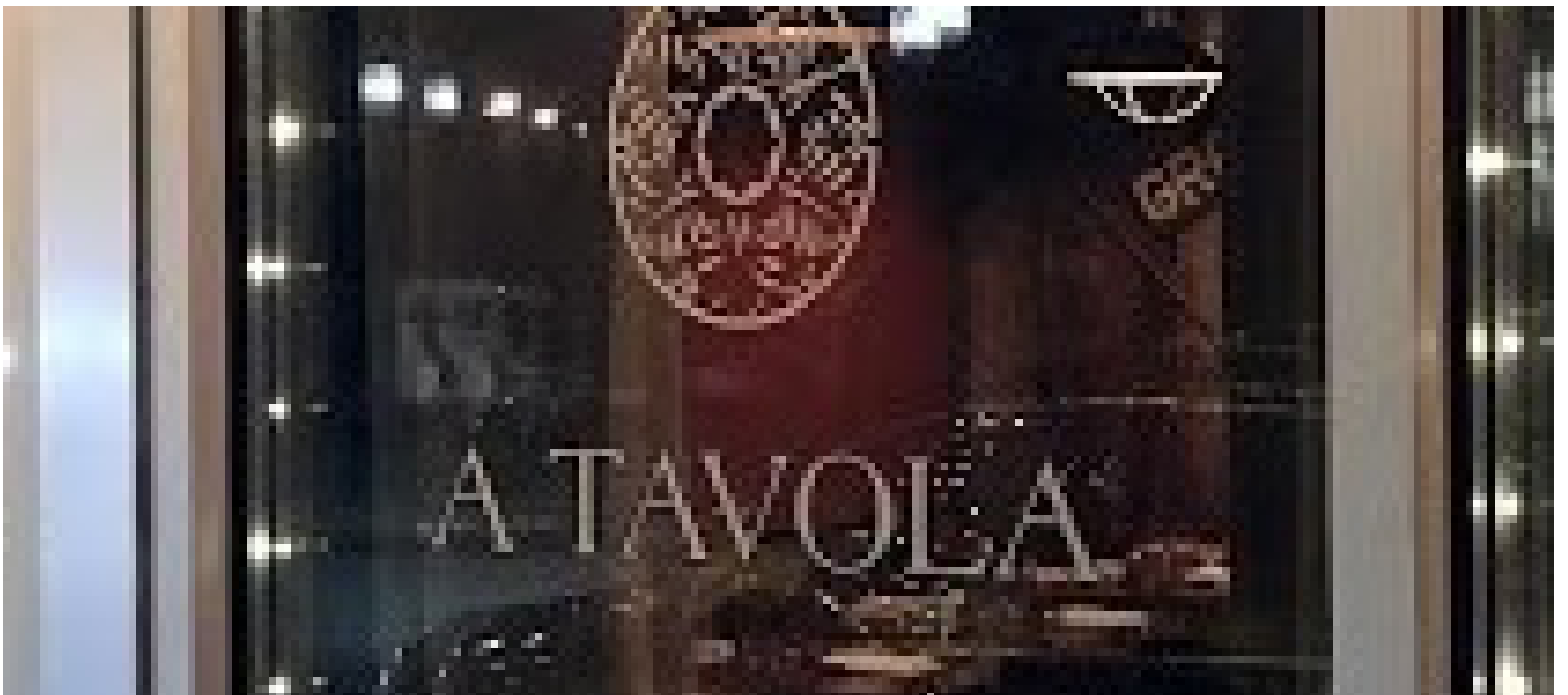
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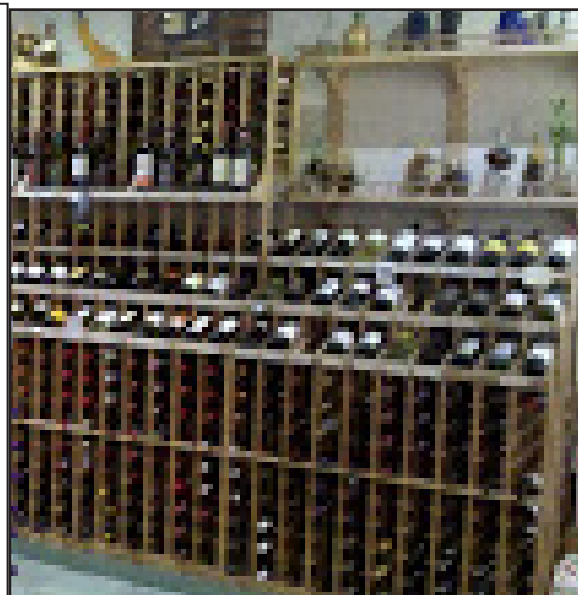


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