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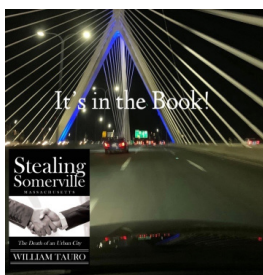
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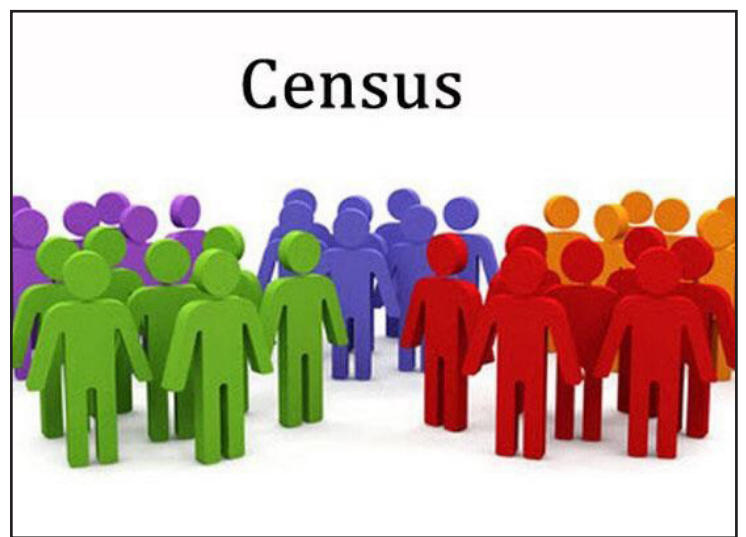
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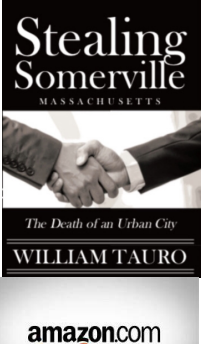


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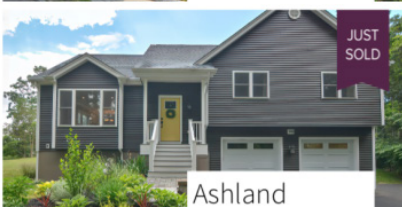
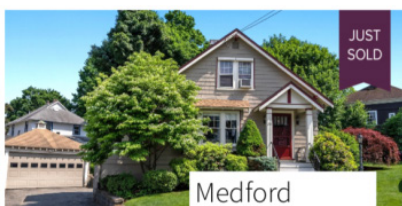
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Somerville/Medford Remembering David Paul “Dave” Pignone



David Paul “Dave” Pignone of Stoneham passed away unexpectedly surrounded by his family on Tuesday, January 21, 2025. He is 83 years of age

Born on Sunday, August 31, 1941 in Somerville, Dave is the loving son of the late Ralph Pignone and Leona (Clivio) Pignone. Dave is a warm, kind, gentle and loyal son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, uncle and friend who will be truly missed.

Dave is the beloved husband of SandraLee (Aborn) Pignone. He is the devoted father of Sherri Patti and her husband Matthew, Lori Russell and her husband Mark, David Pignone Jr. and his wife Jennifer, Rick Pignone and his wife Cristina and Lisa Mooney and her husband Raymond. Dave is the cherished grandfather of Joseph Patti, Nicolas Patti, Sharidan Russell and her husband Mohsine Messaoudi, Timothy Russell, Seth Russell, Ashley Pignone, Tre

Pignone, Brenna Pignone, Mikey Pignone, Tiana Pignone, Kaylee Pignone, Olivia Pignone, Ricky Pignone Jr., Tayla Silva and her husband James, Kevin McShane, Christopher Mooney, Eric Mooney and Ryan Mooney. He is the dear brother of Joyce Zinchuk and her husband James, Diane Cormier and her husband Roland, Paul Pignone, AnnMarie Dalamangas and her husband Nickolas and the late Ralph Pignone. Dave is the brother-in-law of Howie Aborn and his wife Susan, Judi Coish and her husband Paul and Ronnie Aborn and his wife Susan. He is predeceased by his son-in-law Kevin McShane and he is also lovingly survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends who will deeply miss him.

Family and friends are cordially

invited to gather and share memories with Dave’s Family on Sunday, January 26th from 2-6pm in the Barile Family Funeral Home, 482 Main Street (RT 28) STONEHAM. Parking attendants and elevator are available.

A Funeral Mass Celebrating Dave’s Eternal Life will be held on Monday, January 27th at 10am in Saint Patrick Church, 71 Central Street Stoneham. Please meet directly at church.

Dave’s family would like to request for people to leave memories, stories, and well wishes to them by mailing/dropping them off at Pignone’s Cafe 319 Main St Stoneham, MA 02180.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making donations in Dave’s

memory to Joslin Diabetes Center c/o Beth Israel Lahey Health, Office of Philanthropy 529 Main Street, 4th Floor, Charlestown, MA 02129 or to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284-9168 or by referring to both links below.

For more information, <http://www.facebook.com/BarileFamilyFuneralHome>

To order memorial trees or send flowers to the family in memory of David Paul “Dave” Pignone, please visit our flower store.

In memory of David Paul “Dave” Pignone, please consider making a donation to one of the following charities:

Joslin Diabetes Center
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

Somerville/Medford Remembering David Ferrara



Obituary

David Ferrara, originally of Somerville, passed away on January 21, 2025, after a brief but courageous illness, surrounded by the love of his family.

He was the proud father to Alexis Ferrara, Anthony Ferrara, Kaitlin Lott (Brounley), and Emily Stritmatter, and grandfather to his five grandchildren, Layla, Shaylyn, Colton, Tripp, and Addie. David was the beloved son of Janice (Wall) Ferrara and the late An-

thony “Tony” Ferrara, with whom he shared an unbreakable bond that shaped his life. He is survived by his brother Thomas Ferrara, his sister Theresa (Ferrara) Sciarappa and her husband, Lenny, as well as his “favorite” niece Shannon (Sciarappa) Mitchell and her husband, Chris. He is also survived by his former wife of 19 years, Heidi Brounley, and his current fiancé, Kasey Gilbert and step-kids Jake and Brooklyn, whom he loved as his own.

David’s professional journey took him from sales to brokerage to managing multiple restaurants. He was intelligent, charming, charismatic, and likeable, and he naturally captured peoples’ attention. Boston and Somerville were not just where David was from—they were a part of him. He held a deep connection to the North End, his father’s old neighborhood, and proudly carried those roots with him. David’s strength was evident in every chapter of his life. Whether facing challenges or cel-

ebrating triumphs, he approached life with resilience and courage. He will be remembered for his humor and his fierce loyalty, especially to the people he considered family and close friends. If you were his friend, you were his friend for life.

Friends and family are invited to celebrate David’s life on Tuesday, January 28, 2025, at an 11 a.m. Funeral Mass at St. Ann’s Church in Somerville, his family’s cherished parish.

Somerville/Medford Remembering Pier Luigi “Gino” Minghetti.



Pier Luigi Minghetti
November 27, 1933 — January 16, 2025
Westford, Massachusetts
Pier Luigi “Gino” Minghetti.

Gino Minghetti, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and community legend, passed away peacefully at the age of 91. Born on November 27, 1933, in the beautiful seaside town of Gaeta, Italy, Gino brought a legacy of love, tradition, and vibrant energy to all who knew him.

Arriving in the United States on June 4, 1956, aboard the ship Olympia, disembarking on Ellis Island, New York, Gino settled in Sudbury, Massachusetts, where he lived with his aunt and began to build a life rooted in hard work and dedication.

Gino carried on his family’s proud tradition as a barber, a legacy passed down through generations, beginning with his great-grandfather. He began cutting hair at just 8 years old, working alongside his father in their barbershop in Gaeta. With skilled hands and a warm smile, Gino shared this

cherished craft with his community throughout his life. He pursued his dream of becoming a master barber by enrolling in barber and hairdressing school. It was there that he met the love of his life, a feisty and beautiful woman named Eleanor Attardo. Gino was smitten from the start and asked her out countless times, but Eleanor wasn’t easily won over. It wasn’t until she saw his dazzling ballroom dancing skills that she agreed to a date.

After graduating together, Gino and Eleanor began their life in South Boston, where Eleanor had grown up. The couple faced heartbreak when their first child tragically passed at birth. However, their love and resilience brought them hope, and they were soon blessed with their daughters; Tina, followed by Elisa, and then the delightful surprise of Mariann.

Gino worked tirelessly to provide for his family. Traveling daily from South Boston to Somerville, he found a community of friends and “paisans” who became like family. He eventually opened Gino’s Barbershop on Broadway in Somerville, where his warmth, charm, and expertise earned him a loyal clientele. Later, Gino and Eleanor bought a home in Somerville, where Gino built a barbershop in the basement, solidifying his legacy as one of the most beloved barbers in the area.

As president of the Barber Association of America, Gino represented his craft across the country, sharing his passion and leadership. Over the years, he served many notable figures, including Massachusetts politicians and the state attorney general. He often said that he was

“90% sure” he once cut President Obama’s hair.

Gino’s barbershop was more than a place for haircuts—it was a haven. Clients would come not just for a hot towel shave but for Gino’s stories, laughter, and the joy of escaping life’s pressures for a while. His love for music, comedians, and ballroom dancing made him a vibrant and unforgettable character. Wherever his daughters went out and met people, many would recognize the name Gino’s Barbershop, with stories of their own about him. His legacy continues through his grandsons Tadgh and John-John, who have met younger barbers who speak of Gino with admiration and fondness and their own stories of Gino.

In addition to barbering, Gino worked a second job at The Boston Globe in Billerica, where he formed close friendships with sons-in-law, Denis Murray and John McIsaac. Their antics, including the legendary story of Gino “borrowing” snow salt and hilariously improvising when caught, are part of the many treasured memories they shared. The laughter and stories they’re now sharing in heaven must be truly remarkable.

After decades of barbering, Gino decided to retire—though he never fully left the profession. He would meet his friends, including his best friend and cousin Bruno Nardone, at Dunkin’ Donuts. There, a lively group of Italians would gather to laugh, argue over politics, and form connections with the workers and regulars who came to enjoy their vibrant conversations.

Even into his 80’s, Gino’s zest for

life was unstoppable. He went ballroom dancing three nights a week, charming everyone on the dance floor with his energy and grace. This passion lasted until a battle with colon cancer during COVID required him to slow down. Gino then moved to Westford, where his devoted daughters cared for him. Though he missed dancing every day, his years of activity helped him remain remarkably independent well into his 90’s.

His family attributes his longevity to his dedication to legendary home-cooked meals, his love for the fish eyes he would eat right from the catch, and his nightly glass of red wine—often finished with a concoction of his daughters’ leftover drinks. That mix, they joked, may have been the secret to his long, full life.

Gino was immensely proud of his grandchildren: Ariana (Minghetti) Favaloro, John Minghetti, Tadgh Murray, Leanora Murray, Aidan McIsaac, and Denis “Dinny” Murray. He was also blessed with great-grandchildren Ellie and Noah Favaloro, who brought him endless joy.

The stories Gino leaves behind are countless, filled with laughter, wisdom, and unforgettable memories. One particularly memorable story is how he would take off his toupee and toss it on top of the refrigerator behind him, much to the embarrassment of his children when guests came over for a meal.

From the barbershop to the dance floor, from Dunkin’ Donuts to family gatherings, Gino left a lasting impression on everyone he met.

Predeceased by his beloved wife, Eleanor (Attardo), and his brother, Giacinto Minghetti of Gaeta, Italy, sons-in-law, John McIsaac of Salem, Ma, and Denis Murray of Cork, Ireland. Gino is survived by his daughters: Tina McIsaac of Salem, MA; Elisa Staffiere and son-in-law Robert Staffiere of Savannah, GA; and Mariann Murray of Westford, MA. He also leaves behind his cherished sister-in-law, Clara (Di Vuolo) Minghetti, nephews Salvatore and Marco Minghetti of Gaeta, Italy, and his cherished grandchildren and great-grandchildren, along with many other extended family members and friends who will miss him dearly.

Gino’s legacy is one of love, laughter, tradition, and resilience. His charismatic spirit, unwavering devotion to family, and passion for his craft will forever remain in the hearts of those who knew him. His stories and wisdom will continue to inspire generations, and his remarkable ability to make everyone feel like family will never be forgotten.

A visitation will be held for Gino on Wednesday, January 22, 2025 from 4:00pm to 8:00pm at the Badger Funeral Homes Inc, located at 347 King Street, Littleton, Massachusetts, 01460. A funeral mass will follow on Thursday, January 23, 2025, at 10:00am at the Blessed Trinity Parish – St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, located at 107 North Main Street, Westford, Massachusetts, 01886. The burial will take place on the same day at 12:00pm at St Michael Cemetery, which is located at 500 Canterbury Street, Boston, Massachusetts, 02131.



Somerville/Medford News Weekly Speakup Line: Woman Attacked Near Clarendon Hill Stop & Shop

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

Did you know a woman was attacked a few nights ago near Clarendon Hill Stop & Shop wearing earbuds and crossing the street a guy grabbed her from behind picked her up and covered her mouth. His intentions were either to kill and rape.

He fled and she didn't see his face but he had an accent. He called her an F'ing C*nt because she bit him and ran getting away. He fled. SPD hasn't done much because not a lot of info. But he's out there or in another state or City by

now. Just wanted to let you know. No earbuds in after 9-10 or walking alone for these woman in Somerville. It's pretty scary.

He was trying to drag her away by the bus station I believe in that area.

She didn't want it out there but I guess it went to the state. I told her to let you know immediately. But, she didn't want to I'm doing it on my own because all woman of Somerville need to know don't walk home alone or wear earbuds so late.

She's petrified now and scared to walk from her parking and go shopping late. I feel every woman

needs to be careful and know about this.

Wives, daughters they should all know. It's highly important.

Thank you pal appreciate you as always the mayor doesn't even know or care. I'm sure you could get info from SPD.

But, I know things will change soon. Let me know if you want to grab a coffee soon.

A concerned Somerville resident



Updated Advisory: Boston, Somerville Traffic Pattern Shifts on Maffa Way and Mystic Avenue Postponed Until Next Week



Work now begins, weather permitting, on Tuesday, January 28

BOSTON/SOMERVILLE – The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is updating travelers that the traffic pattern shifts on Maffa Way and Mystic Avenue in Somerville are being postponed until next week and will now be implemented, weather permitting, beginning Tuesday, January 28. These shifts are anticipated to remain in place through January of 2026.

On Maffa Way, two lanes of traffic will be temporarily shifted from the south

bound side of the bridge to the northbound side. One lane from Broadway in Somerville and one lane from the I-93 ramp will be maintained. Pedestrian access will be maintained across the bridge. Additionally, segments of Caldwell and Brighton Streets will be closed where they intersect with Broadway Street on the westbound side of the bridge.

On Mystic Avenue, two lanes of traffic will be temporarily shifted from the northbound side of the bridge to the southbound side. The end of Sherman Street will be closed for this work zone.

Detours will be in place as follows:

Brighton Street at Broadway Closure
Vehicles traveling from Caldwell Street to Broadway should turn right on Brighton Street, right on Perkins Street, and right on Mount Vernon Street.

Vehicles traveling from Broadway to Brighton Street should turn onto Mount Pleasant Street, then turn left onto Perkins Street.

A temporary parking ban on the north side of Perkins Street between Mount Pleasant Street and Caldwell Street will be in place to allow for two-way travel.

Pedestrians will be directed

to use Caldwell Street, Perkins Street, and Mount Pleasant Street.

Sherman Street at Mystic Avenue Closure
Vehicles traveling from Mystic Avenue to Sherman Street will be directed to turn right on Dorrance Street and left on Arlington Avenue. Vehicles traveling from Sherman Street to Mystic Avenue will be directed to head northbound on Sherman Street, turn right on Arlington Avenue, and turn right on Dorrance Street.

Drivers traveling through the affected areas should expect delays, reduce speed, and use caution.

Appropriate signage and messaging will be in place to guide drivers through the work areas.

All scheduled work is weather

dependent and subject to change without notice.

For additional information on the project, please visit <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/traffic-and-construction-updates-maffa-way-mystic-ave-bridge-project>.

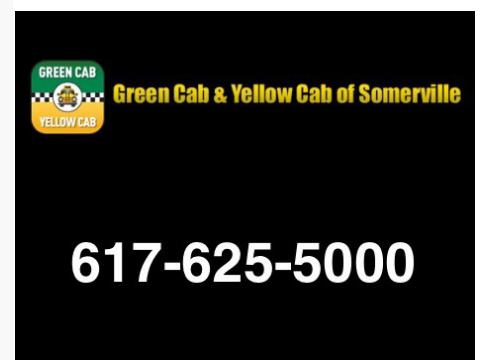
For more information on traffic conditions, travelers are encouraged to: Dial 511 and select a route to hear real-time conditions. Visit <http://www.mass511.com> for real-time traffic and incident advisory information.

Follow @MassDOT on X (formerly known as Twitter) to receive regular updates on road and traffic conditions.

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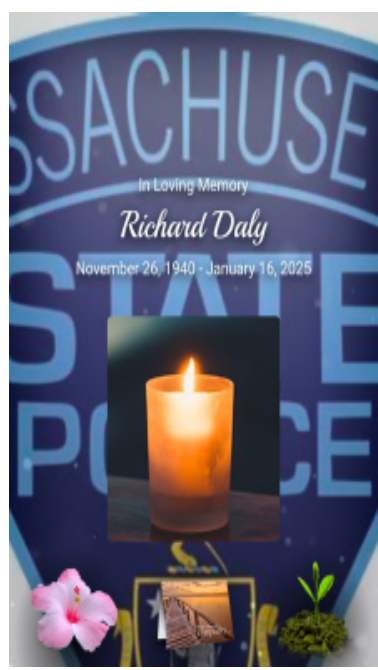


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Somerville/Medford Remembering Richard Daly



Obituary
Richard was born in Cambridge, then later moved to and grew up in Somerville. During high school he joined the drum and bugle corps. His lifelong dream was to become a law enforcement officer, and he started that journey as a Belmont Police Officer.

He then became an officer on the Registry of Motor Vehicles, and subsequently a Sergeant in the MA State

Police. He was a devout Catholic, and a kind and loving soul, who's love of Jesus and generosity couldn't be measured, and would answer the call of someone in need, both on and off duty.

Richard cherished spending time with Michael, Ava, Debbie, Luis, Alyssa, Bri, LJ, Mary, Kylee and Liz, and they loved spending time with him. Richard and his brother Bob spent some time traveling

to distant destinations, which he treasured. He loved spending time with his sisters Marie and Bernie, and also with his brothers Joe, Jack and Paul.

Richard is survived by: Michael Daly, his son and his granddaughter Ava Daly; Debra Daly-Ferrandiz, his daughter, her husband Luis and his grandchildren Alyssa, Bri and LJ; Michelle Hurd, his daughter, her husband

Aaron and his grandchildren, Devon, Megan and Ethan; and Joe Daly, his son. He is also survived by his former spouses, Marie Daly and Mary Daly-Spada.

Services will be private

Somerville Police Department Weekly Crime Log

Assault
25002968: On 1/17/25 at approximately 9:48 AM, a male party entered the station and stated that his juvenile son had an object thrown at his head by another student and it rendered him unconscious.

Residential Breaking &

Entering
25002454: On 1/14/25 at approximately 3:27 PM, Somerville Police responded to a residence on Bromfield Rd for report of a past breaking and entering. Upon arrival, officers spoke with the victim who stated he left for vacation and when he returned, no-

ticed his bike was missing from the basement. Officers identified the suspect involved.

Other Crimes:

- 2 MV Thefts
- 5 Package Thefts
- 3 MV Vandalisms
- 2 Car Breaks
- 1 Bike Theft

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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A special menu and special hours will be posted on our website as well as our social media channels. Please stay tuned

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

If there is anything in particular you would like to see from us or if you need help preparing food at home for your families please reach out and we will do

our best to help. Whether it be recipe ideas with random things you might have purchased or if you run out of something that you need that we can help with please don't hesitate to ask.

A Tavola Restaurant Winchester outdoor patio dining is open for business & takeout orders: (781)729-1040 34 Church St Winchester

Thank you for your continued support.



Mystic Players Revival Company

[Medford, Massachusetts] – The Mystic Players Revival, Inc. theater company is thrilled to announce that it has received a grant of \$2,500 from the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency, through its Festivals and Projects Program. This initiative aligns closely with our mission to provide the community with a year-round schedule of live theater, produced to serve the cultural, educational and entertainment needs of the community, and we are excited about the positive impact this funding will have on the citizens of Medford.

This grant signifies that The Mystic Players Revival, Inc. company provides significant public value through its programs and services. MPR serves the City of Medford as a public opportunity for theatrical performance

and community involvement. The former Mystic Players theater company ran successfully for many years entertaining the city, and the Revival company intends to continue that tradition. MPR, Inc.'s "Impromptu Library Nights" have already provided dozens of Medford citizens of all ages the opportunity to sing and act in front of small audiences, and this grant has enabled the group to secure a performance arena for its first formal production, The Mystic Cabaret. The show will go up at the McGlynn Middle School at 7:00pm, February 28th and March 1st, 2025. With a talented 25-person cast, this inaugural performance is sure to entertain the Medford community and beyond!

"This grant awarded to Mystic Players Revival, Inc. represents more

than just financial support—it's a commitment to supporting creativity and performance, enriching our cultural landscape, and providing opportunities for local artists to thrive," said Governor Maura Healey. "The impact of this grant will be felt far beyond the walls of this theatre and will positively impact the wider community for years to come. I'm grateful to the Mass Cultural Council for supporting arts and culture across our state and congratulate Mystic Players Revival, Inc. on this great achievement."

For this fiscal year, Mass Cultural Council has adopted a \$34 million spending plan, allowing the Agency to award at least 2,500 grants totaling approximately \$38 million to the Commonwealth's creative and

cultural sector. This is funded primarily through public dollars, including the Agency's \$26.7 million state budget appropriation and support from the National Endowment for the Arts. The agency also runs the Mass Cultural Facilities Fund in partnership with MassDevelopment.

Mass Cultural Council funds reach every community in the Commonwealth. Its mission is to advance the Commonwealth's creative and cultural sector by celebrating traditions and talents, championing its collective needs, and equitably investing public resources.

"We are deeply grateful to the Mass Cultural Council for their trust and support," said Margaret Petrella, President of Mystic Players Re-

vival, Inc. "This grant is a testament to our shared commitment to the arts. With this funding, we will be able to provide a more formal arena for theatrical performance, ultimately benefiting Medford citizens of all ages."

For more information about Mystic Players Revival, Inc. and the initiatives/performances funded by this grant, please visit <https://mysticplayersrevival.org/> or contact Margaret Petrella, President of MPR, at margaretpetrella95@gmail.com or 781-799-4373.

MARIJUANA SALES CLIMB TO AN ALLTIME HIGH

By Bob Katzen
Marijuana establishments in Massachusetts generated more than \$1.64 billion in gross sales in 2024, setting a new annual record for the state.

"The cannabis industry in Massachusetts continued to mature in 2024 as the commission approved the 700th—and counting—notice to commence

operations," Acting Chair Bruce Stebbins said. "The clear growth of the industry is the result of ongoing collaboration between commissioners and agency staff, business owners, host

communities, an engaged consumer base and the medical community. We're looking ahead to continued growth in 2025 and beyond as we seek to expand the industry with

new social consumption licenses."

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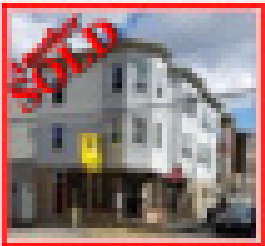


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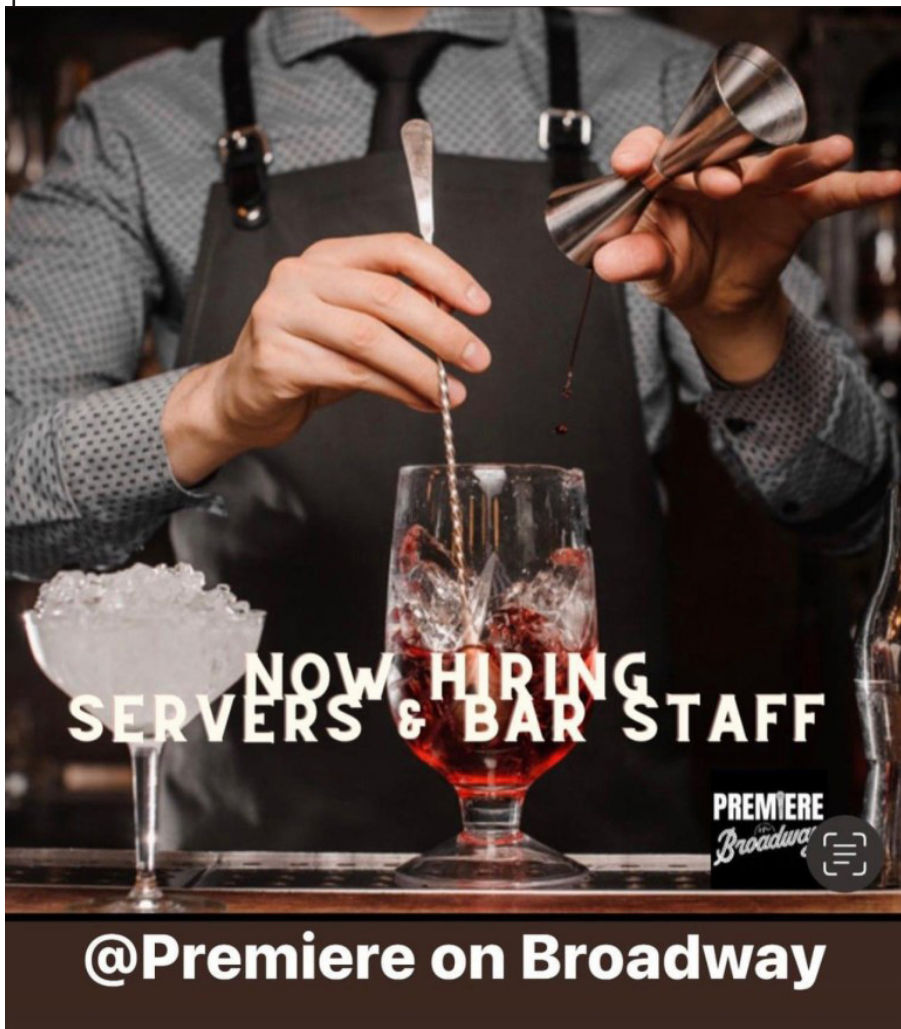
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Bob Katzen Attorney General Andrea Campbell announced that she, along with a bipartisan coalition of states and other parties, has reached a \$7.4 billion settlement in principle with members of the Sackler family and their company, Purdue Pharma for their instrumental role in creating the opioid crisis. Up to \$108 million of the settlement funds will be distributed to Massachusetts. The suit says that under the Sacklers' leadership, Purdue invented, manufactured and aggressively marketed opioid products for decades, perpetuating waves of addiction and overdose deaths

across the commonwealth and country. "The Sackler family will forever be remembered as a symbol of greed, profiting off pain to destroy countless lives across the commonwealth and country," said Campbell. "While this settlement cannot bring back the lives lost, it will bring in much-needed funds to begin to remediate the damage and ensure that the Sacklers can be held accountable for the lasting devastation they have caused. I am incredibly grateful to the families who turned their pain into purpose to inform our work in this space."






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Somerville Police Department Weekly Crime Log

<p>Assault 25002968: On 1/17/25 at approximately 9:48 AM, a male party entered the station and stated that his juvenile son had an object thrown at his head by another student and it rendered him unconscious.</p> <p>Residential Breaking & Entering 25002454: On 1/14/25 at approximately 3:27 PM, Somerville Police responded to a residence on</p>	<p>Bromfield Rd for report of a past breaking and entering. Upon arrival, officers spoke with the victim who stated he left for vacation and when he returned, noticed his bike was missing from the basement. Officers identified the suspect involved.</p> <p>Other Crimes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 MV Thefts • 5 Package Thefts • 3 MV Vandalisms • 2 Car Breaks • 1 Bike Theft 	 <p>Crime Log 1/14/25 – 1/20/25</p> <p>HTTPS://WWW.SOMERVILLEPD.COM/PUBLIC-SAFETY-NEWS</p>
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Somerville/Medford Remembering Robert G. Chevrier



Obituary
 Robert G. Chevrier- Of Medford, Bob to his family and friends, and affectionately known as Mr. Chev to his students and scouts, passed away on Thursday, January 23, 2024. He was 66 years young. Born in Somerville, he was the beloved son of the late Clarence E. and Marilyn L. (Orrell) Chevrier.

Bob's passion for learning

and student development led him to a lifelong career in education, where he touched the lives of countless students, colleagues, and families throughout the Medford community.

After graduating from high school, Bob pursued higher education, earning a master's degree, and began his career as an elementary teacher at St. Raphael's School, and then as a history teacher at Matignon. This is where he got the nickname Mr. Chev. His deep commitment to his students and their growth soon led him to a leadership role as the dean of students. Mr. Chev's unwavering passion for education and his dedication to his students' success allowed him to thrive in his career, making a lasting impact on the Matignon community.

Bob's next great chapter came when he became the principal of St. Clement School in Medford. As principal for 16 years, he played a pivotal role in shaping the futures of young students, always fostering an environment of learning, growth, and compassion. He took immense pride in nurturing the potential of his students, helping to mold the brilliant leaders of tomorrow within the local and neighboring communities. Hi, Mr. Chev, was often heard as students and their family greeted him as he walked through the halls, or at school and sporting events.

Towards the end of his career, Bob took on the role of principal at St. Joseph School in Medford, where he continued to serve with the same passion and dedication that had defined his entire

career. Throughout his years as an educator, Bob was not only a leader but also a mentor, friend, and advocate for every student who crossed his path. His legacy will be carried on by the many lives he influenced, and he will be remembered for his unwavering commitment to education, his integrity, and his deep love and care for his students.

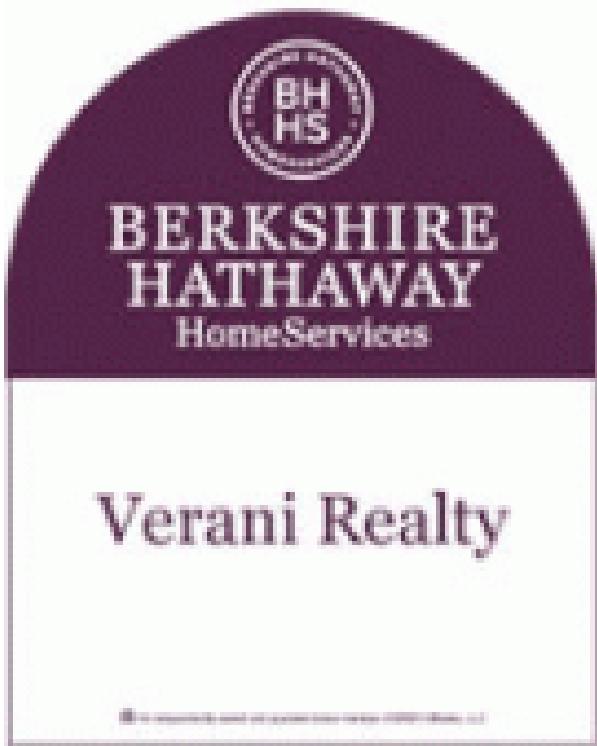
Beloved brother of Wayne Chevrier of Medford and Paul Chevrier and his wife Terry of Medford and HI. Devoted son of the late Clarence and Marilyn (Orrell) Chevrier. Cherished and loving friend to Michael and Anne Campbell and their family and godfather to their daughter Kristin. He is also survived by many loving friends, colleagues and those

he helped along their way. A funeral procession will be held from the George L. Doherty Funeral Home 855 Broadway (Powder House SQ.) on Friday, January 31st at 10:00AM. Followed by a funeral mass celebrated in St. Raphael Church, 514 High St., Medford at 11:00AM.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend.

Calling Hours will be held on Thursday, January 30th from 4:00PM to 7:00PM.

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



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By Bob Katzen
 Gov. Healey signed into law a bill establishing February 4th as Rosa Parks in recognition of the historic civil rights leader.

"Rosa Parks' bravery on that Montgomery bus was not just a pivotal moment in the Civil Rights Movement—it was a lesson in courage, dignity and the power of standing up for what is right," said co-sponsor Rep. Kip Diggs (D-Barnstable).
 "February 4th is the birthday of Rosa Parks, so it will be a great reminder to all those within the commonwealth to reflect on the role she played in raising international awareness of the struggles for civil rights," said co-sponsor Rep. Mike Kushmerek (D-Fitchburg).





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BEWARE OF EZDRIVEMA SCAM

By Bob Katzen

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is once again reminding customers to be mindful of text

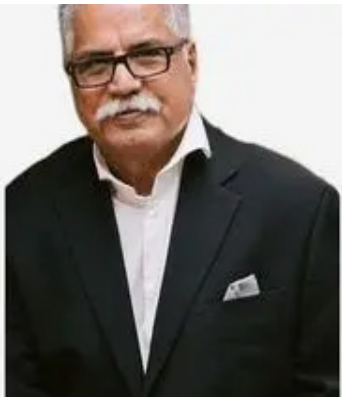
message-based scams, also known as smishing. The scammers are claiming to represent the tolling agency and requesting payment for unpaid tolls.

MassDOT urges customers to be cautious about email, text and phone scams demanding payment of outstanding toll balances. Some attempts have been made to trick

customers into sharing credit card numbers and other sensitive information by directing them to a website to pay their outstanding balances. MassDOT strongly encourages

customers not to click the link contained in those messages.

Somerville/Medford Remembering Ram Lubhaya Sehli



Obituary
 Ram Lubhaya Sehli, originally from Mukandpur, Punjab, passed away on January 24 2025, after a brief, yet courageous, battle with heart illness, surrounded by the

love of his family.

He is survived by his wife, Neelam Sehli. He was the proud father of Shruti Saini, Nikhil Saini, Abhishek Sehli and Priya Sehli, and the adoring grandfather to his four grandchildren: Mia, Iyla, Azuri, and Yuma. Ram was the beloved son of the late Shanti Devi and late Amarnath Sehli, with whom he shared an unbreakable bond. He is survived by his brothers, Subhash Chandar Selhi and Vijay Kumar Selhi, and his sisters, Prem Lata Bansal and Sudesh Kumari Khosla.

Ram's professional journey began

in Saudi Arabia in 1976, where he worked as a foreman for a construction company. Seeking a better life for his family, Ram migrated to the United States in 1992. He became a successful business owner operating multiple convenience stores in the Greater Boston area. Known for his charm, charisma, and unwavering kindness, Ram was always willing to lend a helping hand to those in need. He played a pivotal role in establishing many families in America and was a cherished and loving figure in his community.

In his later years, Ram found

joy in spending time with his grandchildren, visiting family members, and watching Indian films. He often traveled to India, where he was warmly embraced by a large network of friends and supporters. For Diwali, he would buy fireworks and treats for the children in his village of Mukandpur, a testament to his deep generosity and commitment to others. His selflessness and kindness left an indelible mark on all who knew him, and his legacy will be remembered and celebrated.

Ram's presence will be profoundly missed by all who had

the privilege of knowing him. His spirit, generosity, and warmth will continue to inspire and be cherished by his family, friends, and all those touched by his life. #ForeverTeamRam

Friends and family are invited to celebrate Ram's life on Friday (Jan 31st, 2025) from 5 PM to 8 PM at George L Doherty Funeral Service (855 Broadway, Somerville, MA).

The Last Ritual & Cremation will take place at The Lucy Stone Chapel located (171 Walk Hill St Boston MA 02131) on Feb 1st 2025 at 9 AM.

Somerville/Medford Remembering Carolyn S. (Shumski) Whittemore

Obituary
 Carolyn S. (Shumski) Whittemore- Of Medford, passed away on Saturday, January 25,2025. She was 87 years old.

Born in Chelsea, she was the daughter of the late John J. and Helen T. (Je-

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Beloved mother Jeffery Whittemore.

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MARIJUANA SALES CLIMB TO AN ALLTIME HIGH

By Bob Katzen
Marijuana establishments in Massachusetts generated more than \$1.64 billion in gross sales in 2024, setting a new annual record

for the state.
“The cannabis industry in Massachusetts continued to mature in 2024 as the commission approved

the 700th—and counting—notice to commence operations,” Acting Chair Bruce Stebbins said. “The clear growth of the industry is the result of ongoing

collaboration between commissioners and agency staff, business owners, host communities, an engaged consumer base and the medical community.

We’re looking ahead to continued growth in 2025 and beyond as we seek to expand the industry with new social consumption licenses.”

Save the Date: Somerville Public Safety for All Reports to be Shared With Community on Feb. 4

Mayor Katjana Ballantyne and Somerville’s Department of Racial and Social Justice (RSJ) invite community members to attend an event presenting the completed reports from the Public Safety for All Task Force, Civilian Oversight Task Force, and Anti-Violence Working Group on Tuesday, February

4, 2025 (rain date February 6) at Somerville High School (81 Highland Ave) at 6:30 p.m. Each task force, comprised of residents, subject matter experts, and City Council members, will highlight their findings and recommendations aimed at enhancing public safety and fostering

stronger community connections across Somerville.
“Ensuring public safety in Somerville means listening to our community, embracing transparency, and working collaboratively toward meaningful change,” said Mayor Ballantyne. “I encourage all residents to join us on

February 4 to hear directly from the dedicated members of our task forces and working group. Their reports reflect months of thoughtful engagement, research, and a shared commitment to making Somerville safer and more equitable for all.” Reports will be available on Tuesday, January 28,

at somervillema.gov/psfa, along with a form where community members can submit questions directly to Task Force/Working Group members ahead of the event.

Somerville/Medford Remembering PATRICK “Pat” J. SALVATO



PATRICK “Pat” J. SALVATO – of Danvers, died unexpectedly, January 23rd at the age of fifty-five.
Beloved father of Patrick J. Salvato Jr., and former husband and longtime friend of Patricia (Lucas) Salvato. Loving partner of Christine Coakley of Somerville. Cherished son of the late Robert Salvato and Florence (Flaherty) Salvato. Dear brother of

Robert Salvato Jr., his wife Robin of North Billerica, Stephen Salvato, his wife Chrissy of West Wareham, Daniel Salvato, his wife Michelle of Stoneham, Kenneth Salvato of Danvers, Maria Salvato of Stoneham and the late John “JJ” and Christopher “Spanky” Salvato. Cherished uncle of Justin, Katie, Danielle, her husband Christopher, Tyler, Bianca, Erica, Danny,

Nalya and Raijean, and great-uncle of Christopher Jr. and Nevaeh. Also survived by many cousins and friends, especially Kerri and Jimmy Schaefer, and David “Twiggy” Moran of Somerville. A Funeral Service will take place on Friday, January 31st at 10:30 a.m. in the Lynch-Cantillon Funeral Home, 263 Main Street, Woburn. Interment to follow in Puritan Lawn Memorial

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High census participation

provides an accurate population count, which helps the City plan municipal services, apply for grants, and adapt as the population changes. The Elections Department also uses the census to help keep voting rolls up to date.

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REQUIRE BOATER SAFETY PROGRAM AND TEST (S 3011)

By Bob Katzen

Gov. Healey signed into law a bill requiring anyone operating a boat in the state's waters to take a state-sponsored boater safety course and then pass a boater safety exam.

The bill, known as the Hanson-Milone Act, is

named after David Hanson who lost his life in a boating accident in 2010 and Paul Milone, the late harbormaster from Weymouth who was an advocate for boat safety. Both families were strong advocates for passage of the measure and attended the signing ceremony.

"I am so proud to see the Hanson-Milone Act finally become law," said sponsor Rep. Kathy LaNatra (D-Kingston). "Massachusetts is home to some of the most beautiful waterways in the world, but too often, a day of fun on the water ends in tragedy because someone operates a boat without

proper safety training. This legislation establishes a straightforward program to make sure anyone operating a boat in the commonwealth has the necessary safety knowledge to keep themselves and others safe ... I want to express my deepest gratitude to the Hanson and Milone families for

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Obituary

Harold L. MacWhinnie – Affectionally known as Harry, of Stoneham, passed away suddenly on Monday, January 20, 2025, at the age of 78. Born in Malden, Harry was the beloved son of the late

Albert and Eileen (Miller) MacWhinnie.

Harry proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps. for 4 years and during this time he received the National Defense Service Medal and the USMC Expert Rifle Badge.

Harry had a deep love for the water. In his younger years, he found peace and joy out on his boat, fishing, and simply being surrounded by the ocean. He cherished the moments spent watching fireworks on the Charles River with his children, always finding happiness in their excitement.

Golf was a favorite pas-

time of Harry's; he was also a passionate Patriots fan. He treasured his travels to Aruba with his beloved wife, Jeanne. Their weekly date nights were a cherished tradition, and Harry was always quick to boast with pride about the many years he spent with his soulmate.

Harry's love for his family was unmatched. He was especially devoted to his beloved dogs—Queenie, Snickers, and Reeses—and took great joy in spending time with his grandchildren, who were the light of his life.

Beloved husband of 58 years to Jeanne (O'Brien) MacWhinnie. Devoted father of Suzanne Mac-

Whinnie of Stoneham and David MacWhinnie and his wife Heather of Quincy. Cherished grandfather of Jackie MacWhinnie of Stoneham, Cody Huntington and Matthew MacWhinnie of Quincy. Loving brother of Mary Rahilly of FL, Lori Howard of TN and the late William MacWhinnie, Sally Poor, and Edward MacWhinnie. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Calling hours will be held in the George L. Doherty Funeral Home 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.) on Wednesday, January 29th from 9:30AM to 11:30AM. Followed by a prayer service conducted in the funeral home at

11:30AM.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend.

Services will conclude with interment at Puritan Lawn Cemetery, Peabody.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Harry's name to Cystic Fibrosis Foundation or to Wounded Warrior Project.

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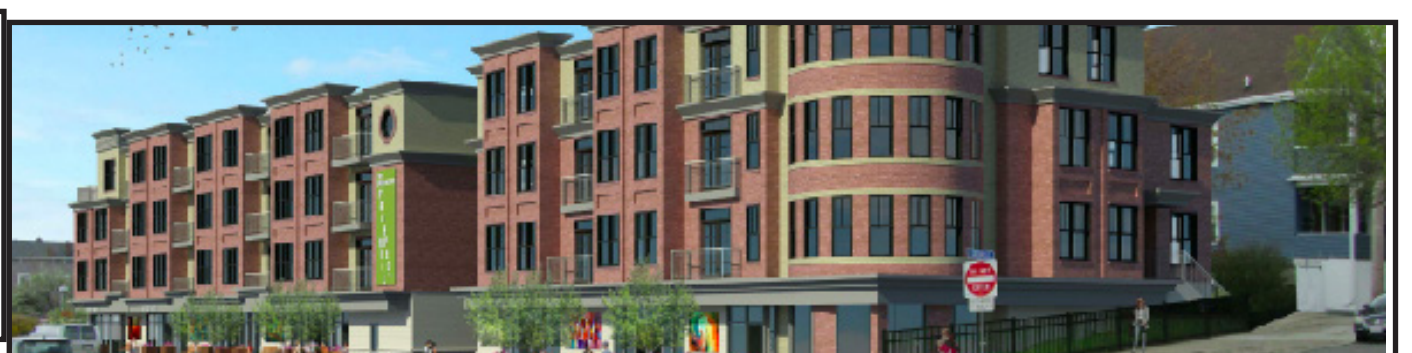
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ADOPT EMERGENCY REGULATIONS TO PROTECT REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE

By Bob Katzen

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health's Board of Registration in Nursing approved emergency amendments to regulations that will protect nurses from disqualification from licensure and from board

discipline for providing, or assisting in providing, reproductive health care services in the Bay State.

"When Roe was overturned, we worked with the Legislature to take immediate action to protect providers and patients from liability for provid-

ing or receiving an abortion," said Gov. Healey. "Today, with attacks on reproductive health care and providers escalating across the country, we're proud to take action to further strengthen those protections. We're always going to protect people's rights and freedoms, and

we're going to make sure that everyone can access the high-quality health care they need."

"Our nurses and other providers should not fear discipline or legal action for providing essential health care," said Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll.

"Approving these emergency regulations ... will further ensure that Massachusetts remains a place that everyone can access comprehensive reproductive health care services, including abortion care."

Somerville Community Invited to Participate in School Building Community Feedback Survey



Survey will help inform size, scope, and location of new PK-8 school

SOMERVILLE- The City is in the process of planning for Somerville's next new PK-8 (Pre-Kindergarten to 8th grade) public school building. Due to the broad and significant impacts, both the City and Somerville Public Schools are committed to a robust and inclusive community-wide engagement process as various

options for this project are evaluated.

As the next step in this engagement process, all Somerville residents and members of the Somerville Public Schools community are invited to participate in a brief, 5-minute survey.

Survey participants will be asked to share their perspective on what is most important when it comes to the size, location, and features of our schools including features used by students from all schools and by residents as well. Participants will also be asked for their perspective on funding a future school building project as well as other municipal investment priorities.

The results of this survey

will help inform decisions about the size, scope, and location of the school building project. This data will be used by City staff and shared with the members of the Construction Advisory Group (somervillema.gov/cag), which has been tasked with developing a recommendation to the Mayor on both the location and scope of a renovated or new school.

To learn more and take the survey in either English, Spanish, Portuguese, Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese, or Nepali, visit somervillema.gov/school-buildingsurvey. For general assistance in taking the survey or interpretation support for other languages, please contact 311 (617-666-3311).

About the School Building Project

The City of Somerville is working with the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) to deliver a state-of-the-art school building project for students. This project would address the needs of the Winter Hill Community Innovation School (WHCIS) and potentially the Brown School.

While current and future WHCIS and Brown families will be the most directly affected, this project is a major commitment for the City and will have potential benefits and impacts for all Somerville's schools and residents.

Given the wide-ranging implications of decisions

about the size, scope, and location of this school, it is important to hear as many voices as possible, including underrepresented families, families of incoming 0-5 year-olds, the full SPS community, and the broader Somerville community. The currently active community feedback survey is the next phase of this engagement process.

Meanwhile, the state has recently advanced the City's funding proposal. The City can now start a formal procurement process to hire an Owner's Project Manager to oversee the project, and then a Design/Architecture firm.

More about the project including an anticipated timeline is available at somervillema.gov/msba.

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Somerville to Share Anti-Displacement Task Force Reports at Virtual Community Meeting January 30th;

Community Event Planned for Spring

All invited to online discussion and then to spring event with panel discussion, film screening, and celebration of the Task Force's work

SOMERVILLE—After months of intensive work to identify ways to improve affordability for residents, small businesses, nonprofits, and artists in Somerville, the City's Anti-Displacement Task Force (ADTF) is ready to share their recommendations with the community. Mayor Katjana Ballantyne and the Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD) invite all to join an on-line community meeting presenting ADTF reports on Tuesday, January 30, as well as to an in-person event this spring.

The ADTF was called into action

in 2023 by Mayor Ballantyne in response to not only the housing crisis but also rental pressures on local businesses, nonprofits, and the cultural arts that can lead to displacement. Three ADTF committees were formed to develop recommendations aimed at reducing the rate of displacement of residents, small businesses, and creative enterprise including arts, culture, and nonprofits.

Committee members were drawn from the community as part of the administration's commitment to inclusive leadership. That commitment is founded on bringing diverse people and perspectives to the table to best work toward progress for all – in this case affordability.

Residents, local business owners, artists, nonprofit representatives, City Council members, and City staff were tapped to drive this effort. With the committee reports

now complete, the administration will begin a thorough review to evaluate the most actionable options to pursue, prioritize next steps, and determine what resources are needed to move forward on recommendations.

"Displacement is a word that doesn't tell the whole story. Every time a resident, business, nonprofit, or artist is displaced from Somerville it means the costs of staying here were just too high, so we lose one more thread from the fabric of our community.

I want to thank the Task Force for supporting our mission to drive down those pressures and to keep our community whole," said Mayor Ballantyne. "The Task Force has done essential work to keep the voices of Somerville's residents, businesses, and creative communities at the center of our planning for better affordability across our community and for a

fair and equitable future. I encourage everyone to participate in this important meeting and look forward to hearing from our task force members at the spring event."

The January 30 meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

online via Zoom and will feature a presentation by City staff outlining recommendations from the three ADTF committees. The reports will then be made available online. For those unable to attend, a meeting recording will be available on the ADTF SomerVoice web page and on the City's YouTube and GovTV channels. For the link to the online meeting, online access to the reports, or to visit the ADTF SomerVoice web page, please visit voice.somervillema.gov/adtf.

This spring, the community is also invited to celebrate the work of the Task Force, take part in a panel discussion with committee members, and view a film commissioned by the Task Force exploring the very real impacts of displacement on community members.

At this event, community members will have the opportunity to hear directly from task force members as they present their recommendations. Event details will be announced via the City website, social media, and other communication channels—or sign up for the City newsletter for email updates at somervillema.gov/newsletter.

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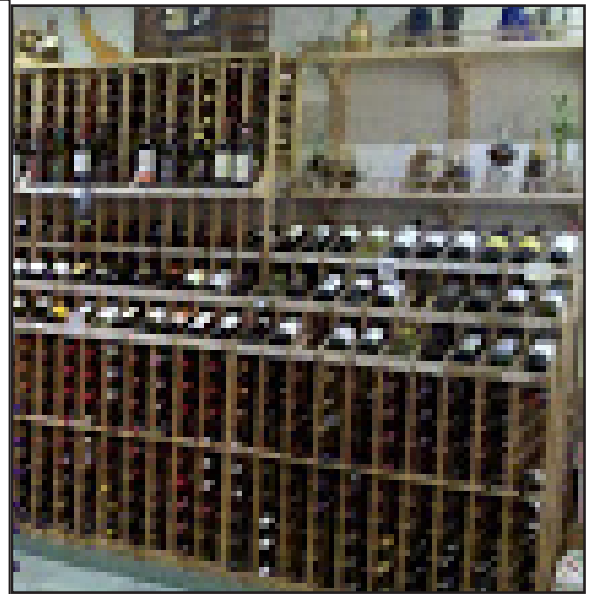


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