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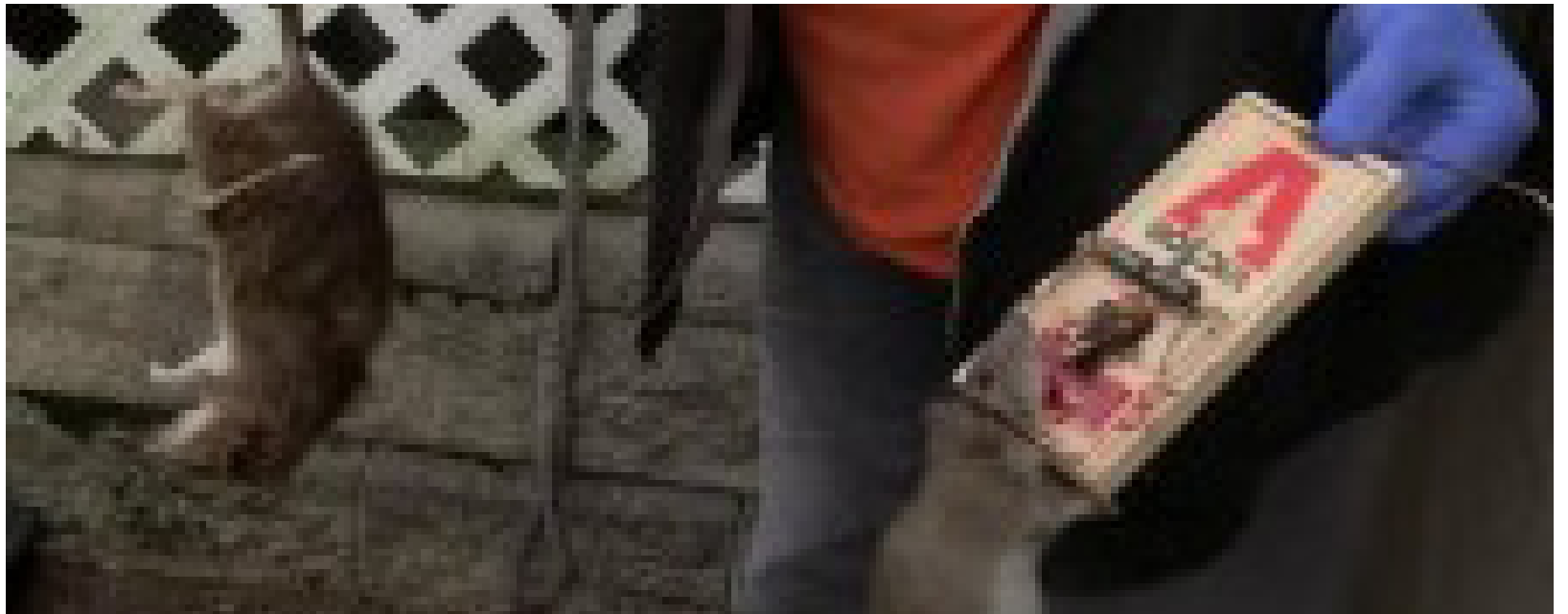
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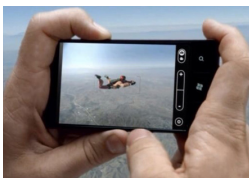
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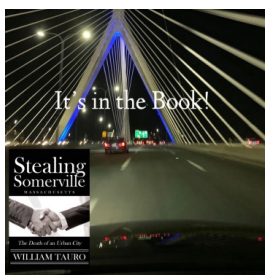
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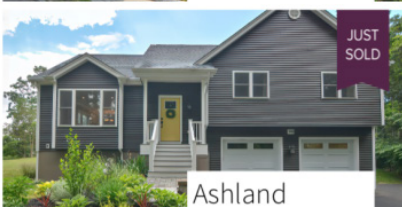
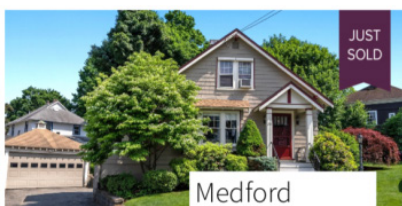
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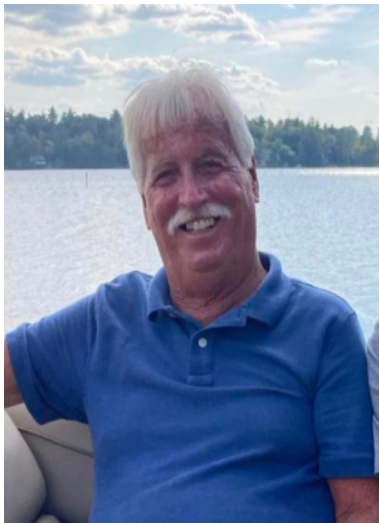
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Somerville/Medford Remembering William P. Rixon



Obituary
William P. Rixon, of Salem, NH, formerly of Medford, passed away after a brief illness on Sunday, February 23, 2025, at the age of 75.

Born in Cambridge and raised in Medford, William was the beloved son of the late Walter C. and Edna L. (Murphy) Rixon. He was a cherished father, papa, and friend who will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

William was known for his passion for sports, especially when it came to supporting his grandchildren. He rarely missed a game and could always be found cheering them on from the sidelines. His love for the game was matched only by his love for the summer months, when he could be found basking in the sun by the pool or enjoying the soothing rhythm of the waves at the beach. For William, being by the water was

a peaceful retreat, a place where he felt most at home.

In addition to his family and love for sports, William cherished the bond he had with his childhood friends. Every month, he would gather for lunch with a close-knit group of friends with whom he had shared memories since grade school. These friendships were an important part of his life, providing him with joy and laughter throughout the years

Beloved husband of the late Margaret M. (Coyne) Rixon. Devoted father of Marty Rixon and his wife Rachel of Somerville, Debbie Rixon and her husband Joe Caron of Salem, NH. Cherished and loving papa

of Kaelyn, Joseph and Riley Caron, and Fiona, Maia and Maeve Rixon. Dear brother of Steve Rixon, Jeanie Bradley, Joanne Doyle, John Rixon, Mary Anne Cox, Barbara Joseph and the late Walter Rixon. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews and friends.

A funeral procession will be held from the George L. Doherty Funeral Home on Friday, February 28 at 9:00AM. Followed by a funeral mass celebrated in St. Raphael Church, 512 High 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 contributions may be made in William's name to Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas 66675.

Somerville/Medford Remembering Robert Skerry



Robert Skerry Obituary
Obituary published on Legacy.com by Dello Russo Funeral Home - Medford on Feb. 19, 2025.

Robert Emmett Skerry, Jr. (Bob), age 74, a lifelong resident of Medford and dedicated public servant, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on February 13, 2025, after a

2-year courageous battle with cancer.

Bob was the beloved son of Robert Emmett Skerry, Sr. and Frances Carolyn (Lewis) Skerry. He was raised in Medford, attended Medford public schools, and was a proud graduate of the University of Massachusetts-Boston (formerly Boston State College) with a degree in Political Science and English. He went on to obtain his Certificate in School and Community Relationships from Harvard University Graduate School of Education and was a lifelong reader and learner. Bob also served the Commonwealth and the Nation honorably as a member of the 101st Engineers Battalion in the Massachusetts National Guard.

Bob began his career as a teacher in the Everett and Medford Public School systems, serving as a varsity soccer coach and teaching Civics, Social Studies and English. His dedication to the children and families of Medford

extended beyond the classroom; Bob served various roles in Medford City Government over four decades but was particularly committed to the Medford School Committee and Medford Chamber of Commerce. In his professional capacity, Bob served as a Senior Investigator with the Bureau of Special Investigations for the Office of the State Auditor for over 35 years.

In addition to Bob's public service and commitment to his community, he had a deep commitment to his family. He is survived by his beloved friend and partner, Maria C. DeMarco, and was known as "Uncle Bob" to many, including her daughter Margaret M. (Meg) DeMarco and her wife Claire, and their three children, Avery, Emerson, and Sloane, whom he cared for as if they were his own grandchildren. Bob was also survived by his sister and fellow lifelong Medford resident, Dawn Skerry Giovino and her husband Richard, and his nephew Richard Robert

Giovino and his wife Vanessa. He is further survived by his sister Marilyn Ann Frank (William-deceased) of Attleboro. Bob was also an uncle to Marilyn's children, Robert P. Frank, Jennifer A. Frank-Furtado and her husband Mark, Melissa A. Faloon and her husband William, Meaghan C. Frank and Christopher R. Frank (deceased). He is also survived by many dear cousins and numerous friends as well as his cherished neighborhood friends and their families.

Bob lived a life of service and great joy. He could often be found helping others in the community, caring for his family and neighbors, and cheering on the Boston Red Sox, Boston College Eagles, or Notre Dame Fighting Irish! He shared his home with loving pets over the years, including his dogs Teddy and Rory. Bob and Maria loved to take Sunday drives to the beach and to New England coastal towns, but he always returned home to Medford. He was proud of his family,

his faith, his country, and his community. Bob will be missed by all who had the privilege to know him, and his impact will be remembered and felt for years. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to visit at the Dello Russo Funeral Home, 306 Main Street, Medford, Monday, February 24, 2025, 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm, and again on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at 10:30 am, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:30 am in Saint Joseph's Church, 118 High Street, Medford. Those wishing to join the funeral procession should arrive at the funeral home by 10:30 am. Service will conclude with a burial at Oak Grove Cemetery in Medford, MA.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations in Bob's memory be made to Massachusetts General Hospital Cancer Center (<https://giving.massgeneral.org/donate/cancer-center>) or Dana Farber Cancer Center (<https://www.dana-farber.org/how-you-can-help/ways-to-give>).

Somerville/Medford Remembering Dorothy F. (DiTullio) Capone



Obituary

Dorothy F. (DiTullio) Capone- Of Woburn, passed

away on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at the age of 94.

Dorothy was born in Medford to the late Silvio and Celia (DiGirolamo) DiTullio. She was a lifelong resident of Woburn and dedicated much of her time to enriching the lives of others. Dorothy's vibrant spirit was evident in all she did, whether it was volunteering at the Woburn Senior Center, supporting the Sons of Italy, or actively participating in the Red Hats Club. She

served as a board member of the Senior Center for many years and cherished the opportunity to make a difference in her community.

For many years, she greatly enjoyed staying at the family cottage on Sagamore Beach during the summer months, visiting with family and friends.

Her love for music was shared with the St. Barbara and St. Eulalia Church choirs, where her voice added warmth and joy.

Dorothy's passion for knitting was well-known, and she was gifted at creating beautiful pieces with her hands.

Above all, Dorothy's greatest love was for her family, particularly her grandchildren. Their presence always brought a smile to her face and filled her heart with pride.

Beloved wife of the late William R. Capone. Devoted mother of Tracy Capone of Lakeville, Cheryl Cahill and her husband

Michael of Tewksbury, and Leslie Adrian and her husband Stephen of Goodyear, AZ. Cherished grandmother of Rachel Pare and her husband Dustin, Stevie Ray Adrian, Meredith Cahill, Matthew Cahill, and Maeve Cahill. Dear sister of the late Joseph DiTullio.

A private graveside service was held.



Massachusetts Sanctuary Cities Sue To Stop Trump From Entangling Them In Federal Immigration Enforcement



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BOSTON—Two sanctuary cities in Massachusetts—Chelsea and Somerville—filed a federal lawsuit today challenging the Trump Administration’s efforts to coerce them into participating in mass deportation efforts. Represented by Lawyers for Civil Rights, the Cities assert that the Administration’s heavy-handed tactics—threatening to strip sanctuary cities of federal funding and prosecute them for failing to bend to the President’s will—violate their Constitutional rights.

Somerville and Chelsea have identified as sanctuary/welcoming cities since 1987 and 2007, respectively, recognizing that victims and witnesses are less likely to report crimes if they know that local police are working in concert with federal immigra-

tion authorities. By avoiding that entanglement, sanctuary cities improve public safety and quality of life not just for immigrant residents, but for all residents and community members. But since his inauguration, Trump has issued Executive Orders (here and here) threatening to cut off federal funds to sanctuary cities unwilling to use municipal resources to carry out federal responsibilities; the Department of Justice (DOJ) has warned of criminal and civil prosecutions against them while freezing all DOJ funding; and the Department of Transportation (DOT) has said it will de-prioritize transportation funding to sanctuary cities. “The President cannot use federal funding as a weapon to force local governments to undermine

public safety and their values and participate in his mass deportation efforts,” said Oren Sellstrom, Litigation Director of Lawyers for Civil Rights, one of the Cities’ attorneys. “Today’s lawsuit seeks to protect sanctuary and welcoming cities, so they can continue to make public safety decisions that are in the best interests of their residents.” “Public safety is the top priority for the City of Chelsea—we cannot afford to have our residents fear reporting crimes or engaging with local law enforcement, as this undermines the safety of everyone in our community,” said Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez. “The City of Chelsea has been firmly committed to being a Sanctuary City since 2007. We are stronger because of our immigrant population, and we will not let fear or misinformation divide us. Chelsea is a city for all, and that will never change.” “Bullying sanctuary cities is not just an assault on immigrants or cities—it’s an assault on all of us, on state and local rights, on the economy, and the Constitution. So, Somerville is standing up for what is both lawful and right,” said Somerville Mayor Katjana Ballantyne. “Our residents know that our community is safer when police focus on preventing crime

and leave federal immigration enforcement to the Feds. We know that stripping localities of their right to lawful local policies, erodes everyone’s rights. And we know politicized withholding of federal funding threatens the health and safety of all residents be it your neighbor who relies on Meals on Wheels for dinner or your kids who need road investments for a safer walk to school. We urge the Administration to honor our Constitution and let us serve our communities as we know is best. This isn’t something you should have to fight for in court—but that is what we are stepping up to do.” “Somerville has proudly upheld our identity as a sanctuary city for nearly four decades, reaffirming our commitment in 2016 and 2019, and again just this year. The federal government’s attempts to coerce us into betraying our immigrant neighbors are unconstitutional, morally unacceptable and a danger to our full community,” said Judy Pineda Neufeld, Somerville City Council President. “Our city’s values are clear: We will protect the dignity, safety, and rights of all of our residents, regardless of immigration status.” “In Chelsea, it’s critical we build and maintain trust between our community and law enforcement,

” said Norieliz DeJesus, Chelsea City Council President. “Our residents should not have to fear that reaching out for help from local police will put their families at risk of immigration enforcement. This lawsuit aims to protect our right to focus on keeping our community safe.” Chelsea received approximately \$14.5M in federal funding for fiscal year 2024, including for education and a downtown reconstruction project. During that same fiscal year, Somerville received approximately \$19.4M in federal funds to support a variety of community and public safety services, including roadway safety initiatives, homeless prevention services, and efforts to address and reduce youth tobacco usage and alcohol consumption. The lawsuit asks a federal court to hold that the Executive Orders, as well as the DOJ and DOT directives, are unconstitutional and to enjoin them from being enforced.

TIGHTEN RULES FOR REMOTE VOTING (S 14)

By Bob Katzen

The Senate 5-32, rejected an amendment that would change the current rule that allows a senator, who is not physically at the session in the Senate chamber, to vote remotely from any location and without giving a reason for his or her absence from the Senate chamber.

The amendment would have allowed senators who are not in the chamber to vote

remotely only in cases of disability, illness, providing care for an immediate family member, pregnancy or childbirth for a senator, a senator’s spouse, partner or domestic partner. The amendment does not require the senator to provide proof or documentation of the reason for not being in the chamber.

“Legislators work best when they have the kinds of discussions and collaboraSTATE

REP. CAROL DOHERTY DIES AT 82
tions only possible through in-person interaction,” said amendment sponsor Sen. John Keenan (D-Quincy). “Nearly every other state legislature, including the Massachusetts House of Representatives, meets in person. The Senate should do the same.”

Sen. Lovely said the current rule works well and does not need to be changed. She

noted if there are empty chairs in the Senate chamber, it’s not necessarily because those senators aren’t in the building. They may be up in their offices or at another meeting in the building. She also noted that sometimes senators are needed in their districts on a day the Senate meets and argued that remote voting offers a rare opportunity to be with our constituents in our districts and still be recorded on a Senate vote at the same

time. She noted it is rare that someone needs to operate from home for illness or disability.

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen No

STATE REP. CAROL DOHERTY DIES AT 82

By Bob Katzen

Rep. Carol Doherty (D-Taunton) passed away last week after battling pancreatic cancer. Doherty was first elected to the House in 2020 and was re-elected in the recent November

6, 2024 election. Gov. Maura Healey has ordered flags to be flown at half-staff at all state buildings until sunset on the day of interment, in honor of her life and legacy.

“I’m heartbroken over the tragic loss of State Rep. Carol Doherty,” said Healey. “She dedicated her life to helping the children of Massachusetts learn, grow and succeed – as a teacher, guidance counselor, President of the Massachusetts

Teachers Association, school committee member and state representative. Her empathy and dedication to children and families are an inspiration for all of us in public service. My heart goes out to her loved ones, the Taunton commu-

nity and her colleagues in the Legislature. She will be greatly missed and leaves behind an incredible legacy of service.”

The House will soon schedule a special election to fill Doherty’s House seat.

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AUDITOR DIZOGLIO UNVEILS MORE THAN \$2.5 MILLION IN PUBLIC BENEFITS FRAUD

By Bob Katzen

State Auditor Diana DiZoglio's effort to help make government work better by investigating, fraud, abuse and illegal acts involving public assistance benefits across the state uncovered more than \$2.5 million in fraudulent

spending. Her office investigated a total of 814 cases and found overpayment in 207 cases with identified fraud.

The cases include funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program \$1,528,615; Medicaid \$568,517; Depart-

ment of Early Education and Care \$307,324; Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children \$112,787; Emergency Aid to the Elderly, Disabled and Children \$28,392; and Personal Care Attendant \$3,719.

"For many residents across

the commonwealth, public benefit programs provide access to everyday essential items, such as food and medical supplies," said DiZoglio. "Through the efforts of our fraud examiners, we continue to help ensure public benefit programs operate with transparency, accountabil-

ity and equity. Our office will continue to work to ensure taxpayer dollars are used effectively and that resources are available to those who truly need and qualify for them."

ADOPT SENATE RULES (S 14)

By Bob Katzen

The Senate 39-0, adopted a set of Senate rules for the 2025-2026 session.

Rules include requiring that the votes senators take in joint committees be published online; requiring in-person or written testimony received by Senate members of a joint committee be published online; requiring Sen-

ate committees to make bill summaries available online for legislation reported favorably out of the committee; and requiring every senator and Senate employee to undergo cybersecurity training every two years.

"These changes would provide more opportunity to residents to participate in the Legislature's work, encourage greater insight

into bills being considered by the Legislature and provide more transparency on legislators' positions on issues that impact Massachusetts residents," said Senate President Karen Spilka (D-Ashland).

"This comprehensive rule proposal was a collaborative effort that makes the work we do here in the Senate more transparent, more efficient and respect-

ful to the needs of members and residents," said Sen. Joan Lovely (D-Salem), Chair of the Senate Committee on Rules. "We are proud of the Senate's work, and we want people to know what is going on in The People's House. These measures take meaningful steps towards a more transparent Legislature and allow for more access to information by members of the public

about our work, including easier participation."

(A Yes" vote is for the rules package.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

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REQUIRE THE SENATE RECORD TO REVEAL WHEN A SENATOR HAS VOTED REMOTELY (S 14)

By Bob Katzen

The Senate 6-31, rejected an amendment that would require that all Senate roll call votes, publicly published by the state, include "Virtual Vote" (VV) alongside any member's name if the senator was not in the chamber and voted remotely from his or home, office or other location.

"I sponsored [this amendment] because senators are elected to represent their constituents on Beacon Hill, not in a Zoom room," said amendment sponsor Sen. Ryan Fattman (R-Sutton). "We're a full-time Legislature and our bosses are the constituents in our districts. They deserve to know when we are showing up to work.

We shouldn't get an unlimited pass to work from home without anybody who elected us knowing."

Other amendment supporters said that the only way a constituent can know if a senator was present for a vote or voted remotely, is by watching the session online, which takes a lot of time and which most people don't

have time to do.

Sen. Lovely said that the votes that are cast remotely are of the same weight and impact and do not have to be singled out when a roll call is published. She noted that all Senate sessions are broadcast live online and are archived online on video. She said that anyone who watches a session will know whether

his or her senator was in the chamber or voting remotely because it is announced at the session.

(A "Yes" vote is for the amendment requiring the notation "virtual voting." A "No" vote is against the amendment.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen No

AG CAMPBELL OPPOSES THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S DEFUNDING OF THE CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU

By Bob Katzen

Massachusetts Attorney General Andrea Campbell joined a coalition that includes 23 other state attorneys general, to warn against efforts by the Trump Administration to defund and disband the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB). On February 9, the Trump Administration

directed the CFPB to stop all its ongoing work and to not begin any new investigations.

Supporters of Campbell's warning say that the CFPB is an important independent agency that ensures companies follow federal consumer protection laws by overseeing big banks, lenders, credit card companies and

mortgage servicers. They note that since its creation in 2011, the CFPB has helped millions of Americans by assisting homeowners facing foreclosure stay in their homes, stopping banks from charging junk fees and returning more than \$20 billion to the pockets of consumers nationwide.

In an amicus brief filed in

the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland, the coalition argues that dismantling the CFPB would significantly harm consumers and hamper enforcement of federal consumer protection laws.

"The CFPB serves as a beacon for consumer protection and economic justice, working to lower costs, alleviate

student debt and more," said Campbell. "They have been an important partner to my office as we pursue consumer protection cases on behalf of Massachusetts residents. I continue to support the vital mission of CFPB, especially at a time when families across the country are struggling with sky-high costs of living."

BAY STATE COALITION OPPOSES ELIMINATION OF PROTECTED STATUS FOR 500,000

By Bob Katzen

The Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy (MIRA) Coalition responded to the Trump Administration's plan to end Temporary Protected Status (TPS) in August

for up to 500,000 Haitian immigrants – thousands of whom reside in Massachusetts.

"Ending TPS for the half a million Haitians that have fled unimaginable violence and instability

is deeply immoral and unjust," said Elizabeth Sweet, Executive Director of MIRA. "Terminating TPS for Haitians is just the latest step the Trump administration has taken to strike fear in our nation's hardworking, caring

immigrants – especially those seeking refuge here. Eliminating the opportunity for Haitians to live and work in states like Massachusetts, which continue to grapple with a severe workforce shortage and increasingly depend

on dedicated immigrant workers, will cause even more long-term harm."

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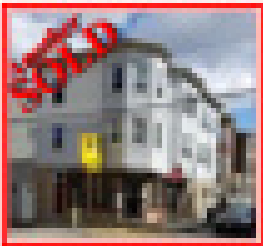


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AUDITOR DIZOGLIO UNVEILS MORE THAN \$2.5 MILLION IN PUBLIC BENEFITS FRAUD

By Bob Katzen

State Auditor Diana DiZoglio’s effort to help make government work better by investigating, fraud, abuse and illegal acts involving public assistance benefits across the state uncovered more than \$2.5 million in

fraudulent spending. Her office investigated a total of 814 cases and found overpayment in 207 cases with identified fraud.

The cases include funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program \$1,528,615; Medicaid \$568,517; Depart-

ment of Early Education and Care \$307,324; Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children \$112,787; Emergency Aid to the Elderly, Disabled and Children \$28,392; and Personal Care Attendant \$3,719.

“For many residents across the

commonwealth, public benefit programs provide access to everyday essential items, such as food and medical supplies,” said DiZoglio. “Through the efforts of our fraud examiners, we continue to help ensure public benefit programs operate with transparency, account-

ability and equity. Our office will continue to work to ensure taxpayer dollars are used effectively and that resources are available to those who truly need and qualify for them.”

Somerville Seeks Community Input on CPA Priorities; Annual Review Survey Open Through

Public hearing scheduled for March 26 as CPA Committee prepares for FY26 funding round

SOMERVILLE – Mayor Katjana Ballantyne is inviting residents to help shape the future of Community Preservation Act (CPA) investments by participating in the CPA Annual Review process. The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) has launched a survey to gather public input on community needs and pri-

orities for CPA funding. The survey is open through March 31, 2025, and can be accessed at this link.

Additionally, the CPC will host its Annual Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 26, via Zoom to hear directly from residents. Community members can register for the meeting here. The feedback collected during the review period will help guide the allocation of CPA funds for Fiscal Year 2026.

This year’s review is particularly important as the City prepares to strategically leverage additional CPA revenue. In November 2024, Somerville voters approved a ballot measure increasing the local CPA property tax surcharge from 1.5% to 3%. With this increase set to take effect, the CPC is looking for fresh community perspectives on how best to invest these additional funds alongside other economic consid-

erations.

Since Somerville adopted the CPA in 2012, the program has funded nearly 100 projects across affordable housing, historic preservation, and open space and recreation. Community input has always been a vital part of the CPA process, ensuring that funding aligns with residents’ evolving needs and priorities.

Residents are encouraged to

complete the CPA Annual Review survey by March 31 and attend the public hearing on March 26 to share their thoughts.

For more information, visit somervillema.gov/cpa.



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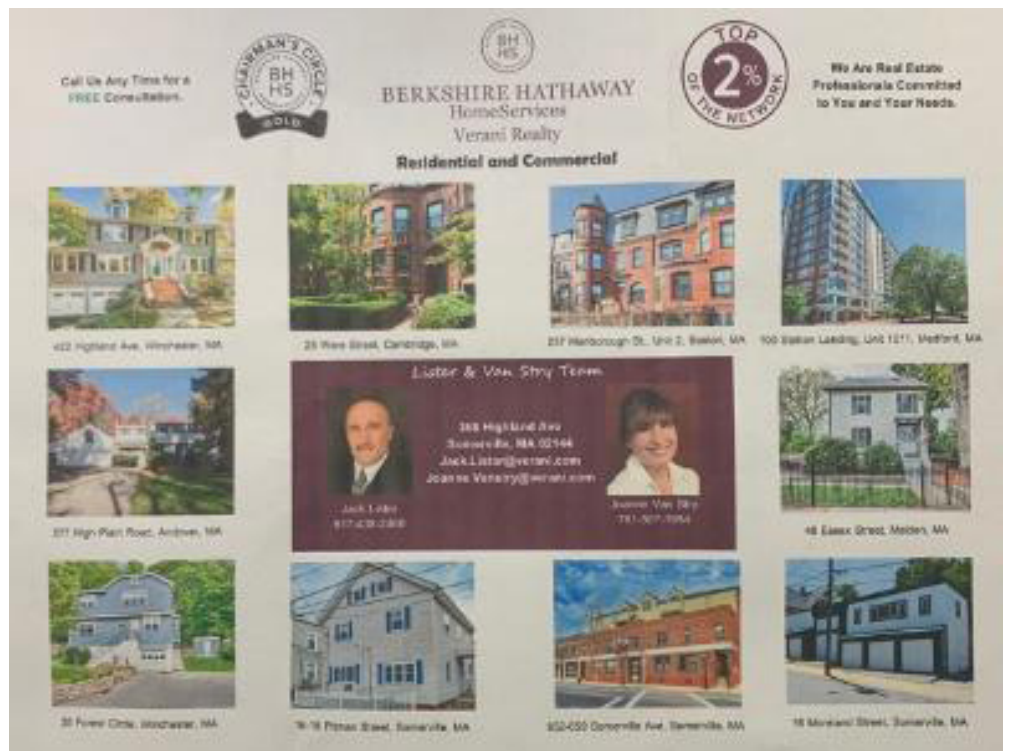
Somerville/Medford Remembering George F. Rogers

Obituary

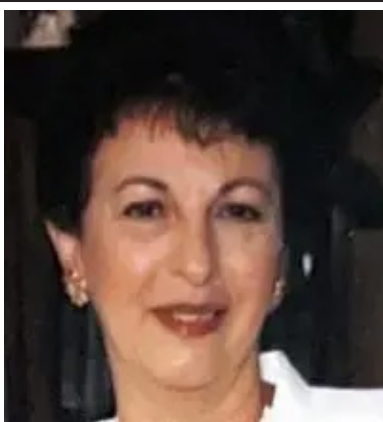
George F. Rogers – Of Somerville, passed away on Tuesday, February 18, 2025. He was 60 years young.

Beloved longtime partner of Wilfredo Rivera.

Services are private.



Somerville/Medford Remembering Marie Lucille Frongillo (Romano)



Obituary

Marie Lucille Frongillo (Romano), Of Medford, a beloved wife, mother, and grandmother, passed away peacefully at home at the age of 82. Born on December 13, 1942, she was the cherished daughter of Salvatore and Rose (Serio) Romano.

Marie graduated from Somer-

ville High School in 1960 and went on to have a successful career as a legal secretary at the prestigious Boston law firm Choate, Hall, and Stewart. It was through her late sister-in-law, Rosemary Brown, that Marie met the love of her life, Michael Frongillo. Together, they shared over 61 years of marriage, filled with love, companionship, and unwavering support for one another.

A woman of many talents, Marie was known for her green thumb and deep passion for gardening. She found joy in nurturing plants and creating beautiful outdoor spaces. A dedicated sports fan, she was an ardent follower of the Boston Red Sox, the Patriots and loved watching little league baseball.

Marie was a lover of challenges, particularly crossword puzzles and brain teasers, which she enjoyed solving in her spare time. Her culinary skills were legendary, and her home was always a warm, welcoming place where family and friends gathered to enjoy her delicious meals and the love she so freely gave.

Above all, Marie will be remembered for her generous spirit, kindness, and the deep love she shared with her family and friends. Her legacy will live on in the hearts of all who knew her, and she will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of her presence in their lives.

Beloved wife of 61 years to

Michael Frongillo. Devoted mother of Mark Frongillo and his wife Siobhan of Medford, and Kristine Williams and her husband John of Medford. Cherished grandmother of Michael and Megan Frongillo and Mikayla and Makenzie Williams. Dear sister of the late Concetta "Tina" Ranieri. Her love also extended to her grandpets Sadie, Cooper and Kiki. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

A funeral procession will be held on Monday, February 17th from the George L. Doherty Funeral Home 855 Broadway (Powder House SQ.) Somerville at 9:00AM. Followed by a funeral mass celebrated in St. Raphael Church, 512 High St., Medford at 10:00AM.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend.

Calling Hours will be held on Sunday from 1:00PM to 4:00PM.

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

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Marie's name to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, PO Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284-9168.

For those who are unable to attend the services for Marie, you may stream the funeral mass from <https://www.facebook.com/SaintRaphaelParishMedford/>



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

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click the link contained in those messages.

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THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION, BY THE POWER VESTED IN IT THROUGH A SPECIAL ACT OF THE LEGISLATURE, CHAPTER 397 OF THE ACTS OF 1978, HEREBY AMENDS THE TRAFFIC REGULATIONS WITH THE ADDITION OF THE FOLLOWING:

2025-2 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: No Parking Any Time on the north side of Broadway, from approximately 210 feet east of Alewife Brook Parkway (previously an MBTA bus stop).

2025-3 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: 2-hour parking except by permit on the north side of Broadway, from approximately 245 feet east of Alewife Brook Parkway to approximately 265 feet east of Alewife Brook Parkway (previously an MBTA bus stop).

2025-4 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: No Parking Any Time on the south side of Broadway, from approximately 330 feet east of Alewife Brook Parkway (previously 390 feet east of Alewife Brook Parkway (previously metered parking).

2025-5 Article V Section 5-11 "Bus Stops" is amended with the addition of the following location: on the north side of Broadway, from approximately 380 feet east of Alewife Brook Parkway to approximately 440 feet east of Alewife Brook Parkway (previously 10 feet of two-hour parking except by permit and approximately 50 feet of no stopping anytime).

2025-6 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: No Parking Any Time on the north side of Broadway, from approximately 160 feet west of North St to approximately 120 feet west of North St (previously two metered spaces).

2025-7 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: No Parking Any Time on the south side of Broadway, from approximately 60 feet west of Waterhouse St to approximately 25 feet west of Waterhouse St (previously two metered spaces).

2025-8 Article V Section 5-9.1 "Parking Meter Locations and Regulations" is amended with the addition of the following location: two metered spaces on the north side of Broadway, from approximately 80 feet west of North St to approximately 40 feet west of North St (previously an MBTA bus stop).

2025-9 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: No Parking Any Time on the north side of Broadway, from approximately 40 feet west of North St to approximately 10 feet west of North St (previously an MBTA bus stop).

2025-10 Article V Section 5-15 "Handicapped Parking" is amended with the addition of the following

location: north side of Broadway, approximately 50 ft east of North St to approximately 70 ft east of North St (previously a metered space).

2025-11 Article V Section 5-2 "Loading/Service Zones" is amended with the addition of the following location: 24/7 loading zone on the north side of Broadway, approximately 65 ft west of Barton St to approximately 45 ft west of Barton St (previously a metered space).

2025-12 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: No Parking Any Time on the south side of Broadway, approximately 9- ft west of Garrison Ave to approximately 30 ft west of Garrison Ave (previously 2 hour except by permit parking).

2025-13 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: 2 hour except by permit parking on the north side of Broadway, approximately 80 ft west of Belknap St to approximately 45 ft west of Belknap St (previously an MBTA bus stop).

2025-14 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: No Parking Any Time on the north side of Broadway, approximately 45 ft west of Belknap St to 30 ft west of Belknap St (previously an MBTA bus stop).

2025-15 Article V Section 5-11 "Bus Stops" is amended with the addition of the following location: north side of Broadway, approximately 10 ft east of Belknap St to approximately 60 ft east of Belknap St (previously 20 ft of no parking any time and 30 ft of 2 hour except by permit parking).

2025-16 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: No Parking Any Time on the south side of Broadway, approximately 125 ft west of Farragut Ave to approximately 30 ft west of Farragut Ave (previously 2 hour except by permit parking).

2025-17 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: No Parking Any Time on the north side of Broadway, approximately 45 ft west of Russell Rd to approximately 30 ft west of Russell Rd (previously 2 hour except by permit parking).

2025-18 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: No Parking Any Time on the south side of Broadway, approximately 30 ft east of Farragut Ave to approximately 55 ft east of Farragut Ave (previously 2 hour except by permit parking).

2025-19 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: No Parking Any Time on the south side of Broadway, approximately 55 ft west of Endicott Ave to approximately 30 ft west of Endicott Ave (previously 2 hour except by permit parking).

2025-20 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: No Parking Any Time on the north side of Broadway, approximately 115 ft west of Watson St to approximately 30 ft west of Watson St (previously 2 hour except by permit parking).

2025-21 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: No Parking Any Time on the north side of Broadway, approximately 30 ft east of Watson St to approximately 130 ft east of Watson St (previously 2 hour except by permit parking).

2025-22 Article V Section 5-11 "Bus Stops" is amended with the addition of the following location:

south side of Broadway, approximately 55 ft west of Weston Ave to approximately 45 ft west of Weston Ave (previously a metered space).

2025-23 Article V Section 5-9.1 "Parking Meter Locations" is amended with the addition of the following location: three spaces on the north side of Broadway, approximately 85 ft west of Hill St to approximately 50 ft west of Hill St (previously 40 ft of MBTA bus stop and 15 ft of 2 hour except by permit parking).

2025-24 Article V Section 5-15 "Handicapped Parking" is amended with the addition of the following location: north side of Broadway, approximately 30 ft east of Hill St to approximately 50 ft east of Hill St (previously a metered space).

2025-25 Article V Section 5-2 "Loading/Service Zones" is amended with the addition of the following location: 24/7 loading zone on the north side of Broadway, approximately 85 ft east of Hill St to approximately 125 ft east of Hill St (previously two metered spaces).

2025-26 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: No Parking Any Time on the north side of Broadway, approximately 125 ft east of Hill St to approximately 170 ft east of Hill St (previously a loading zone).

2025-27 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: No Parking Any Time on the north side of Broadway, approximately 70 ft west of Curtis St to approximately 5 ft west of Curtis St (previously an MBTA bus stop).

2025-28 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: No Parking Any Time on the south side of Broadway, approximately 35 ft east of Weston Ave to approximately 55 ft east of Weston Ave (previously a metered space).

2025-29 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: No Parking Any Time on the south side of Broadway, approximately 185 ft west of Clarendon Ave to approximately 165 ft west of Clarendon Ave (previously a handicapped parking space).

2025-30 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: No Parking Any Time on the south side of Broadway, approximately 165 ft west of Clarendon Ave to approximately 30 ft west of Clarendon Ave (previously 6 metered spaces).

2025-31 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: 2 hour except by permit parking on the east side of Clarendon Ave, approximately 20 ft south of Broadway to approximately 150 ft south of Broadway (previously resident permit parking).

2025-32 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: 2 hour except by permit parking on the west side of Clarendon Ave, approximately 85 ft south of Broadway to approximately 125 ft south of Broadway (previously resident permit parking).

2025-33 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: 2 hour except by permit parking on the east side of Hill St, approximately 60 ft north of Broadway to approximately 110 ft north of Broadway (previously resident permit parking).

2025-34 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and

Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: 2 hour except by permit parking on the west side of Hill St, approximately 30 ft north of Broadway to approximately 105 ft north of Broadway (previously resident permit parking).

2025-35 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: 2 hour except by permit parking on the east side of Dickson St, approximately 35 ft north of Broadway to approximately 145 ft north of Broadway (previously resident permit parking).

2025-36 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: 2 hour except by permit parking on the west side of Dickson St, approximately 40 ft north of Broadway to approximately 115 ft north of Broadway (previously resident permit parking).

2025-37 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: 2 hour except by permit parking on the east side of Endicott Ave, approximately 35 ft south of Broadway to approximately 145 ft south of Broadway (previously resident permit parking).

2025-38 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: 2 hour except by permit parking on the west side of Endicott Ave, approximately 35 ft south of Broadway to approximately 145 ft south of Broadway (previously resident permit parking).

2025-39 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: 2 hour except by permit parking on the east side of Watson St, approximately 35 ft north of Broadway to approximately 130 ft north of Broadway (previously resident permit parking).

2025-40 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: 2 hour except by permit parking on the west side of Watson St, approximately 35 ft north of Broadway to approximately 150 ft north of Broadway (previously resident permit parking).

2025-41 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: 2 hour except by permit parking on the east side of Farragut Ave, approximately 30 ft south of Broadway to approximately 145 ft south of Broadway (previously resident permit parking).

2025-42 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: 2 hour except by permit parking on the west side of Farragut Ave, approximately 30 ft south of Broadway to approximately 120 ft south of Broadway (previously resident permit parking).

2025-43 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: 2 hour except by permit parking on the east side of Garrison Ave, approximately 35 ft south of Broadway to approximately 150 ft south of Broadway (previously resident permit parking).

2025-44 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: 2 hour except by permit parking on the west side of Garrison Ave, approximately 35 ft south of Broadway to approximately 50 ft south of Broadway (previously No Parking Any Time).

2025-45 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: 2 hour except by permit parking on the west side of Garrison Ave, approximately 110 ft south of Broadway to approximately 150 ft south of Broadway (previously resident permit parking).

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2025-46 Article V Section 5-15 "Handicapped Parking" is amended with the addition of the following locations: 7A Carter Terrace, 80 Partridge Ave, 82 Partridge Ave.

2025-47 Article V Section 5-15 "Handicapped Parking" is amended with the addition of the following location: on the west side of Middlesex Ave nearest 74 Middlesex Ave, approximately 65 ft south of McGrath Hwy to approximately 95 ft south of McGrath Hwy (previously metered parking).

2025-48 Article V Section 5-2 "Loading/Service Zones" is amended with the addition of the following location: loading zone on the west side of Middlesex Avenue nearest 74 Middlesex Avenue, approximately 95 feet south of McGrath Hwy to approximately 140 feet south of McGrath Hwy (previously metered parking).

2025-49 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: No Parking Any Time on the west side of Middlesex Avenue nearest 74 Middlesex Avenue, approximately 140 feet south of McGrath Hwy to approximately 20 feet north of Foley St (previously metered parking).

2025-50 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: 2 hour except by permit parking on the north side of McGrath Hwy opposite the McGrath Hwy frontage of 74 Middlesex Ave, from Middlesex Ave to Marginal Road.

2025-51 Article V Section 5-2 "Loading/Service Zones" is amended with the addition of the following location: loading zone on the south side of McGrath Hwy nearest the McGrath Hwy frontage of 74 Middlesex Ave, approximately 70 feet west of Middlesex Ave to approximately 115 feet west of Middlesex Ave (previously 2 hour except by permit parking).

2025-52 Article V Section 5-9.1 "Parking Meter Locations" is amended with the addition of the following location: metered parking on the south side of McGrath Hwy nearest the McGrath Hwy frontage of 74 Middlesex Ave, approximately 115 feet west of Middlesex Ave to approximately 205 feet west of Middlesex Ave (previously 2 hour except by permit parking).

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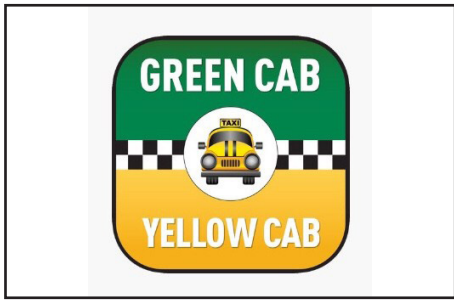
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2/11/25 – 2/17/25

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Assault
25008776: On 2/16/25 at approximately 6:10 AM, Somerville Police responded to 376 Mystic Ave for an assault. Upon arrival, officers spoke with the victim who stated he got into an altercation with a male party while shoveling snow in the parking lot. During the altercation, the suspect punched and kicked the victim then grabbed what

was believed to be a firearm from his vehicle and made a racking motion.

Commercial Breaking and Entering
25008518: On 2/12/25 at approximately 1:00 AM, Somerville Police responded to a business on Broadway for report of a past breaking and entering. Upon arrival, officers spoke with the owner who stated a male party

broke in and took money from the cash register.

Commercial Breaking and Entering
25008433: On 2/14/25 at approximately 10:53 AM, Somerville Police responded to a business on Linwood St for report of a past breaking and entering. Upon arrival, officers spoke with the manager who stated two male parties broke into the build-

ing overnight and proceeded to vandalize the interior. The males then took a set of keys and stole a vehicle that they later returned.

Arrest
25008564: On 2/14/25 at approximately 11:12 PM, Somerville Police responded to Fellsway West for a fight. Upon arrival, officers spoke with several victims who stated they were involved in an altercation with

a male known to them. During the altercation, the male suspect grabbed a metal rod and a shovel handle then began to threaten the victims. The male suspect was placed under arrest.

Other Crimes:

- 2 MV Vandalisms
- 4 Vandalisms
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Join Open House Sharing Somerville Elm-Beacon Connector Project Design Plans on Monday, March 10



Project aims to improve safety on streets that serve as key connections to civic life

SOMERVILLE – If you want to see how people move around Somerville, visiting Elm Street by the Kennedy School on any weekday morning would be a good place to start.

Standing on the corner of Elm Street and Hancock Street, you'd see younger children arriving at school with their caregivers and older students making the trip on their own. Mixed with the students are harried commuters rushing to the Red Line or commuter rail, or waiting for the 87 to take them to Union Square, and people out running morning errands at the Porter Square shopping center. You'd also see people biking toward Beacon Street—to work in Kendall Square and beyond.

Unfortunately, Elm Street along with nearby Somerville Avenue and Beacon Street are high-crash streets for people walking and riding bikes. Fortunately, the City's upcoming Elm-Beacon

Connector project aims to improve safety for everyone.

As a next step, Mayor Katjana Ballantyne, Ward 6 Councilor Lance Davis, Ward 5 Councilor Naima Sait, Ward 3 Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen, Ward 2 Councilor J.T. Scott, and City Staff are excited to invite all community members to come to an open house to learn more about the effort, see community feedback and data gathered, review the preliminary design and share their input at a project open house.

When? Monday, March 10, between 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

Where? John F. Kennedy School at 5 Cherry Street

“Our Vision

Zero approach reminds us that crashes such as those we have experienced in our city are not acceptable or inevitable. As a City, we're working daily to prevent them by prioritizing safe street design and aggressively investing in traffic calming. This project is another opportunity to take a significant step forward in an area that serves as a critical connection for our community,” said Mayor Katjana Ballantyne.

After hearing community feedback about transportation safety concerns and priorities through community meetings, street outreach pop-ups, and feedback surveys, the project

team has developed preliminary plans for the project.

At the open house, community members can explore different stations describing 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, virtual office hours, street outreach pop-ups and more. Visit somervillema.gov/elmbeacon for more details.

Somerville/Medford Remembering Kathleen M. Murphy



Obituary Kathleen M. Murphy, It is with deep sadness that our family shares the news of the passing of Kathleen M. Murphy, age 73, of Stoneham, MA on December 17, 2024. She was born on August 6, 1951 in Somerville, MA and was the beloved daughter of the late Eugene J. and Margaret A. Murphy.

She is survived by her twin sister Mary Murphy McClelland

of California, a niece Marrah McClelland, and three nephews: Keith, Sean, and Christopher McClelland. She also leaves many other family members and friends who will dearly miss her kindness and generosity.

Kathleen received a bachelor's degree in English from Boston College ('87) and was a dedicated Boston College employee for 36 years in her position as a Gift Process-

ing Specialist in the Office of University Advancement. She loved her family and eagerly took on the task of doing extensive genealogy research; she was always happy to share her findings with family members. In recent years, Kathleen was deeply concerned about the plight of the homeless and devoted her time collecting and distributing clothing and other essential items for those in need.

Family and friends will be invited to a Memorial Service celebrating Kathleen's life to be held at a future date. In remembrance of Kathleen's life, our family asks that a charitable donation be made to the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless by contacting Celinet Sanchez celinet@mahomeless.org at (781) 595-7570 ext. 14. A graveside service was held privately.

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SOMERVILLE– All Somerville residents should be on the lookout for the 2025 annual City of Somerville census in their mailbox. The 2025 census form also includes an application to vote by mail in Somerville's preliminary and City elections this year.

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.

It's easy to take part in the census. Just fill out the short form,

be sure to sign and date the form, and then return it one of three ways:

mail it back in the provided postage-paid return envelope,

scan the form and email is to census@somervillema.gov, or

drop it off in person at City Hall (93 Highland Ave.).

Please contact 311 (617-666-3311) with any questions.

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

their relentless dedication and advocacy for this life-saving legislation."

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HOTLINE TO THE UNDERGROUND



By Joe Viglione

Back in the early days of the Boston Rock and Roll Scene it was James Isaacs' Cellars by Starlight and Rory O'Connor at the Real Paper who ran weekly columns that benefited our music scene greatly. Along with those pioneers was Ms. Janis Reed's monthly column in Musicians' Magazine, which migrated to The Beat in the 1980s.

As I managed Janis and she is somewhere in South America, I decided a few years back to resurrect the column in Billy Tauro's Somerville/Medford News Weekly.

My goal is to inspire more rock writing in Boston, and to give exposure to veteran musicians as well as the up and coming.

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WHEN: Friday March 14, 2025 @ 7 pm!
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Owner Ric Poulin told me via phone on Saturday, the 22nd, that they tape the performances. Call the Studio for more details

DEAN PETRELLA, bassist Chris Cruz and drummer Anthony Marotti = THE COMPLAINTS ARE BACK!
One More Fight by Dean and the Boys is now out
<https://youtu.be/lyx8sjgKs69w> What's intriguing about this tune is that an acoustic duo version is available before the recording happened <https://youtu.be/iogsIQcv2ts> Dean Petrella, performs One More Fight Live from Alley Taps, Nashville TN 9.12.2023. Co-written by Joe Martira. Songwriter showcase at this legendary Nashville hot spot. Impromptu guitar work from the legendary John Brazile. The song works as an acoustic number or with the band's legendary trademark sound. Their debut album, Fear, from 2000 means that this is twenty-five years of refining and

defining their sound, a quarter of a century. It shows on "One More Fight" which perfectly continues their great structured work of melodic rock

Aart Knife has an amazing new band Wicked Theory
When Aart was on my Boston Rock and Roll Anthology #2 in the band L-88 they were a big hit on WBCN – the early 1980s, and we put them in the Worcester Centrum with Blue Oyster Cult due to the popularity of the hit.

"This Could Be Love" by Wicked Theory, an all original hard-rock quintet, clocks in at 3:02. Wonderfully layered guitars in the twenty-two second intro draw you in with Jodee Frawlee's distinctive voice setting the pace. Not a cover of The Cars "This Could Be Love," Wicked Theory has its own brand of crunching, relentless rock that would fit on any free-form radio signal. Led by L-88/Theory 13 guitarist, producer Aart Knyff, and with versatile bassist Tony Franklin (The Firm, White Snake, Blue Murder, Bonham and original Foreigner vocalist Lou Gramm,) Keith Ryan on drums and Jeff Instasi on rhythm guitar and vocals, these veterans create an intelligent, fun and explosive rock sound that delivers the goods. Frawlee's authoritative and heartfelt approach to each lyric along with the web of guitars makes for repeated spins. Music recorded at Compound Recording and mixed and mastered at PDQ with 16 time Grammy Award winner Bob St John, "This Could Be Love" is a winner. Joe Viglione 9:44 pm

And at Sanctuary – Cultural Arts Center 80 Main St, Maynard, MA 01754-2541 you can close out February on Friday evening, the 28th at 8 pm Doors 7 PM | Show 8 PM with Gary Backstrom Band and The Gravel Project Liquid Light Show by Sons Lunaris

Originally created by Andrew Gravel (vocals, guitar), The Gravel Project is an all star band of Boston music veterans including brother, Jordan Gravel (organ, keys), Dave Fox (drums), and Eguie Castrillo (percussion). The Gravel Project's live show blends rock, world music and jazz with power and soul. Carrying the tradition of 70's blues and psychedelic rock music, The Gravel Project embodies the spirit of Santana combined with the classic raw energy and moving songwriting of The Allman Brothers and Tedeschi Trucks Band. With three studio albums, a live album and countless past performances, the future is bright for Boston's The Gravel Project, and as the title of their 2022 studio album suggests, there are "Many Miles Ahead." The Gary Backstrom Band will be opening the night – a Boston-based band that mixes Soul, R&B, Funk, Rock and Latin grooves

RADIO SHOW OF THE WEEK, ROCK UNDER THE RADAR WITH MARIAN FERRO
Rock Under the Radar
Marian Ferro is the host of this show on Mark Skin Radio

Q: When did you first start in radio?

A: 14 years ago, 2011 on the Watertown public access station, WCAC. I was on WMFO starting in 2016. When covid was rampant, we community members were not allowed to go to the station. I'm still technically on the staff but I had to stop doing a show when my hip problems made it impossible for me to walk up those stairs.

Q:Where do you find the music that you play?

A Many places. My boyfriend, Walter, is always finding new bands/CDs. Musicians, publicists, and labels send me some music. I also try to keep up with artists that I like to find out when they have something new.

Q:How do artists contact you?

A Sometimes email, sometimes through Facebook *Marian's e mail is atila5@comcast.net

Q:Tell us the focus of the show

A It's called Rock Under the Radar because I focus on rock, and I like to introduce my listeners to artists/music that they don't yet know. I also play a lot of blues, and local artists, some local classics. And I end each show with the piece de resistance; Serious Guitar Time!

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Kenny Selcer has a terrific video with "Waves" 5 minutes and 8 seconds of instrumental magic <https://youtu.be/LhFw4v6GHOY> Kenny's cover of Lowell George's "Willin'" is sublime. Willin' by the great Lowell George of Little Feat fame. Enjoy! Please subscribe to my YouTube channel: <http://www.youtube.com/user/kenselcer>

Paul Norman has a TV show Music Alive North Shore which we will profile soon. Check out the Facebook page. Paul's son, Alex Norman is doing music in Mexico and has an autobiographical song out, "The Space Between." <https://www.facebook.com/reel/1007971737888431>

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River Road, Somerville, MA 02145. The work is estimated to cost: \$430,000.00. All bidding "Requests For Information" (RFI's) shall be forwarded to Peterd@ehadesign.com by Friday, February 28, 2025 for general bids. Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.149. & to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §§26 to 27H inclusive and federal wage rates established by the Davis Bacon Wage Act and the Secretary of Labor, under the Provisions of the Code of Federal Regulations, as amended. The higher of the two rates shall be paid. The project is subject to Title VI of the Civil Rights

Act of 1964 and Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968. THIS PROJECT IS BEING ELECTRONICALLY BID AND HARD COPY BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Please review the instructions in the bid documents on how to register as an online bidder. All bids shall be submitted online at www.biddocsonline.com, by the date and time specified. General Bidders must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) for the category of Roofing, and general bids must be accompanied by a DCAMM Certificate of Eligibility, and Update

Statement. General Bids will be received electronically at www.biddocsonline.com until 2:00 p.m., on Thursday, March 6, 2025, and publicly opened online, forthwith. General bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five percent (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount (including all alternates) and made payable to the Somerville Housing Authority. A one hundred percent (100%) Payment Bond will also be required. Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for review at www.biddocsonline.com (may be viewed and downloaded electronically at no cost) or at Nashoba Blue, Inc. at 433

Main Street, Hudson, MA 01749 (978-568-1167). A pre-bid conference / site visit will be held at the rear Modernization Office of the SOMERVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, Massachusetts 02145, on Wednesday, February 26, 2025, at 1:00pm. It is strongly recommended that prospective bidders attend. Somerville/Medford News Weekly 02/18/2025, 02/25/2025

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/schoolbuildingsurvey. 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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Honor Black History Month in Somerville: Join a Community Panel, Take a Virtual Tour, and Explore Black Voices



SOMERVILLE – Black History Month is a time for reflection, celebration, and learning, and this year, Mayor Katjana Ballantyne and the Somerville Department of

Racial and Social Justice (RSJ) are inviting the community to join a series of events designed to engage, inspire, and connect the Somerville community.

Join the Conversation: Community Panel on Black History & Culture RSJ and the Somerville Museum invite you to a thought-provoking panel discussion on the impact of Black history on arts and culture and the importance of preserving Black narratives in our community. Hear from community organizers, activists, and City library staff as

they share insights and experiences. Light refreshments will be served.

Date: Wednesday, February 26, 2025

Time: 6–8 p.m.

Location: Somerville Museum (1 Westwood Rd.)

How to Join: bit.ly/BHM_2025 or email rsj@somervillema.gov for more details.

Take a Virtual Journey Through History: Explore the Black Heritage Trail

Join Somerville Public Libraries for a virtual tour of Boston's Black Heritage Trail, a 1.6-mile route through Beacon Hill, featuring landmarks that played a crucial role in Black history.

Date: Wednesday, February 19 Time: 7-8 p.m.

Location: Zoom

How to Join: Register online at somervillepubliclibrary.org or contact keodonnell@somervillema.gov for more information.

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Voices

Want to deepen your understanding of Black history and culture? SPL has curated booklists featuring powerful stories and perspectives from Black authors.

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Don't miss these opportunities to honor Black history, uplift Black voices, and engage with the community this February!

BAN SESSIONS AFTER MIDNIGHT (S 14)

By Bob Katzen

The Senate 6-31, rejected an amendment that would prohibit the Senate from meeting beyond midnight. The amendment would replace the current rule that allows the Senate to meet after

midnight if two-thirds of the Senate votes to do so.

"We have moved up the initial committee reporting deadline for legislation and will allow conference committee reporter to be considered for an extra

five months," said amendment sponsor Sen. John Keenan (D-Quincy). "These changes should make it unnecessary for a session to extend through the night into the next day. Few good discussions are made by sleep-deprived, over-worked minds."

Sen. Joan Lovely (D-Salem) said that during the last few budget debates, no session went past 8 p.m. She noted that it is rare that the Senate meets past midnight.

(A "Yes" vote is for the amendment prohibiting the Senate from meeting after midnight. A "No" vote is against the amendment.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen No

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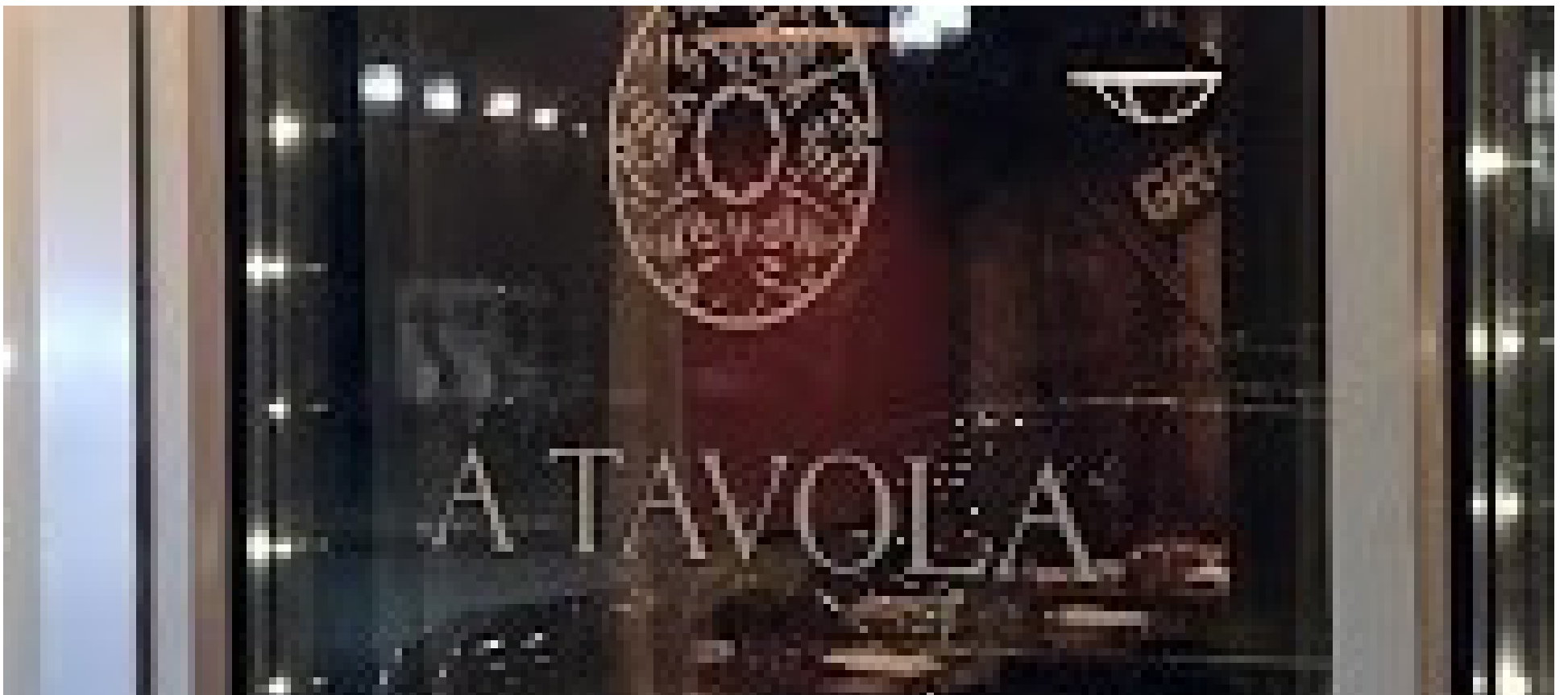
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