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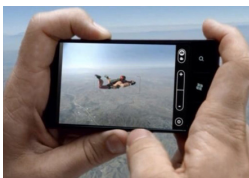
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Tuesday March 11th, 2025

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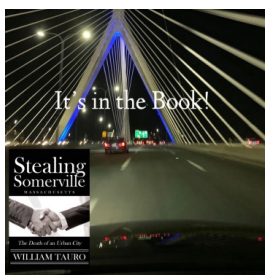
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Written by an 11-year-old Somerville Boy: Where Do YOU Live?

Where Do YOU Live? By Declan Eberlein™

I live in Somerville, Massachusetts. It's a pretty cool urban city. Somerville is, according to Wikipedia, 4.12 square miles. You can go to museums, play at arcades, go to local beaches, and so much more. You can explore freely and borrow a computer at a free library.

You can get around by MANY ways of transportation, biking, boating, driving, buses, aircrafting, and trains. There is a company called T™, a train company that lets you go on a train. (I don't ride trains.)

There's a nearby Stop & Shop and a McDonald's. A Burger King is nearby too. In my opinion Leone's makes the best pizza in Somerville. Mama Lisa's is great too. Assembly Row has a lot of stores for shopping. There is even a Legoland Discovery Center.

My house has shades of brown bricks and blue window outlines. I have 4 people in my family live with my mom, dad and brother. When I'm going to school on the school bus, I see very iconic buildings such as Lucky Strike, Pandora, AMC, Legoland, Bath Body Works, and Encore.

Why should you visit? It's an urban city, and it's really cool. There is so much to do in Somerville. In my opinion, Somerville is the best place to live and to visit!

-declan studios 2025™

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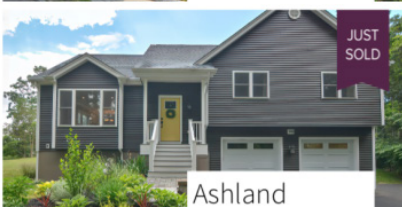
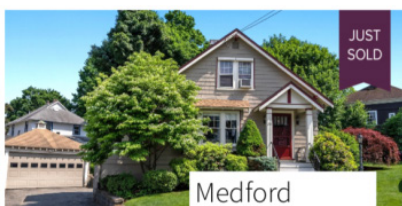
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Somerville/Medford Remembering Esther Rose Furr Ellis



Esther Rose Furr Ellis, 87, of Peabody, formerly of Medford, passed peacefully into the arms of her savior on

Sunday, February 23, 2025. Born on October 18, 1937 to the late Leon Lewis Furr and Iva Rose (Talbot) Furr, she became a blessing to all who knew her. Esther's greatest joy was being "Grammy" to Cody Phillip, Jakob Stephen and Tara Rose.

After graduating from Medford High School with her childhood pal Aaronetta Brown, she joined Dorothy Taylor Green and Ann Flight at Lowell State Teachers' College. They remained lifetime friends and were predeceased by their mutual friend and classmate Mary Ellen Gately. Esther then de-

voted her career to the Malden Public Schools, mostly at Maplewood Elementary. Her beloved colleague Jennie Paretti worked alongside Esther for many years and faithfully chauffeured her to musical theater events until her final days.

Esther joins her parents in heaven along with siblings Gloria, Jean, Richard and a baby brother who passed in childhood. She leaves behind siblings Leon Lewis Furr Jr., and Dawn Lewis. Esther was a most amazing Mom and Mom-In-Love to Stephen Phillip and Teri Lyn, Maria Lynne and Debra Ann, and David Ross.

While raising her own children and educating others, she studied at Lesley University for her M.Ed. When Esther retired from teaching, she enjoyed outings with the "Purple Ladies", swimming with Chris Banville and Patricia Finegan, rooting for the Boston Celtics and worshipping with her church family at New Life Christian Center. She was especially close to Pastors Elliott and Evelyn Penn as well as Jodi and Ralph Trinidad who made sure to get her to Sunday services and other church celebrations.

In addition to the loved ones noted above, she will be

missed by a host of nieces, nephews and dear friends. Everyone who met her loved "Grammy".

There will be a celebration of her remarkable life on Saturday, March 22, 2025 at 1PM. If you would like to attend, kindly contact the family for location details. Burial will be private. At the family's request, please OMIT flowers. The family has asked that you honor Esther with a donation to New Life Christian Center 47 Spruce Street, Chelsea, MA 02150. For guestbook and directions please visit <http://www.ccbfuneral.com>

Somerville/Medford Remembering Eva R. (Morandi) Spitzer



Obituary Mrs. Eva R. (Morandi) Spitzer, passed away on March 8, 2025, she was 99.

Born and raised in Somerville, she was a lifelong resident.

Cherished daughter of the late Sarah (Nazarro) and Joseph Morandi. A talented singer, she worked for the Boston Music Company assisting in their receiving department. Eva sang at weddings, funerals and other church services and even went on to sing in the United Service Organizations; or USO. It was there at the young age of 16 she would

meet her future husband, Marvin H. Spitzer while he was serving in the US Coast Guard. They were later married and settled in Somerville to raise their family. Together they enjoyed local travel and visiting thrift shops. A devoted and faithful woman, Eva prayed daily. She enjoyed cooking Italian food and sharing her delicious meals with family and friends.

The beloved wife of the late Marvin H. Spitzer, together

they were married 76 years before his passing in 2022. Eva was the devoted mother of Edward Spitzer and his companion Barbara of North Reading and Patricia Durgin and her late husband Albert of Somerville. Loving grandmother of Danielle Prigmore, Jodi Vachon and her husband Jeffrey and the late Brian Spitzer. Great-grandmother of Liam Prigmore.

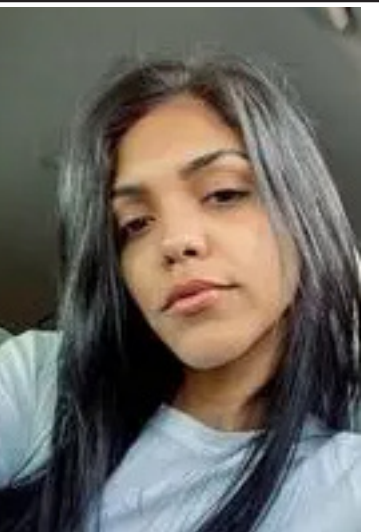
Relatives and friends invited to attend visiting hours in the George L. Doherty Fu-

neral Home, 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.) Somerville, on Friday, March 14th from 9:30AM - 10:30AM Followed by a Funeral Mass celebrated in St. Benedict Church at 11AM.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Eva's memory to the MSPCA at <http://www.mspca.org> in honor of her love for animals.

Somerville/Medford Remembering Kamyla Lucas Godinho



Obituary

Kamyla Lucas Godinho, aged 30, of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, tragically passed away on Monday, February 24, 2025, following a car accident with her beloved husband Jean

Deaquimo and her daughter Maria. Her untimely death leaves a profound void in the hearts of all who knew her.

Kamyla was a passionate and adventurous soul who loved to skateboard, travel, and capture the beauty of life through her photographs, often sharing moments with her beloved daughter, Maria Eduarda. Kamyla was a devoted mother who gave her heart and soul to her daughter, creating memories that will forever be cherished. To her mother, Kenya, Kamyla was a loving and dedicated daughter, always there with a helping hand and an open

heart.

Kamyla's love for life extended to the simple joys—she found happiness in sharing coffee and conversation with those she loved. She was particularly overjoyed with her recent marriage and the exciting news of expecting a new addition to her family.

Kamyla's spirit will live on through her family and through all those who were fortunate enough to know her. Her legacy of love, kindness, and warmth will forever be etched in the hearts of her family and friends.

She was the beloved

daughter of Kenya Lucas Machado and her husband Jose Antonio dos Santos Dias and Jose Marcio de Arujo Godinho. Devoted mother of the late Maria De Souza who tragically passed away in the accident. Cherished Sister of Guilhermy Lucas Machado. Dear niece of Nubia Lucas Machado and Siamo Marques de Souza. Loving cousin of Isabella Lucas Nogueora, Marco Vinicius Lucas de Souza, Frederico Lucas Machado, Karoline Lucas Machado, Gustavo Lucas Machado. Also survived by her former husband Hudson De Souza and many other friends and family members.

Calling hours will be on Wednesday, March 12th in the International Church of God, 85 Washington St., Somerville from 9:30AM to 11:30AM. Followed by a Funeral Service at 11:30AM. Services will conclude with Kamyla being laid to rest beside her beloved daughter Maria at Island Pond Cemetery, 15 Island Pond Rd. Harwich, MA.

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By William Tauro

I.C.E. was in Somerville this past Monday and the I.C.E. raids are true so please take them seriously! This past week I.C.E. raided a local Somerville business where I.C.E.

agents were looking for one bad guy who worked there which they found, but unfortunately the rules say that if they raid a building/business and whoever else is found there, a bad guy or a good guy is found, if you are

here illegally you'll be automatically detained as well even though you're a innocent and hard-working person who was in the wrong place at the wrong time but providing for your family are they are illegally here and they will be apprehended as well.

So one bad guy and two undocumented residents, a father who owns the business and his son were arrested as at the same time one other illegal undocumented immigration snuck out the back

door and ran down the street during the raid and avoided apprehension. Another illegal immigrant who is found there provided paperwork to the agents showing that his citizenship paperwork was in line and awaiting immigration approval so he was not arrested.

Out of respect for the family who are a very decent and honorable family, I decided to not release their names and as we all know that rules are rules and I am a 100% for the

rules and laws!

On another note to all Democrats and especially to our three major political hacks Senator Elizabeth Warren, Congressman Ed Markey and Congresswoman Ariana Presley all that I can tell you that your days are numbered in politics!"

Somerville Police Department Weekly Crime Log



Crime Log

2/25/25 – 3/3/25

[HTTPS://WWW.SOMERVILLEPD.COM/PUBLIC-SAFETY-NEWS](https://www.somervillepd.com/public-safety-news)

Commercial Breaking and Entering
25010987: On 2/27/25 at approximately 11:45 AM, Somerville Police responded to Conway Park for report of a past breaking and entering. Upon arrival, officers spoke with DPW workers who

stated the snack shack was broken into and there was drug paraphernalia left behind.

Assault
25010566: On 2/25/25 at approximately 2:35 PM, Somerville Police responded to Davis Sq for

report of an assault. Upon arrival, officers spoke with the victim who stated he got into an argument with a male party. During the argument, the male party threw a snowball at the victim. Officers identified the suspect.

Assault
25011518: On 3/2/25 at approximately 1:43 AM, Somerville Police responded to Pearl St & Cross St for report of an assault. Upon arrival, officers spoke with the victim who stated he was walking home and a male party

punched him in the face.

Residential Breaking and Entering
25011730: On 3/3/25 at approximately 11:51 AM, Somerville Police responded to a residence on Warrick St for report of a past breaking and entering. Upon arrival, officers spoke with the victim who stated the house is under construction and a male party broke the lock off the door and stole caulking.

Arrest
25011346: On 3/1/25 at

approximately 7:55 AM, Somerville Police responded to Davis Sq for report of an assault. Upon arrival, officers spoke with the victim who stated he got into an altercation with a male party known to him. During the altercation, the male suspect attacked the victim. Officers placed the male suspect under arrest.

- Other Crimes:
- 2 Vandalisms
 - 3 Package Thefts
 - 1 MV Vandalism
 - 1 Car Break

Tutti Music Collective Presents 'Spring Awakening!' Concert

Tutti Music Collective concert, courtesy image BOSTON and SOMERVILLE, MA Issued February 26, 2025... Tutti Music Collective (TMC) presents its spring concert "Spring Awakening! ~ Celebrate the Season of Renewal and Rebirth in Music," on Saturday, April 5, 2 pm, at Boynton Yards, 101 South Street, Somerville. The concert features a chamber ensemble of the Wood Harbor Orchestra.

"Spring Awakening!" is a captivating concert celebrating the season of renewal and rebirth in the heart of Boston. Featuring a

blend of folk, choir, and chamber orchestra, this eclectic performance promises to transport the audience on a journey through the vibrant tapestry of springtime.

"This concert embodies our vision of music as a force for renewal and connection," shares Rachel Burckardt, composer and TMC cofounder. "Our program weaves together traditional and contemporary pieces that capture the essence of spring's transformative energy and celebrate our diverse musical heritage."

"Spring Awakening!" features

chamber ensembles consisting of some of Boston's renowned musicians, led by conductor Elijah Langille, with special guest performances by Three at Home and the Wood Harbor Chamber Choir. The program includes a reimagining of Vivaldi's "Spring" by Burkardt and local composers Javier Márquez-Guerrero, Kelyvn Koning, Rachel Marie, among others. Each piece was inspired by New England's emergence from winter, converging to present an eclectic, nuanced performance.

Tutti Music Collective is committed to showcasing the music of

local minority, LGBTQIA+, and living composers. It believes that concert music should reflect the diversity of the world in which we live. The Collective strives to create spaces where all musicians' voices are heard and celebrated. Through its performances, it aspires to engage audiences while championing inclusivity and equity in the arts.

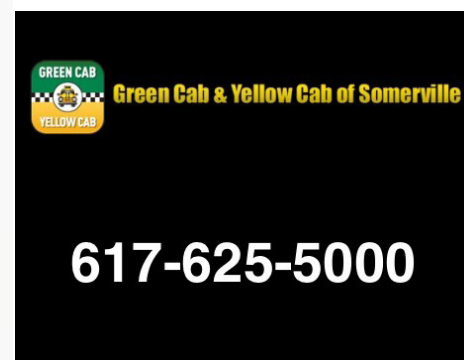
Tickets to "Spring Awakening!" are \$25 general admission, \$10 seniors and students, children under 12 attend for free. Tickets are available at eventbrite.com/e/spring-awakening-

tickets-1271800703139 and at the door. Parking is available in the Boynton Yards garage at 110 South Street, Somerville. The venue is wheelchair accessible with ADA-compliant restrooms and designated seating areas. For more information about Tutti Music Collective, visit thetuttimusiccollective.com. For more information about Wood Harbor Music, and Composer Rachel Burckardt, visit woodharbormusic.net.

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Somerville/Medford Remembering Maria Eduarda DeSouza



It is with deep sorrow and heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved angel, Maria Eduarda DeSouza, who tragically left us on Monday, February 24, 2025, in a car accident with

her beloved mother Kamyla L. Godinho and her stepfather Jean Deaquino. She was only 6 years old. Her precious life was cut far too short, but the joy she brought to everyone who knew her will remain forever in our hearts.

Maria was a vibrant soul whose beautiful spirit touched all those around her. She had a heart as pure as gold, kind, loving, and full of life. Her infectious personality and bright smile lit up every room she entered, and her laughter was a sound that could fill any space with warmth and joy.

A true adventurer at heart, Maria loved spending time outdoors, dancing, and singing. She was also a budding fashionista, always

excited to express her personality through her colorful outfits, and she loved sharing her experiences through videos. Sundays were especially important to her, as she found great joy in attending church and feeling the love and peace of her faith.

Maria was not only an affectionate and intelligent little girl but also a talented bilingual speaker, fluent in both English and Portuguese. She was even learning to write in both languages—a testament to her brilliance and curiosity about the world around her.

Her untimely passing leaves a profound hole in the hearts of everyone who knew her. She is now with her beautiful mother,

Kamyla Lucas Godinho, who was also tragically taken from us. Together, they are watching over us from heaven.

Beloved daughter of Breno Varanda De Souza and his wife Carlie De Souza Dias. Loving step sister of William, Rosemarie, Amelia and Damien. Cherished granddaughter of Kenya Lucas Machado, Eliane de Fatima Varanda, Arly Ribeiro De Souza and Jose Marcio de Araujo Godinho. Dear niece of Guilhermy Lucas Machado, Diane Rodrigues Costa, Jean David Barreiros, Felipe Varanda, Adriana Maria lzer, Junior Scalzer, Simao M. De Souza and Simone and Gilbert Garceau. Cousin of Jhonatan Rodrigues Barreiros, Kevin

Rodrigues Barreiros, Athaliah Scalzer. Also survived by many loving extend family members and friends.

Calling Hours will be held on Wednesday, March 12th in the International Church of God, 85 Washington St., Somerville from 9:00AM to 11:30AM. Followed a Funeral Service at 11:30AM.

Relatives and friends invited.

Following Funeral Services; services will conclude with Maria being laid to rest beside her beloved mother Kamyla at Island Pond Cemetery, 15 Island Pond Rd. Harwich, MA at 2:30PM. Please meet directly at the cemetery.

Somerville/Medford Remembering Martin “Marty” Labinger



Obituary

Martin “Marty” Labinger, beloved husband of Lisa

(Hurwitz) married for nearly 32 years, passed away Sunday, March 2, 2025 at home in Somerville, Mass. He was born on April 20, 1968 to Stanley and Andrea Labinger. The family moved to West Hartford where he went to school and graduated from Conard. He continued his education in the threshold program at Lesley College where he met his wife Lisa and from which they both graduated in 1990.

He worked for Opportunity

for Inclusion as a job coach for intellectually disabled individuals where he was loved and respected by everyone he knew. He was a hard worker and helpful person who could be counted on to do most anything. He loved sports, especially the Bruins and animals and especially enjoyed taking care of his neighbor Liz’s dog Kenya. He enjoyed movies, spending time at the beach, listening to music, taking leisurely walks with Lisa, sitting at the park watching the ducks

play and going on outings in Boston. He is survived by his mother, Andrea, his sister, Amy Gothers, his nephews, Jake and Ryan Gothers, his aunt and uncle Suzanne and Michael Kaplan, his cousins Marc (Betsy) Kaplan, Steven (Tracy) Kaplan and their children and Brett (Donna) Feinstein. Other survivors include his sisters-in-law Gwen (Steve) Larsen and Rayna (David) Richardson and their children. Also, he leaves his childhood friends Joey, Matt, David and Eddie.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. He was predeceased by his father Stanley, his aunt Janet Feinstein and his in-laws Joanne and Mike Hurwitz.

A memorial service will be held at Congregation Beth Israel, 701 Farmington Ave, West Hartford, CT 06119 on Thursday March 6, 2025 at 11 A.M.

Memorial contributions can be made to the donor’s choice of charity.

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This Week's QUOTABLE QUOTES On Beacon Hill

By Bob Katzen

“These numbers are absolutely staggering and prove what [we] have warned from the start— Massachusetts has created the perfect environment for illegal smuggling. Our members are losing customers to the illicit market every day, and the state is bleeding tax revenue because criminals are filling the void created by excessive taxes and product bans.”

—Peter Brennan, executive director of The New England Convenience

Store and Energy Market-ers Association, arguing that increased tobacco taxes and more flavor bans are fueling a booming illegal tobacco market, costing the state hundreds of millions in lost tax revenue while devastating law-abiding local retailers and flooding the state with uninspected and potentially harmful nicotine products.

“Massachusetts is home to the first public school in the United States, and we have the #1 schools in the country. Donald Trump, Elon Musk and Linda Mc-

Mahon’s plan to dismantle the Department of Education means students and schools would lose out on \$2 billion in federal funding for our schools. That means bigger class sizes, fewer reading specialists and support for students with IEPs, less funding for poorer and rural school districts and an end to after school programs.”

—Gov. Maura Healey on President Trump’s attempt to dismantle the federal Education Department.

“Women in Construction Week is an opportunity to showcase the amazing

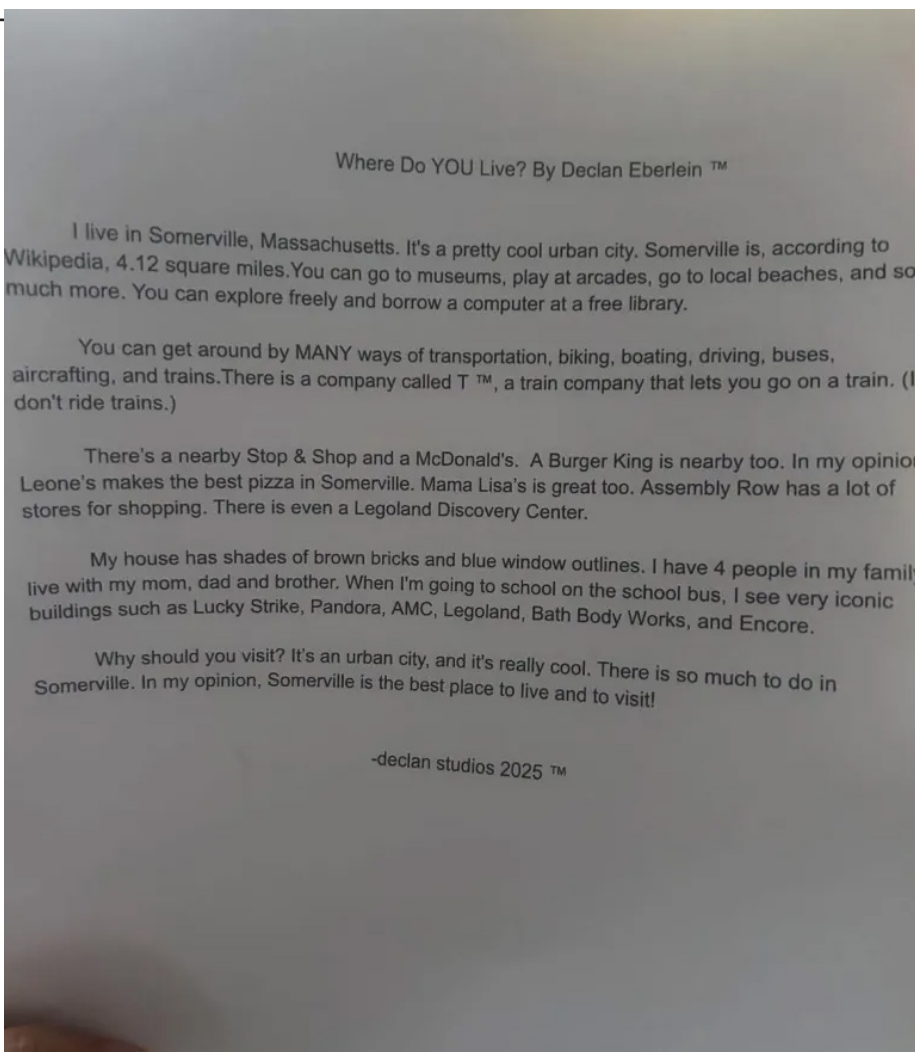
women in construction, celebrate increased exposure for girls to learn about careers in construction and encourage women to join the industry. Through the recent executive order, continued investment in Registered Apprenticeship, and great partnerships, we are working every day to increase access to training and career opportunities right here in Massachusetts for women and people of color.”

—Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development Lauren Jones.

“This is a tax-and-spend budget through and through. Gov. Healey is quietly raising taxes while pretending to offer relief. Allowing municipalities to hike their meals tax and triple their auto excise taxes will hit working families hard, while her prescription drug tax will make healthcare more expensive for patients.”

—Paul Craney, spokesman for the Mass Fiscal Alliance.

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By Declan Eberlein M

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Somerville Seeks Community Input on CPA Priorities; Annual Review Survey Open Through March 31

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 priorities 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 considerations.

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.



Help Test a New, Non-Toxic Approach to Rat Control in Somerville

SOMERVILLE – The City of Somerville is looking for community members to help test an innovative, non-toxic approach to reducing the local rat population.

In partnership with the Cambridge Public Health Department and Cambridge Inspectional Services, Somerville is participating in a Rodent Fertility Control Study using Evolve, a hormonal fertility control product designed to humanely curb rat reproduction.

This study aims to determine whether Evolve is an effective long-term solution in dense urban areas like Somerville while reducing reliance on traditional rat poisons, which can harm other wildlife such as birds, cats, and foxes.

The City is seeking residents and property owners in the Lincoln Park area to participate in the study by allowing bait stations containing the fertility control product to be placed on their property at no cost or

volunteering to join the field team.

How You Can Help
There are two ways for residents to get involved:

Enroll Your Property: If you live in the Lincoln Park area, you can participate by allowing bait stations to be placed on your property. There is no cost to enroll.

Volunteer for the Field Team: Field volunteers help City staff

deploy bait stations, collect rat activity data, and help with outreach to neighbors in our study area.

This study builds on existing rodent control strategies in Somerville, which include active surveillance, improved waste containment, and habitat reduction. By testing this non-toxic method, the City hopes to develop a safer, more effective approach to managing urban rat populations.

Sign Up or Learn More
To enroll your property, volunteer for the field team, or learn more about the study, please contact aprivett@somervillema.gov.



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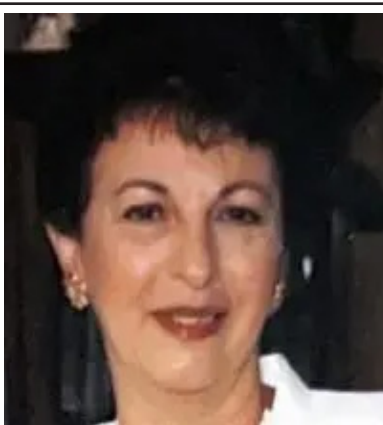
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Somerville/Medford Remembering Marie Lucille Frongillo (Romano)



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.

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By Bob Katzen

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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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Learn About Somerville's Upcoming Consolidated Affordable Housing Waitlist at March Information Sessions



First info session will be held Tuesday, March 18 at 6 p.m. All community members are welcome.

SOMERVILLE – The City of Somerville is launching a Consolidated Rental Waitlist to simplify the application process for income-restricted rental units. To help residents navigate the new system, the Housing Division will host a series of information sessions in March. To reach the most The

sessions will alternate between virtual and in-person meetings.

“We are committed to making the search for affordable housing as clear and straightforward as possible,” said Mayor Katjana Ballantyne. “This waitlist will simplify the process and reduce barriers for residents.”

The Consolidated Waitlist allows individuals and families to apply for multiple affordable rental opportunities with a single application. The application period opens in April 2025.

Information Sessions To make these sessions as accessible and convenient as possible, they are scheduled at a variety of times and

formats, including in-person, virtual, and hybrid options, to accommodate different schedules and needs. Interpretation in Spanish, Portuguese, and Haitian Creole (Mandarin, Cantonese, Nepali, and ASL available upon request).

Date/Time	Location
Date: Tuesday, March 18 Time: 6 p.m.	Argenziano School Cafeteria (290 Washington St.)
Date: Thursday, March 20 Time: 12 p.m.	City Council Chambers at City Hall (93 Highland Ave.) & Zoom
Date: Saturday, March 22 Time: 9 a.m.	Zoom

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 Date: Monday, March 24
 Time: 6 p.m.
 East Somerville Community School Auditorium (50 Cross St.)
 Date: Wednesday, March 26
 Time: 6 p.m.

West Somerville Neighborhood School Cafeteria, (177 Powder House Blvd.)

Multilingual resources and application support will be available throughout the application period. More details will be posted at somervillema.gov/inclusionary. To sign up for updates, click the green box labeled “Affordable Housing Alerts: Sign Up Now?”

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GET OPINION OF SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT (H 2026)

By Bob Katzen

The House 23-128, rejected an amendment that would require the House and Senate to request an opinion of the justices of the state's Supreme Judicial Court (SJC) whenever they have a conflicting opinion with a constitutional officer relative to the constitutionality of legislation being considered.

"The separation of powers doctrine allows each branch of the Legislature, as well as the governor, to ask the SJC for opinions on certain occasions, at their discretion," said amendment sponsor Rep. Brad Jones (R-North Reading). "This amendment would require the House or Senate to seek an opinion of the SJC if there is a disagreement with a constitutional officer over the constitutionality of a

specific piece of legislation. The State Auditor has been given the voters' approval to audit the Legislature, but the Democratic leadership in both branches have argued that this would be a violation of the separation of powers. Since the SJC would be the final arbiter, we could easily resolve this situation by having the House or Senate request an opinion to settle this matter once and for all."

Rep. Brandy Fluker-Reid (D-Boston) said the amendment poses unnecessary delays on the legislative process and undermines the authority of the Legislature. She noted the Legislature already has the ability to seek advisory opinions of the SJC, and in fact does so when appropriate. She argued that the amendment would require the Legislature to halt its work any time a consti-

tutional officer raises a concern.

(A "Yes" vote is for the amendment requiring the Legislature to get an opinion from the SJC. A "No" vote is against the amendment.)

Rep. Christine Barber No
Rep. Mike Connolly No
Rep. Paul Donato No
Rep. Erika Uytterhoeven No

\$5.8 MILLION TO EXPAND MOBILITY

By Bob Katzen

The Healey Administration announced the awarding of \$5.8 million in funding to 44 organizations for 56 projects that expand and enhance mobility for older adults, people with disabilities and low-income individuals across the state.

The awards will allow Regional Transit Authorities, municipalities and nonprofits to provide rides for people who would otherwise be unable to get to their destinations, and to hire staff to help people learn about and learn to use transportation options.

"As a former mayor I

have seen first-hand how money going to public transportation can make a difference in people's everyday lives, especially when it helps to advance projects that help everyone get around," said Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll. "We are proud to support our local and regional partners who are putting forward innovative initiatives to


connect people to important destinations and increase access to locations and connections."

"We are pleased to see such a variety of initiatives aimed at improving transit services, including travel training for individuals in need of assistance, services for older riders and the expansion of existing

offerings," said Transportation Secretary Monica Tibbits-Nutt. "Efforts like these greatly contribute to making our transportation network more accessible and equitable."

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REQUIRE TWO WEEKS' NOTICE (H 2026)

By Bob Katzen

The House 23-128, re-jected an amendment that would require two weeks' notice to be given to legislators prior to a vote on conference committee reports, budgets or guber-

natorial vetoes at a formal session which is convened after July 31 of the second year of a legislative ses-sion.

"This amendment was offered to provide more predictability for the

House and Senate mem-bers when a formal session is planned after the July 31 deadline has passed," said amendment sponsor Rep. Brad Jones (R-North Reading). "It simply gives the members sufficient advance notice

to thoroughly review and understand legislation before taking a vote."

Rep. Carole Fiola (D-Fall River) said she opposed the amendment because we are a full-time Legis-lature which needs to be

responsive, nimble and ready to vote on impor-tant matters before us.

(A "Yes" vote is for the amendment requiring two weeks' notice. A "No" vote is against requiring it.)

\$1.3 MILLION FOR TREE PLANTING

By Bob Katzen

The Healey Administration announced \$1.3 million in grants to 13 cities and towns and one nonprofit orga-nization for tree planting, from the Cooling Corridors program, which focuses on planting trees along popular walking routes and in envi-ronmental justice neighbor-hoods across the Bay State.

Supporters say the fund-ing is aimed at combatting the rising heat residents are experiencing due to cli-mate change. The program prioritizes planting trees in communities that often face more environmental chal-lenges – and along paths that connect people to important places like schools, health-care providers and senior

centers.

"Trees are among our best allies in combating extreme heat," said Executive Office of Energy and Environmen-tal Affairs Secretary Rebecca Tepper. "A healthy tree can-opy beautifies our neighbor-hoods and enhances energy efficiency during the hottest months of the year. Each tree planted is an investment in

the health of our communi-ties and our future."

"Adding more trees to our neighborhoods goes beyond just making our streets look nicer – it's about ensuring our communities are cooler and more comfortable for everyone," said Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll. "By focusing on tree planting along our walking routes, we're taking

meaningful steps to reduce heat and create welcoming spaces for families to come together."

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Celebrating a Year of Daily Somerville High Standouts for Palestine



March 1, 2025, SOMERVILLE, MA: Several dozen Somerville residents including students, educators, and families gathered outside of Somerville High School in the early morning of Friday, February 28, to celebrate a year of Daily Somerville High standouts for Palestine. Since February 2024, Somerville residents have refused to stay silent during Israel's genocide against Palestinians in Gaza and Israel's escalating violence, apartheid, and occupation in the West Bank and have spent every school day morning holding up signs protesting Israel's violence for commuters to

see on Highland Avenue in front of Somerville High School.

Begun by Palestinian long-time Somerville High teacher Jamal Halawa, the group of community members who stand out are diverse in age, background, and beliefs but are all connected through their commitment to freedom for Palestinians. Halawa spoke to the dozens of Somerville residents standing out on Friday morning, saying, "Today is the One Year Anniversary. It's too bad that we have to do this, but we're going to keep doing it, and keep reminding people, and

keep Palestine on people's minds." The one-year anniversary standout also fell on the first night of Ramadan, a holy month for Muslims. Halawa continued, "And tonight's the first night of Ramadan. It's a big day. It's so beautiful to see all these people come out and show their love for Palestine." Alain Jehlan, local public school advocate and Jewish resident, often attends with a sign that reads "Another Jew for free Palestine." Other signs read "HP [Hewlett-Packard] upholds apartheid" and "Free Palestine! Boycott HP." The government of Israel uses Hewlett-Packard Enterprises technologies to uphold Israel's system of racial discrimination and illegal settlements in Palestine. HP Data services allow Israeli prisons to separate and torture Palestinian prisoners. Since 2014, \$1.7 million dollars have been spent on Hewlett-Packard services and products, according to public records requests of Somerville school purchases and contracts. Somerville for Palestine – an interfaith, interracial, intergenerational community organizing effort – urges Somerville City leaders to end the city's complicity in Israeli violence against Pales-

tinians by ensuring that no more Somerville dollars are awarded to companies profiting off of human rights violations and war crimes against Palestinians. According to the Crowd Counting Consortium at the Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation at the Harvard Kennedy School, from October 7, 2023 to May 29, 2024, Somerville High Standout for Palestine was found to be one of the top ten longest lasting pro-Palestine protests in the country and the longest at a high school. After the study's publication, community members continued to stand out for Palestine through the end of the 2023-2024 school year and began their daily show of support again at the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year, far surpassing initial daily protest counts. Somerville for Palestine commends these activists' determination, consistency, and commitment to call for freedom for Palestine by showing that Somerville stands in solidarity with Palestinians in their demands for freedom from discrimination, occupation, apartheid, and genocide. Another committed standout participant, Somerville resident,

and long-time labor activist, Ed Childs, Friday morning shared with anniversary standout attendees the parallels he sees between the economic struggles in Somerville and attacks in Gaza: "This is an issue of every worker in the United States because the workers everywhere else have already said it's their issue. Every bomb that falls on Gaza comes from our education funding. It comes from the deterioration of our healthcare system. That's what we have to understand: that Gaza is us. We are family. Every bomb that goes to Gaza, or anywhere else, is a bomb on us." Somerville for Palestine is an intergenerational, interracial, and interfaith community-led group who formed in response to Israel's U.S.-funded genocide against the Palestinian people. We are united in our steadfast advocacy for Palestinian

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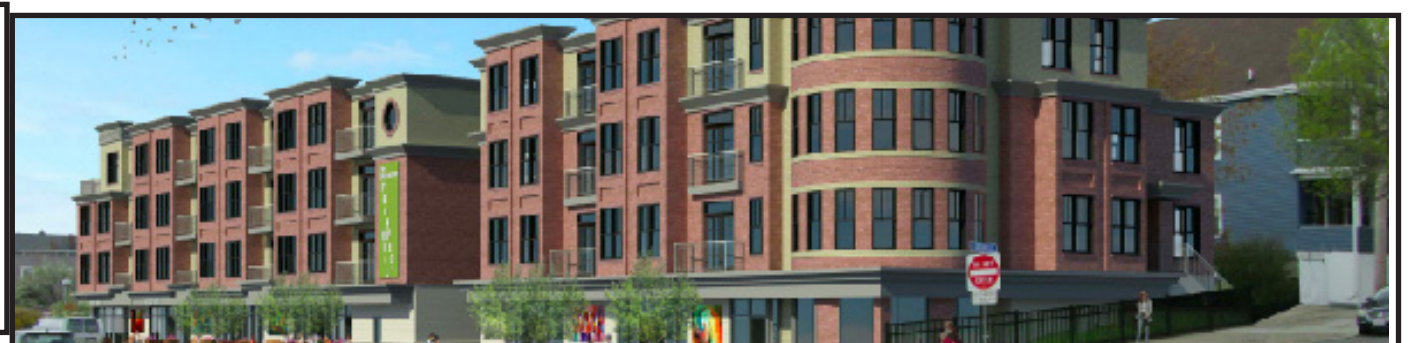
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REAL ID

By Bob Katzen

The Registry of Motor Vehicles reminds Bay State residents that beginning on May 7, 2025, people traveling by plane domestically or entering certain federal facilities will need

a Registry-issued REAL ID-compliant driver's license or ID, or a valid passport.

The Registry strongly encourages everyone seeking a REAL ID-compliant license or ID card to go on-

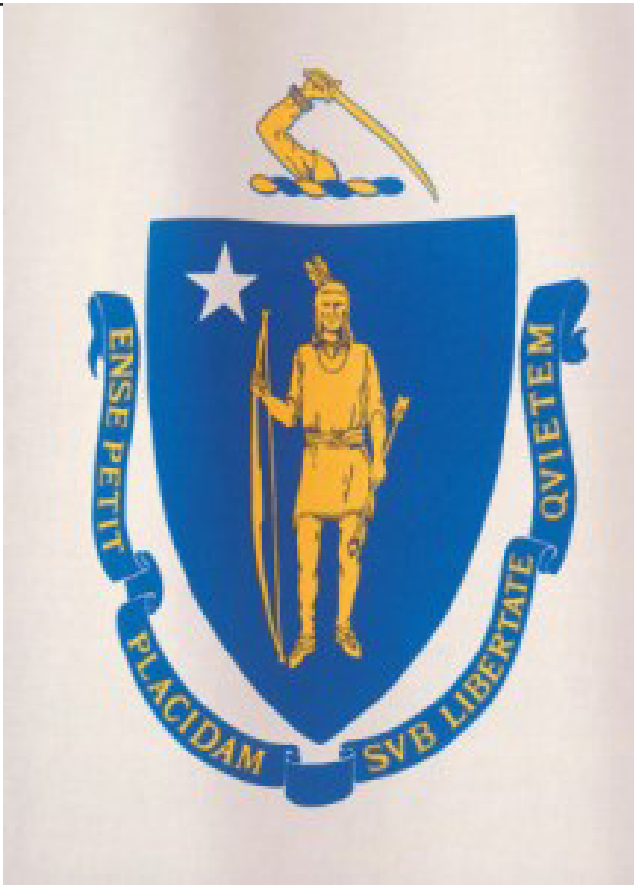
line at Mass.Gov/REALID to learn what documents are needed for a required in-person appointment. Appointments to upgrade to REAL ID are available now, and several RMV service centers offer Saturday appointments. Cus-

tomers who already have a compliant credential may renew online as long as they have not had a name change.

"May 7th is almost here, and we remind everyone to check your wallets and

make sure you and your family members have the credentials that you need, depending on your travel plans," said Registrar of Motor Vehicles Colleen Ogilvie. "We want to make sure everyone is cleared for takeoff."

Massachusetts State Trooper Indicted on Sexual Assault Charges



Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan and Lexington Chief of Police Michael McLean have confirmed that Terence Kent has been indicted by a Middlesex Grand Jury on charges of bribery and indecent assault and battery.

On August 24, 2024, around 4:00 pm, the victim was parked near Soldiers Field Road in Brighton when he allegedly encountered Massachusetts State Police Trooper Terrence Kent who used his marked State Police cruiser to block the victim's vehicle from leaving. When the victim asked Trooper Kent to move, the defendant allegedly informed the victim that his vehicle regis-

tration and insurance had expired and that his vehicle had to be towed. When the victim expressed concerns, Trooper Kent requested that the victim meet him at a Department of Transportation property, located in Lexington. The Trooper requested the victim perform a sexual act as a favor to him, and, in turn, Trooper Kent would take care of the victim by not towing his car.

"The defendant in this case allegedly used his position of power as a sworn police officer to commit a sexual assault. These allegations, if true, are a blatant violation of the public trust and his obligation to uphold high ethical standards and

the values of the community. Today's indictment is a reflection of our continued commitment to the highest level of accountability and transparency when it comes to those entrusted to protect public safety," said District Attorney Ryan.

Terrence Kent's arraignment date in Middlesex Superior Court has not yet been confirmed.

The prosecutors assigned to this case are Megan McGovern and Caroline Evans. The Victim Witness Advocate is Joseph Bernstein.

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By Bob Katzen

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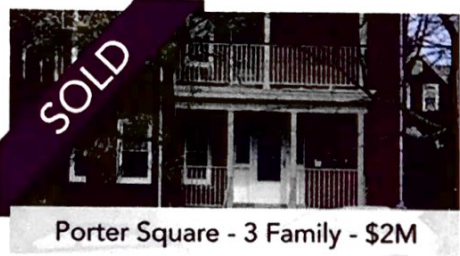
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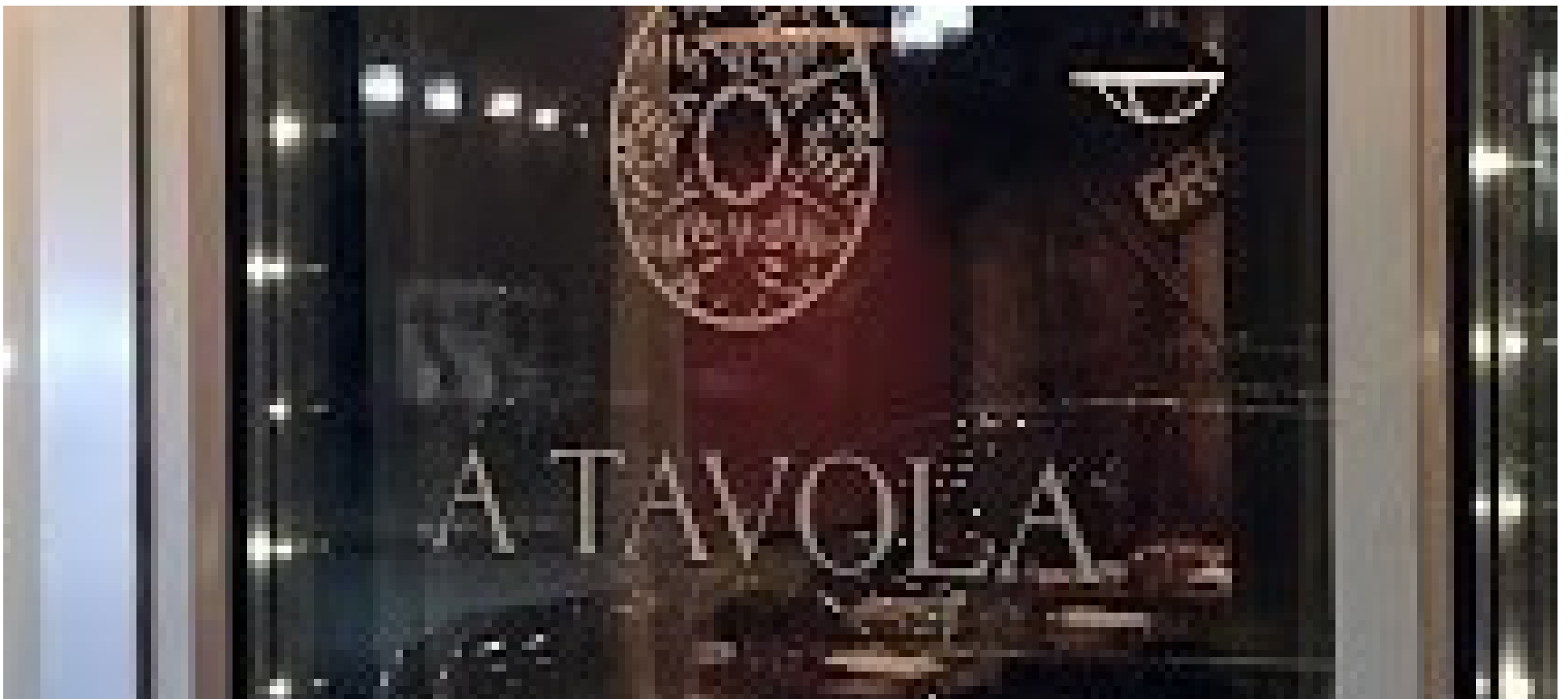
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