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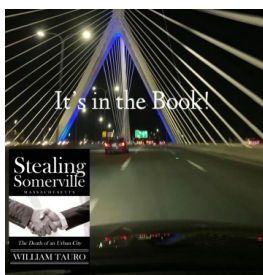
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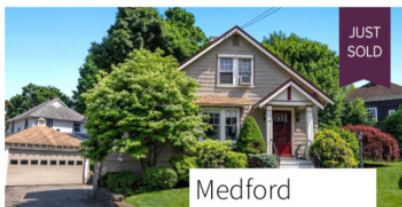
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Somerville/Medford Remembering Bobby Howard



Obituary

Bobby Howard (Beau Paris),

73, of Andover, Massachusetts, passed away peacefully on Friday, May 2, 2025, at Brigham and Women's Hospital, surrounded by his loving family.

Born on January 1, 1952, in Opelika, Alabama, Bobby was the beloved son of the late Willie and Fannie Howard. He moved to Boston at the age of 10, where he later graduated from Brighton High School. From a young age, Bobby had a passion for music, which led him to perform with the Bos-

ton-based band The Ambitions before launching a solo career as Beau Paris. His voice, stage presence, and soul left a lasting mark on the local music scene and all who had the pleasure of hearing him sing.

Bobby is survived by his devoted wife, Yvonne Howard of Andover, MA; his sons, Paul Davison and his wife Susan Lim of Belmont, MA, and Adam Davison and his wife Stephanie Davison of North Andover, MA. He was a proud

grandfather to Kaylee, Cameron, Benjamin and Emilia. He also leaves behind his beloved sisters, Murdie Henderson of Boston, MA, Katie McCargo of Boston, MA, and Min. Willie Mae Howard of Williamsburg, VA, along with many cherished nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Willie and Fannie Howard, and his siblings Ruth Dowdell, Charlie Howard, Mary Porter, Lillie Williams, and Arthur Howard.

A celebration of Bobby's life will be held on Saturday, May 17, 2025, at the Andover Country Club, Andover, MA from 2:00p.m. to 6:00p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society and The Home for Little Wanderers.

Bobby, known to many as Beau Paris, will be remembered for his warmth, his music, and the joy he brought to so many.

Somerville/Medford Remembering Walter (Wally) Fitzgerald



Obituary

Walter (Wally) Fitzgerald, of Methuen, MA, beloved husband, father, Grampy, brother, uncle and friend, passed away peacefully on May 8, 2025, surrounded by the family he cherished. Wally was the devoted husband of Dianne (Donahue) Fitzgerald for 60 wonderful

years, with whom he shared a lifetime of laughter, love, and unforgettable memories.

Born and raised in Somerville, MA, Wally was the son of the late Anne (Scannell) and John Fitzgerald. He was a proud graduate of Somerville Vocational High School, where he began building the strong work ethic and leadership qualities that would define his life.

He was the proud and loving father of the late Scott Fitzgerald, Jack Fitzgerald and his wife Karen, Paul Fitzgerald, and Tim Fitzgerald, and a caring father-in-law to Kristine Fitzgerald.

Wally was affectionately known as Grampy to his many grandchildren, who were the light of his life: Kristen and her wife Stacey and their children Julia and Lucas; Scott and his children Graham and Lydon; and Kaitlyn, Kel-

sea, Jake, Ava, Erin and her husband Tyler, Shannon, Luke, Emma, and John. His sense of humor, endless stories, and big heart made him the center of every family gathering. He was also lovingly known as "Grampy the Great" by his great-grandchildren.

Professionally, Wally had a remarkable 39-year career at Polaroid, where he held many leadership roles, eventually becoming Director of Logistics and Transportation, overseeing operations. Even in retirement, his dedication continued, he worked for ten years with the Mansfield Public Schools, where he brought the same warmth and reliability that defined every chapter of his life.

Wally gave generously to his community. He was a volunteer with the Big Brother program and served as a volunteer probation officer in the city of Somerville. Wally was actively involved in his sons' sports and ac-

tivities, taking great pride in their achievements. He was a constant and supportive presence, always ready to help, encourage, and mentor both his children and other young people in the community.

A man of deep faith, Wally served as a Eucharistic Minister and was a devoted member of the St. Catherine Church community in Somerville.

He is also survived by his sister Julie Carr and her husband Mark, and was predeceased by his beloved sisters Nancy Driscoll, Kathy Goldy, Joan Demeo, and Mary O'Reilly. Wally was a cherished "Uncle Wally" to many nieces and nephews, always ready with a joke, a story, or a helping hand.

Wally had a gift for making people laugh and always knew how to brighten a room. His warmth, wit, and unwavering love for his family will be remembered and missed be-

yond measure.

The family would like to extend their deepest gratitude to All Care Hospice for the exceptional compassion, support, and kindness shown to Wally and his loved ones during his final days.

In honor of Wally's memory, donations may be made to All Care Hospice by mail at:

All Care, 210 Market Street, Lynn, MA 01901 or online at <http://www.allcare.org>

Funeral Procession from the George L. Doherty Funeral Home, 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.) Somerville, Wednesday morning May 14th at 10:00am, followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Catherine Church, Somerville at 11:00. Relatives and friends invited. Calling hours Tuesday, May 13th from 4:00 - 7:00. Interment private

Somerville/Medford Remembering Cynthia "Cyndi" Karasinski



Obituary:

Cynthia "Cyndi" Karasinski,

a lifelong resident of Somerville, passed away on May 5, 2025, she was 71.

Born and raised in Somerville, Cyndi was the cherished daughter of the late Virginia (Martino) and Joseph M. Karasinski. She was the beloved life partner of the late Raymond Hardy and the cherished sister of Robert "Ski" Karasinski and

his wife Barbara of Somerville. Loving Aunt of Eric Karasinski and his wife Vallery of Houston, TX and their daughter Mikayla, Rita Neerbasch and her husband Steve of Rochester, NY and their children Nicolette "Niki" Gaesser and Alexander French, Alisa Cabral and her husband Patrick of Saugus and their daughter Skye. She was the cousin of

Janice Grant of Wakefield.

Cyndi was an active member of the Walnut Street Center of Somerville and Medford, where she benefited greatly by the support and friendships of the staff and fellow members over the years.

Relatives and friends are invited to a visitation held in the George L. Doherty Fu-

neral Home, 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.) Somerville on Tuesday, May 13th from 11:00AM - 12:00PM followed by a graveside service held at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden at 12:30PM.

If you wish, donations honoring Cyndi can be made to the Walnut Street Center, 291 Mystic Ave, Medford, MA 02155.

Somerville/Medford Remembering Bernadette "Bernie" Molloy



Obituary

Bernadette "Bernie" Molloy passed away surrounded by the love of her nieces on May 4, 2025, she

was 80. Born in County Monaghan, Ireland, she was the daughter of the late Mary J.

(Horan) and Thomas Molloy. Bernie came to the US with her family as a young woman and settled in Dorchester. She worked at St. Margaret's Hospital in Dorchester for 30 years until it merged with St. Elizabeth's Hospital. In later years, she became a resident of the Jeanne Jugan Residence in Somerville where she was lovingly cared for by the

Little Sisters of the Poor. A devout Catholic, Bernie provided spiritual comfort through the rosary to fellow residents. She also enjoyed frequent visits from her nieces and their families; as well as her dear sister, the late Patricia G. "Patty" Sammon who served as the activities director and later a fellow resident.

Bernie is survived by her cherished nieces, Michelle Lemmons of Medford and Theresa Sammon and her husband Brett Risser of

Arlington and great nieces and nephews; Shayla, Safiya and Jayson Lemmons and Ava and Evan Thomas Risser. She was the dear cousin of Michael McKee, Betty McKee and Jennifer McEntee and beloved friend of the late John Shannon.

Family and friends are invited to a visitation in St. Catherine of Genoa Church, 185 Summer Street, Somerville on Friday, May 9th beginning at 12:30PM followed by her Funeral Mass celebrated

at 1:00PM. Services will conclude with burial at Cedar Grove Cemetery, Dorchester.

In lieu of flowers donations in Bernadette's memory to the Visiting Nurse Association, Senior Living at Highland (the former Jeanne Jugan Residence) 186 Highland Ave, Somerville, MA 02143 or to a charity of one's choice.



Suspicious Small Fires Extinguished At Somerville Winter Hill Community School

By William Tauro

Last night Monday May 12th at the Winter Hill School located 115 Sycamore Street at Medford Street in Somerville there were two small fires possibly three, (possibly set) at around 9:14pm and shortly extinguished.

According to sources there were two there definitely, one near the gym and one near the library, possibly also a third fire

Somerville Fire called for extra help due to heavy smoke conditions to exhaust smoke. Firefighters checked out the entire building and put the small fires out quickly.

Cambridge Fire Department posted on social media "Mutual aid response: Cambridge Engine 5 & Ladder 1 are covering in Somerville on their working fire Box 45-3211, a fire on Sycamore Street.

This story is still developing...



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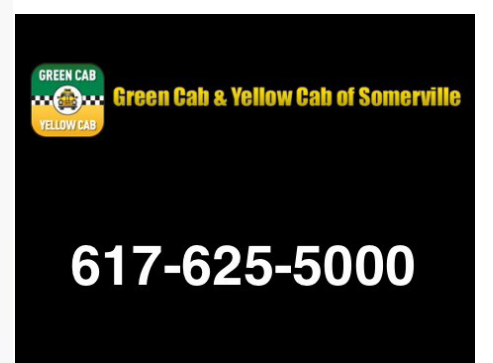
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Somerville's Pollinator Action Plan is your guide to planting smarter and supporting nature.

SOMERVILLE – With spring in full swing, the City of Somerville is re-

mind residents that the season of growth is also the season of pollinators. As you shop for plants to fill garden pots or garden beds, you can play a role in feeding and sheltering the insects that keep our global ecosystem functioning.

“Pollinators are looking for flowers to feed on and this spring, one of the most powerful ways you can support biodiversity is by doing less,” said Mayor Katjana Ballantyne. “A few extra weeks of letting your

lawn be a little wild feed the pollinators that help our whole ecosystem thrive. I'm so grateful to our Public Space and Urban Forestry team for developing a resource that makes it easy for all of us to take action. Together, we can fight local and global pollinator population decline right in our own yards, balconies, parks, and planter boxes.”

Somerville's Pollinator Action Plan is your go-to guide for planting a beautiful garden and protecting

the creatures that keep our environment blooming. Whether you're a homeowner, renter, seasoned gardener, or total beginner, the Plan is full of practical steps and inspiring ideas to help create vital habitat right here in the city.

Open it up and you'll find: Why pollinators matter to Somerville and beyond The bees, butterflies, and other pollinators you're likely to see here Specific garden designs and pollinator-friendly plant

lists Landscaping tips for every kind of space Actions for everyone; from renters to property owners, landscapers, schools, and kids

Check out the full Pollinator Action Plan at: voice.somervillema.gov/somerville-pollinator-action-plan

Somerville Earns Top Honors as Certified Climate Leader Community



SOMERVILLE— Mayor Katjana Ballantyne is honored to announce that the City of Somerville has been officially

named a Certified Climate Leader Community by the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER), joining an inaugural group of 19 municipalities recognized for bold climate action.

This top-tier designation honors Somerville's leadership in clean energy and climate resilience, and unlocks new access to state grant funding for future sustainability proj-

ects. The Climate Leader designation is awarded to municipalities that demonstrate measurable progress in reducing greenhouse gas emissions, transitioning to clean energy, and integrating climate resilience into local planning. Somerville earned this distinction through its continued implementation of the City's comprehensive Climate

Forward plan. The announcement coincides with SustainaVille Week, Somerville's annual celebration of local climate action, and Mayor Ballantyne's recent announcement of several key climate policy updates. This includes a proposed ordinance unanimously advanced by the City Council's Open Space, Environment, and

Energy Committee, to nearly double the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change's (CEUCC) size and expand representation to include youth and Somerville Public Schools. To learn more about Climate Leader Communities, please visit the mass.gov/info-details/climate-leader-communities website.

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Somerville Announcing Winning Projects for Second Cycle of Participatory Budgeting



SOMERVILLE– Mayor Katjana Ballantyne is announcing the winning projects from Somerville’s second Participatory Budgeting cycle. More than 4,000 residents voted to determine how to invest \$1 million in community-generated ideas.

“Participatory Budgeting puts the power of public funds directly in our community’s hands,” said Mayor Ballantyne. “I’m so proud

of the creativity, collaboration, and care that our residents continue to bring to this process. These winning projects reflect what matters most to our community, and we can’t wait to bring them to life.”

The \$1 million from Cycle 1 was allocated to five projects totaling \$955,000 and the remaining unallocated funds have supported additional projects in this cycle

for a total of \$1.045 million.

Winning Projects

The following six ideas received the most votes and will be funded for implementation:

Expanded Afterschool Programs – \$150,000: More youth enrichment opportunities for Somerville families.

Fresh Food for Community Fridges – \$220,000: A walk-in fridge and increased fresh produce and meals to boost local food access.

Bike Network Guarantee – \$400,000: Funding to build at least one mile of separated bike lanes, aligned with the City’s Bicycle Network Plan.

Public Community Composting

– \$125,000: A new pilot program for rodent-resistant compost drop-off bins around the city.

Pollinator Gardens – \$30,000: New native plant gardens in parks to support bees, butterflies, and other essential pollinators.

Outsmart Somerville Rats – \$120,000: Additional SMART boxes and expanded rat control education for residents.

“It’s been a joy to read through the creative ideas submitted and work with a group of such kind and thoughtful community members to select ideas for the ballot,” added Megan Huckenhahler, Budget Analyst for the city who runs the program. “Stay tuned for more implementation of projects from our first round of funding later this summer.”

Next Steps

The City will begin implementation of the winning projects this summer. To learn more about Participatory Budgeting and how to get involved in future cycles, visit <http://www.somervillema.gov/PB>.

About Participatory Budgeting Participatory Budgeting is a democratic process that allows residents to decide directly how to spend a portion of the city’s capital funds. In this second cycle, over 700 ideas were submitted by community members. A team of volunteer Budget Delegates then worked with City staff to vet, combine, and refine the ideas into 20 final ballot proposals.

Somerville/Medford Remembering Altagracia Beatriz Espinal Benzan



Obituary

Altagracia Beatriz Espinal Benzan, of Cambridge, passed away at home surrounded by the love of her family on April 30, 2025. She was 89.

Born in Santiago, Dominican Republic on July 15, 1935 she was the daughter of Juana Paulina Espinal and Jose Belarminio “Pusin” Mendez. She

left the DR for Puerto Rico in 1954 and came to Cambridge in 1961 with hopes of being a teacher. An immigrant herself, she worked tirelessly to help and improve the lives of fellow immigrants and those less fortunate. She was a figure of generosity, support, and love in the Dominican community.

Altagracia, also affectionately known as Grace, loved music (from Luciano Pavarotti to Michael Jackson), dancing, the Red Sox, long car rides, trips to New York City, shopping, and knitting as she knitted blankets and scarves for all of us.

Her life was dedicated to her family; she instilled in each of us a tremendous work ethic and taught us what it means to be strong and resilient. Later in life, she attended and graduated

from University. In addition to her warm smile and witty humor, she was also known for her skills as a seamstress and a cook. In her retirement, she made more than 200 dresses and donated them to charities in the Dominican Republic and Kenya. To us, she was the most resourceful woman who could make something out of nothing with zero waste and who never made her children feel like they had less.

Her love for children went beyond her own, as she served as a dedicated and caring childcare provider at the Technology Childcare Center at MIT for decades.

She is survived by her 8 children: Miguel Rafael and Nancy Benzan of Enfield, Connecticut; John Benzan of Wellesley; Janet

Benzan of Cambridge; Harry Benzan of Mattapan; Sharon Benzan of Lynn; Joseph Benzan of Mattapan; Pamela Benzan and Eric Leete of Danvers; and Virginia Benzan of Dorchester.

Her legacy continues with her 16 grandchildren: Olivia Benzan-Daniel, Sophia (Benzan) Lehr, Patrick Benzan, Maya Leete, Katharine Benzan, Jackson Leete, Chloe Benzan-Duval, Grace Leete, Diego Buyu, Ava Benzan, Maximilian Leete, Nina Benzan, Mateo Buyu, Hayes Benzan, Roman Daniel, and Nia Buyu. She is also survived by numerous family members in the Dominican Republic and the United States, including Yolanda Paul, Kelly Daniel, and Chris Buyu as well as many loving nieces and nephews.

Calling Hours will be held in the George L. Doherty Funeral Home, 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.) Somerville on Wednesday, May 7th from 4:00PM to 7:00PM. Relatives and friends invited to attend. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated in St. Mary of the Annunciation Church, 134 Norfolk Street, Cambridge on Thursday morning, May 8th at 11AM. Family and friends are asked to meet at church. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Altagracia’s name can be made to End Alz in support of Alzheimer’s Disease research and support at <https://endalz.org/>

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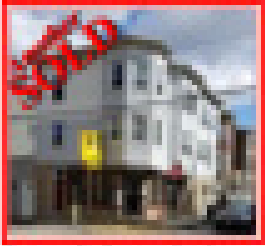


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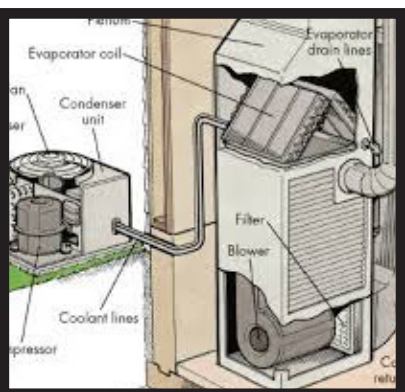
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Somerville/Medford Remembering Cynthia Cyndi Karasinski

Obituary

Cynthia Cyndi Karasinski, a lifelong resident of Somerville, passed away on May 5, 2025, she was 71.

Born and raised in Somerville, Cyndi was the cherished daughter of the late Virginia Martino and Joseph M. Karasinski. She was the beloved life partner

of the late Raymond Hardy and the cherished sister of Robert Ski Karasinski and his wife Barbara of Somerville. Loving Aunt of Eric Karasinski and his wife Vallery of Houston, TX and their daughter Mikayla, Rita Neerbasch and her husband Steve of Rochester, NY and their children Nicolette Niki Gaesser and Alexander French, Alisa Cabral

and her husband Patrick of Saugus and their daughter Skye. She was the cousin of Janice Grant of Wakefield.

Cyndi was an active member of the Walnut Street Center of Somerville and Medford, where she benefited greatly by the support and friendships of the staff and fellow members over the years.

Relatives and friends are invited to a visitation held in the George L. Doherty Funeral Home, 855 Broadway Powder House Sq. Somerville on Tuesday, May 13th from 11:00AM - 12:00PM followed by a graveside service held at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden at 12:30PM.

If you wish, donations hon-

oring Cyndi can be made to the Walnut Street Center, 291 Mystic Ave, Medford, MA 02155



Somerville Report Finds High Cost of Electrification Is Slowing Transition From Gas



City's Office of Sustainability Outlines Solutions to Help Fight Climate Change & Protect Public Health

SOMERVILLE— Massachusetts is urging property owners to switch from gas to electric to help meet the state's climate goals.

But according to a new report from the City of Somerville's Office of Sustainability and Environment, there's a critical missing piece that few are aware of: few existing programs to help cover the high cost of transformers not considered to be benefiting the grid by the utilities. Owners of multi-family buildings

are often shocked to find the electric grid can't handle their upgrades unless they themselves pay to install costly transformers. The result? Otherwise motivated owners often just stick with gas.

The report, Somerville Networked Geothermal and Electrification Feasibility Study, outlines how condominium owners, landlords, and affordable housing providers are facing steep costs—frequently upwards of \$10,000 plus a \$3,000-\$5,000 interconnection fee—to upgrade infrastructure like transformers in multi-unit buildings with three or greater units. These expenses, combined with months-long wait times for service upgrades, are causing many property owners to delay or abandon plans to convert from gas to electric. Individual owners in buildings with three or more units looking to add air source heat pumps and electric car charging capability or the equivalent have found themselves facing this surprise expense.

“The State has set ambitious goals for reducing emissions, and that's a good thing,” said Somerville Mayor Katjana Ballantyne. “But this report makes one thing clear: we can't afford to treat equitable electrification as a problem to solve ten years from now. It's already here. And it's a problem that will impact cities across the country. So, we're not just sounding the alarm, we're offering solutions, from cost-sharing measures to installing geothermal energy networks that could reshape how communities access clean energy.”

There are important co-benefits to home electrification that have a direct impact on public health. Gas appliances, including stoves and heating systems, contribute significantly to indoor air pollution and are linked to increased rates of asthma, especially among children, and higher risk of COPD. In cities like Somerville, where more than two-thirds of residents

are renters and many live in income-restricted housing, the inability to afford electrification upgrades compounds existing public health inequities. Somerville and the Commonwealth's ambitious climate action goals also include targets for electrification that will require solutions to the transformer challenge. Addressing barriers to electrification in affordable housing can break the cycle of environmental injustices and minimize emissions over time.

The report includes clear, actionable recommendations to help bridge the electrification equity gap, including: Implementing a transformer cost-sharing program to ease the burden on individual property owners. investigate zoning policies to incentivize developers to oversize transformer capacity and provide public access. Exploring geothermal energy networks at three priority locations, with a vision of creating a large, commercially

viable loop.

“Somerville has identified a gap in the grid, as well as current opportunities to resolve it,” says Christine Blais, Director of Sustainability and Environment. “By releasing this report publicly, our goal is to shine a light on a little-known but growing problem.”

Somerville hopes the report serves to educate utility companies, state leaders, and municipal governments alike and as a call to action to center street-level solutions in their climate strategies and ensure the clean energy transition doesn't deepen the very inequalities it seeks to address, or slow the progress that residents and businesses seek.

The full report is available online at: somervillema.gov/departments/programs/sustainability

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\$1.3 BILLION FOR TRANSPORTATION AND EDUCATION (S 2512)

By Bob Katzen

Senate 40-0, approved a \$1.3 billion supplemental budget that uses funds generated from the recent surtax imposed on taxpayers' earnings of more than \$1 million annually, to fund \$617 million for education-related projects and \$670 million for transportation-related ones. The House has already approved its own version of the budget and a House-Senate conference committee will hammer out a compromise version that will be sent to Gov. Maura Healey.

The surtax was created by voters in November 2022 when they voted for a constitutional amendment, dubbed by supporters as the "Fair Share Amendment," that allows a graduated income tax in Massachusetts and imposes an additional 4 percent income tax, in addition to the flat 5 percent one, on taxpayers' earnings of more than \$1 million annually. Language in the constitutional amendment requires that "subject to appropriation, the revenue will go to fund quality public education, affordable public colleges and universities, and for the repair and maintenance of roads, bridges and public transporta-

tion."

A total of \$370 million of the \$670 million for transportation will be used for various MBTA projects.

The \$617 million for education includes \$248 million for special education; \$190 million for higher education; \$50 million for local school construction; \$25 million for literacy growth; \$100 million for Career Technical Education Capital Grants; and \$10 million for English Language Learning Programs.

Senators had filed 317 amendments to the budget but there were no roll call votes on any of the individual amendments. Instead, the Senate approved or rejected some individual amendments, some with debate and some without debate, on unrecorded voice votes which do not allow the public to see how individual senators voted.

To move things along even faster, the Senate also did its usual "bundling" of many amendments. Instead of acting on each amendment one at a time, dozens of the proposed amendments are bundled and put into two piles—one pile that will be approved and the other

that will be rejected, without a roll call, on voice votes where it is impossible to tell which way a senator votes.

Senate President Karen Spilka, or the senator who is filling in for her at the podium, orchestrates the approval and rejection of the bundled amendments with a simple: "All those in favor say 'Aye,' those opposed say 'No.' The Ayes have it and the amendments are approved." Or: "All those in favor say 'Aye,' those opposed say 'No.' The No's have it and the amendments are rejected."

Senators don't actually vote Yes or No, and, in fact, they don't say a word. The outcome was predetermined earlier behind closed doors.

"This bill answers the clear message that our residents sent us in 2022—to invest these dollars across the state to continue building the high-quality education and transportation systems Massachusetts deserves," said Senate President Karen Spilka (D-Ashland). "At a time of economic uncertainty, we are committed to supporting our schools and making sure that residents can travel safely, and these Fair Share funds allow us to do that."

Although no senators voted against the budget, there was opposition to it from outside the Senate.

"The Senate's \$1.3 billion supplemental budget is yet another example of Beacon Hill's addiction to unchecked spending," said Paul Craney, executive director of the Mass Fiscal Alliance. "Instead of showing restraint or using this opportunity to reform broken systems like the MBTA, lawmakers are rushing to shovel taxpayer money into a badly mismanaged MBTA that is riddled with inefficiency. Voters were told surtax revenue would be used responsibly—this bloated bill proves otherwise. Massachusetts taxpayers deserve accountability, not another blank check for Beacon Hill's failures."

"I'm pleased the Senate has passed this Fair Share supplemental budget, prioritizing regional equity while also maintaining fiscal integrity during these highly uncertain times," said Sen. Mike Rodrigues, (D-Westport) Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means. "By utilizing almost \$1.3 billion in one-time surplus surtax revenues, the proposal strengthens the common-

wealth's economic foundation by making meaningful investments in education and transportation. This budget plan reaffirms the Senate's strong commitment to educational excellence, provides significant resources for special education and makes substantial investments in our transportation infrastructure. It goes above and beyond to give everyone a 'fair share.'"

"Amid waves of uncertainty at the national level and devastating federal cuts, the Massachusetts Senate answered the call of residents to use surplus Fair Share Amendment funds to invest equitably in education and transportation across the commonwealth," said Senate Ways and Means Vice Chair Jo Comerford (D-Northampton). "The Senate bill passed today will provide transportation solutions for small, rural towns, will begin addressing the debilitating backlog of deferred maintenance on public higher education campuses, will provide meaningful help to school budgets pushed to the breaking point, and more."

(A "Yes" vote is for the \$1.3 billion budget.)



Honoring Memorial Day in Somerville: Parade and Ceremony of Remembrance on May 25



Community encouraged to sign up as parade participants and volunteers

SOMERVILLE— Mayor Katjana Ballantyne and the Somerville De-

partment of Veterans' Services are announcing that Somerville's Memorial Day parade will be held on Sunday, May 25.

The parade will step off at 11 a.m. from Davis Square, proceeding west on Holland Street through Teele Square and onto Broadway, ending at the Veterans Cemetery between Alewife Brook Parkway and North Street. This year's

Grand Marshal is Somerville resident and Medal of Honor recipient Thomas G. Kelley.

The City's annual remembrance ceremony will immediately follow at the Somerville Veterans' Memorial Cemetery to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice while in service to our country. The ceremony will feature remarks by Mayor Ballantyne and Director of

Veterans' Services Jerome Thomas.

Sign Up to Join the Parade or Volunteer

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

To sign up to participate, or volunteer, please complete a brief form at somervillema.gov/memorialday or call 617-625-6600 x 4700. The deadline to register as a parade participant is Friday, May 2.

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

Somerville/Medford Remembering Daniel G. Hovanesian



Obituary

Daniel G. Hovanesian of Somerville, passed away on May 9, 2025 at the age of 78. Beloved husband of 48 years to Carol (Richardson) Hovanesian. Devoted father of Greg Hovanesian of Somerville and Alexis Hovanesian and her partner Andrew Vandamme of Mt. Pleasant, SC. Cherished grandfather of Adelaide.

Dear brother of Susan Frye and her husband Ralph and Steve Hovanesian and his wife Anita. Uncle of Chris Frye, Janet Quora and Linda Irby Brooks. Brother-in-law of Nancy Rolf, Priscilla Irby and her husband George.

Dan was born on September 5,

1946, the second child of Diran and Araxy Hovanesian. He grew up in Watertown, MA, where he was the Senior Class President and a linebacker on the football team. Dan earned his Bachelor's Degree at Boston University and joined the Marine Corps as a 2nd Lieutenant. He served in Vietnam from 1970-71, and he was awarded the Silver Star, two Purple Hearts, and the Bronze Star for his bravery. Shortly after leaving the Marine Corps, he moved to Lake Tahoe to be a ski bum at Heavenly Valley. Dan later returned to Boston, where he earned his law degree at Suffolk University. Dan met his future wife, Carol, while skiing at Mount Snow, Vermont in 1974, and in 1977 they got married. An accomplished attorney at law, for over 35 years Dan

had a successful private practice as a lawyer in the Boston area, and in 1988 he was admitted and qualified as an Attorney and Counselor of the Supreme Court of the United States. One of Dan's proudest moments was to play a pivotal role in the creation of the New England Center and Home for Veterans in Boston, which was partially funded by 'Sketches of War', a one-night theatre event that included the participation of Pulitzer Prize and Academy Award winning artists. Today the NECHV helps to equip Veterans who are facing or at-risk of homelessness with the tools for economic self-sufficiency and to provide them a path to achieve successful and dignified living.

Dan had a life-long love of nature and the outdoors, and he would often take his family on camping trips in northern New England. He loved fly-fishing for trout and salmon, and he had a passion for tying his own flies. In the mid-1990s Dan had the chance to go on a canoe expedition through the wilderness of Labrador, where he caught many brook trout and had a face-to-face encounter with a rogue black bear stalking his fishing party. Dan also loved fly-fishing for bonefish and tarpon in the Florida Keys. In the winter Dan loved skiing at mountains throughout New England, but his favorite places to ski were Jackson Hole, Wyoming

and Vail, Colorado.

Dan also had a passion for cooking. He would often make wonderful Armenian dishes. Dan's family also loved it when he made spaghetti sauce in the winter and blueberry pancakes in the summer. Food wasn't the only thing Dan made in the kitchen: in the 1980s, Dan started making his own 'homebrew' beer as a hobby, and he continued doing so for over 20 years. Dan was also someone who loved to play board games: he grew up playing scrabble and cribbage with his family, he regularly played backgammon with his father, and later he developed a love for playing bridge.

Dan loved arts and culture. He loved music and dancing, and he would often go to live shows at Johnny D's in Davis Square. Dan had a passion for photography and was rarely without his Nikon camera. He had the chance to grace the Silver Screen three times as an actor: The Spanish Prisoner (1997), State and Main (2000), and Spartan (2004). He enjoyed sports and loved watching the Pats, but he especially loved following and rooting for the B.U. Terriers hockey team.

More than anything else, Dan had an undying passion for life and people. He was a gifted storyteller and he captivated people with the

exciting stories from his life. He had an incredible skill at making friends: anybody who knew Dan knew that he would talk with absolutely anyone, and that more often than not you would be considered a friend of his by the end of the conversation. Dan was also endlessly generous, always ready to share his time, wisdom, and warmth with those around him.

Visiting Hours will be held in the George L. Doherty Funeral Home, 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.) Somerville on Thursday, May 15th from 3pm - 6pm, with a prayer service to begin at 5:30PM. Relatives and friends invited to attend. Interment and military honors at Arlington National Cemetery will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory can be made to the Disabled American Veterans at <http://www.dav.org>, New England Center and Home for Veterans (NECHV) at <http://www.nechv.org>, the Michael J. Fox Foundation at <https://www.michaeljfox.org>, or the Parkinson's Foundation at <https://www.parkinson.org/>.

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Flushing will be done on Mondays and Thursdays between 6 p.m. and midnight to minimize disruptions to water service. On May 15, City crews will be flushing hydrants on the following streets:

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 - Shore Dr.
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Crime Log 4/29/25 – 5/5/25

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Residential Breaking and Entering
25023443: On 4/29/25 at approximately 11:42 AM, Somerville Police responded to a residence on Nevada Ave for a past breaking and entering. Upon arrival, officers spoke with the victim who stated someone broke

into his home and stole credit cards from his wallet.

Arrest
25023906: On 5/1/25 at approximately 2:20 PM, Somerville Police responded to a business on Somerville Ave for report of someone trying to enter a vehicle.

Upon arrival, officers spoke with the victim who stated a male party tried to enter her vehicle in the parking lot. The male then ran across the street to a gas station and brandished a knife at another individual. He was then apprehended by officers and placed under arrest.

Assault
25024574: On 5/4/25 at approximately 7:24 PM, Somerville Police responded to Foley St for report of a past assault. Upon arrival, officers spoke with the victim who stated she was standing on the sidewalk holding up a sign and was approached by two individuals and one of

them grabbed her.

Assault
25024504: On 5/4/25 at approximately 11:22 AM, Somerville Police responded to Hanson St for a fight. Upon arrival, officers located a male party suffering from injuries to his head and nose. Officers spoke with a witness who stated he observed the victim arguing with another male and was then pushed.

Residential Breaking and Entering
25024818 / 25024816 / 25024781: On 5/5/25 at approximately 5:55 PM, Somerville Police responded to a residence on Lowell St

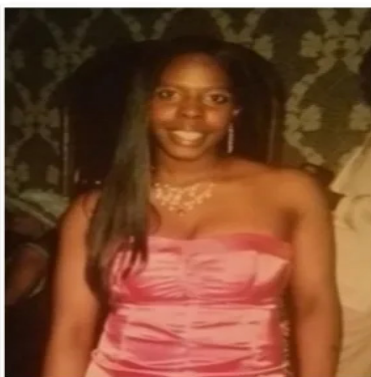
for report of a past breaking and entering. Upon arrival, officers learned that three separate units were broken into. Jewelry and cash were reported stolen.

- Other Crimes:
- 1 Bike Theft
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 - 1 Vandalism

Superior Court Arraignment for Heinsky Anacreon

District Attorney Announces Indictment of Heinsky Anacreon in 2009 Cold Case Murder of Charline Rosemond

POSTED ON: APRIL 10, 2025 - 2:59PM



WOBURN – Heinsky Anacreon will be arraigned Monday May 12th in Middlesex Superior Court at 10:00 a.m. for the cold case murder of Charline Rosemond in 2009.

View previous press release here: <https://>.

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Somerville/Medford Remembering Aaden-Marcus M. Vieira



Obituary

Aaden-Marcus M. Vieira- Of Bedford, formerly of Somerville, passed away peacefully after a courageous battle with Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG), at the tender age of 5.

Though his time with us was far too short, Aaden touched the hearts of everyone who knew him. He was a strong and brave boy, wise beyond his years. He was an old soul with a kind spirit. Aaden had a natural gift for caring for others, especially his two brothers, whom he loved dearly and proudly looked after. He took his role as "the boss" seriously, always making sure things were just right and everyone was safe and happy.

Aaden found joy in the little things, building worlds with his Legos, racing toy cars, and laughing alongside his brothers during playtime. Some of his favorite adventures were simple trips to Target or Stop & Shop, whether he was picking out a new pair of pants or just walking the aisles looking for his favorite snacks soaking in the wonder of the everyday. He was a student of the Elizabeth Peabody House in Somerville.

His heart was full of love, and he always made it his mission to lift the spirits of those around him. Aaden's warmth, compassion, and deep love for his family will be remembered and cherished forever.

He leaves behind a family who adored him more than words can express and a community forever changed by his bright and beautiful spirit.

Beloved son of Magnus M. Vieira of Somerville and Anna Tyer of Bedford. Devoted and cherished brother of Mason Vieira and Myles Vieira of Bedford. Loving grandson of Joao "Olivio" and Aline Vieira of Somerville and Dolores and Enrique Delino of the Philippines. He is also lovingly survived by many loving aunts, uncles, cousins and friends with whom all loved him deeply.

Calling hours will be held in the George L. Doherty Funeral Home 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.) Somerville

on Friday, May 16th from 5:30PM to 7:30PM.

A Funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, May 17th in St. Ann Church, 399 Medford St., Somerville at 11:00AM. Relatives and friends may visit with the family prior to the funeral mass from 9:00AM to 11:00AM.

Services will conclude with entombment at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

In lieu of flowers to honor Aaden's name memorial contributions may be made to Pediatric Brain foundation Pediatric Brain foundation

Somerville/Medford Remembering Robert F. "Bob" Driscoll



Obituary

Robert F. "Bob" Driscoll, of Somerville and formerly of Nantucket, passed away surrounded by his family on April 28, 2025, he was 84. Born and raised on Nantucket, he was the son of Constance (Miller) and John J. Driscoll. A talented athlete, Bob was captain of the Nantucket High Football Team.

Following high school, he enrolled in the Carnegie Institute where he earned his associate's degree in chemistry, while working at University Hospital. Bob then enlisted in the US Air Force where he served proudly for four years and was named "Airman of the Year." After

his honorable discharge, he began his career in the medical field, starting as a lab tech and worked his way up to Lab Manager and finally Sales. Following retirement from the medical field he kept busy as a concierge at the Marriott Long Wharf in Boston.

Bob enjoyed sports, coaching Somerville Little League over the years and playing golf. Off the field and greens, Bob belonged to bowling and pool leagues, played cards at the Somerville City Club and found the time to volunteer for Bingo at the former St. Polycarp Church where he was a member of the Men's Club. Above all, Bob was a devoted husband, father and grandfather

and friend to all.

Bob was the beloved husband of 55 years to Carol A. (Nugent) Driscoll and devoted father of Greg Driscoll and his wife Jolieanne of Braintree and Lisa Cox of Gulf Breeze, FL. Cherished Grampy of Sadie, Shane, Callie and Landon Driscoll and Vanessa Kilpatrick. Dear Uncle and godfather of Kerrie Casey and her husband Brian of Wakefield, Michelle Harrington of Marblehead, Shawn Driscoll of Worcester and great uncle of Brian, Jr. and J.P. Casey and several other nieces and nephews. Brother of the late Jacqueline "Tootsie" and John "Jisa" Driscoll, III of Nantucket. Brother-in-law of the late

Paula Harrington of Somerville and her husband John Harrington of Wakefield.

Calling Hours will be held in the George L. Doherty Funeral Home, 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.) Somerville on Sunday, May 4th from 2:00PM to 4:30PM with a Prayer Service beginning at 3:30PM. Relatives and friends invited to attend. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers donations in Bob's memory can be made to New England Donor Services at <http://www.neds.org> or to the Ryan Harrington Foundation at <http://www.ryanharringtonfoundation.org>

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Somerville/Medford Remembering Christine Lyons



Obituary

Christine Lyons, age 51, beloved mother of Taylor and Hailey Pefine, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family on Sunday, May 11.

Born on July 24, 1973, in Waltham, Massachusetts, Christine was the beloved daughter of Valarie "Joanne" and Robert P. Lyons Jr. of Somerville. She was the cherished sister of Jill Lyons, Cathleen Lyons, Shaun Lyons and

his better half Kristen Cascetta, and the late Robert P. Lyons III. Christine was the loving aunt of Chloe, Cameron, Hayden, Robert IV, Nicholas, Jackson, and Preston. She also leaves behind many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Christine was a lifelong Somerville resident and a proud graduate of Somerville High School, class of 1991. She spent several years as a medical assistant, where she thrived caring for others before deciding to become

a stay-at-home mom. Christine had a true love for family, her daughters were her world and she did not miss an opportunity to share that. Christine always talked about how grateful she was to be raised in such a close knit family where her cousins were more like siblings, she credited that to the matriarch her Nana whom she missed terribly.

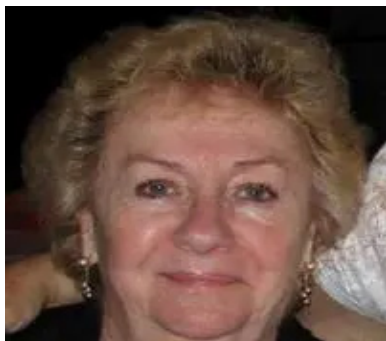
Christine's happy place was at the family home in York Beach, Maine, where she spent countless

summers and celebrations alongside many family and friends.

Calling Hours will be held on Friday, May 16th in the George L. Doherty Funeral Home 855 Broadway (Powder House SQ.) Somerville, from 12:00PM to 2:00PM. A prayer service will be conducted in the funeral home a 1:30PM.

Services will conclude with interment.

Somerville/Medford Remembering Anne Burke-Schiavone



Obituary

Anne Burke-Schiavone – Of Medford, passed away at home on Monday, May 12, 2025. She was 84 years old.

Complete obit to be posted.

Calling hours will be in the George L. Doherty Funeral Home 855 Broadway (Powder House SQ.) on Thursday, May 15th from

9:00AM to 11:00AM. Followed by a funeral mass celebrated in St. Raphael Church 512 High St., Medford at 11:30AM.

Services will conclude with interment at Oak

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Please join us in congratulating Sergeant Marc Gigante as he completes his remarkable 28-year career with the Medford Police Department today.

Sergeant Gigante began his service on May 18, 1997, and was promoted to Sergeant on October 17, 2021. Over the years, he has served with dedication as a patrol officer, detective, and detective sergeant. As a long-time firearms instruc-

tor, Marc played a pivotal role in modernizing and advancing our department's firearms training.

Today, we celebrate not only his retirement but also the legacy he leaves behind—one filled with professionalism, leadership, and

countless great memories.

We wish Sergeant Gigante all the best in his next chapter and thank him for his unwavering service to our department and the City of Medford.



Somerville/Medford Remembering Edward Leo Kelley



Edward Leo Kelley

April 12, 1933-May 1, 2025

A few years ago, while walking home from Market Basket with one of his granddaughters, Ed Kelley asked if they could walk a little slower.

"I'm slowing down, hon," he said. "I'm getting old! But it's okay. I've had a good life. I love my wife. I have four good kids, eight good grandkids, all these great-grandkids. I've had a very good life."

Edward Leo Kelley of Somerville, Massachusetts died at home the morning of May 1, 2025 — not far from where his life began 92 years earlier.

He was born to William and Mary (Crowley) Kelley on April 12, 1933 on Village Street in Somerville, and lived nearly all of his life just one street over, on Nevada Ave. As the city changed around him, he remained kind, generous, and very, very funny.

He met his wife, Patricia Morrissey, at a CYO baseball game when they were teenagers. During their courtship, Ed once asked Pat what he should wear on a date. "I don't care, wear what you want," she said. He showed up in his pajamas. She says it drove her crazy, but in truth she loved it — they were married for 70 years.

Nothing made Ed happier than his wife and their family. Together, they had four children, eight grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren, and Ed teased them all lovingly and relentlessly. They teased back by gifting him boxes of Cheez-Its and Hershey bars for most holidays, and by giving him one dollar bills in his birthday cards.

He bought Pat a new pair of pajamas every Christmas and often brought frozen waffles home from the grocery store — Pat liked them, but she never put them on the list. He spent countless hours at baseball, hockey and basketball games, at dance recitals, putting together toys and bikes, and fishing in Stover's Cove. He claimed to have collected enough cans and bottles to have the return deposits pay for a whole family trip to Disney World — twice.

Ed was proud to work at Harvard University for 65 years. He started out running linotype machines there in 1959, printing diplomas in a job that was only supposed to last 90 days. In 1982, computers took

over the print shop and Ed became a foreman for Harvard Buildings and Grounds. He planted trees and shrubs, mulched the Yard, and shoveled mountains of snow until he "retired" in 1999. After just a few months, he returned, this time to work at the Malkin Athletic Center ("The Mac") and eventually the Hemenway Gym.

Working at the front desk of the gym was the perfect job for Ed, who was always curious about people. He walked the mile and a quarter from his house to the gym in the wee hours of every weekday for almost 20 years — the doors opened at 5 a.m. Once he was there, he got to tease people for hours. If someone asked for a yoga class pass, he'd ask, "chocolate, vanilla, or strawberry?" If someone asked for a band-aid, he'd quip, "that'll be fifty cents. Harvard needs the money."

Every year on his birthday, his daughter Susan had to pick him up from work — not because they were doing something special, but because he couldn't possibly carry home all of the cards, signs, candy, cakes (yes, cakes plural), bottles of wine (which he didn't even drink), and Harvard gear.

He liked to tell people that after 60-something years at Harvard, he still hadn't graduated. It was a joke, but he relished the education he received from all of the Harvard students, faculty and staff he got to know over the years.

He loved goulash, green pepper and onion pizza, Pepsi, donuts, ice cream, caramel cremes, and whatever was in the candy jar next to his La-Z-Boy while he watched old Westerns and M*A*S*H reruns. He had a glorious head of hair but always topped it with a baseball hat. He frequently bought coats for co-workers shocked by their first winter in Boston. He called his siblings every Saturday. He and Pat opened their home to many family members in need, and helped people get back on their feet after a stumble.

Ed loved sports, particularly baseball and hockey. He played baseball and later umpired Cambridge Little League games. He was more invested in his children's, grandchildren's, and great-grandchildren's teams than he was in the pros.

Ed joked a lot, but he was serious about being good to everyone he met. He didn't have to try, that's just how he was. Ed — or Hon, Dad, Pa, Uncle Ed, or Mr. Kelley, depending on who you talk to — was deeply adored, and he will be dearly missed.

Ed is survived by his wife of 70 years, Patricia (Morrissey) Kelley, and their four children Edward Leo Kelley Jr. (Leanne), Susan Kelley O'Hare, Karen Kelley Moody (Nelson), and Christine Kelley; grandchildren Edward Leo Kelley III, Melissa Moody (Dale Real),

Danielle Moody (Matt Perry), Kelley-Ann Moody Morgan (Kris Morgan), Erin O'Hare (Davis Salisbury), Nicholas Kelley (Heather Snell), Joseph L. O'Hare IV, and Cody Caron (Autumn Richardson); great-grandchildren Logan Moody, Mia Real, Kameron Morgan, Katalina Morgan, Dean Real, Mason Kelley, Noah Kelley, Jensen Caron, and Emily Kelley; and siblings William Kelley, Patricia Kelley Hourihan, MaryEllen Kelley Nerney, and Joanie Lonchic.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers George and Owen Kelley; and his sisters Rose Kelley King and Carol Kelley McKenna.

A funeral mass will be held on Wednesday, May 7th in St. Joseph Church, 262 Washington St., Somerville at 10:00AM. Please meet directly at church.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend.

Calling Hours will be held on Tuesday in the George L. Doherty Funeral Home 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.) from 4:00PM to 7:00PM.

Services will conclude with burial at Cambridge Cemetery, Cambridge.

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Celebrate Culture, Community, and Resilience at the Haitian Flag Festival in Somerville

Free, Family-Friendly Event Will Be Held outside City Hall on Saturday, May 17

SOMERVILLE – The Somerville Arts Council, in collaboration with the Haitian Service Providers Coalition

(HSPC) and the Somerville Office of Immigrant Affairs (SOIA), is proud to present the Haitian Flag Festival; a vibrant, family-friendly celebration of Haitian culture, heritage, and community.

This free public event will take place on Saturday, May 17, from 2 to 6 p.m. outside Somerville City Hall (93 Highland Ave.). In the event of rain, the festival will be held on Sunday, May 18.

The festivities will begin with music and cultural performances honoring the creation of the Haitian flag. Throughout the afternoon, attendees can enjoy live music, traditional dance, art,

food, and interactive activities that showcase the enduring pride, resilience, and contributions of the Haitian people. The event also offers space to learn about Haiti's pivotal role in global Black liberation movements.

Festival highlights include:

- Authentic Haitian cuisine from local vendors
- Music by DJ Soro

Traditional crafts and art exhibits

Family-friendly activities, including a bounce house

"The Haitian Flag Festival is more than a celebration, it's a proud reminder of our resilience, our culture, and our unity as a people," said Metushael Jacques, President of the Haitian Service Providers Coalition. "We invite

everyone to join us in honoring Haiti's rich heritage and the vibrant spirit that continues to inspire generations."

The Haitian Flag Festival is part of the Somerville Arts Council's commitment to equity, inclusion, and cultural celebration through public programming.

For more information, visit: somervillearts.org/events/the-haitian-flag

RECOGNIZE HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADING AS A SPORT (H 639)



By Bob Katzen

The Education Committee held a hearing on legislation that would designate and treat high school cheerleading as a legitimate sport and have it governed by the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) which currently

governs 19 other high school sports.

"Cheering is a highly competitive and athletically challenging sport," said sponsor Rep. Marc Lombardo (R-Billerica). "It should receive the same recognition and resources as any other sport in the commonwealth

and as such, needs to be classified properly."

Supporters said that Bay State high school cheerleading is currently governed by the Massachusetts Schools Administrators' Association which only supports Cheer/Game Day, Dance and eSports. They argued it

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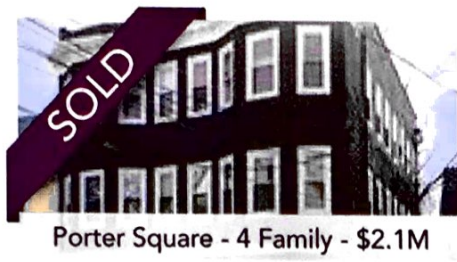
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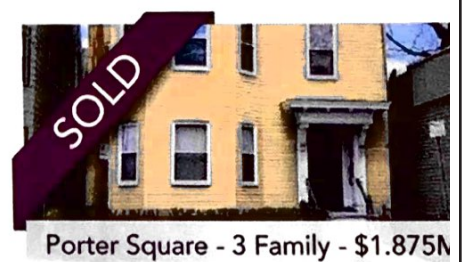
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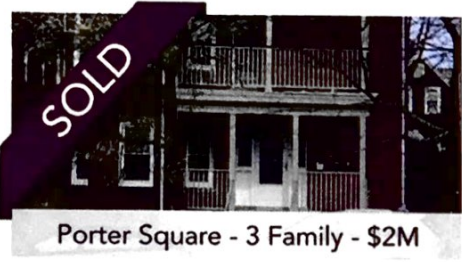
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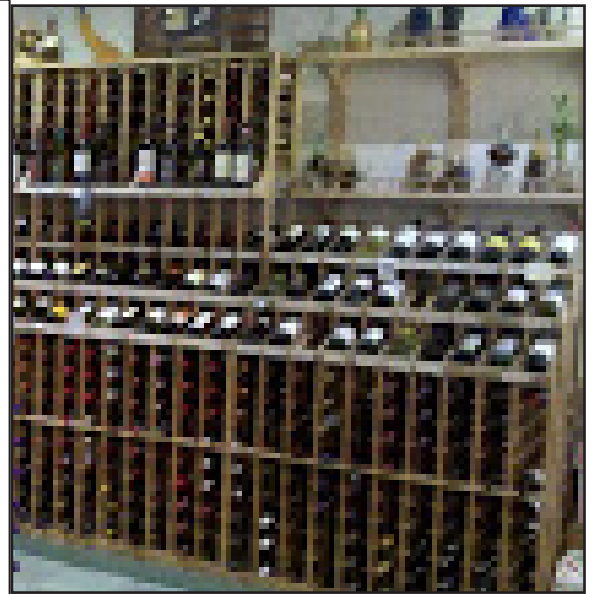


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