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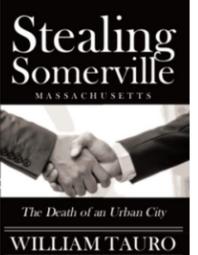


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2025-72 Article V Section 5-15 "Accessible Parking" is amended with the addition of the following locations: 48 Glen St, 123 Hillsdale Rd (located on Chetwynd Rd adjacent to 123 Hillsdale Rd), 82 Fellsway W, 74 Washington St.

2025-73 Article V Section 5-11 "Bus Stops" is amended with the addition of the following location: approximately 45 feet on the south side of Somerville Ave between Hawkins St and Warren Ave.

2025-74 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 between Mt. Vernon St and Mt. Pleasant St.

2025-75 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, east of Mt Pleasant St (to the Boston city line).

2025-76 Article V Section 5-11 "Bus Stops" is amended with the addition of the following location: on the west side of Cross St between Broadway and Cross St Pl, extend existing bus stop by approximately 20 feet.

2025-77 Article V Section 5-11 "Bus

Stops" is amended with the addition of the following location: on the east side of Cross St between Broadway and Brook St, extend existing bus stop by approximately 50 feet.

2025-78 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following locations: Court-house Parking Only 8:00AM-5:00PM on the west side of Middlesex Ave between Fellsway and Cummings St.

2025-79 Article V Section 5-15 "Accessible Parking" is amended with the addition of the following locations: first space on both sides of the Courthouse parking lot.

2025-80 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following locations: 2 hour parking 8:00AM-8:00PM on the north side of Cummings St.

2025-81 Article V Section 5-9.1 "Parking Meter Locations and Regulations" is amended with the addition of the following location: 415 feet of metered parking on the east side of Middlesex Ave between Cummings St and Fellsway.

2025-82 Article V Section 5-9.1 "Parking Meter Locations and Regulations" is amended with the addition of the following location: 60 feet of metered parking on the west side of Middlesex Ave between Cummings St and McGrath.

2025-83 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: 2 hour parking 8:00AM-8:00PM on the

north side of McGrath Hwy between Middlesex Ave and Marginal Rd.

2025-84 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: four spaces of Somerville Fire Department Vehicle Parking Only on the west side of Middlesex Ave between Foley St and Mystic Ave.

2025-85 Article V Section 5-9.1 "Parking Meter Locations and Regulations" is amended with the addition of the following location: 105 feet of metered parking on the east side of Middlesex Ave between Foley St and Cummings St.

2025-86 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: 60 feet of No Parking Any Time on the east side of Middlesex Ave between Foley St and Cummings St.

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EXEMPT NEW HAMPSHIRE BORDER COMMUNITIES FROM THE SALES TAX (H 3195)

By Bob Katzen

This bill would exempt communities within a 10-mile border of New

Hampshire from the Bay State's 6.25 percent sales tax.

"[Rep.] Moran has been

filing this bill since 2013 in an effort to support small businesses in the Merrimack Valley who typically lose revenue due

to their proximity to their competitors across state lines," said Francis Munroe, the staff director for Rep. Frank Moran (D-

Lawrence)

Somerville/Medford Remembering James J. Scimemi



Obituary Complete obituary to be published.

Visiting Hours will be held in the George L. Doherty Funeral Home, 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.)

Somerville on Friday morning, October 10th from 9AM - 11AM followed by a Funeral Mass celebrated in St. Benedict Church, Somerville at 11:30AM. Relatives and friends invited to attend.

Interment will be private. To send a flower arrangement in memory of James J. Scimemi, please click here to visit our sympathy store. <https://www.dohertyfuneralservice.com/florists>

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Mayor Ballantyne and Chief Breen invite community members to celebrate the grand opening of the Assembly Square Fire Sta-

tion (45 Middlesex Ave.) on Saturday, October 18, at 10 a.m.

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newly constructed fire station in more than 50 years and is entirely fossil-fuel-free. The event will feature a fire hose uncoupling, an

open house-style walk-through of the station, light refreshments, and more. More information at somervillema.gov/news

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EXEMPT BABY SUPPLIES FROM THE SALES TAX (H 3268)

By Bob Katzen

This bill would exempt from the state's 6.25 percent sales tax a wide array of baby and infant supplies including breast pumps, cribs, strollers, bottles and wipes. The measure also exempts apparel for children aged 5 and under including clothing, shoes, diapers and other accessories.

"This bill was filed to reduce the financial burden on families by making essential baby and children's items more affordable," said Samantha Beaudry, a spokesperson for the sponsor Rep. Marcus Vaughn (R-Wrentham). "It's also a way to recognize that many of these goods are necessities rather than luxuries."



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CLOSE THE NICOTINE LOOPHOLE (S 1949)

<p>By Bob Katzen</p> <p>This bill would broaden the definition of “smokeless tobacco,” which is subject to the tobacco excise tax, to include any</p>	<p>product whether chewed, absorbed, dissolved or ingested.</p> <p>“Right now, Big Tobacco and other companies are skirting the rules by</p>	<p>selling products made with lab-created nicotine instead of tobacco,” said sponsor Sen. Julian Cyr (D- Truro). “[The measure] has broad bipartisan support and closes that</p>	<p>loophole so all nicotine products are treated the same under state law. This means products like nicotine patches can’t slip through the cracks, making it more difficult</p>	<p>for young people to get hooked and ensuring Massachusetts keeps strong protections for public health.”</p>
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HIKE CIGARETTE TAX (S 2200)

<p>By Bob Katzen</p> <p>This bill would hike the tax on the sale of cigarettes by \$1 from \$3.51 to \$4.51 per pack.</p>	<p>“Studies show that making cigarettes more expensive would deter young people from smoking and encourage those who</p>	<p>already smoke to quit by making their deadly habit less affordable,” said sponsor Sen. John Keenan (D-Quincy). “At a time when the federal govern-</p>	<p>ment has undertaken an unprecedented assault on public health, and far too many Massachusetts residents continue to die from cancer, it is urgent</p>	<p>that we help keep people from tobacco and nicotine addiction.”</p>
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SALES TAX EXMPTION FOR PRESCRIPTIONS FOR ANIMALS (H 3024)

<p>By Bob Katzen</p> <p>This bill would exempt animal medication prescribed by veterinarians from the 6.25 percent sales tax.</p>	<p>Sponsor Rep. Michelle Badger (D-Plymouth) said her proposal is aimed at easing the financial burden on pet owners and ensure pets get the care they need.</p>	<p>“This bill provides parity with the existing exemption for human prescriptions, recognizing that pets are family members who also deserve accessible and affordable medical treatment,” said</p>	<p>Badger. “With veterinary costs cited as the main barrier for 72 percent of pet owners avoiding care, this measure is a compassionate and practical step to help keep animals healthier and reduce pub-</p>	<p>lic health risks associated with untreated animals.”</p>
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Somerville/Medford Remembering Rosa Lee Mills



Obituary
Rosa Lee Mills – Of Medford, passed away at home on Sunday, October 5, 2025. She was 81 years young.

Born and raised in Eatonton, Georgia, she was the beloved daughter of the late John W. and Rose Mae (Hampton) Williams. Rosa cherished spending time with her family. Seeing her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren always brought her immense joy, and she never missed an op-

portunity to proudly boast about them. She also enjoyed testing her luck while playing cards and was known for her unbeatable poker face. In her quiet moments, Rosa loved reading, fishing, and cheering on all of Boston’s sports teams.

Beloved wife of the late Robert Mills. Significant other of the late Winters (Raymond) Gunther for 38 yrs. Devoted mother of Karen L. Goodridge and her husband David of Somerville,

and Eric Mills of Medford. Cherished grandmother of Darryl B. Goodridge and his wife Renae M. of Somerville, Alicia R. Goodridge of Somerville, and Jayla Rose Moore of Medford. Loving great-grandmother of Julian M., Cassius J., and Kira K. Goodridge. Dear sister of Joseph H. Williams and his wife Mary of Coatesville, PA, and the late Johnnie Williams, Theodora “Dolly” Butler, Dorothy Welch, Willie “Frankie” Williams, Thomas L. Williams, and Eddie Wil-

liams. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Calling Hours will be held in the George L. Doherty Funeral Home 855 Broadway (Powder House SQ.) Somerville on Saturday, October 18th from 10:00AM to 12:00PM. Followed by words of remembrance at 12:00PM.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend. Services will conclude with interment at Puritan Lawn Cemetery, Peabody.

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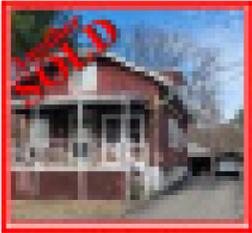


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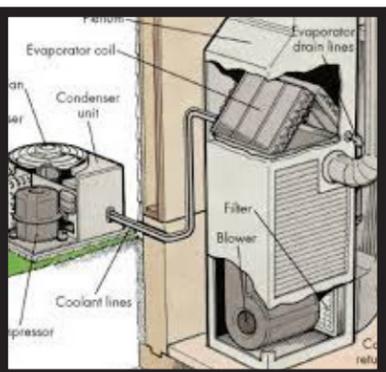
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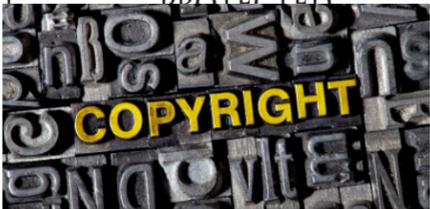
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out the 2025 SomerStreets season with a festive and spooky Monster Mash on Sunday, October 19, from 2 to 6 p.m. on Somerville Avenue (School St. to Washington St.). In the event of rain, festivities will take place on Sunday, October 26.

Highlights include:

Community Halloween Parade led by School of Honk (3:30 p.m.)

Performances by the Wicked Awesome Dancing Witches of Greater Boston

Pumpkin carving with Somerville Recreation

Haunted house and cardboard creations by Monano Arts

Arts activities with Dani Folds and Culichi Arts

Performances and movement activities by Cate the Great, Just Felice, Event-Them, and Parkour

Live music curated by Mass Ave Music at Somerville Ave. & Church St. stage

Union Square Stage performances by Pluto’s Return, Madalena Silva, and a Vinyl session by NXN – bring your own vinyl

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Food and Vendors:

Local favorites including Dos Manos Kitchen, Gracie’s Ice Cream, fried dough, and Nibble Kitchen and Makalu Boston

Artisan goods and vintage finds curated by Blue Bandana Relics and Tiny Turns Paperie

Getting Here & Road Closures:

Somerville Ave. (School St. to Washington St.) closed to all vehicular traffic from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Limited parking available; walking, biking, or transit strongly encouraged

Accessible parking on School St. by Somerville Ave.

MBTA buses rerouted; check MBTA.com for service updates

For more information about SomerStreets, visit somervilleartscouncil.org.

SALES TAX ON DIGITAL ADVERTISING SERVICES (H 3208)

By Bob Katzen

This bill would impose a 6.25 percent sales tax on digital advertising services that target users in Massachusetts, using tools like IP address or geo-

location. The tax would only apply to companies that make more than \$2.5 million a year from digital ads aimed at Bay State residents.

The funds would be used to

support three key areas: local access TV stations; mental health and safe social media use; and research on artificial intelligence in education.

“Digital advertising brings in

billions of dollars from Massachusetts each year, yet not a single cent is going back to the communities being targeted,” said sponsor Rep. Francisco Paulino (D-Methuen). “Local media outlets, especially com-

munity stations, are struggling to survive while Big Tech keeps growing. This bill is about fairness. If you’re profiting from our residents, you should help fund the programs that serve them.”



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Somerville/Medford Remembering Marguerite Theresa Burns



Obituary

Marguerite Theresa (Green) Burns, originally of Medford, passed away on September 30, 2025, following a valiant battle with cancer. She passed away surrounded by family.

Marguerite was born in Medford, Massachusetts on December 29, 1952 to the late Anne and Joe Green as the fourth of five children. She grew up in Medford hillside but attended St. John the Evangelist grammar school in North Cambridge and North Cambridge Catholic High School. After graduating high school, she completed two years of study at Salem State College before finishing her bachelor's degree at Boston College Evening School.

On June 25, 1977, Marguerite married John H. Burns at St. Francis Church in Hyannis. They were blessed with 48 years together and raised four children. Over the years, they made their home in various locales, including Chelsea MA, Amsterdam NY, Ireland, Germany, Saudi Arabia, and Kuwait. Marguerite enjoyed the adventure of visiting new places, and she loved to travel the world. She also made religious pilgrimages to Fatima,

Portugal, and other holy sites.

Feisty and strong willed, Marguerite was a self-proclaimed tough old bird. Anyone that knew her would agree that she had an opinion on everything and always spoke her mind. She was calling the shots until the end. Marguerite was an avid reader, particularly of mystery novels, and she wrote her own stories and poems. She was quick with a laugh and full of fun, and she relished playing with her grandchildren or catching up with friends. Marguerite will also always be remembered for her famous banana bread and fudge.

Above all else, Marguerite was deeply devoted to her Catholic faith and her family. She believed we are all pilgrims on the way to Heaven and her devotion to God was a central part of her identity. Her faith sustained her through all of life's trials and tribulations, including her final illness. She was

determined to spread the good news even at the end of her life.

Marguerite is now reunited in Heaven with her parents, her brother Thomas Green, her grandparents, and many aunts, uncles, and cousins as well as her dear friend Louise (Pasaledes) Swanson. She leaves behind her husband John, her four children: Katharine, Brigid, Thomas, and Eleanor (Zachary), and her four grandchildren: Shea, Jackson, Anastasia, and Charles. She is also survived by her siblings: Patricia, Mary, and James Green, as well as her in-laws: Rose Burns, Andrea and Rick Harman, her nephew Johnathon Harman, and Patty and Patrick Cataldo. She also leaves behind cousins and many friends, including lifelong friend Linda (Nelson) McDonald.

Family and friends are invited to honor and remember Marguerite's life by gathering at the George L. Doherty Funeral Home, 855

Broadway (Powder House Sq.) Somerville. Calling hours are on Wednesday October 8 from 4 to 7 pm. A funeral procession will commence from the George L. Doherty Funeral Home at 9 am Thursday October 9, followed by a Mass of Christian burial at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Medford at 10 am. Relatives and friends invited to attend. Burial will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery in Malden.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial contributions be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude's Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959.



Medford VFW #1012 Karaoke Night

Medford VFW #1012 located at 114 Mystic Avenue in Medford is having karaoke on 7/24 and 8/21, 8:00 PM till 12:00 PM!

Somerville's own Scotty Lombardo will be the DJ so don't miss it!



This Week's QUOTABLE QUOTES on Beacon Hill

Quotable Quotes



“The benefits of the Food Insecurity Grant Program for Independent Restaurants are two-fold, strengthening our local restaurants and food-service supply chains while at the same time enhancing access to high-quality prepared meals and food products for those facing food insecurity in Massachusetts.”

—Economic Develop

ment Secretary Eric Paley announcing \$900,000 in grants from the Food Insecurity Grant Program for Independent Restaurants, a program in which independent restaurants in Massachusetts receive funding to prepare and supply meals and other food products for non-profit meal distributors with the goal of helping address food insecurity in the state.

“While Mass Save has a noble mission of promoting energy efficiency in the commonwealth, its current programmatic structure undermines its mission by widening inequality, eroding economic justice, equity, fairness and opportunity — and deepening the very disparities that contribute to the environmental justice challenges we must continually seek to address. We urge the adoption of our recommendations, which seek to help ensure greater integrity in a program meant to serve all residents of this commonwealth.”

—State Auditor Diana DiZoglio, on her report identifying significant disparities in Mass Save's distribution of incentives, with some higher-income communities gaining more benefits than contributions made, and many lower-income municipalities contributing much more than their residents

receive. Mass Save, established in 2008, encourages residents and businesses to upgrade their buildings through a wide array of services, rebates, incentives and training.

“All victims of violent crime deserve support regardless of their immigration status. The Trump Administration's attempt to prevent certain individuals who have experienced domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking or any other horrific crime from receiving assistance is cruel and senseless. I am proud to stand with my colleagues in pushing back against these unlawful restrictions and I will continue fighting to protect all Massachusetts residents.”

— Attorney General Andrea Campbell joining a coalition of 21 state attorneys general in filing a lawsuit against the U.S. Department of Justice to block new restrictions on federal funding that supports immigrant survivors

of domestic violence and other violent crimes, who cannot prove their legal status.

“It's imperative that the commonwealth continues to invest in the full operationalization of the roadmap to address these pressing behavioral health needs. We must continue to build on the progress of recent years and ensure full and effective implementation.”

—Danna Mauch, president and CEO of the Massachusetts Association for Mental Health, on Massachusetts falling from first to sixth place in a ranking of the 50 states in the “State of Mental Health,” a new report by Mental Health America which ranks states based on 17 measures ranging from prevalence of behavioral health conditions to access to treatment for behavioral health needs.

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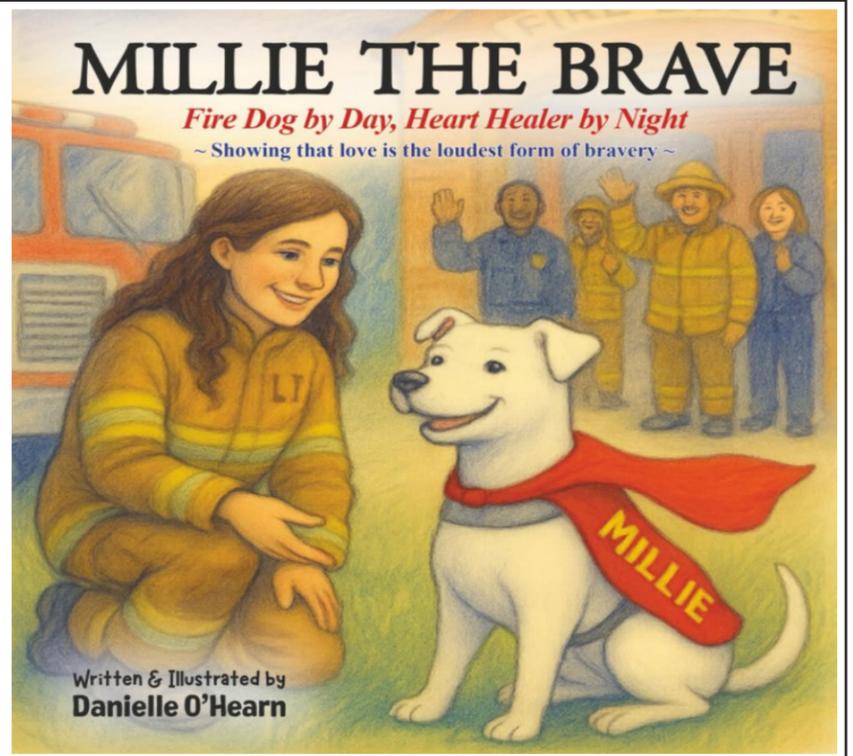
Dear Billy T and Somerville/Medford News Weekly Speakup Line,

Hey Billy
My name is Danielle we've met a few times before, I'm a firefighter in Somerville. I just came out with a children's book.

It's about my dog Millie it was a real life, first responder therapy, dog and rescue and her adventures in firefighting and being a therapy dog. I know you have a huge following. Any shout out about the book would be greatly appreciated. It's available currently on Amazon and hopefully in bookstore soon. Thanks Billy!

Here's the link the title is Millie the brave

<https://a.co/d/9cCS8Lp>



EXEMPT RESIDENTIAL SECURITY SYSTEMS FROM THE SALES TAX (S 1982)

By Bob Katzen

This bill would exempt home security systems from the state's 6.25 percent sales tax.

"[The] bill provides a sales tax exemption for residential security systems and related equipment, such as wiring devices and appliances used for access control, surveillance and alarm

systems," said sponsor Sen. Ryan Fattman (R-Sutton). "This bill incentivizes and encourages homeowners to more affordably protect their most valuable investment—their homes."

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REQUIRE ARMCHAIRS IN RESTAURANTS (S 158)

By Bob Katzen

The Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities held a hearing on a bill that would require all restaurants, lounges and bars to

have at least 5 percent of their seating options be armchairs, or have armchairs on-site and available upon request.

“I filed this legislation after meeting a constituent in June

2022 who expressed the dangers the elderly and physically impaired individuals face when using chairs without arms, namely that they run the risk of slipping or falling,” said sponsor Sen. Joan Lovely (D-Salem).

“Armchairs provide support for individuals who need assistance standing up or sitting down, while also inhibiting them from falling once seated. It is my hope that by providing the physically handicapped with the

available assistance, it will make their service safer and more accommodating.”

Somerville to Host Public Forums on State’s Draft Cannabis Social Consumption Licenses



Mayor Ballantyne & Economic Development Office Invite Businesses & Community Members to Discuss City’s Approach to Coming New Regulations

SOMERVILLE— The Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission (CCC) recently drafted three types of licenses

allowing for the “social consumption” of cannabis by adults 21 and older in

approved venues, similar to those allowing for alcohol consumption. Once these regulations are finalized, communities will be able to choose whether they opt into the new rules.

In the coming months, the City will be reviewing the CCC’s regulations and is proactively seeking public feedback to help shape Somerville’s approach to cannabis social consumption. These licenses will create new opportunities for individuals and businesses to consume or serve cannabis in accordance with CCC regulations and guidelines. To inform Somerville’s approach, Mayor Katjana Ballantyne and the City’s Economic Development division invite local businesses and residents to

participate in upcoming forums to learn about and discuss options.

For more information on cannabis social consumption, please visit: somervillema.gov/social-consumption

The City is hosting public forums for potential business operators and the public throughout the fall, beginning on September 30.

Community Outreach Schedule:

Virtual forums for business operators interested in opening a cannabis social consumption establishment in Somerville:

Tuesday, September 30, at 11 a.m. online via Zoom

Zoom ID: 812 9581 3073

URL: bit.ly/45xhDzh

Monday, October 6, at 6 p.m. online via Zoom

Zoom ID: 848 8412 7712

URL: bit.ly/45LD5iQ

In-person forums for the public to learn more and share your thoughts about cannabis social consumption:

Wednesday, October 29, at West Somerville Neighborhood School (177 Powder House Blvd.), 6 p.m.

Thursday, November 6, East Somerville Community School (50 Cross St.),

6 p.m.

Virtual forum for the public to learn more and share thoughts about cannabis social consumption:

Monday, November 17, at 7 p.m. online via Zoom

Zoom ID: 859 2351 6298

URL: bit.ly/47dgD4x

For more information about the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission, the state agency that makes the rules for legal cannabis sales in Massachusetts, visit their website at <http://www.masscannabis-control.com>.

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reserved for such enterprises shall not be less than 13% of the final contract price including accepted alternates. Request for waivers must be sent to EOHLIC (david.mcclave@mass.gov) 5 calendar days prior to the General Bid date. NO WAIVERS WILL BE GRANTED AFTER THE GENERAL BIDS ARE OPENED. The successful bidder will be required

to furnish a Performance Bond and a Labor and Material (Payment) Bond each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract sum. Bonds shall be obtained from a surety licensed to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the form shall be satisfactory to the Somerville Housing Authority. The cost of such bonds shall be included in the bid price. Attention is directed to the Department of Labor Standards (DLS), a copy of which is included in the Contract Documents, and will be made a part of the Contract. The Awarding Authority is exempt from sales and federal excise tax to the extent permitted under law. Bidders should not include such taxes in figuring or in references to any bid. Bidding procedures and award of the Contract and Subcontracts shall be in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 149, Sections 44A through 44J inclusive, of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, including all current amendments; and the guidelines established by the Deputy Commissioner of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Capital Assets Management (DCAMM), dated June 30, 1981. The Awarding Authority reserves the right to waive any irregularities in or to reject any and all bids, if it be in the public interest to do so, and

to act upon the bids and make its award in any lawful manner. All questions and requests for interpretations must be submitted in writing via e-mail to parul.belsare@socotec.us by the General Bidders until Friday, October 10, 2025, at 4:00 PM. PRE-BID CONFERENCE / SITE VISIT: Date and Time: Wednesday, October 8, 2025, at 10:00 AM Address: 30 Memorial Road Somerville, MA 02145.

Meet at the main entrance of the Administration Building. Attendance at this pre-bid conference is strongly recommended for parties submitting a bid

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

Project Description: Everett-Somerville – Mystic River Bicycle Pedestrian Bridge

Project File No. 612004

A Live Virtual Design Public Hearing will be hosted on the MassDOT website below to present the design of the Mystic River Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge in Everett and Somerville, MA.

WHEN: Tuesday, October 21st, 2025 @ 7:00 PM

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed design for the Mystic River Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge project. All views and comments submitted in response to the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: The proposed project consists of a new bicycle and pedestrian bridge crossing the Mystic River and connecting the path networks on the Somerville and Everett sides of the river. The bridge will connect the DCR Draw Seven Park to the Gateway Park trail and public boardwalk at the Encore Resort. The Mystic River Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge will provide a vital missing

link between the communities of Everett and Somerville, linking mixed use paths with local amenities including Draw Seven Park, Assembly Row and the Lower Broadway District. The bridge will provide a reliable and safe crossing alternative for bicycle users and pedestrians who wish to utilize the trail networks, access public transportation, and these communities.

Project inquiries, written statements and other exhibits regarding the proposed undertaking may be submitted to Carrie E. Lavallee, P.E., Chief Engineer, via e-mail to massdotmajorprojects@dot.state.ma.us or via US Mail to 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Major Projects, Project File No. 612004. Statements and

exhibits intended for inclusion in the hearing transcript must be emailed or post-marked no later than ten (10) business days (14 calendar days) after the hearing is hosted.

This hearing is accessible to people with disabilities. MassDOT provides reasonable accommodations and/or language assistance free of charge upon request (e.g interpreters in American Sign Language and languages other than English, live captioning, videos, assistive listening devices and alternate material formats), as available. For accommodation or language assistance, please contact MassDOT's Chief Diversity and Civil Rights Officer by phone (857-368-8580), TTD/TTY at (857) 266-0603, fax (857) 368-0602 or by email

(MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us). Requests should be made as soon as possible and prior to the hearing, and for more difficult to arrange services including sign-language, CART or language translation or interpretation, requests should be made at least ten business days before the hearing.

This hearing will be hosted, or a cancellation announcement posted, on the internet at on the internet at <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/highway-division/events>. JONATHAN GULLIVER CARRIE E. LAVALLEE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR CHIEF ENGINEER

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Somerville Strengthens Protections for Tenants in Updated Condo Conversion Ordinance



Ordinance updates effective October 1

SOMERVILLE—Mayor Katjana Ballantyne is sharing that starting today, October 1, 2025, updates to the City of Somerville’s Con-

dominium Conversion Ordinance take effect. These updates are part of the City’s continued efforts to prevent residential displacement and enact stronger protections for tenants.

“Amidst an ongoing housing crisis, we must act to protect our residents,” said Mayor Katjana Ballantyne. “These reforms are another step to keeping long-time residents in their homes and preserving the social fabric of our neighborhoods.”

Updates include:

Extended Notification Period: Property owners must now

give two (2) years notice to the Condominium Review Board—up from one (1) year—prior to receiving a final permit from the City authorizing the conversion of a vacant and formerly tenanted unit to a lawful condominium. Expanded Relocation Assistance: Property owners must now pay increased relocation payments for tenanted units. Relocation payments have increased from \$7,546 to \$14K (subject to annual Consumer Price Index adjustments) for all tenants and tenants entitled to enhanced protections (seniors, disabled, low-moderate income) have an increase in relocation benefits from \$12,577 to \$18K.

About Condominium Conversion

Condominium conversion is the process for local property owners who intend to remove rental units from the housing market and convert them into condominiums for sale. In Somerville, this process is regulated by Somerville’s Condo Review Board (CRB) under the City’s condominium conversion ordinance. Suggested updates to the ordinance were presented to the City Council and approved at their August 28 meeting.

About the Condominium Conversion Ordinance Updates

Ordinance updates stem from the work of an Ordinance Working Group convened by the CRB in response to an order submitted by City Councilors and concerns raised by constituents. They are also grounded in findings from the Anti-Displacement Task Force (ADTF). The ADTF conducted extensive community outreach and released detailed reports and recommendations earlier this year, which are available at voice.somervillema.gov/adtf.

For more information, please visit somervillema.gov/condo-conversion.

Somerville’s Newest Firefighter Henry Lima



Firefighter Henry Lima graduated from the Massachusetts Firefighting

Academy in Bridgewater on Friday, October 3. Chief Charles Breen at-

tended the ceremony and presented Firefighter Lima with his assignment.

From the Department of Fire Services: mass.gov/

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Ribbon Cutting for Central Hill Veterans Vietnam & Korean Wars Memorial on 10/16

SOMERVILLE— Mayor Katjana Ballantyne and Ward 3 City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen invite community members to attend a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the reinstallation of the Vietnam and Korean Wars Memorials on Central Hill.

The ceremony, co-hosted by and the Somerville Department of Veterans' Services and Public Space and Urban Forestry Division, will take place on Thursday, October 16, from 1 to 2 p.m., on the lawn in front of Somer-

ville High School (81 Highland Ave.). The rain date is Tuesday, October 21, from 11 a.m. to noon.

"I want to thank the veterans and community members who developed a vision for this memorial that not only respectfully honors our fellow community members who made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of our nation but also creates a peaceful contemplative space to remember and reflect," said Mayor Ballantyne.

The Central Hill Veterans

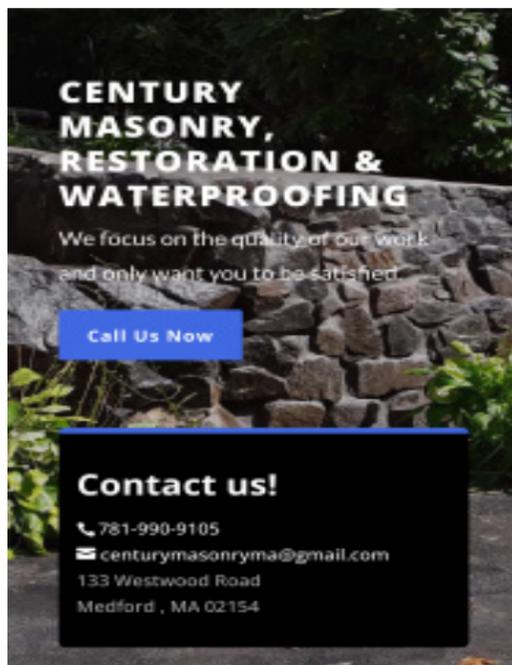
Memorials restoration project was a component of the new Somerville High School campus design. Coming out of an extensive community process, the vision for the site includes a memorial walk with reflective spaces honoring veterans in chronological order.

To learn more, visit voice.somervillema.gov/central-hill-memorials.



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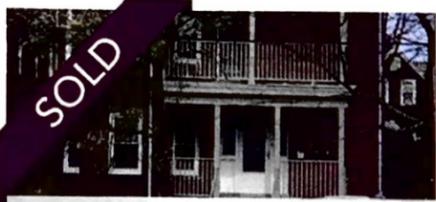
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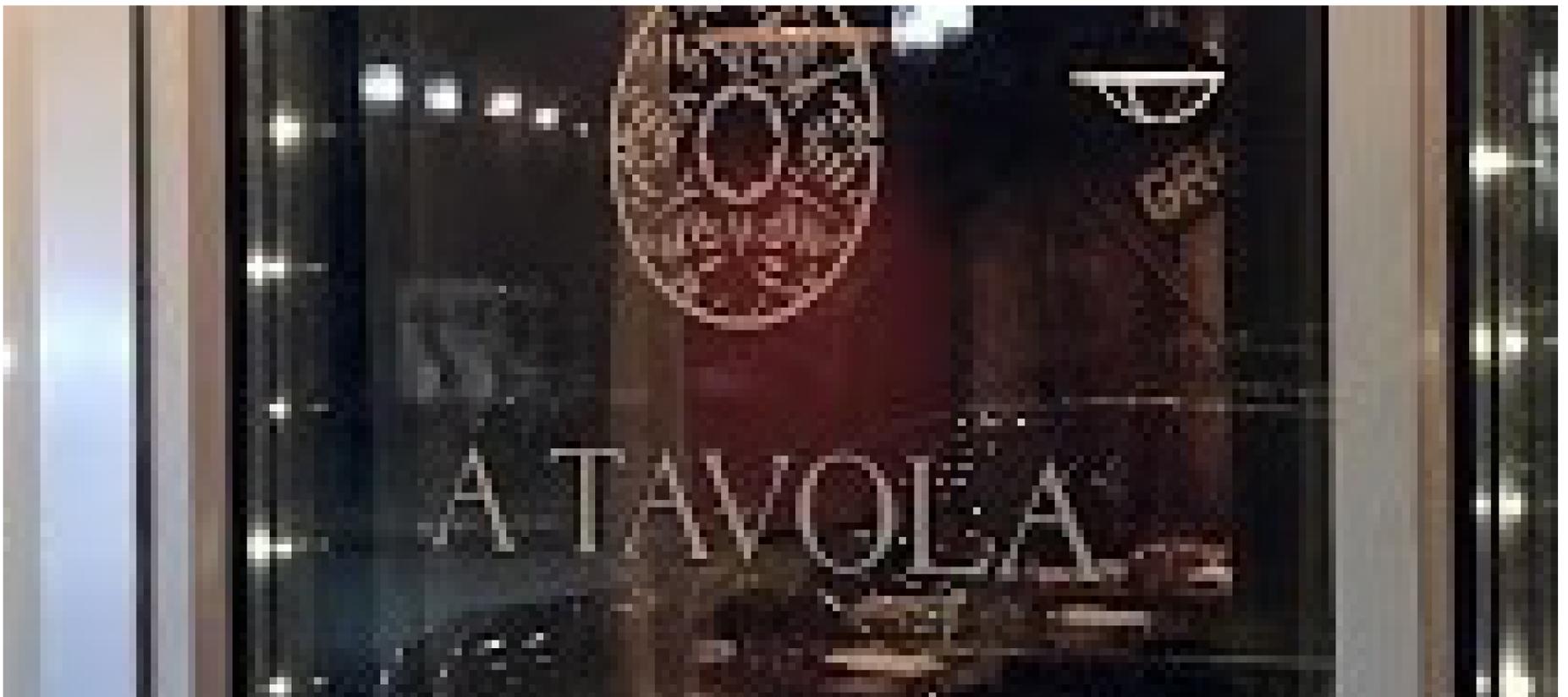
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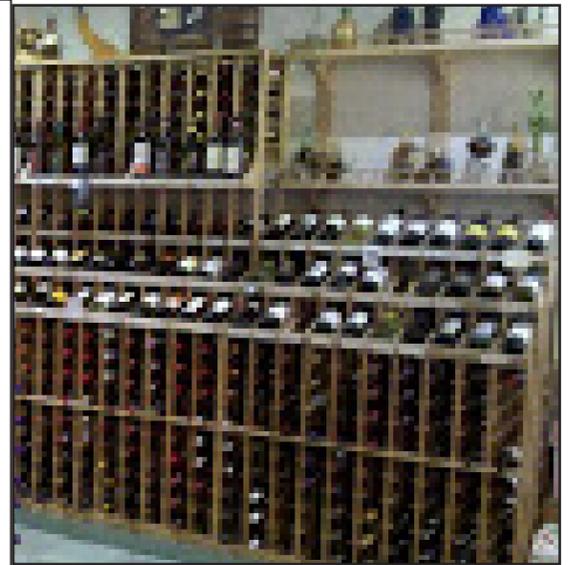


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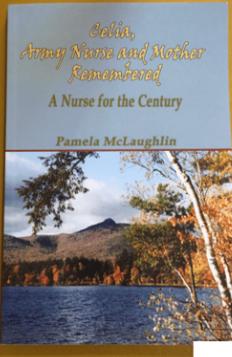
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