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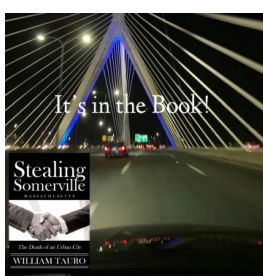
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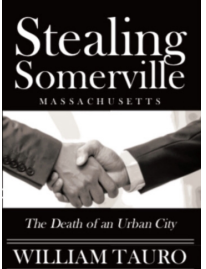


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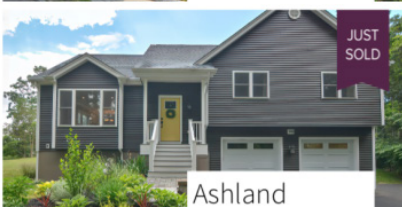
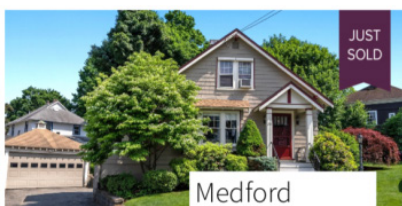
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2025-72 Article V Section 5-15 "Accessible Parking" is amended with the addition of the following locations: 48 Glen St, 123 Hillsdale Rd (located on Chetwynd Rd adjacent to 123 Hillsdale Rd), 82 Fellsway W, 74 Washington St.

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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### Somerville/Medford Remembering Christopher Guerrier



**Obituary**  
Christopher Guerrier – Of Revere, formerly of Somerville, passed away tragically on Saturday, September 21, 2025, as the result of a car accident. He was 42 years young.

Born in Boston and raised in Somerville, Christopher was the beloved son of the late Andrena Seme and Jean Serge Guerrier. From a young age, Christopher had a natural talent for fixing things. As a child, he could often be found taking apart remotes and other electronics just to put them back together. That early curiosity grew into a lifelong passion: first with electronics

and later with cars and motorcycles. Whenever the weather was nice, he loved nothing more than cruising around town on his bike.

Christopher was known for his love of music and his impressive dance moves, often dancing around the house and bringing joy to those around him. He also enjoyed playing video games, which gave him both relaxation and fun. A true adventurer at heart, he loved traveling and never missed an opportunity to explore new places. Above all, he cherished his role as a father this was a title he wore with the utmost pride and devotion.

Beloved father of Xavier Guerrier of Somerville and Christian Guerrier of Revere. Devoted brother of Darnelle Zelaya and her husband Mario of Saugus, and Thaisha Guerrier of Everett. Cherished uncle of Elijah Guerrier, Mila Zelaya, and Alivia Zelaya. Loving nephew of Paulette Seme, Assifie Seme, Enock Seme, Jean Seme, Marie Seme, Yanick Guerrier, Yadley Guerrier, Marie Marthe Guerrier. Dear cousin of Mardride Dalce, Lorraine LeBrun, Jolene Seme, Virginia Vincent, Tatyana Seme and many other loving cousins to the Guerrier, Seme, Paul and Ceant families. Chosen brother to Donald Mordan

and Bobby Tavares. Also survived by many extended family members and friends.

Calling Hours will be held in the George L. Doherty Funeral Home 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.) Somerville on Saturday October 4th from 10:00AM to 12:00PM. Followed by a prayer service at 12:00PM.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

Services will conclude with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery. Everett.

### Somerville/Medford Remembering Peter MacDonald



**Obituary**  
It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Peter MacDonald of Somerville, MA, who left us on September 3rd at the age of 52. He is survived by his beloved wife, Kim Payson; their children, Tad and Erin; his parents Peter and Loretta MacDonald of Rehoboth; his sister Shawna Marquis and her husband Christian of Arlington; his brother Matthew MacDonald and his wife Jane of Somerville. Peter also leaves behind a loving extended family of in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles, and countless friends and colleagues whose lives he touched.

Most people would describe Pete

as a gifted or talented artist, as if he were born with an innate ability. In response, Pete might raise an eyebrow and politely point out that becoming an artist takes a lot of hard work. He spent much of his career as an artist in the Boston-area video game industry, building entire worlds for others to enjoy. Outside of work, he continued to hone his craft, drawing inspiration from the world around him—sketching portraits and infusing everyday scenes with curiosity and whimsy.

In addition to art, he loved music and vowed to never get “stuck” listening to the same genre. He shared his daily morning earworm to the delight of

his family and coworkers and inspired others to never get stuck. He would always show up to support his brother Matthew’s band when they performed and loved living in a neighborhood where he could continue to support local music and inspire his friends and family to do the same.

Pete brought a contagious curiosity and energy to everything he did. Above all, his greatest achievement was the loving life he built with Kim and their daughters. His devotion to family and friends was unwavering, and he showed boundless care and kindness to everyone he knew, never hesitating to lend a hand or an empathetic ear, or to lift the mood

with a well-timed joke and laughter.

His generous spirit and joyful presence enriched the lives of all who knew him, and his memory will live on in the hearts of those he leaves behind.

A celebration of Pete’s life will be held on October 9th from 6-11pm at Vera’s, 70 Union Square, Somerville, MA 02143.

### Somerville/Medford Remembering Bryce Austin Clark



**Obituary**  
With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Bryce Austin Clark, age 35, on September 23, 2025. He now joins his brother and best friend, Tyler Brelend Clark, in heaven.

Bryce was the beloved son of Alise Michelle Gobron and Kevin Gerard Clark, and a

cherished brother to Kasey Randon Clark and Kyle Ryan Clark. He was also a loving uncle and brother-in-law.

Gentle, kind and compassionate, Bryce had a gift for connecting with animals and a deep love for the outdoors. His quiet strength and tender spirit were a safe harbor to those who knew him.

Though his journey was not without struggle, Bryce faced life with courage and left us a legacy of mercy, patience, and unconditional love.

A celebration of his life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that Bryce be honored through acts of kindness—rescuing a dog, helping someone in need,

or simply pausing to enjoy the beauty of nature.

Bryce’s time here was too brief, but his love will forever echo in the hearts of those who knew what it was to love him.

### Somerville/Medford Remembering Mary P. Reilly



**Obituary**  
Mary P. Reilly – A lifelong resident of Somerville, passed away after a brief illness on Tuesday, September 24, 2025. She was 83 years old.

Born, raised, and educated in Somerville, Mary was the beloved daughter of

the late Frances X. and Margaret (Kearns) Reilly. She enjoyed the simple pleasures in life and found peace with the world around her. Mary had a deep love for animals, especially her cherished dogs and cats, who brought her great comfort and joy throughout the

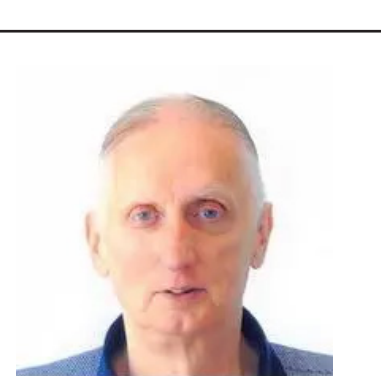
years. She was a resident of the Watertown Rehab and Nursing Facility that she loved being apart of.

Beloved daughter of the late Frances X. Reilly and Margaret (Kearns) Reilly. Devoted sister of James Reilly of Somerville and Margaret Reilly of Somer-

ville. Fur mom to her beloved dogs Ferry and Gidget and her cats Kelvin and Jesse. Also survived by many loving friends and extended family members.

A funeral mass will be scheduled at a later date.

### Somerville/Medford Remembering Robert F. Hodnett, Sr.



Robert F. Hodnett, Sr. of Tewksbury passed away on September 30, 2025, he was 76. Born in Cambridge and raised in Somer-

ville, Robert was the son of the late Helene (Kelley) and James C. Hodnett. A proud Marine, he enlisted in the Marine Corps during Vietnam.

He was assigned to Lima 3/1 and sustained injuries during battle of the airstrip for which he was awarded two purple hearts. Following his honorable discharge, he continued his service and joined the Somerville Police Department.

Robert enjoyed playing golf in earlier years and was an avid sports fan. He always supported the Patriots and Celtics but didn’t care for the Red Sox. As a history buff, he especially enjoyed War History. “Once a Marine, always a Marine”, he attended the annual Marine Corps Reunion where he enjoyed reconnecting with his fellow Marines. On occasion, he could be found at Foxwoods or Mohegan Sun trying his luck at the casino or playing bingo. Above all he enjoyed time spent

with his family.

The beloved husband of Barbara (Chiodo) Hodnett, together they were married over 40 years. He was the father of Ricky Silvestri, Vinny Silvestri, Robert Hodnett and his wife Erika and Justin Hodnett and his wife Dufay. Dear brother of James Hodnett and his wife Sandra of Kennebunk, Maine. Cherished Grampy of Kylee, Abbigail, Matthew, Sophia, Whitlee and Kennedy.

Visiting Hours will be held in the George L. Doherty Funeral Home, 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.) Somerville on Monday, October 6th from 4:00PM ~ 7:00PM. Relatives and friends invited to attend. Services will conclude with Military Honors and burial at the Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne on Tuesday, October 7th at 12:30PM. Those attending are asked to meet inside the main gate just prior 12:30PM.





### Join the Somerville Municipal Scholarship Committee



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SOMERVILLE – Are you passionate about assisting high school students as they pursue higher education?

The City of Somerville is seeking one new volunteer member to join the Somerville Municipal Scholarship Committee.

What is the Municipal Scholarship Committee?

The mission of the committee is to award scholarships to high school

graduates to use toward their higher education expenses. The funding for the scholarships comes from voluntary contributions made by Somerville taxpayers. Scholarship Committee members develop a meeting schedule, review redacted scholarship applications, set criteria for scholarship awards, and make award recommendations.

Who Can Join?

All Somerville residents are invited to apply. Desired qualifications include:

Willingness to spend time individually evaluating and reviewing anonymous scholarship applications based on materials that will be supplied to

you.

Openness to learning a numerical rating system and submitting written notes to keep in files to document process and decisions that were made.

Ability to work with other reviewers in a team environment, in-person and/or remotely.

Openness in revealing any conflict of interest with potential scholarship applicants.

Understanding the need for fairness, objectivity and nondiscrimination within the scholarship selection process.

Ability to recognize a need to modify scholarship criteria and other aspects of the award process, if

required, and make recommendations for change.

Ability to focus on the specific Committee selection criteria in determining the award winners.

Using Committee selection criteria, make recommendations on recipients for scholarship for final approval by the mayor.

What is the Time Commitment?

The Municipal Scholarship Committee meets once a month during the day or evening from October through April or May. Additional time to meet during the application-to-award process, January through May/June, is required.

What is the Appointment Process?

Members are appointed by the Mayor.

How Do I Apply?

A letter of interest can be sent via email to ldubuque@somervillema.gov with 'Scholarship Committee' in the Subject Line by Monday, October 20, 2025. Please include your full name, address, and telephone number with your inquiry.

For questions, accommodations, or more information, contact the Treasury at (617) 625-6600 ext. 3510 or Linda Dubuque at ldubuque@somervillema.gov.

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### PURPLE ALERT SYSTEM FOR ADULTS WITH INTELLECTUAL OR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (H 2657)

By Bob Katzen

Would create a Purple Alert system to assist law enforcement in identifying and locating missing persons with disabilities. The system would be modeled after the current Amber Alert system which is designed to ask the public for help in finding abducted children.

The Purple Alert would apply to a person with at least one of these conditions: a mental or cognitive disability that is not Alzheimer's disease or a dementia-related disorder; an intellectual disability or a

developmental disability including Down syndrome; a brain injury; or another physical, mental or emotional disability that is not related to substance abuse.

"The Amber Alert system has demonstrated extraordinary, life-saving effectiveness, contributing to the recovery of more than 1,000 children since its inception in 1996," said sponsor Rep. Jack Lewis (D-Framingham). "However, no parallel mechanism currently exists to assist in identifying and locating adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities who

may be missing or endangered. Several states, including Connecticut, Rhode Island and Florida, have enacted Purple Alert legislation to address this gap. I look forward to examining how similar legislation could strengthen the commonwealth's capacity to protect and serve all of its residents."

**BAN USE OF TEAR GAS AGAINST CIVILIANS (S 1758)** – Would ban the use of tear gas on civilians and require that police actively work in good faith with organizers of mass demonstrations to avoid conflict. It would require

a police department with advance knowledge of the event to designate an officer in charge of de-escalation planning to discuss the logistical plans and strategies with the demonstration organizers.

"Tear gas is banned as a weapon of war," said sponsor Sen. Becca Rausch (D-Needham). "It should not be used against civilians on domestic soil. Tear gas can cause serious, long-term health impacts, including blindness, emotional trauma and reproductive health repercussions. Using tear gas is an outdated and dangerous crowd-

control tactic that adds to chaos and violence rather than reducing it. This ban, which includes support for de-escalation measures, would make the commonwealth safer for demonstrators and police alike."

### POLICE AND FIREFIGHTER DISABILITY PENSION (H 2940)

By Bob Katzen

The House gave initial approval to a proposal that would allow a police officer or firefighter who is granted a disability retirement pension, to have any previous period of leave from their service to be covered as if that time out of service was an absence. By such designation, they will have the right

to receive any retroactive pay or personnel actions on account of this absence designation.

Rep. Angelo Puppolo (D-Springfield), the sponsor of the measure, said he filed this legislation after a member of the National Association for Government Employees brought it to his attention that police officers

and firefighters were not receiving compensation during their leave of absence prior to them being granted their disability retirement pension.

"The negative financial impacts placed on our first responders due to this delay in pay is unjust. Our first responders put their lives on the line every day to serve communities

across the commonwealth, and this bill is a step forward in making sure they are supported when they sustain injuries in the line of duty," said Puppolo.

**BILLS HEARD BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY** – Several bills had a hearing before the Committee on Public Safety

and Homeland Security including:

### STUDY CHINESE COMPANIES IN MASSACHUSETTS (H 487)

By Bob Katzen

A hearing was held by the Economic Development and Emerging Technologies Committee on a measure that would establish a special commission to study the financial relationship between Massachusetts entities and companies owned by the

Chinese government.

"This legislation will provide lawmakers and the public with vital information about the nature and size of Chinese investment in the commonwealth," said sponsor Rep. Brad Jones (R-North Reading). "In recent years, the Chinese government

has attempted to use its economic power to influence the policies of foreign governments, such as Canada and Australia, by imprisoning visiting businesspeople on spurious charges, abruptly terminating contracts with foreign companies after upfront expenses have been paid and stealing

intellectual property."

Jones continued, "Massachusetts companies, specifically those in the biotech, software, manufacturing and finance sectors, are particularly vulnerable to pressure applied by the Chinese government. By creating a commission to study

the financial relationship between Massachusetts entities and companies owned by the Chinese government, [this bill] will help identify the state's economic vulnerabilities so we can devise an effective strategy to protect local industries."

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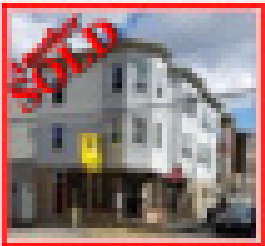


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MASSACHUSETTS LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL FUND (H 2728)

By Bob Katzen

Would establish a Massachusetts Law Enforcement Memorial Fund to be used to make annual payments to the Massachusetts Law Enforcement Memorial

which memorializes and honors Massachusetts law enforcement personnel killed in the line of duty.

“Dedicated in 2004, the Massachusetts Law Enforcement Memorial in

Ashburton Park commemorates the sacrifices of more than 400 Massachusetts law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty,” said sponsor Rep. Tom Walsh (D-Peabody). “[This bill] provides for

the production and sale of specialty license plates with the proceeds directed towards the Massachusetts Law Enforcement Memorial Fund, supporting the stewardship and upkeep of the memorial, similar

to the funding mechanism providing for the maintenance of the Firefighters Memorial across the park.”

ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT FOR INJURED POLICE DOGS (H 2738)

By Bob Katzen

Would ensure that specially trained police dogs who are hurt in the line of duty can receive timely, advanced emergency medical care from licensed EMS personnel. The bill authorizes EMTs and paramedics to provide treatment — including advanced life

support procedures and transport — to injured K9s without facing liability or regulatory barriers.

Supporters said the measure builds on a recently approved law that allows basic first aid for injured police dogs. They noted this bill takes the next step to ensure that these work-

ing dogs receive the same level of emergency response available to humans, recognizing their critical role in protecting the public and supporting law enforcement.

“I filed this bill because our police dogs are true partners in law enforcement, often putting themselves in harm’s

way to protect officers and the public,” said sponsor Rep. Steven Xiarhos (R-Barnstable). “When they are injured, they deserve the very best chance at survival, and that means allowing advanced life support care in the field. This bill ensures that we honor their service with the same urgency and professionalism that they

give us every day.”

“Our police K9s are on the front lines every day protecting officers and our communities,” continued Xiarhos. “This bill makes sure they get the advanced life-saving care they deserve when injured in the line of duty.”



## Somerville Public Library Invites Community Input for Strategic Plan



Take the Library Survey by October 15

SOMERVILLE – The Somerville Public Library is asking for community feedback to help shape its next five-year strategic plan.

Residents, workers, and visitors are invited to share their ideas for how the Library can best develop its collections, programs, services, and spaces.

The survey is open through

Tuesday, October 15, 2025, takes about five minutes to complete, and is voluntary and anonymous.

Participants can take the survey online at [tinyurl.com/58vmk4vw](http://tinyurl.com/58vmk4vw) or com-

plete a paper copy at any Somerville Public Library location.

For more information about Somerville Public Library programs and services, visit [somervillepubliclibrary.org](http://somervillepubliclibrary.org).

## Mayor Ballantyne Invites Somerville Community to Western Pearl Street Open House Featuring Updated Design on Saturday, Oct. 4



Project, informed by community feedback, aims to improve key Gilman Square street

SOMERVILLE– The City of Somerville is working to make the western segment of Pearl Street between McGrath Highway and Medford Street safer and more accessible by redesigning and reconstructing the street. The project will include improved crosswalks, new trees, protected bike lanes, better bus stops, and traffic calming on Pearl

Street and in the nearby area.

This past spring, the City presented multiple design options to the community and gathered feedback from neighbors, students, local business owners and managers, community group representatives, and city advisory committee members.

City staff have spent the past few months reviewing all the community feedback and data collected, identifying the option most aligned with that feedback, and advancing the design.

As a next step in the process, Mayor Katjana Ballantyne, Ward 4 Councilor Jesse Clingan, Ward 1 Councilor Matt McLaughlin, and City staff are excited to invite community members to come to an open house to learn more about the updated design and

share their input.

When: Saturday, October 4, from 12 to 2 p.m.

Where: Ed Leathers Park between Skilton Avenue and Walnut Street

Inclement weather location: Somerville High School Atrium, 81 Highland Avenue.

If there is inclement weather in the forecast, the City will update the project website approximately 48 hours ahead of time.

At the open house, community members can explore different sta-

tions describing aspects of the design and talk directly to the project team about their questions and comments. Pizza will be provided.

If community members cannot attend the open house, there will be multiple other ways to share feedback such as through an online feedback survey, virtual office hours, a street outreach pop-up, tabling at SomerStreets Monster Mash, and more.

Visit [somervillema.gov/westernpearl](http://somervillema.gov/westernpearl) to learn more.

Later this fall, the project team will present the updated design to community members to gather additional input before finalizing the design over the winter and preparing for

construction between 2026 and 2027.

More About the Project

The City has prioritized this segment of Pearl Street for sidewalk reconstruction and repaving (a Complete Street reconstruction) as part of the Pavement and Sidewalk Management Program ([somervillema.gov/paving](http://somervillema.gov/paving)). With the opportunity to redesign the street, the City looks to enhance transportation safety to fulfill Vision Zero goals, improve accessibility as part of the Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan, and carry out the vision for bicycle facilities for people of all ages and abilities as part of the Somerville Bicycle Network Plan.

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### Somerville/Medford Remembering Mary P. Reilly



Obituary  
Mary P. Reilly – A lifelong resident of Somerville, passed away after a brief illness on Tuesday, September 24, 2025. She was 83 years old.

Born, raised, and educated in Somerville, Mary was the beloved daughter of

the late Frances X. and Margaret (Kearns) Reilly. She enjoyed the simple pleasures in life and found peace with the world around her. Mary had a deep love for animals, especially her cherished dogs and cats, who brought her great comfort and joy throughout the

years. She was a resident of the Watertown Rehab and Nursing Facility that she loved being apart of.

Beloved daughter of the late Frances X. Reilly and Margaret (Kearns) Reilly. Devoted sister of James Reilly of Somerville and Margaret Reilly of Somer-

ville. Fur mom to her beloved dogs Ferry and Gidget and her cats Kelvin and Jesse. Also survived by many loving friends and extended family members.

A funeral mass will be scheduled at a later date.

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### This Week's QUOTABLE QUOTES on Beacon Hill

By Bob Katzen

"A [federal government] shutdown could create challenges for certain spending accounts in the [state's] General Federal Grants Fund, revenue collected through federal reimbursement and for [state] programs run and funded primarily by the federal government."

—From a memo from the Healey Administration to state government officials which are girding for the possibility of a federal government shutdown, instructing them to summarize concerns about their ability to address payroll concerns and to lay out their plans to protect Massachusetts residents and resources.

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— Gov. Healey announcing that her administration has awarded over \$464,000 in STEM Design Challenge grants to several non-profit and public education organizations, supporting STEM learning opportunities statewide for students from elementary school through high

school.

"Proposition 2 1/2 was put in place through significant pressure and advocacy from the business community against municipal government's advocacy several decades ago. And we, I think, are continuing to feel the strain in these economic times under that."

—Boston Mayor Michelle Wu suggesting it might be time for the state to take another look at and perhaps modify or repeal Proposition 2 1/2, which bars local governments from imposing property tax hikes in excess of 2.5 percent, without voter approval.

"Mayor Wu is using a budget discussion as a cover to push

her real agenda: higher taxes for Massachusetts. If it weren't for Prop 2½, the cost of living in Boston would be even higher than it already is. Families and small businesses are already being crushed by housing costs, inflation and energy bills, yet Mayor Wu thinks the answer is to chip away at the only safe-guard taxpayers have against runaway property taxes."

—Paul Craney, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Fiscal Alliance.

"The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) is announcing that, starting September 22, all driver education classroom instruction provided by professional driving schools will transition back to an in-

person format. The RMV has been in communication with driving schools, customers and other stakeholders, explaining how this change will result in enhanced student engagement, stronger learning outcomes, equal opportunities for all schools, and improved road safety.

—From an announcement from the RMV that the option of remote (virtual) driver education classes that was introduced as an accommodation during the pandemic, will no longer be offered and effective September 22, a live instructor will be required to teach all classes, including the parent class.

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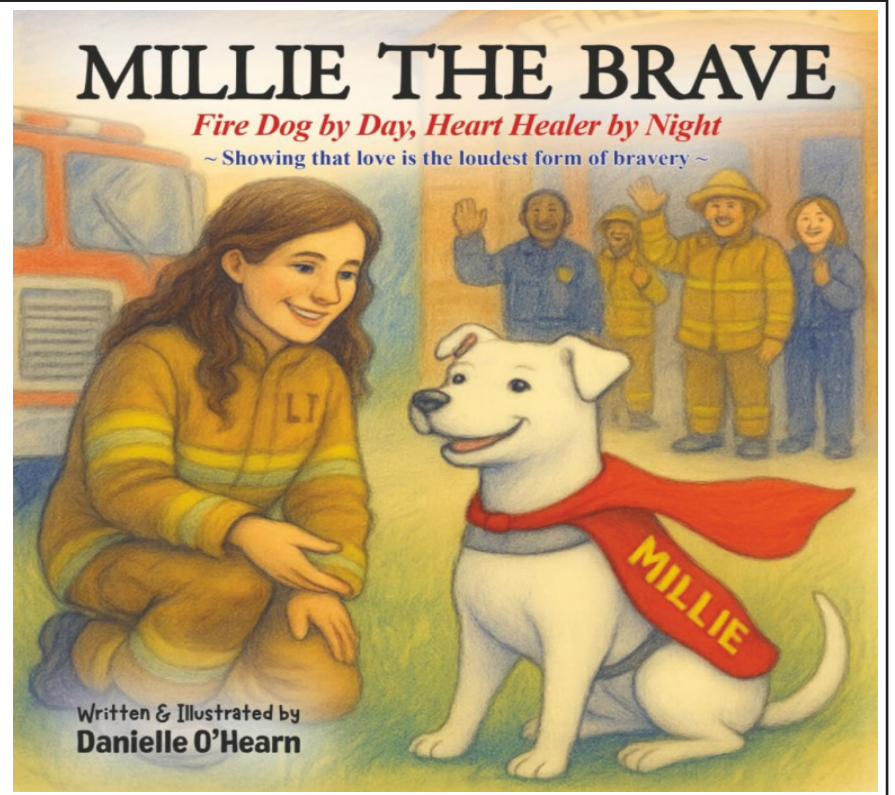
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Hey Billy  
My name is Danielle we've met a few times before, I'm a firefighter in Somerville. I just came out with a children's book.

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!

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

Hey Billy...

Want something for your front page news? These photos were taken at 4 am this morning outside everyone's bedroom window. I have videos as well that I will send to you.

These two showed up to repaint a cross-walk. Is this triple-time and a half? What the heck is going on?

Interesting timing since I continue to demand a new water meter without results. I also attempted to make a payment and their system tried to charge me \$1900.

Who is their software engineer and what is their salary? Luckily, it was cancelled out. One of their staff sent me a cancellation immediately. At least someone in city hall is doing their job.

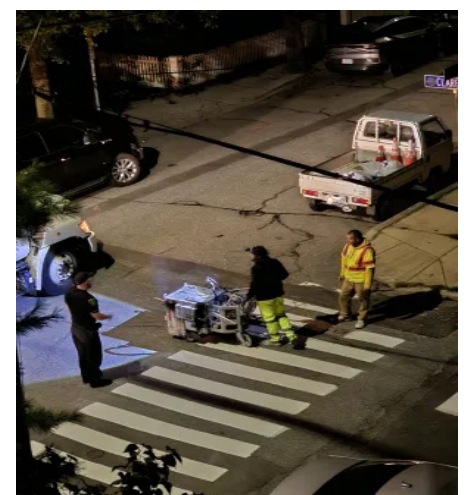
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### REQUIRE ARMCHAIRS IN RESTAURANTS (S 158)

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](http://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](http://bit.ly/45xhDzh)

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

Zoom ID: 848 8412 7712

URL: [bit.ly/45LD5iQ](http://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](http://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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online at [www.Projectdog.com](http://www.Projectdog.com). For assistance, contact Projectdog Inc. at 978.499.9014. Filed Sub Bids for this project will be accepted from eligible bidders until Thursday, October 16, 2025, at 4:00 PM and will be publicly opened, forthwith online. General Bids for this project will be accepted from eligible bidders until Thursday, October 23, 2025, at 4:00 PM and will be publicly opened, forthwith online. General bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount (considering all alternates) and made payable to the Somerville Housing Authority. General bidders must agree to contract with minority and women business enterprises as certified by the Supplier Diversity Office (SDO), formerly known as SOMWBA. The combined participation benchmark

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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

Brian Langton  
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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](mailto: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](mailto: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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homeless and less fortunate.  
A "Somerville Blessing Boxes" Facebook page has been established keep everyone updated on donations and the Blessing Boxes inventory status. Please feel free to join the page and follow all the good that is being done everyday by the good people of Somerville.  
One blessing box is located at Statue Park in Davis Square and the other is located at Union Square, Plaza in Union Square.  
"Give what you can, Take what you need."  
Much thanks and appreciation,  
Frank Santangelo

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#### MISSING / ENDANGERED PERSON

Jason Compere, 29, is currently missing, has known mental health concerns, and may be in need of support.

His last known location was at his home which is in the Fulton Heights near Carr Park on September 16, 2025 at 11:30 a.m. He was last seen wearing a black t-shirt, light blue

sweatshirt, black pants and a black Nike backpack. He may be riding a grey and blue Giant brand mountain bike. He also has a goatee and wears glasses.

If you have seen Jason or have any information on his whereabouts, please contact Medford Police Dispatch at 781-395-1212.



**RACE:** BLACK  
**SEX:** MALE  
**AGE:** 29  
**HEIGHT:** 6'3"  
**WEIGHT:** 220LBS  
**HAIR:** BLACK BRAIDED  
**EYES:** BROWN

**LAST SEEN:** 9/16/2025 AT 11:30AM NEAR CARR PARK

**CLOTHING DESCRIPTION:** BLACK PANTS, BLACK T-SHIRT, BLACK NIKE BACKPACK AND A LIGHT BLUE SWEATSHIRT. HE HAS BLACK GLASSES AND A GOATEE. MAY BE RIDING A BICYCLE.

# MISSING PERSON

## JASON COMPERE

PLEASE CONTACT THE MEDFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT AT 781-395-1212 IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION REGARDING THIS INDIVIDUAL'S WHEREABOUTS

### City of Somerville News Updates

The City of Somerville is planning to build a new PK-8 public school building, and the Construction Advisory Group (CAG), Mayor Ballantyne, and Somerville Public Schools want to hear from you.

To inform their recommendation to the Mayor on the location and scope of the project, members of the CAG worked with an urban planning firm and City staff to develop a 10-minute survey to gather perspective from across the Somerville community. This outreach is part of the Mayor's commitment

to ensure community voices are heard on this important decision.

To learn more about the project and take the survey offered in seven languages, please visit [somervillema.gov/newpkto8](http://somervillema.gov/newpkto8).

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The City of Somerville is planning to build a new PK-8 public school building, and the Construction Advisory Group (CAG), Mayor Ballantyne, and Somerville... See more

**Somerville School Building Project: Share Your Perspective**

The Construction Advisory Group, Mayor Ballantyne, and Somerville Public Schools want to hear from you!

The City and Somerville Public Schools are in the process of planning for a new PK-8 public school building.

This new school building would meet the needs of the Winter Hill School and potentially the Brown School.

To help us make important decisions about the size, scope, and location of the project, we want to know what matters most to you.

Take the 10 minute survey by visiting [somervillema.gov/newpkto8](http://somervillema.gov/newpkto8)

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### This Week's QUOTABLE QUOTES on Beacon Hill

By Bob Katzen

"A [federal government] shut-down could create challenges for certain spending accounts in the [state's] General Federal Grants Fund, revenue collected through federal reimbursement and for [state] programs run and funded primarily by the federal government."

—From a memo from the Healey Administration to state government officials which are girding for the possibility of a federal government shutdown, instructing them to summarize concerns about their ability to address payroll concerns and to lay out their plans to protect Massachusetts residents and resources.

"Massachusetts leads the nation in education and innovation because we know success starts in our classrooms and with our young people. STEM Week is about inspiring curiosity, creativity and confidence in young people across the state. By investing in hands-on STEM experiences, we're preparing students of all ages to solve problems, pursue new ideas and lead the future economy."

— Gov. Healey announcing that her administration has awarded over \$464,000 in STEM Design Challenge grants to several non-profit and public education organizations, supporting STEM learning opportunities statewide for students from

elementary school through high school.

"Proposition 2 1/2 was put in place through significant pressure and advocacy from the business community against municipal government's advocacy several decades ago. And we, I think, are continuing to feel the strain in these economic times under that." —Boston Mayor Michelle Wu suggesting it might be time for the state to take another look at and perhaps modify or repeal Proposition 2 1/2, which bars local governments from imposing property tax hikes in excess of 2.5 percent, without voter approval.

"Mayor Wu is using a budget discussion as a cover to

push her real agenda: higher taxes for Massachusetts. If it weren't for Prop 2 1/2, the cost of living in Boston would be even higher than it already is. Families and small businesses are already being crushed by housing costs, inflation and energy bills, yet Mayor Wu thinks the answer is to chip away at the only safeguard taxpayers have against runaway property taxes."

—Paul Craney, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Fiscal Alliance.

"The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) is announcing that, starting September 22, all driver education classroom instruction provided by professional driving schools will transi-

tion back to an in-person format. The RMV has been in communication with driving schools, customers and other stakeholders, explaining how this change will result in enhanced student engagement, stronger learning outcomes, equal opportunities for all schools, and improved road safety.

—From an announcement from the RMV that the option of remote (virtual) driver education classes that was introduced as an accommodation during the pandemic, will no longer be offered and effective September 22, a live instructor will be required to teach all classes, including the parent class.

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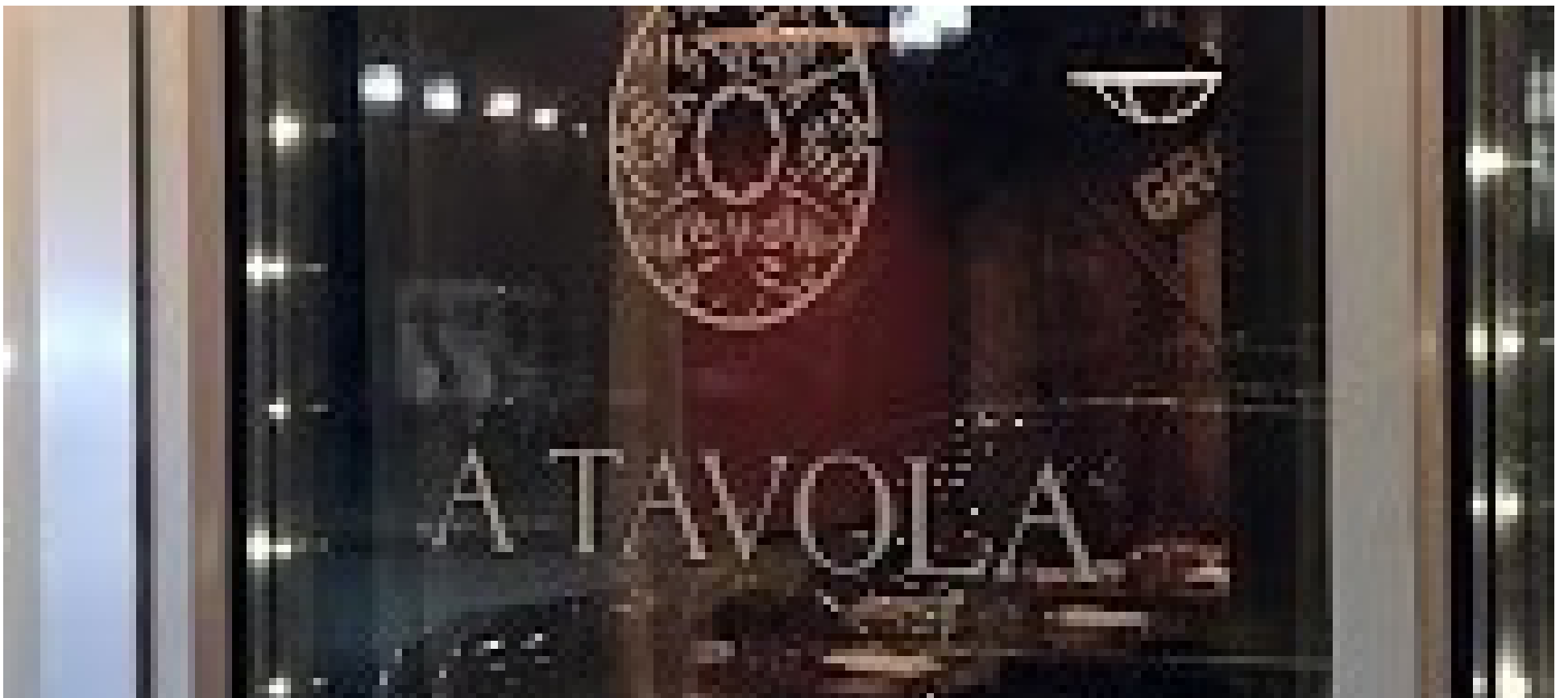
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