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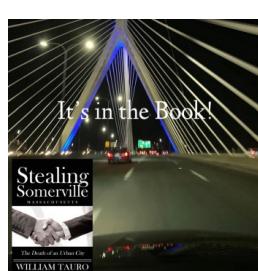


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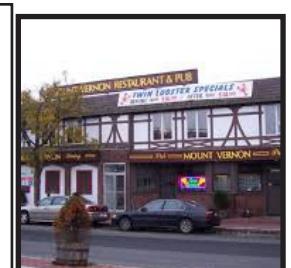


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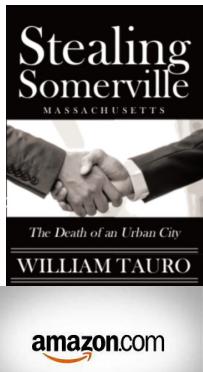
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SOMERVILLE – The City of Somerville is seeking one new member to join the Mayor's Appointments Advisory Committee (AAC). If you care about fairness, transparency, and community voice in local government, this is a great opportunity to make a meaningful impact.

The AAC plays a key role in strengthening how Somerville selects members for its regulatory and decision-making boards and commissions. By helping review applicants and recommend finalists, AAC members ensure that appointments reflect the needs, values, and diversity of our community.

What Is the AAC?

The Mayor's Appointments Advisory Committee is a five-person, volunteer body that makes nonpartisan, informed recommendations for appointments to 14 City boards and commissions.

The full list of boards and commissions is available online: somervillema.gov/departments/appointments-advisory-committee

AAC members review applications, interview finalists, and

recommend two candidates for each vacancy to the Mayor, who then advances one nominee to the City Council for confirmation.

Who Can Join?

Ideal candidates are: Interested in learning about local government Thoughtful, fair, and community-driven Interested in people and process Motivated to contribute to transparent, equitable decision-making

Individuals with backgrounds in law, recruitment, human resources, or human services are strongly encouraged to apply, but these experiences are not required.

This is a volunteer position.

What Is the Time Commitment?

The AAC meets only when there are openings on the boards or commissions under its purview.

When active vacancies exist, the AAC typically meets bi-weekly on Wednesdays from 7–9 p.m. Meetings are held virtually. Additional time may be needed for reviewing applications and interview materials.

What Is the Appointment Pro-

cess?

Members are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council.

How Do I Apply?

Applications will be considered until the position is filled. To apply please provide a: Resume Statement of Interest or Cover Letter

Ways to Apply

Online: somervillema.gov/be-somerville
Email: Send materials to Careers@somervillema.gov with the subject line: "AAC Member Application"
Mail: City Hall – Attn: HR / Kristen Hill, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143

Questions?

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Artwork / Logos must be submitted to MHSVarsitySoftball22@gmail.com
Deadline for artwork / logos is March 7th for full season exposure, any late submission banners will be hung starting tournament weekend.



Somerville/Medford Remembering Eleanor M Price

Obituary

On Monday, December 8, 2025, Eleanor died in her home in Somerville, surrounded by her family.

Eleanor was born on April 30, 1927 in Dublin, Ireland. The eldest of four girls, Eleanor defied norms of the day by graduating from University College Dublin with a degree in architecture. She first worked in London, which was recovering from the war and offered few opportunities. Eventually, she landed in Zimbabwe, Rhodesia at the time, where one of her cousin's lived, and found a position at a local firm.

A few years later, a family friend living in San Francisco encouraged her to move to CA. There she lived with an expat group of English and Irish professionals and met a lifelong American friend Barbara. When her Irish cousin Roddy, also an architect, offered her his rent-controlled apartment (around the corner from the Guggenheim) she took the chance and flew to New York. There she met Donald Price, a lawyer from Minnesota. In 1966, she and Don married. They settled in Montclair, NJ, where they raised their children, John and Margaret. While living in

Montclair, Eleanor did a master's in architectural preservation at Columbia and led efforts to preserve and document Montclair's historical buildings.

When they retired, they moved to Wilmington, NC. There, Eleanor worked for the historic foundation and loved spending time with Don in the garden. After Don died, Eleanor moved to Cambridge to be close to her daughter Margaret, son-in-law Cador and grandchildren, Esmay and Powell. She rented in Cambridge until 2019 when she moved into Margaret and Cador's two-family home. While in Mas-

sachusetts, Eleanor joined Harvard Learning in Retirement where she thrived in the intellectual and social community there.

Up until this summer, Eleanor was going for walks around the neighborhood, shopping at the corner store and taking Uber to appointments. She published her memoir "An Ocean Divides Me" this spring. People were generally astonished to hear her age. She was a marvel.

Eleanor leaves her son John Price and daughter-in-law Silvana Silveira of Los Angeles,

her daughter Margaret Pricejones and son-in-law Cador Pricejones of Somerville, her grandchildren Powell Pricejones and Esmay Pricejones, her sister Esmay Rothschild and brother-in-law Michael Rothschild of Dublin, Ireland, and sister Ann Twiss of Portlaoise, Ireland.

A funeral mass will be held on Friday, December 19th at Saint Cecilia's Church, 18 Belvidere Street, Boston at 10:30AM.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

Somerville/Medford Remembering Christopher John Matatall

Obituary

Christopher John Matatall - Of Methuen, passed away on Saturday, December 6. He was a beloved son, family member, and friend whose loss leaves an immeasurable void in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

Born in Boston, he was the cherished son of Scott Matatall and Catherine (Flannery) Matatall. Chris worked as an HVAC technician, as he proudly called it, a "tin

knocker." Beyond his trade, his true passion was life on two wheels. Chris was a talented stunt rider.

In his quieter moments, Chris enjoyed being outdoors. He loved camping, especially trips to Maine where he found peace in the beauty of the scenery around him. He also had a fondness for owls, a small but meaningful interest that reflected his thoughtful and observant nature.

Chris will be remembered for his fearless spirit, his remarkable talents, and the love he shared with those around him. His absence will be felt deeply, but his memory will forever live on in the hearts of the people he touched.

Beloved son of Scott Matatall and his wife Maureen of Naples, Maine and Catherine Matatall and her partner Bob Wyman of Woburn. Cherished brother of Joseph Matatall of Haverhill. Devoted longtime

partner of Hailey McFadden of Methuen. Loving grandson of Charles G. Matatall. Loving fur dad to his fur child Ripley. He is also lovingly survived by many loving aunts, uncles, cousins, friends and extended family members.

Calling Hours will be held in the George L. Doherty Funeral Home 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.) Somerville on Tuesday, December 16 from 10:00AM to 1:00PM. Followed by a graveside service at

1:30PM at Oak Grove Cemetery, Medford.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

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

Somerville/Medford Remembering Barbara Ann (DeWolfe) Perry

Obituary

Barbara Ann (DeWolfe) Perry, a lifelong resident of Somerville, passed away suddenly on December 10, 2025, she was 82. Born in Medford and raised in Somerville, Barbara was the daughter of Mary (Keane) and Frederick DeWolfe. A graduate of Somerville High School, she went on to marry Philip M. Perry. Together they were very active with St. Clement Parish where Philip served as the coach of the championship team of

1984 before his untimely passing in 1987.

Barbara worked for the Somerville Public School system first as a teacher's aide, where she lovingly assisted with the city's children and then as an administrative assistant. Above all Barbara was devoted to her family. She was the matriarch of her family and enjoyed being the Queen of Christmas. She is remembered for her generous and loving ways always putting her family first.

The beloved wife of the late Philip M. Perry, Barbara was the devoted mother of Sharon Perry-Gillette of Somerville, Kristen Flynn and her husband Tim, who was like another son, of Medford and James P. Perry and his wife, Michelle, who was like another daughter, of Somerville. Cherished Nana of Michael Gillette and his wife Ashley, Zachary Gillette and his husband Chad Hahne, Shailyn Chute and her husband Chris,

Bailey Flynn, Braedon Perry and Kendall Perry, great grandmother of Emma Grace and Isabella Mae Gillette. Dear sister of Robert DeWolfe and his wife Patty of Methuen.

Calling Hours will be held in the George L. Doherty Funeral Home, 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.) Somerville on Tuesday, December 16th from 4:00PM to 7:00PM. Relatives and friends invited to attend. A Funeral Procession will begin on

Wednesday morning, December 17th at 10:00AM followed by a Funeral Mass celebrated in St. Clement Church at 11:00AM. Services will conclude with burial at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden.

Somerville/Medford Remembering Mrs. Raj Maya Agnihotri

Obituary

Mrs. Raj Maya Agnihotri, of Somerville, passed away surrounded by her family on December 11, 2025, she was 87 years old. Born and raised in Punjab, India, she was the daughter of Kesri Devi and

Bhag Chand.

She was the beloved wife of Ram Sarup Agnihotri and devoted mother of Yash Pal Agnihotri and his wife Manju, Lalit Agnihotri and his wife Seema, Gulshan Sharma

and her husband Rajesh all of New Delhi, India and Durgesh Joshi and her husband Bajit of Arlington. Loving grandmother of Gunjan, Daksha, Karishma, Akash, Nidhi and Isha.

Funeral Services will begin at 9:00AM on Saturday, December 13, 2025 in the Chapel at Forest Hill Cemetery, 95 Forest Hills Ave Boston, MA 02130 and cremation will follow at 10:15AM. Relatives and friends invited to attend.

A lunch reception will follow the cremation ceremony at 11:30AM at the Shivalaya Temple of Greater Boston, 407R Mystic Ave, Medford, MA 02155.

Somerville/Medford Remembering Carol A. (McKenna) Antonelli

Obituary

Carol A. (McKenna) Antonelli, of Medford, passed away on December 11, 2025, surrounded by the love of her husband Richard and daughter Kara, she was just 67. Born and raised in Somerville, Carol was the youngest of eight children born to Evelyn and James McKenna.

She began her public service career starting with the City of Somerville, where she retired as the Superintendent of the Water Department, she also worked as the business manager for the Town of Wakefield DPW and served on the Advisory Board for the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority. Above all, Carol was a devoted wife and mother.

The beloved wife of Richard J.

Antonelli, the couple married in St. Clement Church and celebrated nearly 50 years together. She is the devoted mother of Kara Moreira and her husband Nick of Reading and the loving "Nanny" of Madison. Dear sister of James F. McKenna and his wife Andrea, Elena Powell and husband Edwin, Mary McKenna, Evelyn McKenna, Irene Thompson and her husband Richard, Gael Niles and her husband Paul and the late John J. McKenna, sister-in-law to the extended Antonelli families and a loving aunt to many nieces and nephews.

Carol and Rich enjoyed traveling together, time spent at the beaches of Aruba, Cape Cod – especially Brewster

and West Yarmouth. She loved shopping, keeping active and fit, and the many Girl's trips with Kara, her sisters and many dear friends over the years.

She bravely battled early onset dementia for many years, and Rich and Kara are grateful to the staff and aides of Atria at Maplewood for the love and care shown to her these last few years and the Arlington Visiting Nurses for their hospice care. Carol will be remembered by so many for her beauty, both inside and out.

Visiting Hours will be held in the George L. Doherty Funeral Home, 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.) Somerville on Wednesday, December 17th

from 4:00PM to 7:00PM. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated in St. Raphael Church, 512 High Street, Medford on Thursday, December 18th at 11:00AM, relatives and friends are asked to meet at church.

A Private burial will take place at Oak Grove Cemetery, Medford.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Carol's honor can be made to her beloved St. Raphael Parish, 512 High Street, Medford, MA 02155.



REPARATIVE JUSTICE FOR DESCENDANTS OF SLAVES (H 1696 and H 1753)

By Bob Katzen

The Judiciary Committee held a hearing on a measure (H 1696) that would establish a 15-member commission to study and develop proposals for reparative justice and other potential remedies to redress harm resulting from the institution of slavery

and systemic racism in the Bay State. The commission would produce a report documenting the effects of slavery and its legacy on the American Freedman class – which it defines as “descendants of formerly enslaved persons emancipated in the United States via the 13th Amendment in 1865 or earlier.”

“Rep Fluker-Reid filed the bill to address the long-standing social, political and economic disenfranchisement faced by American Freedmen,” said Camille Mula, a spokesperson for Fluker-Reid. “American Freedmen in Massachusetts on average face dramatically higher rates of incarceration,

extreme poverty, maternal mortality and other health disparities ... compared to other racial groups as well as other Black people who fall outside of the category of Freedmen.”

A similar bill (H 1753) that would also establish a special commission to study reparation, was also

on the committee’s agenda. Its sponsor, Rep. Russell Holmes (D-Boston), did not respond to repeated requests by Beacon Hill Roll Call asking him why he filed his version of the bill.

Letter from the Editor: Patsy's Pastry Building Being Developed After Years of Somerville Bureaucracy Tactics

Your thoughts?

After almost 10 years of local politics holding back development and bureaucracy it's official! Patsy's Pastry, the long abandoned building on Broadway, will be purchased again after the last owners were screwed by the city and now it will be converted into 100 percent affordable housing!

Any Somerville elected official that is all of a sudden pounding their chests out there (and there is one city councilman already pounded his chest on his Facebook page) regarding this should be ashamed of themselves because while they were in office this strong-arming

and decade long stalling took place and even more disturbing it was allowed ! Shame on the city counselor who could've put a stop to it and ended the criminal actions long ago but he chose not to!

At one point as city counselor he did say and I quote he called it “Systemic corruption here in Somerville” but he still chose not to do a thing about it!

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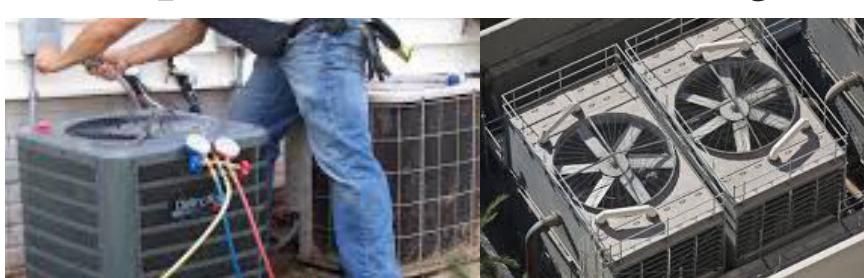


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By Medford Lion Sharon Deyeso

They are an always giving Club and caring Club. The menu was great and the chat!!! Brett Henry catered. We in Medford will have our meeting at Regina Pizza, Wellington, on Dec 22 at 6:30. May we join Somerville in sending MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL AND TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT!!

The Spirit gained in the Club fun comes from ALL of us joining a Charity... LIONS for Mass Eye Research, Diabetes, BU Eye Research, and disaster aid. Look for our famous eyeglass drop boxes, too. Heartful thanks to Roland Jewelry and BROOKLINE BANK for keeping boxes.

We urge people who can GIVE AN HOUR/mth. Mtg and INexpensive dues to join



MEDFORD VFW POST 1012 HAS A NEW COMMANDER

Congratulations to The Medford VFW on its new Installation of Commander Steve McLaughlin as he takes charge.

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If there is anything in particular you would like to see from us or if you need help preparing food at home for your families please reach out and we will do

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Community Invited to Somerville 2026 Inaugural Events

Inauguration Ceremony and Public Reception on Saturday, January 3
Organizational Meeting on Friday, January 2

SOMERVILLE — As Somerville embarks on the next legislative term, Mayor-Elect Jake Wilson, the Somerville City Council, and the Somerville School Committee invite the community to attend the 2026 Inaugural events.

Please join us for the Mayor's Inaugural Address, remarks by the Council President and School Committee Chair, music, spoken word, and civic pride followed by a reception to celebrate our community and the launch of the new term.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
Organizational Meeting of the City Council and School Committee, Friday, January 2, 10:30 a.m.
Inaugural Ceremony, Saturday, January, 3 6 -7:30 p.m.

Reception, Saturday, January 3, 7:30 -10:30 p.m.

Organizational Meeting, Friday, January 2
What: At this brief meeting of the City Council and School Committee, the City Council President and Vice President, as well as the School Committee Chair and Vice Chair, will be selected, and all members of both bodies will take the oath of office. The public is welcome.

Who: Friday, January 2, at 10:30 a.m. in the City Council Chambers in City Hall (93 Highland Ave).

Inaugural Ceremony at SHS Auditorium, Saturday, January 3
When & Where: Saturday, January 3, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., at the Somerville High School auditorium (81 Highland Ave.)

What: Hear Mayor Wilson's inaugural address as well as remarks by the City Council President, the School Committee Chairperson, and honored guest MBTA

Chairman and Interim Transportation Secretary Philip Eng. Emceed by Somerville resident and comedian Eugene Mirman, the program also features musical and spoken word performances, a Unity Invocation, and all electeds will publicly take the oath of office.

Who: The full community is invited to this free event.

What to wear? Festive dress is welcome, and you'll see everything from black tie to blue jeans with many people opting for semi-formal or cocktail attire. Bottom line, everyone is welcome.

Reception at the Armory Saturday, January 3

When & Where: Following the ceremony, the community is invited to a reception at the Somerville Armory (191 Highland Ave.) from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

What: Live band, dancing, and DJ as well as refreshments.

Who: The reception is open to all community members.

New! Kid & Teen Zone, Saturday, January 3
What: For the first time, the City's Parks & Recreation Department will host a Kid & Teen Zone for the inauguration to help families enjoy the events. Games, activities, pizza (including gluten-free), and light snacks for ages 5-16 will be offered near the main Reception area in rooms provided courtesy of the Somerville Arts Council's SomArt Space program.

Where: The Parks & Rec Kid & Teen Zone is on the second floor of the Armory (191 Highland Ave.).

Drop-Off & Activity Times: Open to families attending Saturday's inaugural events, youth drop-off and registration will be from 5 to 8:30 p.m., and activities will run from 5:30 to 10:30 p.m.

RSVP (Optional), Interpretation & Viewing

RSVP: RSVP welcome, but optional, for any and all events. Please RSVP to inauguration2026@somervillema.gov.

ASL & Interpretation: The ceremony will include

American Sign Language interpretation and live interpretation into Spanish and Portuguese. Interpretation into additional languages is available upon advance request by emailing languageaccess@somervillema.gov or calling 311 (617-666-3311) at least seven days in advance of the event.

Attend, Watch Live Online or on TV, or Later On-Demand: All inaugural events are free and open to the public. The Inaugural Ceremony will also be recorded. Watch live or view later on YouTube.com/SomervilleGovTV and on CityTV cable.

For more information including directions, parking, interpretation info, and more, please visit somervillema.gov/inauguration2026.

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APPENDIX A

THE COMMON-WEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

DIVISION OF BANKS

Brazil Starr, Inc., Somerville, Massachusetts has petitioned the Commissioner of Banks for permission to operate as a check casher at 29 Bow Street, Somerville, Massachusetts, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws chapter 169A. The Division of Banks is establishing a public comment period on this petition from Monday, December 15, 2025 through Monday, December 29, 2025. Any objections or comments concerning this proposal must be filed with the Division of Banks by Monday, December 29, 2025 via email to

Deputy Commissioner Aimee Desai at Aimee.Desai@mass.gov.

The petitioner's application and all communications relative to the

application are available for public inspection upon request.

Mary L. Gallagher Commissioner of Banks

APPENDIX B

THE COMMON-WEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

DIVISION OF BANKS

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The Division of Banks is establishing a public comment period on

this petition as follows:

Date: Monday, December 15, 2025 through

Monday, December 29, 2025

Any objections or comments relative to this proposal must be communicated in writing to the Commissioner of Banks, via email to Deputy Commissioner Aimee Desai at Aimee.

Desai@mass.gov no later than Monday, December 29, 2025. The petitioner's application

and all communications relative to this application will be available for public inspection at the Division of Banks.

Mary L. Gallagher Commissioner of Banks

THE TRAFFIC COM-MISSION, BY THE POWER VESTED IN IT THROUGH A SPECIAL ACT OF THE LEGISLA-TURE, CHAPTER 397 OF THE ACTS OF 1978, HEREBY AMENDS THE TRAFFIC REGU-LATIONS WITH THE ADDITION OF THE FOLLOWING:

2025-97 Article V Section 5-15 "Accessible Parking" is amended with the addition of the following locations: 17 Alpine Street, 149 Sycamore Street, 83 Pearson Ave, 6 Fountain Ave.

2025-98 Article V Section 5-10 "Safety Zones" is amended with the addition of the following location: Fire Lane, 16-18 Lincoln Parkway from the corner of Joseph Street in a westerly direction to the edge of the driveway.

2025-99 Article V Section 5-10 "Safety Zones" is amended with the addition of the following location: Fire Lane, on the odd side of Chandler Street from the corner of Park Ave in a northerly direction for 20 feet.

2025-100 Article V Section 5-10 "Safety Zones" is amended with the addition of the following location: Fire Lane, on the odd side of Park Ave from

the corner of Chandler Street in an easterly direction for 20 feet.

2025-101 Article V Section 5-10 "Safety Zones" is amended with the addition of the following location: Fire Lane, on the even side of Walnut Street from the corner of Jackson Road in a northerly direction for 20 feet.

2025-102 Article V Section 5-10 "Safety Zones" is amended with the addition of the following location: Fire Lane, on the even side of Walnut Street from the corner of Radcliffe Road in a northerly direction for 20 feet.

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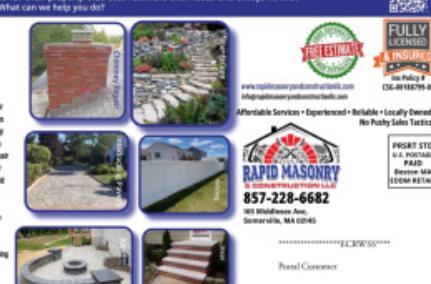
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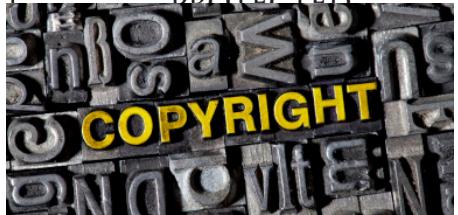
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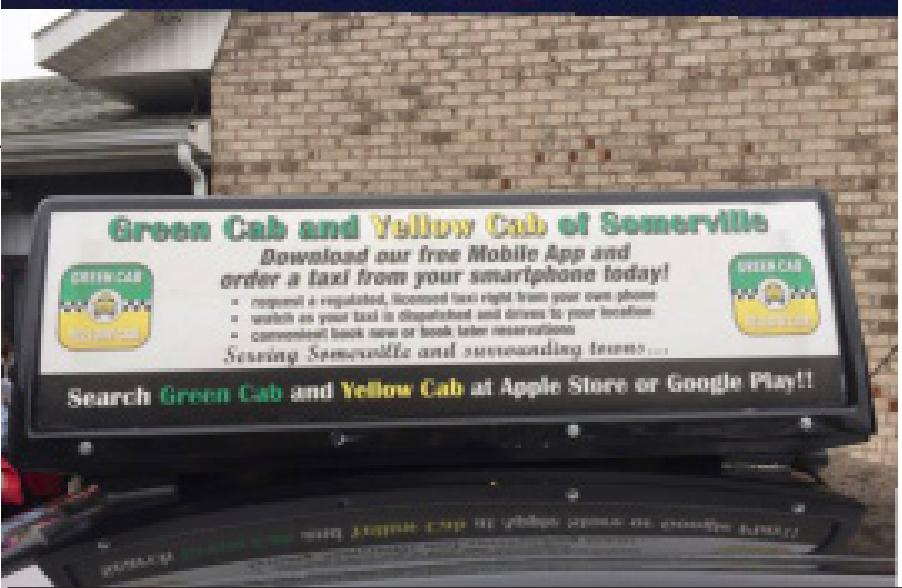
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Somerville Fire Department Promotions

Seven promotions for the Fire Department took place at the City Council meeting on Thursday, December 11. The promotions included one Deputy Chief, one District Chief, two Captains, and three Lieutenants.

The new officers are Deputy Chief Steven Mauras, District Chief Marc Ardolino, Captains Jay McKenzie and Andrew Patriquin, and Lieutenants Nicholas Halloran, Raymond Busi, and Ronald Hampton.

(Pictured from left: District Chief Marc Ardolino, Lt. Ronald Hampton, Lt. Raymond Busi, Capt. Jay McKenzie, Assistant Chief Sean Tierney, Mayor Katjana Ballantyne, Chief Charles Breen, Deputy Chief Steven Mauras, Lt. Nicholas Halloran, and Capt. Andrew Patriquin.)





BAN SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS ON DEATH CERTIFICATES (H 2383)

The House gave initial approval to a bill that would eliminate the current requirement that death certificates list the social security number of the deceased.

"The idea for this bill was brought to me by a constituent who read about this issue and expressed concern," said sponsor Rep. Rob Consalvo (D-Hyde Park). "Although death certificates are not publicly available to everyone, removing

social security numbers from them is a simple step the commonwealth can take to prevent any potential fraud."

Reps. Sean Garballey (D-Arlington) and Ken Gordon (D-Bedford) co-sponsored a similar bill that was also given initial approval by the House. Neither Garballey nor Gordon responded to repeated requests by Beacon Hill Roll Call asking them why they filed the bill and how they feel about its approval.

| DEATH CERTIFICATE MEDICAL CERTIFIER WORKSHEET | | | |
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| Please complete the information pertaining to the decedent as well as the cause of death information as this document will be used to create the legal death certificate. PLEASE PRINT NEATLY TO HELP WITH DATA ENTRY. | | | |
| DECEDENT'S NAME | FIRST | MIDDLE | LAST |
| John | | Joseph Smith | |
| DATE OF DEATH (Month/Day/Year) | 01/01/2014 | SEX | Male |
| PLACE OF DEATH - CITY/TOWN | Wellesley | DATE OF BIRTH (Month/Day/Year) | September 1, 1931 |
| MEDICAL RECORD NUMBER | | PLACE OF DEATH | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hospital Inpatient <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital ER/Outpatient <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital DOA <input type="checkbox"/> Decedent's Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Hospice Facility <input type="checkbox"/> Nursing Home/Long Term Care <input type="checkbox"/> Assisted Living Facility or Rest Home <input type="checkbox"/> Other | | | |
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| DEATH - CAUSE OF DEATH - ACCURATELY LIST MENTIONING THE PRIMARY CAUSE AND OTHER CAUSES (IN ORDER OF CAUSE) | | TIME OF DEATH | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Acute myocardial infarction <input type="checkbox"/> Atherosclerotic coronary artery disease | | Minutes Year | |

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 2025-87 Article V Section 5-15 "Accessible Parking" is amended with the addition of the following locations: 20 Fairfax St, 28 Hinckley St, 27 Pennsylvania Ave.
 2025-88 Article V Section 5-10 "Safety Zones" is amended with the addition of the following locations: Lake St extending 20 ft easterly from Olive Sq, Lake St extending 20 ft westerly from Olive Sq.
 2025-89 Article V Section 5-9.1 "Park-

ing Meter Locations and Regulations" is amended with the addition of the following: third and fourth meters on the east side of Newbury St at Holland St are restricted for use by actively charging electric vehicles only.
 2025-90 Article V Section 5-9.1 "Parking Meter Locations and Regulations" is amended with the addition of the following location: the first space on the east side of Josephine Ave at Broadway.
 2025-91 Article V Section 5-15 "Accessible Parking" is amended with the addition of the following location: first space on the west side of Josephine Ave at Broadway.
 2025-92 Article V Section 5-9.1 "Parking Meter Locations and Regulations" is amended with the addition of the following location: two

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 2025-93 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: two spaces at 139 Hudson St restricted for use by actively charging electric vehicles only, permit required, 3 hour limit, head in parking only.
 2025-94 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: two spaces opposite 63 Evergreen Ave restricted for use by actively charging electric vehicles only, permit required, 3 hour limit.
 2025-95 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: two spaces opposite 51 Munroe St restricted for use by actively charging electric vehicles only, 3 hour limit.

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 2025-96 Article V Section 5-9.1 "Parking Meter Locations and Regulations" is amended with the addition of the following: third and fourth meters on the east side of Stone Ave at Union Square are restricted for use by actively charging electric vehicles only.

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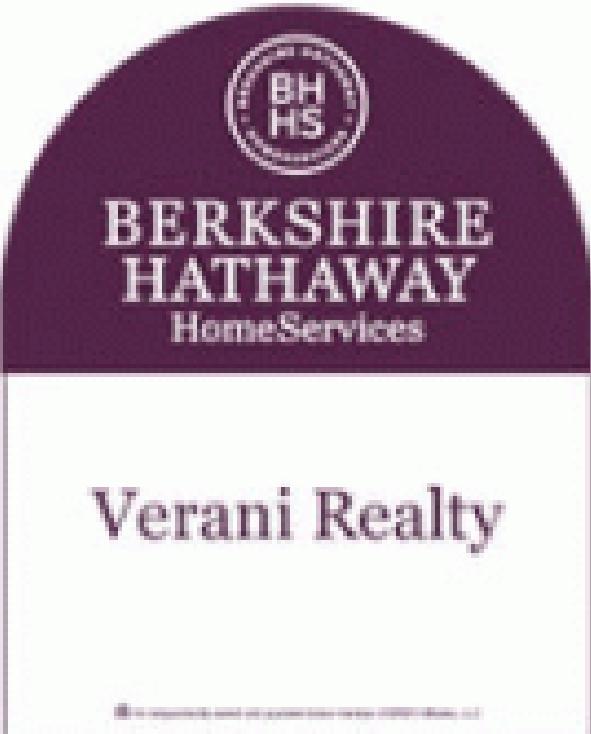
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Kiwanis Club of Somerville Annual Marine Corps, Toys for Tots luncheon and Toy Donations to CAAS Head Start Children

SOMERVILLE_ On Thursday, December 11th, Somerville Kiwanis Club members were joined by our good friends from the Somerville Rotary Club and Somerville Lions Club for our annual Toys For Tots luncheon meeting at the Burren Restaurant in Davis Square.

Two members of the Marine Corps joined us for this special tri-club meeting. Everyone attending brought unwrapped toys for donating to the United States Marine Corps, Toys For Tots program. In addition to more than two hundred fifty new, unwrapped toys, the Marines were presented with a donation to Toys for Tots of \$2500.00 from Middlesex Federal Savings Bank which was presented by Vice President Adam Portney who is also a Somerville Kiwanis member. The Toys for Tots drive is in addition to more than 200 toys that were delivered to the Community Action Agency of Somerville (CAAS) Head Start program for children of low income families.

Our meeting began with as always with the pledge of allegiance and opening prayer, followed by a wonderful lunch and a brief thank you message from Gunnery

Sergeant Miguel Guzman.

We also held our first Lucky K drawing of this administrative year, which raises funds for our annual scholarship program. Program Chair Past President Charlie Ball thanked everyone for their support of the Lucky K program, especially Past President and Distinguished Secretary Emeritus Bob Nissenbaum, who every year sells more than 150 tickets in support of this program.

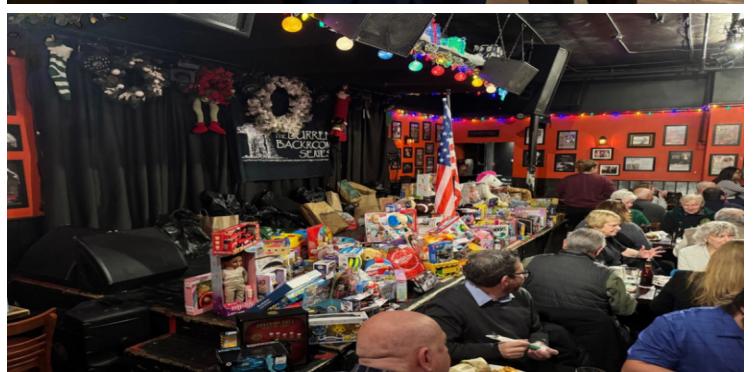
At the end of the meeting, the members loaded the Marine's van with all of the donated toys which will make Christmas a little happier for children in need in our area. President Tom Austin and Co-President Dawn Austin thanked the Kiwanis members and our Lions and Rotary Club friends for their support and special thanks to today's Marine guests, Sergeant Ulises Tapia and Gunnery Sergeant Miguel Guzman, who are both active-duty Marines. Also, very special thanks to Program Chairman Distinguished Past President Jay Lynch for another successful toy drive. DPP Jay has coordinated the Toys for Tots effort since 1993.

The Kiwanis Club of Somerville is celebrating its 100th year of community service. From the very beginning, service to underprivileged children and children in need of assistance became a core mission of the Kiwanis Club of Somerville. The first Christmas of the club's existence was marked by a special party and toys for these children in need. The tradition of providing for children at the Christmas holiday season continues to be carried on annually to this day with the club assisting the children served by the Toys for Tots and Head Start programs.

Pictured: Program Chairman James Lynch, Marine Corps members Sergeant Ulises Tapia and Gunnery Sergeant Miguel Guzman and Kiwanis member Adam Portney.

Pictured: An assortment of the more than 250 toys donated by members of the three service clubs to the Toys for Tots Program.

Photos: Somerville Kiwanis Club





Medford VFW #1012 Karaoke Night

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AGENT ORANGE (H 4688 and H 4691)

By Bob Katzen

The Committee on Transportation held a hearing on legislation that would create a special Agent Orange license plate that would be made available, at no cost, to car owners who served in Vietnam and have suffered from exposure to Agent Orange. The plate would bear the Orange Star distinctive emblem that identifies Vietnam veterans exposed to the agent.

guerrillas of food and cover for their activities. Supporters noted that at the same time, this exposed 2.6 million American soldiers to the herbicide and defoliant chemical, which causes a number of serious illnesses, including leukemia, lymphoma, myeloma, ischemic heart disease, soft tissue sarcoma, amyloidosis, diabetes and cancers of the throat, prostate, lung and colon.

Pease said he co-sponsored these two bills to recognize the lasting sacrifices made by Vietnam War veterans and their families. "These bills ensure continued awareness of the health impacts of Agent Orange exposure while paying tribute to the courage and service of those who endured it. It's important that Massachusetts never forgets the cost of their service and continues to support those still living with its consequences."

Meanwhile, the Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight held a hearing on legislation that would establish August 10th as Agent Orange Awareness Day.

Both bills were co-sponsored by Reps. Jim Hawkins (D-Attleboro) and Kelly Pease (R-Westfield).

Supporters said that Agent Orange was widely used in Vietnam by the United States Armed Forces as part of the herbicidal warfare program, Operation Ranch Hand, from 1961 until 1971. They noted that nearly 20 million gallons of the orange powder were sprayed over the land from helicopters or low-flying aircraft, destroying vegetation and crops to deprive enemy

"We filed [those bills] since there are still so many Vietnam veterans around who are still suffering from the severe health consequences of exposure to Agent Orange and to honor their service and sacrifice," said Hawkins.

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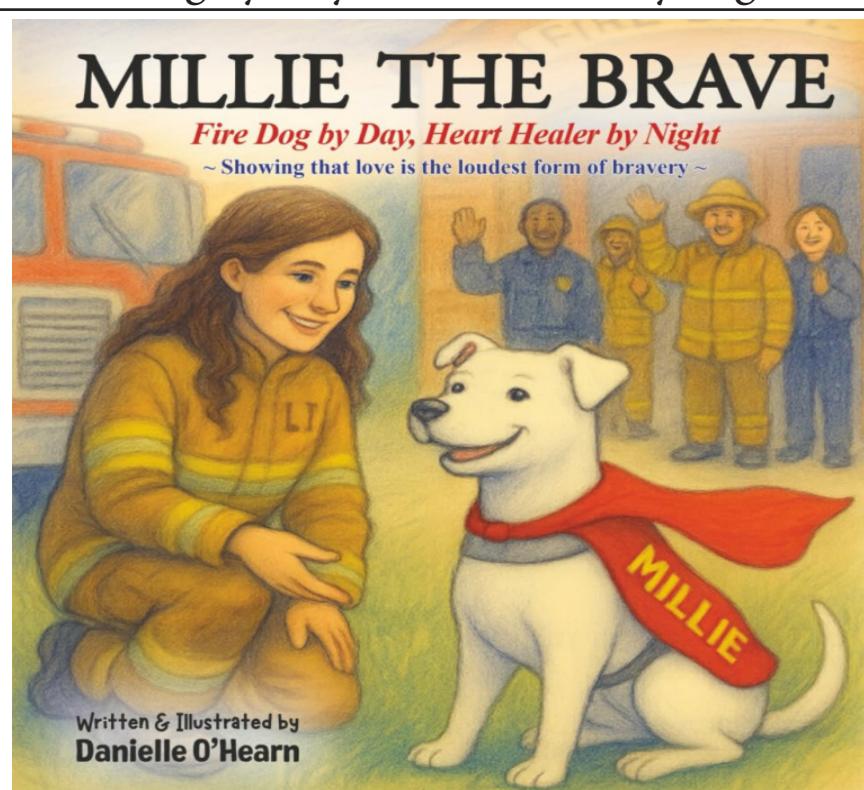
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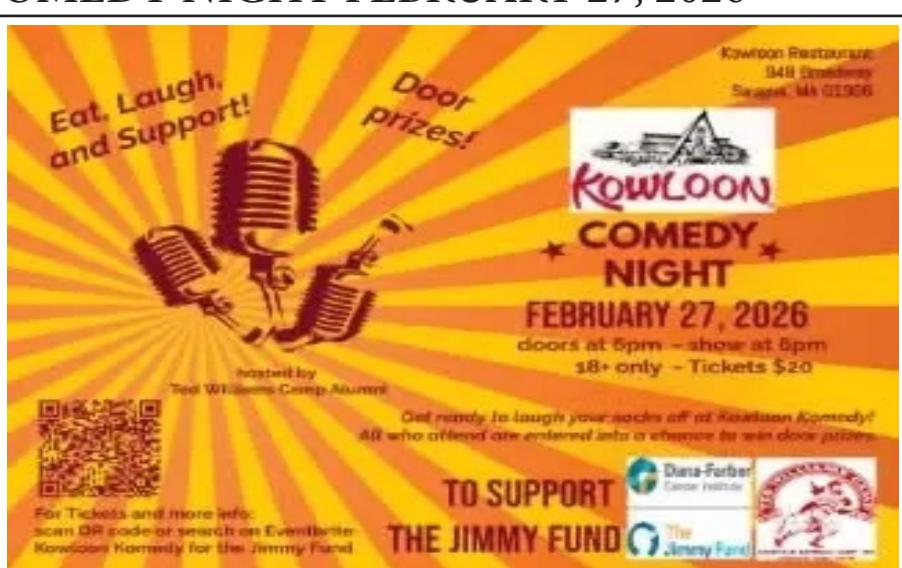
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“Across the country, communities are gearing up to celebrate Small Business Saturday this week. In Somerville, we know the goal is not just to shop locally one day a year, but all 365 days of the year,” said Mayor Ballantyne. “If you're heading out anyway, let's keep it local and shop, dine, go out, and seek services from the local and small businesses that help keep our city vibrant and a great place to live.”

[Loyal to Local Website and Calendar](#)

Opportunities to stay loyal to local businesses abound in Somerville. This winter, residents looking to discover new places to shop, dine, catch a show, or seek a service can visit [somervillema.gov/loyal2local](#) for updates and events (a few are up now, more to come!).

In December, the City will also publish a “Ways to Stay Loyal to Local” calendar, available online and at community locations throughout the season. The resources will share how residents can help Somerville's businesses and keep their dollars in the community, whether by exploring neighborhood shops, attending local holiday markets, dining at independent restaurants, seeking local services, or sharing favorite businesses with friends and neighbors.

[Upcoming Events](#)

There are great local business events to kick off the holiday shopping season in Somerville. This is just a sampling. More to come on the Loyal 2 Local Calendar including local artist markets too.

Small Business Saturday at Bow, Saturday, 11/29: Head to Bow Market from 11a.m.- 6 p.m. you'll find retail, food & drink specials, the annual maker market & “shop small win big” prize challenges. More at [http://www.bowmarketsomerville.com](#) Davis Square Holiday, Saturday 12/6: Shop, dine, and chill out all day and eve amid holiday lights and enjoy holiday specials, sales, giveaways, a raffle, and more throughout the Square as Davis Square merchants host the first ever Davis Square Holiday. Eat Out in East, every Wednesday: Each Wednesday, 4-8 p.m. (or really anytime) East Somerville Main Streets invites folks to Eat Out on East (East Broadway that is). Gift cards to local eateries and bakeries can make great holiday gifts too. More at [eastsomervillemainstreets.org/eatoutineast](#).

Union Square Jingle, Sunday 12/7: Head to Union Square from 1 to 6 p.m., shop, sip, follow the Festivus Trail, enjoy window displays and holiday lights, pose with crazy inflatables, vie for prizes, take Elfie Selfies, and more. More at [unionsquare-main.org/events](#)

“Somerville's small businesses are the heart of our neighborhoods,” said Mayor Katjana Ballantyne. “When you shop small, you're investing in community jobs, supporting local families, and strengthening the places that make Somerville feel like home.”

The Loyal to Local campaign, led by the City's Economic Development and Communications teams aims to uplift the small businesses that fuel Somerville's economy, preserve its unique character, and keep its commercial districts vibrant year-round.

Somerville/Medford News Weekly Speakup Line: Unpopular Opinion: The Somerville Homeless Coalition is ineffective. We are spending millions to watch the crisis get worse.

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

I know this sub loves to defend the SHC, but can we look at the actual results for a second?

I checked their nonprofit filings on ProPublica and they're pulling

in over \$8.4 million in revenue now. That is a massive jump from a few years ago. But if you walk through Davis Square today versus 2020, does it look like we're getting an \$8 million return on investment?

The actual data is bad. Boston Indicators showed homelessness in

the area is up like 67% year over year. Meanwhile, the SHC has been running things for 40 years and their own impact reports just brag about “bags of groceries distributed” or “engagement visits.” Those are maintenance stats, not solutions.

We're basically funding a con-

tainment strategy that keeps people on the street comfortably enough to stay there.

If a company burned this much cash with these results, they'd be dissolved. We need to stop blindly donating and ask where the money is actually going, because it's clearly not fixing the

problem.

“On Air with Billy Tauro” Please Like and Follow Us On Facebook for more cool and exciting news updates and events! <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100057320933117>

SAFETY OF CANDIDATES (S 2742)

By Bob Katzen

The Election Laws Committee held a hearing on legislation designed to enhance the safety and security of candidates for public office by removing home addresses from ballots, nomination papers and other materials.

The measure also would protect from disclosure of personal contact information maintained by government entities on elected officials, judges, judicial officers, law enforcement personnel, public prosecutors, public defenders and state licensed professionals whose work subjects them

to an elevated safety risk.

Supporters said that Massachusetts is the only state in the nation that unnecessarily puts people at risk by requiring candidates to put their street addresses on nomination papers and ballots.

“Amid harassment, intimidation, assault and cold-blooded murder of elected officials and their families, as well as health care professionals, law enforcement officers and others, we must do everything we possibly can to protect our existing public servants and make it safe

for anyone to run for and serve in office,” said sponsor Sen. Becca Rausch (D-Needham). “Notably, this is not a partisan issue, as figures spanning the political spectrum have faced terrible violence.”

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Community Invited to Somerville 2026 Inaugural Events

Inauguration Ceremony and Public Reception on Saturday, January 3
Organizational Meeting on Friday, January 2

SOMERVILLE — As Somerville embarks on the next legislative term, Mayor-Elect Jake Wilson, the Somerville City Council, and the Somerville School Committee invite the community to attend the 2026 Inaugural events.

Please join us for the Mayor's Inaugural Address, remarks by the Council President and School Committee Chair, music, spoken word, and civic pride followed by a reception to celebrate our community and the launch of the new term.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
Organizational Meeting of the City Council and School Committee, Friday, January 2, 10:30 a.m.

Inaugural Ceremony, Saturday, January, 3

6 -7:30 p.m.

Reception, Saturday, January 3, 7:30 -10:30 p.m.

Organizational Meeting, Friday, January 2
What: At this brief meeting of the City Council and School Committee, the City Council President and Vice President, as well as the School Committee Chair and Vice Chair, will be selected, and all members of both bodies will take the oath of office. The public is welcome.

When: Friday, January 2, at 10:30 a.m. in the City Council Chambers in City Hall (93 Highland Ave.).

Inaugural Ceremony at SHS Auditorium, Saturday, January 3
When & Where: Saturday, January 3, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., at the Somerville High School auditorium (81 Highland Ave.)

What: Hear Mayor Wilson's inaugural address as well as remarks by the City Council President, the School Committee Chairperson, and honored guest MBTA Chairman and Interim Transportation Secretary Philip Eng. Emceed by Somerville resident and comedian Eugene Mirman, the program also features musical and spoken word performances, a Unity

Invocation, and all electeds will publicly take the oath of office.

Who: The full community is invited to this free event.

What to wear? Festive dress is welcome, and you'll see everything from black tie to blue jeans with many people opting for semi-formal or cocktail attire. Bottom line, everyone is welcome.

Reception at the Armory Saturday, January 3

When & Where: Following the ceremony, the community is invited to a reception at the Somerville Armory (191 Highland Ave.) from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

What: Live band, dancing, and DJ as well as refreshments.

Who: The reception is open to all community members.

New! Kid & Teen Zone, Saturday, January 3

What: For the first time, the City's Parks & Recreation Department will host a Kid & Teen Zone for the inauguration to help families enjoy the events. Games, activi-

ties, pizza (including gluten-free), and light snacks for ages 5-16 will be offered near the main Reception area in rooms provided courtesy of the Somerville Arts Council's SomArt Space program.

Where: The Parks & Rec Kid & Teen Zone is on the second floor of the Armory (191 Highland Ave.).

Drop-Off & Activity Times: Open to families attending Saturday's inaugural events, youth drop-off and registration will be from 5 to 8:30 p.m., and activities will run from 5:30 to 10:30 p.m.

RSVP (Optional), Interpretation & Viewing

RSVP: RSVP welcome, but optional, for any and all events. Please RSVP to inauguration2026@somervillema.gov.

ASL & Interpretation: The ceremony will include American Sign Language interpretation and live interpretation into Spanish and Portuguese. Interpretation into additional languages is available upon advance request by emailing languageaccess@somervillema.gov or calling 311 (617-666-3311) at least seven days in

advance of the event.

Attend, Watch Live Online or on TV, or Later On-Demand: All inaugural events are free and open to the public. The Inaugural Ceremony will also be recorded. Watch live or view later on YouTube.com/ SomervilleGovTV and on CityTV cable.

For more information including directions, parking, interpretation info, and more, please visit somervillema.gov/ inauguration2026.

Somerville/Medford Remembering Keith A. Cotreau



Obituary

Keith A. Cotreau – Of Haverhill, passed away on Wednesday, December 3, 2025. He was 61 years old.

Born in Boston and raised in Somerville, he was the

beloved son of Carl Cotreau and the late Barbara (Walsh) Cotreau who passed away in 2024. Keith was a skilled electrician and enjoyed his beloved pet cat.

Devoted father of Chris-

topher Cotreau of Haverhill. Cherished son of Carl Cotreau and the late Barbara (Walsh) Cotreau. Brother of Ken Cotreau and his wife Kim and the late Kevin Cotreau and his surviving wife Laura. Uncle of Ben and

Patric.

Keith was laid to rest privately at Puritan Lawn Cemetery, Peabody.

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ALLOW MBTA RIDERS TO PAY ONSITE FOR PARKING WITHOUT A MOBILE PHONE (H 3664)



The House gave initial approval to a proposal that would establish an 18-month pilot program requiring that three MBTA parking lots install automated payment machines that allow customers to make in-person payment for daily parking fees by cash or credit card, without the use of a mobile telephone or any other portable electronic device. The MBTA would file a report on the efficacy of the program.

The proposal was given initial approval

by the House in 2020 but died when the House let it sit in a committee for ten months.

Supporters say that people who don't use a mobile phone or other portable electronic device are billed for parking at MBTA lots through the mail at a higher rate than riders who use the app. They argue this is unfair to those without the means to purchase a mobile phone or who have trouble using their phone.

Rep. Bill Galvin (D-Canton), the sponsor of the legislation, did not respond to repeated requests by Beacon Hill Roll Call asking him why he filed the bill and if he expects the bill to receive additional approval in the House and then approval in the Senate.

Opponents of the bill say the measure is unnecessary because drivers can already currently pay the fee with a landline phone at the same rate that mobile phone users pay.

Somerville/Medford Remembering Christine E. (Fleming) Martino



Christine E. (Fleming) Martino, age 78, a former longtime resident of Tewksbury, passed away peacefully in the care of her loving family on Sunday, December 7, 2025. She was the beloved wife of the late John R. Martino, to whom she was wed for forty-two years.

Born in Cambridge, MA December 21, 1946, she was a loving daughter of the late Edward and Eva (DeAngelis) Fleming.

Chris grew up in Somerville and was a 1964 and first graduating class of Arlington Catholic High School. She continued her studies, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics from

Boston State College.

Prior to retiring, Mrs. Martino taught junior and high school math for Dracut Public Schools and also served as a former National Level Gymnastics Judge for both high school and USA levels. She treasured the times spent with her adoring family and also enjoyed reading and baking.

She was the devoted mother of Stephanie Schwartz and her husband Brian of Mansfield, with whom she made her home and Matthew T. Martino of Somerville. She was the cherished grandmother of Aden Schwartz of Mansfield and Trevor Schwartz of

Mansfield. She was the dear sister of Robert Fleming and his wife Arlene of Weymouth and Joseph Fleming of Maine. She is also survived by her many loving nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are cordially invited to attend visiting hours on Saturday, December 13th from 12:00-2:00 P.M. at the Sherman & Jackson Funeral Home, 55 North Main Street, Mansfield.

A service to celebrate her life will be held at the conclusion of visiting hours on Saturday at 2:00 P.M. at the Sherman & Jackson Funeral Home. Burial will be private.

Shivah will be held on both Friday, December 12th from 1:00-5:00 P.M. and Saturday December 13th from 5:00-9:00 P.M. at the home of Christine's daughter Stephanie Schwartz and son-in-law Brian Schwartz in Mansfield.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Christine's memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959.

To send her family a message of condolence, please visit <http://www.shermanjackson.com>

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homeless and less fortunate. A "Somerville Blessing Boxes" Facebook page has been established to 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

➤ Blessing Backpack Checklist ◀

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- Smart wool socks
- Gloves
- Scarf

TOILETRIES:

- Multi-purpose wipes
- Chapstick
- Facial wipes
- Moisturizer
- Comb
- Toothbrush & tooth paste
- Grooming kit

SURVIVAL:

- First aid kit
- Water bottle with built in filter
- Heat-pack
- Multi-purpose tool

TREATS:

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- Fruit snacks
- Cookie snack packs
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Local Creatives Encouraged to Apply for Open Space at the Somerville Armory

Mayor Katjana Ballantyne is announcing that the City is now accepting Requests for Proposals (RFPs) from arts and creative enterprises interested

in leasing space at the City-owned Armory at 191 Highland Ave.

This marks the next major step following the release

of the Armory Master Plan, which outlines the community's vision for a vibrant, public arts center for years to come.

The RFP will remain open for three months. Full details on eligibility, available spaces, lease terms, evaluation criteria, and how to submit a proposal

are available online. Learn more.

SCHOOLS MUST PROVIDE TYPE 1 DIABETES INFORMATION TO PARENTS (H 586)

By Bob Katzen

The Public Health Committee held a hearing on a bill that would require the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), in coordination with the Department of Public Health, to develop Type 1 diabetes informational materials for the parents and guardians of public school pupils when the student is first enrolled in elementary school and again upon his or her entry into 6th grade.

The materials would be required to undergo periodic updates as necessary and be made available to each school district, county office of education and charter school through the DESE's website. Schools would be required to provide the information to parents and guardians by January 1, 2026.

The materials would be required to include a description of Type 1 diabetes; a description of the risk factors and warning signs

associated with Type 1 diabetes; a recommendation regarding those students displaying warning signs associated with Type 1 diabetes that the parents or guardians of those students should immediately consult with the student's primary care provider to determine if immediate screening for Type 1 diabetes is appropriate; and a recommendation that, following a Type 1 diagnosis, parents or guardians should consult with the student's primary care provider to develop an appropriate

treatment plan, which may include consultation with and examination by a specialty care provider, including a properly qualified endocrinologist.

Supporters say that the bill would help identify students with Type 1 diabetes earlier and begin early and appropriate treatment for this disease that affects so many children.

Rep. Jessica Giannino (D-Revere), the sponsor of the legisla-

tion, did not respond to repeated requests by Beacon Hill Roll Call asking her why she filed the bill and why she thinks it is important for the Legislature to approve the measure.

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Community Invited to Somerville 2025 Holiday Celebrations



Annual Christmas tree (12/4) and menorah (12/15) lightings; Grand Union Flag Raising (1/1); Join in or embark on a self-guided Illuminations tour, and... Don't forget the annual Holiday Gift Drive

SOMERVILLE—'Tis the season for community cheer. Mayor Katjana Ballantyne and the Somerville Arts Council (SAC)

invite the Somerville community to join in the City's 2025 holiday celebrations. Once again, the City Hall concourse will be aglow with festive Christmas tree and menorah lighting events that will include snacks, refreshments, entertainment, and gifts for children.

Community members are also invited to experience sparkling holiday displays created by their neighbors when they embark on a self-guided Illuminations tour. Start the year off with the annual Grand Union Flag Raising on New Years Day. Gift donations are also welcome for the City's annual support of local Holiday Gift Drives. More details about each event and opportunity are below.

Christmas Tree Lighting
Date: Thursday, December 4,

2025 (Rain date: December 9)
Start Time: 5 p.m.
Location: City Hall Concourse (93 Highland Ave.)
Activities: Music, treats, Christmas tree lighting, children's gifts, and Santa's grand entrance on a shiny red fire truck followed by visits and photos with Santa.

Menorah Lighting
Date: Monday, December 15, 2025 (Rain date: December 16)
Start Time: 6 p.m.
Location: City Hall Concourse (93 Highland Ave.)
Activities: Music, words, treats, Menorah lighting, and gifts for children.

Holiday Gift Drives
Each December, the City celebrates the season of giving by supporting local holiday gift drives. Check back soon on the City website (somervillema.

gov/news) or sign up for the City e-newsletter at <http://www.somervillema.gov/subscribe> for coming details on how you can contribute.

Illuminations Tour
Dates: December 12, 2025-January 12, 2026

o Showcase your creativity and add your home or business to the online Illuminations map by Thursday, December 11 (somervillearts council.org/illuminations-submit-a-listing)

o Take a self-guided tour using the published map starting Friday, December 12
o Join the Illuminations bike tour on Sunday, December 13 (rain date: December 14) at 5:45 p.m. Meet in front of City Hall (93 Highland Ave.)
Visit somervillearts council.org/events/illuminations2025 to access the map and for more

information.

Grand Union Flag Raising
Each year on New Year's Day, the City's annual Grand Union Flag Raising at Prospect Hill commemorates the raising of the nation's first official flag by George Washington and his troops during the American Revolution. Watch for more details to come, but mark your calendar now for this event that connects us to our local and national history.

For more information on the City's holiday events, please call 311 (617-666-3311 from outside the City). For more information on the SAC Illuminations Tour, please contact 311 or email Iaritza Menjivar at imenjivar@somervillema.gov.

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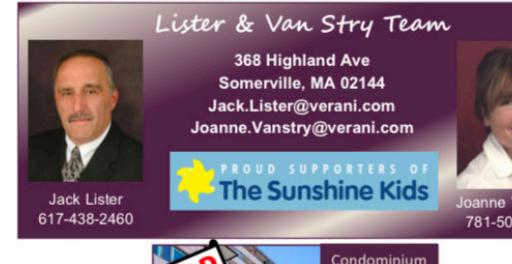
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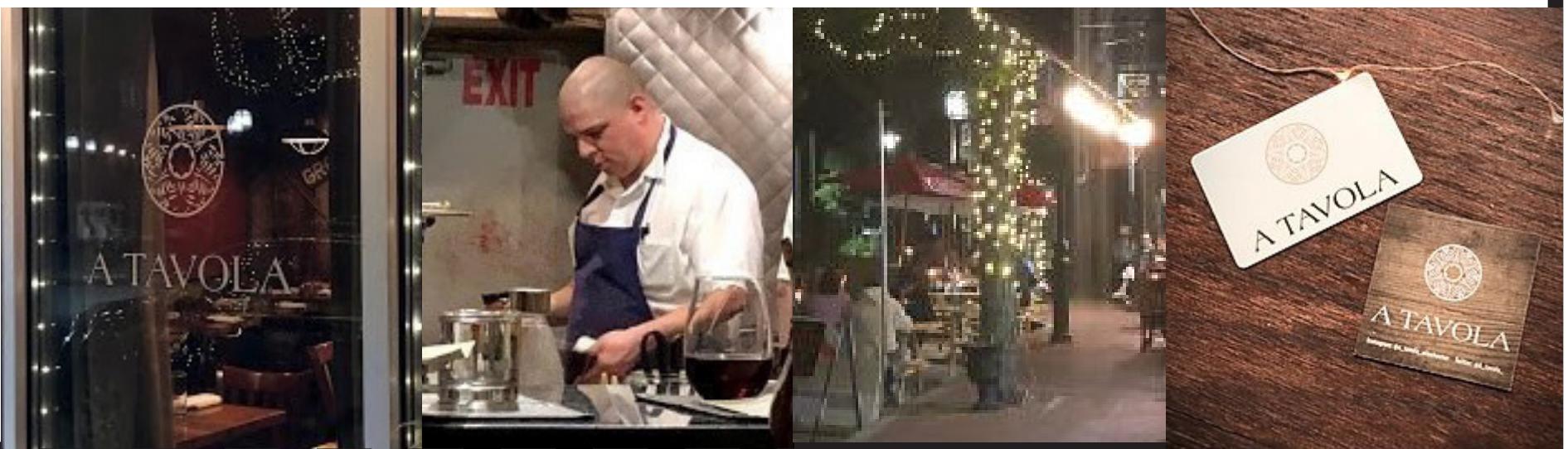
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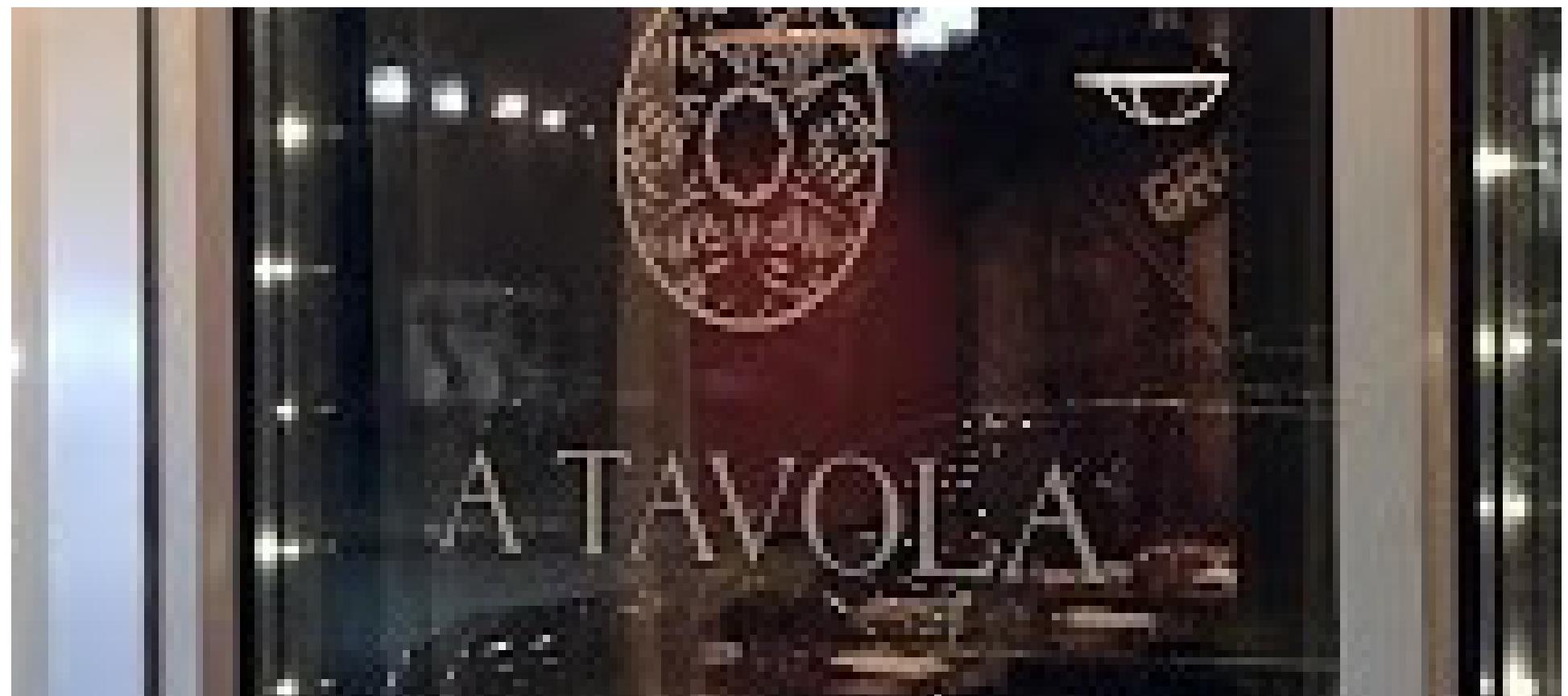
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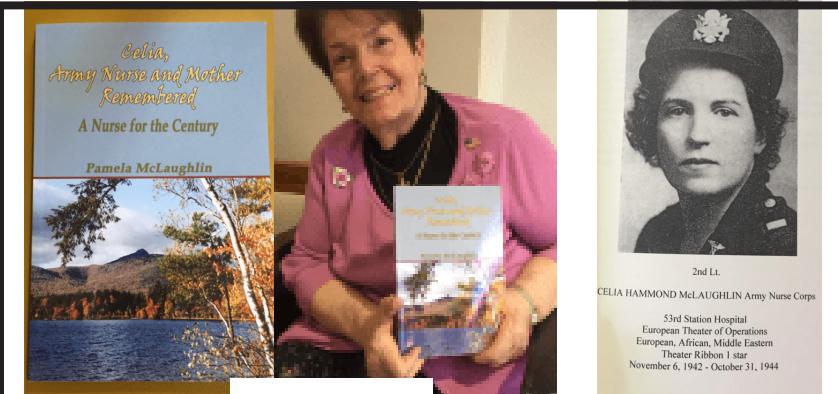
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