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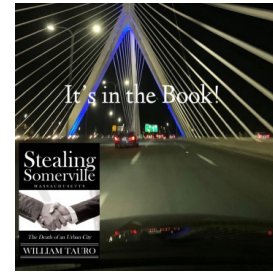
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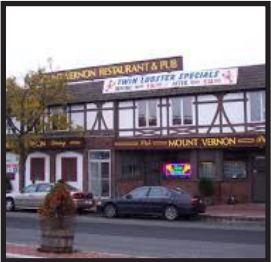


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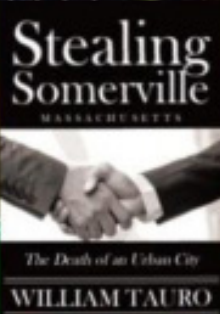
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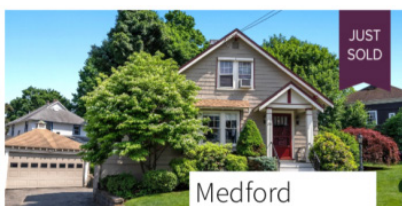
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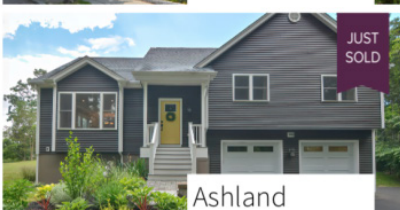
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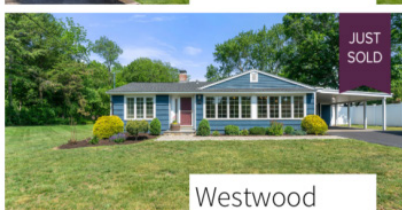
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Somerville/Medford Remembering Stewart Anderson



Obituary
Stewart Anderson – Of Medford, formerly of Somerville, passed away on Wednesday, November 26, 2025. He was 94 years old.

Born in Cambridge, he was the son of the late Roy H. and Eva M. (Sullivan) Anderson.

Stewart enjoyed spending time outdoors, whether he was hunting, fishing, or golfing. Being in nature brought him a deep sense of peace and comfort, and he loved feeling connected to the world around him. He also enjoyed traveling to Florida, where the warm weather and beautiful golf courses were among his favorite things. Stewart also enjoyed spending time in Maine and New Hampshire admiring the beauty of the nature around him.

Above all, Stewart cherished time with his family. Whether it was a simple dinner out together or quiet, meaningful moments at home, he treasured every opportunity to share in their company.

Beloved husband of the late Joanne (Rego) Anderson. Devoted father of Glen Anderson and his wife Sandra of Stoneham, Debra McEvoy and her husband Robert of Medford. Cherished grandfather of Robert McEvoy, Ryan McEvoy, Kristin Jenkins, and Nicole Anderson. Loving great-grandfather of Vivienne and Eloise. Dear brother of the

late Warren Anderson, William Anderson, Raymond Anderson, Grace Zaccardi, George Anderson and Donald Anderson. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

A funeral procession will be held from the George L. Doherty Funeral Home 855 Broadway (Powder House SQ.) on Monday, December 8th at 10:30AM. Followed by a graveside service at Oak Grove Cemetery, Medford at 11:30AM.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

Calling hours will be held on Sunday, December 7th from 2:00PM to 4:00PM.

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

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made in Stewart’s name to Mass General Development Office 125 Nashua Street, Suite 540 Boston, MA 02114-1101

Somerville/Medford Remembering Barbara M. (Braudette) Lacey



Obituary
Barbara M. (Braudette) Lacey – Of Somerville, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on Friday, November 28, 2025. She was 83 years old.

Born in Boston, she was the daughter of the late Joseph L. and Marion A. (Whitter) Braudette. Barbara was known for her warm, social spirit; truly a social butterfly. She cherished gathering with friends over a cup of coffee, and if there was a social event happening, Barbara was sure to be there, greeting everyone with her radiant smile.

Family was at the center of her life. She adored her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, and treasured every moment spent with them. Barbara also enjoyed simple pleasures, whether it was a lively game of bingo or settling in

to watch wrestling.

Barbara’s infectious smile, joyful laughter, and loving presence will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Cherished wife of the late Francis A. Lacey, Jr. Beloved mother of Treasa Sartell of Las Vegas, Sandy Lacey of Manfield, Lisa Lacey of Florida, Sheila Reardon of NH and the late Francis A. Lacey, III. Cherished grandmother of David, Zachary, Sean, Jay, Sarah, Jacob, Dj, Matthew, and Megan. Loving great-grandmother of Sj, Bailey, Thomas, Tanner, Chloe, Hannah, Gemma,

Avery, Willow, Lyla, Camdon and 4 on the way. Dear sister of Rita Beaudette of Somerville and the late Sandy Hamilton and Jane Manning. Also lovingly survived by many loving nieces, nephews and friends.

Calling Hours will be held in the George L. Doherty Funeral Home 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.) on Wednesday, December 3rd from 9:00AM to 11:00AM. Followed by a funeral mass celebrated in St. Catherine Church, 179 Summer St., at 11:30AM.

Relatives and friends are invited to

attend.

Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made in Barbara’s name to The Home for the Little Wanderers, 72 E. Dedham St. Boston, MA 02118

Somerville/Medford Remembering Elidia P. Sousa



Elidia P. Sousa – Of Cambridge, passed away peacefully at home on Wednesday, November 26.

She was 95 years old. Born and raised in Ribeira Grande, São Miguel, Azores, she was the daughter of the late Manuel Pedro and Maria (dos Anjos Ponte) de Sousa. Elidia was a hardworking woman who always made sure her family was cared for. She loved being a mother, and especially a grandmother, roles she cherished deeply and fulfilled with great devotion. Time spent with her family brought her immeasur-

able joy.

Elidia also enjoyed the simple pleasure of doing word searches, a pastime that brought her calm and contentment. A deeply religious woman, she was devoted to her faith and her beloved parish, St. Anthony’s in Somerville. She was a proud member of the choir and an active participant in the parish prayer group. Through her involvement, she formed many

close and lasting bonds, considering her parish community an extension of her family.

Elidia will be remembered for her unwavering love, her faith, and her generous spirit. Her legacy lives on in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

Beloved mother of the late Celina Hanson and her surviving husband Mark of NH, and the late Carlos Pombeiro and

his surviving wife Latisha of Medford. Cherished and loving grandmother of Shaina Licker of Tewksbury. Dear sister of Mariana Costa of Medford and the late Lina Giesta, and Jose Sousa. Also lovingly survived by her bonus daughter Liz Caetano and many loving nieces, nephews and extended family members.

Somerville/Medford Remembering Emile Joseph



Obituary
It is with profound sadness that the family of Emile Joseph announces his passing on November 23, 2025, at the age of 78. Born on April 20, 1947, in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Emile lived a life marked by unwavering faith, dignity, devotion, and service to both his family and community.

Emile was the cherished son of Ycarise Jean and Emmanuel Joseph. From a young age, he exemplified strong values, deep compassion, and a generous spirit—qualities he carried throughout his life. He was united in marriage to his beloved wife, Marie Joseph, with whom he shared 45 years of love, partnership, and dedication.

After immigrating to the United States, Emile began a long and respected career at Harvard University, where he was known for his strong work ethic, dependability, and commitment. Beyond his professional life, he possessed a special gift for sewing and tailoring, generously offering his skills to help family, friends, and anyone in need. A devout servant of God, Emile was a faithful and active member of his church, giving his time and heart to the ministry and community he

dearly loved.

Emile leaves this earth his devoted wife, Marie Joseph, and his beloved children:

Bobby Joseph, Frantz Joseph, Gregory Joseph, Dumy Joseph, Emilson Joseph, and Daryl Joseph. He leaves behind his daughter-in-law, Nagatha Joseph. He is also survived by his precious grandchildren, who brought him immeasurable joy: Ayanna Joseph, Nyimma Joseph, Hezekiah Joseph, Aaliyah Joseph, and Kamren Joseph. He also leaves behind his beloved great-grandchild: Josiah Chery.

Emile is survived by his sister, Mathilde Aimé and brother, Monterval Joseph, and is preceded in death by Saint-Armand Pierre, and Mathieu Joseph. He also leaves behind a host of nieces and nephews who loved

him dearly, including: Wilter Joseph, Lourdia Joseph, Emmanuel Joseph, Christina Joseph, Jonette Joseph, Mackendy Joseph, Jean Robens Sanon, Frantzo Aimé and Maryse Pierre.

Emile will always be remembered for his warm humor, outgoing nature, and the joy he brought into every room. He was loving, supportive, steadfast, and deeply devoted to his role as a husband, father, grandfather, and brother. His firm yet caring guidance shaped the lives of those around him, and his presence will be profoundly missed. Emile Joseph’s legacy of love, faith, humility, and service will continue to live on in the hearts of all who had the privilege of knowing him. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

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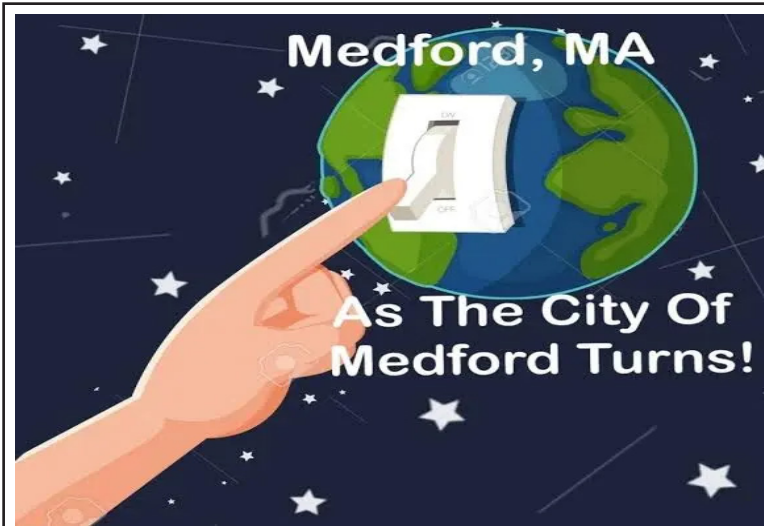
The family extends their deepest gratitude to Dumy Joseph for the exceptional care, dedication, and compassion he provided throughout Emile’s illness. His unwavering commitment—accompanying Emile to every medical appointment, ensuring his comfort, and offering steadfast support—was a true demonstration of love, honor, and devotion. The family will forever remain grateful for his selfless service during Emile’s final journey.

Funeral Services will begin on Saturday, December 6, 2025 with visitation in the Holy Bible Baptist Church, 64 College Ave, Somerville from 8:00AM – 9:00AM with a Funeral Service to follow at 9:00AM. Relatives and friends invited to attend.

Services will conclude with burial at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.



AS MEDFORD TURNS: CALL THE PIED PIPER TO MEDFORD



First, I cannot imagine a city would approve a Charter with a Mayor run that could be 16v years legally!!! Do not think we could want the same teacher, good or bad, sixteen

years! Shows the New mental-ity of the City. Set aside, let us look back on some additions here for our TAX \$\$ or Grants during the past four-five years. Yes,— and _____/ A new

walking path...cheerio for the walkers and bikers...but nice scenically and socially.

But, most traffic is either by car or bus or foot here. How about seeing the number of fall cases due to bad roads, sidewalks in these years. And, the surplus in CASH...can we have our money back and fix all ourselves. TIme for the first pledge of the City — SAFETY!!!

Drop a stamp to D.C...do not bother with the Gover-nor, they are on the same goal. I support all ADM that pledge to help us, safety, new NEEDED ideas and their time spent..This is just DRAT

WRONG.

Recently, with part control of rodents here, it is annpnced statewide – Medford might be leading in LESS WASTE and fewer PICKUPS> My neighbor has three big eating children and 1 in diapers... GREAT for environment?? Safety again is ignored. Overflow of barrels will harm breathing, give off odor, attract rats, and will promote the night disposal of tossing bags out of cars on streets, in business bins already piled, and into woods.for more rodens and animals. NO GO Like many moves here, the effects are not seen or IG-

NORED...JUST A GREEN FEATHER for Environment Grant///more trees? Got plenty already...maybe reduce our water cost? there's a good fund for the Grant \$\$,but will never happen. If this culmi-nates in an Act, you need now to write to D.C. or gaff it.

Think this may be NO Tyr-anny NO QUEEN IN MED-FORD

Hoping for good times and 2026!
Sharon Deyeso, Longtime Resident

Somerville PD News Updates: Another successful Turkey Drive in the books!

Today, the Somerville Police Su-periors and Patrolmen's Unions—joined by our partners in the Somerville Firefighters Local 76 Union and DPW Union—presented the Mystic Learning Center with checks to support the Somerville Police Community Affairs Unit's 5th Annual Turkey Drive.

Thanks to the generosity and team-work of our unions, over 60 local families will enjoy full Thanksgiv-ing meals this year. Members from each union came together with the Somerville Court's Probation Department and the Mystic Learning Center to pack up turkeys and all the fixings, then deliver them directly to families in need.

It was a great day of service, partnership, and community pride. We're incredibly grateful for every-one who steps up year after year to support our neighbors and make this tradition possible.



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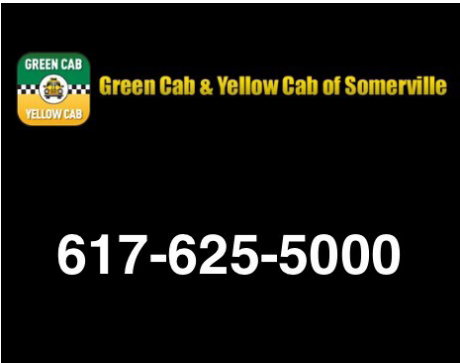
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\$2.3 BILLION SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET (H 4761)



By Bob Katzen

Gov. Maura Healey signed into law a \$2.3 billion fiscal year 2025 budget to close out the books on fiscal year 2025.

Provisions include \$1.67 billion for MassHealth, with a \$303 million net cost to the state after federal reimbursements; \$374 million for Steward hospital payments, with a \$236 million net cost to the state; \$10 million for Health Care For All to conduct a public awareness campaign to inform

vulnerable populations about new Medicaid work requirements put in place by the recent federal spending bill; \$5 million in for reproductive health care; \$2.5 million for the Committee for Public Counsel Services for indigent persons; \$60.7 million for snow and ice removal; and \$50 million for the Housing Preservation and Stabilization Trust Fund.

Other provisions require an investigation into sheriffs' fiscal year 2025 spending deficits; create a new

Sports and Entertainment Fund initially provided with \$10 million to support transportation, public safety and other costs related to Massachusetts' seven 2026 FIFA World Cup matches; criminalize the impersonation of a federal officer and increase penalties for impersonating a public official, including a federal officer; protect unpaid federal employees from residential eviction or foreclosure during and immediately after any federal shutdown; and remove the automatic requirement of a public notice for name-change petitions filed in court.

"This budget represents our commitment to delivering for people on what matters in their lives," said Gov. Healey. "It will make things more affordable, promote vaccine and health care access for our kids and families in the face of attacks from the federal government and protect public safety in our communities. While

President Trump is increasing costs and cutting funding from states, this budget is balanced and protects taxpayer dollars."

"With the next fiscal year well underway, it is critical that we close the books on fiscal year 2025 with a balanced budget that delivers for Massachusetts communities," said Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll. "This bill reflects our commitment to responsibly managing state spending and stretching every dollar in service of Massachusetts residents."

"The governor and Legislature put the finishing touches on a supplemental budget that was full of gravy for their pet projects, and not prioritizing the taxpayers of the commonwealth," said Paul Craney, executive director of the Mass Fiscal Alliance which opposed the budget. "If you can imagine a Thanksgiving feast, the taxpayers were on the table and not at the table. Our hard-earned money

was being carved up for misguided priorities. Spending billions of dollars on items that do not grow jobs, reduce energy costs or make our state more economically competitive is utterly foolish but that's what this supplemental budget represents."

None of the nine representatives who voted against the budget when it was approved by the Legislature responded to repeated requests by Beacon Hill Roll Call asking them why they voted against it. Those nine representatives are Reps. Donald Berthiaume (R-Spencer), Nicholas Boldyga (R-Southwick), Colleen Garry (D-Dracut), John Gaskey (R-Carver), Marc Lombardo (R-Billerica), Joseph McKenna (R-Sutton), Alyson Sullivan-Almeida (R-Abington), Kenneth Sweezey (R-Hanson) and Justin Thurber (R-Somerset).

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SOMERVILLE – The City of Somerville is seeking four new volunteer members to join the Somerville Pedestrian and Transit Advisory Committee (PTAC). These vacancies are for volunteer members who are passionate about

local pedestrian and/or transit issues.

What is the Pedestrian and Transit Advisory Committee?

The PTAC advises the City on projects, policy, and programs related to walking, rolling, and transit as a means of transportation in Somerville and works to create a safer and more equitable built environment for people of all ages and abilities. Members review City project and plans to provide recommendations, work with City staff to engage residents for input and information about City projects, and collaborate

with other transportation organizations at the local, state, and national level.

Who Can Join?

Eligible applicants must live or work in Somerville.

What is the Time Commitment?

The PTAC meets in a hybrid fashion on the third Thursday of each month from 6:30 to 8 p.m. In addition, members may spend additional time reviewing projects and program materials, participating in a subcommittee, or assisting with outreach events, for an overall time commitment of 4 hours per month.

What is the Appointment Process?

Members are appointed to 2-year terms in a volunteer capacity. A team of City Staff and PTAC members review applications and interview potential candidates. Following interviews, this group of PTAC members will share their recommendations with the full committee and vote to move forward with recommending appointing the new members.

How Do I Apply?

Please complete the online application at bit.ly/somptac or call 311 (617-666-3311) for assistance. Applications are due by 12 p.m.

(noon) on Thursday, December 18, 2025.

For questions or more information, contact the Mobility Division at transportation@somervillema.gov or call 311.

Somerville/Medford Remembering Robert T. Maher



Robert T. Maher – Of Easton, passed away on October 31, 2025. He was 45 years old.

He was the son of the late Robert T. Maher and Mary L. (Driscoll) Maher. An interment will be sched-

uled at a later date.

Somerville/Medford Remembering Emanuela G. (Ataldo) Achint



Obituary
Emanuela G. (Ataldo) Achin,

of Somerville, passed away on November 30, 2025, she was 73. Known by many as “Mannie”, she was born in Verona, Italy the daughter of

the late Maria (Magro) and Sergio Ataldo. Complete obituary to follow. A visitation will be held in St. Clement Church, 71 Warner

Street Medford/Somerville line on Tuesday, December 9th from 10:00AM to 11:00AM followed by her Funeral Mass celebrated

at 11:00AM. Relatives and friends invited to attend. Services will conclude with entombment at Woodlawn Mausoleum, Everett.

Somerville/Medford Remembering Nancy A. (Musto) Mears

Obituary
Nancy A. (Musto) Mears – Of Somerville, passed away peacefully in her home on Sunday, November 30, 2025. She was 86 years old.

Born, raised, and educated in Somerville, Nancy was the devoted daughter of the late James and Selena (Joseph)

Musto.

Nancy was a stylish, vibrant woman with a signature elegance all her own. She always had her hair perfectly done, her nails beautifully polished, and her makeup placed with care and precision. A true fashionista, she loved to shop! Whether she was searching for the perfect new outfit or finding something

special for her home.

Nancy enjoyed a long and successful career as a legal secretary at Goodwin & Procter, where she worked faithfully until the age of 75. She was deeply proud of her work, her professionalism, and the relationships she built over the years.

She also loved to walk. For decades, neighbors could spot Nancy strolling up and down Highland Avenue, enjoying the day, greeting familiar faces, and taking in the rhythm of the neighborhood. Beloved wife of the late James Mears. Loving cousin to Nicole Ryan and her children Kia Ryan, Kyle Hodge, Kylee Hodge, Kyla Hodge, Mia Miller and

Christian O’Malley all of Somerville. She is also lovingly survived by her dear friends.

A private burial will take place with her being laid to rest with her beloved family at Mt. Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge.

MAKE JURASSIC ARMORED MUD BALL
THE OFFICIAL SEDIMENTARY STRUCTURE OF THE STATE (H 3438)

By Bob Katzen

The House gave initial approval to a bill that would designate the Jurassic Armored Mud Ball (JAMB) as the official sedimentary structure of the state.

Supporters said that these mud balls are one of the rarest sedimentary structures in the world, representing a unique

geologic environment and are only easily seen in Massachusetts. They noted that they can be found in Greenfield, Turners Falls, Gill and Deerfield.

Richard Little, Professor Emeritus of Greenfield Community College is leading the fight to preserve and publicize the JAMB.

“The intriguing and amusingly named armored mud balls formed as mud rolled down flooding streams and became coated with pebbles – the armor,” said Little. “These sedimentary structures are so rare that, in the whole world, they are only easily seen in the red sedimentary rocks of the Connecticut River Valley of Massachusetts. Officially celebrating

them as one of Massachusetts’ symbols, will preserve them for future generations. After all, they are in the same Jurassic rock layers as our State Dinosaur (Podokesaurus) and State Fossil (Dino Footprints). That is why I am leading a working group of scientists and citizens to preserve these rare features.”

Advocates also note that

famous Greenfield native and magician, Penn Jillette of Penn and Teller once said, “I may live in Las Vegas and travel the world, but my armored mud balls will always be in Greenfield. Let’s protect them.”

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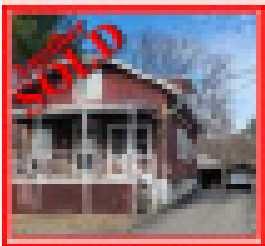
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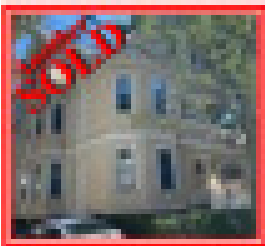
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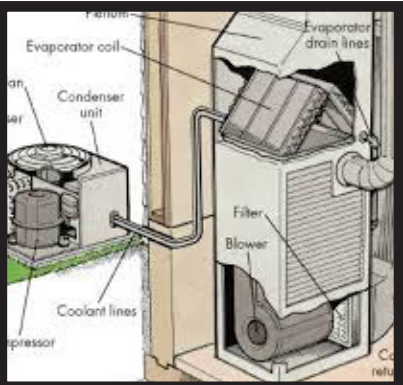
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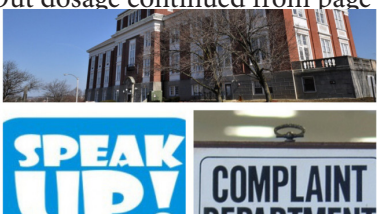
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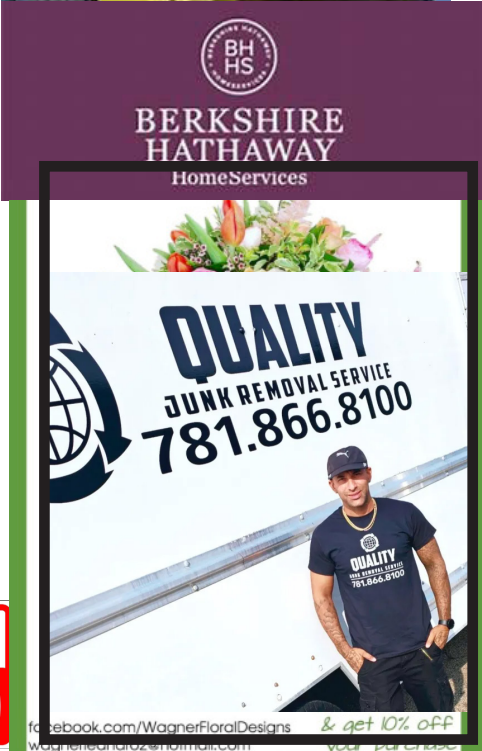
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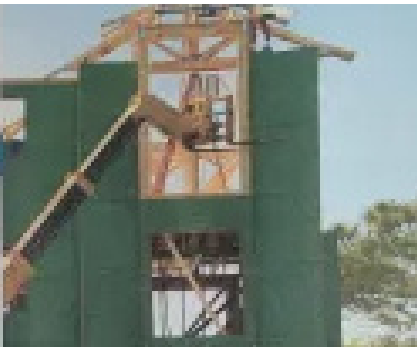

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\$3.65 BILLION TO MODERNIZE BAY STATE PUBLIC COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES (H 4750)

By Bob Katzen

House 146-5, approved and sent to the Senate a bill that funds the modernization of Bay State public colleges and universities by using the revenue from the 2022 voter-approved law, known as the Millionaire’s Tax, that imposes an additional 4 percent income tax, in addition to the current flat 5 percent one, on taxpayers’ earnings of more than \$1 million annually.

Provisions include \$1.25 billion for the UMass system; \$1.25 billion for nine state university campuses and 15 community college campuses; \$275 million for upgrades to MassArt; \$100 million for the transition of campus facilities and property into housing and mixed-use developments; \$80 million for costs associated with decarbonization and energy efficiency; \$120 million for lab

modernization, projects at community colleges to support collaboration with vocational technical schools and projects related to student health and well-being; \$50 million for a grant program for general improvements and climate-related upgrade; \$20 million for enhancing remote or hybrid learning; and \$100 million for a grant program for improvements to upgrade and expand career technical education and training programs.

“The [bill] will ensure that students across the state learn and train in modern, high-quality campus facilities, while strengthening Massachusetts’ competitiveness in research and innovation,” said House Speaker Ron Mariano (D-Quincy). “Building on the commonwealth’s increases in student financial aid, and on our commitment to making higher education more accessible

and affordable, especially for low-income students, Massachusetts is undertaking a generational reinvestment in educating our residents and strengthening our higher education system.”

“The [bill] will help usher in a new era for public higher education in Massachusetts,” said Rep. Dave Rogers (D-Cambridge), House Chair of the Committee on Higher Education. “The House has created free community college, exponentially increased financial aid and now [this bill] invests nearly \$3.65 billion in public higher education campuses statewide. This new investment will: address essential campus infrastructure needs, develop modern learning spaces and decrease reliance on fossil fuels.”

“The [bill] will modernize every public higher education campus

in Massachusetts,” said Rep. Mike Finn (D-West Springfield), House Chair of the Committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets. “This investment will spur economic development creating good-paying jobs, and deliver cleaner, state-of-the-art facilities that will prepare our students to lead in a competitive, sustainable future.”

None of the five representatives who voted against the bill responded to repeated requests by Beacon Hill Roll Call asking them why they voted against it. Those five representatives are Reps. Nicholas Boldyga (R-Southwick), John Gaskey (R-Carver), Marc Lombardo (R-Billerica), Alyson Sullivan-Almeida (R-Abington) and Kenneth Sweezey (R-Hanson).

“While it’s very important to have high quality public colleges, not

everyone goes to college,” said Paul Craney, executive director of the Mass Fiscal Alliance. “These funds could have been used for expenditures that impact more people, like repairing and maintaining our roads and bridges or as local aide to offset costs in local municipal public education.”

(A Yes” vote is for the \$3.65 billion bill. A “No” vote is against it.)

Rep. Christine Barber Didn’t Vote
Rep. Mike Connolly Yes
Rep. Paul Donato Yes
Rep. Erika Uyterhoeven Yes



COMBAT STREET TAKEOVERS (H 4736)

to public safety. “We have already seen multiple instances where property was damaged, law enforcement was assaulted and bystanders were injured,” said Markey. “This legislation takes an important step by giving law enforcement and municipalities the necessary tools to combat the crisis.”

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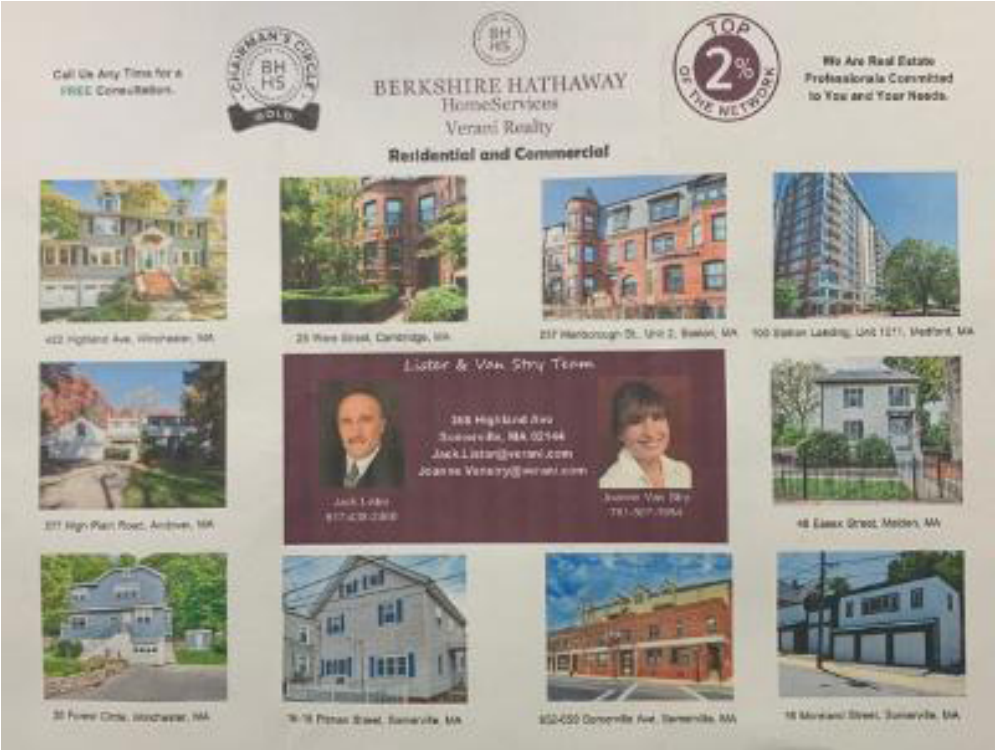











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<p>City supporting two local holiday gift drives for children and teens</p> <p>SOMERVILLE – In the giving spirit of the season, Mayor Katjana Ballantyne is announcing the City’s annual support of local holiday gift and toy donation drives. Toy and gift donation collection boxes will be placed at City buildings, libraries, and firehouses from Monday, December 1, through Wednesday, December 17. Donated gifts will support two community gift drives for families in need of gifts for children and teens this holiday season.</p> <p>All gifts will be distributed to families by two local efforts:</p>	<p>Toys for Local Children, a long-standing local charity that organizes annual holiday gift drives, and The Somerville Toy Drive (somervilletoydrive.org), an initiative organized by community members (including the organizers of the MAMAS Mutual Aid Medford and Somerville annual gift drive as well as other residents). More information on their gift drives and other ways to help can be found at toysfor-localchildren.org or via email at somervilletoydrive@gmail.com.</p> <p>What to Donate: To donate, please bring new, unwrapped toys and gifts for children as well as age-appropriate gifts for teens. Please donate only new items. Gifts are needed for all ages from infants to age 14. Gifts are especially welcome for ages 0-2 years and 8-14 years.</p> <p>Where to Donate: Donate at the following Somerville City buildings, libraries, and firehouses. Collection boxes will be in place from Monday, December 1, through Wednesday, December 17, at 4:30 p.m.:</p> <p>Locations and Boxes: Note: Boxes located inside City buildings are only accessible during normal business hours City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Welcome Desk, 1st</p>	<p>floor, and Mayor’s Office, 2nd floor Somerville Central Library, 79 Highland Avenue Somerville West Branch Library, 40 College Avenue Somerville East Branch Library, 115 Broadway City Hall Annex, 50 Evergreen Avenue DPW Building, One Franey Road Council on Aging Offices, 167 Holland Street Somerville Police Headquarters lobby, 220 Washington Street Fire Stations: Somerville Fire Department Headquarters, 266 Broadway Highland Ave. Station, 265 Highland Avenue Union Square Station, 255</p>	<p>Somerville Avenue Teele Square Station, 6 Newbury Street (corner of Holland Street) Lowell Street Station, 651 Somerville Avenue (corner of Lowell Street) Assembly Square Station, 455 Middlesex Avenue</p>
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PROTECT ALL PUBLIC TRANSIT WORKERS FROM ASSAULT AND BATTERY (S 2697)

By Bob Katzen

The House and Senate approved and sent to Gov. Healey legislation that would expand the current law which punishes anyone who commits assault and battery against a public employee including police officers, firefighters and emergency medical personnel. The bill ensures that all transit workers are covered, including those who are not directly employed by the state, such as workers employed by Keolis, the state’s contracted commuter rail operator. The bill would also add “assault and battery by means of a bodily substance including saliva, blood or urine” to the current law.

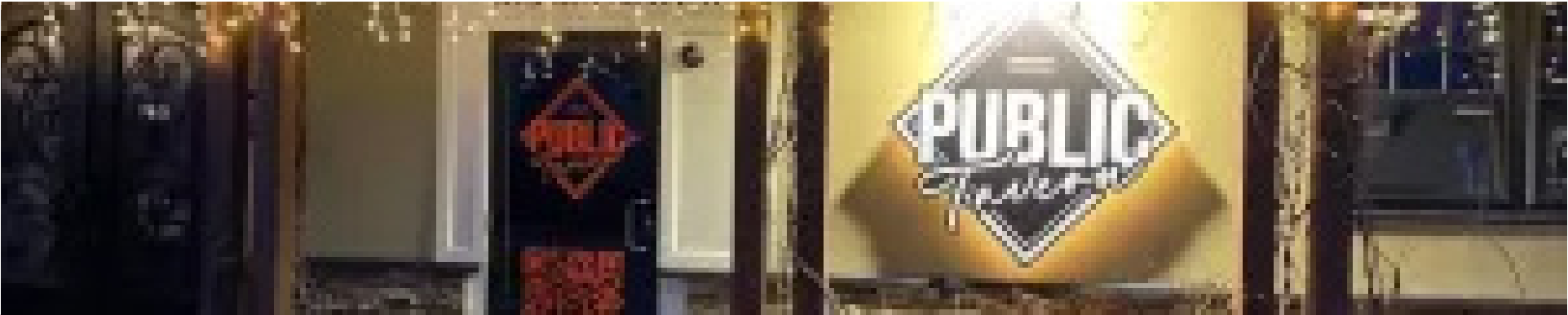
“Transit workers are among the most essential employees of our commonwealth, carrying out the steady and often unseen work that allows tens of thousands of people to travel safely and reliably each day,” said Senate sponsor Sen. Nick Collins (D-South Boston). “Their commitment keeps our cities moving, even under challenging and unpredictable circumstances. When the rights and safety of these workers are impinged upon, it is an affront to the invaluable service they provide and the trust the public places in them.”

Collins continued, “We must

remain vigilant in safeguarding their wellbeing as they encounter nearly every facet of public life in this line of work. With the passage of this legislation, strengthening protections and expanding the definition of what constitutes an assault against a transit worker, we are sending a clear message that we do not take their hard work for granted and that we stand firmly behind those who keep our commonwealth connected.”

“Our transit workers provide critical services all over the commonwealth, yet are many times assaulted by the very customers they serve,” said House sponsor Rep. Joe McGonagle (D-Everett). “I am so thrilled that both the House and Senate prioritized this important issue. The right to feel safe and supported on the job is just that, a right. I’m also extremely grateful to the brave men and women who came forward to share their stories. I look forward to Gov. Healey signing this bill swiftly.”

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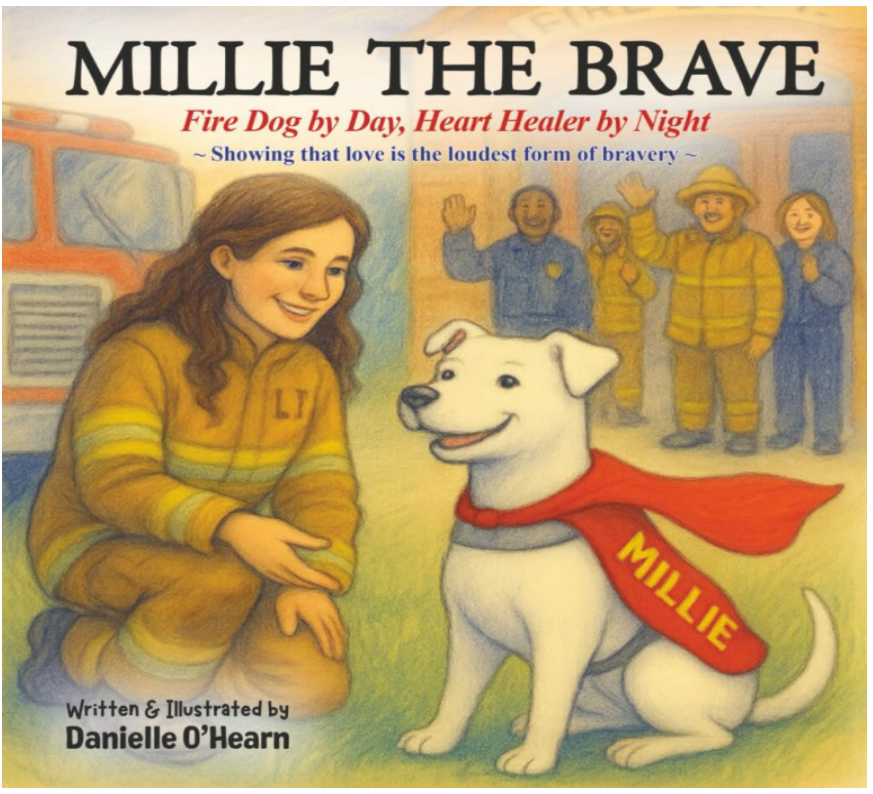
Dear Billy T and Somerville/Medford News Weekly Speakup Line,

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

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

Here's the link the title is Millie the brave

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



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Hi my name is Joe LoRusso a North Reading Resident and Ted Williams Camp Alum, Volunteer for the Jimmy Fund, and raising money for the Jimmy Fund, and have been for many years to help strike out cancer in Children & Adults.

The event I'm running is a expected to draw a lot of people, a great evening of laughs, great food and giving away great door prizes; so get your tickets early, by scanning the QR Code on flier or on Eventbrite website, they are going quick. Thank you all in advance for your support.

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Somerville Residents Invited to Be “Loyal to Local” Businesses This Season



SOMERVILLE – One-of-a-kind gifts, tasty foods, great entertainment, artist markets, and fun events await this holiday season (and winter!) in Somerville, and Mayor Katjana Ballantyne wants to be sure the community seizes these opportunities to support Somerville’s local businesses all winter long by shopping, dining, and going out local as part of the City’s “Loyal to Local” initiative.

“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 somerwilllema.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 Holidate, 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 Holidate. 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 Ellie 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.

WORKPLACE VIOLENCE IN HEALTH CARE FACILITIES (H 4767)

By Bob Katzen

House 153-0, approved and sent to the Senate a bill that supporters said would strengthen protections for health care workers, establish preventive and protective standards to reduce the risk of violence, improve health care facility incident reporting, enhance interagency coordination to safeguard privacy and create legal protections for certain employees harmed in the line of duty.

Another key section would establish that employees, directly employed by a health care employer, who suffer workplace violence resulting in bodily injury or serious bodily injury are entitled to paid leave without using any vacation, sick or personal time.

Supporters said that every 38 minutes in Massachusetts health care facilities, someone, most often a clinician or an employee, is physically assaulted, endures verbal abuse or is

threatened — most often in emergency rooms, inpatient units and psychiatric units, according to the Massachusetts Health and Hospital Association.

“Every day, health care workers face an imminent risk of workplace violence,” said Rep. John Lawn (D-Watertown), lead sponsor of the bill and House Chair of the Committee on Health Care Financing. “This bill takes decisive action to ensure our laws reflect our values and deliver

real protections for those who protect us.”

“Every day frontline health care workers are asked to do their jobs under the threat of violence,” said Rep. Dan Cahill (D-Lynn), House Chair of the Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security. “This bill makes it clear that protecting our health care workers is a matter of public safety and an urgent responsibility. By requiring health care employers to assess risks, train

staff, report incidents and respond to violence with real accountability, we are taking long overdue steps to ensure that no worker stands alone in harm’s way.”

(A “Yes” vote is for the bill.)

Rep. Christine Barber Yes Rep. Mike Connolly Yes Rep. Paul Donato Yes Rep. Erika Uyterhoeven Yes

Design Public Hearing (Virtual) and Open House – Somerville / Cambridge – McGrath Boulevard What is happening?

On 12/4, at 6:30PM, #Mass-DOT will hold an in person design public hearing for the #Somerville/#Cambridge – McGrath Highway (Route 28) roadway reconstruction project (McGrath Boulevard)

Location: Somerville High School, 81 Highland Avenue, Somerville

<http://www.mass.gov/event/somervillecambridge-mcgrath-highway-route-28-roadway-reconstruction-project-mcgrath-boulevard-open-house-12-04-2025>

A live virtual Design Public Hearing (DPH) and an Open House will be hosted to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with

the proposed roadway reconstruction project on McGrath Highway. All views and comments submitted in response to the meetings will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible. The proposed project consists of the reconstruction of McGrath Highway (Route 28) between Broadway in Somerville and 3rd St in Cambridge. The current design pro-

poses to remove the McCarthy Overpass and replace it with a surface boulevard-style roadway with at-grade signalized intersections. The project includes the provision, expansion, and enhancement of pedestrian, bicycle, and transit facilities.

How will this affect you?

The project focuses on improving

community connectivity between different neighborhoods and accommodation for all roadway users. The project also includes safety improvements, increased green space, physical separation of bicycles and pedestrians from motor vehicles wherever feasible, and the removal of a physical and visual barrier (the overpass) within the community.

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OKUR-CHUNG NEURODEVELOPMENT SYDROME (OCNDS) AWARENESS DAY (H 3366)

By Bob Katzen

The House gave initial approval to legislation designating April 5 as Okur-Chung Neurodevelopmental Syndrome Awareness Day.

According to the National Library of Medicine, “Individuals with OCNDS frequently have nonspecific clinical features, delayed language development, motor delay, intellectual disability (typically in the mild-to-moderate range),

generalized hypotonia starting in infancy, difficulty feeding and non-specific dysmorphic facial features.

Lead sponsor Rep. Kristin Kassner (D-Hamilton) said that she filed this bill

on behalf of her constituent Jillian Kavanagh, who brought OCNDS to her attention. Kassner said, “OCNDS is rare and difficult to diagnose, but if caught early, there are treatments that can lead to better outcomes. Our

goal in filing this bill was to raise awareness of the syndrome, which can lead to earlier diagnoses that truly improve the quality of life for patients and their families.”

Somerville Police Department Public Safety Advisory:

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A possible suspect has been described as a male with a dark complexion, operating a scooter and wearing a puffy jacket.

Residents and visitors in this area are encouraged to remain vigilant and take reasonable

safety precautions. Please ensure all doors, windows, and other entry points to your home are properly secured. Consider leaving porch lights and some interior lights on, as the suspect(s) appear to be targeting homes when occupants are away.

Somerville Police are working closely with partner agencies to investigate all reported break-ins. If you observe any suspicious persons or activity, please contact 911 immediately.



Somerville Police Department
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Wednesday, November 26, 2025

Public Service Announcement: Ward 2 Residential B&E's


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Somerville Ave. Westbound Traffic Detoured at Park St., 12/1 – 12/4



Detour will be in place 24 hours a day to facilitate construction of raised crossing

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Somerville Avenue Detour and Other Construction Impacts

Westbound traffic on Somerville Avenue (toward Porter Square) will be directed left on Park Street and right on Beacon Street to return to Somerville Avenue. Eastbound traffic will be allowed to proceed while work is underway. Please proceed carefully when traveling through work zones. Sidewalks in both directions will remain open. Access will be maintained for emergency vehicles.

MBTA 83/87 outbound service (westbound toward Porter Square) service will also be detoured.

Outbound stops along Somerville Avenue

between Beacon Street and Park Street will be temporary closed.

- o Connect to route 83 at Beacon St. at Park St. or Somerville Ave. at Mossland St.
- o Connect to route 87 at Somerville Ave. at Loring St. or Elm St. at Porter St.

Visit mbta.com/bus or see signage posted at affected stops for more information.

Elevated noise levels from construction equipment and vehicles are anticipated. Active construction hours are weekdays, 7 a.m. to approximately 4 p.m.

For more information including full detour maps, please visit somervillema.gov/som-centralpave.

More About This Work

The City of Somerville is working to make the intersection of Somerville Avenue and Central Street safer for everyone traveling through it by installing a new raised crosswalk and other traffic calming (somervillema.gov/trafficcalming) features.

The new design also includes improved bus stops to streamline service and provide a dedicated waiting area for people taking the bus. Short segments of protected bike lanes will also be installed near bus stops on both sides of the street to increase safety.

PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION BASED ON A PERSON’S HEIGHT (H 1820)

By Bob Katzen

The Judiciary Committee held a hearing on legislation that would provide increased protection from harassment and discrimination on the basis of height, by adding height as a protected characteristic across Massachusetts civil rights and hate-crime laws.

The measure also creates a new law that prohibits photograph-

ing or videotaping a person with a disability without the person’s consent. Anyone who conveys such a photograph or video by electronic communication or publishes the photograph in print for the sole purpose of harassing or annoying the person or the person’s family, would be subject to up to a 3-month prison sentence and/or a fine of up to \$500.

Supporters said the bill would

strengthen anti-discrimination statutes, enhance protections for students, update hate-crime definition and direct the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination to enforce these new safeguards. They argued that the proposal would ensure that individuals cannot be denied opportunities, treated unfairly or subjected to bias-motivated harassment simply because of their height.

“Everyone deserves to live, work and learn in an environment free from discrimination,” said co-sponsor Rep. Angelo Puppolo (D-Springfield). “[The bill] takes a meaningful step toward ensuring that no one is targeted, bullied or denied opportunity because of their height. This bill is about fairness, dignity and strengthening Massachusetts’ commitment to equal treatment for all.”

Rep. Michael Kushmerek (D-Fitchburg), the co-sponsor of the bill, did not respond to repeated requests by Beacon Hill Roll Call asking him to comment on his bill.

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A “Somerville Blessing Boxes” Facebook page has been established keep everyone updated on donations and the Blessing Boxes inventory status. Please feel free the 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.

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Much thanks and appreciation,

Frank Santangelo

Blessing Backpack Checklist

BASICS:

- ___ Wool beanie (hat)
- ___ Smart wool socks
- ___ Gloves
- ___ Scarf

FOOD & DRINK

- ___ Quality instant coffee
- ___ Tea
- ___ Energy drink
- ___ Beef jerky
- ___ Dried fruit
- ___ Fruit leathers
- ___ Trail mix
- ___ Nuts
- ___ Granola bars
- ___ Protein powder packets
- ___ Restaurant gift cards

HELP THEM CONNECT

- ___ Journal & pen
- ___ Stationary
- ___ Stamps
- ___ Pre-paid phone card

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:

- ___ Chocolates
- ___ Fruit snacks
- ___ Cookie snack packs
- ___ Candy (individually wrapped)
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Somerville Police Department Weekly Crime Log



Crime Log
10/28/25 - 11/3/25

<https://www.somervillepd.com/public-safety-news>

Crime Log October 28 to November 3, 2025			
Assault	25068532: On 11/2/25 at approximately 10:43 PM, Somerville Police responded to Assembly Row for report	25068282: On 11/1/25 at approximately 5:55 PM, Somerville Police took a report regarding a past assault. The victim stated he was at a business on Elm St and an employee grabbed him by the throat.	Other Crimes: 1 MV Theft 6 Car Breaks 7 Bike Thefts 6 Vandalisms 4 Package Thefts
	of a person stabbed. Upon arrival, officers located two juvenile males suffering from minor stab wounds. They stated they got into a fight and stabbed each other.		
	Assault		

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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 (somervilleartscouncil.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 somervilleartscouncil.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 imenjivar@somervillema.gov.

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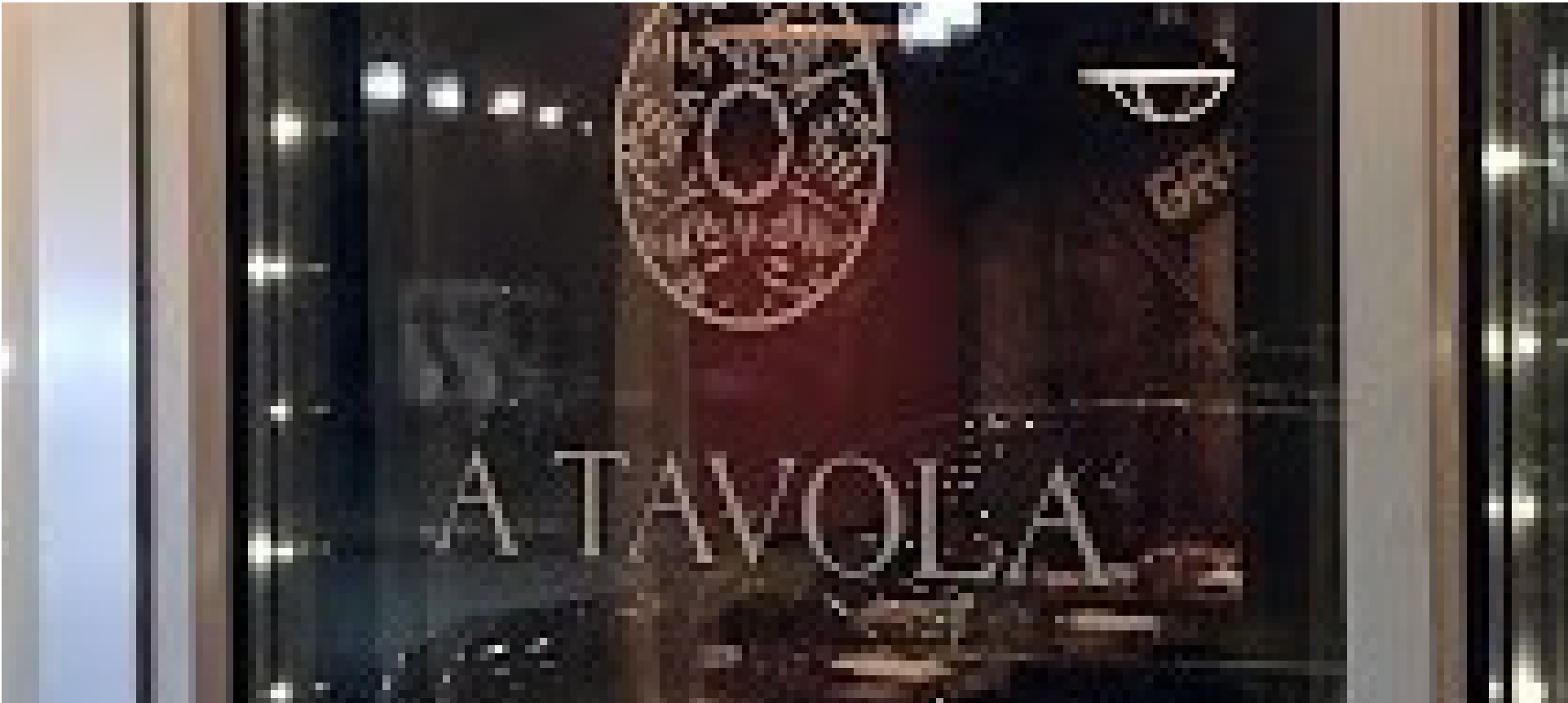
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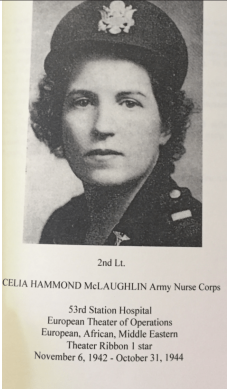
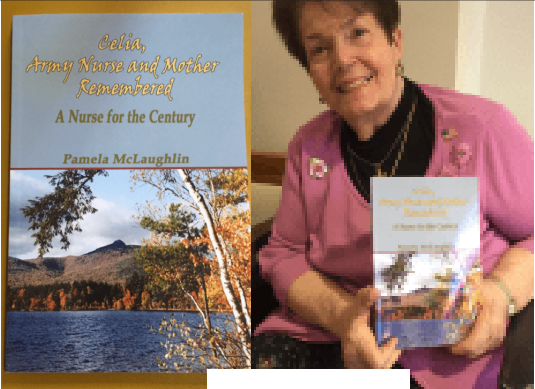


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