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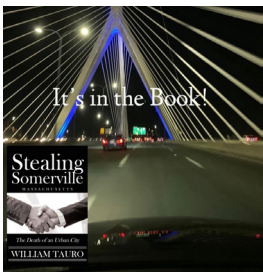
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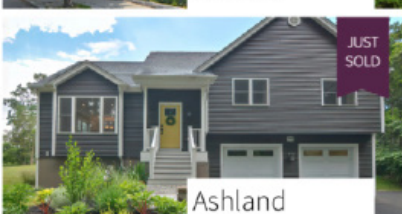
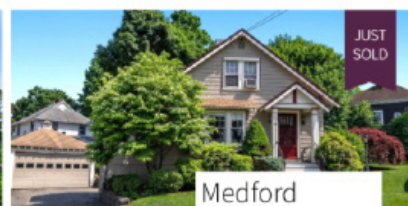
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2. Getbadged Route: Apply directly through GetBadged.com. Visit GetBadged.com, create an account, and select your preferred exam date. This is on-going.

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Somerville/Medford Remembering Arnulfo N. Estrella



Obituary
Arnulfo N. Estrella – Of Medford, passed away after a brief illness on Saturday, April 11, 2026. He was 68 years young.

Born and raised in Manila, Philippines, he was the beloved son of the late Domingo, Sr. and Placida (Nobleza) Estrada. Arnulfo earned his bachelor's

degree before immigrating to the United States, where he began a career in information technology. He was a dedicated and hardworking individual who took great pride in his profession.

Arnulfo had a deep appreciation for life's simple pleasures, especially enjoying a good meal.

Whenever he had the chance, he would indulge in his favorite cuisine; Chinese food. With chow mein being his absolute favorite. He was also an avid reader who found joy and comfort in books.

Devoted brother of the late Domingo Estrada, Jr., Sonny Estrada, Rodolfo Estrada, Lourdes Men-

doza, Feliciadad (Jing) Conopio. Also lovingly survived by many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews.

Arnulfo will be laid to rest back home in the Philippines with his loving family.

Somerville/Medford Remembering Lawrence "Larry" Iamello



Lawrence "Larry" Iamello – Of Arlington, passed away on Tuesday, April 14, 2026. He was 74 years old.

Larry Iamello (Mr I, I-man, Lars) spent his professional career in the Somerville Public schools. From 1975 until 2002 he prided himself on impressing on his students their ability to succeed through strict discipline mixed with humor and compassion. Later, when he became department head of Math and Science in 2002-2008, he brought that same belief to "his kids" in grades k-12. He carried so many stories of his time in Somerville education that he loved to share. His mentor Mary Scolles taught him how to "jump over five desk, grab a kid by the collar, without breaking any buttons" Oh

how things have changed since the 1970's.

He met his spouse Tom Flynn at Buddy's, a disco club in Boston in 1983. It was the fourth of July and the place was packed. He came up to Tom and stated "your standing in my spot." Tom knew a good line when he heard it and they went home and stayed together for 42 years.

Larry's love for all things Italian led him on a search to uncover his genealogy. Enlisting his young niece Dana Bannon with a sweet sixteen ticket to Rome they traveled south to his grandparents hometown of Calabria. Here they met his long lost relatives while breaking bread with them (and soppressata) where they gained an familial bond that is eternal.

His attention to detail was also on display in the way he dressed. He prided himself on looking and smelling fantastic. On his travels to Rome and Milan he dragged his spouse Tom into every high-end store looking for bargains and deals and learning the art of negotiating in Italian. Many prized items were added to his

overflowing suitcase which never seem big enough to carry home all his purchases.

He was a master cook and baker and no cuisine seemed too difficult to create. He threw dinner parties for his many friends and they would marvel at his expertise. Using ingredients from his and Tom's backyard garden he would create the most delicious home-made eggplant parmesan. Chicken satay with peanut sauce was also one of the many dishes he served his guests. Larry would bake Italian Christmas cookies from late October up until the holiday to gift to his family and friends. Half the effort went into packing them in bright and colorful displays that looked as if he bought them in a specialty shop.

As an avid bicyclist he would rise with the sun so he could have time before work to ride on the Minuteman Bikeway. He took a lot of pleasure from that and claimed that it was his meditation. He also loved weight lifting and would meet his gym buddies and spend hours perfecting their practice of endurance and technique.

Larry carried such a strong dynamic from investing unlimited will power in everything he put his mind to, what do you expect from a math and science professor.

As it is said "you can take the man out of New Jersey but you can't take the NJ out of the man". This was so true with Larry. He told high tales of his childhood adventures with his neighborhood friends who he referred to as his own version of the little rascals. Stories of exploring the woods and visiting the recluse Mr Nim who lived in a little shack and kept goats and sheep they loved to pet. He also climbed apple trees playing tag in the broken branches after a hurricane had blew the trees to the ground. After moving to Boston to attend Boston University and graduating in 1973 he still kept up correspondences with many of his early childhood friends such as Lauretta, Jeanine, Vivian and the twin Bo's just to name a few.

He is predeceased by his folks Rocco and Rose (Olivadoti) Iamello. He is survived by his spouse Thomas Flynn and sister Judy. His

aunt Mary and cousin Barbara Sacco; brother Robert and Diane Iamello, sister Tammy and Skip Edwards; cousins Gary Iamello, Guy and Kitty Sacco, Gail and Dennis Deninger and a much larger loving extended family all of whom he cherished.

Calling Hours will be held in the George L. Doherty Funeral Home 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.) on Sunday, April 19th from 11:00AM to 2:00PM. Words of remembrance will be held at 1:30PM.

At the conclusion of the services for Larry, the family would like to extend the invitation for everyone to continue to celebrate his life at Anthony's of Malden, 105 Canal St., Malden starting at 2:30PM.

In lieu of flowers plus donate to your favorite charity in Larry's name.

Somerville/Medford Remembering Donna F. Thorne



Obituary
Donna F. Thorne – Of Wattertown, passed away after a long, courageous battle

with dementia. She was 77 years old.

Born and raised in Somerville, she was the beloved daughter of the late William and Eleanor (Sears) Thorne.

Donna was a vibrant and joyful person who was always smiling and truly enjoyed life. She had a deep love for music, and you could often find her singing and dancing along to her favorite tunes. She also enjoyed spending

time in her group home, watching television with her close friends; especially her dear friend Bosco, who always made her feel safe and loved. Donna was also known to have a sweet tooth. Whether enjoying a cup of coffee or tea, she always made sure to have a delicious treat by her side.

Devoted sister of the late Barbara Aguiar who passed away on October 6, 2025 and her surviving husband Donald of Brockton. Cher-

ished aunt of Michelle Bailey and her husband Terrence of Hanover, Kristen Sherman and her husband Robert of Warwick, RI and the late Daniel Preach Jr. Loving great aunt of Krista Bailey, Jasmine Bailey, Brittany Bailey, Ashley Preach, Mikayla Bailey, Shawna Bailey, and Tiyanna Bailey. Also lovingly survived by extended family members and friends.

Calling Hours will be held in the George L. Doherty

Funeral Home on Wednesday, April 29th from 11:00AM to 12:00PM. Followed by words of remembrance at 12:00PM.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend.

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



\$4.58 BILLION FOR TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS INCLUDING \$300 MILLION FOR LOCAL ROAD AND BRIDGES (H 5375)

By Bob Katzen

House 155-0, approved and sent to the Senate a bill that authorizes \$4.58 billion in bonding for various local, regional and state transportation programs. The package includes \$300 million for cities and towns for local roads and bridges — of which \$200 million will be distributed to all municipalities based on the standard Chapter 90 Program distribution formula and another \$100 million which will be distributed to all municipalities based solely on road mileage.

Other provisions include \$500 million for the Lifecycle Asset Management Program which aids non-federally funded roads and targets the pavement and bridges across the state that are in the

worst condition; \$200 million for capital projects to support housing development, including stormwater management, culverts and bike and pedestrian improvements; \$200 million for a new accelerated deferred maintenance and modernization program for infrastructure under the care and control of the Department of Conservation and Recreation; and \$200 million for the MBTA for the procurement of electrically powered locomotives.

The legislation also reauthorizes \$3.18 billion in funding for several programs included in the 2022 Transportation Bond Bill including \$2.3 billion for projects on interstates and other federally aided highways; \$800 million for improvements to non-federally aided roadways and bridges; \$65 million

for the Municipal Pavement Program for engineering, permitting, design and climate change adaptation on municipal ways; and \$12 million for grants for the Shared Streets Program for improvements and projects to municipal streets to create additional capacity for pedestrians and cyclists.

“Providing funding for critical infrastructure projects through investments in the commonwealth’s public transportation, roads and bridges is one of the most important responsibilities that we have as members of the Legislature,” said House Speaker Ron. Mariano (D-Quincy). “I’m proud of the support for local infrastructure repairs that this legislation provides, and of the funding included for the MBTA.”

“Continuing the needed support for the commonwealth’s transportation infrastructure and programs, this legislation reauthorizes over \$3 billion in programs from the 2022 Transportation Bond Bill and it mirrors the success of last year’s Chapter 90 increase for road mileage to grow regional equity,” said Rep. James Arciero (D-Westford), House Chair of the Committee on Transportation. “The House continues to proceed with caution while balancing the significant transportation needs of our cities and towns.”

“Local leaders across the commonwealth are deeply grateful to the House for moving so decisively on this legislation,” said Massachusetts Municipal Association Executive

Director Adam Chapdelaine. “The Chapter 90 program remains the backbone of municipal infrastructure maintenance. By continuing this increased funding level, the Legislature is directly committing to improving the safety and reliability of our local roads. We are thrilled to see this momentum.”

(A “Yes” vote is for the bill.)

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

MPD on bringing home the Guardian Cup for the sixth year in a row

Congratulations to Team MPD on bringing home the Guardian Cup for the sixth year in a row with an 8-5 win over Team Fire!

While the competition is always great, the night is about something much bigger. This year, all proceeds will go to the family of Kayla (Scull) Daniel, daughter of Medford Firefighter Ed Scull, who passed away in February after a courageous battle with leukemia at just 27 years old, leaving her husband, a United States Marine, and their newborn child. Thank you to everyone who came out to support, donate, and cheer on both teams!



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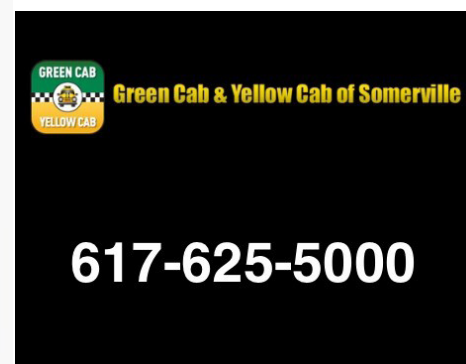
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2026-37 Article V Section 5-15 "Parking for Persons with Disabilities" is amended with the addition of the following location: 75 Hinckley Street, 14 Mansfield Street, 68 Derby Street.

2026-38 Article V Section 5-2 "Loading/Service Zones" is amended with the addition of the following location: loading zone on the east side of Illinois Ave, from approximately 40 feet northeast of Broadway to approximately 80 feet northeast of Broadway.

2026-39 Article V Section 5-2 "Loading/Service Zones" is amended with the addition of the following location: on the south side of Foley St, from approximately 20 feet east of Assembly Row to approximately 80 feet east of Assembly Row.

2026-40 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: No Parking Any Time on the south side of Broadway at Simpson Avenue from approximately 30 feet west of Simpson Avenue to approximately 45 feet west of Simpson Avenue.

2026-41 Article V Section 5-11 "Bus Stops" is amended with the addition of the following location: on the south side of Broadway at Simpson Avenue from approximately 45 feet east of Simpson Avenue to approximately 75 feet east of Simpson Avenue (extending the existing bus stop).

2026-42 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: No Parking Any Time on the south side of Broadway at Simpson Avenue from approximately 75 feet east of Simpson Avenue to approximately 90 feet east of Simpson Avenue.

2026-43 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: No Parking Any Time on the north side of Broadway at Mason Street from approximately 25 feet east of Mason Street to approximately 45 feet east of Mason Street.

2026-44 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: No Parking Any Time on the north side of Broadway at Mason Street from approximately 100 feet east of Mason Street to approximately 120 feet east of Mason Street.

2026-45 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: No Parking Any Time on the south side of Broadway at Wallace Street from approximately 30 feet west of Wallace Street to approximately 65 feet west of Wallace Street.

2026-46 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: No Parking Any Time on the south side of Broadway at Wallace Street from approximately 25 feet east of Wallace Street to approximately 35 feet east of Wallace Street.

2026-47 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: No Parking Any Time on the north side of Broadway at Leonard Street from approximately 35 feet west of Leonard Street to approximately 50 feet west of Leonard

Street.

2026-48 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: No Parking Any Time on the north side of Broadway at Leonard Street, from approximately 15 feet east of Leonard Street, from approximately 60 feet east of Leonard Street.

2026-49 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: two-hour parking except by permit 8:00am-2:30am, permit parking only 2:30am-8:00am on the north side of Broadway at Leonard Street, from approximately 60 feet east of Leonard Street to approximately 105 feet east of Leonard Street.

2026-50 Article V Section 5-15 "Parking for Persons with Disabilities" is amended with the addition of the following location: the first space on the south side of Elm St west of Russell St (public).

2026-51 Article V Section 5-11 "Bus Stops" is amended with the addition of the following location: extend the existing bus stop on the south side of Elm St at Russell St 10 ft east.

2026-52 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: No Parking Any Time on the south side of Elm St between Russell St and Miller Ave.

2026-53 Article V Section 5-11 "Bus Stops" is amended with the addition of the following location: extend the existing bus stop on the south side of Elm St at Beech St 65 ft west.

2026-54 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: No Parking Any Time on the south side of Elm St between Beech St and Davenport St.

2026-55 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: 20 ft of two hour parking except by permit 8:00am-2:30am, permit parking only 2:30am-8:00am and 55 ft of No Parking Any Time on the south side of Elm St east of Davenport St.

2026-56 Article V Section 5-11 "Bus Stops" is amended with the addition of the following location: extend the existing bus stop on the south side of Elm St west of Mossland St 30 ft west.

2026-57 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: No Parking Any Time on the south side of Elm St between White St and Somerville Ave.

2026-58 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" and Article V Section 5-11 "Bus Stops" is amended with the addition of the following locations: on the north side of Elm St between Craigie St and Porter St - 90 ft of No Parking Any Time and 90 ft of a bus stop.

2026-59 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: 20 ft of two-hour parking except by permit 8:00am-2:30am, permit parking only 2:30am-8:00am on the north side of Elm St west of Porter St (formerly a bus stop).

2026-60 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: No Parking Any Time at 19 Elm St.

2026-61 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: No Parking Any Time on the north side of Elm St east of Cedar St

(formerly a bus stop).

2026-62 Article V Section 5-11 "Bus Stops" is amended with the addition of the following location: 60 ft bus stop on the north side of Elm St west of Cedar St.

2026-63 Article V Section 5-2 "Loading/Service Zones" and Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following locations: a 35 ft loading zone and 55 ft of two-hour parking except by permit 8:00am-2:30am, permit parking only 2:30am-8:00am between 61 and 65 Elm St.

2026-64 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: No Parking Any Time on the north side of Elm St west of Cherry St for 45 ft.

2026-65 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: No Parking Any Time on the north side of Elm St east of Hancock St (formerly a bus stop).

2026-66 Article V Section 5-11 "Bus Stops" is amended with the addition of the following location: 60 ft bus stop on the north side of Elm St west of Hancock St.

2026-67 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: No Parking Any Time on the north side of Elm St east of Burnside Ave for 70 ft.

2026-68 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: No Parking Any Time on the north side of Elm St west of Willow Ave for 20 ft.

2026-69 Article V Section 5-11 "Bus Stops" is amended with the addition of the following location: extending the existing bus stop on the north side of Elm St at St James Ave 45 ft east.

2026-70 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: No Parking Any Time on the north side of Elm St between Windom St and Elston St.

2026-71 Article V Section 5-2 "Loading/Service Zones" is amended with the addition of the following location: 40 ft loading zone on the north side of Elm St between Cutter Ave and Windom St.

2026-72 Article V Section 5-11 "Bus Stops" is amended with the addition of the following location: extending the existing bus stop on the north side of Elm St at Cutter Ave 20 ft east.

2026-73 Article V Section 5-11 "Bus Stops" is amended with the addition of the following location: extending the existing bus stop on the north side of Somerville Ave west of Elm St 25 ft east.

2026-74 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: No Parking Any Time at 735 Somerville Ave.

2026-75 Article V Section 5-11 "Bus Stops" is amended with the addition of the following location: extending the existing bus stop on the north side of Somerville Ave at Beacon Terr 10 ft west.

2026-76 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: two-hour parking except by permit 8:00am-2:30am, permit parking only 2:30am-8:00am on the north side of Somerville Ave from Acadia Pk extending 60 ft east.

2026-77 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and

Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: two-hour parking except by permit 8:00am-2:30am, permit parking only 2:30am-8:00am on the north side of Somerville Ave from Acadia Pk extending 40 ft west.

2026-78 Article V Section 5-11 "Bus Stops" is amended with the addition of the following location: extending the existing bus stop on the south side of Somerville Ave opposite Beacon Terr 60 ft west.

2026-79 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: 80 ft. of two-hour parking except by permit 8:00am-2:30am, permit parking only 2:30am-8:00am on the south side of Somerville Ave between Mossland St and Beacon St.

2026-80 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: 230 ft of No Parking Any Time on the south side of Somerville Ave between Beacon St and Elm St.

2026-81 Article V Section 5-11 "Bus Stops" is amended with the addition of the following location: extending the existing bus stop on the south side of Somerville Ave wets of Elm St 20 ft east and 50 ft west.

2026-82 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: No Parking Any Time on the west side of Mossland St 40 ft south of Elm St.

2026-83 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: convert 40 ft of No Parking Any Time to resident permit parking on the west side of Mossland St from 50 ft north to 90 ft north of Somerville Ave.

2026-84 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: No Parking Any Time on the east side of Mossland St for 40 ft south of Elm St.

2026-85 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: No Parking Any Time on the west side of Beacon St for 70 ft south of Roseland St.

2026-86 Article V Section 5-2 "Loading/Service Zones" is amended with the addition of the following location: loading zone on the north side of Summer St for the first 60 ft east of Cutter Ave.

2026-87 Article V Section 5-9.1 "Parking Meter Locations and Regulations" is amended with the addition of the following location: on the north side of Summer St from 100 ft west to 140 ft west of Cutter Ave.

2026-88 Article V Section 5-9.1 "Parking Meter Locations and Regulations" is amended with the addition of the following location: 55 ft on the west side of Cutter Ave between Elm St and Summer St.

2026-89 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: convert 190 ft of No Parking Any Time to resident permit parking on the west side of Russell St between Orchard St and Elm St.

2026-90 Article V Section 5-9.1 "Parking Meter Locations and Regulations" is amended with the addition of the following location: the first 80 ft on the east side of Russell St south of Elm St.

2026-91 Article V Section 5-15 "Parking for Persons with Disabilities" is amended with the

addition of the following location: the first space on the west side of Windom St north of Elm St (public).

2026-92 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: No Parking Any Time in the first 10 ft of resident permit parking on the west side of Hancock St north of Elm St.

2026-93 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: No Parking Any Time in the first 20 ft of resident permit parking on the east side of Hancock St north of Elm St.

2026-94 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: Live School Arrival/Dismissal from 7:00am-8:30am and 2:00-3:00pm Monday-Friday and permit parking all other times on the east side of Cherry St for the first 60 ft north of Elm St.

2026-95 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Location and Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following location: Live School Arrival/Dismissal from 7:00am-8:30am and 2:00-3:00pm Monday-Friday and permit parking all other times on the north side of Sartwell Ave for the first 45 ft east of Ashland St.

2026-96 Article V Section 5-15 "Parking for Persons with Disabilities" is amended with the addition of the following location: the first 20 ft of parking on the west side of the eastern end of Holyoke Rd south of Elm St.

2026-97 Article V Section 5-15 "Parking for Persons with Disabilities" is amended with the addition of the following location: the first 20 ft of parking on the west side of Craigie St north of Somerville Ave.

2026-98 Article V Section 5-2 "Loading/Service Zones" is amended with the addition of the following location: 40 ft loading zone 9:00am-7:00pm, permit parking all other times on the south side of Roseland St west of Beacon St.

2026-99 Article VI Section 6-1 "One-way streets" is amended with the removal of the following location: Mossland St (converting from one way to two way traffic).

2026-100 Article VII Section 7-10 "Prohibited Turning Movements" is amended with the addition of the following locations: motor vehicles prohibited from Right Turn from Elm St eastbound onto Mossland St southbound, Left Turn from Elm St westbound onto Mossland St southbound, Left turn from Elm St eastbound onto Cutter Ave northbound, Right turn from Somerville Ave westbound onto Elm St northbound.

2026-101 Article VI Section 6-3 "Do not enter regulations" is amended with the addition of the following location: Thru movement from Cedar St southbound onto Mossland St - motor vehicles prohibited.

2026-102 Article VII Section 7-18 (c) is amended with the addition of the following locations: Right Turns on Red restricted for Elm St southbound at Somerville Ave, Somerville Ave eastbound at Beacon St, Mossland St southbound at Somerville Ave, Somerville Ave westbound at Mossland St.

2026-103 Article VII Section 7-19 is amended with the addition of the following locations: all-way stop control at the intersection of Elm St and Beech St.

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Somerville Marks 'Start by Believing Day' to Support Survivors



SOMERVILLE—Mayor Jake Wilson has signed a proclamation supporting the City's annual observance of "Start by Believing Day" in Somerville on the first Wednesday in April, recognizing the importance of believing survivors of sexual violence and strengthening community response.

The proclamation highlights the critical role that friends, family members, and community members play when survivors first come forward, noting that victims are far more likely to disclose assaults to someone they know rather than law enforcement. It also underscores

the need for compassionate, informed responses that connect survivors to support and resources.

The "Start By Believing" campaign is a global initiative led by End Violence Against Women International (EVAWI) to transform the way society

responds to sexual assault. In Somerville, City departments and community organizations are joining together to take the pledge and support a cultural shift that prioritizes survivor support.

UNCOVERING STAGED SUICIDES (S 2743)

By Bob Katzen

The Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee held a hearing on a measure that would establish the training, education and certification standards that must be met by law enforcement officers who investigate a death if a history of domestic violence is involved in the case.

Supporters said the bill was filed because there have been cases in which domestic abusers have murdered their partners and then tampered with the crime scene to make it look like a suicide or accident. They argued that the bill would ensure that in death cases following a history of domestic violence, law enforcement officials will ask investigatory questions related to that history and interview

family members and close friends of the victim prior to determining whether or not the death was by suicide.

"I'm committed to fighting the heartbreaking scourge of intimate partner violence," said sponsor Sen. Becca Rausch (D-Needham). "This legislation will ensure that suspicious death cases are fully investigated as a matter of course, and

that grieving family and friends are not forced to fight just to have their loved one's lived experiences respected and recognized. This bill is part of a growing national effort to honor the memories of domestic violence victims, to provide them and their families with justice even after their deaths, and to hold perpetrators accountable. I am humbled to work with survivors who have turned their profound

family tragedies into meaningful action."

DROUGHT MANAGEMENT (S 3050)

By Bob Katzen

Senate 38-0, approved an amendment that would create a Drought Management Task Force within the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, which supporters said would strengthen the state's response to the increase in droughts that communities are

experiencing. The task force, which would meet at least monthly when drought conditions exist, would assist in collecting and assessing technical information; facilitate coordination and communication among task force members, agencies and the public; and provide recommenda-

tions on the existing drought level and any proposed responses.

The amendment also allows the Secretary of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs to establish outdoor watering restrictions during droughts and gives municipalities the power to enforce these restrictions.

Amendment sponsor Sen. Jamie Eldridge (D-Marlborough) said the bill provides critical financing for environmental priorities. "Drought management is one of the best tools we have to adapt to climate change," said Eldridge.

(A "Yes" vote is for the amend-

ment.)
Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

DISCLOSE TARIFFS ON CARS (H 5036)

By Bob Katzen

Another bill heard by the Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee would require new vehicle manufacturers and retail vehicle establishments doing business in the state

to clearly and conspicuously disclose the estimated tariff costs on their retail prices on websites and new vehicle labels.

Supporters said that the attorney general would promulgate and enforce

regulations that establish the standardized method to calculate tariff cost estimates, the formatting requirements for the disclosure labels and record-keeping requirements to substantiate tariff cost estimates. They argued that consumers have a right to know by how

much the costs for a new vehicle have risen by the tariffs.

Rep. Mindy Domb (D-Amherst), the sponsor of the bill, did not respond to repeated requests by Beacon Hill Roll Call asking her to comment on her

proposal.

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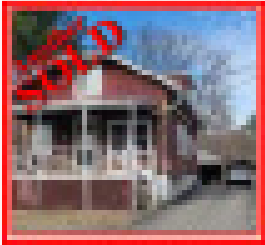
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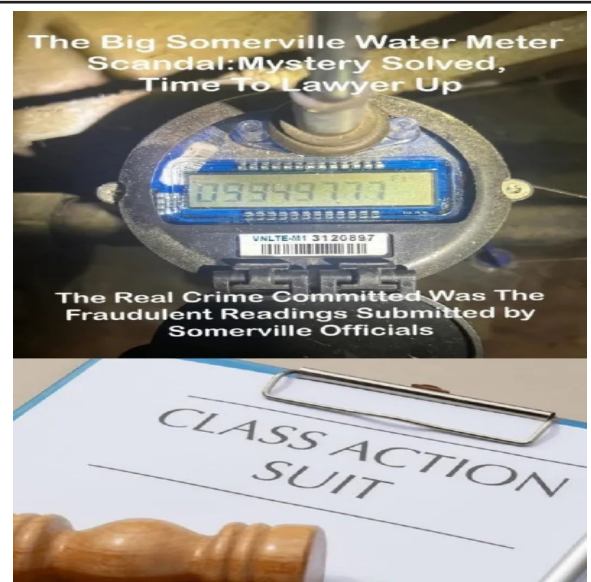
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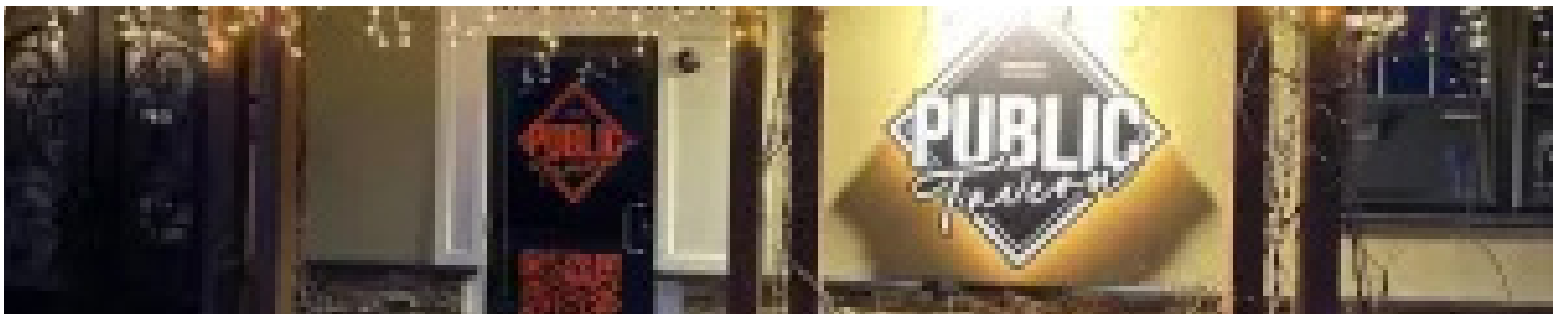
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ENERGY ASSISTANCE FOR LOW INCOME PEOPLE (H 3509)

By Bob Katzen

The House gave initial approval, on a voice vote without a roll call, to legislation that would require automatic re-enrollment of eligible residents into the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) each year rather than forcing recipients to annually re-apply for benefits, as long as they continue to meet the program's eligibility requirements.

"In 2022, the Legislature authorized the creation of an online common application portal to streamline the

process and allow residents in need to simultaneously apply for state benefits and services overseen by multiple state agencies," said sponsor Rep. Brad Jones (R-North Reading). "The LIHEAP program assists residents with basic heating needs during the cold winter months, and it only makes sense to allow residents to apply once and be able to continue to automatically receive fuel assistance for as long as they meet the program's federal and state eligibility requirements."



INJURED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS (S 1851)



By Bob Katzen

The House gave initial approval, on a voice vote without a roll call, to a measure that would allow public safety personnel with impaired health, presumed to have been suffered in the line of duty, to submit an

affidavit attesting that the member underwent a physical exam upon beginning his or her service as a law enforcement official, if their employer failed to maintain these records.

"Public safety personnel such as police officers and firefighters who are injured in the line of duty or develop illnesses related to their service shouldn't be forced to navigate unnecessary red tape if their employer fails

to maintain proper medical records," said sponsor Sen. Paul Feeny (D-Foxborough). "This legislation will help relieve public safety officials of the undue burden of proving an occupational presumption when through no fault of their own, their medical records have been lost or damaged by their employing department."

FIREFIGHTERS AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES (PFAS) (S 3050)

By Bob Katzen

The Senate 39-0, approved an amendment providing \$25 million in bonding for the reduction of firefighters' exposure to dangerous PFAS through three avenues – the purchase of PFAS-free protective turnout gear, the responsible disposal of

equipment contaminated with PFAS and the research and development of safer turnout gear that does not contain PFAS.

PFAs is a class designation that includes nearly 10,000 chemicals used to make everyday items fireproof, waterproof or non-stick. Supporters said that

even at low levels, the toxicity of PFAS chemicals can be devastating, increasing the risk of cancer, immunosuppression, birth defects, colitis and other diseases.

"I introduced this amendment ... because I strongly believe that, when newer and cleaner

solutions are developed, the harms of using risky chemicals begin to far outweigh the benefits," said amendment sponsor Sen. Mike Moore (D-Millbury). "We are now one step closer to stripping toxic PFAS chemicals out of the gear our firefighters wear every day. I could not be more thrilled about the huge

policy win this amendment represents, and I know that the firefighters who will no longer have to wear toxic gear are thankful too."

(A "Yes" vote is for the amendment.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

Somerville/Medford Remembering Roy James Griffin



Obituary

Roy James Griffin was one of the kindest, most generous, hardest working and funniest (intentionally and unintentionally) people you could ever have the privilege of knowing. He greeted everyone with genuine compliments and enthusiasm and you immediately felt welcome in his presence. He was proud to be 100% Irish and wasn't shy to turn on the Irish charm.

Born on September 9, 1941 in Brighton, MA, he was the youngest of 5 children to Helen (Carroll) and Richard Griffin.

Roy is survive by his wife of 60 years, Susan M. Griffin (Borzillo) of Malden, MA; daughter Denise Griffin Crowe and her husband Russell D. Crowe and his grandchildren Michaela D. Crowe and Griffin P. Crowe of Wilmington, MA; daughter Kimberly Young and her husband Stephen Young of Medford, MA.

He is predeceased by his parents, his brother Richard "Sonny" Griffin, Frances "Sis" Marcucci, Dorothy "Dottie" Buckley, and Margaret Herman.

Roy took immense pride in his work. He was an auto mechanic at Alignments Specialists in Quincy, MA for 30 years, a family-owned business where he worked with his brother and nephews.

He attended Brighton High School, where he met Susan Borzillo, whom he always

referred to as "the apple of his eye." They united in marriage on June 20, 1965 and were inseparable from that day forward. He was a devoted husband, expressing his love for Susan every day throughout their 60 years of marriage, in his words and in his actions. Being married to Susan was one of the greatest joys in his life and he was grateful for her until the end.

He was a proud and doting father to his two daughters Denise and Kimberly. He made up stories and songs to entertain them and kept them laughing and safe. He shared his love of the Bruins with them and would cheer, "Number 4?" to which they would yell, "Bobby Orr!" He took them to many Bruins games and could always predict when the game would go into overtime, which was a little annoying. He never minded being the butt of a joke if it made his family laugh and

they have a lifetime of funny stories and memories to keep them happy.

Roy loved bowling and was on a bowling team where he took home more than his fair share of trophies. He also brought that pride and showmanship to the dance floor, winning numerous Twist contests at the bowling banquets.

Roy truly loved music and he gave his daughters a musical education including legends Johnny Cash, Conway Twitty, Willie Nelson and his all time favorite, Elvis Presley! He would accompany Elvis, singing loudly and proudly, whether he knew the words or not. He also sang along with all sorts of children's music to entertain his granddaughter Michaela and grandson Griffin. He relished being a grandfather as much as he did being a husband and father, and developed unique and special relationships with each of his

grandchildren.

His entire family was always his top priority. Even as his mind began to change with dementia, he always recognized his family members and enthusiastically greeted them with his endearing smile. He often reminisced about growing up and the life lessons that his mother taught him.

Calling Hours and funeral service to be announced.

Services will conclude with interment at St. Michael Cemetery, Boston.

Many thanks to Care Dimensions Hospice: nurses and aides for their care and support. In lieu of flowers donations in Roy's memory may be made to Care Dimensions Hospice, 75 Sylvan Street, Suite B-102, Danvers, MA 01923 or online at <http://www.caredimensions.org/giving>



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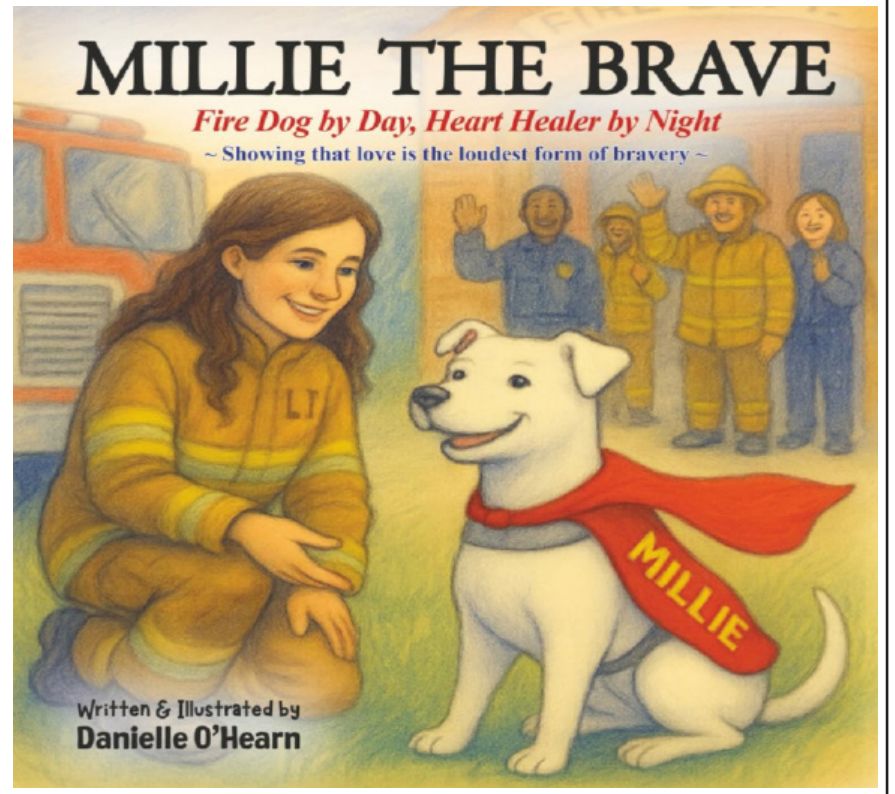
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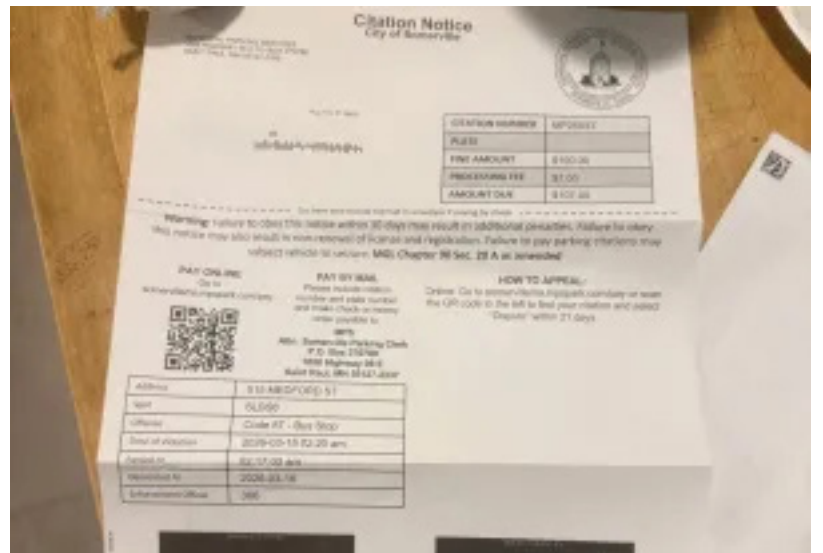


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Billy, please post this in your news paper and online. A Somerville resident received this notice in the mail.

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BAZAARS (H 4238)

By Bob Katzen

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sponsorships, emergency assistance for families in need and many other charitable efforts," said sponsor Rep. Bruce Ayers (D-Quincy). "By removing the outdated restriction limiting fund-

raising events to three per year, while maintaining existing oversight and accountability, this bill provides the flexibility."

PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FOR GRANDPARENTS WHO ARE RAISING THEIR GRANDCHILD (H 3204)

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receiving. They said this would help the grandparents financially by making up for the thousands of dollars in additional costs they are incurring as a result of raising a grandchild.

Rep. James Murphy (D-Weymouth), the sponsor of the bill, did not respond to repeated requests by Beacon Hill Roll Call asking him to comment on his proposal and its passage.



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"Hello, I'm a homeowner on School St. but School St. is not allowed to

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\$15 MILLION FOR CLEAN DRINKING WATER IN SCHOOLS AND CHILDCARE CENTERS



By Bob Katzen

The Senate 38-0 approved an amendment that would create a \$15 million grant program, administered by the Department of Environmental Protection in consultation with the Executive Office of Education, to ensure access to clean drinking water in public schools and childcare centers across the

state.

Funds may be used for improvements to drinking water infrastructure to address lead, PFAS and other contaminants; removal of contaminated or outdated water outlets; and to purchase, install and maintain filtered water stations and filtered faucets.

"I filed the amendment to

address the public health threat facing the commonwealth's children due to the presence of lead in our school water infrastructure because no amount of lead exposure is safe," said amendment sponsor Sen. Joan Lovely (D-Salem).

(A "Yes" vote is for the amendment.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

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Somerville's Porchfest Returns Saturday, May 9: Applications Now Open



Volunteers Invited to be Porchfest Ambassadors

SOMERVILLE — PorchFest returns to Somerville on Saturday, May 9, and applications are now open for participants. The annual event organized by the City's Somerville Arts Council features mini concerts hosted by residents on their porches, yards — and even on stoops — across the city. All musical genres are welcome from alt rock to zither quartets, and hosts are invited to apply by the April 21 deadline to participate. Volunteers are also invited to apply to be Porchfest ambassadors to assist visitors.

"PorchFest is one of Somerville's most awaited events for good reason. Not only is it a sign that spring is truly here but there's nothing quite like seeing porches transform into stages and hosting a citywide jam fest," said Mayor Jake Wilson. "To keep this tradition strong, our Arts Council and public safety teams are working closely together to make sure this year's event is welcoming for everyone, and I can't wait to see it come to life."

In addition to hosting or performing, community members can get involved by volunteering to be a Porchfest Ambassador. Volunteers will orient visitors, answer questions, monitor safety, and serve as points of contact. It's a great way to help make the event a success, and ambassadors get a cool, limited edition Porchfest T-shirt.

Key Updates & Changes for 2026: Porchfest has become popular, so the City needs all hosts and participants to help keep the event organized and safe. Please review and follow the information and guidance below as you plan to host, perform, volunteer, or attend:

Locations & Timing
To bring music to a range of neighborhoods

— and to keep the noise impacts in any one area to just two hours — Porchfest is held in 2-hour blocks in three City zones.

This year, Porchfest will move across Somerville in these three timed zones:
West Zone (West of Willow Avenue): 12–2 p.m.
Central Zone (between Willow and Central Streets): 2–4 p.m.
East Zone (East of Central Street): 4–6 p.m.
To ease congestion on streets and sidewalks, attendees are encouraged to use Somerville's Community Path to travel between zones. If nature calls, there will be additional porta-a-johns available to help keep Somerville clean and safe for everyone. Please use them!

Street Limitations for Safety:
To ensure firetrucks and ambulances are not impeded, and to keep pedestrians safe, the Somerville Fire and Engineering Departments identify key safety routes for us, and performances are not allowed on those streets.

In some cases, we also need to restrict areas at the ends of the side streets that form intersections with safety routes. But you still have options even if you are on a restricted street or corner. Residents on ineligible streets or corners are

encouraged to partner with a neighbor on a nearby designated street. This is a great way to get to know your neighbors while helping keep Porchfest safe.

Spacing Between Performances:
Imagine if you could hear, say, eight concerts at once. That's not a great way to enjoy music, so performances have to be spread out. Participating performance locations need to be at least 8 houses apart from another approved PorchFest performance location. Participants are responsible for managing their volume so each show nearby can be heard. Use the map to see where performances have already been approved to know if where bands are already playing.

Apply to Host a Porch Concert:
Applications are due April 21 at 11:59 p.m. Applying does not guarantee participation. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis by Public Safety officials and the Arts Council. A map of approved locations will be published online as applications are approved. Apply at somerilleartscouncil.org/porchfest.

Apply to Host a Block Party:
Block parties must apply separately through Citizen Serve (somerillema.gov/citizen-serve) to request a block party permit. Applications are open March 17 – April 20 and will be reviewed based on the same street safety restrictions above.

Apply to be an Ambassador Volunteer:
This is an excellent opportunity for community members who love PorchFest, have seen this event grow, and are interested in keeping it safe, accessible, organized, and neighborly. Apply to be an ambassador at somerilleartscouncil.org/porchfest/porchfest-ambassador.

Be sure to note the deadlines! To ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone, we can't make any exceptions to the deadlines. All information and the application link are available at somerilleartscouncil.org/porchfest.

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From running rec games to assisting with community outreach, teens can earn \$18.85/hour; Apply by April 30

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teens (ages 14+) can now apply for the 2026 Mayor's Summer Jobs Program, a six-week paid opportunity to earn money, build skills, and get a behind-the-scenes look at how the City runs.

Each summer, local teens take on roles across more than 20 City departments — everything from helping with Parks and Recreation programs and supporting library events, to assisting with community outreach, and organizing city data.

The program is open to Somerville teens ages 14 through the summer of high school graduation. Opportunities are designed to give teens early work experience while staying connected to their community.

Program Details
 Compensation: \$18.85/hour for all positions
 Time Commitment: Most positions are 20 hours per week and run July 6 through August 14
 Eligibility:
 o Applicants must be 14

years old by May 4, 2026
 o Must be a Somerville resident or enrolled in a Somerville school
 Deadline to Apply: Interested youth can apply now through Thursday, April 30, by completing the online application at somervillema.gov/summerjobs. All applicants will be interviewed in early May.

Participants are placed across a wide variety of City departments including Parks and Recreation, Public Works, Police and

Fire, Libraries, and more. Limited positions will also be available in non-municipal, private businesses and non-profits around Somerville. Schedules will vary by jobsite and placement. All positions require onboarding and orientation.

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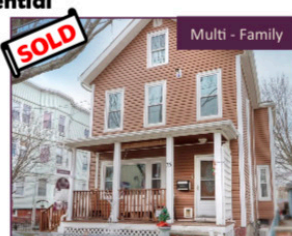
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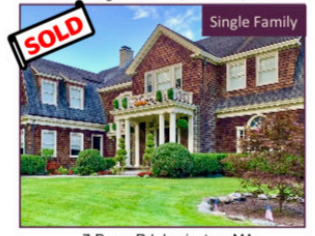
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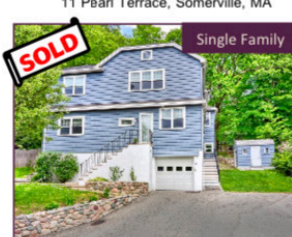
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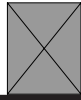
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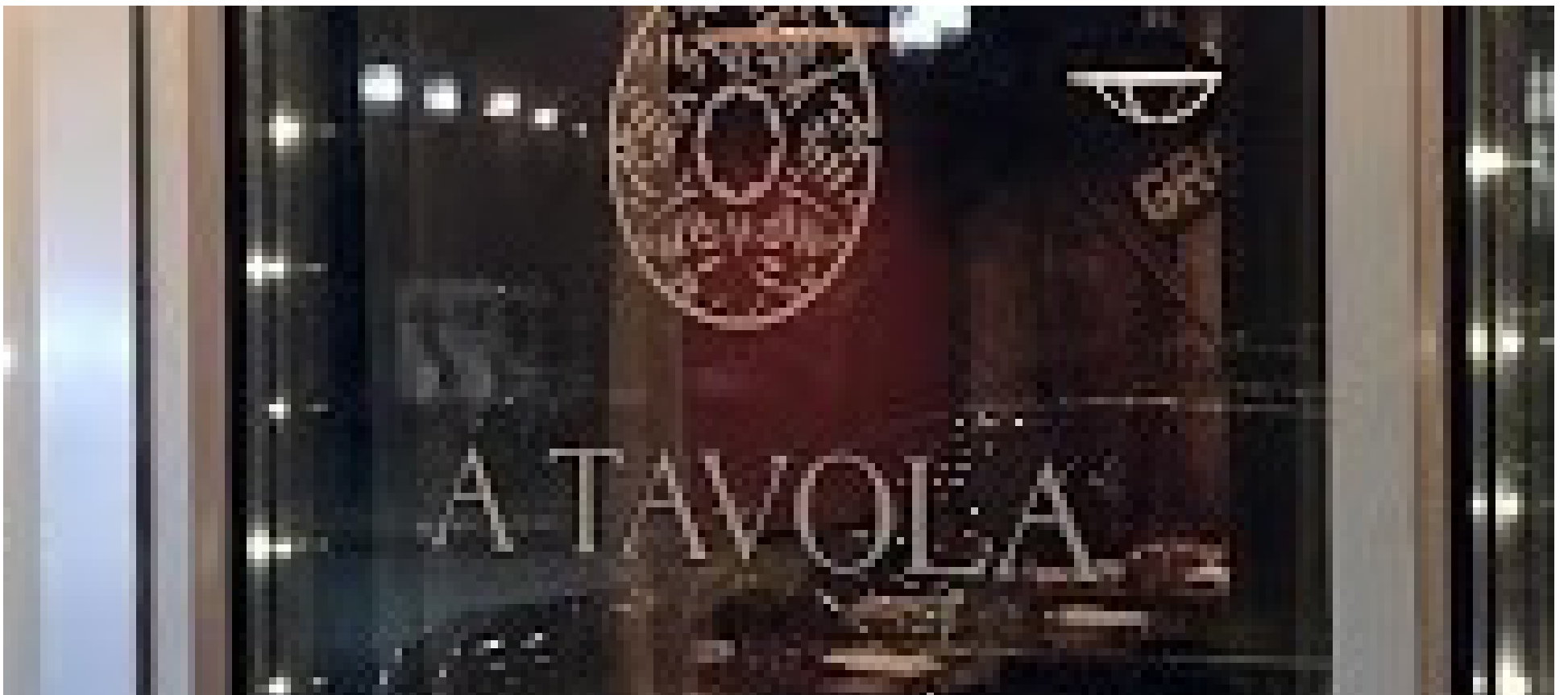
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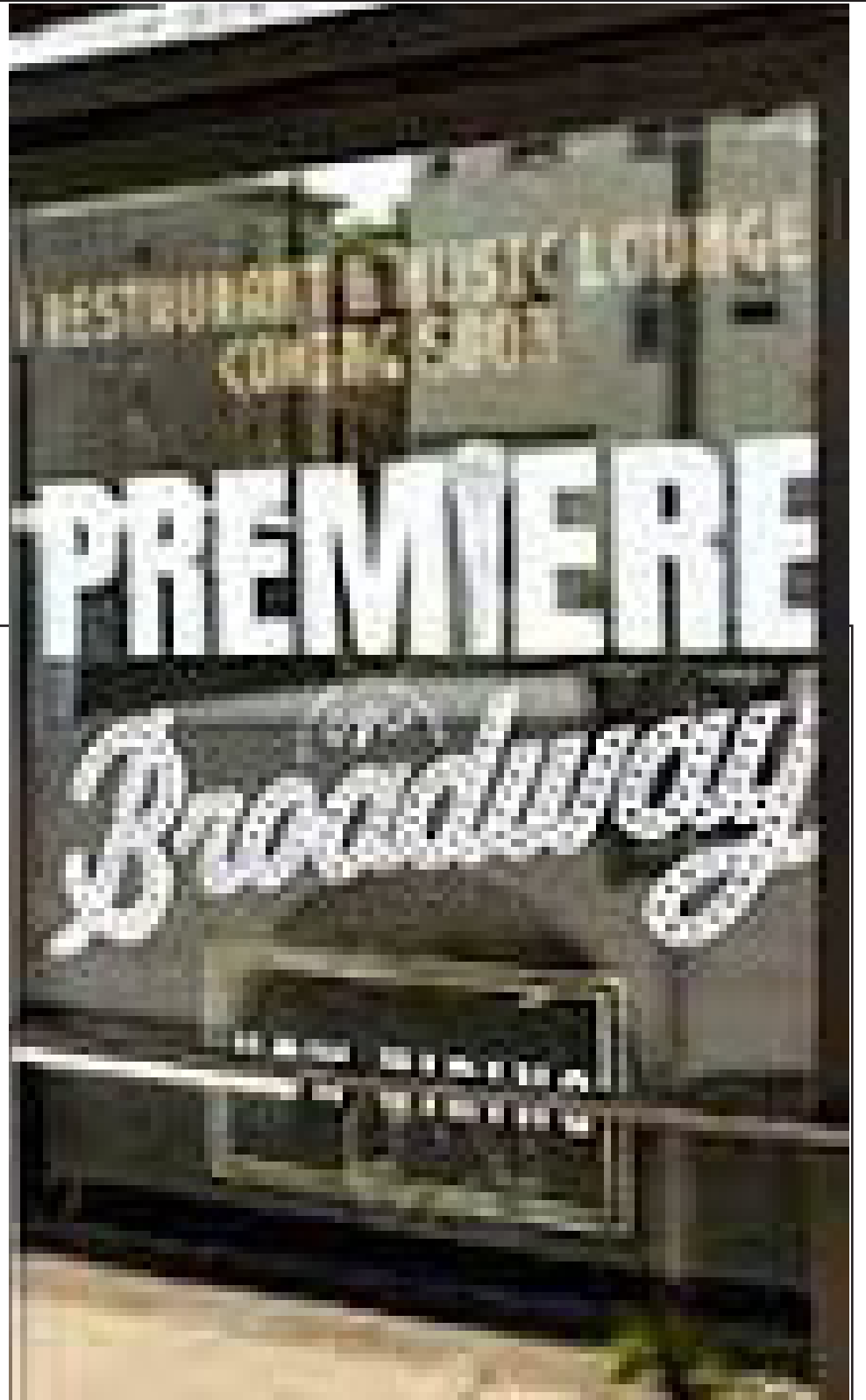
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