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Tuesday May 19th, 2026

Updated Combined Sewer Overflow Control Plan Public Meeting June 2



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JUNE 2026 PUBLIC MEETING

Updated Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Control Plan for the Charles River and Alewife Brook/Mystic River

Did you know?
 • Heavy rainfall can cause sewer and stormwater overflows, and pollute our rivers
 • There are proven tools to reduce these impacts

6PM Tuesday June 2, 2026

The Cities of Cambridge and Somerville, and the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority are working together to reduce pollution in our rivers.

Join us virtually for a public meeting to hear about the recommendations on the CSO Control Plan Report for Alewife Brook, Upper Mystic River, and Charles River released on April 30, 2025. Review the Draft Plan and provide public comment at www.mass.gov/info-details/cso-plan-review

Register online for this Zoom meeting

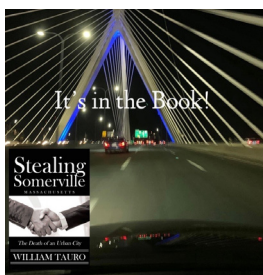


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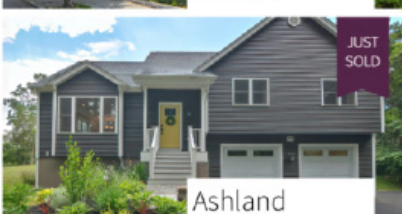
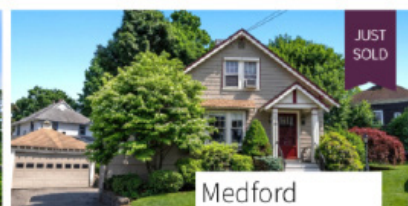
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2. Getbadged Route: Apply directly through GetBadged.com. Visit GetBadged.com, create an account, and select your preferred exam date. This is on-going.

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Somerville/Medford Remembering Michael Hartnett



Obituary

Michael Hartnett, affectionately known as Mike, passed away peacefully at home with his wife by his side after a courageous battle with Parkinson's disease. He was 77 years old.

Born and raised in Charlestown, Mike was a true townie through and through. His roots shaped him to who he was, a loyal, hardworking, and always ready to lend a hand. Mike was the kind of man who worked two jobs without complaint, determined to provide for his family and to give

more than he ever took. He worked for many years as a Steward at GE where he met some cherished lifelong friends. Mike also worked on the waterfront for 12 years where he put his driving skills to the test driving 40-foot tractors. He was a long-time member of the Boston Garden Bull Gang, which he was very proud of.

After retiring, Mike never slowed down. He stayed active by coaching tennis and soccer, and he also delivered for Modern Pastry in the North End. He enjoyed a warm cappuccino during his visits and took great joy in treating others to their delicious pastries.

His generosity extended far beyond his own household. Mike had an uncanny ability to sense when someone needed help. Often before they realized it themselves. He put others first instinctively,

quietly, and wholeheartedly. If you spoke with him, he made you feel like the most important person in the room, as if you'd been friends for years. Connection wasn't something he tried to make; it was simply who he was.

In his downtime, Mike found joy in simple, grounding pleasures. He loved to swim, especially at the Charlestown Y, was a great ice skater, coached hockey on his own and taught so many children to skate. Mike loved to chop and split his own firewood for his wood stove on the third floor where he devised a pulley system to bring the wood up and enlisted the neighborhood children, nephews, and nieces to help him, followed by enjoying pizza or ice cream together.

The foundation of Mike's life was his Catholic Faith,

which guided all his actions. In keeping with his life of giving, Mike's final act was to donate his body to medical research.

Beloved husband of 41 years to Ann Cavallo-Hartnett of Somerville. Devoted brother to Maureen Mulhern, Eunice Derenne, Anne Arria, Dorothy Randall, and the late Teddy and John Hartnett. Brother-in-law to the late Marie Hartnett, the late Jack Mulhern, Dominique Derenne, Chuckie Arria, Frances Cavallo, the late Vincent Cavallo (wife Marcia Spraker-Cavallo), and the late Roger Cavallo (wife Colleen). He was the loving nephew of the late Bob and Pat Walles, and cousin to Scott Walles, Judy McGrath (husband Dave), the late Rob Walles (wife Donna), and the late Steve Walles. The son of the late Edward "Mickey" Hartnett and Mary Louise (McLaughlin) Hartnett.

He is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Calling Hours will be held on Friday, May 22 in St. Ann Church 399 Medford St., Somerville from 10:00AM to 11:00AM. Followed by a memorial mass at 11:00AM.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

Parking is available off street in parking lot of church and there is elevator access around the rear of the church.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made in Mike's name to Weston Priory 58 Priory Hill Road, Weston, VT 05161 (https://www.paypal.com/donate/?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=88RTJF8JUTN-L&ssrt=1779141399852) or to a charity of one's choice.

Somerville/Medford Remembering Mark Hall, Jr.



Obituary

Mark Hall, Jr. – Of North Reading, formerly of Somerville, passed away suddenly at his home on Sunday, May 17, 2026. He was 42 years young.

Mark was born, raised and educated in Somerville. He was an avid sports fan. If there was a game on

television, you could find him either at home or at the 99 Restaurant cheering on his favorite team. He was a devoted fan of the New England Patriots, but his greatest passion was for the Boston Bruins.

Mark was known for his sense of humor and his ability to make any situation lighthearted. He loved making people laugh and brought joy to everyone around him with his quick wit and playful personality. Mark worked for the Somerville DPW and was known as a dedicated and hardworking employee.

When he was not working, Mark loved to travel, especially to Maine. He en-

joyed exploring the hiking trails, taking in the beautiful scenery, and finding peace in the outdoors. More than anything, Mark cherished the time he spent with his beloved wife, Cristina. Whether traveling together, relaxing at home, or simply enjoying each other's company, the moments they shared meant the world to him.

He also loved music and could often be found dancing along to his favorite songs by Led Zeppelin. Mark lived life with energy, laughter, and a love for the people and passions that meant the most to him.

Beloved husband to

Cristina (Palladino) Hall of North Reading. Son of Mark Hall and the late Florence Gates. Devoted brother of Jenn Hall, Brittny Mammano and Krystal Whedbee and her husband Justin. Cherished son-in-law to Gerard Palladino and Gabriella Palladino. Loving brother-in-law to Jennifer Silva and her husband Kevin, Jessica Palladino, and Gerard Palladino, Jr. Nephew of Elaine Hannon, Deborah Hannon, Chrissy Shea and her husband John, Daniel Gates, Michelle Hall, and Karen Hall. Also lovingly survived by aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, friends and extended family members.

A prayer service will be held in the George L. Doherty Funeral Home 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.) Somerville on Wednesday, May 27th at 11:00AM.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

Calling Hours will be held on Tuesday, May 26th from 4:00PM to 7:00PM.

Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Mark's name to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, PO Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284.

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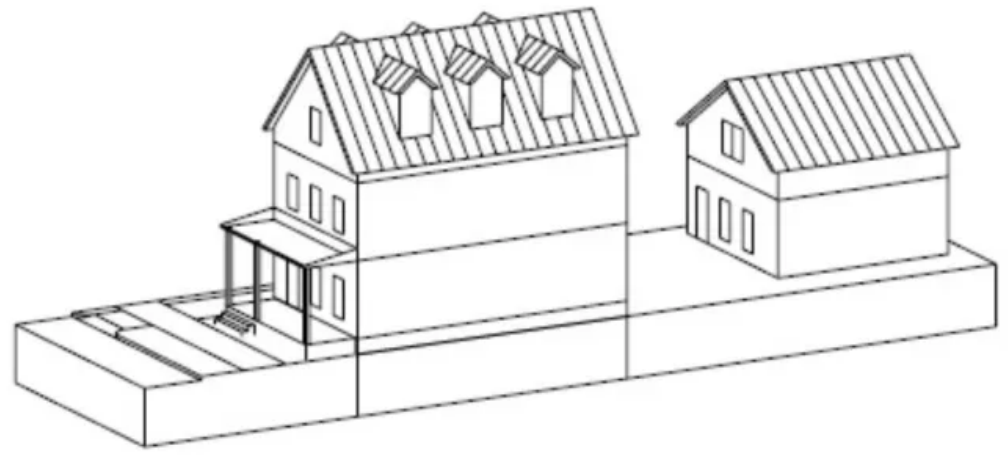


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The legalization of accessory dwelling units (ADUs)



(ADUs) across the state has led to a surge in permit applications and issuances at the municipal level, but the overall production of what are also known as granny flats remains hampered by an overly complex regulatory system, a new report says.

The report, released Wednesday, comes from Boston Indicators, the research arm of the Boston Foundation, and Abundant Housing Massachusetts, an advocacy group that has thrown its shoulder into the YIMBY (Yes in My Backyard) movement.

The ADU mini-boom – an “immediate uptick at a scale of hundreds of homes” – is the result of the 2024 Affordable Homes Act, which took effect in February 2025. It helped lead to 1,600 permit applications and more than 1,200 permits issued, indications of high demand, the report said. A previous study from 2018 showed 100

Greater Boston cities and towns permitting them at an annual average of 2.5 ADUs per community.

But the 2025 numbers still fall short of the production that’s needed as the state faces a housing crisis in which demand outpaces supply. The Healey administration has promoted a goal of more than 220,000 new units of housing over the next decade. Administration projections had suggested legalization would lead to 8,000 to 10,000 homes in five years.

The report offers two takeaways: First, state-level housing reforms – which have drawn some grumbling and legal action from municipalities that want to hold onto control through local regulations – can accomplish “more in one year than 50 years of local reform did.” Second, the next step is to go beyond zoning reforms

geared towards increasing housing production.

“A comprehensive agenda is needed to address regulatory barriers to housing production, spanning building, fire, energy, septic system, wetlands, and stormwater rules,” the report said. “The barriers include the fragmented complexity of the regulatory system itself.”

The state’s ADU regulations, which drew disagreements on a quieter level than the MBTA Communities Act, still took municipal authority into account, creating confusion given how many local requirements there are, according to the report. And like the MBTA Communities law, Boston is exempted from the statewide ADU legalization, and is carving its own, slower path.

Boston still led the list of communities that permitted the most ADUs last year:

City Hall took in 69 applications and 44 permits. Plymouth was next (42 applications and 34 permits), followed by Lawrence (44 applications and 32 permits) and Nantucket (27 applications and 27 permits).

The report suggested regionalization of permit review processes: “Massachusetts has 351 cities and towns, most of them small, each with its own staffing, boards, inspection schedules, logistical demands, and informal enforcement norms. Many municipalities lack the staff and technical expertise to run the project reviews, especially if permitting activity were to pick up. Franklin County offers a model of regionalized permitting.”

The report was the result of ADU builders, architects and homeowners who took matters into their hands, or are considering building one. Advocates, attorneys, local

officials and state agency staffers were also interviewed.

An online event presenting the report’s findings, led by Boston Indicators’ Amy Dain, is scheduled for 9:30 a.m., with a panel discussion to follow. The panel includes Meredith Boericke of the Massachusetts Housing Partnership, Chris Lee of construction company Backyard ADUs, and Claire Morehouse of the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities.

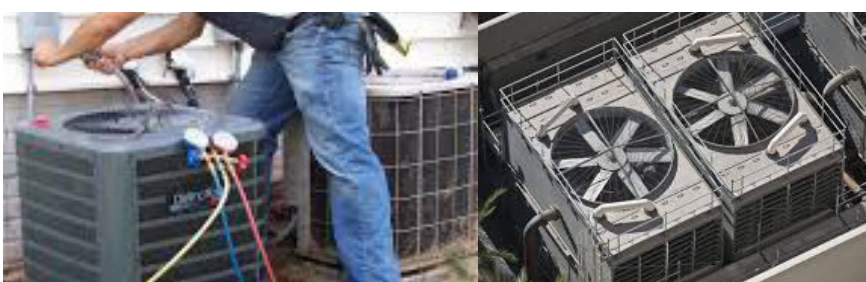
California, which first adopted ADU changes in 2016 and then took on additional reforms has us beat: 150,000 permitted over the last decade, and 80,000 built in the same period, per the Boston Indicators report. What’s your take on the report? Send it along here: gin@masterlist.com.

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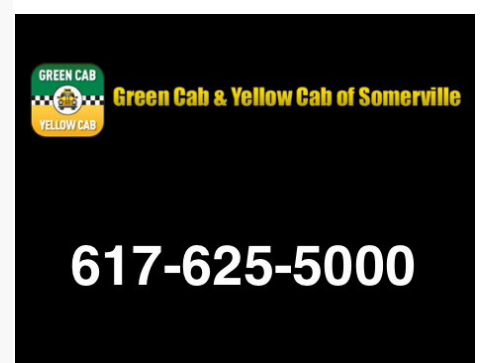
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Pro tip: 311 is a direct link to City Hall and your best call for move in/move out essentials. They are available 24/7 and can be contacted by phone (dial 3-1-1 or 617-666-3311), email (311requests@somervillema.gov), via app, social media, and online. Learn more at somervillema.gov/311.

Before you move, remember to: Check out Somerville's New Resident Guide at somervillema.gov/moving.

Obtain a moving van/container permit Reserve a spot for up to 3 days: \$40/day. Street signage is \$5 per sign; meters require a \$35/day bagging fee.

Place signs at least 2 days in advance, call 311 to confirm, and be sure to remove and recycle them afterward.

Hand-deliver your application to Parking Dept (133 Holland St.) for immediate processing, or mail it and pick up within 10-15 business days.

Review City parking rules o To keep a car in Somerville, a residential parking permit is required.

§ Cost: \$40/year. You'll need vehicle registration (garaged in Somerville) and proof of residency like a utility bill.

§ Still updating your registration? Get a free 30-day temporary permit with documentation.

o Weekly street sweeping is underway now through late December. Look out for signage in your area. More info at somervillema.gov/sweeping.

Properly dispose of trash and recycling

o Check your trash schedule and look up disposal rules for any item at somervillema.gov/wastewizard.

o Large appliance disposal is available for a fee, and pickup can be coordinated with 311. Learn more at somervillema.gov/recycling.

As you settle, remember to: Register to Vote: Options

include online, by mail, or in person. Make sure your address and signature are up to date by completing the annual City census.

More info is at: somervillema.gov/elections.

Find Your Ward & Elected Officials: Somerville has 7 wards (3 precincts each).

Find your ward and learn who represents you at the City, state, and federal level at MySomerville.

o Find info on the Mayor at somervillema.gov/mayor.

o Find your Ward and At-Large City Councilors at somervillema.gov/city-council.

o Find your School Committee member at somerville.k12.ma.us/school-committee.

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City Alerts for emergencies (snow, construction, water issues) via text, email, or phone in multiple languages (somervillema.gov/alerts).

More City newsletters on topics you care about from Construction to Recreation and more (somervillema.gov/subscribe).

Social Media: The City is on Facebook, Instagram, and Bluesky, and follow topics like the Arts Council or Schools too (somervillema.gov/socialmedia).

Again, welcome to Somerville, and well wishes in your new home to anyone moving on.

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Updated Combined Sewer Overflow Control Plan Public Meeting June 2

Community members are invited to submit feedback on the \$1.29 billion plan between May-September 2026

SOMERVILLE, MA — The Cities of Cambridge and Somerville, together with the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA), are holding an informational meeting on their \$1.29 billion Draft Updated Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Control Plan, which is a legal requirement.

A Combined Sewer Overflow is an overflow of stormwater and sewage into nearby rivers and streams that can happen during heavy rain. The draft plan, which is the first in the nation to account for long-range climate impacts, outlines a series of recommendations to protect local waterways from pollution by eliminating combined sewer overflows during a typical 2050 year, which climate models indicate will include heavier and more intense flooding and storms. Despite this larger capability to control overflows that would be the first in the nation to go beyond EPA guidance, atypical larger storms

in 2050 are still predicted to result in CSOs within the proposed system.

From now until September 30, 2026, community members, advocacy groups, and organizations are invited to review the Draft Updated CSO Control Plan and share feedback. To help inform the public feedback process, community members are invited to attend a public meeting to learn more about the plan and its recommendations for eliminating CSOs in the Mystic River, Charles River, and Alewife Brook in a typical 2050 year. This is an informational session only. Official public comment will be accepted via other methods.

The plan will have long-ranging impacts on both the ecological health of the impacted waterways and the water and sewer customers of Somerville and Cambridge, as well as the 41 additional cities and towns served by the MWRA, which will see rate increases to cover the cost of the project.

About the Meeting
Members of the project team will

present an overview of the plan and the expected outcomes of the recommended work.

When: Tuesday, June 2, 6 p.m.
Where: The meeting will be held via Zoom. Register to attend at tinyurl.com/CSOJune2026.

Community members will have the opportunity to ask questions during the meeting. Public comment will not be accepted at the meeting but rather through the methods detailed below.

More About the Plan
The plan is the result of more than four years of detailed analysis, engineering evaluation, and broad public engagement. It recommends a set of projects — including new storage tanks, sewer separation, and upgraded conveyance systems — that together are projected to eliminate CSO discharges during a typical 2050 year in the Alewife Brook, Charles River, and the Mystic River. The plan is the first in the nation to go beyond EPA guidance and prepare for climate change. Learn more and see the

full plan at voice.somervillema.gov/joint-cso-planning.

Public Feedback Period and How to Submit Comment
From now until September 30, 2026, community members, advocacy groups, and organizations are invited to review the Draft Updated CSO Control Plan and share feedback.

The public can provide feedback through:
An online comment portal
Email
Mail
Or verbally at two virtual public meetings to be held in September.

Visit voice.somervillema.gov/joint-cso-planning for details on how to submit comments and more information and additional details on the plan.



INCLUDE ALL CRIMINAL OFFENSES (S 3072)

By Bob Katzen

Senate 7-32, rejected an amendment to a section of the bill that allows a law enforcement official to request information about a person's citizenship or immigration status when the officer has an articulable, case-specific reason to believe the person's citizenship or immigration

status is directly material to a list of specific criminal offenses the person has committed. The amendment would allow more criminal offenses to be considered.

Amendment supporters said the amendment is a fair one that would broaden the provision and make it apply to all criminal

offenses.

Amendment opponents said the bill applies to all felonies and said the amendment is not necessary.

Sen. Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester), the sponsor of the amendment, did not respond to repeated requests by Beacon Hill

Roll Call asking him why he filed it.

Sen. Cindy Friedman (D-Arlington), the chief opponent of the amendment, did not respond to repeated requests by Beacon Hill Roll Call asking her why she opposed it.

(A "Yes" vote is for the amendment that would

broaden the provision and make it apply to all criminal offenses. A "No" vote is against the amendment.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen No

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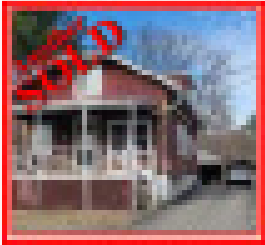
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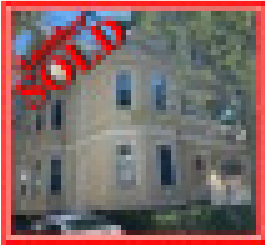


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By William Tauro

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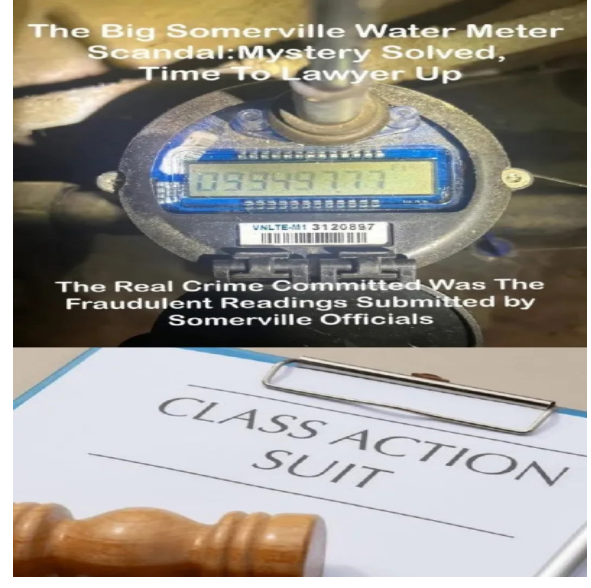
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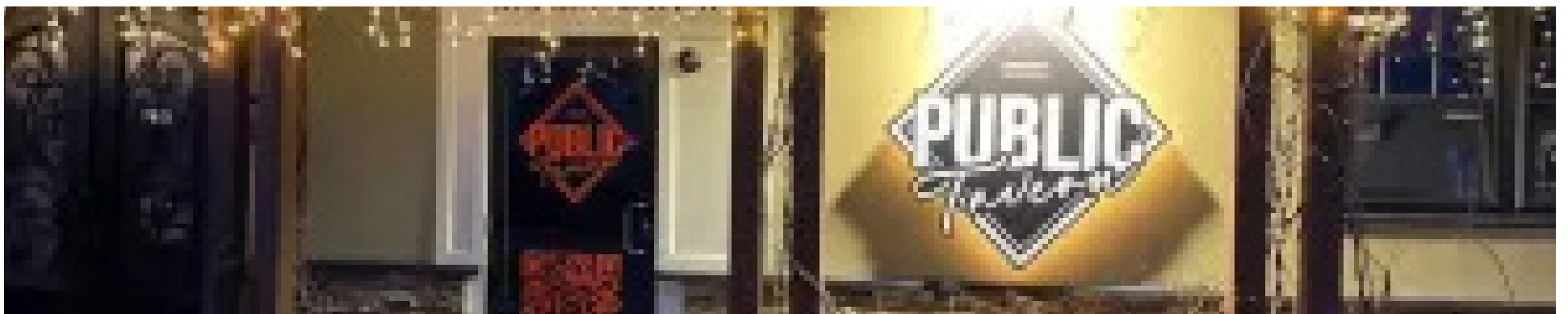
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GIVE FEDERAL MONEY TO SHERIFFS AND CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT (S 3072)

By Bob Katzen

Senate 5-34, rejected an amendment that would strike a section of the bill that provides that any payments made by the federal government to reimburse the Department of Correction for costs associated with executing its responsibilities, must be transferred to and then distributed by the Office for Refugees and Immigrants to designated non-profit organizations which would use the funds to increase access to legal representation for immigrants and refugees

in the state.

Amendment supporters said that the amendment would ensure that this money stays with the sheriffs and the Department of Corrections which performed their duties and generated the federal funds rather than being unfairly diverted to nonprofits for a wholly different purpose.

“I voted ‘No’ because taxpayer reimbursement funds should remain focused on core state priorities rather than being automatically redirected to

outside nonprofit organizations,” said Sen. Patrick O’Connor (R-Weymouth). “This amendment improves accountability and gives lawmakers greater flexibility in allocating public funds.”

Amendment opponents said the money would be put to good use by nonprofits to increase access to legal representation for immigrants and refugees who cannot become legal immigrants because they don’t have the money necessary to go through the lengthy and expensive process to do so.

Sen. Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester), the sponsor of the amendment, did not respond to repeated requests by Beacon Hill Roll Call asking him why he filed it.

Sen. Cindy Friedman (D-Arlington), the chief opponent of the amendment, did not respond to repeated requests by Beacon Hill Roll Call asking her why she opposed it.

(A “Yes” vote is for the amendment which would require the federal funds to be used by sheriffs and

the Department of Corrections. A “No” vote is against the amendment and supports the funds being used to help legal representation for immigrants and refugees.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen No

THIS WEEK’S QUOTABLE QUOTES ON BEACON HILL

By Bob Katzen

“Through the Cultural Facilities Fund (CFF), we are proud to invest in the places that make arts and culture accessible across Massachusetts. These projects strengthen local economies, preserve our shared heritage and ensure that residents and visitors alike can experience the full richness of our cultural sector for years to come.”
—David Slatery, Acting Executive Director of the Mass Cultural Council, announcing that 97 non-profit and municipal cul-

tural facilities will receive a total of \$8.6 million through the most recent CFF grants.

“An order from the U.S. Supreme Court has extended providers’ ability to mail mifepristone while this case continues. This decision is a relief for patients, who can continue to access the medication abortion method of their choice, and for providers to continue offering the highest standards of care.”
— Dominique Lee, CEO of Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts, on the U.S. Supreme

Court extending a stay of the 5th Circuit’s ruling in Louisiana et al. v. Food and Drug Administration allowing health care providers to continue mailing mifepristone, one of two common medications used for abortion and miscarriage management, while the case continues.

“As we mark this important milestone for the Office of Problem Gambling Services, we continue to lean into our commitment to working with our state and community partners to expand access to prevention, referral

and treatment for those impacted by harm caused by gambling. Amid this great expansion of gambling access and advertising, our work is guided by a belief that racial equity is foundational to these mitigation efforts and that centering community voices in addressing this public health issue is key.”
— Public Health Commissioner Robbie Goldstein, on the 10th anniversary of the state’s efforts to address gambling harm.

“Massachusetts may invest heavily in [college students’ talent], but it is

not capturing the returns. People will stay only if the private sector is growing jobs and new businesses—that is the core challenge for policymakers interested in attracting and retaining young talent.”
—Jim Stergios, Executive Director of Pioneer Institute, on its study, which tracked the interstate movement of over 1,000 college graduates, and found that Massachusetts colleges lose 35 percent of its graduates after commencement while only attracting 20 percent back from other states.

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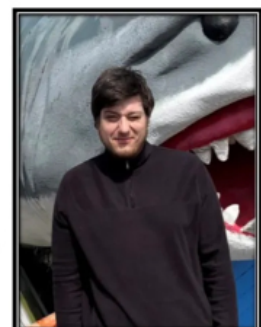
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(Jackson’s cousin / former Somerville resident)

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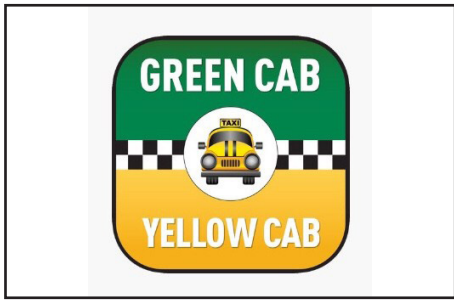
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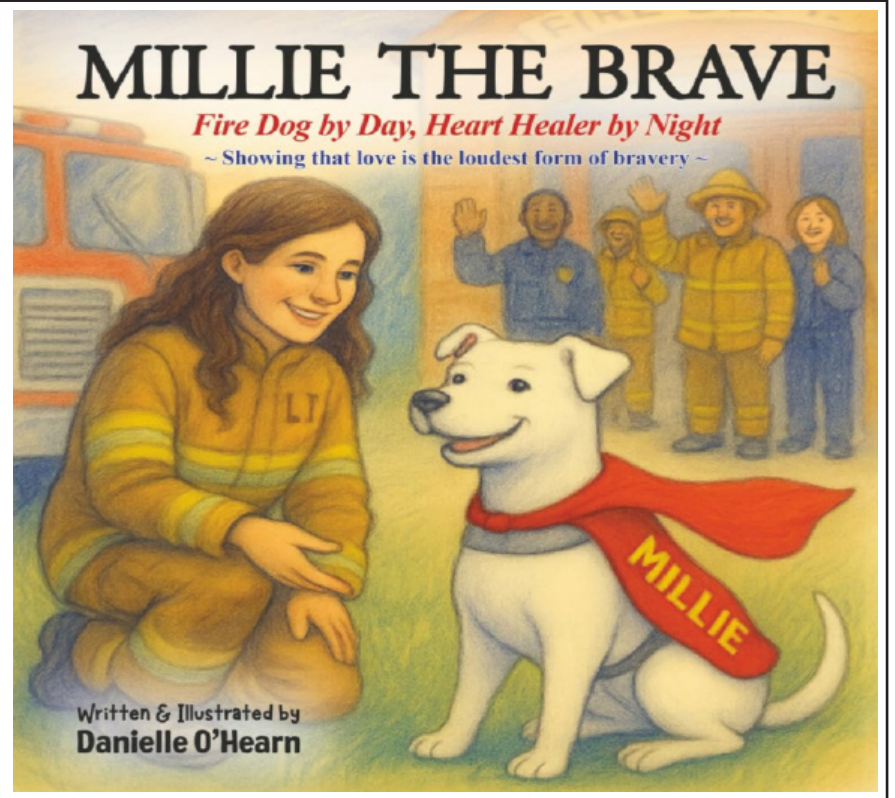
Dear Billy T and Somerville/Medford News Weekly Speakup Line,

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

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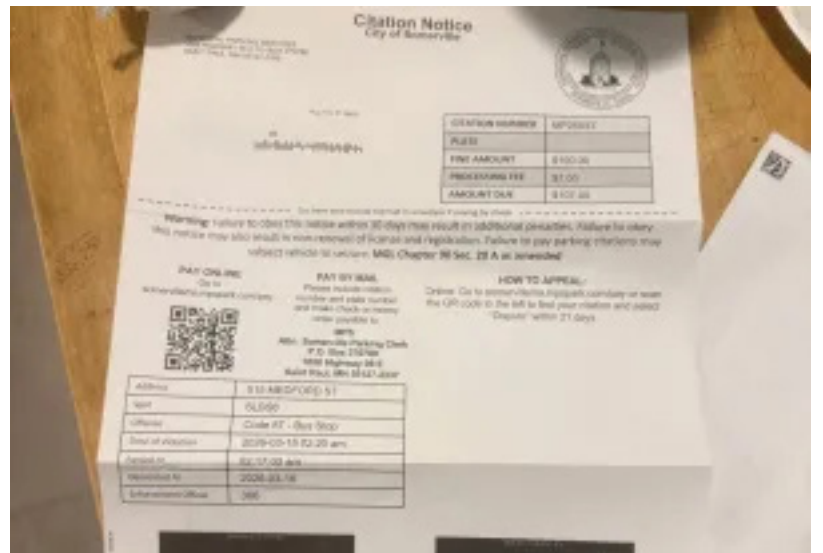


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Dear Billy T and Somerville/Medford News Weekly Speakup Line,

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Pro tip: 311 is a direct link to City Hall and your best call for move in/move out essentials. They are available 24/7 and can be contacted by phone (dial 3-1-1 or 617-666-3311), email (311requests@somervillema.gov), via app, social media, and online. Learn more at somervillema.gov/311.

Before you move, remember to: Check out Somerville's New Resident Guide at somervillema.gov/moving. Obtain a moving van/container

permit Reserve a spot for up to 3 days: \$40/day. Street signage is \$5 per sign; meters require a \$35/day bagging fee. Place signs at least 2 days in advance, call 311 to confirm, and be sure to remove and recycle them afterward. Hand-deliver your application to Parking Dept (133 Holland St.) for immediate processing, or mail it and pick up within 10-15 business days. Review City parking rules o To keep a car in Somerville, a residential parking permit is required. \$ Cost: \$40/year. You'll need vehicle registration (garaged in Somerville) and proof of residency like a utility bill. \$ Still updating your registration? Get a free 30-day tempo-

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ENSURE SENIORS QUALIFY FOR SENIOR CIRCUIT BREAKER DISCOUNT (H 5298)

By Bob Katzen

Yet another bill that was heard by the Revenue Committee was one that supporters say would ensure that seniors are allowed to take the Seniors Circuit Breaker Discount even if they take advantage of a senior property tax deferral.

The Seniors Circuit Breaker Discount can be taken by seniors with homes valued at less than \$1,298,000 and who earn \$75,000 or less for a single individual who is not the head of a household; 94,000 for a head of household; and \$112,000 for married couples filing a joint return. To qualify as a homeowner, your


property tax payments, together with half of your water and sewer expense, must exceed 10 percent of your total Massachusetts income for the tax year. If you are a renter, 25 percent of your annual Massachusetts rent must exceed 10 percent of your total Massachusetts income for the tax year.

“Seniors on a fixed income are struggling to pay for food, electricity, gas and property taxes,” said sponsor Rep. Kristin Kassner (D-Hamilton). “After passing home rule petitions in two of our towns to expand access to senior property tax deferral, we learned that if seniors take the deferral, they no longer qualify for

the Senior Circuit Breaker discount on their state taxes. This bill would allow income-qualifying seniors to defer property taxes (with the taxes paid in full with interest upon the sale of their home) and still qualify for the Senior Circuit Breaker.

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Heat Advisory for Somerville Tuesday and Wednesday, May 19-20: Take Precautions to Stay Safe and Cool



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SOMERVILLE – The first days of high heat this season are expected in Somerville this week. At this time, the National Weather Service has issued a Heat Advisory for Tuesday and Wednesday, May 19-20, with feels-like temperatures up to 96 degrees.

Community members are encouraged to review ways to stay cool, healthy, and safe, especially as this is the area's first period of multi-day hot temperatures this year.

Staying Cool in Somerville Air-Conditioned City Buildings:
If you don't have air conditioning, you can seek relief from the heat in air-conditioned City buildings.

Anyone is welcome to visit the Somerville

Public Libraries during their regular hours, some of which are also open Saturday and/or Sunday. For locations and hours, visit somervillepubliclibrary.org.

Seniors are also welcome to visit Council on Aging Senior Centers, which offer a wide range of activities on weekdays. For locations, hours, and activity information, visit somervillema.gov/coa.

Please note: drinking fountains are ready for use, but splash pads at City parks are not ready for use yet. The Department of Public Works team is working diligently to turn on several splash pads earlier than usual, before Memorial Day, and all of them as soon as possible after Memorial Day. Dilboy Pool and Latta Brothers Pool typically open in June.

Opening dates and hours will be shared on somervillema.gov/keepcool and [\[ma.gov/pools\]\(http://ma.gov/pools\) when they are available, as well as on the City's social media pages.](http://somerville-</p></div>
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Safety Tips
Heat safety tips and ways to keep cool in and around Somerville are below. Safety tips are also available in multiple languages on the City's website at somervillema.gov/keepcool.

Top 5 Heat Safety Tips:
Never leave children or pets unattended in a car or other vehicle, even for a quick errand and even if the windows are open.
Stay indoors as much as possible during high heat. Limit outdoor activity to the morning and evening hours, avoid direct sunlight, and rest often in shady areas.
Drink plenty of water. Avoid alcohol and caffeinated or very sugary drinks.
Wear lightweight, loose-fitting clothing.
Stay informed: Follow City social media pages and contact 311 for the latest information on places you can visit to cool off. More information at somervillema.gov/socialmedia and somervillema.gov/311.

Be a Good Neighbor:
Check on relatives, friends, and neighbors who don't have air conditioning or who are more likely to be affected by the heat. These groups may include older adults, infants and children, people with chronic medical conditions, and people who are pregnant.

If you see anyone out in the heat who appears immobile or disoriented, call 911 so they can receive the necessary help.

Learn to Recognize Signs and Symptoms of Heat Illnesses:
Heat stroke
If someone is showing signs of heat stroke call 911 immediately. Heat stroke is a medical emergency. Signs of heat stroke include a body temperature over 103°F; hot, red skin;

a fast pulse; nausea; headache, dizziness or confusion; and possible unconsciousness. While waiting for help to arrive, move the person to a cool area and cool them down with cool wet towels or a cool bath. **DON'T** give them fluids.
Heat exhaustion
Look for: heavy sweating; cold, pale, and clammy skin; a fast or weak pulse; nausea or vomiting; muscle cramps; tiredness or weakness; dizziness; headache
Move to a cool place, loosen your clothes, cool down with cool wet towels or a cool bath, and sip water. Get medical help if you are vomiting, your symptoms get worse, or your symptoms last longer than one hour.
Heat cramps
Look for: lots of sweating, muscle cramps or spasms
Stop physical activity, move to a cool place, and drink water or a sports drink. Get medical help if cramps last longer than one hour, your symptoms get worse, you're on a low-sodium diet, or you have heart problems.

The above information is general guidance. When in doubt, move to a cooler place and get medical help right away.

Tips For Pet Parents:
Never leave your pet in your car or vehicle, even if the windows are open.
Don't leave pets outside for long periods of time.
Provide plenty of fresh water and, if outside, leave the water in a shady area.
Don't let dogs linger on hot asphalt.
Know the symptoms of overheating in pets, which include excessive panting or difficulty breathing, increased heart and respiratory rate, drooling, mild weakness, stupor, or collapse.
Animals with flat faces, like Pugs and Persian cats, are more prone to heat stroke. These

pets, and pets that are older, overweight, or have heart or lung diseases, should be kept cool in air-conditioned rooms as much as possible.

Other Ways to Stay Cool:
With public transportation, you can also visit nearby communities that offer water features or pools. Please note that some water features or pools may not be open yet for the 2026 season. Please contact those communities directly for the most updated information.
Visit cambridgema.gov/cdd/parks/waterplay-map for a Waterplay Map and cambridgema.gov/Services/recpoolsandswimming for pools in Cambridge.
Visit the Parks and Fields page on arlingtonma.gov
Visit boston.gov/heat for places to stay cool, pools, and splash pads
Visit the Recreation Page on medfordma.org
Visit mass.gov/swimming for a list of state-managed Swimming Pools, Wading Pools and Spray Decks

During hot weather, more people cool off in and around bodies of water. Learn how to keep yourself and others safe in and around water by reviewing Water Safety tips provided by the Commonwealth at mass.gov/water-safety.

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AG CAMPBELL ANNOUNCES \$7.8 MILLION SETTLEMENT

By Bob Katzen

Massachusetts Attorney General Andrea Campbell announced a \$7.8 million settlement with American First Finance (AFF) resolving allegations that the company used unfair and

deceptive business practices to mislead consumers with expensive lease-to-own contracts. The settlement requires AFF to pay \$2 million to the state which will then distribute it to impacted customers as restitution. The settle-

ment also includes nearly \$5.8 million in credits to existing consumer accounts.

“Consumers making significant purchases deserve to be presented with clear, straightforward payment

options,” said Campbell. “When companies mislead buyers and profit off the confusion they create, that violates our consumer protection laws and unfairly puts our residents at risk. My office will continue to hold compa-

nies that take advantage of consumers accountable, especially when they target our most vulnerable communities.”

“No Mow May” in Somerville Underway to Support Local Pollinators



Mowing of City passive-use lawns paused in May to provide food sources for regional birds, insects, and more

SOMERVILLE – Noticing the grass is growing taller than usual? It’s intentional. During the month of May, mowing of City-owned passive-use grassy areas are paused as part of the international “No Mow May” initiative. The intent is to support biodiversity and provide vital food sources for reemerging pollinators — like bees, beetles, and butterflies — this spring. During this time, the exception is athletic fields and cemeteries, which are regularly mown per usual.

The city is participating because although pollinators may be tiny creatures they have an outsize impact

on agriculture and the food supply, and they are deemed under threat. Roughly one-third of the food you eat needs insect pollination to reach your plate and pollinators are in decline. No Mow May is encouraged because pollinators wake up from winter in the early spring and need something to eat, but the flowers they rely on may be hard to find. Letting flowers in lawns grow in April and May gives pollinators an important food source.

While the grass grows, Somerville’s Department of Public Works (DPW) along with our Public Space and Urban Forestry division are focusing those

freed-up labor hours on spring cleaning and planting in parks and open spaces citywide.

Residents and businesses can do their part too by waiting to mow their own lawns as flowers continue to bloom. Grass mowing enforcement will be relaxed on private property throughout the month for No Mow May. Please note, overgrowth violations that impede sidewalk passage or excessive overgrowth from long-term unmanaged vegetation that could contribute to rodent harborage will still be subject to enforcement.

Get “in the weeds” on why pollinators matter and other ways the city is working to do its part to protect them by checking out Somerville’s Pollinator Action Plan. It’s a first of its kind plan created specifically for an urban environment. Designed for broad use, the plan highlights local pollinators and provides recommendations, plant lists, and design guidance that community members can use to build habitats. To review the full plan, visit somervillema.gov/pollinators.

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VERIFY THAT AID RECIPIENTS ARE IN THE COUNTRY LEGALLY (S 3072)

By Bob Katzen

Senate 5-34, rejected an amendment that would require any agency, organization or other entity receiving public funds for the purpose of providing legal representation in matters involving federal immigration law, to develop and implement mechanisms to ensure that no funds are provided to help

an individual not lawfully present in the United States.

“I voted ‘Yes’ because state-funded legal aid programs should prioritize assistance for individuals who are legally present in the United States,” said Sen. Patrick O’Connor (R-Weymouth). “This amendment adds an important verification

safeguard to ensure public resources are used as intended and with transparency.”

Amendment opponents said this would unfairly take away the ability for nonprofits to represent people who are lawfully here in the country but can’t afford to pay a private lawyer to help them.

Sen. Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester), the sponsor of the amendment, did not respond to repeated requests by Beacon Hill Roll Call asking him why he filed it.

Sen. Cindy Friedman (D-Arlington), the chief opponent of the amendment, did not respond to repeated requests by Beacon Hill Roll Call asking

her why she opposed it.

(A “Yes” vote is for the amendment that would require recipients to prove that they are here legally. A “No” vote is against the amendment.)

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SomerStreets: Carnival Bringing Music, Food, Culture, and Community to East Somerville

SOMERVILLE – Carnival is ready to transform Broadway once again into an open-air festival filled with music, movement, food, family activities, local vendors, and performances celebrating East Somerville.

Presented by the Somerville Arts Council and East Somerville Main Streets, SomerStreets: Carnival will take place on June 7, from 2-6 p.m. along Broadway, from Pennsylvania Avenue to McGrath Highway. The rain date is Sunday, June 14.

“SomerStreets: Carnival is a celebration of the cultures, businesses, families, artists, and neighbors that make this community so dynamic,” said Mayor Jake Wilson. “I’m grateful to East Somerville Main Streets, the City’s Arts Council, and everyone helping bring Broadway to life for a day of joy, connection, and commu-

nity pride.”

The celebration will kick off with a Brazilian-style opening procession featuring Grooversity and Samba Viva, followed by a day full of live entertainment, delicious food vendors, and family-friendly programming.

Click here for SomerStreets: Carnival photos.

SomerStreets is the City’s annual series of free, family-friendly open streets events. Each event closes a major roadway to vehicle traffic and opens it for walking, biking, music, play, and community celebration.

More information is available at somervillema.gov/somerstreets.



ZERO-EMISSION VEHICLES (S 2694)

By Bob Katzen

The Revenue Committee held a hearing on legislation that supporters say would encourage the purchase of heavy-duty zero-emission vehicles (classes 3 through 8) – if purchased before January 1, 2035.

The measure directs that in calculating the motor vehicle excise tax and the state sales tax, the taxable value of the zero-emission vehicles be based on the lesser of the vehicle’s actual list or sales price, or the median list or sales price of comparable in-

ternal combustion engine vehicles of the same class and year.

Supporters say that the proposal would encourage the purchase of zero-emission vehicles and ensure that they are not subject to disproportionately higher taxes due to

higher upfront costs. They note the bill would guarantee that the state’s fiscal policy aligns its clean transportation goals.

Sens. Paul Mark (D-Becket), Jo Comerford (D-Northampton) and Joan Lovely (D-Salem), the co-sponsors of the bill,

did not respond to repeated requests by Beacon Hill Roll Call asking them why they filed the measure.

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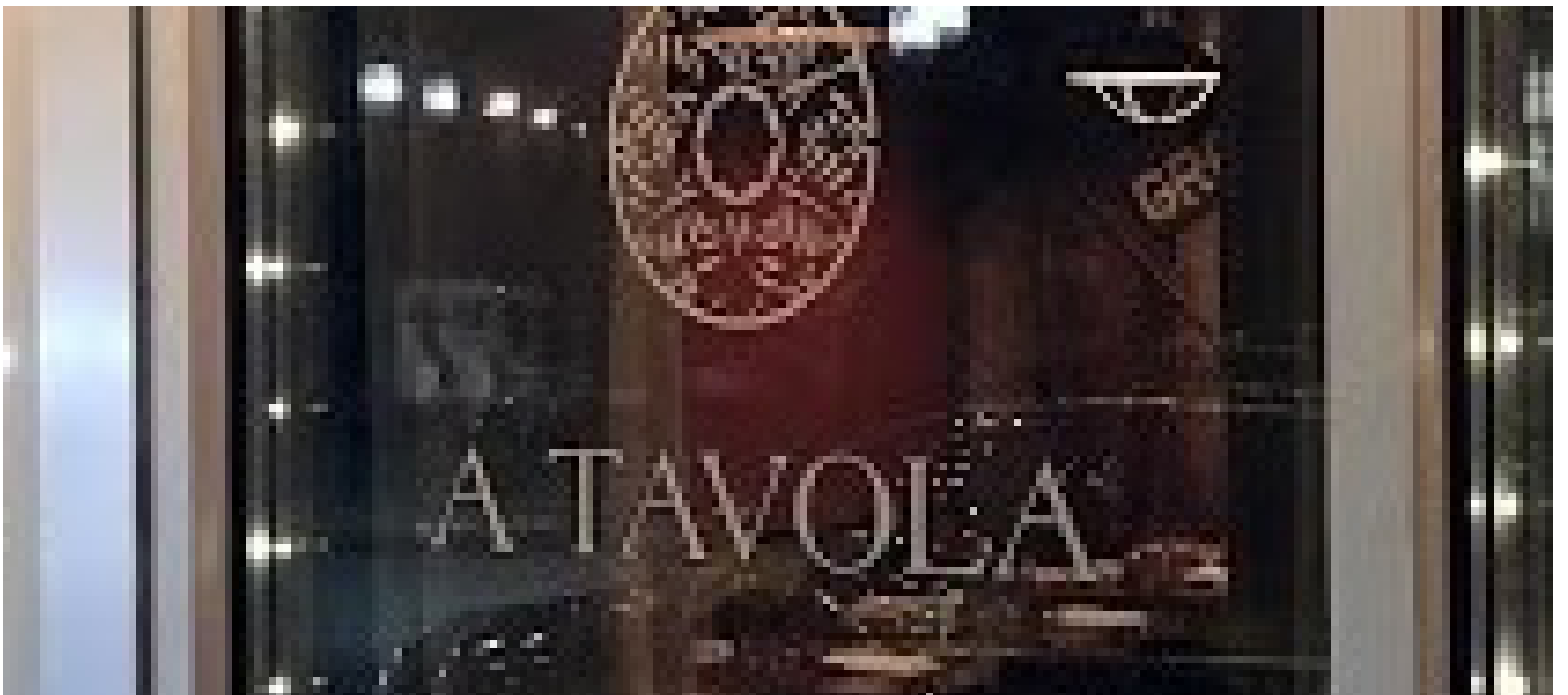
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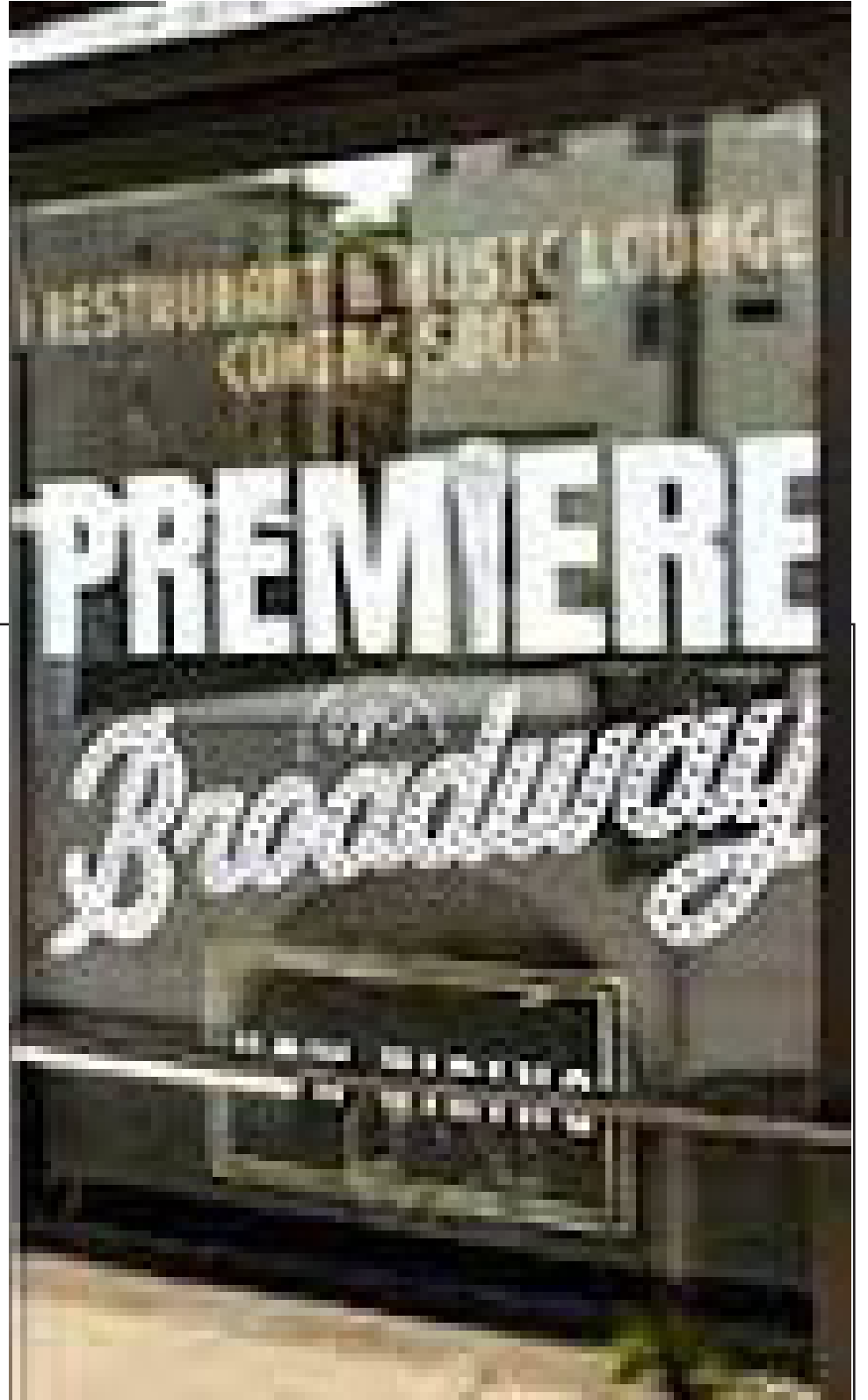
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