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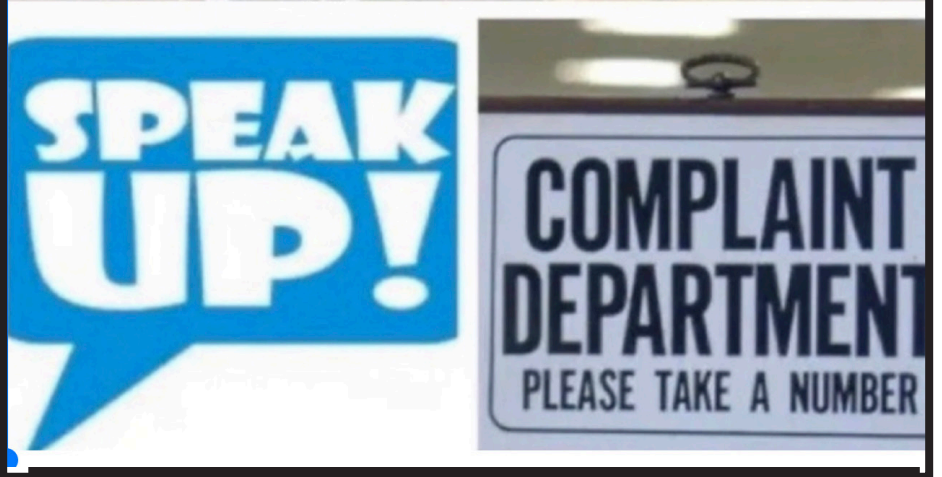
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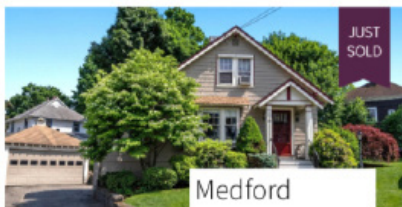
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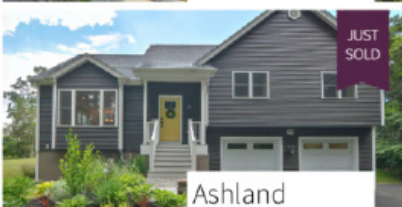
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Somerville/Medford Remembering Joseph A. "Ted" Cormier



Obituary
Joseph A. "Ted" Cormier – of Plymouth, formerly of Medford, passed away surrounded by his loving family on Tuesday, June 23, 2026. He was 84 years old.

Born in Boston, raised in Cambridge, he was the son of the late Armand and Isabelle (Perrier) Cormier. Ted was a proud graduate of Rindge Tech in Cambridge.

Ted began his painting career at the age of 15, working alongside his father. Over the years, he contributed to many large-scale projects throughout Massachusetts, including Hanscom Air Force Base, Fort Devens, the John F. Kennedy Federal Building, and both bridges leading to Cape Cod. He later became the proud owner of Rome Painting Company in Medford, which he operated successfully for more than 40 years. Ted was also a dedicated supporter of his community, proudly sponsoring numerous local youth sports teams.

A devoted Boston sports fan, Ted loved athletics from an early age, playing football, baseball, basketball and softball. His passion for competition continued into adulthood as a member of multiple golf leagues, where he enjoyed traveling to tournaments with friends. He also loved playing pool and cards and was well known for his friendly competitive streak, often jokingly "swindling" a few people out of their money.

Ted found great joy in the outdoors. He loved fishing and formed countless lifelong friendships on the piers and lakes of New England. His love for hunting came at an early age from his grandfather. Through the years, he was affectionately known as "Father" by everyone at his hunting camp in Maine, where his wisdom, humor, and friendship made him a cherished presence.

Horse racing was another lifelong passion. Alongside his father, Ted owned thoroughbred racehorses and spent many memorable days at Rockingham Park and Suffolk Downs. One of his favorite memories was attending the Kentucky Derby, where they even had the opportunity to sit with Colonel Sanders.

Ted and his family spent many happy years on Wareham Street in Medford, where they became beloved members of the neighborhood. Their annual Christmas Eve parties became a treasured tradition that family, friends, and neighbors looked forward to each year.

In retirement, Ted enjoyed many wonderful vacations with his wife. Above all, he treasured time spent with his grandchildren, proudly cheering them on at sporting events, music concerts, and cheerleading competitions. His greatest joy came from watching the next generation grow and succeed.

Ted will be remembered for his hard-working spirit, generous heart, quick wit, unwavering loyalty, and the countless friendships he built throughout his life. His legacy lives on in the family he loved, the community he supported, and the many lives he touched.

Beloved husband of 60 years to Genevieve (Mercer) Cormier. Devoted father of Theodore Cormier-Leger and his husband Arthur of Franklin, Sheila Alessi and her husband Richard of Tewksbury. Cherished grandfather of Charlie, Jayden, Juliana, and Nicholas. Loving brother of Loretta Sweeney, Diane DiGiovanni, and the late Debra Straus. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, Brothers-in-law,

and Sisters-in-law.
A funeral procession will commence from the George L. Doherty Funeral Home 855 Broadway (Powder House SQ.) on Thursday, July 2nd at 9:00AM. Followed by a funeral mass celebrated in St. Clement Church 64 Warner St, Medford at 10:00AM.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend.
Calling Hours will be held on Wednesday, July 1st from 4:00PM to 7:00PM.

Services will conclude with interment at Puritan Lawn Cemetery, Peabody.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made in Ted's name to Cranberry Hospice 36 Cordage Park Circle Suite 326 Plymouth, MA 02360.

Off street parking is available in the parking lot rear of the funeral home off of Powder House BLVD and on street parking is available on Powder House Blvd.

Somerville/Medford Remembering Virginia M. (Albani) Meaney



Obituary
Virginia M. (Albani) Meaney- 85, A lifelong resident of Somerville passed away on June 27, 2026. She was a lifelong resident of

Somerville. She is predeceased by her parents, Salvatore Albani and Carmela (De Pari) Albani, both from Italy. She was the sister of late Christine Carlone and her late husband Dominic and the late Joan Toomey and her late husband Frank. She leaves behind her brother John Albani and his children Klaryssah and Dante.

She spent a lot of her time

and her holidays with her niece Joanne Dwyer and her husband Scott and their children Michael and Jeffrey; her niece Karen Moura and her husband Rui and their children Jessica and Stephanie. She is predeceased by her very special niece Carol Toomey. Virginia always enjoyed seeing and visiting her nieces and nephews from Connecticut. Cathy Depathy and her late husband Keith. the late Do-

menic Jr., and his surviving wife Lisa and their children Domenic III, Nick, Joshua, Zachary Carlone.

Ginny worked for Citizens Bank in Medford for many years, retiring at the age of 80 in December 2021. She enjoyed going to casino's and playing her slot machines. She also enjoyed relaxing at home in front of the TV watching her favorite shows.

Virginia spent the last three and a half years at Aberjona Nursing Home in Winchester where she was treated with respect and kindness. The staff caught on to her sassiness right away and engaged in her lighthearted back and forth banter. She was deeply loved there.

A graveside service will be held at Puritan Lawn Cemetery at a later date.

Somerville/Medford Remembering Julie A. (DeSalvo) Curtin



Julie A. (DeSalvo) Curtin – Of Revere, formerly of Somerville, passed away peacefully on Friday, June 26, 2026, after a courageous battle with lung cancer. She

was 61 years old.
Calling Hours will be held on Saturday, July 18th in the George L. Doherty Funeral Home 855 Broadway

(Powder House Sq.) from 10:00AM to 12:00PM. Words of Remembrances will be held at 11:30AM.
Relatives and friends are

invited to attend.
Interment will be private.

Somerville/Medford Remembering Marie C. Jeannis



Obituary
Marie C. Jeannis, of Somerville, passed away on June 22, 2026.
A cherished mother and

grandmother, she will be missed by many.
Complete obituary to be published.

Visiting Hours will be held in St. John the Evangelist Church, 2254 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge on Tuesday, July 7th from 9:00AM – 10:00AM.

Followed by her Funeral Mass to be celebrated at 10:00AM. Relatives and friends invited to attend.

Somerville/Medford Remembering Ann Marie Kelly



Obituary
Ann Marie Kelly – A lifelong resident of Somerville, passed away on Friday, June

26, 2026. She was 92 years old.
Beloved daughter of the late Patrick and Delia (Hession) Kelly.
A funeral mass will be celebrated on Thursday, July 9th in St. Raphael Church 512 High Street at 10:00AM. Please meet directly at church.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend.
Services will conclude with interment at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden.





Global Grooves Brings World Cup Rhythms to Somerville City Hall on July 11

Free celebration features live music, cultural performances, soccer activities, food, community tabling, and more

SOMERVILLE – The World Cup delivers a once in a lifetime soundtrack: roaring anthems, jubilant cheers, and plenty of music. Inspired by the energy of the ongoing tournament, Somerville invites all to ‘Global Grooves: Rhythms of the Game,’ a celebration of music, culture, and community, on Saturday, July 11, from 12 to 4 p.m., on the City Hall concourse (93 Highland Ave.). Rain date is Sunday, July 12.

Confirmed performers include Flying Vipers — United Kingdom/England-inspired drum and bass with Jamaican and reggae influences
LLynks — French electro-pop
Iranian/Persian music performance

Scottish bagpipe performance
Additional performers will be confirmed on somervillearts.org/events/global-grooves)

“The energy of the World Cup is infectious. It’s been inspiring to see communities local and from abroad coming together,” said Mayor Jake Wilson. “Whether you’re a fan of the sport or the music, this event is a celebration of the cultural diversity that makes Somerville strong.”

During the event, Somerville’s City Hall concourse will transform into a vibrant gathering space for an afternoon of live music, DJs, cultural performances, soccer ball juggling, family-friendly activities, food and beverages, and opportunities for community organizations to engage with attendees.

Global Grooves is presented by EventThem, with support from the Somerville Arts and Culture Division (formerly the Somerville Arts Council), and funding from the City of Somerville. Local businesses, community organizations, and cultural partners are invited to participate as sponsors, vendors, and collaborators. Interested sponsors and participants can contact EventThem at info@eventthem.com.

“Somerville is home to people from all over the world, and this event is about celebrating those cultures through music, art, and community,” said Bryan MacAuslan of EventThem. “The World Cup brings people together across borders, and we wanted to create a local event that captures that same spirit of connection and pride through the expression of music.”

For more information on Global Grooves, visit somervillearts.org/events/global-grooves.

More Somerville World Cup Events — including the Somerville Community Soccer Tournament Open to All
From local watch parties and extended hours for bars and restaurants to the Somerville community soccer tournament open to all, Somerville is offering a range of events and opportunities to enjoy the World Cup spirit. For all information on World Cup events in Somerville, visit somervillema.gov/worldcup.

The deadline to register to play (for free) in the Somerville Soccer Tournament is Monday, July 6: sign up at somervillema.gov/worldcup.

More About EventThem
EventThem is a Somerville-based

event production company that creates community-centered experiences celebrating culture, creativity, and connection. Through festivals, concerts, public events, and cultural programming, EventThem works with artists, organizations, businesses, and municipalities throughout Greater Boston to bring people together and create memorable experiences.



FIREFIGHTERS (H 5491)



By Bob Katzen

House 154-0, approved and sent to the Senate a bill that supporters said is designed to boost safety for firefighters and people conducting “hot work” including welding, plasma cutting and spark-producing construction. The measure was first proposed after the March

2014 deaths of firefighters Edward Walsh and Michael Kennedy who perished while fighting a fire that was caused by welders, working without a city permit, on a building next door to the brownstone in which they died. The bill requires the establishment of a system of public notification and recording of non-compliance with regulations.

The bill establishes penalties for violations including a fine up to \$1,000 for a first offense; a fine up to \$2,000 and/or a prison sentence of up to one year for a second offense; and for a third or subsequent offense, a fine up to .025 percent of the total project value or \$10,000, whichever is greater, and/or imprisonment for up to 2.5 years

Other provisions increase from \$25,000 to \$250,000 the penalty for a wanton or reckless violation of the state building or fire code that causes serious bodily injury; add a penalty of up to \$500,000 and/or up to seven years in prison for a wanton or reckless violation of the state building or fire code that causes death to any person; provide that a person found to have acted with criminal negligence may be determined to be criminally liable for damage or death stemming

from repeated and reckless non-compliance; and require all certifications and training programs for cutting, welding and hot works processes to be performed using the existing National Fire Protection Association or equivalent program.

“While we can never undo the profound loss of Lieutenant Edward Walsh Jr. and Firefighter Michael R. Kennedy, we can honor their sacrifice by ensuring that the lessons learned from that tragic day are not forgotten,” said Rep. Dan Cahill (D-Lynn), House Chair of the Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security. “This legislation advances training, accountability and transparency to better protect workers, firefighters and the public from preventable fires caused by unsafe hot work practices.”

“This legislation aims to protect workers in Massachusetts from relaxed workplace practices that can result in significant on the job injuries and severe fires that subsequently put firefighters in harm’s way,” said House Speaker Ron Mariano (D-Quincy).

“By making these crucial reforms we will ensure the safety of the general public and our first responders” said Rep. Aaron Michlewitz (D-Boston), Chair of the House Committee on Ways and Means.

(A “Yes” vote is for the bill.)

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

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Somerville Mayor Jake Wilson Statement on Supreme Court TPS Decision Affecting Haiti and Syria



“On Thursday, June 25, the Supreme Court cleared the way for the federal government to end Temporary Pro-

tected Status for people from Haiti and Syria — adding them to an already long list of countries whose residents have seen TPS protections revoked or put at risk.

“These are people who fled unsafe conditions, came here lawfully, and built lives here under lawful protection. As I’ve read the news, I keep thinking of Warsan Shire’s poem ‘Home,’ and the line: ‘No one would leave

home unless home chased you to the shore.’

“That line captures something we should never forget: migration is not a casual choice. People leave because staying has become impossible. They come here at enormous cost, with courage and hope, because they believe in the promise at the heart of this country.

“It is especially cruel to end

protections for people from countries our own government says are too dangerous for U.S. citizens to visit. But the cruelty is the point.

“Ending that protection means families face the loss of lawful status, work authorization, and the ability to remain safely together. Here in Somerville, we know this will be felt deeply through our families, schools, workplaces, and neighborhoods.

“Somerville stands with TPS holders and with our immigrant communities. We’ll do everything we can to help make sure everyone who wants to call Somerville home can continue to do just that.

“If you or your loved ones need support navigating this decision, please contact Somerville’s Office of Immigrant Affairs by calling 311.”

SOMERVILLE—As summer heat arrives, the City of Somerville is making it easier to cool off, with nearly all City splash pads now running for the season and pools expected to open this week.



Somerville Pools Begin Opening Saturday, June 20; Most Water Features Now On Dilboy Pool scheduled opening Saturday, June 20; Ginny Smithers Pool scheduled opening Monday, June 22. Most splash pads open daily 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Splash Pads
All City splash pads are currently open for the summer season except for Lincoln Park, which is closed for ongoing maintenance. Water sprays run daily from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and are on timers that stop for 20 minutes between cycles.

View a map of all splash pad and water fountain locations on somervillema.gov/pools.

Community Pools
Somerville residents have several community pool options for the summer season.

All pools are currently scheduled to be open by Monday, June 22, but

the date is subject to change. Stay up to date on the latest opening information on somervillema.gov/pools and by following @somerville recreation on Instagram or @SomervilleRec on Facebook.

Dilboy Pool (Opening date is tentative)
Opens: Saturday, June 20
Admission: Free
Regular hours: Daily from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Lap swim: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9 to 11 a.m.
Full schedule and fee information is available at bit.ly/dilboypool

Ginny Smithers Pool
Opens: Monday, June 22

Admission: Memberships and day passes are available, and fees vary by residency and swim type. Full schedule and fee information is available at bit.ly/ginnysmithers

Latta Brothers Memorial Pool at Foss Park*
Opens: Saturday, June 20
Admission: Free for State residents
*Latta Pool is a state-owned pool managed and operated by the Commonwealth. More information is available at mass.gov/swimming

Have questions about Dilboy or Ginny Smithers pools? Email aquatics@somervillema.gov.

Stay Safe in the Heat
During hot weather, residents are encouraged to drink plenty of water, wear sunscreen, take breaks in the shade or air conditioning, and avoid strenuous outdoor activity during the hottest part of the day.

For the latest information on staying cool in Somerville, visit somervillema.gov/keepcool.

MEDFORD VFW POST 1012 HAS A NEW COMMANDER

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

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If there is anything in particular you would like to see from us or if you need help preparing food at home for your families

please reach out and we will do our best to help. Whether it be recipe ideas with random things you might have purchased or if you run out of something that you need that we can help with please don’t hesitate to ask.

A Tavola Restaurant Winchester outdoor patio dining is open for business & takeout orders: (781)729-1040 34 Church St Winchester

Thank you for your continued support.



RENT CONTROL QUESTION WILL NOT BE ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT

By Bob Katzen

The state's Supreme Judicial Court (SJC) ruled that an initiative petition to repeal the state's 31-year ban on rent control does not qualify to go on the November ballot despite the fact that supporters gathered sufficient signatures to place the question on the ballot. The court cited a constitutional amendment that prohibits several types of proposals, including one that relates to religion, religious practices or religious institutions, from being the subject of a ballot question.

The ballot question would have limited annual increases on most residential units to the lower of inflation or 5%. It also specified that facilities operated solely for religious purposes would be exempt from the cap. A group of plaintiffs opposed repealing the law brought a suit that claimed the petition

should be disqualified because of the religious exemption. The SJC agreed.

Attorney General Andrea Campbell had previously certified the question for the ballot, arguing that the petition was just a rent control matter and dismissing the religious problem. Following the decision, Campbell acknowledged that the SJC "ruled against us and said we got that wrong." She said her office went into the SJC hearing understanding that the court may focus on the relationship between the petition and religion. "But we said to the court at the time that the initiative exempts a number of types of housing, including nonprofit housing. And the exemption for religious uses was a minor one within the broader petition. The court disagreed and said that even a minor reference to religion is not appropriate for a ballot initiative," Campbell said. "I think

it was only the second time that the court has reviewed this standard, so it's not like it happens frequently. We were surprised, but of course we will follow the court's ruling and move forward. And this ballot question will not move forward to the ballot."

Reaction to the ruling was quick.

"Today's decision is a major victory for the people of Massachusetts," said Paul Crane, Executive Director of the Fiscal Alliance Foundation. "The court found this ballot question could not legally proceed and the commonwealth is better off because of it. Rent control has failed wherever it has been tried and this proposal would have brought one of the most damaging versions of that failed policy to every community in Massachusetts. At a time when our state desperately needs more homes, this

ballot question would have made it harder to build, harder to maintain rental housing and more expensive to own a home."

"Today the Supreme Judicial Court confirmed that the nation's most extreme rent control proposal was unconstitutional," said Conor Yunits, chair of the Housing for Massachusetts committee that was formed to oppose the ballot question. "While we firmly believe that Massachusetts voters were prepared to vote 'No' in November, today's decision puts the issue to rest and protects our housing pipeline and our communities from the proven damage that rent control inflicts."

Rent control supporters called Tuesday's ruling from the SJC "a massive disappointment" but also said that "it's far from the end of our campaign to protect Massachusetts renters

from excessive rent hikes." They noted that they plan to mount a campaign to get the question on the 2028 ballot.

"While we disagree with the court's interpretation, the issue raised by the court is easily fixable, and doesn't affect the substance of our proposal," said Noemi "Mimi" Ramos, chair of the Keep Massachusetts Home campaign."

Somerville FY27 Budget Approved, Advancing Historic School Investments, Core Services, and Community Priorities



Approved budget moves Somerville forward in a difficult fiscal year, with investments in students, housing, traffic and public safety, neighborhood services, climate resilience, and long-term financial stability

SOMERVILLE — On Thursday, June 25, the Somerville City Council approved the City's Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) budget, a \$394 million spending plan designed to deliver results, strengthen core services, and uphold the City's values through action. The companion school budget fully funds the district's budget and marks the largest investment in Somerville Public

Schools history, while adding new special ed teachers, interventionists, academic coaches, and an infusion of funds for substitute teaching staff.

"I'm so grateful to everyone who helped shape this budget, from the community to the City Council to all the folks on the Schools and City teams who spent months and months on this work," said Mayor Wilson. "Despite the enormous fiscal challenges facing Massachusetts cities and towns this year, we still were able to make meaningful and sustainable new investments in our future, including the largest dollar increase in Somerville Public Schools history. Now I'm looking forward to moving on from talking about how to fund the work to doing that work."

What Somerville's FY27 Budget Moves Forward

For residents who rely on core City services, the budget strengthens the work people see and feel every day, from roads, sidewalks, trees, 311, and rodent control to emergency response improvements and enhanced access to City information.

For renters, homeowners, and people at

risk of displacement, the budget keeps housing affordability and stability at the center of the City's work, including affordable housing projects, tenant supports, legal protections, and anti-displacement strategies.

For students and families, the budget fully funds the district's proposal and supports new special education teachers, academic intervention, substitute staffing, equity funding to get investments to the schools that need it most, year-round student MBTA passes, and expanded youth programming.

For safer streets and more responsive public services, the budget supports continued safe streets investments and the launch of a co-response pilot program, emergency signal technology for Fire and EMS routes, and the groundwork for civilian oversight and accountability.

For climate resilience and a healthier future, the budget keeps Somerville moving on climate action through green building work, youth climate leadership, advocacy for fossil fuel-free buildings, and investments in tree planting and care, infrastructure, and public spaces that help make the city cooler, healthier, and more resilient.

For better access to City Hall, the budget supports language and communications access, neighborhood-based outreach, permitting reform, and a stronger focus on bringing services directly to residents and small businesses where they are.

"This was one of the hardest budgets Somerville has faced in years, and the layoffs and reductions will have real impacts," said Councilor-at-Large Ben Wheeler, Chair of the Finance Committee "I'm grateful we avoided cuts to our schools and larger cuts to City services. That was possible because of both the financial discipline of previous administrations, City Councils, and Finance Departments, along with extraordinary work of current City staff and Councilors, who spent long nights reviewing this budget. We tried to be responsible stewards of every public dollar, and we welcome residents' feedback."

Moving from Budget Approval to Doing the Work

With the FY27 budget now approved, the City will move from planning to implementation across the priori-

ties funded in the budget, including schools, housing justice, core services, safe streets, public safety, climate resilience, permitting, and neighborhood-based outreach.

Residents are encouraged to stay engaged throughout the year by attending public meetings, following updates from City departments, sharing feedback with elected officials and staff, and tracking progress as new programs, service improvements, and investments move forward. For more information on the FY27 budget, visit somerville-ma.gov/budget.

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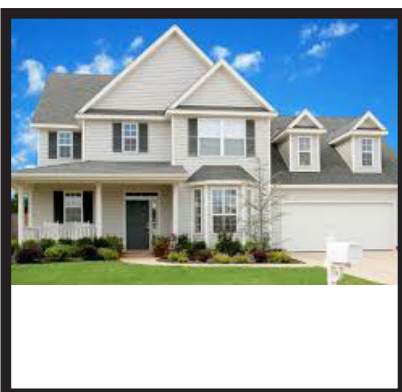
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By William Tauro

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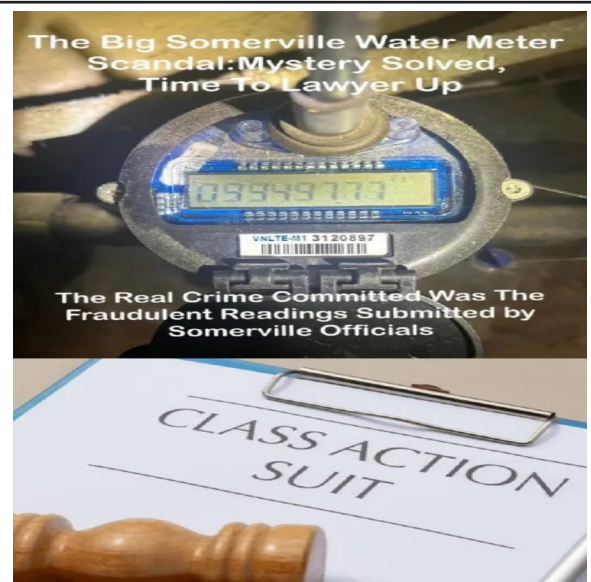
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THIS WEEK'S QUOTABLE QUOTES ON BEACON HILL

By Bob Katzen

“Housing costs remain one of the biggest challenges facing communities across our state, but this data shows that we are making meaningful progress. Adding nearly 35,000 homes in a single year is an important milestone, and it reflects the commitment of local leaders, planners, builders and residents who are helping create more housing opportunities in every region of Massachusetts. We know there is more work to do, and we’re committed to keeping up the momentum.”

—Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll announcing that Massachusetts added more than 34,500 new homes in

2025, marking strong early progress toward the state’s goal of creating 222,000 homes between 2025 and 2035.

“Repealing recreational cannabis laws in Massachusetts will not only take us backwards – it will negatively impact our communities that are already struggling with budget shortfalls and locally owned small businesses that have invested their life savings into building their legal businesses that create jobs and support local economies. Since legalization, the cannabis industry has brought in close to \$2 billion in state and local revenue, generated hundreds of millions of dollars annually in

support of public health, public safety and many other wide-reaching community investments.”

—Ryan Dominguez, chair of the “Stop the Repeal Campaign,” a group that is working against the possible November 2026 ballot question that would repeal the 2016 voter-approved legalization of recreational marijuana.

“This is an important moment in time to support civics education and make sure that students are informed, engaged and empowered to actively participate in society and democracy. We are glad to provide these resources for educators to help them support our students today become our leaders

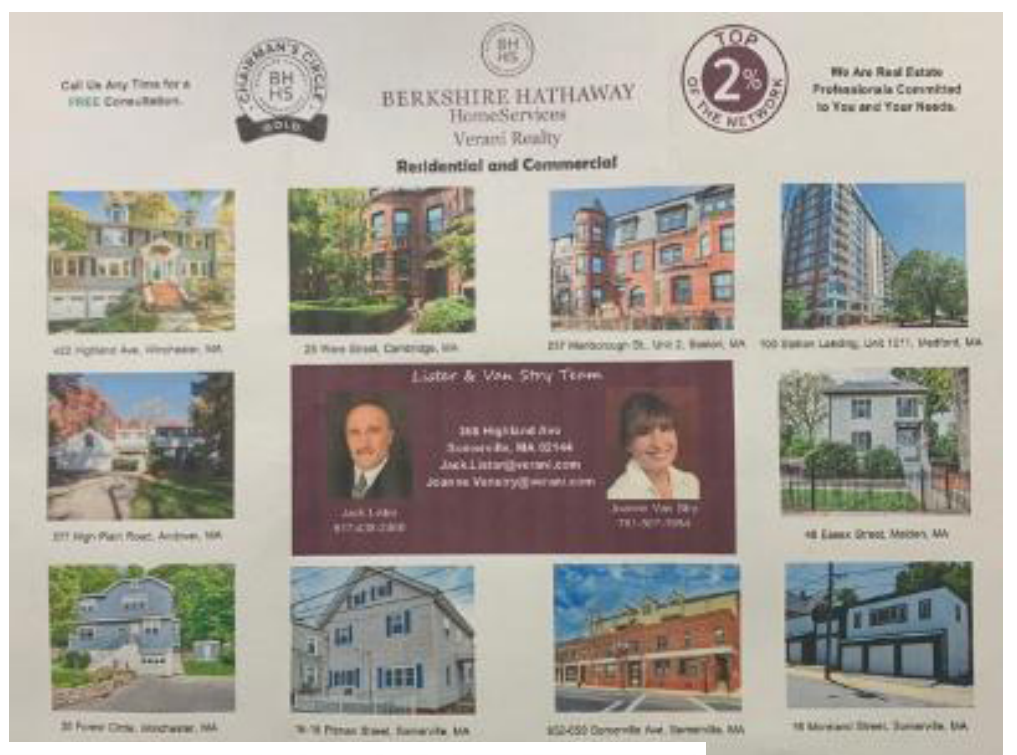
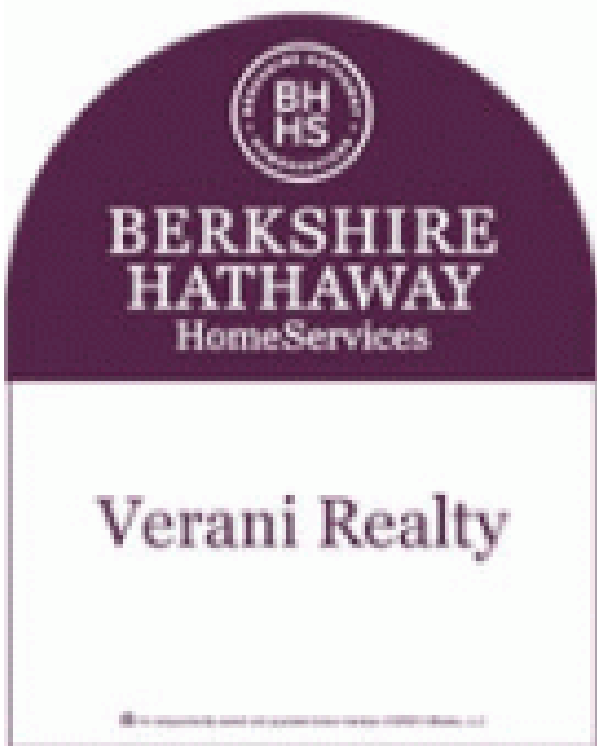
of tomorrow.”

—Secretary of Education Steve Zrike on the creation of Teaching for Civic Empowerment, a new professional learning initiative designed to strengthen civics instruction by providing free, high-quality professional learning opportunities to 6,000 educators over five years to increase educator confidence and expertise with civics instruction.

“Small Business Administration loans help eligible small businesses and private nonprofits cover operating expenses after a disaster, which is crucial for their recovery. These loans not only help business owners get back on their feet but also play a

key role in sustaining local economies in the aftermath of a disaster.”

—Chris Stallings, Associate Administrator of the Office of Disaster Recovery and Resilience at the Small Business Administration, announcing the availability of low-interest federal disaster loans to small businesses and private nonprofit organizations in Massachusetts to offset their economic losses caused by the blizzard that occurred from Feb. 22–27.



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Affordability Builds Community



By Matt McLaughlin

The house my grandmother bought in 1948 is still there on Spencer Ave in Somerville. Back then, a single mother with a union job at the Hostess Cupcake factory earned enough to buy a home and raise three kids, not far from Davis Square. She had an extra apartment, a garden in the yard, and all of her needs were a short walk away. But when it came time for my wife and me to find our own place in Somerville, we could only dream of a home. We kept getting beaten out by speculators paying above market in all-cash deals. We looked at housing that should have been condemned, but even that was out of reach.

The experience became so emotionally draining that I gave up on my dream. I told my wife to keep searching if she likes, but don't tell me about it. But my community matters to me. This is my home. It's where I was raised,

and it's where I want to raise my son. Then, one day, she pulled out a bottle of champagne to celebrate our purchase: a one-floor condo with a view of I-93, the Encore casino, and the Everett smokestacks from our rotting back porch.

It was one of the happiest days of my life. But this isn't a story about houses, it's about community. People talk about the olden days when "times were tough, but you could always count on your neighbor for a cup of sugar." We had that. People outside mocked us as "Slumerville," but rent was low, home ownership was possible, and your neighbors were family. My father died when I was 12, and my grandmother's house became our safety net, catching my mother and four siblings. That house is the only reason we remained in the city. It's also one of the reasons we are all still alive and did not go down the same path as many of our peers.

All of my siblings dedicated their lives to public service, but none can afford to live here. It's their hometown, but not their home. They all live close by, but being forced outside of their community while still serving it is heartbreaking.

The same is true of my childhood friends; they all moved long ago.

I made new friends, but they also got pushed out. Over the years, I lived in six different apartments, all in Somerville. I slept on couches. I rented four-bedroom boxes with strangers. I really should have left a long time ago for my own financial well-being, but I refuse to be forced out.

Despite these hardships, I feel fortunate. I achieved my dream. Others are not so lucky. From Medford to Montana, Americans find owning or renting homes to be the primary financial burden in their lives. The average Boston-area renter spends nearly half their income on rent. Smart Asset reports that a family of four needs \$301,184 per year to live comfortably in Massachusetts, the highest cost in the nation. The cost increases to \$352,000 for the Boston area.

People with good jobs and bright futures don't even consider owning a home or having a family. As one resident told me "I'm just starting my career in Mass, and by the look of things I'm going to have to win the lottery in the next ten years if I have any hope of raising a family around here."

Most people I know have given up on living here, regardless of how successful they've been. Some friends moved from place to place, never unpacking their boxes. This uncertainty led

to others giving in to despair, becoming victims of crime and the opioid epidemic. I stopped counting the number of people I personally know who succumbed to addiction long ago. When I got out of the Army in 2008, Massachusetts lost more people to substance abuse than all US casualties in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan combined. The problem has only gotten worse since then. I regularly see familiar faces living on the street, begging for change, still reminiscing about the way things used to be.

That's why one out of three Massachusetts residents considers leaving the state entirely. This loss of people is a loss of income, talent, and tax base. If that isn't enough to concern the political establishment, the loss of representation in Congress should shock them to attention. Massachusetts has lost three House seats since 1980 due to slow population growth. Fewer voices in Congress means less federal support when we need it.

But more importantly, for those of us still here, it's a loss of community. Everyone is aware of the problem, but the battle over solutions has mired us in inactivity. Monied interests fight with community groups, and community groups fight with themselves.

Meanwhile the government's re-

sponse is tepid. The inaction has reached a breaking point: voters are now floating a ballot question demanding rent control, something considered a non-starter decades ago.

The problem seems insurmountable, but ultimately, we made it, and we can unmake it. No single problem caused this crisis, and no single solution will get us out of it. Our elected officials need the courage to put everything on the table.

We need both market-driven solutions and tenant protections. We need to allow more housing to be built and protect the current residents from profiteers. We need to expand social housing solutions that promise affordable housing for everyone. Most of all, we need money. We need our government to make the most basic human need, shelter, a priority.

This is all possible and all within reach, not just for Somerville, but for all of Massachusetts. It's up to the voters to decide that the problem is important enough to solve.

Matt McLaughlin is a City Councilor in Somerville and a candidate for State Senate in the Second Middlesex district

Somerville Fire Department News Updates



Firefighter Karl Popken retired from the Somerville Fire Department, effective June 28. The SFD wishes Karl many happy years in his retirement and thanks him for his years of service.

Medford Lions Club Honors MHS Senior



In June, the Medford Lions donated a scholarship to an achieving, good character Senior Rebecca Oliveira. The Medford Lions includes a Senior who encountered a physical, usually eyesight or hearing, hardship during Sr High years. This year, the VFW supported the cause with fine Commander Steve McLaughlin by providing space for our event...pure Charity by all. Welcoming and thanking words were made by PR Usha Sharma and VP Sharon Deyeso.

The night culminated in

words from a Marine Staff Sargent and how he and why he joined and the meaning of "serve" to him. Go 250!! from Lions. The night hosted 40 guests and had raffles, Info, and fine food.

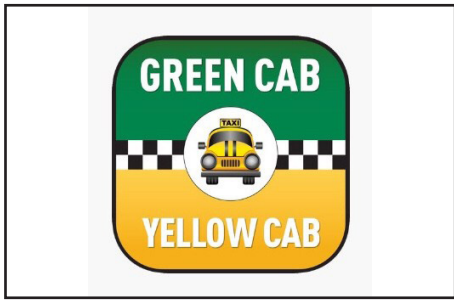
Our LCI is 109 years old and serves Mass Eye, BU and Tufts Eye Research, Disaster Aid, and Diabetes. This Club also hosted Foster Care Night and sent 150 items to Salem, Ma. The Turkey Raffle and FosterCare will be coupled in the Fall in ONE BIG EVENT. Many THANKS for fine food and fine donations by STOP



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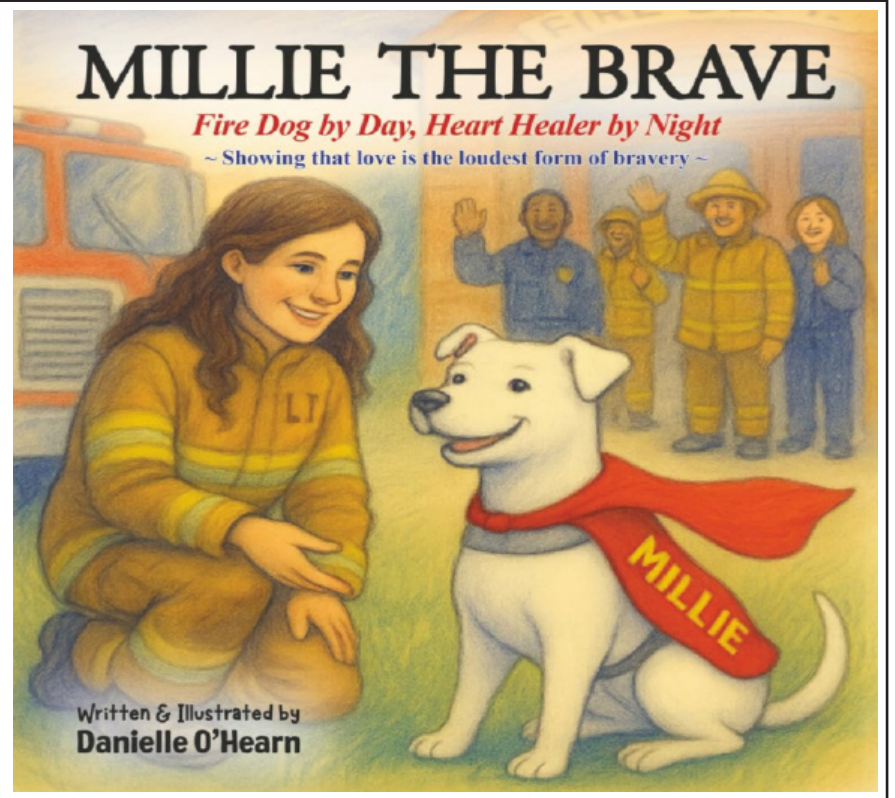
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Hey Billy
 My name is Danielle we've met a few times before, I'm a firefighter in Somerville. I just came out with a children's book.

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

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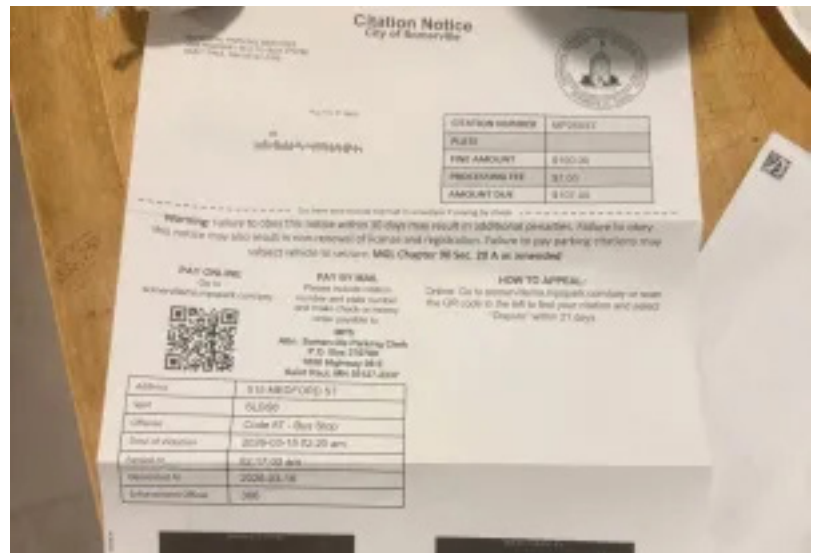


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Don't Fire Up the Grill on a Porch or Balcony this Summer, Warns Somerville Fire Department



SFD Issues Annual Reminder: Grills are banned on porches and balconies in Somerville due to fire risk

Nearly 75% of grilling fires in Massachusetts over past decade occurred between May and August

SOMERVILLE— Somerville's iconic porches and balconies are more than

just a great place to enjoy the summer – in a densely built city, they also pose a unique fire hazard during grilling season. That's why each summer, when the majority of grilling fires occur statewide, the Somerville Fire Department reminds the community that grilling (or use of smokers) is not allowed on porches and balconies or within 10 feet of a building – and propane tanks cannot be stored in or on residential buildings.

Nearly 75% of grilling fires in Massachusetts over the past 10 years have occurred between May and August, and outdoor cooking fires cause injuries and property damage every year across the state. Somerville has additional risk. With an older housing stock, mostly constructed of wood-frame units built closely together, outdoor fires can easily spread to other homes and properties.

Always call 911 if you see uncontained flames or smoke. "Every year we see grilling-related fires, and when they involve illegal grilling on porches and balconies, they can quickly get very dangerous. Having an open flame so close to wooden porch frames is unsafe, and with so many of our homes so close to each other, fires can quickly jump to the next property. You're not just protecting yourself by following the rules, you are protecting your neighbors, too" said Assistant Fire Chief Sean Tierney. "We need everyone to commit to safely using and storing grilling equipment to help prevent outdoor fires and ensure a safe summer."

In Somerville, grills and smokers are not allowed on porches, balconies, fire escapes, or roofs. Outdoor fireplaces, fire pits, and chimineas are also always prohibited in the City in all locations.

Safe Cooking
Charcoal, wood, and propane grills are not allowed on porches, balconies, fire escapes, roofs, or decks with a roof, overhang, or wall. This includes grills, hibachis, barbecues, and smokers. Grilling should only be done outdoors, at ground level, 10 feet from structures, and never under overhangs or branches. All cooking fires should be on a charcoal briquette grill or propane gas grill. Never leave a grill burning unattended. Keep children and pets away from grills, matches or lighters, and lighter fluid. Children should never play near grills or propane cylinders.

Safe Storage and Cleanup
Propane tanks cannot be stored in or on residential buildings. Dispose of ashes from grills in a metal

can, douse them with water, and cover with a tight-fitting lid. Ashes can remain hot enough to ignite combustibles long after the fire goes out. Never dump them outdoors or place them inside a building or in the trash and never place them in a combustible container or paper bag. Always clean your grill after use to help prevent grease fires.

To report improper use of a grill or outdoor burning violations, call the SFD at 617-623-1500. For more grilling safety information, visit mass.gov/info-details/grilling-safety.

AUTISM AND POLICE STOPS (H 5438)

By Bob Katzen

Gov. Healey signed into law legislation designed to improve interactions between police officers and persons with autism spectrum disorder during traffic stops. This program was adopted by the Massachusetts State Police in 2024 but was not an actual law. This bill would codify the program into Massachusetts law.

The measure, dubbed the "Blue Envelope Bill," would create a program giving people with the disorder the option to be given a special blue envelope that holds the person's driver's license and vehicle registration. On the outside of the envelope there would be written information and guidance regarding ways to enhance effective communication between a police officer and a person with autism spectrum disorder. The envelope

must also include instructions for access to the envelope, including attaching it to the sun visor on the driver's side of the vehicle. The bill is designed to enable the driver to quickly and easily hand the envelope to a police officer during a traffic stop.

"Every person deserves to feel safe and understood during an interaction with law enforcement," said Gov. Healey. "This law will help improve communication, reduce uncertainty and support better outcomes for individuals with autism, their families and the officers who serve our communities."

"The Blue Envelope Program reflects the longstanding commitment of state and local police to build trust and support successful interactions with members of the autism commu-

nity," said Public Safety and Security Secretary Gina Kwon. "This legislation ensures the program, which began several years ago through the initiative of the Massachusetts State Police and the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association, will continue with the full support of state law. In addition to this important tool, public safety officials across the commonwealth will continue to deepen their understanding of this community's needs through enhanced training and outreach to neighbors we serve."

"Today, as Gov. Healey signs the Blue Envelope Bill into law, the commonwealth affirms its commitment to individuals living with autism spectrum disorder," said Sen. Jo Comerford (D-Northampton), the Senate lead sponsor of the measure. "By codifying the Blue Envelope pro-


gram, we are advancing safer, more informed interactions during traffic stops and other public emergencies — making permanent a simple but powerful tool for drivers and first responders alike. This milestone reflects the tireless advocacy of families, organizations, law enforcement and individuals with lived experience whose voices propelled this effort and brought us closer to a commonwealth where everyone can thrive."

"The Massachusetts State Police are grateful that the Blue Envelope legislation will expand access to Blue Envelopes for drivers on the autism spectrum across Massachusetts," said Col. Geoffrey Noble of the Massachusetts State Police. "Since launching the program in 2024, our troopers have witnessed firsthand how these envelopes improve communication during traffic

stops, helping drivers and officers navigate interactions more safely and effectively. The program empowers drivers to communicate their needs while providing law enforcement officers with information that helps them respond appropriately and with greater understanding. By promoting communication, preparedness and mutual respect, the Blue Envelope program strengthens trust between law enforcement and the communities we serve while helping create safer outcomes for everyone involved."

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Update on SPD Activity at Somerville Fireworks Event



The Somerville Police Department is aware of concerns and conversations circulating in the community and on social media about police activity at Somerville's annual fireworks display on Tuesday 6/30.

While the vast majority of attendees enjoyed the event safely and respectfully, Somerville Police responded to several disruptive incidents and conflicts in the area of Trum Field. Numerous SPD officers, who were in place throughout

the event, were able to quickly respond to these incidents to assess each situation, ensure the safety of guests in the area, and minimize further disruption.

Police did receive a report of a possible firearm; however, upon investigation, this was unsubstantiated. No firearm was located and no shots were fired.

Three people were arrested in total: two juveniles and one adult. Charges included possession of a

dangerous weapon, disturbing the peace, threats to commit a crime, and person under 21 in possession of liquor. Two of the three individuals arrested are not Somerville residents.

We understand that the chaotic nature of disturbances like these can be scary and unsettling. Please know that the SPD diligently plans and prepares for large events like the annual fireworks with the number one priority being the safety of residents and guests.

How Our Local Chamber Of Commerce Failed It's Local Businesses Here In Somerville

By William Tauro

Our Local Chamber of Commerce, meant to serve as a strong advocate for local businesses, has drawn criticism for its limited pushback when the city removed numerous parking spots to create bike lanes and bus lanes. Many business owners viewed these changes as a direct threat to customer access and daily operations in an already dense urban setting.

Rather than mounting a vigorous defense of on-street parking and practical accessibility, the Chamber's leadership appeared reluctant to challenge the elected officials driving the policy. In the assessment of some observers, this hesitation reflected a broader unwillingness to risk conflict with city hall, leaving individual businesses to absorb the consequences without meaningful institutional support. Multiple businesses have gone out of business because nobody was watching their back.

The organization also

remained largely quiet as thousands of on-street parking spaces—commonly called pocket spaces—were taken out of service across Somerville. These spots are essential for customers of small shops, restaurants, and service businesses that rely on quick, convenient access. By failing to speak up or stick up for these core needs, the Chamber missed a clear opportunity to influence policy in favor of the commercial community it claims to represent. There is a widespread perception that the group maintained overly close ties with the two previous city hall administrations, which further raised questions about its independence and willingness to advocate forcefully when member interests diverged from official priorities.

In my opinion, this pattern of limited action may help explain why the previous chairman left, possibly carrying a sense of the organization's shortcomings. The current staffing of the Chamber does not appear to have produced a stronger or

more independent voice on these issues. In my opinion, rather than reporting on everything that's hurting local businesses, the Chamber has often given a falsely upbeat and untruthful version of the city's goodness.

Many business owners might reasonably conclude they would have been better off saving their membership dues rather than joining, since the organization delivered little tangible advocacy on their behalf. In this view, the Chamber has functioned more as a glorified cheerleading outfit aligned with the priorities of the past two former mayors than as a robust, independent defender of Somerville's local businesses.

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CHANGE “HEARING IMPAIRED” TO “DEAF OR HARD OF HEARING” (S 3142)

By Bob Katzen

The Senate approved and sent to the House a bill that would strike outdated language from state laws that refer to people who are deaf or hard of hearing as being “hearing impaired.” The legislation replaces the term “hearing impaired” with the phrase “deaf or hard of hearing.”

“Words shape how we see one another, and our laws are no exception,” said Senate Majority Leader Sen. Cindy Creem (D-Newton). “This bill takes a simple but important step toward ensuring that the words we use reflect respect, accuracy and the preferences of the communities they describe. I’m proud the Senate is taking decisive action to help modernize our statutes and affirm the dignity of deaf and hard of hearing individuals across Massachusetts, and I’m grateful to the students of Newton’s CAPS Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program for bringing this issue to my attention.”

“Members of the deaf and hard-of-hearing community have been advocating for this change for years, and they made a compelling case that the language currently found in our laws no longer reflects the people it is meant to describe,” said Sen. Nick Collins (D-South Boston), Senate chair of the Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight. “This legislation makes a commonsense update to our statutes and reflects the respect that community deserves. Our laws should evolve alongside the people they serve, and it is important that the language we use reflects both the dignity of all residents and the commonwealth’s commitment to treating every person with respect. It is a small change on paper, but an important step in ensuring our laws continue to reflect the values of Massachusetts.”

“This is a pivotal moment for children across our state as the governor signs this critical legislation I filed to ensure every student gains essential literacy skills,” said sponsor Sen. Sal DiDomenico (D-Everett). “We all

ceeding in school, pursuing higher education or building a career, strong literacy skills create opportunities that last a lifetime. This legislation will help more students build those skills by giving educators additional tools to identify challenges early and provide support when it’s needed most.”

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LITERACY EDUCATION STANDARDS (H 5511)

By Bob Katzen

Gov. Healey signed into law a bill dealing with teacher preparation and student literacy. The measure would establish clear statewide standards for evidence-based reading instruction—requiring the teaching of phonics, ensuring access to high-quality K-3 curricula, enhancing educator training and support and creating new reporting and accountability systems.

The bill defines evidence-based early literacy as instruction featuring phonics, fluency, vocabulary, comprehension and phonemic awareness, and is demonstrated to produce significant and positive effects on student learning outcomes. It prohibits curricula that are not evidence-based and curricula that rely on implicit or incidental word reading strategies.

Another provision formalizes dyslexia and literacy screening requirements by requiring schools to develop protocols for identifying potential neurological learning disabilities, including dyslexia, and to report their screening practices annually.

“Massachusetts is the best state in the nation for education, but we know there is a lot more that needs to be done, especially when it comes to early literacy,” said Healey. “Helping students learn to read is one of the most important things we can do to set them up for success. This legislation builds on the work we’ve been doing through Literacy Launch and high-dosage tutoring by giving schools and educators the tools they need to support every student.”

“Reading opens doors,” said Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll. “Whether it’s suc-

cessing in school, pursuing higher education or building a career, strong literacy skills create opportunities that last a lifetime. This legislation will help more students build those skills by giving educators additional tools to identify challenges early and provide support when it’s needed most.”

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\$228 MILLION FISCAL 2026 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET (H 5496)

By Bob Katzen

House 154-2, approved and sent to the Senate a \$228 million fiscal 2026 supplemental budget that supporters said would address time-sensitive budget deficiencies, including winter storm recovery costs, public safety operations, substance abuse treatment services, homelessness assistance and emergency management expenses.

Snowstorm-related funding includes \$159.8 million for snow and ice removal costs; \$9.5 million for the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency for

costs associated with snow emergency response and recovery efforts; and \$1.7 million for Massachusetts National Guard expenses related to winter storm response activities.

Other provisions include \$22.5 million to support the implementation of no-cost calls for prisoners; \$8.1 million for homelessness programs; \$14 million for the Bureau of Substance Addiction Services; eliminating the \$10 surcharge currently imposed on car-sharing rentals like Zipcar and Enterprise CarShare; and updating veterans' bonus eligibility

requirements by requiring a veteran to only currently be living in Massachusetts, rather than having had to live in the Bay State for at least six months before entering service, in order to qualify for certain veterans' bonus payments.

"This legislation fulfills one of the Legislature's most important responsibilities — ensuring that key state programs and services are adequately funded — a role that is especially critical during periods of fiscal uncertainty and increased strain on local budgets," said House Speaker Ron Mariano (D-Quincy).

"This spending package will allow the commonwealth to settle critical deficiencies and put the difficult winter of a few months ago behind us," said Rep. Aaron Michlewitz (D-Boston), chair of the House Committee on Ways and Means. "This legislation will also make critical reforms to how school construction grants are awarded to our cities and towns, and lead to online Lottery revenue to be directed toward early education costs."

Neither one of the two GOP representatives who voted against the legisla-

tion responded to repeated requests by Beacon Hill Roll Call asking them why they opposed the measure. Those two representatives are Reps. Nick Boldyga (R-Southwick) and Marc Lombardo (R-Billerica).

(A "Yes" vote is for the bill. A "No" vote is against it.)

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

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MBTA to Close Red Line Service and Replace with Shuttle Buses at All Cambridge Stations July 21-30, 2026

Photo: Image Above: Map from the MBTA of upcoming Red Line service impacts. Affected stations are Alewife, Davis, Porter, Harvard, Central, Kendall/MIT, Charles/MGH, and Park Street.

Cambridge, Mass., June 29, 2026 — In less than one month, there will be significant planned MBTA Red Line closures taking place in Cambridge and the greater Boston area. The following commuter and traffic impacts will take place from Tuesday, July 21 through Thursday, July 30, 2026. Affected stations are Alewife, Davis, Porter, Harvard, Central, Kendall/MIT, Charles/MGH, and Park Street.

Red Line service will be suspended between Alewife and Park Street for 10 consecutive days. Free and accessible shuttle buses will replace and make all stops between Alewife and Park Street.

The City of Cambridge

expects heavy travel delays throughout the region during this time. Residents, workers, and visitors should plan ahead, consider using different travel options if possible, and give themselves extra time to get where they need to go.

The MBTA is using this closure to complete important upgrades, including track work, signal improvements, and other repairs that help keep the Red Line reliable for the long term. According to the MBTA, these kinds of regular upgrades are necessary to maintain the system for future riders.

Riders are encouraged to visit mbta.com/RedLine for up-to-date information directly from the MBTA. The City will update camb.ma/redline with MBTA Red Line resources and information specific to Cambridge as additional details become available.

What to expect July 21-30:

Free and accessible shuttle buses will replace and make all stops between Alewife and Park Street. An express shuttle will operate between Harvard Square and the South Station Bus Terminal, providing a faster connection for riders traveling into downtown Boston.

Riders are also encouraged to utilize existing MBTA bus routes 69, 87, 88, 89, 91, and 109 from Davis Square, Harvard Square, and Central Square to connect with the Green Line's Medford/Tufts and Union Square branches as an alternative way to travel into downtown Boston.

• The Commuter Rail will be free between Porter Square and North Station during the outage. If you travel beyond Porter Square, regular fares still apply.

Accessible van service will be available on weekdays between Alewife and Park Street. Riders should

see station personnel to request this service.

Riders using shuttle buses during these service changes should allow extra travel time. For example, a rider traveling from Alewife to Park Street should plan for at least 70 minutes of travel time using shuttle bus service.

The City encourages cyclists and pedestrians to

use extra caution around shuttle buses and along shuttle routes. Shuttle service may include a combination of MBTA buses and larger chartered buses. Chartered buses often require wider turning movements, take longer to maneuver, and may have larger blind spots than standard MBTA buses.



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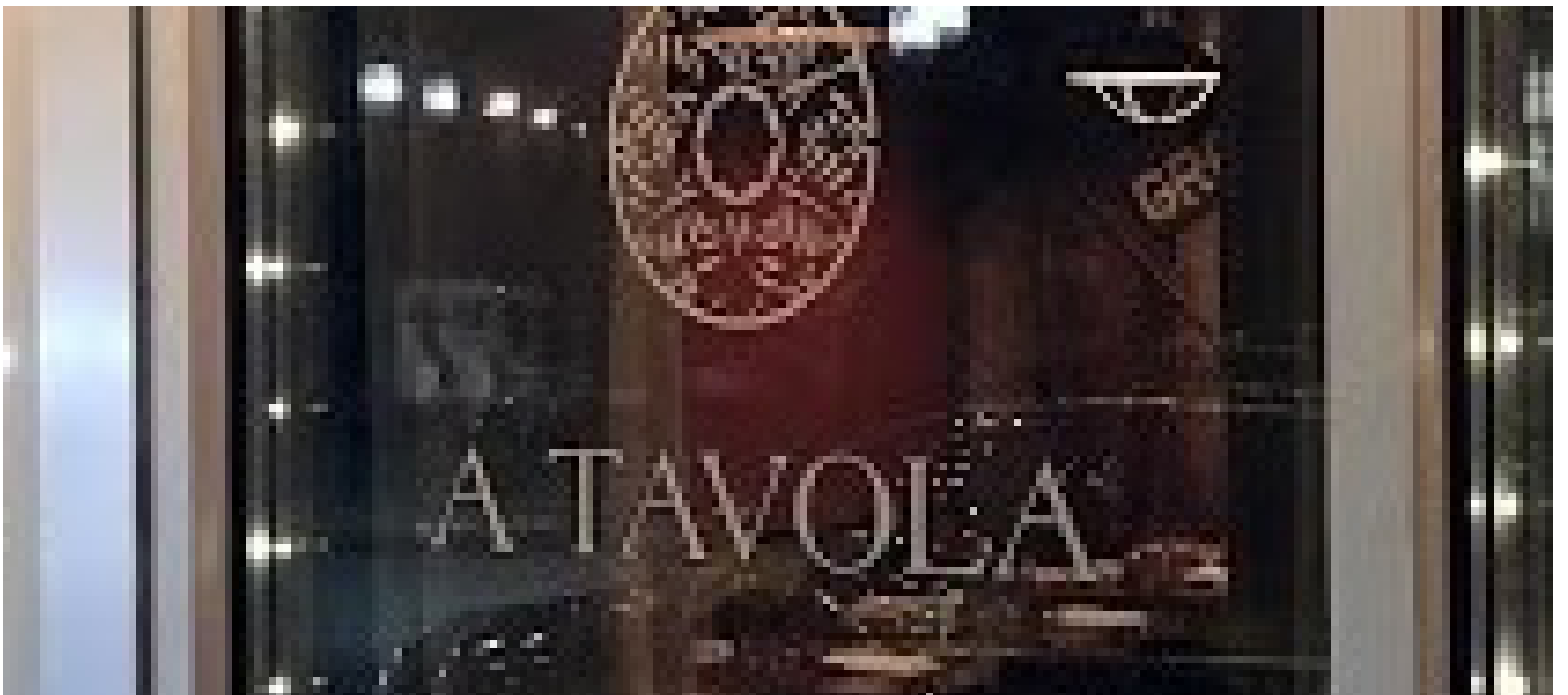
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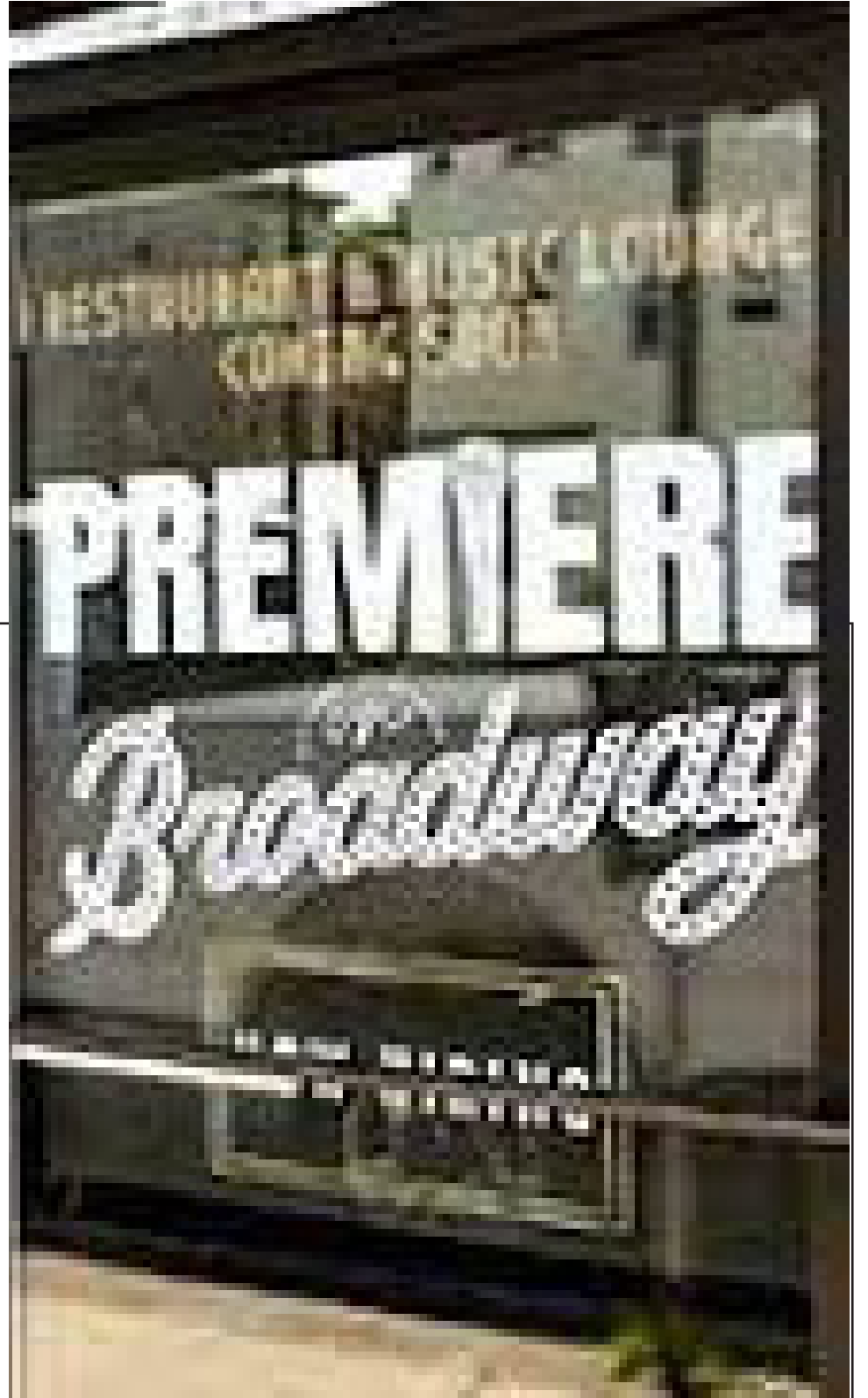
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