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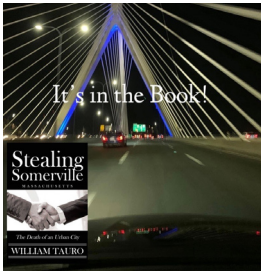
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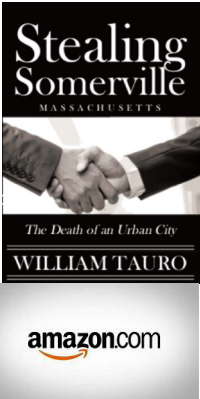


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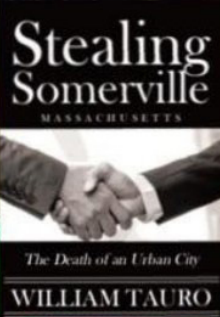
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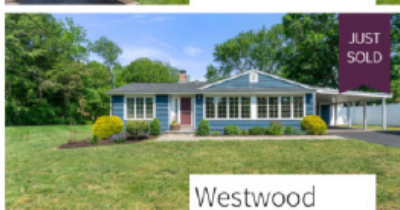
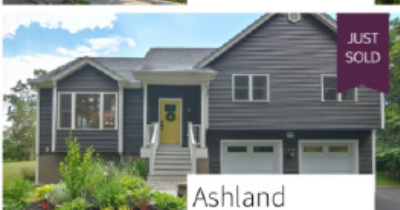
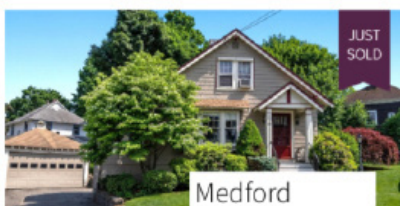
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1. Civil Service Exam Route: The first step in this pathway is taking the Massachusetts Civil Service Exam, which is now offered twice a year. Applications are NOW OPEN for the spring 2026 police officer entrance exam. Deadline to apply is February 2, 2026.
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Somerville/Medford Remembering Ralph Di Girolamo



Ralph Di Girolamo  
8/9/2026

Ralph Di Girolamo, of Winchester and Somerville, passed away on Sunday, August 9th. Ralph was 100 years old. Born and raised in Roccasicura (Isernia) Italy, he was the son of the late Ettore and Assunta (Di Benedetto) Di Girolamo. Ralph lost his mother at the age of six. Searching for a better life, Ralph immigrated to the United States in 1949 on a three month visa. Once in the U.S., he met and married the love of his life, Yolanda (Lolly) who was fresh out of high school. They married in 1950 and stayed married for 74 years.

After many various jobs, Ralph went down a different career path in 1980, devoting his full time efforts to acquiring and managing real estate. Over the next four decades, through hard work, determination and the help of his beloved wife, he assembled a substantial portfolio of residential and commercial properties, located primarily in Eastern Massachusetts and throughout New England. For the last several years, his son Richard Di Girolamo, has managed The Di Girolamo Companies, a holding and real estate management company, for Ralph's various real estate

interests.

Ralph was the beloved husband of the late Yolanda (Di Martino) Di Girolamo who predeceased him in 2024. He was the devoted father of Attorney Richard Di Girolamo, of Winchester, and the loving grandfather of Assunta Di Girolamo of Naples, Florida.

Visiting hours will be held in the Dello Russo Funeral Home, 306 Main St., Medford on Monday, August 17th from 4 to 8 PM, and again on Tuesday, August 18th at 9 AM followed by a Mass of Chris-

tian Burial celebrated in St. Eulalia Church, 50 Ridge St., Winchester, at 10 AM. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend. Ralph's services will conclude with entombment at Carthage Mausoleum 1 in Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett.

This summer, you may have noticed that Davis Square has more color, a few more places to sit, and a lot more reason to stop and enjoy



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| On Friday, August 21, the City of Somerville will celebrate the Davis Square’s “summer glow up” with a | ribbon cutting from 4:30 to 5 p.m., directly before the Down in Davis: Alive at Five performance at | Statue Park. | The event will mark the completion of recent pub- | lic space improvements in the square, including the activation of the Davis Square Slip Lane and new | placemaking art at Statue Park. |
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ABORTION (H 5595)

By Bob Katzen

Gov. Healey signed into law legislation that would loosen restrictions on abortions that can be performed after 24 weeks of gestation. The bill removes existing requirements that limit abortions at 24 weeks of pregnancy or later to four specific medical circumstances, and instead allows licensed physicians and providers to rely on their best medical judgment when caring for patients.

Supporters said that under current law, the four specific categories do not account for the full spectrum of medical conditions encountered by women and their doctors: protecting the patient's life or physical or mental health, or cases involving a lethal fetal anomaly or a grave fetal diagnosis.

"I've heard heartbreaking stories from women and families who were preparing to welcome a healthy baby into their family, only to receive devastating news later in their pregnancy," said Gov. Healey. "Instead of being able to rely on the doctors they knew and trusted at home, they were forced to travel hundreds of miles and pay out of their pockets while navigating unimaginable grief. That should never hap-

pen in Massachusetts. This law continues our efforts to have the strongest abortion protections in the country because in Massachusetts, we believe health care decisions should be made between women and their doctors."

"As the Trump Administration ramps up attacks on reproductive care and abortion access nationwide, Massachusetts must continue closing gaps in care so that women have full autonomy over the care they need, when and where they need it," said Sen. Robyn Kennedy (D-Worcester), Senate sponsor of the bill. "The Prioritizing Patient Access to Care Act ensures Massachusetts patients do not have to leave the commonwealth to get the care they need, and empowers physicians to support their patients throughout their pregnancies. Thank you to all the advocates who have brought this bill to fruition, especially the women who have shared their experiences."

"Throughout relentless attacks on reproductive rights, Massachusetts has prioritized the fundamental rights and health care of its residents," said Rep. Christine Barber (D-Somerville), House sponsor of the bill. "This law ensures

access to care by empowering physicians to use their professional judgment to make decisions in the best interest of their patients. Pregnancy is complex, and I am grateful the House advanced this bill to eliminate barriers and guarantee medical expertise as the standard of care. It comes down to a simple, but powerful conviction: decisions about abortion care must remain between a patient and their provider. No one else. Today, we show our commitment to protecting the rights of our residents of the commonwealth."

Opponents said the legislation allows elective abortions up to birth based solely on a physician's professional judgment. They said it eliminates the current requirement that complex late-term abortions be performed in a hospital setting, thus allowing abortions on healthy mothers and healthy infants at a stage when unborn children can feel pain and may be able to survive outside the womb.

Myrna Maloney Flynn, president of Massachusetts Citizens for Life said, "Legalizing elective abortion up to birth on healthy moms and healthy, pain-capable infants is not about a doctor-patient relationship but rather abortionists normalizing infant

death and pressuring vulnerable women to permit their unborn children to die in heinous acts of violence, which are among the most severe human rights assaults allowed in only a few places, among them China and North Korea."

Flynn continued, "The fight for life in Massachusetts has been built over decades by advocates, supporters, volunteers and organizations willing to stand for life even when the political environment was difficult. The signing of this law does not erase that work. Instead, it gives us a new opportunity to build on it. We can use this national exposure to educate new audiences about abortion later in pregnancy and about the options available to women instead of abortion. We can earn hearts and minds with the truth. Abortion is a choice, and we can make that choice unthinkable. That's our main effort now."

"It should shock the conscience that tens of thousands of unborn Americans are barbarically dismembered limb by limb and torn apart every single year," said Marjorie Dannenfelser, president of the pro-life group Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America. "Sadly, that number will only increase with Gov. Healey's approval of the Abortion Up

Until Birth Bill. The GOP must abandon the 'leave it to the states' position – a stance that permits egregious late-term abortion laws like this one – and advance national protections for unborn children. Without a minimum national standard, the United States remains one of only eight countries worldwide that allows abortion at any point in pregnancy. We must do all we can to turn the page on America's ugly chapter of late-term abortion."

"Every legislator who voted for this bill needs to be held accountable — and that starts with people like you taking action, running for office or volunteering," said the Massachusetts Family Action on its website. "The coming fall elections are a critical moment for the future of Massachusetts."

BANNING SCHOOL AND PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOKS AND MATERIALS (H 5489)

By Bob Katzen

Gov. Healey signed into law a bill that supporters said would protect people's access to library materials and guard against politically motivated book bans in Bay State school libraries and public libraries. The bill requires local policies to be developed using nationally recognized library standards and lays out a process around challenges to library materials. The measure also protects librarians and school library professionals from retaliation.

Provisions include ensuring that students have free and open access to library books and other school library materials by establishing clear standards for library teachers and other employees to follow as they select school library materials; requiring that school library materials be age-appropriate, serve an educational purpose and be chosen

based on a teacher or employee's professional training—leaving aside any of their own personal, political or doctrinal views that could affect whether or not they place the book on the shelf; requiring all school districts, charter schools and local education agencies to adopt their own policies on how to select library materials as long as the policies align with American Library Association standards; guarding against spurious or unfounded challenges to school library books by keeping a book in question on the shelves unless and until a public hearing has taken place and the appropriate authority has voted to remove it; and protecting school employees and public librarians from professional, civil or criminal penalties based on their selection of library materials.

"Massachusetts is home to the first public library, public school and university," said Gov. Healey.

"We have always believed that our communities are stronger when people, especially young people, have access to knowledge and a free exchange of ideas. This bill is about protecting the freedom to read, to learn, to ask difficult questions and to encounter ideas we might agree or disagree with. It's also about protecting our teachers and librarians and allowing them to do their jobs. At a time when President Trump is defunding education and trying to censor any ideas he doesn't agree with, it is more important than ever that states step up to lead. That's what we're doing here in Massachusetts."

"Books open doors for students to explore new ideas, deepen their understanding of the world and develop the critical thinking skills they need to succeed," said Education Secretary Steve Zrike. "Our schools should encourage that curiosity and give students access to books

that challenge them, inspire them and help them grow as learners. This law affirms that commitment and supports the educators and librarians who make those opportunities possible every day."

"Politically motivated book challenges are dangerous acts of censorship that harm us all," said Carol Rose, Executive Director of the ACLU of Massachusetts. "This new law builds a firewall against such cynical acts, protecting students' freedom to read and learn and respecting the expertise of professional educators and librarians. All students should have access to a diverse collection of materials, reflecting a wide range of experiences, identities and challenges. This promotes free expression and helps our society build tolerance, empathy and understanding."

Rep. John Gaskey (R-Carver) was the only legislator to vote against

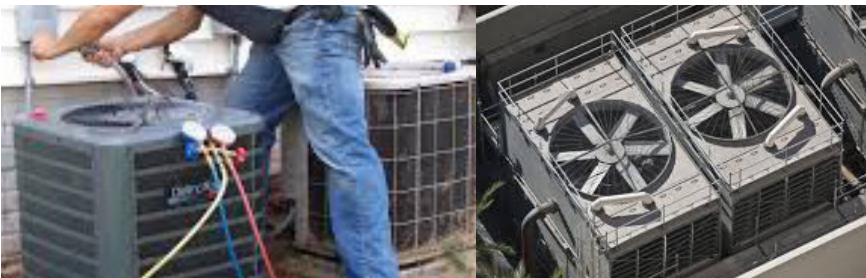
the measure when it was approved by the House and Senate. "[The bill] makes it more difficult for school committees to challenge book selections made by librarians, especially regarding LGBT+ type books that are usually so explicit that they cannot be read in public meetings or even on YouTube without being age restricted," Gaskey said. "This is not about banning books as they are all available in a multitude of locations, especially the public library. This is about protecting youth from explicit material, regardless of the topic."

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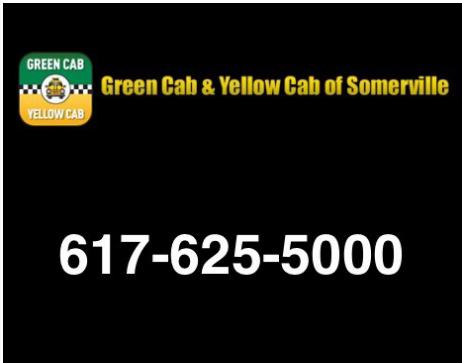
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Somerville Sharing How to Vote Early or By Mail in the State Primary Election



Applications to vote by mail due August 25; early voting runs August 22–28 at Somerville City Hall

SOMERVILLE—Don’t let a busy schedule prevent you from exercising your right to vote. Somerville is reminding community members of important voting deadlines and how to vote early, by mail, or in person in the State Primary

Election on Tuesday, September 1.

Vote Early  
Early voting for the Primary Election will be held from Saturday, August 22, through Friday, August 28, in the lower level of City Hall (93 Highland Ave.).

Early Voting Hours:  
Saturday, August 22: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Sunday, August 23: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Monday–Wednesday, August 24–26: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Thursday, August 27: 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Friday, August 28: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Vote-By-Mail  
The City’s Elections Department has begun mailing vote-by-mail ballots to voters for the September 1 State Primary Election. Ballots will continue to be mailed regularly as applications are

received and processed.

Applications to vote by mail must be received by the Elections Office by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, August 25. You can apply online at [somervillema.gov/votebymail](http://somervillema.gov/votebymail), pick up an application at the office of the Elections Department at City Hall, or request that one be mailed to you by calling Elections at 617-625-6600 ext. 4200.

How to return your ballot:  
Place your completed ballot in the orange ballot envelope and sign the voter’s affidavit.  
Return it as early as possible using an Official Election Drop Box, by mail, or to the Elections Office.

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Argenziano School – 290 Washington St.  
SHA Mystic Activity Center (rear) – 530 Mystic Ave.  
St. Catherine of Genoa Church parish parking lot – near 182 Summer St. (corner of Spring St.)  
Somerville Armory – 191 Highland Ave.  
Somerville Community Baptist Church – 31 College Ave.  
Dilboy Post – near 351 Summer St.  
Tufts Administrative Building – 167 Holland St.  
West Somerville Neighborhood School – 177 Powder House Blvd.

All drop boxes except the one at City Hall will close at 6 p.m. on Election Day. Only the City Hall drop box will remain open until 8 p.m.

Key Election Reminders  
Election Day is Tuesday, September 1  
Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
Find your polling location at [somervillema.gov/mysomerville](http://somervillema.gov/mysomerville)  
Offices on the Ballot  
Offices on the ballot include Governor, Senator in Congress, Representative in Congress, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, District Attorney, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Auditor, Councillor, Senator in General Court, Representative in General Court, and Register of Probate.

For more information about voting in Somerville, go to [somervillema.gov/elections](http://somervillema.gov/elections).

MEDAL OF FIDELITY LICENSE PLATE (H 5624)



House 157-0 approved and sent to the Senate a bill that would authorize the creation of a license

plate honoring Medal of Fidelity recipients and their families. This medal is provided to the next of kin of a Massachusetts service member or veteran whose death was a result of service-connected post-traumatic stress disorder; a service-connected traumatic brain injury; or a service-connected disease or injury related to exposure to harmful

toxins, herbicides, agents or materials, where the exposure occurred while serving in the U.S. armed forces (active duty or reserves), or while serving in the Massachusetts National Guard. The new license plate created under this bill would be made available by the Registry of Motor Vehicles free of charge to recipients of the Medal of Fidelity.

“The Medal of Fidelity was established four years ago to honor our state’s fallen veterans and their surviving family members,” said sponsor Rep. Brad Jones (R-North Reading). “Providing a Medal of Fidelity license plate is a way to further recognize and thank our military families and their loved ones for their

service and sacrifice on behalf of our country.”

(A “Yes” vote is for the bill.)

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

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Medford Police Investigating Shooting on Salem Street

The Medford Police Department is investigating a shooting that occurred at approximately 11:15pm on Sunday, August 16, 2026, in the area of 389 Salem Street. No injuries were reported.

Police are asking residents and business owners in the surrounding area to review any available security, doorbell, or surveillance camera footage between 11:00pm and 1:00am. This includes the areas of Salem Street, Sheridan Avenue, Grant Avenue, Central Avenue, Spring Street, Morrison Park, Linwood Street, Emerald Street, and surrounding streets.

Two suspects are believed to have been involved. Both were wearing dark clothing, and one may have been wearing a camouflage hooded sweat-shirt.

Anyone with information or potentially relevant video footage is asked to contact the Medford Police Detective Division at 781-391-6767.

This incident remains under investigation.

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Somerville:Scam Alert for Special Permit Applicants

SOMERVILLE – Permit applicants in Somerville have recently received emails that appear to come from the City of Somerville requesting payment. Despite use of official logos, correct titles, and real staff names, these messages were fraudulent. The City is sharing information on how you can stay protected against potential scams.

What to know:  
The City of Somerville will never ask you to send money via gift cards, peer-to-peer apps (like Venmo or Cash App), cryptocurrency, or wire transfers to unknown accounts. Official City emails come from @somervillema.gov addresses. Fees are requested only through the City’s standard billing/invoice processes or our official online payment portals, such as Citizenserve.

How to protect yourself:  
Pause and verify. If you get a payment request you weren’t expecting, don’t click links or send funds. Check the sender. Confirm the full email address (not just the display name). Contact us directly. Forward suspicious messages regarding permit fees to planning@somervillema.gov and we’ll confirm whether it’s legitimate. Report it. If you believe you were targeted, let us know. You can also report phishing to your email provider—and if funds were sent, to local law enforcement.

Quick scam telltales include urgent “pay now” demands, payment methods the City doesn’t use, links to non-somervillema.gov sites, misspelled lookalike domains (for example, “somer-vi1le” with two capital I’s or two numeral 1’s), or invoices or fees you weren’t previously notified about.

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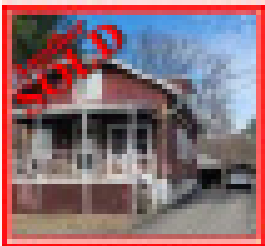
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Class Action Lawsuit Regarding Fraudulent and Inaccurate Somerville Water Bills

By William Tauro

We are looking for residents interested to being part of a class action lawsuit to help Somerville home owners, property owners, residents and tenants to obtain the justice they deserve after being victims of fraudulent and/or inaccurate outrageously high water bills caused by faulty water meters and

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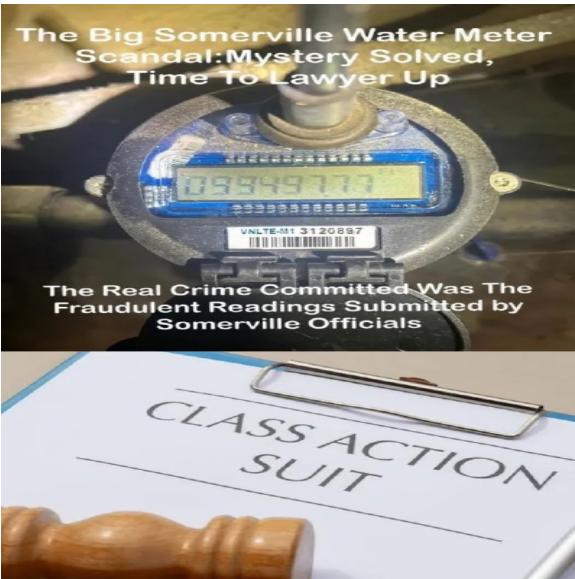
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Medford VFW #1012 Karaoke Night

Medford VFW #1012 located at 114 Mystic Avenue in Medford is having karaoke on 7/24 and 8/21 , 8:00 PM till 12:00 PM!

Somerville's own Scotty Lombardo will be the DJ so don't miss it!





ALLOW CREDIT UNIONS TO PAY THEIR BOARD MEMBERS (H 1338)

By Bob Katzen

The Senate approved a House-ap- proved bill that would allow credit unions to compensate their board mem- bers for their service. Under

current law, board members may only be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the per- formance of their duties.

“I was proud to sponsor this legislation which would mod-

ernize current law by allowing credit unions to compensate their board members for their service,” said Sen. Pavel Payano (D-Lawrence). “This bill would permit compensation to be set and approved by the member-

ship at an annual meeting, giv- ing credit unions the flexibility to determine appropriate levels of compensation as needed ... Credit unions play a vital role in supporting our communities, and this update will help them

attract and retain strong leader- ship, strengthen their institu- tions, and enhance their ability to serve their members.”

Somerville Mobile Farmers Market Returns July 9 Mobile Market Brings Fresh, Affordable Local Produce to Locations Across the City



SOMERVILLE – The Somerville Mobile Farmers Market is hitting the road once again, returning on Thursday, July 9, for the 2026 season. The market brings fresh, affordable, local produce to four city locations Thursdays through Satur- days and runs through October 31.

All produce is sourced from local farms and priced affordably to make healthy,

fresh food accessible to all. The mobile market accepts cash, debit and credit cards, SNAP, Fresh Connect, WIC Farmers Market Coupons, and Senior Farmers Market Coupons. All are welcome.

Market Locations and Times:  
Thursdays, 4 to 6 p.m.  
o Clarendon Hill Towers, 1372 Broad-

way  
Fridays, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
o Council on Aging, 167 Holland Street  
Fridays, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.  
o Somerville Public Library – East Branch, 115 Broadway  
Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (noon)  
o Mystic Housing Development, 25B Memorial Road

For the full schedule, weekly produce updates, and more information about programs and events, visit the market's website at [somervillemobilefarmers-market.org](http://somervillemobilefarmers-market.org).

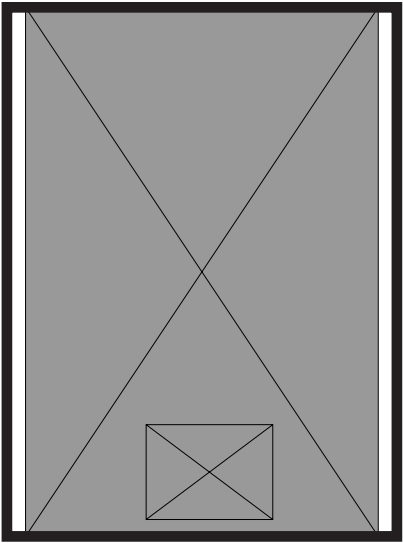
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Somerville Recreation’s 2026 Fall Program Guide Is Here



SOMERVILLE — Want to learn street hock-  
ey or archery as an adult? Join a free teen  
volleyball clinic and grab a Neighborhood  
Restaurant sandwich after practice? Explore  
a new adaptive arts-and-crafts program or  
enjoy a Friday teen night out with games,  
pizza, and friends?

Somerville’s 2026 Fall Program Guide is  
now available, featuring hundreds of ways  
for residents of all ages and abilities to move,  
learn, play, and connect this season.

“This fall, Somerville Rec is expanding its

lineup, bringing back activities we haven’t  
offered in some time, and trying entirely  
new things,” said Mayor Wilson. “I’m  
delighted our lineup gives residents of all  
ages and abilities more ways to get active,  
connect with neighbors, and try something  
new.”

Residents can also explore youth sports and  
enrichment programs, adult fitness classes,  
aquatics and swim lessons, seasonal special  
events, community celebrations, and much  
more including a range of new programs.

Highlights and new programs include:  
A free teen volleyball clinic at Assembly  
Row, complete with grab-and-go sandwich-  
es from the Neighborhood Restaurant  
Adult learn-to-play street hockey and  
archery using wooden recurve bows  
Adaptive sports clinics for students in  
grades K–5 and 6–12  
Women’s pickup basketball and adult bas-  
ketball, kickball, and softball leagues  
Free teen open gyms, art lounges, events,  
and other drop-in activities through the  
Teen Program Membership  
A new adaptive arts-and-crafts program

A free Adaptive Teen Night Out with games,  
crafts, pizza, and time to socialize

The online guide will be updated through-  
out the season as new programs and  
information become available. Residents  
can explore current offerings and register at  
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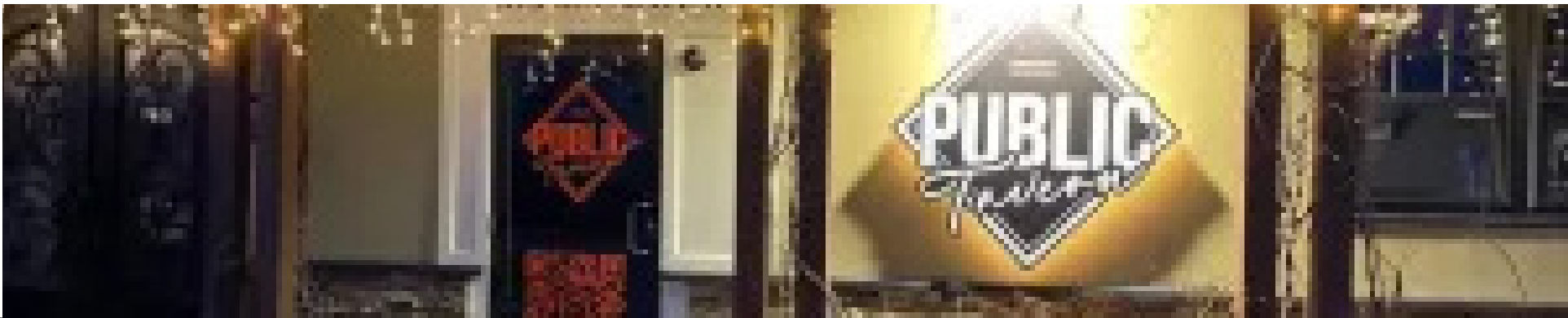
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Somerville/Medford News Weekly Speakup Line: Letter to the Editor



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

Massachusetts has some of the best doctors, nurses, hospitals, and medical innovators in the country. But for too many patients, that excellence is out of reach.

Families wait too long for appointments, small businesses struggle with insurance costs, seniors worry about prescriptions, and nurses and doctors are buried under paperwork instead of spending more time with patients. For all the medical talent we have in this state, the system is

too expensive, confusing, and exhausting.

That is why I appreciate Mike Minogue’s Patients First plan. It focuses on practical reforms: expanding community-based care, improving access to mental health services, making prices easier to compare, lowering prescription drug costs, reducing delays from prior authorization, and giving small businesses and families more options when buying coverage.

Just as important, Mike is listening to the people who actually deliver healthcare. Physicians, nurses, and hospital leaders understand where the system breaks down because they see it every day. Mike’s background in medical technology and experience purchasing health insurance for employees gives him a real-world understanding of both the patient side and the employer side.

Massachusetts should be the national leader in

health care access, quality, and affordability. Right now, too many people are being squeezed by costs and delays.

Mike Minogue has a serious plan to put patients first, and that is why I’ll be voting for him on November 3rd.

Brian McCarthy, born and raised in Somerville.

Somerville/Medford News Weekly Speakup Line: How would you consider the people friendly Process on Building an ADU in Somerville?



They are digging the hole for the foundation and I will update as my project progresses.

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| Civil Engineering     | \$5,000  | \$3,600  |
| HERS Rater            | \$2,000  | \$1,850  |
| Architect             | \$25,000 | \$30,000 |
| Sewer Video & Jetting | \$0      | \$700    |
| Foundation Permit     | \$500    | \$580    |
| Lumber Order          | \$12,000 | \$12,140 |
| Excavation            | \$15,000 | \$20,000 |
| Total                 | \$62,500 | \$71,320 |



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

I’m a homeowner building a backyard cottage/ADU here in Somerville, and I thought I’d share my costs and experience along the way and hopefully answer some questions for anyone considering doing the

same.

Somerville already had accessory dwelling units (ADUs) when it overhauled its zoning in 2019, but it calls them “backyard cottages.” Backyard cottages have somewhat more stringent zoning requirements, but in theory you can build up to

~1,500 square feet if you meet all of the setback and other requirements. The state-protected ADU law allows up to 900 square feet with more relaxed requirements. In theory, under state law, you could build both if you have enough room on your lot, although the city is working to close that loophole.

I’m building a ~1,500-square-foot, 3-bedroom, 2.5-bathroom backyard cottage for my aging parents. I expect the final cost to land somewhere around \$400k–\$500k and about 3-4 months to complete. On average you’d pay a GC 20%-25% to manage

this project, in theory by taking on another full time job that is what I am saving. The market value of these cottages are about \$1.3mm here: [https://www.zillow.com/homedetails/16-Hamlet-St-16-Somerville-Mass-02144/16-Hamlet-St-16-Somerville-Mass-02144\\_zpid=16-Hamlet-St-16-Somerville-Mass-02144](https://www.zillow.com/homedetails/16-Hamlet-St-16-Somerville-Mass-02144/16-Hamlet-St-16-Somerville-Mass-02144_zpid=16-Hamlet-St-16-Somerville-Mass-02144)



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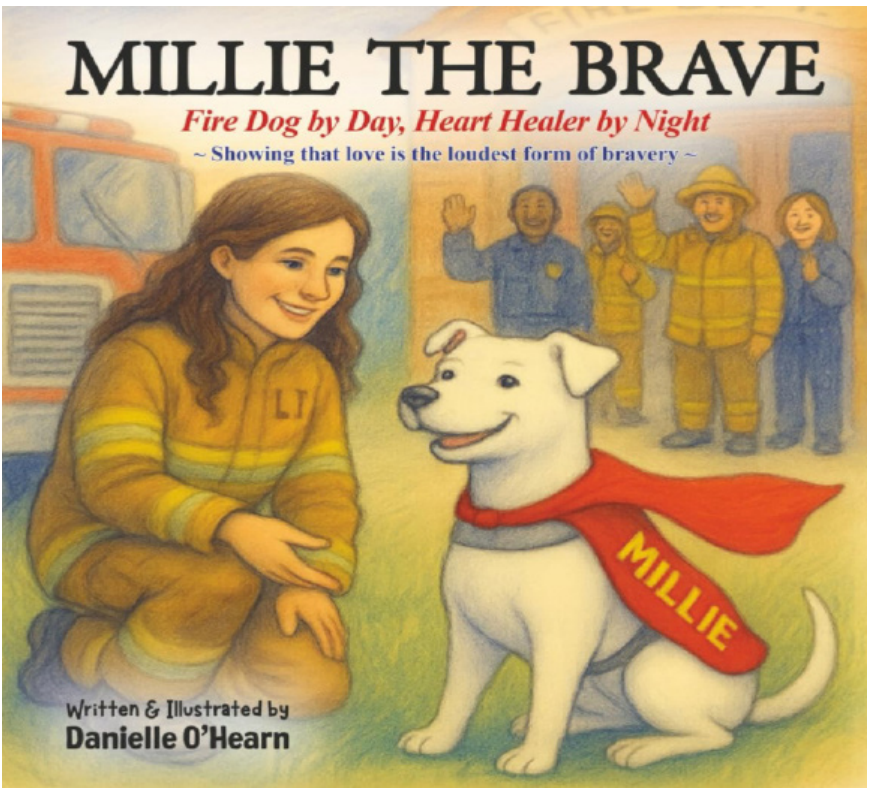
Dear Billy T and Somerville/Medford News Weekly Speakup Line,

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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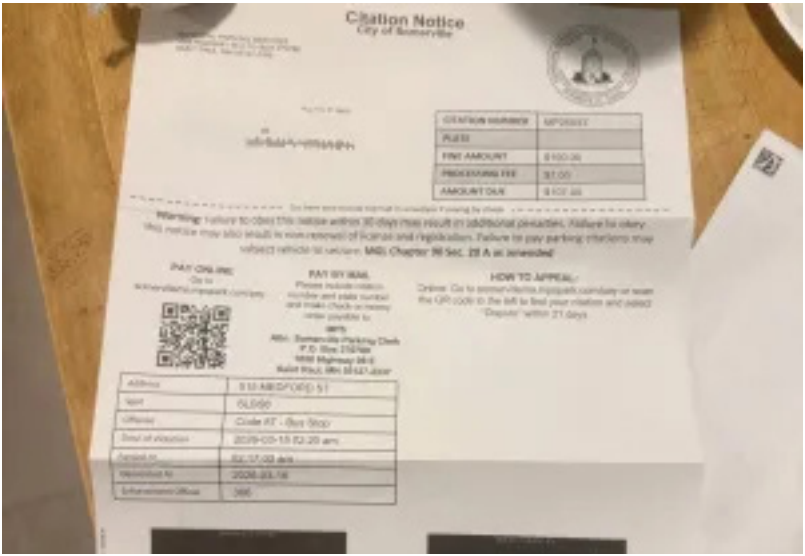


Somerville/Medford News Weekly Speakup Line: Fake Somerville Bills

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

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

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the addition of the following locations: 27 Concord Ave, 30 Derby St. 2026-133 Article V Section 5-2 “Loading/Service Zones” is amended with the addition of the following location: Full time loading zone at the two spaces at 500 Medford St. 2026-134 Article V Section 5-5 “Parking Location and Prohibitions” is amended with the addition of the following locations: No Parking Any Time on the west side of Grand Union Blvd, from approximately 140 ft south of Foley St to approximately 265 ft south of Foley St and No Parking Any Time on the east side of Grand Union Blvd, from

approximately 150 ft south of Foley St to approximately 270 ft south of Foley St. 2026-135 Article V Section 5-5 “Parking Location and Prohibitions” is amended with the addition of the following location: School Bus Parking Only 6:00am-4:00pm, Monday-Friday, Sept-June, 2 hour except by permit parking 4:00pm-2:30am, and permit parking only 2:30am-6:00am on the west side of Webster Ave, from approximately 40 ft south of Washington St to approximately 190 ft south of Washington St. 2026-136 Article V Section 5-5 “Parking Location and Prohibitions” is amended with the addition of the following loca-

tion: School Bus Parking Only 6:00am-4:00pm, Mon-Fri, Sept-June, and permit parking all other times on the west side of Franklin St, from approximately 60 ft north of Perkins St to approximately 195 ft north of Perkins St. 2026-137 Article V Section 5-5 “Parking Location and Prohibitions” is amended with the addition of the following location: School Arrival Only 6:00am-9:00am and permit parking all other times on the west side of Franklin St, from approximately 195 ft north of Perkins St to approximately 270 ft north of Perkins St. 2026-138 Article V Section 5-10 “Safety Zones” is amended as follows: Fire Lanes on

Hooker Ave, in a southerly direction on the odd side of Hooker Ave 29 ft from Endicott Ave to the dead end at the chain link fence and the width of the dead end of Hooker Ave from curb to curb for a length of 26 ft (replacing the currently regulated fire lane). PROMULGATED: AUGUST 4, 2026 ADVERTISED: AUGUST 11, 2026 AUGUST 18, 2026 AUGUST 25, 2026 EFFECTIVE: SEPTEMBER 2, 2026 Somerville/Medford News Weekly 08/11/26, 08/25/26, 09/02/26

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City shares moving essentials, helpful resources, a warm welcome, and ways to connect during the Year of the Neighbor

SOMERVILLE—Moving season is here, and the City of Somerville is welcoming new and returning residents with a guide to getting settled, finding City services, and becoming part of the community.

“Somerville is a very special place to call home, so we want to help people not just navigate moving in but feel a part of the community,” said Mayor Jake Wilson. “The Year of the Neighbor reminds us that a strong city is built on connection and looking out for one another. I’m excited to see all the ways our new residents will contribute to the community and make Somerville their own.”

Your First Stop: Somerville 311

Have a question about City services and aren't sure where to begin? Start with 311.

Somerville 311 is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to answer City-related questions, address service requests, or connect you with the right department. It's also the place to turn for many moving essentials, including reserving curb space for a moving van, arranging mattress or box-spring pickup, and requesting extra trash collection.

Contact 311 by:  
Calling or texting 3-1-1 from within Somerville or 617-666-3311 from elsewhere or on cellphones  
Emailing 311requests@somervillema.gov  
Visiting somervillema.gov/311 for online requests and live chat  
Downloading the 311 Somerville app for iOS or Android  
Messaging on Facebook, Instagram, or Bluesky

Getting Settled  
A little advance planning can help make you a local in no time. Here's where you can get started:  
Parking and moving permits: Somerville is a dense city where curb space is limited. Visit somervillema.gov/parking for information about reserving space for a moving van or container, applying for a resident parking permit, obtaining visitor passes, and understanding street sweeping and snow emergency rules.

Trash and recycling: Find your collection day, learn how to dispose of moving boxes and other items, and search the City's Waste Wizard at somervillema.gov/trash for info on how to dispose of or recycle just about anything.  
Utilities and City services: Visit somervillema.gov/water for water and sewer information and somervillema.gov/dpw for information about trash, recycling, streets, trees, and other public works services. Visit somervillema.gov/moving for information on electricity, gas, and telecom providers.  
Explore your neighborhood: Find your ward, elected officials, nearby City facilities, and other local information through MySomerville. Residents can also find City Council contact information at somervillema.gov/citycouncil and School Committee information at somerville.k12.ma.us/schoolcommittee. Connect with Mayor Wilson via somervillema.gov/mayor.  
Housing support: The Office of Housing Stability offers information and assistance for renters at somervillema.gov/OHS. Residents can contact 311 for help with unsafe housing conditions or questions for Inspectional Services.  
Join the Year of the Neighbor: Throughout 2026, the City is highlighting programs, events, and simple ways residents can build stronger connections with the people around them. Learn more and get involved at somervillema.gov/neighbor.

“Engaged, diverse, and intelligent people are what make Somerville such

an exciting and interesting place to live,” said Ward Six Councilor and City Council President Lance Davis. “I love the energy that new folks bring into the city and I encourage everyone to find their community and get involved.”

Stay in the Know about City News + Updates  
The easiest way to keep up with everything happening across Somerville is to sign up for City updates.  
At somervillema.gov/subscribe, residents can subscribe to the main City newsletter for a weekly overview as well as newsletters focused on topics such as construction, climate action, events, public meetings, and neighborhood news.  
Residents should also register for City Alerts at somervillema.gov/alerts to receive urgent information about general emergencies, snow emergencies, construction, water interruptions, and other important issues by text, email, or phone. Alerts are available in multiple languages.  
To find official City, department, library, and multilingual social media accounts, visit somervillema.gov/social-media. Residents are also encouraged to seek out and support Somerville's independent local news outlets.

“Welcome to Somerville! Our public schools are a place where high-quality education meets a deep commitment to celebrating every unique learner,” said School Committee Chair Emily Ackman. “We are thrilled to welcome

your family to our public school community, and we hope to see you soon as a student, caregiver, or volunteer.”

Get Involved and Mark Your Calendar  
Don't miss Civic Day, Thursday, September 10, 5-7 p.m. at City Hall, 93 Highland Ave.: Learn about your local government and services at this annual science fair meets fun fair style event with City info, family-friendly activities, small giveaways, and food.  
Tour City Hall, meet elected officials and staff from across City departments, learn about or access services, and enjoy games, activities, food, and small giveaways.  
Plan to attend the City Hall Community Meeting in your ward this fall: Sign up for the City newsletter at http://www.somervillema.gov/subscribe to get the schedule. These are a great way to meet your electeds and neighbors while exploring local projects and issues in a casual walk-about event with free pizza.  
Don't just live in Somerville, Be Somerville: Find ways to get involved on the Be Somerville page somervillema.gov/besomerville and the online City calendar somervillema.gov/calendar. There are many ways to be a part of civic life: Join a commission, take a survey, attend a community meeting or discussion, and more.

Whether you need help navigating move-in day, want to learn what's happening on your block, or are ready to get involved in the community, Somerville 311 and somervillema.gov are here

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## EXPAND THE “MOVE OVER” LAW (H 5622)

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| <p>By Bob Katzen</p> <p>House 154-0, approved a bill that would expand a current law that requires motorists to slow down and make every effort to change lanes if they are approaching a stationary emergency, maintenance or recovery vehicle with flashing lights on a highway. The bill would expand the law to require motorists to</p> | <p>do the same when approaching a stationary utility truck–defined as a vehicle being used to install, maintain, repair, operate or restore communications service, electric or gas distribution or transmission service in an emergency.</p> <p>The Senate has approved a different version of the measure</p> | <p>and the House version now goes to the Senate for consideration.</p> <p>Rep. Jim Arciero (D-Westford), House chair of the Committee on Transportation, said the that the bill is a sensible change to an important law and updates the “move over” law to extend its protections to utility vehicles and workers at the roadside. He</p> | <p>noted that the measure, which got overwhelming support in the Transportation Committee, also increases penalties for repeat offenses and requires an education component for motorists who commit multiple offenses. He said that the Registry of Motor Vehicles would be required to produce a public service campaign on the move over law.</p> | <p>(A “Yes” vote is for the bill.)</p> <p>Rep. Christine Barber Yes Rep. Mike Connolly Yes Rep. Paul Donato Yes Rep. Erika Uyterhoeven Yes</p> |
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Somerville Inclusionary Homeownership Opportunity at One Inman Square

Apply by Monday, September 14

SOMERVILLE – Applications are now open for the sale of six deed-restricted condominiums at One Inman Square (121 Prospect St.) to eligible, first-time homebuyers. Units will be sold at below market price through the City of Somerville's Inclusionary Housing Program.

One-, two-, and three-bedroom units are available and will be offered to households with a yearly gross income at or below 80% of Area Median Income (AMI) at price tier P1, to households between 80% and 110% AMI at price tier P2, and to households between 110% and 140% AMI at price tier P3.

How to Apply:  
Apply now through 5 p.m. on Monday, September 14.

Pre-lottery applications are available online at [somerville-ma.gov/inclusionaryhousing](#) or apply now at [maloneyaffordable.com/condominiums/one-inman-square/](#).

Completed applications can be emailed to [oneinmansquare@maloneyproperties.com](#), or mailed or delivered to Maloney Properties, Inc. Attn: One Inman Square Lottery, 27 Mica Lane, Wellesley, MA 02481.

For more information on the City's Inclusionary Housing Program, visit [somervillema.gov/inclusionaryhousing](#).

More About One Inman Square:  
One Inman Square is a mixed-income development located in Somerville, MA, consisting of 32 condominiums. Six units will be

designated as income-restricted. Affordable units will not have any difference in finishes from the market-rate units. Each kitchen shall be equipped with a refrigerator, stove, dishwasher, and microwave. In addition, all units will have an electric washer and dryer in the unit. Owners will be responsible for all utilities, which include electricity (heating/cooling, hot water, cooking & general). Cable & Internet are optional utilities at this property. Buyers of Inclusionary units 103, 207, and 303 shall have a right of first refusal to purchase a parking space at a reduced cost. This development also includes six bicycle spaces that will be reserved for Inclusionary households.

| Unit Number and Tier:                         | Sale Price:                                      | Minimum 3% Down Payment:                            | Estimated Initial Condo Fee: |
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| 121 Prospect #102 (1-Bedroom at 88% AMI)      | \$210,093                                        | \$6,302.79                                          | \$133.58                     |
| 121 Prospect #107 (2-Bedroom at 88% AMI)      | \$256,244                                        | \$7,687.32                                          | \$239.13                     |
| 121 Prospect #103 (3-Bedroom at 88% AMI)      | \$297,830 (with parking) \$247,830 (no parking)  | \$8,934.90 (with parking) \$7,434.90 (no parking)   | \$265.52                     |
| 121 Prospect #205 (1-Bedroom at 80%-110% AMI) | \$311,857                                        | \$9,355.71                                          | \$212.74                     |
| 121 Prospect #303 (3-Bedroom at 88-110% AMI)  | \$400,855 (incl. parking) \$350,855 (no parking) | \$12,025.65 (with parking) \$10,525.65 (no parking) | \$277.06                     |

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| 121 Prospect #207 (2-Bedroom at 110-140% AMI) | \$467,297 (incl. parking) \$417,297 (no parking) | \$14,018.91 (with parking) \$12,518.91 (no parking) | \$239.13 |
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| Annual Gross Income Limits | 1 person  | 2 persons | 3 persons | 4 persons | 5 persons |
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| Tier P1 (maximums)         | \$96,000  | \$109,700 | \$123,400 | \$137,100 | \$148,100 |
| 80% AMI:                   | \$96,001  | \$109,701 | \$123,401 | \$137,101 | \$148,101 |
| Tier P2 80%-110% AMI:      | \$131,978 | \$150,832 | \$169,686 | \$188,540 | \$203,623 |
| Tier P3 110%-140% AMI      | \$131,979 | \$150,833 | \$169,687 | \$188,541 | \$203,624 |
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| <p>SOMERVILLE– On Tuesday, September 1, 2026, the State of Massachusetts will hold its Primary Election, which will narrow the candidate pool before the November Election on Tuesday, November 3.</p> <p>The offices on the ballot for this election include:</p> <p>Senator in Congress<br/>Lieutenant Governor<br/>Attorney General<br/>District Attorney<br/>Secretary of State<br/>Treasurer<br/>Auditor<br/>Councillor<br/>Senator in General Court<br/>Representative in General Court<br/>Register of Probate</p> <p>The primary election is open to all registered voters in Somerville. Somerville voters can vote one of three ways: by mail, early in person , or in person at your polling location on Primary Election Day.</p> <p>Register to Vote in the State Primary by Saturday,</p> | <p>August 22</p> <p>You can register one of three ways:</p> <p>Online at <a href="http://somer villema.gov/registertovote">somer villema.gov/registertovote</a>,<br/>In-person at Somerville City Hall (93 Highland Ave.).<br/>Or by calling the Elections Department (617-625-6600 ext. 4200) and requesting a voter registration form. Or by calling 311 (617-666-3311) and they will connect you to Elections.</p> <p>The registration deadline is Saturday, August 22 at midnight online or in person by 5 p.m. City Hall will be open on August 22 from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00p.m. You also may mail in your registration form, but it must be postmarked by August 22nd.</p> <p>Vote Early at City Hall, August 22-28</p> <p>Vote early in the Primary Election in the lower level of City Hall from Satur-</p> | <p>day, August 22, through Friday, August 28. The schedule is as follows:</p> <p>August 22 – Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.<br/>August 23 – Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.<br/>August 24-26 – Monday-Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.<br/>August 27 – Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.<br/>August 28 – Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.</p> <p>How to Vote in the State Primary Election by Mail</p> <p>Applications to vote by mail must be received (not postmarked) by 5 p.m., Tuesday, August 25 (applications are accepted based on receipt by the deadline not by postmark date).</p> <p>Download an application or fill it out online at <a href="http://somer villema.gov/votemail">somer villema.gov/votemail</a>, pick one up in the Elections office at City Hall, or request one be mailed to you by calling Elections at 617-625-6600 ext. 4200.</p> | <p>Eligible voters who submit valid applications will receive their ballot in the mail. Ballots must be completed, signed, sealed, and received by the City no later than 8 p.m. on Tuesday, September 1. Voters can check the status of their ballot on the state’s website. Email or fax (for applications only): Completed applications can be emailed to <a href="mailto:vote@somer villema.gov">vote@somer villema.gov</a> or faxed to 617-625-5643. Ballots cannot be returned by email or fax.</p> <p>How to return your application and ballot:</p> <p>Drop boxes: Leave it in a drop box at one of the following locations:<br/>City Hall Concourse, 93 Highland Ave.<br/>East Somerville Community School, across from 66 Glen St.<br/>In front of the Argenziano School, 290 Washington St.<br/>In front of the Somerville Community Baptist Church, 31 College Ave.</p> | <p>Behind the Mystic Activity Center, 530 Mystic Ave.<br/>In front of Saint Catherine of Genoa Church parking lot, 182 Summer St.<br/>In front of the Armory, 191 Highland Ave.<br/>In front of Dilboy Post, 351 Summer St.<br/>In front of the Tufts Administrative Building, 167 Holland St.<br/>In front of the West Somerville Neighborhood School at 177 Powder House Blvd.<br/>Elections office: Return directly to the Elections Department at City Hall<br/>Mail: Send to the Elections Department, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143<br/>For more information about voting in Somerville, go to <a href="http://somer villema.gov/elections">somer villema.gov/elections</a>.</p> |
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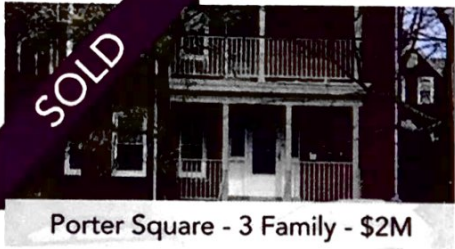
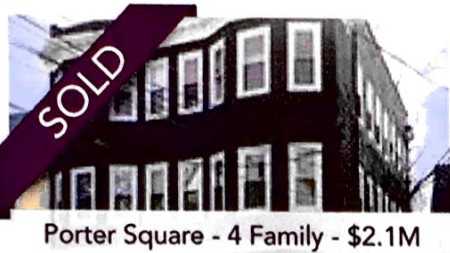


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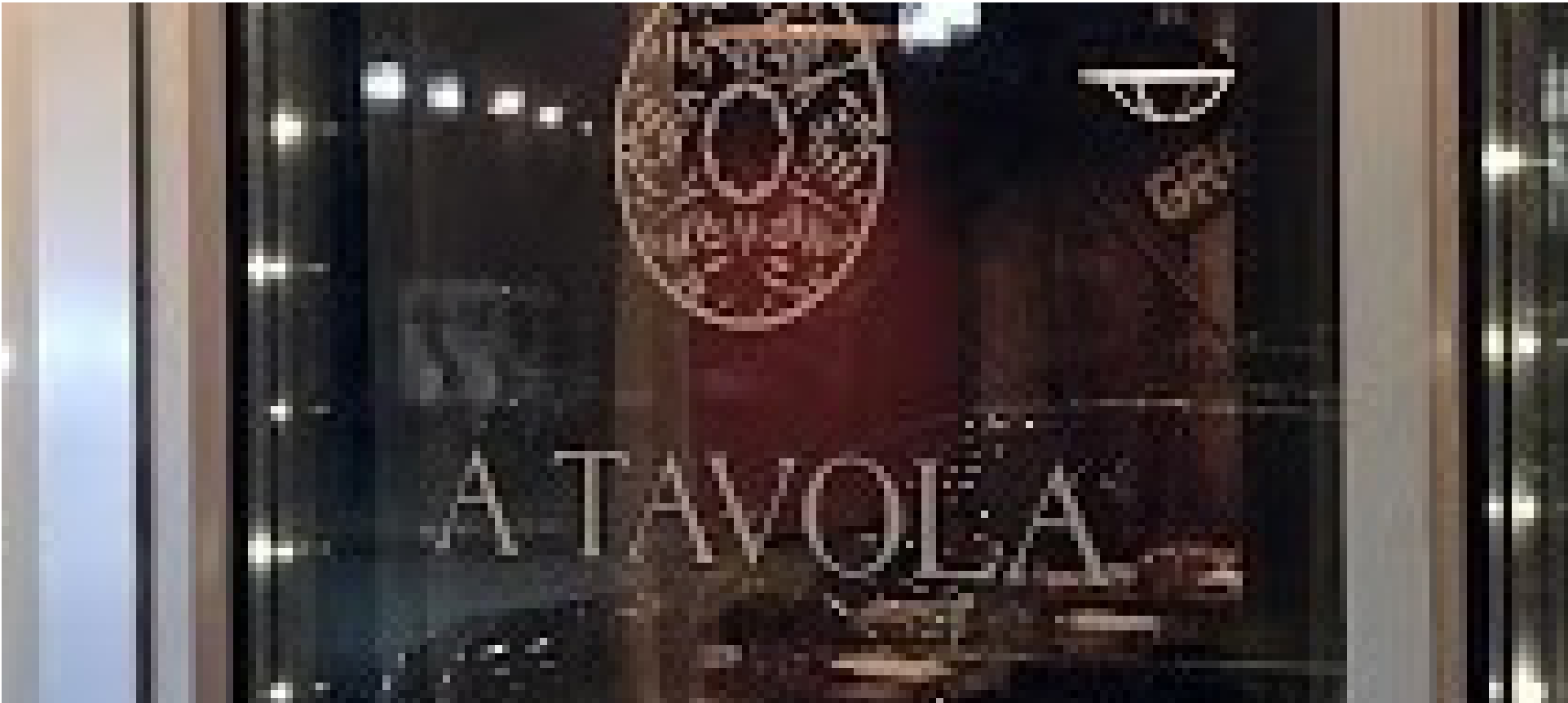
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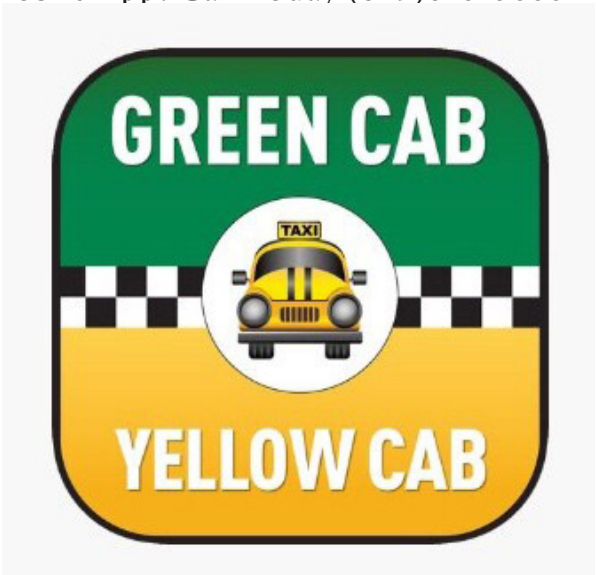


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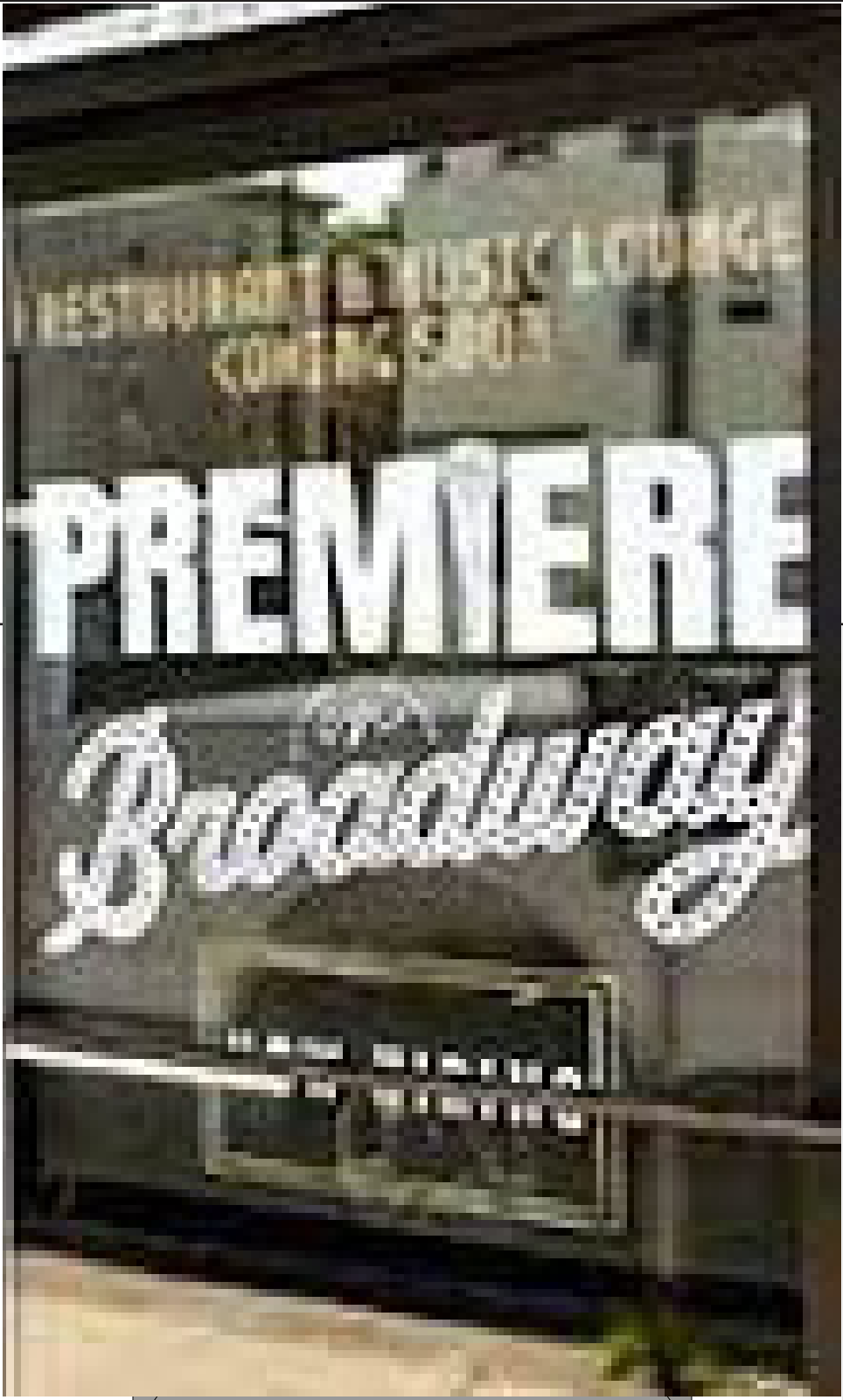
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