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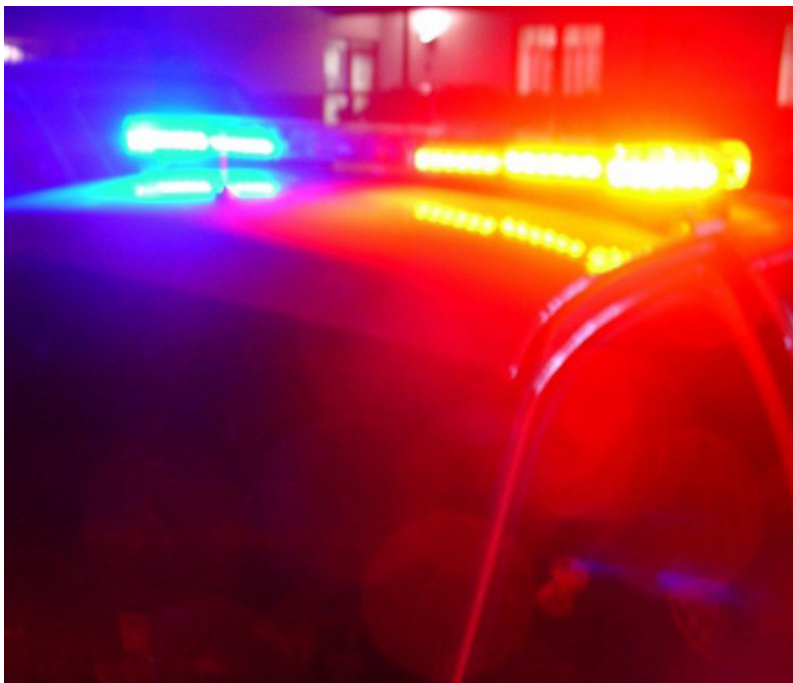
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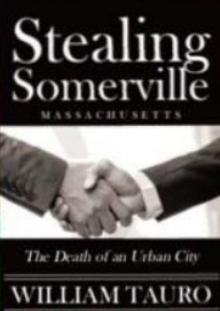
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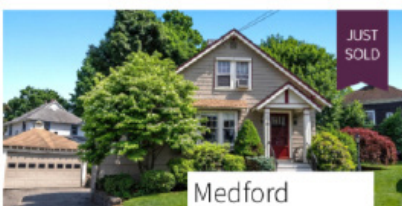
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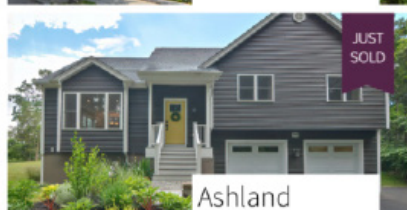
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Somerville/Medford Remembering Lourdes Silva



Lourdes Silva Obituary
Obituary published on Legacy.com

by Dello Russo Funeral Home – Medford on Aug. 24, 2026.

Lourdes L. (Loureiro) Silva passed away peacefully at home, lovingly surrounded by her family on Saturday, August 22nd. She was 97. Born and raised in Lisbon, Portugal, she was the daughter of late Antonio L. and Eulalia (Da Silva Serrao) Loureiro.

Lourdes came to the United States with her beloved husband Artur. She began working at Franks Beauty Salon in Somerville, once she completed her studies at the Mansfield School. She eventually bought the business in 1973 and, with the business acumen of her husband, the talent of her first hire, Ilda Grossi, and a lot of hard work, built a fabulous business with a large and loyal clientele from all over greater Boston. The beautifully appointed shop on Broadway in Somerville soon became a landmark as the customer base grew. People still hold dear to their hearts the legacy of hard work, customer care, and love of beauty they encountered there. Lourdes and Ilda’s relationship grew into a deep friendship in which Lourdes considered her like a daughter. Ilda took over the shop in 1996 and operated it until her retirement. Lourdes continued working with her until she was 80 years old. Lourdes had a wonderful life with her husband Artur. They enjoyed traveling, spending endless days on the beach, regular trips to Aruba, and occasional trips to Foxwoods and Encore.

Lourdes was the beloved wife of the late Artur M. Silva, who passed away in 2008. She leaves behind her best friend, caregiver and a woman who was like a daughter, Ilda Grossi and her children, Deborah Luciano and Jesse Grossi, all of Somerville. She leaves her nephew Paul Ribeiro and his wife Susan and their daughter Cristina. In Portugal she leaves behind her two God children and two cousins who preceded her in death. Lourdes leaves her dear friend Joe Costa and was predeceased by her companion, Delmar Modesto.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to visit at the Dello Russo Funeral Home 306 Main St., Medford, on Thursday, August 27th from 9:30 – 10:30 AM followed by a funeral mass celebrated in St. Ann Church, 399 Medford Street, Somerville, at 11 AM. Services will conclude with burial at Pine Haven Cemetery, Burlington.

The family is grateful for the wonderful support and care given by the visiting nurses and hospice caregivers. In Lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Lourdes’ memory to the VNA, 37 Broadway, suite 2, Arlington, MA 02474.

Somerville/Medford Remembering Karen J. Campbell



Obituary
Karen J. Campbell – Of Medford formerly of Somerville, passed away at her home, August 20, 2026, surrounded by her loving family.

Beloved wife of 44 years to Joseph Campbell. Loving mother of Anna Campbell of Somerville. Daughter of the late Daniel and Alice (Robitaille) MacInnes. Dear sister of Marilyn Lillis of Lowell, Mary Scott of Burlington, Scott MacInnes of Somerville the late Patricia Boudreaux, Dennis Denehy, Daniel MacInnes and Charlene MacInnes. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral procession from the George L. Doherty Funeral Home, 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.) Somerville, Wednesday morning August 26, 2026, at 9:30 followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Ann Church, Somerville at 10:30. Relatives and friends invited. Calling hours Tuesday August 25, 2026, 4:00 – 7:00pm. Interment Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Somerville/Medford Remembering Suzan Kelly



Suzan Kelly of Lowell, formerly of Somerville and Medford, died on August 22, 2026 after a brief illness.

She was the loving daughter of the late Richard and Dorothy Kelly (Manning) and sister of the late Richard Kelly.

She is survived by her sister Patrice, many cousins and long-time friends.

Sue spent 60 years on Boston Ave in Somerville. She was a graduate of St. Clement High School Class of ’72 and Fisher Junior College.

She worked for the Federal government, initially with the Department of Fish and Wildlife and for the remainder of her career with the US Attorney’s Office.

She developed many lifelong friendships there and enjoyed the intricacies of the legal system and the challenges it presented.

Her retirement afforded her more time to spend with her family and friends and also care for her mother who she was devoted to.

Some of her favorite pastimes included photography, reading, movies and spending time at her favorite place, Hampton Beach.

Sue was a lifelong friend to many people and was always there for support, comfort, advice and compassion. Her beautiful smile and great laugh will always be remembered.

“...time it was and what a time it was...” (Simon and Garfunkel)

Visting hours for Suzan will be held in the George L. Doherty Funeral Home, 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.) Somerville, Thursday morning August 27, 2026, from 11:00am – 12:00pm, followed by her Funeral Mass, in St. Clement Church, Somerville at 12:30.

Relatives and friends invited.

Interment Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden, where she will be laid to rest with her parents.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Suzan’s memory to the charity of your choice.

Somerville/Medford Remembering Jesse T. Gregory



Jesse T. Gregory passed away peacefully accompanied by the love of his family on Thursday, August 20th at the Beth Israel Hospital of Plymouth. He was 46. Jesse was raised in Somerville, the son of Peter Gregory and of Joyce (Thomas) Singh.

Jesse attended St. Ann Elementary School, Matignon High School and earned his degree from U Mass, Lowell. He enjoyed a long career in property management. Jesse lived in Marshfield. He enjoyed golfing, staying fit by regularly working out at the gym, and was a lover of music and dancing. Jesse was devoted to his family and friends and enjoyed spending time with those he loved.

Jesse was the beloved husband of Isabel Perez. He was the devoted son of Peter Gregory and of Joyce Singh. Jessie was the dear brother of Monni Singh. He was a proud uncle to Gyanna, Byanca, Meeka and Caiden. He was the nephew of John Gregory, Susan Leonard, Nancy Troy, Larry Gregory, Auntie Ruth and Auntie Joanie. Jesse also leaves his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Rudy and Sallie Perez. He was the brother-in-law of Erica, Suzanna and Aimee. Jesse is also survived by many dear cousins.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to visit at the Dello Russo Funeral Home, 306 Main St., Medford, on Wednesday, August 26th from 4 – 8 PM concluding with a funeral service at 8 PM.

In lieu of flowers, please honor Jesse’s memory by making a contribution to his GoFundMe page or by making a contribution in his name to the American Cancer Society

Somerville City Hall Swings Open its Doors for Civic Day on Thursday, September 10



Family-friendly event kicks off at 5 p.m. with free pizza and activities on City Hall Concourse. All invited to City Council Meeting at 7 p.m.

SOMERVILLE – Community members are invited to attend Somerville’s fourth Civic Day event on Thursday, September 10, from 5 to 7:30 p.m., with ac-

tivities taking place inside City Hall (93 Highland Ave.) and on the City Hall concourse.

“The best way to learn about your local government is to interact with it. You ask questions, share stories, learn names, make lasting connections, and build real knowledge,” said Mayor Jake Wilson. “Civic Day is one-stop shopping for City services, with fun activities for the whole family. Whether you want to pick up a pollinator plant for your garden or register to vote, we’ve got you covered.”

Civic Day offers an array of family-friendly ways to learn about your local government and how it can serve you.

Planned Activities Include
311 scavenger hunts
Somerville Police (SPD) K9 meet and greet
Photo opportunities with SPD motorcycle and Somerville Fire truck
Library card sign-ups
City Hall tours
Porous pavement demonstration

At 7 p.m., attendees are encouraged to head to the Council Chamber on the second floor of City Hall to attend the Somerville City Council meeting and observe local government in action

“I’m excited that this year we’ll have the live City Council meeting as a headline event

for Civic Day,” said Ward Six Councilor and City Council President Lance Davis. “I hope folks will join us in the Council Chambers to see their legislators in action.”

City Hall will be open for the entirety of Civic Day for regular city business (like registering to vote or getting that expiring parking permit renewed), so be sure to walk around City Hall and say hello.

Logistics, Accessibility, Language Access, and Rain Location
The City Hall concourse will be closed to vehicular traffic. Temporary handicap parking will be available along Highland Avenue near the concourse. In

the event of inclement weather, all outdoor activities will be moved inside to Somerville High School (81 Highland Ave.)

Multilingual staff from the Language and Communications Access division (formerly the Office of Immigrant Affairs) will be present to offer language support for residents who may need assistance connecting with city departments.

For more information, please contact 311 (617-666-3311) or visit somervillema.gov/civictim

Somerville Hosting “Until Help Arrives” Emergency Response and Overdose Prevention Trainings



Free workshops to train residents to recognize emergencies and take action until first responders arrive; No prior experience necessary

SOMERVILLE—You don’t need to be a medical professional to help someone in an emergency. Sometimes, knowing who to call and what to do in the first few minutes can make an important difference.

This September, the City of Somerville is offering six community workshops

where residents can learn practical ways to respond to a range of emergencies including injury or possible overdose. The workshops are designed for community members, and no previous training or experience is required.

“Knowing the simple but important skills taught in these workshops can help you be a good neighbor in an emergency – and they just may make the difference for you or a loved one at some point too. So I hope to see strong turnout for these free trainings,” said Mayor Jake Wilson. “Basic techniques like knowing how to stop bleeding until first responders arrive or knowing what information to have ready for 911 are vital tools any of us can have at the ready to help when needed. Somerville is full of people who care about each other, and this is a critical way to put that into action.”

Presented as part of Somerville’s Year of the Neighbor initiative and in recognition of National Recovery Month, the workshops will be held at Somerville Public Library locations across the city.

“Wanting to help is part of our character as good neighbors; knowing how to help in a crisis is a learned skill,” said Ward 2 Councilor J.T. Scott. “Good luck is the intersection of preparedness and opportunity. ‘We Keep Us Safe’ starts with caring but only takes on significance when we reach out to learn how to turn that desire into action. These trainings aim to provide the skills to allow any of us to be just the right resource needed for a neighbor in crisis.”

Until Help Arrives Trainings
These workshops are designed to prepare people without professional medical training to take lifesaving action during the critical minutes before first responders arrive. No prior training or experience is required. The series is presented by the Somerville Office of Emergency Management, and is an initiative supported by FEMA (the Federal Emergency Management Agency).

Participants will learn how to: stay safe in dangerous situations, stop life-threatening bleeding, provide comfort and support, safely position an injured person, and

call 911 effectively.

Trainings will be held:
Thursday, September 17, 5:30 – 8 p.m. at the East Branch Library
Join at: bit.ly/untilhelp917
Monday, September 21, 5:30 – 8 p.m. at the West Branch Library
Join at: bit.ly/untilhelp921
Wednesday, September 30, 5:30 – 8 p.m. at the Central Library
Register at: bit.ly/untilhelp930

The workshops complement the City’s “Be a Good Neighbor: Calling Is Caring” campaign, which helps community members understand who to contact when they see someone experiencing a medical emergency, mental health crisis, or possible overdose—or when they need to report another community concern. Learn more at somervillema.gov/howtohelp.

Overdose Prevention Trainings
Presented by the Somerville Department of Health and Human Services, these trainings will help participants learn how to recognize and respond to a possible overdose.

Trainings will be held:
Tuesday, September 8, 6-7 p.m. at the Central Library
Join at: bit.ly/preventionSept8
Thursday, September 24, 6-7 p.m. at the East Branch Library
Join at: bit.ly/preventionSept24
Monday, September 28, 6-7 p.m. at the West Branch Library
Join at: bit.ly/preventionSept28

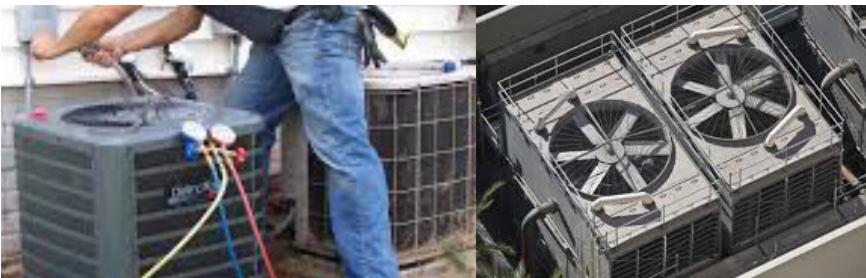
For questions about the Until Help Arrives trainings, contact Lauren Mahoney at lmahoney@somervillema.gov. For questions about the Overdose Prevention trainings, contact Jake Savage at jsavage@somervillema.gov. To learn more about Year of the Neighbor, visit somervillema.gov/neighbor.

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Community members are invited to enjoy food from Nepali vendors, along with live cultural music and dance performances throughout the day. A DJ from Nepal will keep the celebration going with music into the evening.

The festival is led by the Somerville Office of Immigrant Affairs and the Non-Resident Nepali Association (NRNA) NCC USA Massachusetts Chapter, in collaboration with the Somerville Arts & Culture Division

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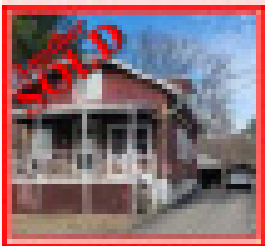
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By William Tauro

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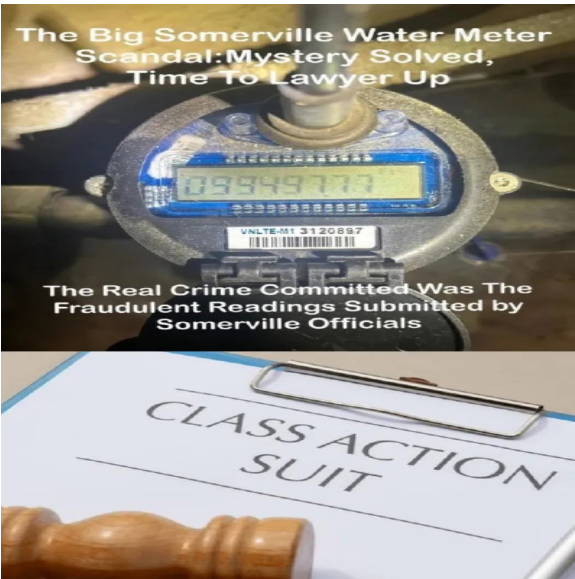
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PRISON LABOR (H 5125)

By Bob Katzen

It's been five months since the House on March 19, on a voice vote without a roll call, gave initial approval to a measure that would prohibit any prisoner from being transferred to another state and being required to

work on labor projects in that state. The ban does not apply if the governor determines that an emergency in another state or territory creates the need for prisoners to be transferred from the Bay State and the prisoner agrees in writing to be transferred. The House has taken no further

action on the proposal.

The measure was first filed in 2017 when former Bristol County Sheriff Tom Hodgson was planning to transport Bristol County prisoners across state lines to the nation's southern border to help build President

Trump's proposed border wall.

Supporters said Massachusetts, unless there is an emergency and the prisoner agrees to go, should not be shipping prisoners to other states where the Bay State has no control over the prisoners. They said that

rehabilitation works better in the local community where the prisoner has been.

FOOD TRUCKS (H 5115)

By Bob Katzen

On May 26, the Committee on Public Health gave a favorable report to and recommended passage of legislation that would require food trucks to be subject to an annual health inspection by the state. The Commissioner of Public Health

would establish regulations for the annual health inspection of food trucks and would prescribe rules and regulations related to inspection schedules, documentation of inspections, standards for acceptable cleanliness and the costs of these inspections. The committee then sent the measure to the House

Ways and Means Committee when it still lingers, awaiting action.

"Food trucks in Massachusetts must secure certification from the Boards of Health and fire departments in each of the towns where they operate," said bill sponsor Rep. Kate Hogan

(D-Stow) back in May. "Often those municipalities have their own set of standards, inspection practices and timelines and fees – making the process expensive and time-consuming. This legislation would streamline the regulations and permitting process for food trucks with a statewide stan-

dard, creating a process that better supports Main Street and the commonwealth's restaurant industry."

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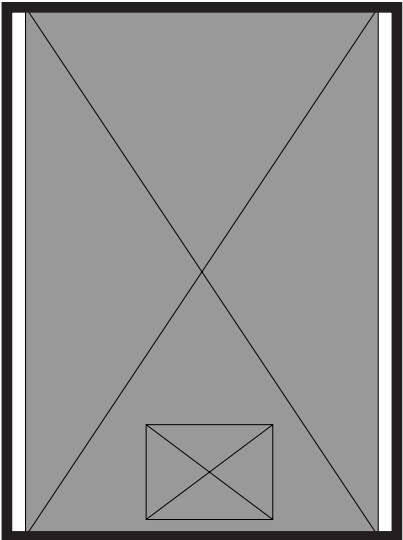


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House 157-0 approved and sent to the Senate a bill that would authorize the creation of a license

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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

Somerville Recreation’s 2026 Fall Program Guide Is Here



SOMERVILLE — Want to learn street hockey 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 sandwiches 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 basketball, 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 throughout the season as new programs and information become available. Residents can explore current offerings and register at somerwillerec.com.

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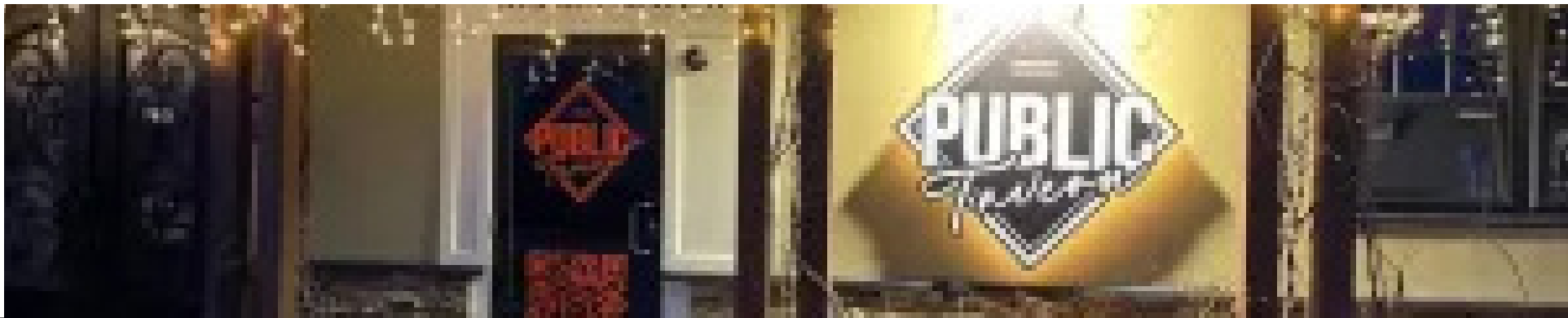


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BOSTON MAKES CUT TO FINAL THREE CITIES TO POSSIBLY HOST THE 2028 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION

By Bob Katzen

The Democratic National Committee announced that Boston, Denver and Philadelphia made the final cut and are the three cities being considered to host the 2028 Democratic National Convention.

“We are honored to move forward to the final stage as host for the 2028 Democratic National Convention and will continue to work alongside our incredible partners and the Greater Boston commu-

nity to share the best of our city with the Democratic National Committee,” said Steve Kerrigan, chair of the Massachusetts Democratic State Committee. “Time and again, Massachusetts has demonstrated the vision and capability to take on ambitious events and carry them through to success — backed by the infrastructure, talent and civic spirit that make great achievements possible. We are honored to join Denver and Philadelphia as this process moves forward.”

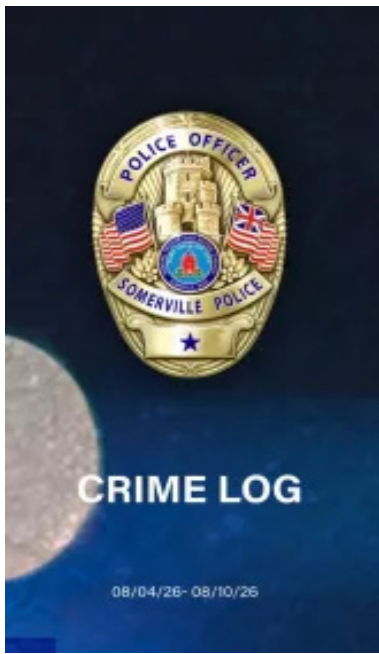
“Coming off this successful

summer hosting the World Cup, Tall Ships and MA 250 events, the people of Massachusetts have shown that we can host major events and showcase our state to the entire world,” said Gov. Healey. “The 2028 election will be an important moment to choose the direction of our country, and there is no better city than Boston to chart that future. I’m thrilled that Boston has advanced to the next round, and I look forward to working with partners like Mayor Wu and other leaders in this next phase of the convention process.”

“Throughout the World Cup, Boston showed the entire world that our beautiful, safe and welcoming city is the perfect venue to host important events that can bring people together from all communities,” said Boston Mayor Michelle Wu. “Boston is ready to host a Democratic National Convention that will showcase our vibrant, diverse city to a global audience, welcome guests and delegates to hotels within walking distance of both the convention venues and our major attractions and deliver major

economic benefits to local businesses. We are proud to offer the country clear proof of the progress that’s possible when we build the America our founders fought for.”

Somerville Police Department Weekly Crime Log



Crime Log 08/04/26-08/10/26

Assault

26054278: On 8/5/26 at approximately 8:46 PM, Somerville Police responded to Assembly Row for a fight. Upon arrival, officers observed a male party suffering an injury to his eyes. A female party he was with stated that he got into an altercation with a group of juveniles and one of them pepper

sprayed him. Officers identified the juvenile suspects.

Robbery

26054244: On 8/5/26 at approximately 6:08 PM, Somerville Police responded to Washington St for a robbery. Upon arrival, officers spoke with the victim who stated she was sitting on a bench and was approached by two males who stated they were going to trade her necklace

for another necklace. The males took the victims necklace off and gave her the other one.

Residential Breaking & Entering

26054087: On 8/5/26 at approximately 7:41 AM, Somerville Police responded to a residence on Francesca Ave for a breaking and entering. Upon arrival, officers spoke with the victim who stated the house is under construc-

tion and electrical wire was stolen.

to view more visit, <https://www.new.somervillepd.com/index.php/other-public-safety-news/weekly-crime-log/crime-log-august-4-to-august-10-2026>

Medford Police Chief Jack Buckley to Retire at the End of the Year



Buckley served as Chief for 8 years and has been with the MPD since 1998

Governor Healy signed bill removing Chief of Police position from Civil Service allowing the City to broaden its search

Chief of Police position has been posted and the City is gathering resumes

Medford Police Chief Jack D. Buckley will retire on

December 19, 2026, following 28 years of dedicated service to the people of Medford, including the past eight years as Chief, Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn announced.

In December 2018, Buckley was appointed as the 14th permanent Police Chief for the City of Medford. First hired as a patrol officer in 1998, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2009 and to

the rank of Lieutenant in 2015. Prior to his role as Chief of Police, he served as supervisor to the Detective Bureau directing, coordinating and managing criminal investigations and serving as the department’s liaison to numerous State and Federal agencies. Throughout his career he has maintained a reputation as an ethically sound leader with an uncompromising devotion to community service.

“Since I took office in 2020, Chief Buckley has been more than just the Chief of Police,” Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn said. “He’s been the person I look to for advice, and his insights often provide clarity that help lead to a solution. I will miss his ‘pop ins’ to my office, his wry humor and his friendship. Twenty-eight years

is a long time to serve the community and while his presence in the City will be missed, I am glad to have served the people of Medford alongside with him. We are now in the process of securing the next Chief, thanks to the support of our state delegation, and I know they will work hard to continue the legacy of integrity and professionalism that Chief Buckley so thoroughly encompassed.”

To help broaden the search for the next chief and expand the talent pool, the Mayor, with the support of the City Council, worked with State Representative Paul Donato to sponsor a bill that would authorize the City to exempt the positions of police chief and deputy police chief from the civil service law. The bill had

the support of Medford’s state delegation, and Governor Healy signed it on August 21 and the position was posted.

“Serving the people of Medford has been one of the greatest honors of my life,” Chief Buckley said. “I’m immensely proud of the work we’ve done together, strengthening the department and forging lasting relationships with the community. Effective policing is not easy and comes with its share of challenges, but the officers, public safety dispatchers, and civilian staff have always led with professionalism and compassion and I’m confident that will continue under the next Chief of Police.”

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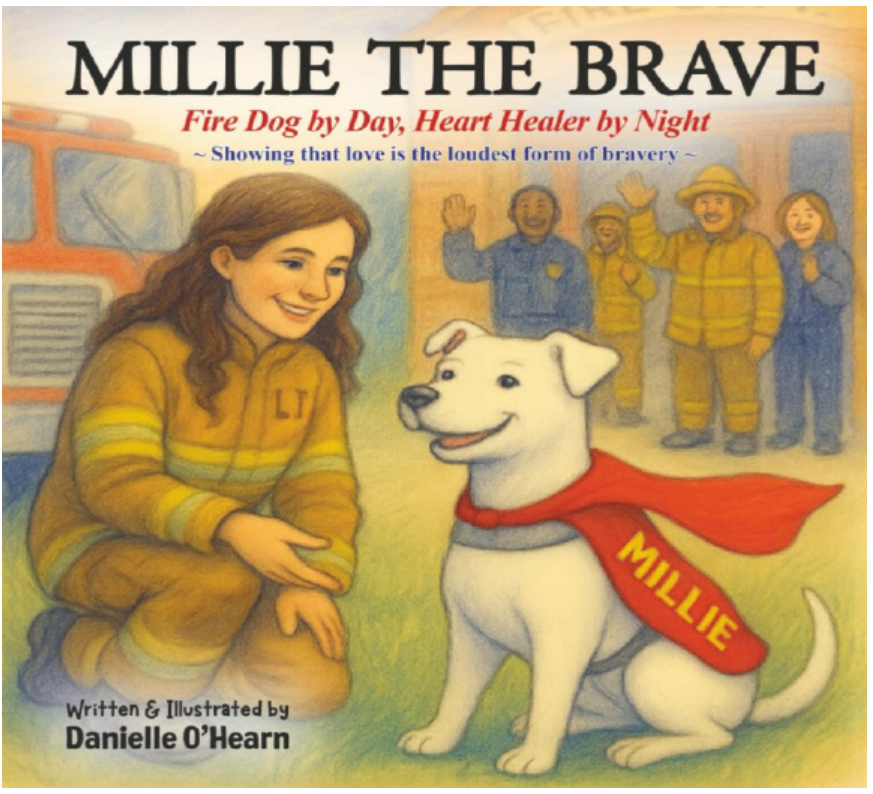
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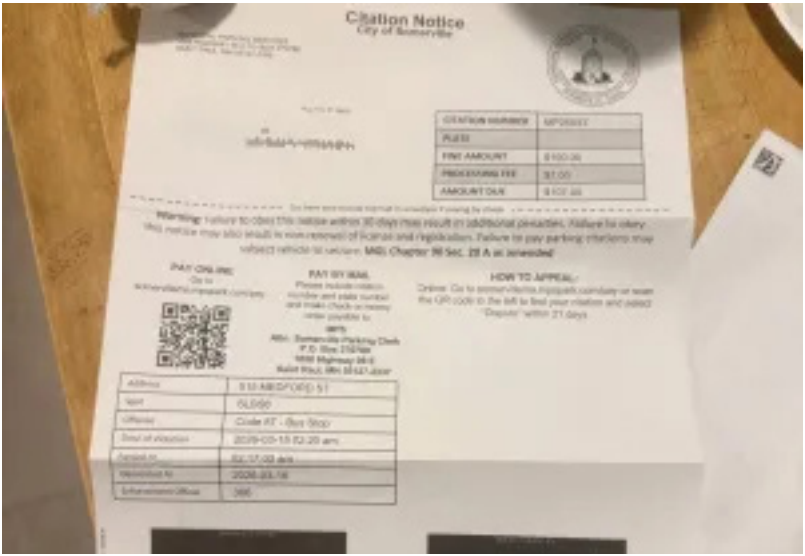


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approximately 150 ft south of Foley St to approximately 270 ft south of Foley St. 2026-135 Article V Section 5-5 “Parking Location and Prohibitions” is amended with the addition of the following location: School Bus Parking Only 6:00am-4:00pm, Monday-Friday, 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

Somerville to Celebrate Brazilian Independence with Flag Raising at City Hall



Community invited to celebration on Thursday, September 10 with free refreshments SOMERVILLE—The Somer-

ville Office of Immigrant Affairs (SOIA), in proud partnership with the Brazilian Women’s Group, invites community members to celebrate 204 years of Brazilian independence at the fourth annual Brazilian flag raising on Thursday, September 10, at 3 p.m. on the Somerville City Hall concourse (93 Highland Ave). The rain date is Monday, September 14. “Somerville’s Brazilian community has helped shape our city through its culture, leadership,

local businesses, and deep commitment to community,” said Mayor Jake Wilson. “I’m proud to join the Brazilian Women’s Group and neighbors from across Somerville in celebrating Brazil’s independence and recognizing the many contributions of our Brazilian community.” The event will feature remarks from Mayor Jake Wilson, the Consulate General of Brazil in Boston, representatives of the Brazilian Women’s Group, and

SOIA staff. Attendees will enjoy live music and performances of the national anthems of Brazil and the United States, followed by the ceremonial raising of the Brazilian flag. Light refreshments and resources from local Brazilian organizations will also be available. “We are so grateful that in Somerville, the chosen home of so many Brazilians, we are able to celebrate our Brazilian roots, history and culture,” said Rafael Peruzzo, Portuguese Services

Coordinator for SOIA. “We look forward to sharing some delicious ‘pão de queijo’ (baked cheese rolls) and ‘brigadeiro’ (chocolate sweet), staples of Brazilian cuisine.”

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New to Somerville? Start Here.



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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HEARING IMPAIRED (S 2120)

By Bob Katzen	tional approval is needed in each branch prior to the bill being sent to Gov. Healey.	“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 was proud to sponsor this legislation to help modernize our statutes and affirm the dignity of deaf and hard of	hearing individuals across Massachusetts.”	today, the bill ensures that state statutes align with modern standards of inclusion and dignity.
The House and Senate, on a voice vote without a roll call in June, approved legislation that would remove the term “hearing impaired” from the Massachusetts General Laws and replace it with “deaf or hard of hearing.” Addi-	“Language matters, especially in our laws,” said sponsor Sen. Cindy Creem (D-Newton) when the measure was approved by the Senate in June.		Supporters said that by removing the outdated term “hearing impaired” and replacing it with more accurate, respectful language that reflects how the deaf and hard of hearing community identifies	

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

By Bob Katzen	this legislation which would modernize current law by allowing credit unions to compensate their board members for their service,” said sponsor Sen. Pavel Payano (D-Lawrence). “Under existing statute, board members may only be reimbursed for expenses	incurred in the performance of their duties.”	compensation as needed ... Credit unions play a vital role in supporting our communities, and this update will help them attract and retain strong leadership, strengthen their institutions and enhance their ability to serve their members. We look forward to seeing the	governor sign this important legislation into law.”
The House and Senate gave final approval to and sent to Gov. Maura Healey a bill that would allow credit unions to compensate their board members for their service.		Payano continued, “This bill would permit compensation to be set and approved by the membership at an annual meeting, giving credit unions the flexibility to determine appropriate levels of		
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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:
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

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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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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Somerville Sharing Voting Information for State Primary Election

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. The offices on the ballot for this election include: Senator in Congress Lieutenant Governor Attorney General District Attorney Secretary of State Treasurer Auditor Councillor Senator in General Court Representative in General Court Register of Probate 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. Register to Vote in the State Primary by Saturday,	August 22 You can register one of three ways: Online at somer villema.gov/registertovote, In-person at Somerville City Hall (93 Highland Ave.). 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. 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. Vote Early at City Hall, August 22-28 Vote early in the Primary Election in the lower level of City Hall from Satur-	day, August 22, through Friday, August 28. The schedule is as follows: August 22 – Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. August 23 – Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. August 24-26 – Monday-Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. August 27 – Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. August 28 – Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. How to Vote in the State Primary Election by Mail 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). Download an application or fill it out online at somer villema.gov/votemail, 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.	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 vote@somer villema.gov or faxed to 617-625-5643. Ballots cannot be returned by email or fax. How to return your application and ballot: Drop boxes: Leave it in a drop box at one of the following locations: City Hall Concourse, 93 Highland Ave. East Somerville Community School, across from 66 Glen St. In front of the Argenziano School, 290 Washington St. In front of the Somerville Community Baptist Church, 31 College Ave.	Behind the Mystic Activity Center, 530 Mystic Ave. In front of Saint Catherine of Genoa Church parking lot, 182 Summer St. In front of the Armory, 191 Highland Ave. In front of Dilboy Post, 351 Summer St. In front of the Tufts Administrative Building, 167 Holland St. In front of the West Somerville Neighborhood School at 177 Powder House Blvd. Elections office: Return directly to the Elections Department at City Hall Mail: Send to the Elections Department, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143 For more information about voting in Somerville, go to somer villema.gov/elections.
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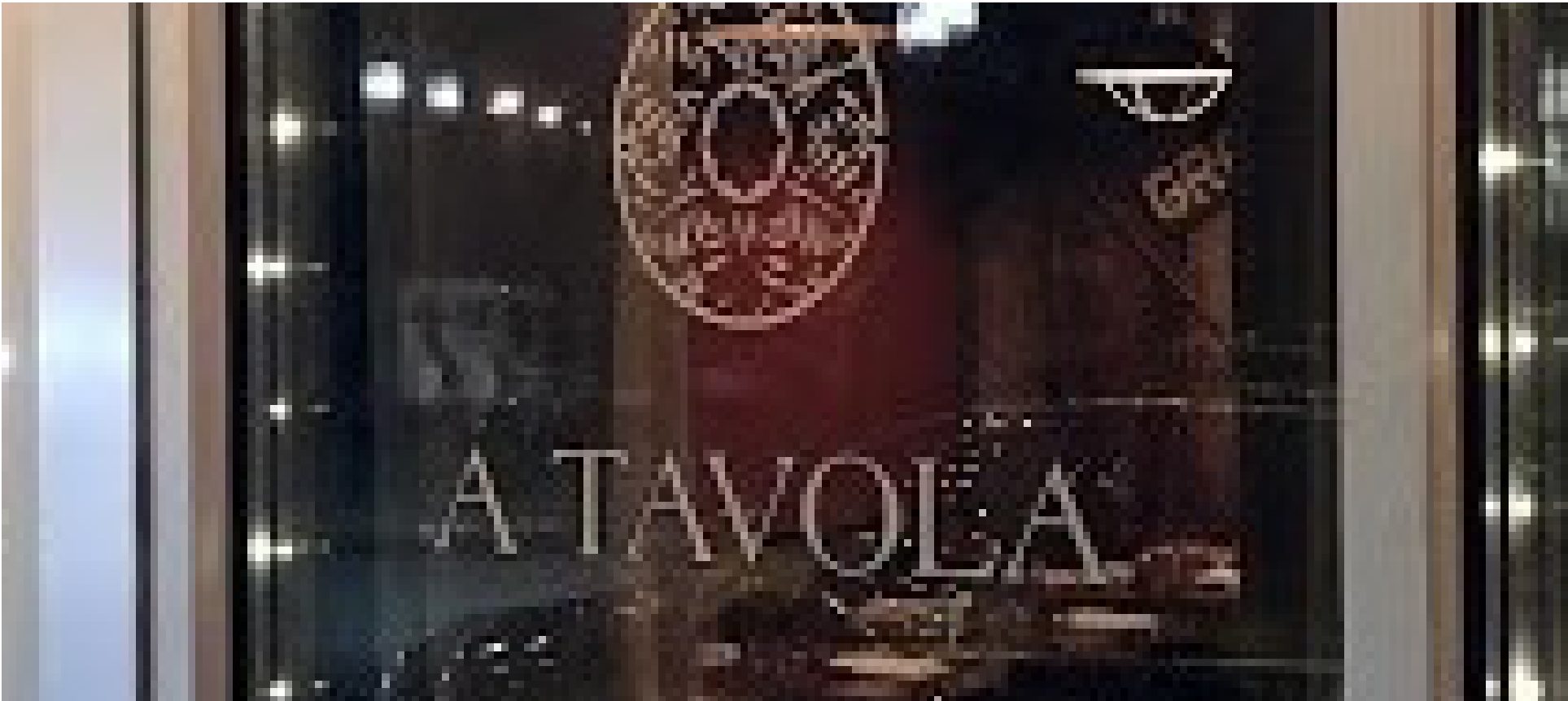
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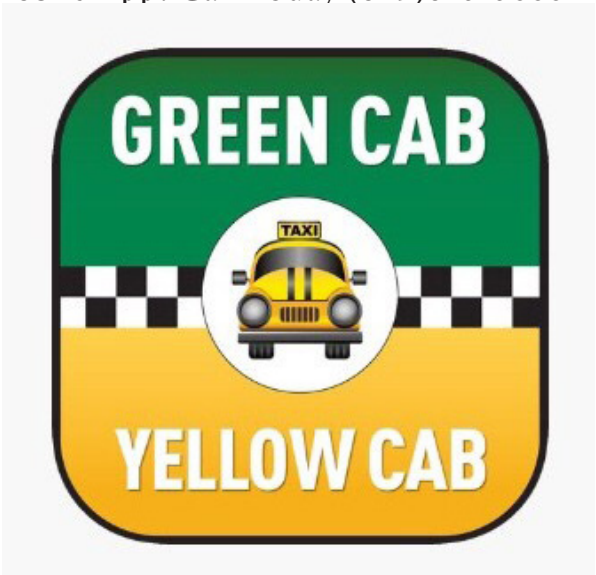


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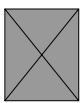
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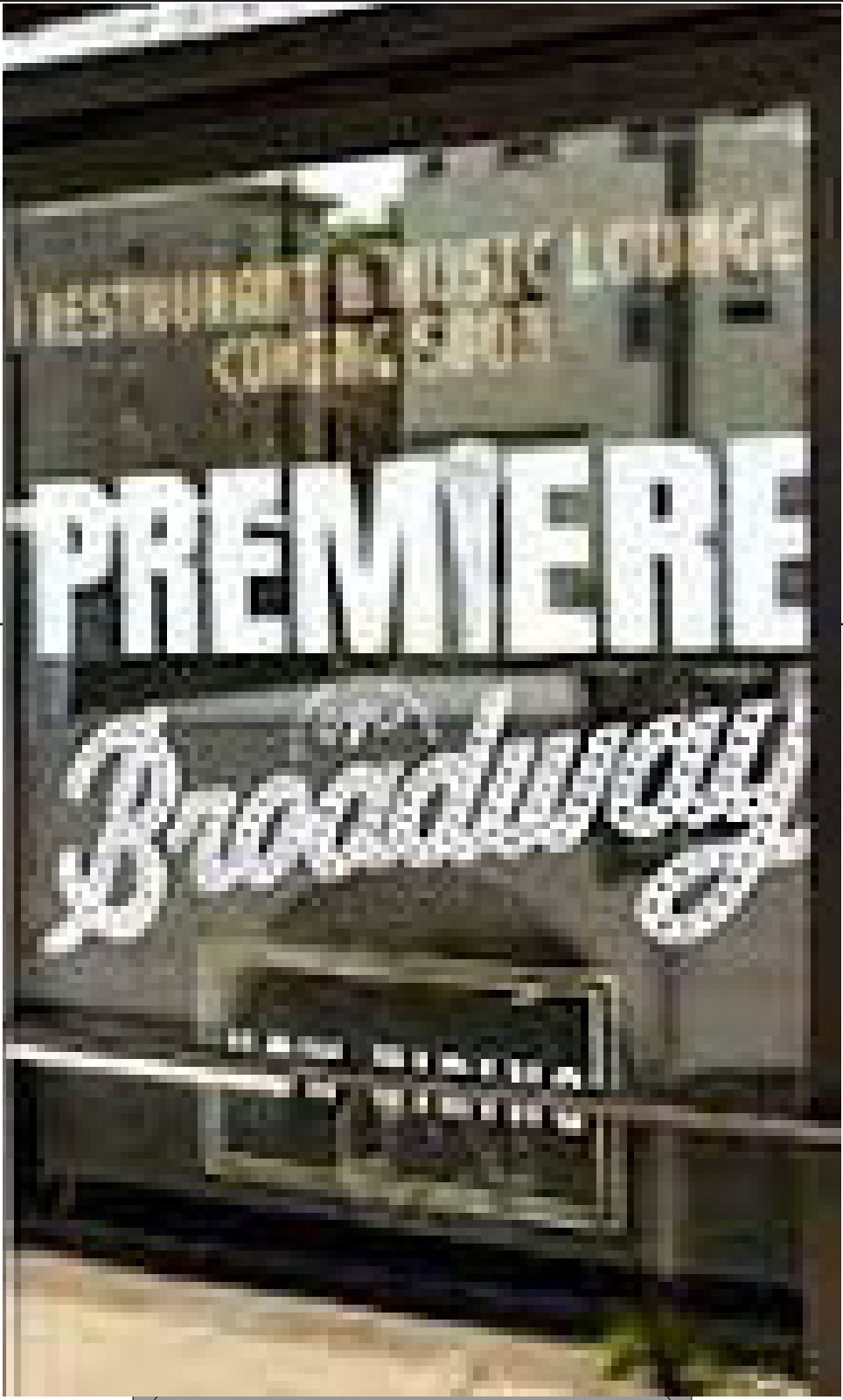
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