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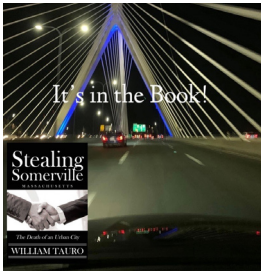
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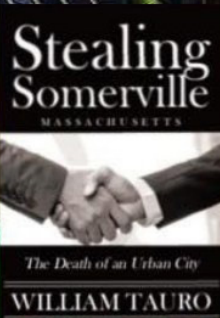
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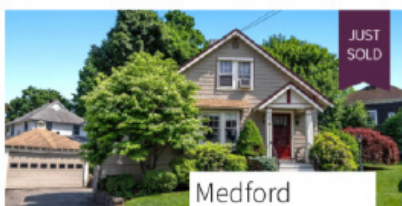
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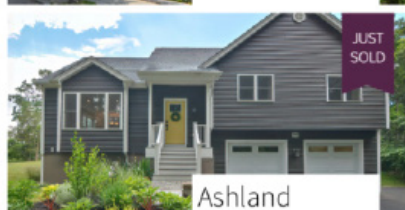
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Somerville/Medford Remembering James F. Shannon, Jr.



Obituary
James F. Shannon, Jr., 90, of
Somerville, Massachusetts passed

away peacefully on July 28, 2026, surrounded by his loving family. James was the son of the late James and Mathilda Shannon and will be remembered for his genuine love for his family. Even at 90, he amazed those around him with his clear mind, perceptive observations and unmistakable wit.

James attended Bentley University where he studied accounting and built the foundation for his career. He spent more than 35 years as an Accounting Manager at Coca-Cola, taking tremendous pride in the quality and accuracy of every

aspect of his work. After retiring from Coca-Cola, James continued working at Star Market grocery store until the age of 84.

He will always be remembered as a perfectionist who approached every task with care, precision, and commitment. Beyond work, James enjoyed a lifelong passion for the Boston Bruins and collectible trains, interests that brought much enjoyment over the years.

James was the devoted husband of the love of his life, Doris, and a loving father to June Freund and

husband Fred; Linda Cahill and husband Paul; Jimmy Shannon and wife Mary; and Jill Nicholas and late husband Peter. He was the proud grandfather of 12 grandchildren, who were the center of his world: Shawn, Brendan, Paul, Adam, Nicholas, Brian, Kayla (predeceased), Jared, Haley, Rachel, Matthew and Katelyn. He was also joyfully awaiting the arrival of twin great-granddaughters.

James is also survived by his sister, Theresa Alves and husband Kevin and was predeceased by his beloved sister, Mary O'Brien and late

husband Eugene. James also leaves behind many nieces and nephews, all of whom he adored, as well as many extended family members and close neighbors.

A funeral Mass and celebration of life will be held on Wednesday, August 5th at 10:00 a.m. in St. Clement Church, 64 Warner Street, Medford, MA. Relatives and Friends are cordially invited. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Leukemia Treatment Program at Massachusetts General Hospital (giving.massgeneral.org/donate/leukemia-treatment-program)

Somerville/Medford Remembering Carl A. Cotreau



Obituary
Carl A. Cotreau – A long-time reside of Somerville, passed away on Sunday, August 2, 2026. He was 93 years old.
Beloved husband of 64

years to the late Barbara (Walsh) Cotreau who passed away in February of 2024. Devoted father of Ken Cotreau and his wife Kim of Beverly, the late Kevin Cotreau and

his surviving wife Laura of Haverhill and the late Keith Cotreau. Cherished and loving grandfather of Ben, Patric and Christopher. Also survived by many loving nieces and

nephews.

A private graveside services was held where Carl was laid to rest with beloved wife at Puritan Lawn Cemetery, Peabody.

Somerville/Medford Remembering João M. “John” De Medeiros



João M. “John” De Medeiros, 72, of Avon, formerly of Somerville, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, July 21, 2026, surrounded by the love of his family.

Born on June 26, 1954, in São Miguel, Azores,

Portugal, John was the cherished son of the late Manuel Pacheco Medeiros and Maria Lopez Medeiros. He immigrated to the United States at a young age, carrying with him the values that would define his life—faith, humility, hard work, and an unwavering devotion to family.

John spent more than fifteen years working as a technician at the Winter Hill Portuguese Bakery in Somerville. He was known for his dependable nature, strong work ethic, and willingness to lend a helping hand. Whether at work or at home, John

believed there was dignity in honest work and took great pride in providing for those he loved.

Above all else, John was a family man. He was the beloved husband of Louise (Spinucci) Medeiros, with whom he shared many years of marriage built on love, commitment, and partnership. Together they created a home centered around family traditions, laughter, and unconditional love.

He was the proud and devoted father of Amanda McLaughlin and Cristina Medeiros, and son-in-law Anthony McLaughlin. His

greatest title, however, was “Vovô.” John adored his grandchildren, Manuel, Amilio, and Ollie, and treasured every moment spent with them. Whether sharing stories, celebrating milestones, or simply enjoying their company, nothing brought him greater happiness than being surrounded by his grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, daughters, sons-in-law, and grandchildren, John is survived by his loving siblings, Odete, Álvaro, José, Lurdes, and Dina. He was predeceased by his brothers, Ruí and Carlos. He also leaves behind many

nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family members, and lifelong friends who will miss him dearly.

Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend visiting hours on Sunday, August 2, 2026, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Cartwright Funeral Home, 845 Washington Street, Braintree.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday, August 3, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Michael Church, Avon, followed by burial at St. Michael Cemetery in Avon.

Somerville/Medford Remembering Jeff Yacinthe



Obituary

Jeff Yacinthe, of Medford and formerly of Cambridge, passed away unexpectedly at the age of 49. Born and raised in Cambridge, Jeff was the cherished son of Jeannette (Dorestant) Yacinthe of Medford and the late Eddy Yacinthe. Much loved brother of Marie Domino, Kathy Alford, Philip Yacinthe, Marlilyn Yacinthe and a loving uncle of Shaun, Elijah and Leilah. He leaves behind many loyal friends.

Growing up in Cambridge, Jeff formed many lasting and loyal friendships over the years. He went on the graduate from St. Clement High School and earned his bachelor’s degree at UMass Lowell. Professionally, Jeff worked as an administrative services coordinator with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Above all, Jeff enjoyed time spent with his family and many friends.

Please note there are no services scheduled at this time.

A Celebration of Jeff’s Life will be announced and held at a later date.





ABORTION (H 5595)



By Bob Katzen

House 119-35, Senate on a voice vote without a roll call, approved and sent to Gov. Healey 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.

"No family should have to leave Massachusetts to receive the vital medical care their own doctors recommend, especially in the most heartbreaking moments of a pregnancy," said Sen. Joan Lovely (D-Salem). "With this vote, the Senate makes clear that these deeply personal decisions belong to patients and the physicians who know them best."

"As the Trump Administration ramps up attacks on reproductive care and abortion access nationwide, Massachusetts must continue closing gaps in care so that wom-

en have full autonomy over the care they need, when and where they need it," said Sen. Robyn Kennedy (D-Worcester). "[The bill] 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."

"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 bill continues that work. It 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 this bill eliminates barriers and guarantees 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. With today's vote, 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.

"Late-term abortions present a number of significant risks to women, which is why the procedures have long been performed in hospitals," said Myrna Maloney Flynn, president of Massachusetts Citizens for Life. "There is one reason why pro-abortion activists want to remove hospitals from abortion policy, and it has nothing to do with women's care or safety. Not one legislator who voted for this has been brave enough to acknowledge the truth, the inconvenient fact that this bill allows heinous dismemberment abortions on perfectly healthy and viable babies. It is accepted science that an unborn baby's nervous system is developed enough at 24 weeks of pregnancy so that the baby can feel pain. By passing this bill, Massachusetts lawmakers have decided that an abortionist can crush the skull of any infant then tear that baby apart, limb by limb."

"This bill, pushed by radical pro-abortion activist groups like Planned Parenthood, is a dangerous attempt to remove virtually all remaining protections in the commonwealth for unborn babies," said the Massachusetts Family Institute in a press release. "It allows abortion past 24 weeks with no requirement of medical justification, meaning abortions could be performed at full term, just days before natural birth, for any reason or no reason at all."

The release continued, "In addition, current law requires late-term abortions to be performed in a hospital — recognition that a procedure this serious, at this stage of pregnancy, demands a hospital's resources and safeguards. This bill eliminates that requirement. A late-term abortion could legally be performed anywhere a provider chooses, with none of the protections a hospital setting is meant to guarantee. This is not healthcare — this is a direct attack on the dignity of life."

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

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

THE "PROTECT ACT" (H 5620)

By Bob Katzen

House 137-21, Senate on a voice vote without a roll call, approved and sent to Gov. Healey the PROTECT Act that supporters said would establish statewide standards governing interactions between state and local law enforcement and federal immigration enforcement. They said the measure would create among the strongest protections in the nation for residents who have immigrated to their communities; strengthen due process protections; limit civil immigration enforcement in courthouses, public school grounds, hospitals and other sensitive locations; expand protections for victims of crime; and increase transparency, accountability and clarity for correctional facilities and law enforcement relative to civil immigration enforcement.

Provisions bar Massachusetts law enforcement agencies from signing new deputization agreements with federal immigration authorities, except in narrow, criminal-law-focused

arrangements that meet additional safeguards; prohibit civil immigration arrests without a judicial warrant at schools, childcare centers, medical facilities and courthouses; establish a civil cause of action against federal officers who violate a resident's constitutional rights, putting them under the same accountability standards as state and local police; keep state and local police out of federal civil immigration enforcement, barring the use of local resources for that purpose, or detention, based solely on a civil immigration detainer; and protect immigrant crime victims, including trafficking survivors, who assist law enforcement as witnesses, and speeds up review of their special visa applications so they can keep participating in investigations or trials.

"Since the beginning of President Trump's second term, ICE and Border Patrol agents have continued to harass and disappear innocent Americans with total impunity—a reckless approach that has led to the deaths of American citizens and legal residents

and to children being separated from their families," said House Speaker Ron Mariano (D-Quincy). "Those actions have immigrants in Massachusetts living in fear as they go to work or bring their children to school. And they jeopardize the trust that local law enforcement has worked hard to build. That's why this legislation is so important, as it takes steps to ensure that all residents in Massachusetts are treated equally under state law, and to protect our communities through practical, thoughtful measures.

"The passage of the PROTECT Act sends a clear message that Massachusetts will continue to stand for fairness, due process and human dignity," said Sen. Pavel Payano (D-Lawrence). "No parent should fear taking their child to school, seeking medical care or appearing in court because of fear. As someone who immigrated as a child, I know firsthand what it means when a state keeps its promise that if you work hard and contribute to your community, opportunity should never be out of reach. Today, we reaffirm

that Massachusetts remains a place where opportunity is earned through hard work, not denied because of fear."

"I voted 'No' because I feel like this bill inappropriately ties the hands of the police officers and sheriffs who put themselves in danger every day to keep our communities safe," said Rep. Joe McKenna (R-Sutton). "Restricting basic communication and with federal authorities and limiting advance notice when violent offenders, including those convicted of serious crimes, are being released back into our neighborhoods is not sound public service strategy and further drives a wedge between states and the Federal Government. Additionally, I am concerned that much of the bill is simply unenforceable as written given the Supremacy clause. Ultimately, I feel that a cooperative and communicative position with ICE is more productive than deepening the mistrust and adversarial relationship we have. Massachusetts families deserve police who can work for public safety, which

unfortunately this unworkable law does not do."

"I voted against the PROTECT Act because the bill is prioritizing illegal immigrants in our communities over lawful residents," said Rep. Kelly Pease (R-Westfield).

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

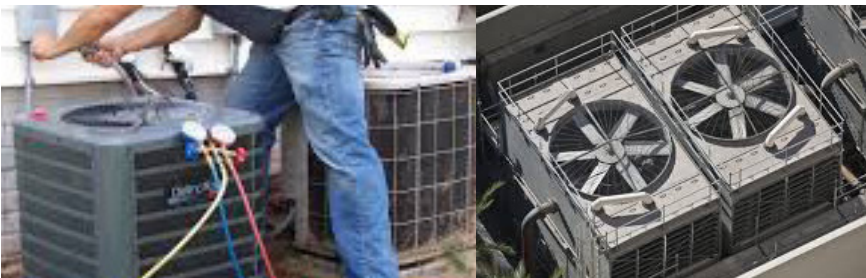
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By Bob Katzen

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The Lottery has launched Mass Lottery Online, featuring a variety of both new and old games that registered players age 21 or older can play on the Mass Lottery app and website on a mobile device, computer or tablet. Profits generated from online sales will be used to fund a grant program to support early childhood education and care.

“The launch of our online platform marks an exciting new chapter for the Lottery as we continue to evolve and meet the needs of today’s players,” said State Treasurer Deb Goldberg, chair of the Massachusetts State Lottery Commission. “Online Lottery will allow us to compete on a more level playing field in the state’s gaming marketplace and sales will help make childcare more affordable for families across Massachusetts.”

“Since selling our first ticket in 1972, the Mass Lottery has become one of the top performing lotteries in the world thanks to our exciting portfolio of games, attractive prize payouts, innovative business and marketing strategies and of course, our dedicated retail partners and loyal player base,” said Mark William Bracken, executive director of the Mass Lottery. “In creating Mass Lottery Online, we took a similar approach that gives our players new play experiences with the same standards they have grown to expect, wherever in Massachusetts they find themselves to be.”

Several popular draw-based games, now sold only at retail stores, will be available for purchase online including Mass Cash, Megabucks, Mega Millions, Powerball and Millionaire for Life. Several games remain available only for retail purchase including traditional Keno, The Numbers Game and The Wheel of Luck.

Mass Lottery Online is also introducing 20 new eInstant Games which are digital games featuring cascading or tumbling symbols that result in instant winning experiences when a cluster of symbols match. Other play styles include key number match and find the symbol.

To play Mass Lottery games online, players must be 21 or older and physically located in Massachusetts at the time of play and must make a deposit to their account. Players need to have a Mass Lottery Player Account, which can be created at masslottery.com or by downloading the Mass Lottery App on a mobile device or tablet. Registration requires a full nine-digit Social Security number along with player’s legal full name, date of birth, residential address and other standard information.

The Lottery has implemented numerous features to its online platform which it

says will promote responsible play. As a required step in the registration process, players will be informed of the option of setting personalized deposit and play limits and instructed how to do so if desired. Players who have not set limits will continue to be notified of this option on a monthly basis. At any time, players will be able to adjust their personal limits. Stricter limits take effect immediately, while any increase requires a 48-hour period, helping prevent impulsive behavior.

Online players will be able to opt for a cooling-off period that will prevent them from being able to make a deposit or place a bet or receive direct marketing communications from the Lottery, for a set period of time, ranging from 24 hours to up to six months. Players also will have the ability to directly opt-in to PlayBreak, the voluntary self-exclusion program, for one-, three-or five-year periods, or for a lifetime exclusion.

To assist in the prevention of underage access to registered accounts, multi-factor authentication for all players will be required at their first login on a daily basis. Multi-factor authentication will also be required when logging in from a new device. All devices must be verified through the player’s registered email or phone, and players will only be able to be signed in to their account on one device at any given time

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

By Bob Katzen

House 156-1, Senate on a voice vote without a roll call, approved and sent to the governor 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 process 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.

“The bill we send to the governor’s desk today is a bold statement against the dystopian attempts to ban books in our schools and public libraries,” said Sen. Julian Cyr (D-Provincetown), the lead Senate sponsor of the bill. “Massachusetts is not immune from politically motivated attempts at censorship, and violent threats against librarians have brought real harm to our communities. With this legislation, we safeguard everyone’s right to intellectual discovery, while protecting the people who make our libraries and schools such vibrant places of curiosity and possibility.”

“Libraries are among the last truly

open spaces where every person can discover new ideas, encounter different perspectives and see themselves reflected in the stories that shape our communities,” said Sen. Jake Oliveira (D-Ludlow). “This legislation protects the freedom to read by ensuring that decisions about library collections are guided by professional expertise, not political pressure or personal ideology. At a time when intellectual freedom is increasingly being challenged, Massachusetts is reaffirming that access to knowledge, diverse viewpoints and free expression are essential to a healthy democracy.”

“[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,” Said Rep. John Gaskey (R-Carver), the only legislator to vote against the measure. “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.”

A “Yes” vote is for the bill. A “No” vote is against it.)

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

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CHILD WELFARE (H 5629)

By Bob Katzen

House 156-0, Senate 40-0, approved and sent to Gov. Healey legislation that supporters say would guarantee certain basic rights for children in foster care related to their safety, education and health care. They argued that the measure safeguards the wellbeing of children, especially those in state care and foster care; increases access to community support for children at risk of court involvement; and strengthens the Office of the Child Advocate to support robust investigations into reports of harm or abuse to a child.

A key provision would expand the diversion of children dealing with behavior or attendance problems to Family Resource Centers (FRCs) instead of the court system. Supporters note that FRCs provide accessible, confidential support

to children and families in crisis close to home and have proven successful in helping kids and teens stay in school, connecting families with services such as mental health or substance use treatment, housing aid and legal help.

Other provisions include creating a Foster Child Bill of Rights to clarify and protect the basic rights and services foster children need to live healthy, safe and fulfilled lives; codifying a Youth Engagement program to ensure the voices of youth are included to inform relevant policy, oversight and programs; allowing a child the same ability as an adult to petition the court to extend any abuse or harassment protection order made on behalf of the child; tasking the Office of the Child Advocate (OCA) with supporting families and caregivers by providing training materials to

mandated reporters and individuals who frequently work with children; and with creating and maintaining a list of resources for grieving parents who have experienced a sudden unexplained pediatric death.

“This bill strengthens the systems that protect the commonwealth’s most vulnerable children,” said Rep. Jay Livingstone (D-Boston), House Chair of the Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities. “It provides new tools to schools, courts and child welfare agencies to improve educational, health and safety outcomes for our most vulnerable children. The bill also mandates more public reporting to better understand what’s working and identify where improvement is needed.”

“This legislation reflects our shared responsibility to the children of the common-

wealth — especially those who have experienced abuse, entered foster care or are navigating crises,” said Sen. Jo Comerford (D-Northampton), Vice Chair of Senate Committee on Ways and Means. “It affirms that every child deserves not only protection, but support, stability, dignity and the opportunity to build the future they deserve. This bill makes meaningful, systemwide improvements — from establishing a Foster Child Bill of Rights to strengthening education continuity, family supports and accountability. It makes our child welfare system more responsive, transparent and compassionate.”

“The bill finalized by the Legislature today makes important changes to improve the efficiency, transparency, accountability and performance of the Department of Children and Families,

the Office of the Child Advocate and the Children Requiring Assistance systems.” said Sen. Robyn Kennedy (D-Worcester), Senate Chair of the Committee on Children, Families, and Persons with Disabilities. “These long-needed improvements to our child welfare ecosystem have passed today because of the tireless work of so many. Because of their efforts, Massachusetts will be a better place for our children to learn and grow. Just as it takes a village to raise a child, it also takes a village to make policy that helps all the children of the commonwealth thrive.”

(A “Yes” vote is for the bill.)

Rep. Christine Barber Yes
Rep. Mike Connolly Yes
Rep. Paul Donato Yes
Rep. Erika Uytterhoeven Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

HOME CARE (H 5627)

By Bob Katzen

House 157-0, Senate 40-0, approved and sent to Gov. Maura Healey a bill that would establish a licensure process for home care agencies that supporters say will ensure that consumers receive quality non-medical services and that home care workers are protected.

The Executive Office of Health and Human Services would implement the licensure process and have the authority to approve licenses, survey and investigate home care agencies and impose fines. Home care agencies would be required to

disclose anyone with at least a 5 percent ownership interest in the agency, carry workers compensation and liability insurance and provide appropriate levels of training for their employees.

“Everyone—consumers and workers—will be safer and better served with home care licensure in place,” said lead sponsor Sen. Pat Jehlen (D-Somerville). “This legislation is the culmination of years of collaboration with advocates representing older adults, care providers, unions and regulators to ensure all agencies are vetted, workers are protected and consumers receive

high-quality care. The commissions on long-term services and supports and family caregiving are important next steps in providing more affordable options for our residents to access care and services.”

“Once again, the House and Senate answer the call to meet the needs of our older adults and prioritize aging in place,” said Rep. Tom Stanley (D-Waltham). “This legislation follows up last session’s landmark Long-Term Care reform law by strengthening another key pillar of the commonwealth’s continuum of care for older adults and individuals with disabilities—home care.

At a time when our aging population is growing and demand for home care is expected to increase, the licensing and oversight process established in this bill for home care agencies is needed more than ever to protect consumers, their families and home care workers.”

“The bipartisan support for this bill in both the Senate and the House showcases the commitment within both chambers to keep aging residents in Massachusetts,” said Sen. Ryan Fattman (R-Sutton). “The protections created in this bill will give families the ease of mind that their older relatives will receive safer and higher-quality

care at their homes through more training, oversight and accountability in the licensure process and beyond.”

(A “Yes” vote is for the bill.)

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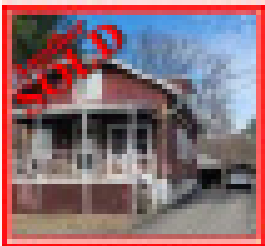
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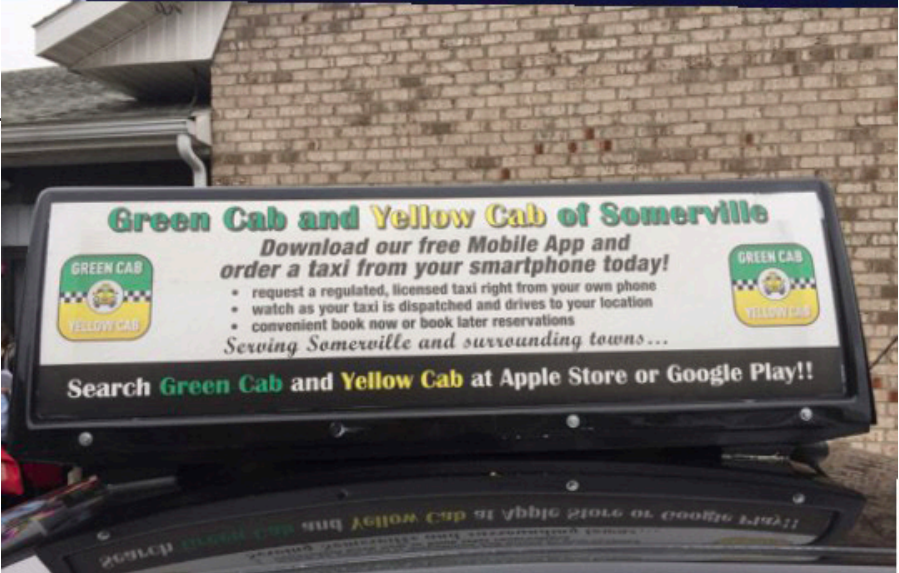




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By William Tauro

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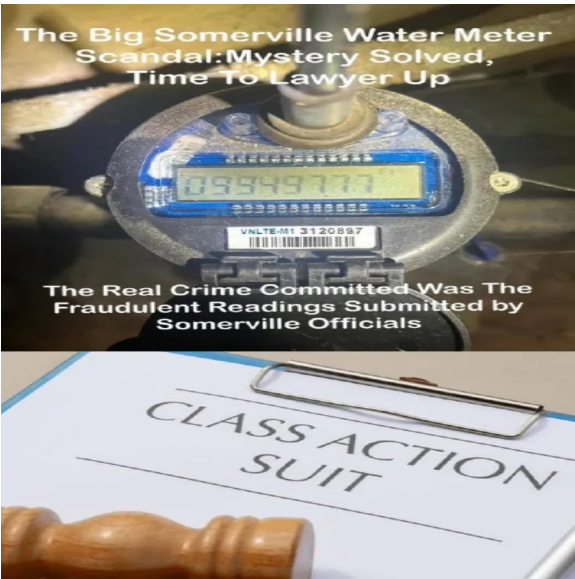
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Medford VFW #1012 located at 114 Mystic Avenue in Medford is having karaoke on 7/24 and 8/21 , 8:00 PM till 12:00 PM!

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Somerville Community Baptist Church June & July Events

The Somerville Community Baptist Church at 31 College Avenue near Davis Square will present a free Vacation Bible School from Monday, August 10 through

Friday, August 14, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. All children, from age 4 up to 5th grade are welcome to attend. This Rainforest-themed program includes Bible stories,

music, creative activities, games, and free snacks each day. For more information or to register your child, see <http://www.ILoveSCBC.org/> events



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 Saturdays 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-

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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.

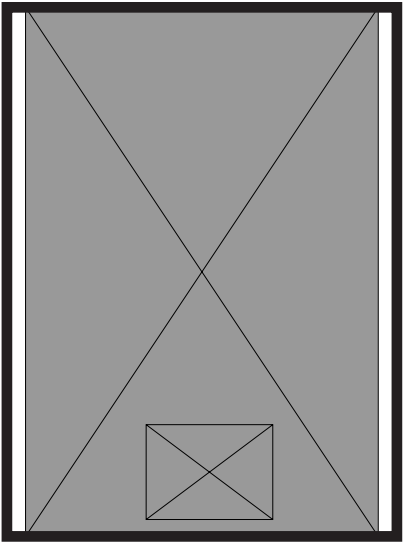
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ALCOHOL DONATIONS FOR CHARITIES (H 5351)

By Bob Katzen

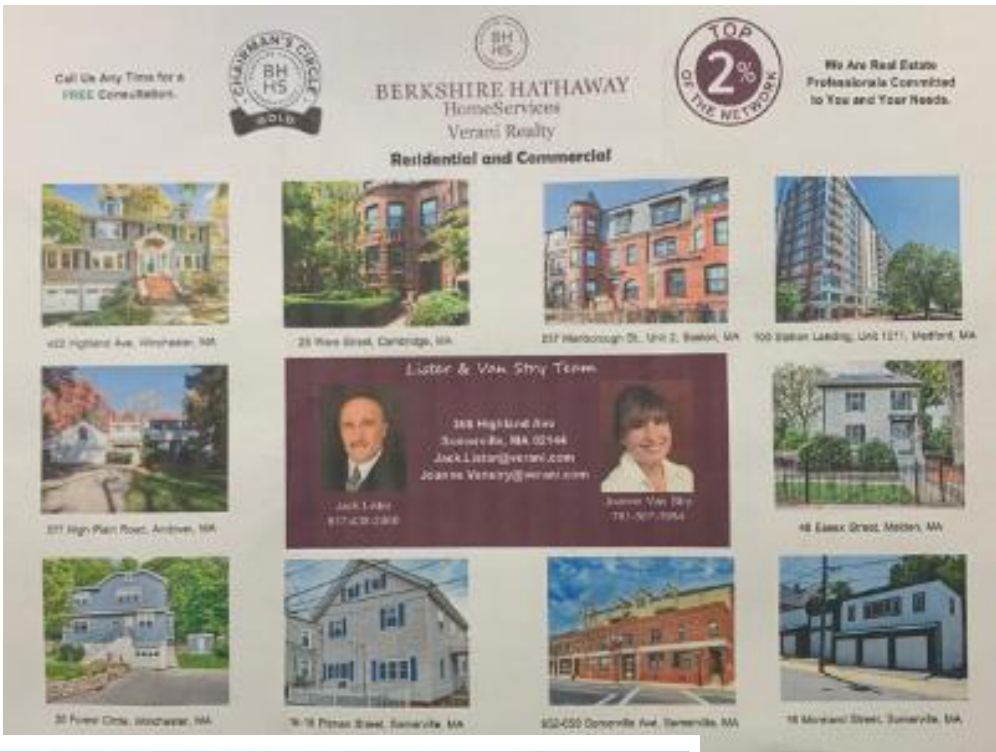
The House gave initial
approval to legislation that
would allow local licens-
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temporary licenses to
charities in order for the

charities to accept dona-
tions of wine, beer and
alcohol for their charitable
events. These licenses were
previously allowed under
1997 legislation, but the
authorization has since
expired.

“Today, more than ever,
nonprofits are in need of
charitable donations to
stay afloat,” said spon-
sor Rep. Joan Meschino
(D-Hull). “This bill would
allow for safe and regu-

lated alcohol licensure
for nonprofits in order to
raise revenue at charity
events by partnering with
alcohol manufacturers,
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This bill was brought to
me by Deborah Goldberg,

the Treasurer and Receiver
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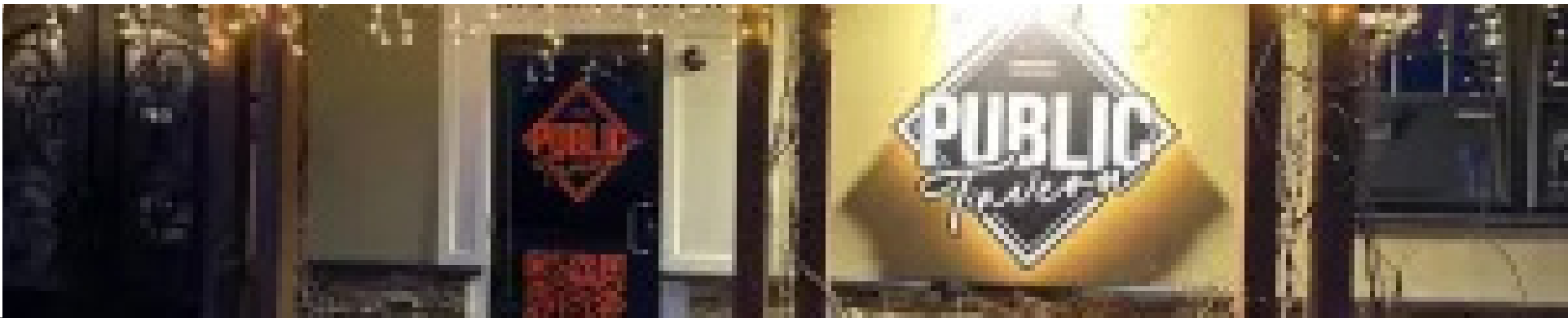
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Fishin with a Mission Medford

Hello All

It's that time of year when Mystic Wellington Yacht Club will once again be partnering with the Mass Bass Fishing Federation and the My Little Buddy's Boat Autism Awareness Charity to host the 14th Annual Fishin with a Mission Autism Awareness Weekend at MWYC.

We remain committed to continue to help and aid the great schools like the New England Center for Children, The Nashoba Learning Group and the Boston Higashi School that specialize in Autism care

On Sunday, August 9th we will be inviting hundreds of children afflicted with autism and their families to our facility to enjoy a great day of summer activities such fishing, boat rides, water slide, barbecue and many other summer activities that many of these children and their families have never had an opportunity to experience! Please join us!

To also help this great cause we will be hosting 2 great fishing tournaments! On Saturday, August 8th, to help raise money for the schools, that I have previously mentioned. We will be hosting a "Virtual Salt Water Striped Bass Fishing Tournament". This event is designed to have some of the great anglers in and around New England compete to determine who will be this year's Salt Water Striped Bass Fishing Champion with all the proceeds of the tournament being donated to the "My Little Buddy's Boat." A

501(c)3 Autism Awareness Charity.

Also, on Sunday, August 9th, a Fresh Water Bass Tournament will be held! This is when some of the areas great Fresh Water anglers compete and show off their great skills. At 2p.m. all are welcome to watch the great fish weigh in and see who will reign the title of this year's Fresh Water Bass Tournament Champion! Again, with all proceeds going to the "My Little Buddy's Boat Autism Awareness Charity"

Since our event began, hundreds of autistic children have attended our event with their families. Our hope is that we can continue to create Autism awareness and still be able to offer aid to these great schools that perform such magnificent work!

There are many ways you can help this great cause! The Salt Water Striped Bass "Virtual" Fishing Tournament is a fun way to help raise money for this cause! The event is open to all! Whether you are an avid fishing angler or a weekend warrior trying it out for the first time, this is the summer event not to be missed! Using your cell phone simply download the Fishdonkey app., click on the Fishin with a Mission Tournament Event and register! You are ready to go! The event begins at midnight on August 8th and you will have until 2pm on Saturday to catch your biggest striped bass, take a picture of it on a commercially made tape measure and upload the picture to the app. Then safely

release the fish. With the app you will be able to check a leader board throughout the tournament to see who's in the lead with the biggest fish! The "Virtual" Tournament is a lot of fun! Of course, all Federal and State fishing guidelines must be followed. There are incredible prizes for winners of the biggest fish! 1st place - \$1000, 2nd place - \$600 and 3rd place - \$400 But the best part is by being part of this event you are helping some great kids dealing with Autism!

If you can't fish the tournament but would still like to make a donation to this great cause, please do so by making your donations payable to My Little Buddy's Boat Inc. c/o Mystic Wellington Yacht Club Inc., P.O. Box 235, Medford, MA 02155. The charity is a 501(c)3 non-profit charitable organization.

If you have any questions, please let us know and we would be more than happy to help you become part of this event! This event is open to everyone so please help us get the word out by sharing the attached flyers on your social media such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram etc...

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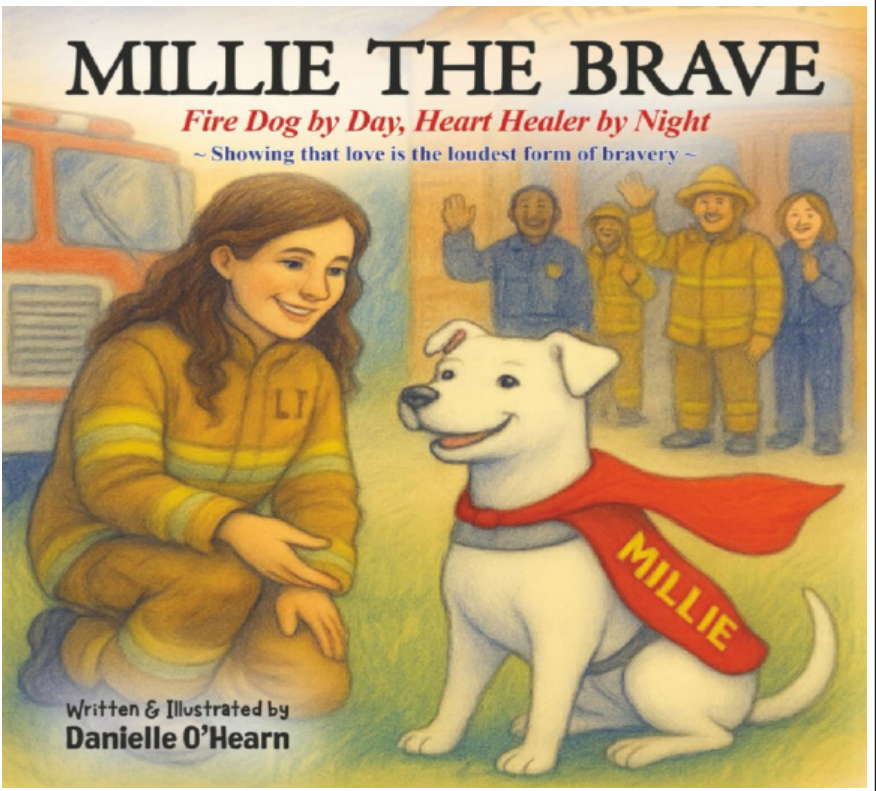
Dear Billy T and Somerville/Medford News Weekly Speakup Line,

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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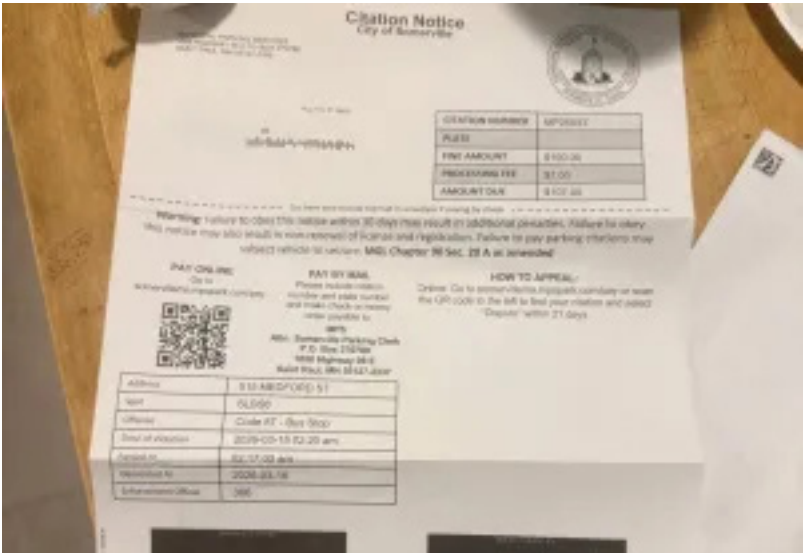


Somerville/Medford News Weekly Speakup Line: Fake Somerville Bills

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

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POSTURAL SCREENINGS FOR STUDENTS (H 2517)

By Bob Katzen

The House approved and sent to the Senate a proposal amending a current law that requires every child in public schools and for children in private schools, at the request of their parents or guardians, to be tested for postural defects at least once annually in grades five through nine. The amendment would reduce the mandated frequency of testing to at least once in grades five through nine.

“I filed this bill after learning from my daughter, a school

nurse, about the impact on students and staffing demands created by annual postural screenings,” said sponsor Rep. Rodney Elliott (D-Lowell). “Many students are already screened by their pediatricians or primary care physicians during routine physicals, making the annual school requirement repetitive. This bill keeps the screening requirement in place while giving schools the flexibility to conduct it once during grades six through nine instead of every year. It’s a practical update that allows school nurses to focus more of their time on students’ immediate

health needs without compromising student care.” Rep. Sean Reid (D-Lynn), another sponsor of the bill, did not respond to repeated attempts by Beacon Hill Roll Call asking him to comment on the passage of the measure and explain why he filed it.

ALLOW CONSUMERS TO USE INSURANCE ADJUSTERS (S 785) – The House and Senate, on voice votes without a roll call, approved and sent to the governor legislation that would prohibit insurance companies from including in

an insurance policy, a rider that prohibits the insured from hiring or using a public insurance adjuster.

“An insured that has paid its premiums faithfully should have the choice to hire a public adjuster qualified to read the policy and get the claim paid,” said sponsor Sen. Joan Lovely (D-Salem). “Both branches have now said plainly that a clause taking that choice away does not belong in a Massachusetts insurance policy.”

“The passage of [the bill] is great news for Massachusetts

residents because it ensures they can continue to access the professional services and expertise of an insurance adjuster to help them file a claim and negotiate directly with the insurance company,” said co-sponsor Rep. Brad Jones (R-North Reading). I am hopeful that Gov. Healey will act quickly to sign these pro-consumer protections into law.”

PROTECT THE PRESS WITH A SHIELD LAW (S 3200)

By Bob Katzen

Senate 40-0, approved an amendment creating the Press Shield Law that would prohibit government bodies from compelling journalists to reveal their sources, except in certain limited

circumstances and only with clear and convincing evidence that the source disclosure is necessary and there is an overriding public interest in the disclosure. “As Trump and his Administration accelerate

and intensify their attacks on journalism and sources are increasingly afraid to speak up, the Massachusetts Senate takes an historic stand to strengthen our free press and fortify our democracy,” said sponsor Sen. Becca Rausch (D-Needham). “The

need for a statutory press shield law in our commonwealth has never been more urgent. By passing this legislation, we show the federal government and our constituents that we will defend the First Amendment and support a free press, without which

our democracy cannot survive.” (A “Yes” vote is for the bill.) Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes



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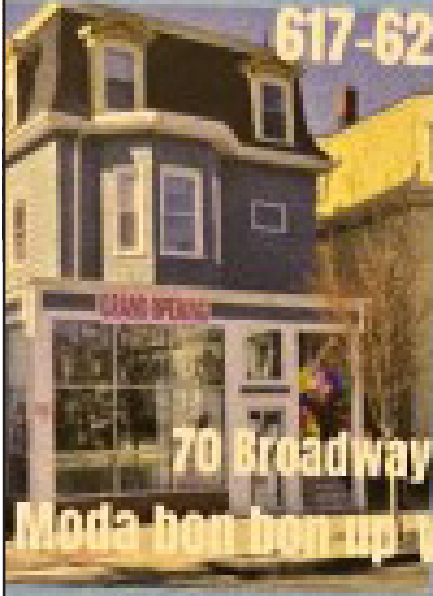
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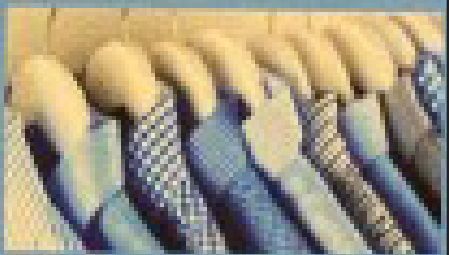
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Jeanne M. Imbrescia

Our beloved Jeanne M. (Carozza) Imbrescia, of Wakefield, Massachusetts, passed away peacefully on July 31, 2026, surrounded by the family she loved so deeply. Although her passing came far sooner than anyone expected, she left this world exactly as she would have wanted, with all of her children and loved ones by her side.

Born and raised in Malden and Revere, Massachusetts, Jeanne was the beloved daughter of the late Margaret Carrozza. She

shared more than fifty wonderful years of marriage with the love of her life, Nunzio “Mac” Imbrescia, before his passing in 2011. She missed him dearly every day since, and her family finds comfort in knowing they are together once again.

Jeanne devoted more than thirty years of her career to Kontron Medical/Arrow International in Everett, where she took great pride in her work. To know Jeanne was to know grace, kindness, humor, and unconditional love. She had a quick wit, loved a good joke, and never passed up the

chance to lovingly tease those around her. She was known for her beautiful blue eyes, radiant smile, and impeccable sense of style. Jeanne was an accomplished artist who found great joy in painting, creating hand-made Christmas cards each year from her own original artwork. Jeanne had a special fondness for butterflies, believing they were gentle reminders of those we love.

While Jeanne was admired and loved by her many friends, former coworkers, and the caring staff at Brightview Senior Living in Wakefield, nothing in her life brought her greater happiness than her family. Of all the titles she held throughout her life, her favorite was simply “Nana.” She cherished every family gathering, every celebration, every conversation, and every opportunity to be surrounded by those she loved.

Jeanne is survived by her four children: Cheryl Kennedy and her husband, Terrence, and their children, Alycia Kennedy,

Julie Mosca and her husband, Marc, and Peter Kennedy; Richard Imbrescia and his wife, Annette, and their children, Ariana Imbrescia and her fiancé, Jonathan Boone, Kristina Liesen and her husband, Clayton, and Samantha Wilson and her husband, Michael; Sheila Shedd and her husband, David, and their children, Michael Shedd and his fiancée, Clara Washburn, and Abygail Shedd; and Philip Imbrescia and his wife, Lisa DeBiasi-Imbrescia, father and stepmother, respectively, to Olivia DeSimone and her wife, Danielle, Sophia Imbrescia, Sydney Imbrescia, and Ava Imbrescia.

She was also the cherished great-grandmother of Elle Jeanne Mosca, Giuliana Liesen, Amelia Wilson, Christian Liesen, and Brooke Mosca. She is also survived by her siblings and many nieces, nephews, extended family members, and dear friends.

Those who knew Jeanne will remember a woman of remark-

able class, quiet strength, generous spirit, and endless love. Her legacy lives on through the family she adored, the friendships she treasured, and the countless lives she touched with her warmth, compassion, kindness, laughter, and unwavering love. She will be deeply missed, forever loved, and never forgotten. May every butterfly remind us that Jeanne’s love and spirit will always be with us.

Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated in Our Lady of the Assumption Church, corner of Grove and Salem Sts., Lynnfield on Wednesday, August 5th at 11am. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. Visitation will be held at the McDonald Funeral Home, 19 Yale Ave., Wakefield prior to the mass from 9am-10:30am. Interment, Puritan Lawn Memorial Park, Peabody.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that memorial donations be made in Jeanne’s memory to the Alzheimer’s Association.

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What is the Somerville Board of Elections Commissioners?

The Board of Elections Commissioners supports all functions of the Elections Department and assumes nearly all responsibilities relating to primaries and elections in Somerville. Commissioners supervise all official elections and recounts, assist in testing voting equipment, and oversee the accurate tabulation of all voting machine results at the end of each election night. They also attend occasional meetings as needed.

Who Can Join?
Eligible applicants for the current vacancy must be registered to vote in Somerville and a registered Republican. Applicants cannot be a member of any other Somerville board or commission.

What is the Time Commitment?
Commissioners serve three-year terms and earn a monthly stipend of \$318.

What is the Appointment

Process?
Members are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council.

How and Where Do I Apply?
To apply, please submit a statement of interest by Wednesday, August 5.

Statements of interest can be sent via email or U.S. Mail to:
Email: nsalerno@somervillema.gov
Mail: Attn: Somerville Elections Department, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, 02143

For questions or more information, contact Nicholas Salerno, Chairman of the Board of Elections Commissioners, at nsalerno@somervillema.gov or call 617-626-6600 ext. 4210.



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Somerville Seeks Community Input on First-of-Its-Kind Cultural Trust



Three-part public meeting series begins Tuesday, August 5, to explore a new tool for protecting affordable creative space

SOMERVILLE —The City of Somerville is inviting residents, artists, cultural organizations, and creative businesses to help shape what could become the first Municipal Cultural Trust in Massachusetts, a new tool designed to protect affordable creative space and prevent artist displacement.

No Massachusetts municipality has established a Cultural Trust, and current state law does not expressly authorize municipalities to create one. State legislators are considering the Creative Space Act, which

would establish a statewide framework for municipal cultural trusts. If that legislation does not pass, Somerville is prepared to explore its own local option.

“Somerville has always been home to artists, and we intend to keep it that way,” said Mayor Jake Wilson. “A thriving creative ecosystem is a big part of why people want to live, work, and build a life here. A Cultural Trust can provide a lasting way to ensure the people who helped put Somerville on the map aren’t the ones priced out of it.”

What Is a Municipal Cultural Trust?
Modeled in part on Somerville’s Affordable Housing Trust Fund and Job Creation and Retention Trust, a Municipal Cultural Trust could have the authority to:

- Raise and hold funds dedicated to arts and creative space
- Accept donations, grants, and development contributions
- Purchase or protect properties for long-term arts use
- Provide grants or investments to prevent artist displacement; and
- Support the creation and preservation of affordable cultural space

The trust would be overseen by a dedicated board that could include City officials, artists, and community members, giving people directly affected by creative displacement a role in its decisions.

Community Meeting Series
The three-part meeting series begins Tuesday, August 5. Each meeting will focus on a different stage of the Cultural Trust discussion.

Community Launch Session

- o Date/Time: Tuesday, August 5, 6 p.m.
- o Location: Somerville Central Library (79 Highland Ave.)
- o Focus: City staff will explain what it could mean to establish a Municipal Cultural Trust, present findings from Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) initial research, gather early community feedback, and provide an opportunity for questions.

Cultural Trust 101 Panel hosted by #ARTSTAYSHERE

- o Date/Time: Tuesday, August 12, 6 p.m.

o Location: Somerville Museum (1 Westwood Rd.)

- o Focus: Panel discussion examining tools and models available for preserving creative space, including practical strategies that could be adapted to Somerville’s needs. Panelists from: Somerville Arts & Culture, MASSCreative, MAPC & the Arts & Business Council of Greater Boston.

Shape the Trust

- o Date/Time: Monday, September 8, 6 p.m.
- o Location: Somerville Music Spaces (1060 Broadway C101B)
- o Focus: A working session focused on how a Municipal Cultural Trust could function. Participants will be invited to consider the trust’s structure, governance, funding priorities, and how artists and community members should participate in its decisions.

Why Somerville Is Exploring a Cultural Trust
The City has long used zoning, planning, funding, and other policy tools to help preserve its dense network of artist studios, performance venues, cultural organizations, and

local creative businesses. However, several local and regional planning efforts have identified the need for an additional tool that would allow Somerville to act more consistently and proactively.

In 2022, the City partnered with MAPC on the Somerville Art Space Risk Assessment, which recommended developing additional tools to preserve and expand affordable creative space. That same year, Somerville joined Boston and Cambridge in MAPC’s regional Making Space for Art study, which identified the need for stronger municipal tools to finance, develop, and manage cultural spaces.

Somerville has successfully preserved important creative spaces, but those efforts have often required complicated, case-by-case interventions. A Municipal Cultural Trust could create a more consistent and replicable way to protect creative properties and keep them affordable over the long term.

To learn more or sign up for updates, visit somervilleartscouncil.org/cultural-trust.

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Somerville Sharing Voting Information for State Primary Election

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Register to Vote in the
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You can register one of three ways:

Online at somervillema.gov/register tovot e,
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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.

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Vote early in the Primary Election in the lower level of City Hall from Satur-

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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 somervillema.gov/votebymail, 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:
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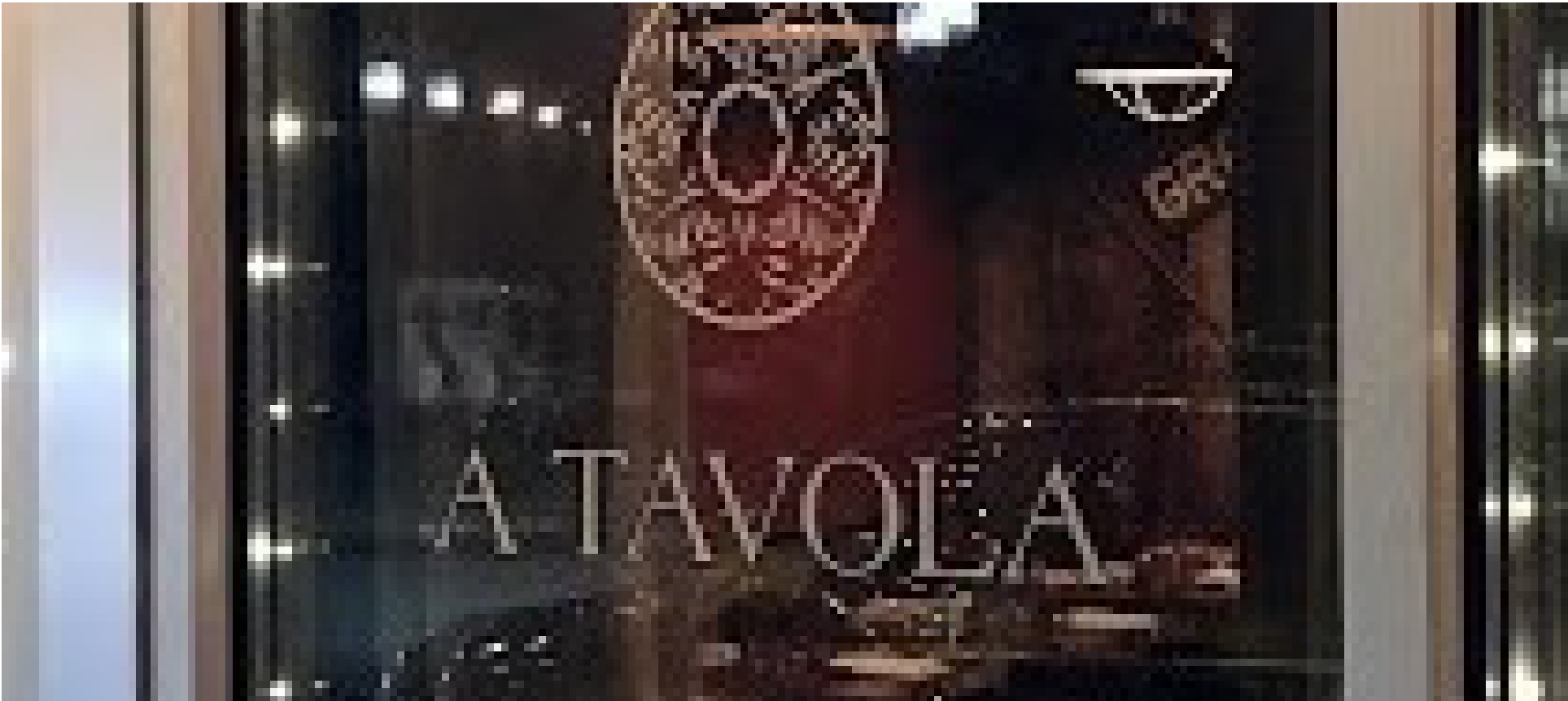
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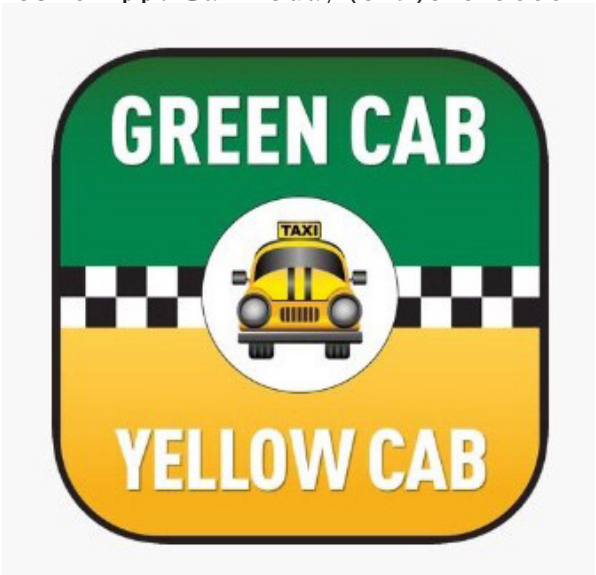


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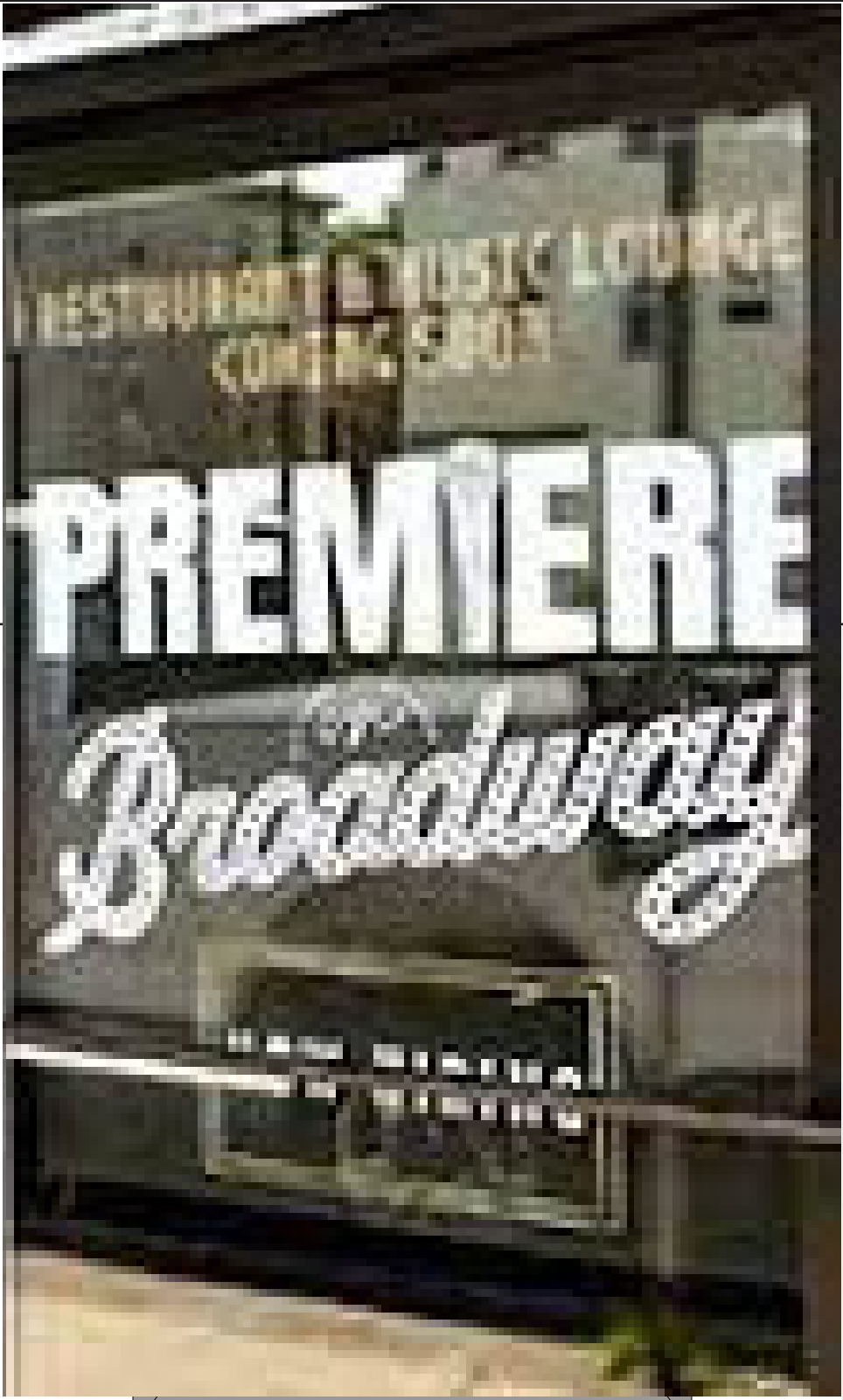
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