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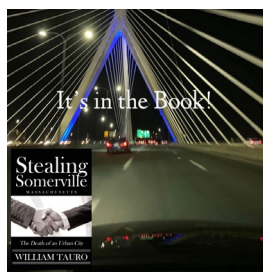
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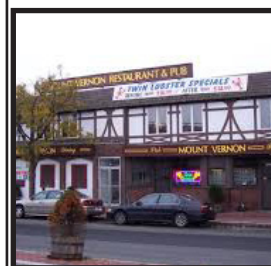


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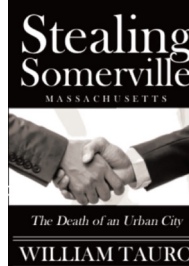


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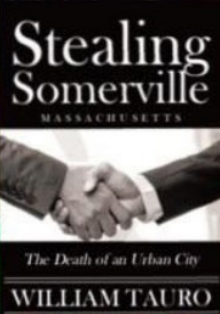


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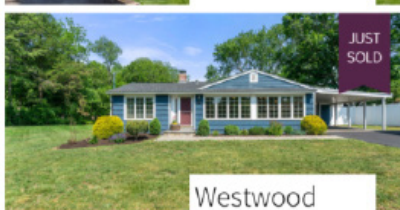
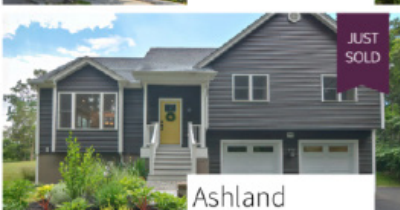
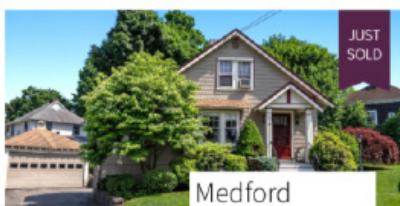
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Somerville/Medford Remembering Walter E. Kaminsky



Obituary
Walter E. Kaminsky – Of Somerville, formerly of Reading passed away at home on Sunday, August 30, 2026.

Born in Washington, D.C.

and raised in Reading, he was the beloved son of the late Walter J. and Helen (Marszalek) Kaminsky.

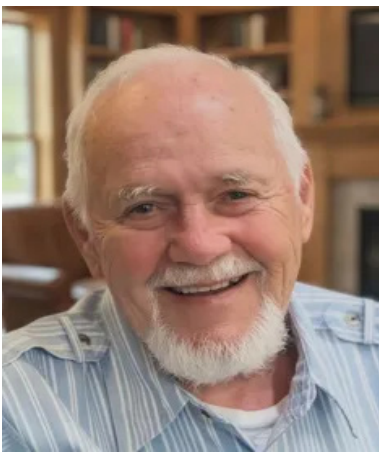
Walter was a Navy Veteran.

He is lovingly survived by his brother John Kaminsky of Waitsfield, VT and his sister Janice Quinn PA. Uncle of Jessica Barkauskas, Matthew Quinn, Gregory Kaminsky and Jennifer Kaminsky. Also

survived by great-nieces, nephews and friends.

At the family’s request services are private.

Somerville/Medford Remembering George E. Hartnett



Obituary
George E. Hartnett- A longtime resident of Somerville, passed away in the comfort of his own home on Saturday, August 29, 2026.

Born, raised and educated in Somerville, he was the beloved son of the late Dennis J. Hartnett and Maryann (Dineen) Hartnett.

Complete obit to be posted and services to be announced.

Somerville/Medford Remembering Assunta Pasqualina Iacobucci



Obituary
Assunta Pasqualina Iacobucci, lovingly known to

many as “Lina”, passed away in the peace and comfort of her home in Somerville on August 25, 2026, she was 91. Born and raised in Toro, Campobasso, Italy she was the cherished daughter of AnnaMaria (Fracasso) and Guiseppe Nardoza. The beloved wife of the late Emidio “Tony” A. Iacobucci, they married in Italy and immigrated to the United States, settling in Somerville to raise their

family. Together they celebrated 60 years of marriage before his passing in 2015.

Lina was devoted to raising her family and supporting Tony while he owned and operated the Hodkin’s Spa on Holland Street. She enjoyed tending to her garden and growing her beautiful flowers, sitting on her front porch, but above all time spent with her family.

The devoted mother of Mark Iacobucci of Somerville, John Iacobucci and his wife Carol of Revere, Joseph Iacobucci of Somerville, Connie Evangelista and her husband Felice of Stoneham, Lucy Miniello of Medford, Rocco Iacobucci and his wife Michele of Saugus and Lina Iacobucci of Medford. Lina was the cherished Nonna of 8 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

In keeping with Lina’s wishes Funeral Services are private.

Medford Hit & Run Investigation



This morning, August 26, 2026, at approximately 5:30am, officers responded to a reported hit-and-run crash involving a pedestrian.

Officers located the pedestrian at the intersection of Harvard Street and Winchester Street with serious injuries. Based on the preliminary investigation, the pedestrian was walk-

ing westbound on Harvard Street and crossing Winchester Street in the crosswalk when they were struck by a vehicle turning left from Harvard Street onto Winchester Street.

The vehicle was described by the victim as a dark-colored, four-door sedan. The crash is believed to have occurred at approximately 5:20am.

The victim was transported to a local hospital with life-threatening injuries.

The investigation remains ongoing. We are asking anyone who may have been in the area at the time and witnessed the crash or the vehicle involved to contact us. We are also asking residents and businesses in the area to review any available

surveillance or doorbell camera footage that may have captured the vehicle traveling on Harvard Street or Winchester Street before or after the crash.

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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

Help Shape the Future of Davis Square: Feedback Sought for New Neighborhood Plan



Survey open through Sunday, September 27
Attend the 9/16 open house or 9/17 virtual meeting

SOMERVILLE—Do you have opinions on Davis Square? Of course you do. Now it’s your chance to share them by taking the new Davis Square Neighborhood Plan Survey before it closes on Sunday, September 27, or by joining upcoming events. All Somerville community members and visitors are encouraged to take the survey, and all are invited to attend an upcoming open house or virtual meeting as well.

“Davis Square is one of the absolute treasures of our city. Everyone experiences it differently, so we want its future to reflect that full range of perspectives,” said Mayor Jake Wilson. “This survey is an easy and meaningful way to tell us what you value about this square that means so much to our community and the region, and to share what you want the City to focus on in the years ahead.”

The City is developing a neighborhood plan for Davis Square to guide future decisions around growth, public space, transportation, and accessibility, as well as infrastructure, housing, economic vitality, climate resilience, and more. Community feedback – including from the survey – will help identify shared priorities, needs, and concerns and ensure the plan reflects the experiences of the people who live, work, own a business or property, commute through, and spend time in the square.

“The neighborhood plan will capture our near-, medium-, and long-term vision for Davis Square,” said Ward Six City Councilor and City Council President Lance Davis. “It’s an important document that will guide planning and investment as we move forward, and we need your input to make sure we get it right.”

Ways to Give Feedback
All Somerville community members, local workers, and visitors are encouraged to participate and share feedback. Sharing your name and contact information is optional.

Survey: Open through September 27 at: bit.ly/davissquaresurvey
Open House: Stop by anytime to engage with the project team and share feedback through hands-on activities at your own pace.
Wednesday, September 16
Somerville Theatre Crystal Ballroom (55 Davis Sq.)
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Virtual Meeting: Will consist of a general overview and Q&A
Thursday, September 17
5:30 to 7 p.m.
Register at: tinyurl.com/yzp6mkr2

Physical paper surveys can be available upon request; please call 311 (617-666-3311) and returned by mail to Somerville City Hall,

93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143, or dropped off at the Planning Division in the Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St.

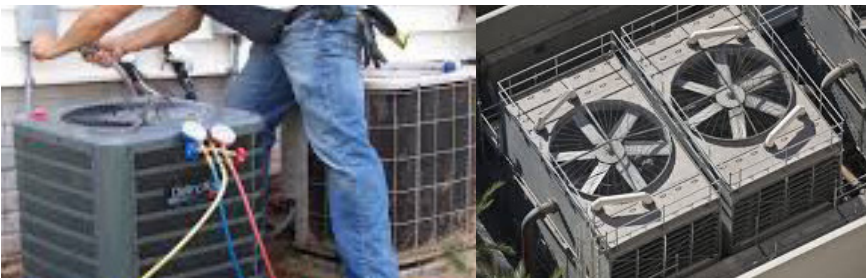
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For more information on the plan or to sign up for plan process updates, visit the project’s SomerVoice page at voice.somervillema.gov/davis-square-plan. For questions about the survey or the Davis Square Neighborhood Plan, contact 311 at 617-666-3311 or email project coordinator Brianna Eassa at beassa@somervillema.gov.

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Medford: Man Arrested After Disturbance at Fells Plaza

At approximately 6pm last evening, August 26, 2026, officers responded to the Fells Plaza for reports of a man chasing several people in the area of BioLife Plasma Services (640 Fellsway). Multiple calls followed, including reports that a firearm had been shown and that a shooting may have occurred.

Officers quickly detained a male party matching the original description of the man who had been chasing

people. Officers learned from the woman being chased that, following a brief interaction, the man began chasing her and threw a glass bottle in her direction. A piece of glass from the bottle struck a child who was nearby causing a minor injury.

Through the course of the investigation, including video footage and witness statements, it was determined that no firearm was involved and that no shoot-

ing had taken place.

Jose Angel Lozano, 49, of Washington, D.C., was arrested and charged with Assault and Battery with a Dangerous Weapon and Assault with a Dangerous Weapon.

Mr. Lozano was transported to Somerville District Court this morning for arraignment.

We would like to thank our responding officers for

their quick response and professionalism during this incident. Officers were responding to multiple reports of a potentially armed individual and a possible shooting and were able to quickly locate and safely detain the involved party while determining that there was no active shooting.

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205	1-Bedroom	655	81%-110%	No	\$311,857	\$9,355.71	\$212.74	\$3,424.19	1
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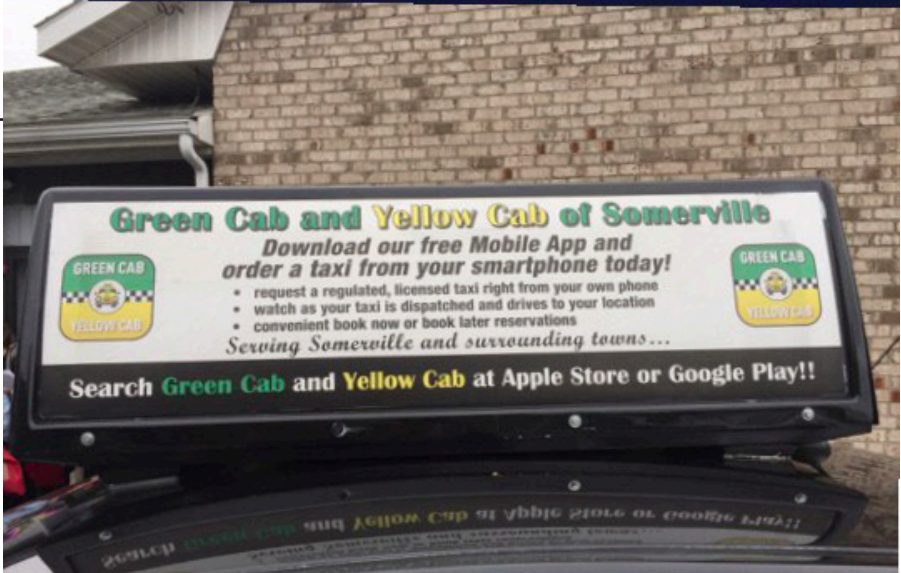




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Class Action Lawsuit Regarding Fraudulent and Inaccurate Somerville Water Bills

By William Tauro

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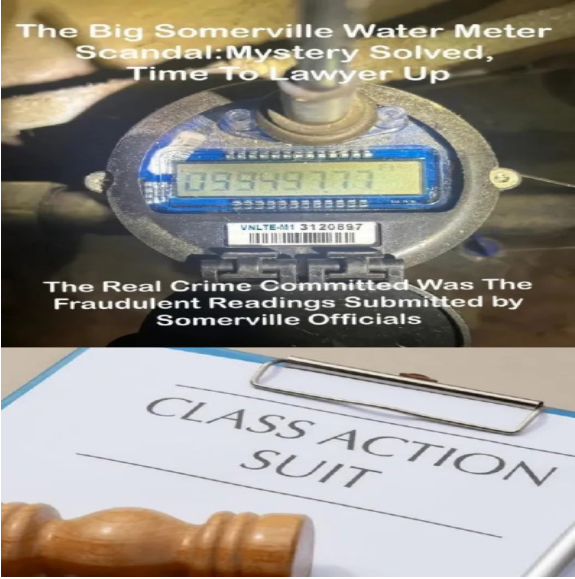
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Medford VFW #1012 Karaoke Night

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

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





PROTECT ANIMALS IN HOT CARS

By Bob Katzen

Last week marked ten years since former Gov. Charlie Baker signed into law a bill protecting animals. Known by many as the “Hot Car Law,” the measure prevents animal suffering and death by ensuring animals can be rescued from hot or cold cars, limiting the time dogs spend on a tether and increasing enforcement of prior prohibitions on keeping dogs in cruel

conditions.

“Despite ongoing efforts to share information about the dangers of animals left in cars in extreme heat or cold, it was clear that state and local officers needed more tools to ensure animals are not suffering — and do so before the animals, usually dogs, were at risk of dying,” said MSPCA-Angell Advocacy Director Kara Holmquist. “We were proud to help advocate for this law in

the Statehouse.”

Holmquist encourages the public to familiarize themselves with the steps to take if they see an animal in distress in a hot car. “The first step is to call 911, then try to locate the animal’s owner,” she said. “If the animal is in immediate danger, Massachusetts law allows a person to remove the animal in the least forceful manner, with breaking the window as a last resort.”

“We will continue to protect innocent animals from abusive treatment, whether it is from entrapment within a hot car, being left outdoors to endure unreasonably dangerous conditions or any other situation threatening their health and safety,” said bill sponsor Sen. Mark Montigny (D-New Bedford). “Such callousness warrants tough penalties, including jail time for the most egregious offenders. I am grateful

to the men and women who advocate for these precious creatures and our law enforcement officers helping to keep them safe every day. If you see an animal suffering, call 911, and break the window. Time is of the essence, and our law will protect you.”

\$3.5 MILLION TO PROTECT NONPROFITS

By Bob Katzen

The Healey Administration announced that 30 Massachusetts nonprofit organizations at high risk of terrorist or extremist violence, will receive nearly \$3.5 million in federal funds for security improvements.

“The right to practice one’s faith freely and safely is essential, and our administration is committed to ensuring that no one experiences harm while practicing this right,” said Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll. “We will not allow threats or acts of violence to infringe on free

expression or the freedom of religion. And the security investments made through these grants will help further protect members of our communities.”

“The Healey-Driscoll Administration recognizes the important role of non-profit and faith-based organizations in

making Massachusetts the best place to live and raise a family,” said Public Safety and Security Secretary Gina Kwon. “This grant program is one element of our strategic efforts to strengthen the integrity of the spaces where they provide essential social services and gathering space for people from every

walk of life.”

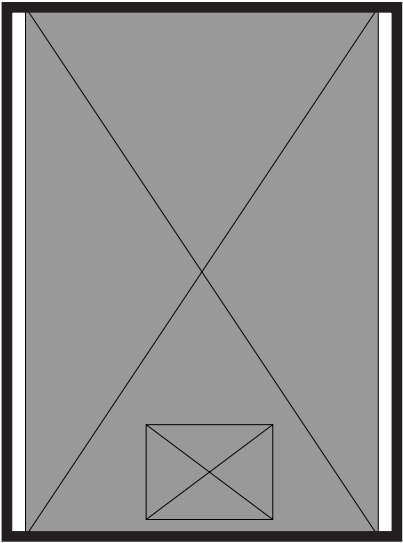
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\$15.3 MILLION TO CONVERT COMMERCIAL PROPERTY INTO 856 NEW HOMES

By Bob Katzen

Gov. Healey announced \$15.3 million in Commercial Conversion Tax Credit Initiative awards to support five projects that will transform vacant or underutilized commercial properties into 856 new rental homes in Boston,

Dedham, Springfield, Westford and Worcester.

“Massachusetts has buildings sitting empty and communities that need more homes. These awards will put underused properties back to work, create 856 new apartments and help bring

more residents, customers and energy to downtowns and commercial districts across the state. By making smart use of the spaces we already have, we can build more housing, strengthen local economies and lower costs.”

“The reality is that many

commercial conversion projects are difficult to finance even when the sites are in prime locations, have community support and ready to move forward,” said Housing and Livable Communities Secretary Juana Matias. “The Commercial Conversion Tax Credit Initiative helps

close that gap. This second round of awards will not only unlock another 856 homes, but will preserve historic buildings, support transit-oriented development and help revitalize downtowns across Massachusetts.”

DOMESTIC WORKERS’ RIGHTS DAY (H 3417)

By Bob Katzen

The Senate, on a voice vote without a roll call, approved a measure that would annually establish June 16 as Domestic Workers’ Rights Day to honor all domestic workers who work in private homes and in recognition

of Massachusetts’ historic enactment of basic labor standards in the Domestic Workers’ Bill of Rights.

The House has already approved the bill. Only another round of approval in each branch is needed before the measure goes to Gov. Healey for her

signature.

“This legislation is an extension of the important work that began with the passage of the Domestic Workers Bill of Rights before I joined the House of Representatives,” said co-sponsor Rep. Judy Garcia (D-Chelsea). “While

establishing Domestic Workers’ Rights Day is symbolic in nature, it is deeply meaningful in honoring the workers whose care and labor are so essential to families across our commonwealth.”

Co-sponsor Rep. Priscila Sousa (D-Framingham)

did not respond to repeated requests from Beacon Hill Roll Call asking her how she feels about the bill’s passage and why she filed it.



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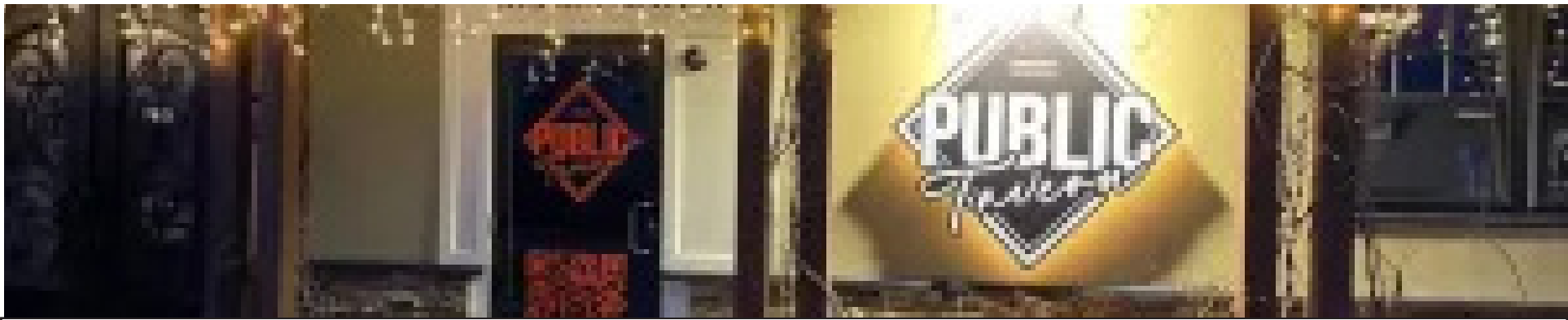
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Fifth Annual Veterans Health and Wellness Day Sept. 12



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SOMERVILLE—Join us for an afternoon of movement, wellness, and connection. The City of Somerville’s

Veterans’ Services department invites local veterans, first responders, their families, and community members to the fifth annual Veterans Health and Wellness Day on Saturday, September 12, at Lincoln Park (290 Washington St.) from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

“When Americans answer the call to serve our country, we have a social contract that says we take care of our veterans. This means continuing to prioritize health and wellbeing long after their service ends,”

said Mayor Jake Wilson. “This event meets veterans where they are, recognizes the contributions of our first responders, and provides access to critical resources all while offering an array of activities for the whole family and an opportunity to connect with neighbors. Thank you to our City staff and community partners for organizing this important event for Somerville.”

Attendees can enjoy a range of activities, including:

Wellness education and resource tables
Fitness classes such as yoga, Zumba, and strengthening
Chair massages
Children’s activities including a bounce house and face painting
Free healthy snacks

“We owe our veterans not only a debt of gratitude for their service but also the continued support and services that help ensure they have all the tools they need post-service to lead healthy and successful lives,” said Councilor Matt McLaugh-

lin. “The annual health and wellness fair is a great way for veterans, first responders, and their families to connect, have fun, learn about services, and maybe finally try Zumba. It’s just one small way we can thank these selfless individuals for the sacrifices they make and the dangers they face.”

For more information, email veterans@somervillema.gov or call 311 (617-666-3311).

Middlesex Sheriff & Medford PD warning community of law enforcement impersonation scam



The Middlesex Sheriff’s Office and Medford Police Department are warning residents to be alert for law enforcement impersonation scams.

Law enforcement – or government – impersonation scams continue to be widespread across Middlesex County and beyond. On Monday evening, one Medford resident reported losing \$7,500 after receiving a call and text from a scammer falsely posing as a member as the Middlesex Sheriff’s Office.

In Monday’s scam, the perpetrators indicated the local

resident had a warrant out for their arrest for failure to appear for jury duty. Lending additional credibility to the scam, the perpetrator allegedly texted the victim a copy of a warrant, before directing the victim to pay a fine via bitcoin.

“These government impersonation scams are insidious,” said Middlesex Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian. “These perpetrators are using the fear of arrest to convince residents to pay thousands of dollars to avoid incarceration. That’s why it’s imperative we continue efforts alongside our law enforcement

partners, councils on aging and others to spread the word about these scams.”

“Billions of dollars are lost every year, and unfortunately, scammers often prey on some of the most vulnerable members of our community,” said Medford Police Chief Jack Buckley. “We have a responsibility to continue educating our residents and reminding them that legitimate law enforcement agencies will never demand payment over the phone. If something doesn’t feel right, hang up and call the agency directly.”

The MSO and MPD advise residents:

- Law enforcement will never threaten arrest or demand payment of a fine or fee over the phone
- No Massachusetts governmental agency or office accepts bitcoin, cryptocurrency or gold as payment for an outstanding fine or fee
- If they receive such a call to get off the phone immediately and call the main line to the department the caller claims to be from. Remain on the line and confirm whether a warrant does exist and, if so, how to resolve it.

CASE UPDATE: TWO ARRESTED IN SALEM STREET SHOOTING INVESTIGATION

The Medford Police Department has arrested two individuals in connection with the shooting that occurred on August 16, 2026, in the area of 389 Salem Street.

No injuries were reported as a result of the shooting. Following an investigation by Medford Police Detectives, two suspects believed to have been involved in the incident were identified and subsequently placed under arrest this morning.

Jayden Velazquez, 19, of Lynn, was arrested on an outstanding warrant for the following charges:

- Discharging a Firearm within 500 feet of a Building
 - Assault with a Dangerous Weapon
 - Discharging a Firearm and Striking Building
- Jalen Louis, 19, of Lynn, was arrested on an outstanding warrant for the following charges:
- Discharging a Firearm within 500 feet of a Building
 - Assault with a Dangerous Weapon
 - Discharging a Firearm and Striking Building
- The investigation remains ongoing.

Velazquez and Louis were arraigned today in Somerville District Court.

We would like to thank the members of the community who provided information and surveillance footage during the course of this investigation. That assistance was valuable to investigators as they worked to identify those involved.

We would also like to thank Lynn Police Department, Massachusetts State Police VFAS and K9 Unit, US Marshals, and FBI for their assistance.





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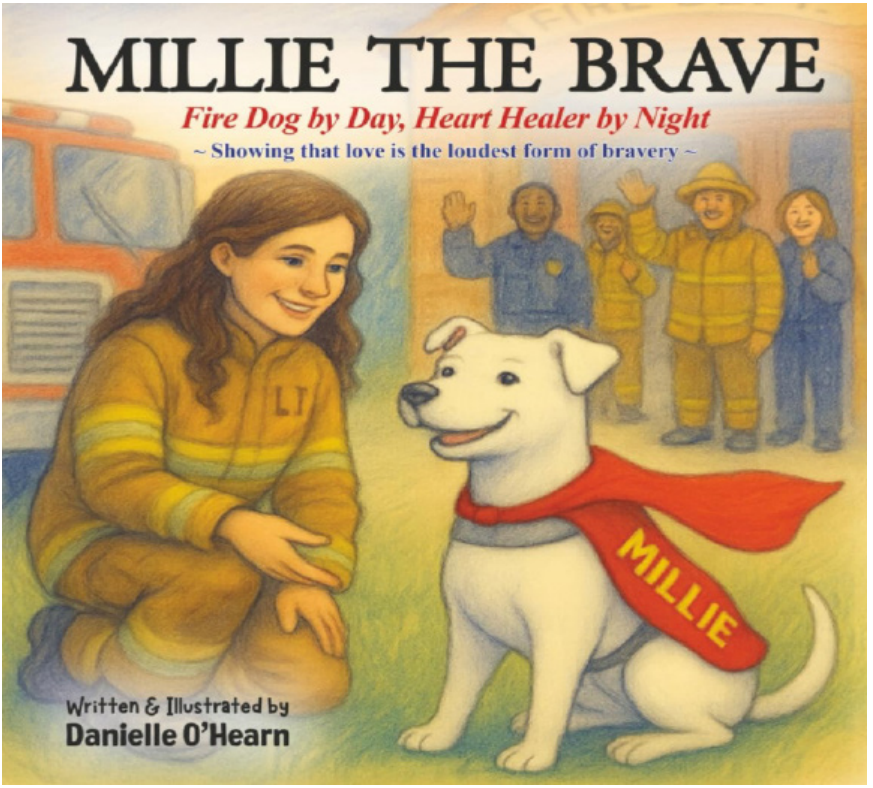
Dear Billy T and Somerville/Medford News Weekly Speakup Line,

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

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

Here's the link the title is Millie the brave

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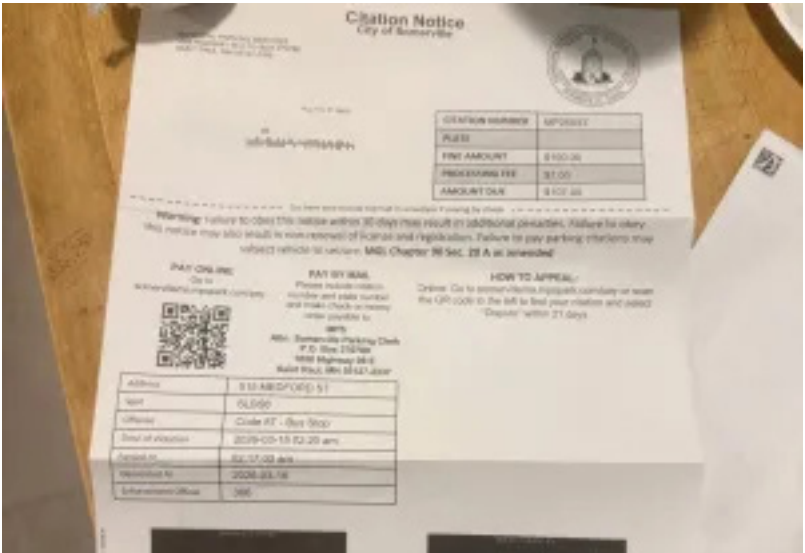


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the addition of the following locations: 27 Concord Ave, 30 Derby St. 2026-133 Article V Section 5-2 “Loading/Service Zones” is amended with the addition of the following location: Full time loading zone at the two spaces at 500 Medford St. 2026-134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

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

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

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

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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REP. FRANCISCO PAULINO PLEADS “NOT GUILTY” TO PANDEMIC BENEFITS FRAUD

Rep. Francisco Paulino (D-Methuen) was in federal court last week and pleaded “not guilty” to 11 counts brought against him for pandemic benefit fraud. According to United States Attorney Leah Foley, Paulino faces eight counts of wire fraud and three counts of unlawful monetary transactions. He is due back in court on October 7th. He is	charged with fraudulently obtaining over \$700,000 in COVID unemployment insurance benefits and small business loans and using the proceeds to buy real estate and loan money to clients of his mortgage business, before he was elected to public office. Conditions of Paulino’s release include limiting his travels within Massachu-	setts and New Hampshire and requiring him to get permission to travel anywhere else; surrendering his passport; prohibiting him from changing his address; and requiring that his remaining business, Madison Tax, temporarily suspend operations and that his clients be notified of the suspension. In March 2026, United	States Attorney Leah Foley announced the creation of the Benefit and Voter Fraud Team, a district-wide initiative established in response to the fraud being uncovered across Massachusetts. Members of the public are encouraged to report suspected benefit fraud in Massachusetts by calling 1-855-SCAM-MA-1 (855-722-6621).	Paulino did not respond to numerous requests by Beacon Hill Roll Call asking him to respond to the indictment.
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Join the Somerville Commission for Women



SOMERVILLE – The City of Somerville is seeking six new volunteer

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What is the Commission for Women?

The SCW is a 15-member commission serving as a centralizing force in the City of Somerville and the community on all women's issues by providing information, referrals,

guidance, and more to public agencies and organizations engaged in activities and programs intended to eliminate prejudice and discrimination against women because of their status as women or minority women.

Who Can Join?

All Somerville residents are encouraged to apply.

What is the Time Commitment?

Members serve for a three-year term. The SCW meets on the third Tuesday of each month from 7 to 8 p.m. with

in-person and virtual options available. Members are also encouraged to attend public events organized by the SCW. Together, applicants should expect to allocate roughly 10 hours per month to related activities.

What is the Appointment Process?

Members are approved by the Mayor.

How Do I Apply?

To apply, please send us a message sharing why you are interested in joining the SCW by Friday, October 2.

Applications can be sent via email or U.S. Mail to:
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For questions or more information, please email Elijah Booker at ebooker@somervillema.gov or call 311 (617-666-3311).

Somerville Hosting Annual 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony
Ceremony to honor lives lost and those who served



SOMERVILLE—The City of Somerville's Veterans' Services department invites community members to a 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony on Friday, September 11, at 6 p.m. in Davis Square to mark the 25th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks and honor all victims as well as first responders, workers, and volunteers who rushed to the scene to save lives or to later help carry out the dangerous cleanup.

"On this solemn day we remember

the lives lost, honor the bravery of first responders, and offer support to their families and communities as we continue to heal as a country from the trauma of that day," said Mayor Jake Wilson. "Unity is our strength, so may we also honor their memory by continuing to look out for each other."

The observance will feature a moment of silence, invocation and benediction by Father Paul Coughlin, as

well as remarks by Mayor Wilson and Veterans Director Jerome Thomas. A bagpipe tribute will follow, and attendees will be given individual roses to place on the 9/11 Memorial. The ceremony will include a presentation of and retiring of the colors (national, state, and unit flags) by the Honor Guards of the Somerville Police and Somerville Fire Department.

"As we reflect on the 25th anniversary of the tragic events of September

11, 2001, we owe it to those we lost on that day to remember not only the horror we experienced as a nation, but also the compassion, unity, and sense of community that followed. It truly reflected the best of the American spirit," said Ward 4 Councilor Jesse Clingan.

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By Bob Katzen

A new law that would ban the use and sale of DEHP, a toxic chemical which is commonly added to plastic intravenous bags and tubing and linked to breast, liver, lung and testicular cancer took effect on August 25. The bag ban would begin on January 1, 2030, while the tubing ban would begin on January 1, 2035.

Supporters of the law said this timeline gives health care providers and manufacturers time to transition to safer alternatives

that are already in use at hospitals in Massachusetts.

Many IV bags and tubing currently contain DEHP, which is added to improve the plastic's flexibility but can pose serious health dangers to patients. The measure also prevents manufacturers from replacing DEHP with similar ortho-phthalates and encourages the transition to safer alternatives while preserving limited exemptions for specialized blood collection and cell therapy products.

“Patients deserve to know that the tools being used to care for them are safe,” said Gov. Maura Healey who signed the new law on July 25 but held a ceremonial signing on August 25, the day the law became effective. “This law phases out a harmful chemical from IV bags and tubing and moves our health care system toward safer alternatives. Massachusetts will continue to follow the science and put the health and safety of patients, families and health care workers first.”

“The Toxic-Free Medi-

cal Devices Act was filed because patients should never have to worry that the tools meant to heal them are exposing them to a cancer-linked chemical, especially when safe alternatives already exist and are already in use at hospitals here in Massachusetts,” said Senate sponsor Sen. Joan Lovely (D-Salem) ... “This is a real step forward for safer medical care in the commonwealth.”

“Massachusetts has always been a leader in health care, and we here in the commonwealth have a

responsibility to continue advancing innovative policies that ensure patients safety,” said Rep. Jim O’Day (D-West Boylston). “This legislation reduces unnecessary exposure to DEHP in medical devices while giving hospitals and providers the flexibility needed for a responsible transition to safer alternatives.”

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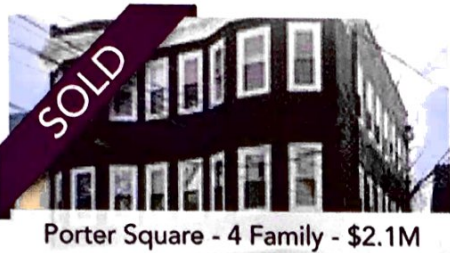
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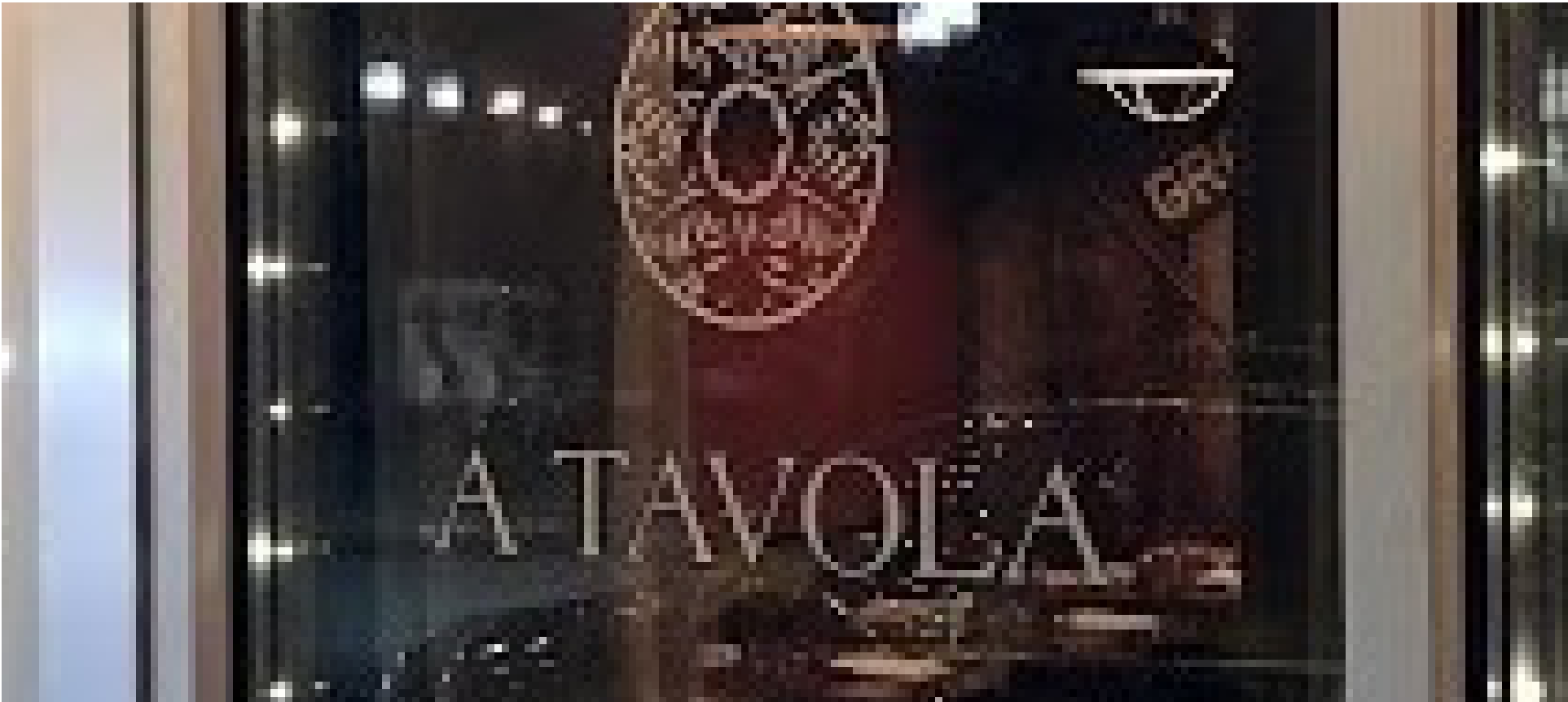
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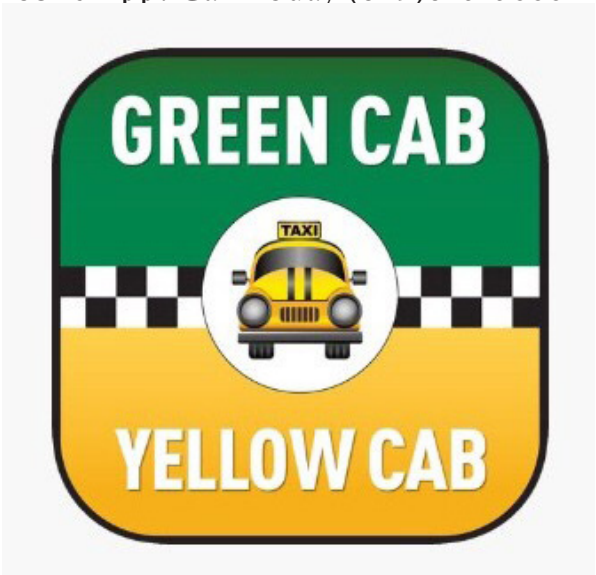


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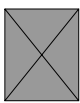
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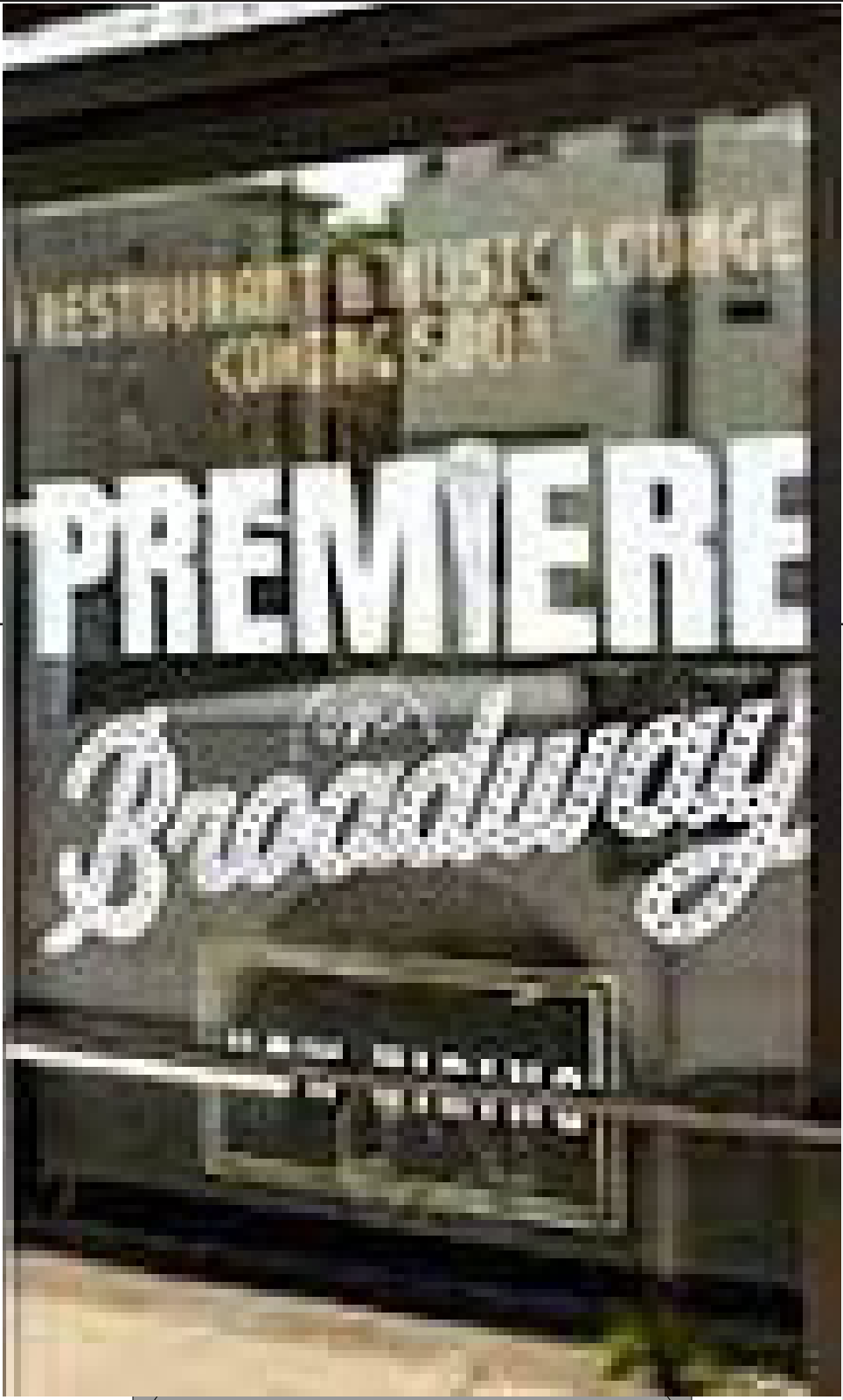
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