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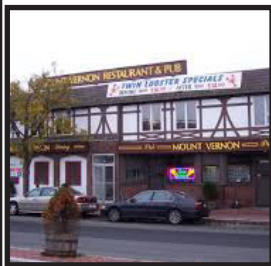
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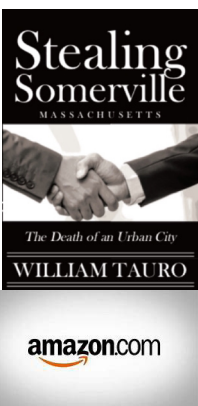
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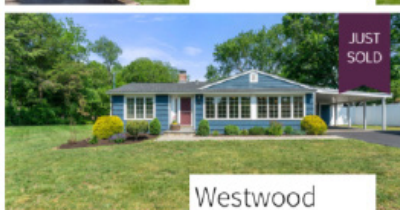
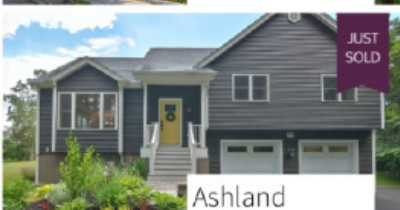
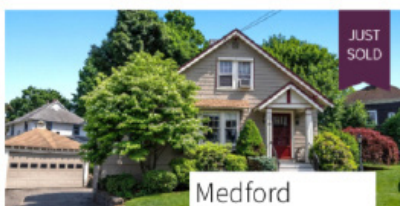
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Somerville/Medford Remembering Patricia A. (Gavin) Sullivan



Patricia A. (Gavin) Sullivan devoted wife of the late Daniel F. Sullivan Jr., passed away surrounded by the

love of her family on October 4, 2026.

Daughter of the late Alice (Malone) Gavin and Michael J. Gavin. Devoted mother of Michael J. Sullivan of Everett, Daniel F. Sullivan and wife Tammy Sullivan of North Carolina, John L. Sullivan and his late wife Kathleen M. Sullivan of Somerville, Colleen Madden and her husband Sean of Methuen, the late Edward T. Sullivan. Mother in law of Deborah Foti and Anne Sullivan.

Cherished sister and best friend of the late Alice Gavin Tierney, Michael Gavin and his wife Tami of California, Kenneth Hersey and his

late wife Phyllis of Maine, Donna Hersey of Cambridge and Dale Cusack of North Andover. Loving Nana of Kerri and Pat Candelino and son Pasquale, Jenelle and David Pantanella and daughters Alexis, Harper, and Chelsea, Daniel and Amanda Sullivan and daughter Chloe, Michael and Kerrin Sullivan and son Colton, Justin Sullivan and partner Ashley O'Brien and son Nolan, Sean and Rachel Madden and sons Callum and Liam, Brendan and Taylor Madden, Conor Madden and the late Jacklyn Sullivan.

Patricia is survived bymany nieces, nephews and cousins. Retired Senior Manager of Cambridge

Housing Authority and former of- fice Manager of the George Dilboy Post #529 Somerville MA. Patricia lived a long happy life of 87 years, always the life of the party enjoying the company of everyone she had the opportunity to meet. A special thanks goes to Pathway Healthcare especially Sarah, Mariandy, Laura, Virginia and Gail for the care and compassion given to our Mother during her last moments of life.

Calling Hours will be held in the George L. Doherty Funeral Home, 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.) Somerville on Tuesday, October 13th from 4:00PM to 7:00PM. Relatives and friends invited to attend. The Funeral Procession will

begin on Wednesday, October 14th at 9:00AM followed by a Funeral Mass celebrated in St. Catherine of Genoa Church at 10:00AM.

A private burial will take place at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden at a later date.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Kathleen Sullivan Memorial Scholarship Fund at the Somerville School Employees Federal Credit Union 100 Highland Ave Somerville MA 02145 or Alzheimer's Association "Friends of Frank" 320 Nevada St Suite 201 Newton, MA 02460 or George Dilboy Post Auxiliary #529 351 Summer St Somerville, MA. 02144

Somerville/Medford Remembering Antonino Grieco



Somerville/Medford Remembering Antonino Grieco

Antonino Grieco – Of Somerville, and affectionately known as Tony to many, passed away on Monday, October 12, 2026. He was 80 years old.

Born in Bonito, Avellino, Italy, he was the beloved son of the late Antonio and Pasqualina (Santosusso) Grieco. Tony enjoyed a long and successful career as a foreman with Laborers Local 22. He took great pride in his work and put his skills to good use at home, where he enjoyed tinkering with anything that needed fixing. Tony had a knack for repairing things, and often his own two hands were the best

tools for the job.

When he wasn't fixing something, Tony could often be found tending to his garden, an area of great pride for him. He loved showing others the fruits of his labor and sharing the results of his hard work. Tony was an active man who enjoyed walking around the neighborhood, greeting everyone he met along the way. He also enjoyed biking and spending time outdoors hunting.

Beloved husband of 56 years to Patricia (Dell'Anno) Grieco. Devoted father of Stacey Ferreira and her husband David and Mark Grieco. Cherished grandfather of Christopher Ferreira and Benjamin

Ferreira. Loving brother of Ciriaco Grieco and his wife Anna, Gerardo Grieco and his wife Donna and the late Alessandro Grieco and his wife Tina and the late Filomena and her husband Pasquale. Dear brother in-law of John Dell'Anno and his wife Terri, Robert Dell'Anno and his wife Corinne, Mima Grieco and the late Anthony Dell'Anno. Son-in-law to the late Evelyn and Anthony Dell'Anno. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

A funeral procession will be held on Thursday, October 15th from the George L. Doherty Funeral Home 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.) Somerville at 9:00AM. Followed by a funeral mass at St. Clement Church 60 Warner St. on the

Somerville/Medford line at 10:00AM.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

Calling Hours will be held on Wednesday, October 14th from 4:00PM to 7:00PM.

Services will conclude with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made in Tony's name to the Alzheimer's Association

Somerville/Medford Remembering Betty J Levin



Betty J Levin
"The First Lady of Real Estate"

Betty J. Levin—a larger-than-life personality, devoted mother, grand-

mother, great-grandmother, legendary real estate professional, traveler, dancer, wine lover, and lifelong learner—passed away on October 12, 2026, entirely on her own terms and in a way that was quintessentially Betty.

Her birth date has intentionally been omitted in deference to Betty's lifelong belief that she was forever young. Quite frankly, none of us were about to argue with her.

Born in Newton, Massachusetts, to Isadore J. and Nettie S. Silverman, Betty went on to live a life that was full, vibrant, colorful, and never boring. A graduate of Concord Academy and Case Western Reserve University, she was a lifelong learner and an avid current-events junkie. She always wanted to know what was happening in the world—and was never shy about sharing her thoughts on it. For more than 50 years, Betty was a respected real estate trailblazer in the

Medford and Somerville area, affectionately known as "The First Lady of Real Estate." She loved her career, cherished her clients, and above all, loved making a deal. She often declared she would "die with her boots on." True to her word, she spent her final day negotiating a real estate deal—wearing her hospital socks. There could hardly have been a more fitting farewell. Betty believed appearances mattered. She never left home without lipstick and was always perfectly accessorized and tastefully dressed; even a quick trip to the store could turn into a fashion event. She lived life to the maximum, loving music, travel, a good glass of wine, and laughter. She was routinely the first one on the dance floor and the very last one off it, surrounded by a cherished inner circle of friends who became family. Betty was the loving mother of Charlene Berkman Brody (married to Richard), Laura Baliestiero, and P.J. Levin.

She was affectionately known as "Mama Betty" to her grandchildren, Jason Baliestiero, Brad Brody, Marshall Brody, and Micaela Baliestiero, and adored by her 3 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Joe Silva; her son-in-law, Michael Baliestiero; and her brothers, William and Norman Silverman.

Betty was not perfect. She made mistakes, made questionable decisions, occasionally said things she probably shouldn't have, and freely offered unsolicited advice. But she lived honestly, passionately, and without a single regret. When asked if she enjoyed her life, Betty simply said, "I loved it." When asked if she wished she had done anything differently, her answer was an emphatic, "No."

And that was Betty's greatest lesson: Live life your way. Work hard. Love fiercely. Learn from your mistakes. Laugh often. Dance. Travel. Make memories. And never forget to enjoy

the ride.

She will be deeply missed by her family, friends, clients, colleagues, and all who had the pleasure of knowing her, like all legends Betty will live forever in the hearts she touched.

Services at the Goldman Funeral Chapel 174 Ferry Street (off Route 60), Malden on Thursday, October 15 at 10:30 AM. Private family interment to follow.

Condolence calls may be made at the Ho Win Palace 269 Middlesex Avenue, Medford on Thursday 10/15 from 4-7 PM.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to THE Jimmy Fund at Dana Farber Cancer Institute in her memory. Also have a "Drinky Winky" in Betty's honor. Tell a funny story. Play some music. Dance. Have another glass of wine, raise a glass, and remember a woman who truly knew how to live. For online condolences go to: <http://www.goldmanfc.com>.



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Somerville/Medford News Weekly Speakup Line: Honk Is Inconsiderate

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lous idea to have a super loud 3 day long musical event in a largely residen-tial area.

It's a weekend I hate every year, is it not enough that the City does midnight and 2 AM construction work with no notice in this area? Put this event in

an open area instead of a multi story echo chamber that gives the residents a headache. Like a mini-mum put some dampeners in the brass instruments.

Traffic is also bad enough without the whole area closed for mediocre mu-sic.



Somerville/Medford News Weekly Speakup Line: The Execution of Nidal Hasan

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

Your thoughts?

1)Are you for of against this execution by firing squad?

2) Are you for or against it being livestreamed?

Pentagon Confirms Lives-

treame of Firing Squad Execution

US Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth has announced that the public will be able to watch the firing squad execution of a former US Army major.

A Defense Department official told the BBC that the execution of Nidal Hasan—who fatally shot

13 unarmed US soldiers at Fort Hood in 2009—will be livestreamed.

The event is believed to be the first public execution in the United States in almost a century. John Mills, a lawyer who works with death-row inmates, called the decision to livestream it “unprecedented in the modern era” and “on uncertain legal terrain.”



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CANNABIS CONTROL COMMISSION (CCC) CELEBRATES TEN YEARS OF ADULT USE OF CANNABIS

By Bob Katzen

The CCC kicked off a multimedia initiative to mark ten years of adult-use cannabis in Massachusetts. The commission offers insights into how the industry has become an economic force with hundreds of businesses that employ tens of thousands and has generated nearly \$2 billion in state and

local tax revenue. The initiative will include a dedicated webpage featuring economic data and a video capturing the highlights of the industry over the last decade. The public will also be able to view initiative materials via the agency’s Facebook, LinkedIn, YouTube and X pages.

“After ten years, can-

nabis businesses are familiar, becoming part of everyday life in hundreds of communities across the state,” Commissioner Anthony Wilson said. “As a commissioner, I’m looking forward to shaping the next decade of the industry by working to improve and update our policies to support the growth of the industry and to protect health

and safety, including the safety of workers in the industry and the safety of products available in the marketplace.”

The initiative is launching just a few weeks before Bay State voters will vote on November 3 on a ballot question asking them if they favor repealing the law making recreational use of marijuana by adults

legal. Some supporters of repealing the law say that the timing of the initiative is not coincidental and is designed to use state revenues, which fund the commission, to help defeat the ballot question.

Somerville Gets Spooky at Monster Mash on October 18



Free festival brings live music, a costume parade, and fall fun to Union Square

SOMERVILLE – From fluff to frights, Somerville is celebrating its hometown heroes. On Sunday, October 18 (rain date October 25), the Arts & Culture Division is holding its annual Monster Mash celebration in honor of the Halloween classic co-written by Somerville native Bobby “Boris” Pickett. The afternoon-long event will include a costume parade, pumpkin carving, face painting and local food vendors.

“Monster Mash is our chance

to celebrate Halloween in true Somerville style,” said Mayor Wilson. “Whether you’re looking to show off your costume, carve a pumpkin, or enjoy some local music, there’s something for everyone.”

Event Details
Date: Sunday, October 18
Time: 1-5 p.m.
Location: Somerville Ave between Church St and Union Sq

Live performances on two stages will include the BosWitches,

Proyecto Tempo, Los Mambiseros, and a lineup curated by Mass Ave Music.

“Where else can you run into your neighbors in costume, a brass band, and giant puppets all in one afternoon?” said City-Councilor-at-Large Kristin Strezo. “Monster Mash brings out so much of what makes Somerville fun. I’m grateful to the artists, local businesses, and organizers who make it a celebration everyone can enjoy.”

For event details and updates, visit somervilleartscouncil.org/monstermash.

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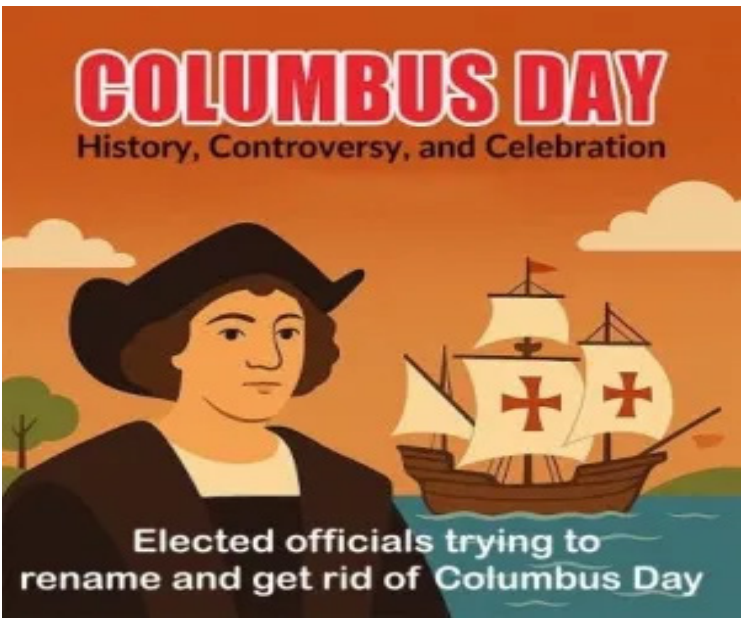


RENAME COLUMBUS DAY (S 2113/H 3292)

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protected this land, preserved its stories and insisted that we confront a history that has too often been erased or sanitized.” Comerford continued, “We must listen to them. We must learn from them. And we must honor them. We cannot do that while continuing to honor Christopher Columbus.” This year, Columbus Day is on October 13 so any name change, if approved, would have to wait until 2027 to take effect.



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Free COVID-19 and Flu Vaccine Clinics in Somerville this Fall

SOMERVILLE – The City of Somerville is offering free COVID-19 and flu vaccine clinics at locations across the city this fall to help community members protect their health. Appointments are strongly encouraged, and walk-up availability is limited. Information on upcoming clinics scheduled for October and November can be found below.

To see the most up to date clinic schedule, visit somer villema.gov/vaccinations

Date/Time
Location
Eligibility
Thursday, October 15
11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Tufts Admin Building 167

Holland St.
Seniors
Thursday, October 15
4:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Somerville Office of Im-migrant Affairs (SOIA)
42 Cross St.
6 months and older
Thursday, October 22
11:30-1 p.m.
Tufts Admin Building 167
Holland St.
18 and older
Thursday, October 22
4:15 – 6:45 p.m.
City Hall Annex
50 Evergreen St.
6 months and older
Thursday, November 5
11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
City Hall Annex
50 Evergreen St.
6 months and older
Thursday, November 12
4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Somerville Office of Im-migrant Affairs (SOIA)
42 Cross St.
6 months and older
Monday, November 16
2 – 3 p.m.
Council on Aging
167 Holland St.
18 and older
Thursday, November 19
4 – 6:45 p.m.
City Hall Annex
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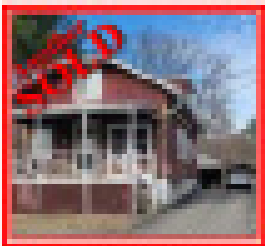
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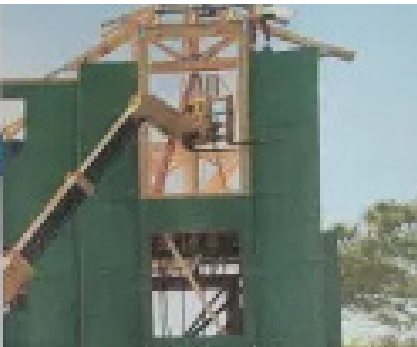






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Class Action Lawsuit Regarding Fraudulent and Inaccurate Somerville Water Bills

By William Tauro

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

inaccurate readings.

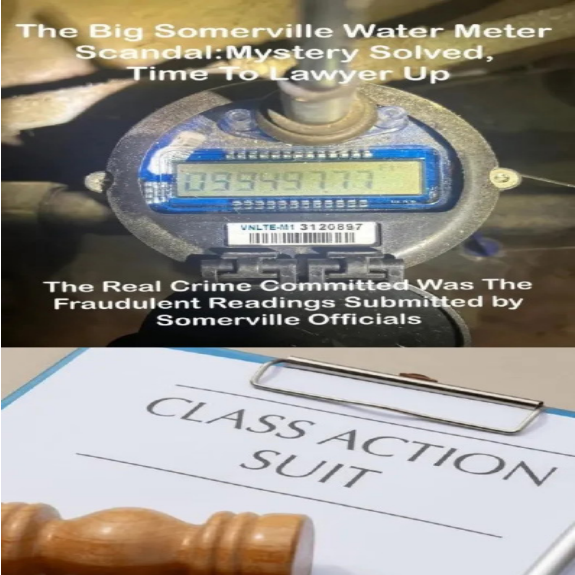
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The Big Somerville Water Meter Scandal: Mystery Solved, Time To Lawyer Up

The Real Crime Committed Was The Fraudulent Readings Submitted by Somerville Officials

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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!





Somerville Public Schools to Participate in DESE English Learner Program Review

October 9, 2026 – (SOMERVILLE, MA) – During the week of October 26, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education’s (DESE) will conduct a Tiered Focused Monitoring Review of Somerville Public Schools. DESE reviews each district’s and charter school’s ELE program every six years to monitor compliance with federal and state English learner education laws and regulations.

Areas of review will include English learners’ student assessments, identification

of English learners; what programs English learners are placed in, parent and community involvement, curriculum and instruction, student support services, licensure requirements for faculty, staff and administration, program plans, and evaluation and recordkeeping.

In addition to the onsite visit, parent outreach is an important part of the review process. The district will send a survey to the parents of students whose records are reviewed by the team,

focused on key areas of their child’s English learner education program. Survey results will be reviewed by DESE and they will contribute to the monitoring report.

Within approximately 60 business days of the onsite visit, the review chairperson will provide the district with a report with information about areas in which the schools meet or exceed regulatory requirements and areas which require assistance to correct or improve practices.

The report will be available to the public at <https://www.doe.mass.edu/ele/cpr/>.



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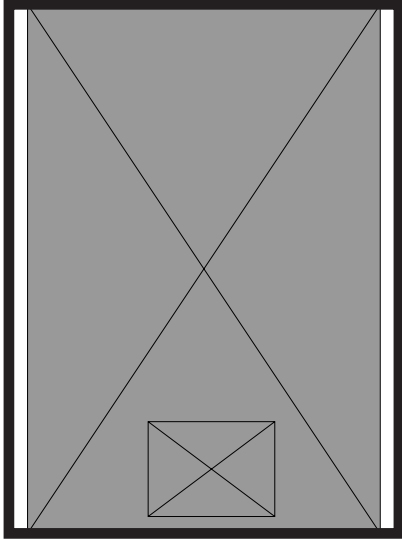
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\$403,500 TO PROMOTE SPECIALTY CROPS

By Bob Katzen

The Healey Administration announced grants of \$403,500 to six Massachusetts agricultural organizations to promote specialty crops to help local farms and producers bring more fresh fruits, dried fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, horticulture and nursery crops, including floriculture, to market.

The measure is designed to help these local farms reach new customers and grow their businesses across the state.

“Specialty crops set Massachusetts apart and are essential to the state’s agricultural identity,” said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Rebecca Tepper. “These grants are aimed at helping our

specialty crop producers compete in a crowded marketplace – by funding projects that improve quality, expand marketing and create new opportunities for local businesses.”

“Specialty crops represent an enormous and essential part of our agricultural economy, and the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources

(MDAR) is committed to providing the resources necessary to scale their production and increase marketplace visibility,” said MDAR Commissioner Ashley Randle. “Through this critical federal-state partnership, we are equipping our growers and commodity associations with the tools needed to drive consumer sales, strengthen supply

chains and secure the long-term economic sustainability of Massachusetts agriculture.”

Honor Italian American Heritage Month at City Hall Flag Raising



SOMERVILLE – The City of Somerville is inviting all community members to honor Italian American Heritage Month with an Italian flag raising on Thursday, October 15 at 5

p.m. on the City Hall concourse (93 Highland Ave.).

The event will celebrate the history and contributions of Italian Americans in Somerville and beyond.

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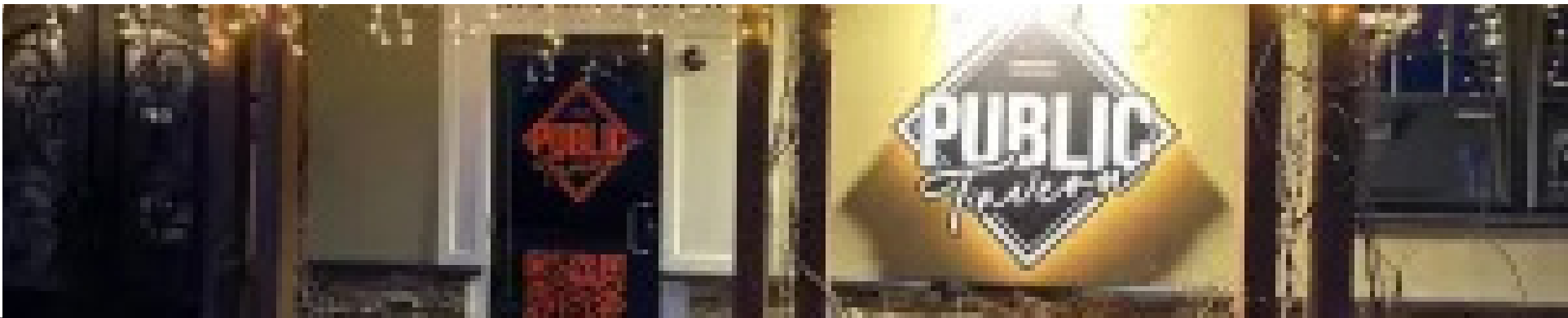
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INTEREST RATE ON UNPAID PROPERTY TAXES (H 3238)

By Bob Katzen The House in February gave initial approval to, without a roll call vote, a proposal that would allow the city council, town meeting or other	equivalent city or town legislative body to change the interest rate on unpaid real estate property or personal property tax bills from the current 14 percent to “up to 14 percent.”	The measure also allows the local tax collector or treasurer to waive interest fees on late payments and to set up a payment plan with the person who owes the unpaid balances.	Supporters said the bill would give local officials more flexibility on these outstanding balances and would get rid of the cookie cutter/one size fits all current law.	The bill has been tied up in committee since its approval in February.
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INCREASE TAX RELIEF TO VETERANS (S 1948)

By Bob Katzen Another bill tied up in committee would allow cities and towns to hike from the current \$1,500 to \$2,000, the property tax break for veterans and spouses of deceased or disabled veterans in exchange for their providing volunteer services to their	municipality. In February, the House, on a voice vote without a roll call, gave initial approval to this bill that has already been approved by the Senate. Supporters say that veteran and senior work-off programs were originally designed to operate in parallel but while the Leg-	islature recently raised the senior cap to reflect rising costs of living, the veteran cap was not updated, creating an unintended disparity. “Our veterans have already given so much in service to our nation, and they deserve to be able to remain in the communi-	ties they call home,” said the bill’s sponsor Sen. Julian Cyr (D-Provincetown). “For many veterans on Cape Cod, the Islands and across Massachusetts, rising property taxes are putting undue pressure on household budgets that are already razor thin. This bill gives communities a meaningful property	tax relief tool while recognizing the service veterans have already given so they may live with the dignity they have earned.”
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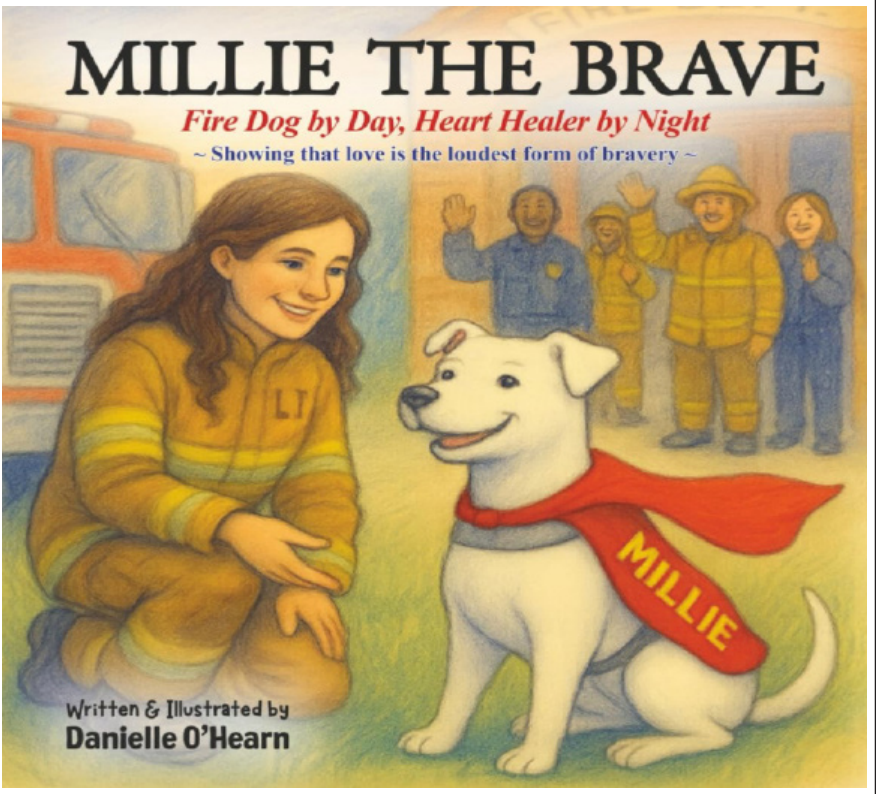
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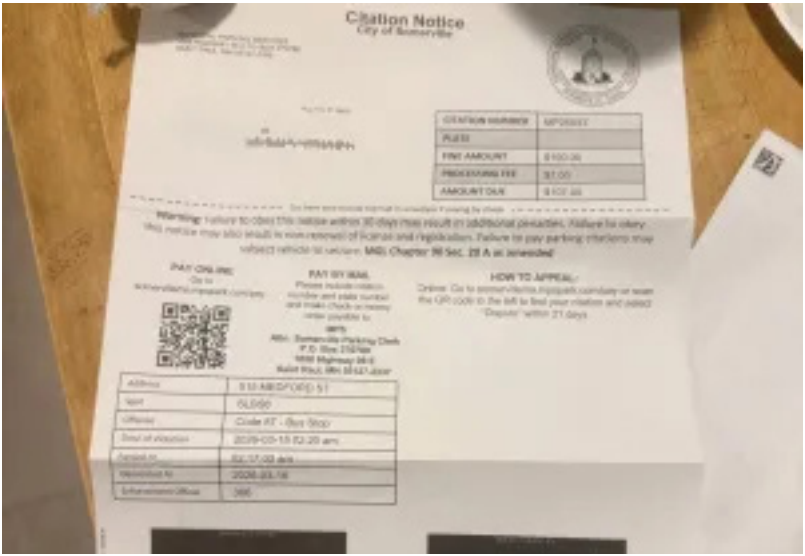


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Somerville Special Election – Dates

For those who follow along, the special elections for the soon to be vacant City Councilor seats in Wards 2 and 3, the elections folk have set the dates. Nomination papers will be available for candidates on November 16 at City Hall/ Elections Office.

The preliminary is set

for February2 and the final is set for March 24. Somervillians, now is your chance. Both seats are open and can be yours. If you organize, knock those doors, raise some cash and have a platform that appeals to the voters in your district, we just may see you at the City Council meeting in April, 2027.



ELIMINATE THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

By Bob Katzen

A new poll shows 84 percent of Massachusetts voters support eliminating the statute of limitations for child sexual abuse, and that 67 percent say this should be a high priority for legislators. The poll was conducted for and released by the Bay State-based organization Enough Abuse, the nation’s oldest citizen-based child advocacy organization.

The poll comes on the heels of Massachusetts Attorney General Andrea Campbell’s report detailing the findings of her office’s investigation into child sexual abuse in the Catholic Dioceses of Fall River, Springfield and Worcester. The investigation found evidence that more than 270 Catholic clerics abused nearly 1,000 children at the three dioceses.

The House and Senate in July approved two differ-

ent versions of a primary care and health care affordability bill. The House version includes a provision that would eliminate the civil statute of limitations for childhood sexual abuse. The Senate version does not include that provision. A House-Senate conference committee is working on hammering out a compromise version of the two bills.

Under current law, effective for abuse that took place after June 26, 2014,

survivors must sue within 35 years of the abuse, or within seven years of discovering that the abuse caused them psychological harm. However, the clock does not start ticking until the survivor turns 18. In practice, that caps most claims around age 53 and leaves survivors whose window has already closed with no path back into court.

“We are grateful to Speaker Mariano for his leadership in support of healing

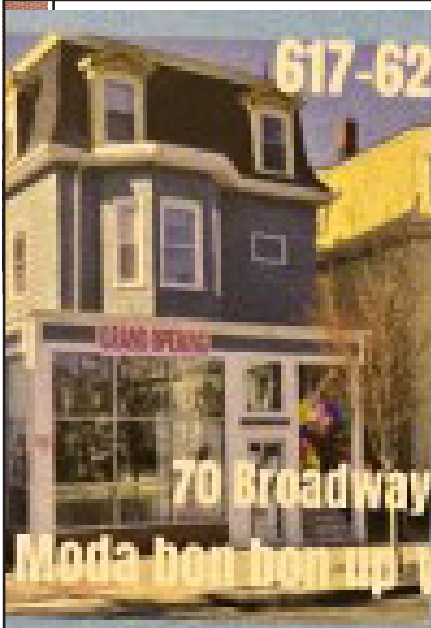
for survivors and stopping future crimes, and we are gratified to see such strong support among voters for getting this effort over the finish line,” said Jetta Bernier, executive director of Enough Abuse. “We urge Senate colleagues to stand with the House and keep these provisions in the final bill.”

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City sharing deadlines for voter registration and vote-by-mail applications, early voting dates, and more

SOMERVILLE–On Tuesday, November 3, 2026, Massachusetts will hold its State Election. Offices and items on the ballot include Governor, Senator in Congress, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, District Attorney, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Auditor, Councillor, Senator in General Court, Representative in General Court, Representative in Congress, and Register of Probate – and nine ballot questions.

Keep in mind: with ballots including nine binding questions on various subjects, you can help keep lines at the polls shorter several ways.

Please consider these options to save yourself time:

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Vote early
Review ballot questions in advance. Bring notes with your choices: You may bring materials into the voting booth such as pre-printed brochures or pamphlets or your own notes, but you cannot display those materials while in the polling location. You must take any materials with you when you leave the voting booth. Somerville voters can vote early in person or by mail or on Election Day. The state election is open to all registered voters in Somerville.

Below are additional reminders as you prepare for November 3.

Register to Vote in the State Election by Saturday, October 24

You can register in one of three ways:

Online at somervillema.gov/register
In-person at Somerville City Hall (93 Highland Ave.)
By phone: call the Elections Department at 617-625-6600 ext. 4200 and request a voter registration form. Or call 311 (617-666-3311) and they will connect you to Elections.
The registration deadline is Saturday, October 24, by midnight online or in person by 5 p.m. City Hall will be open on October 24 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. You also may mail in your form, but it must be postmarked on or

before October 24.

Vote Early at City Hall, October 17-30

Vote early in the State Election in the lower level of City Hall from Saturday, October 17, through Friday, October 30. The schedule is as follows:

October 17, 18 – Saturday-Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
October 19, 20, 21 – Monday-Wednesday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
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October 23 – Friday 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
October 24, 25 – Saturday-Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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How to Vote in the State Election by Mail

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Where to get an application:

Download an application or fill it out online at somervillema.gov/voteby-mail, pick one up in the Elections office at City Hall, or request one be mailed to you by calling 311 or calling Elections at 617-625-6600 ext. 4200. Eligible voters who submit valid applications will receive their ballot in the mail.
Vote by Mail deadline: Ballots dropped in city boxes or in person at City Hall must be completed, signed, sealed, and received by 8 p.m., Tuesday, November 3. Mailed ballots (from within the U.S.) must be POSTMARKED by November 3 and received in office by November 6. Voters can check the status of their ballot on the state’s website.
How to return your application and ballot:
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In front of Dilboy Post, 351 Summer St.
In front of the Tufts Administrative Building, 167 Holland St.
In front of the West Somerville Neighborhood School at 177 Powder House Blvd.
Sample Ballots and Ballot Questions Information
Sample ballots are available now on somervillema.gov/elections.
Ballots will include nine binding questions for Massachusetts voters to consider.
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SOMERVILLE – The City of Somerville is seeking one new member to join the Somerville Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA).

What is the Zoning Board of Appeals?

The ZBA is the decision-making authority for development that requires Site Plan Approval or a Special Permit in the Neighborhood Residence, Urban Residence, Commercial Industry, Commercial Business, and Tufts University zoning districts; the ZBA is also the decision-making authority for all Hardship Variances, Comprehensive Permits, and Administrative Appeals.

Who Can Join?

All Somerville residents are invited to apply.

What is the Time Commitment?

The ZBA meets every first and third Wednesday of the month, with meetings lasting between one and two hours. Additional time for review of submitted materials may be needed, for an estimated total of 10-15 hours per month.

What is the Appointment Process?

Members are appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council.

How Do I Apply?

Applications are due by Friday, October 30, and should include a resume and letter of interest.

Where to Apply:

Applications can be sent via email or U.S. Mail to:

Email: zoningboard@somerville-ma.gov
Mail: Attn: Planning Division, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA 02144

For questions or more information, contact zoningboard@somervillema.gov or call 311 (671-666-3311).

To view this update and more City news on the City website, visit somervillema.gov/news.

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF GENERAL PETITION TO REMOVE THE CHILD FROM THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS		Docket No. MI24P1159GD	Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court
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Of: Somerville, MA			

To all interested persons, a Petition has been filed by:

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in the above captioned matter praying for permission to remove the child from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 11/03/2026. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you.

WITNESS, Hon. Terri Klug-Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court.

Date: October 6, 2026

ORDER OF NOTICE

It is ORDERED that a copy of this citation be:

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WITNESS, Hon. Terri Klug-Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court.

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Last week I had the nice presence at a meeting with Candidate Deaton. You know he is running (R) against Senator Markey. We met in Malden after he spoke and took questions. I alert ALL VOTERS to go and hear candidates. At least, read about their history, acts, goals. With some Serious issues at stake like the growing of BIG GOVT (FREE ITEMS. UGH) info

is important. REAL INFO.

This man had a tough youth and sought education, military, law school. He is concerned about issues and solving in a practical way that work and approaching issues to save \$\$ and results to make us safe not foolish.

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Sharon Deyeso, concerned Medford Resident





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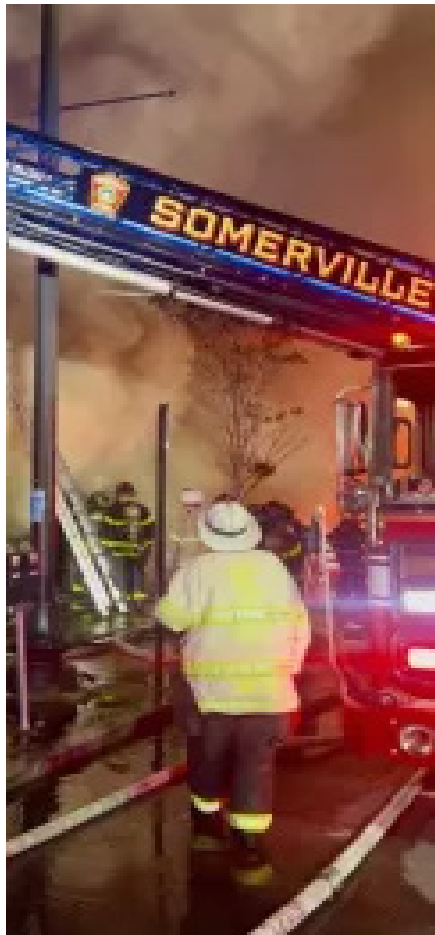
5 Alarm Fire On Broadway Somerville

On Monday, October 12 at 9:58 p.m., the Somerville Fire Department responded to a report of smoke coming from the one-story commercial building located at 129-131 Broadway.

Arriving fire companies encountered heavy smoke and heat coming from the basement. Firefighters initially stretched hose lines into the basement to attempt to find and extinguish the fire, however conditions inside the building continued to deteriorate and all firefighters were ordered to evacuate due to safety concerns. An exterior attack was then launched using three aerial ladders and numerous large diameter hoses. The first floor and roof of the building collapsed, which in addition to heavy smoke, made the fire difficult to extinguish. The fire ultimately took over 8 hours to fully extinguish.

Both the Rei Da Picanha restaurant and the Damata Barbershop are total losses. The Total Wireless store at #133 also sustained heavy damage as firefighters had to open the roof and pull down ceilings when the fire threatened to overrun a firewall. Other businesses, including the Santander Bank, sustained smoke damage.

Five Alarms were needed bringing crews from Belmont, Boston, Brookline, Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Lexington, Malden, Medford, Revere, and Stoneham. Other cities covered Somerville fire stations. Two Somerville firefighters suffered electrical shocks while operating at the scene. They were transported to the hospital and later released. The cause of the fire is undetermined at this time.



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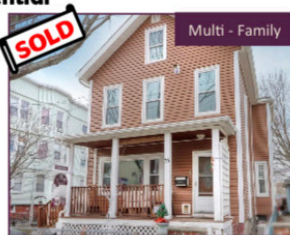
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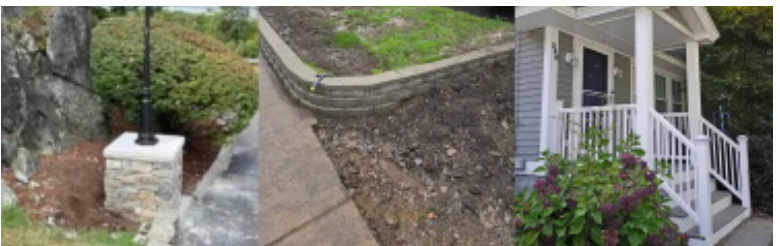
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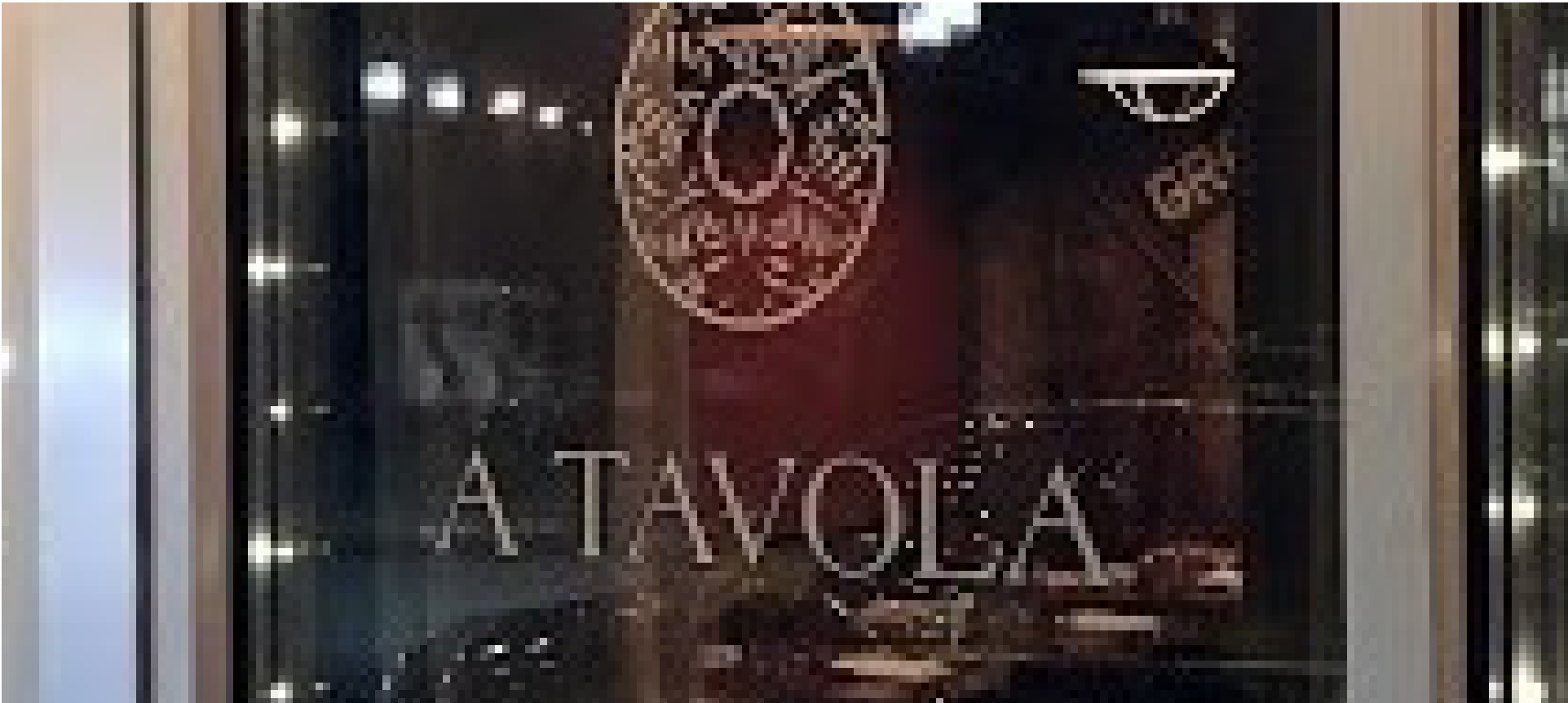
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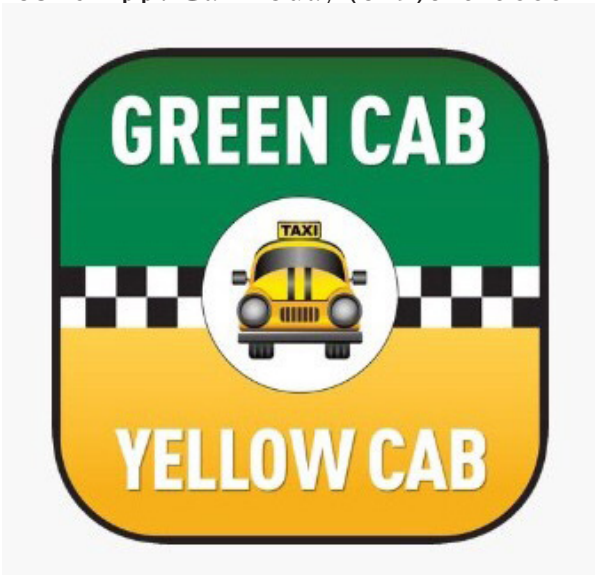


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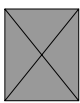
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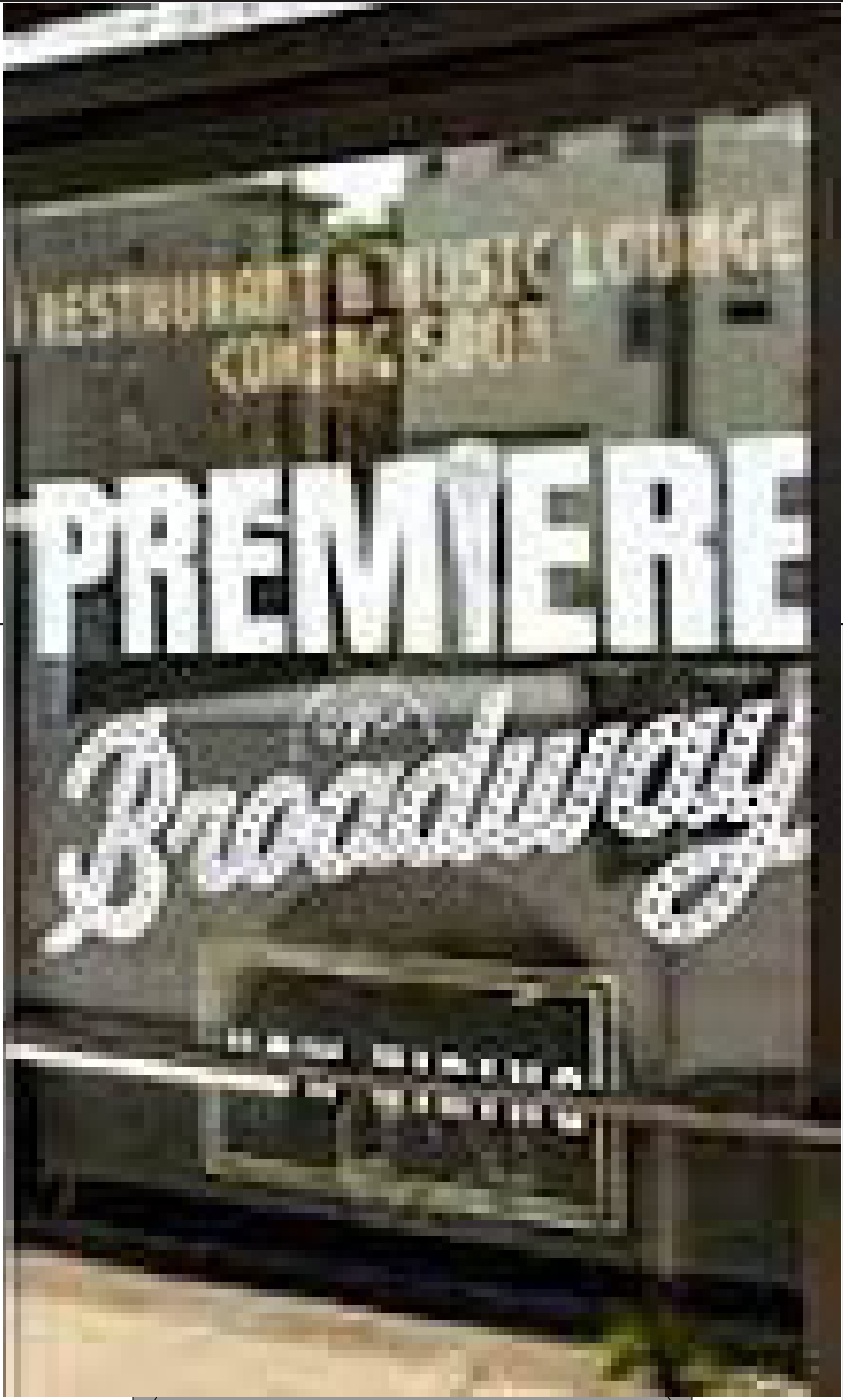
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