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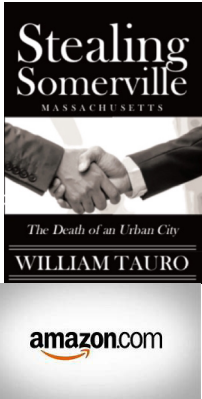


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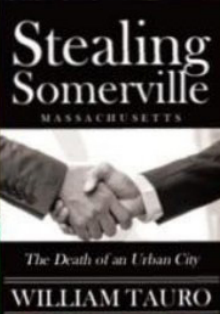
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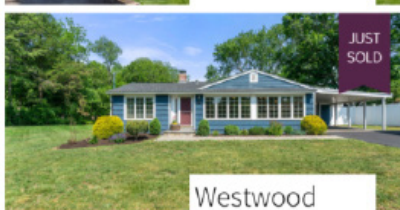
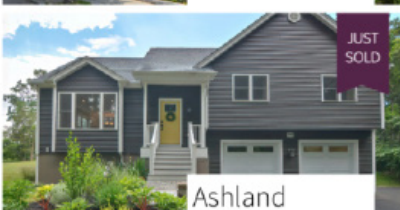
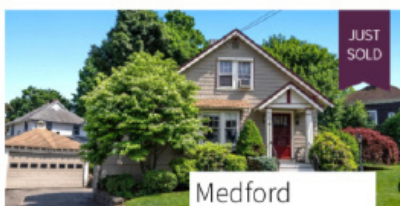
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Somerville/Medford Remembering Patricia Bavin



Patricia Bavin of Somerville passed away peacefully on October 15, 2026. She was the cherished daughter of the late William and Lucille (Conley) Bavin.

Complete notice to follow. A funeral service will be held at the George L. Doherty Funeral Home, 855 Broadway, Somerville, on Thursday, October 22, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. Calling hours will be from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. that morning. Patricia will be laid to rest at Puritan Lawn Cemetery in Peabody, alongside her beloved parents.

Somerville/Medford Remembering John H. Curley, Jr



John H. Curley, Jr., of Everett and formerly of Somerville, passed away peacefully on October 13, 2026, at the age of 78. Born in Somerville, the oldest

of six children, son of the late Margaret (DiBase) and John H. Curley, Sr.

Following his high school graduation, John enlisted in the United States Air Force where he began his 18-year career. He took great pride in his military service, serving as an air traffic controller until his retirement. He continued his commitment to serving others through the U.S. Postal Service, beginning as a letter carrier and eventually retiring as an M.P.E. and machine mechanic.

In his down time John enjoyed shooting and was a former member of the Malden Gun Club and he could often be found enjoying his Harley-Davidson motorcycle. Above all John enjoyed time spent with family and cherished his English Springer spaniels Whittle, Dillon and Jake.

The beloved husband of 37 years to Donna (Crowley) Curley; he was the devoted father of John H. Curley, III of Albany, NY, Tracy Aylward and her husband Daniel of Exeter, NH, Scott Curley of Savannah, GA, Melanie Sheehy and her husband Brian of Methuen, William Snow of Springfield, Bryan Snow and his wife Christine of Peabody and Danielle LeClair of Middleton, NH.

Cherished “Papa” of John Curley, IV, Robert Carter, Mathew Curley, Brynn, Owen and Connor Sheehy, Austin, Jazmine and Cheyenne Curley, Lauren and Rhea Snow and Peyton LeClair, “Great-Papa” of Mikayla and Zoe Curley and Baby Girl Carter on the way.

Dear brother of Robert Curley, Margaret Francis, Deborah Shea, James Curley and the late Francine Downey and her husband Arthur Downey. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Calling Hours will be held in the George L. Doherty Funeral Home, 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.) Somerville on Tuesday October 20th from 4:00PM to 7:00PM with a Prayer Service beginning at 6:30PM. Relatives and friends invited to attend. Burial with military honors will take place on Wednesday October 21st at 11:30AM the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery, 110 Daniel Webster Hwy, Boscawen, NH 03303, those attending are asked to meet inside the main gate by 11:10AM.

In lieu of flowers, donations in John’s memory can be made to the Eastern Springer Spaniel Club at <http://www.eessc.org> or to the Disabled American Veterans at <http://www.dav.org>.

Somerville/Medford Remembering Lorraine DeAmato



Lorraine DeAmato, 74, passed away peacefully on October 14, 2026, following a brief but courageous battle with lung cancer.

Born on December 28, 1951, in Boston, MA, Lorraine was the beloved daughter of the late Ralph DeAmato and Elena (Perracchi) DeAmato.

Lorraine dedicated much of her life to education as a science teacher at St. Mary’s in Lynn, Massachusetts. Throughout her career, she shared her knowledge and passion for learning with countless students. Following her retirement, Lorraine returned to her childhood home in Somerville, Massachusetts, to be closer to the family she loved so dearly.

Lorraine knew how to appreciate life’s simple pleasures. She especially loved her trips to Twin River Casino in Rhode Island, where she would make her famous “weekly deposit” while catching up with the many friends she made along the way. Whether she was working on her diamond dot creations, painting, or singing along to her favorite Broadway songs, Lorraine always found ways to enjoy herself and make the most of each day.

A loyal Boston sports fan, Lorraine could always be found cheering on her beloved Celtics and Patriots. Win or lose, her loyalty never wavered, and she rarely missed a game. Lorraine was also a devoted Catholic and faithful parishioner of St. John’s Church in Cambridge.

Above all, Lorraine cherished her family, her friends, and the memories they created together. Her sense of humor, spirited personality, and love for those around her will be deeply missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her.

Lorraine is survived by her loving siblings, Norbert DeAmato and his wife, Laura, of Lexington, Massachusetts, Susan DeAmato and her partner Rob Stiegman of Canton, Massachusetts; and Maria Estey of Somerville, Massachusetts.

She was also a beloved aunt to her many nieces and nephews, including her cherished four-legged “dog nephew,” Gus.

Lorraine also leaves behind many extended family members and dear friends whose lives were made brighter by knowing her.

Though she will be deeply missed, Lorraine will forever be remembered for her love of family, her unwavering Boston sports loyalty, her trips to the casino, and the countless memories, smiles, and laughs she shared with those she loved. Her memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

A funeral procession will be held from the George L. Doherty Funeral Home 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.) Somerville on Thursday October 22 at 10:00AM. Followed by a funeral mass celebrated in St. John he Evangelist Church, Cambridge at 11:00AM.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

Calling Hours will be held on Wednesday from 4:00PM to 7:00PM.

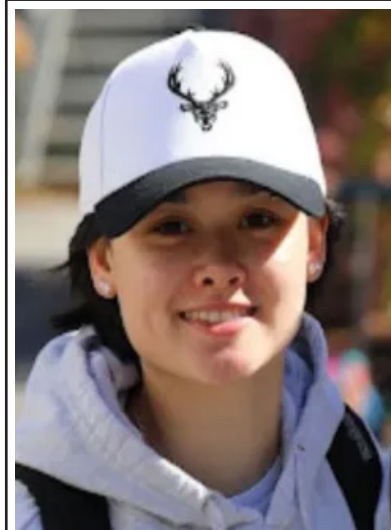
Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Lorraine’s name to the Cancer Center at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (BIDMC) where she received care and treatment <https://bidmc.org/giving>

Checks should be made payable to BIDMC and include “Inpatient HemOnc Fund” in the memo line (or on a separate note enclosed with the donation).

Donations can be mailed to: BIDMC Gift Processing, Beth Israel Lahey Health Office of Philanthropy, 529 Main Street, Suite 400, Charlestown, MA 02129

Somerville/Medford Remembering Carol L. Van Stry



Carol L. Van Stry – Of Holbrook, formerly of Saugus and Medford, passed away on Monday, October 12, 2026. She was 18 years young.

Born in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, Carol was the beloved daughter of Hien Truang and

the late Kevin Van Stry, who passed away in 2024. She was a recent graduate of Proctor Academy in Andover, New Hampshire. Carol’s happiest days were at Proctor Academy where she was cherished and excelled in academics, sports, theatre and friendships. She graduated this past June

Carol was a beautiful soul with a bubbly personality, a contagious smile, and a heart that made room for everyone. She had a special gift for making friends wherever she went. When Carol met someone, she had a way of making them feel as though they had been friends for years. Her warm and welcoming nature made people feel comfortable, and her smile could brighten even the hardest of days. Bringing joy to others came naturally to her, and she had a way of turning ordinary moments into special memories.

Carol was also a talented artist who could take even the simplest drawing and turn it into a masterpiece. She enjoyed playing basketball, spending time at the gym, and boxing. When she wanted to unwind, she loved curling up on the couch with her favorite television shows, especially Adventure Time and Korean detective dramas. Whether she was being active, creating something beautiful, or relaxing at home, Carol brought her own special energy and personality to everything she did.

At just 18 years young, Carol had already touched so many lives in ways that will never be forgotten. Her laughter, her kindness, her artistic spirit, and the happiness she brought to those around her were gifts to everyone fortunate enough to know her. Though her time on this earth was far too short, the love she shared and the memories she leaves behind will live on forever. Carol will be deeply missed, but her beautiful smile and the joy she brought into the world will remain in the hearts of all who loved her.

Beloved daughter of Hien Truang and the late Kevin Van Stry who passed away in 2025. Devoted Sister of Daniel Van Stry, Erick Van Stry, Katherine Van Stry and the late Kevin “KJ” Van Stry, Jr. Cherished by cousin of Johnny Kelly. Loving family friend of Marie Doyle,

Joe Rader, Anastasia Walker, and Kyle. Also survived by many loving aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Calling hours will be held on Saturday, October 17th in St. Raphael Church 512 High St., Medford from 9:30AM to 11:00AM. Followed by a funeral mass celebrated at 11:00AM.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

Services will conclude with interment at Cambridge Cemetery, Cambridge.



Somerville Fire Department responded to a fire alarm at the Massachusetts Bay Veterans Center

Somerville Fire Department At 9:35 p.m. on Thursday, October 15, the Somerville Fire Department responded to a fire alarm at the Massachusetts Bay Veterans Center located at 2 North Street.

Upon arrival, Engine 6 was notified of a fire in the basement and called for additional resources. Firefighters encountered heavy smoke on the basement level and discovered a burning lithium-ion battery powered skateboard. Hose lines were advanced into the building as firefighters also searched for occupants and opened windows for ventilation.

The fire originated inside a basement apartment.
The basement sustained fire,

smoke, and water damage, while the remainder of the building sustained smoke damage. Occupants were displaced Thursday night due to gas service being shut off at the building. Somerville

Emergency Management, Inspectional Services, and Board of Health representatives responded to assist residents. Somerville Police provided transportation for those displaced to nearby hotels. One firefighter and one occupant suffered minor injuries. Lithium-ion batteries pack a lot of power into a small device. Safety tips are available here: mass.gov/doc/lithium-ion-battery-safety/ download



Somerville/Medford News Weekly Speakup Line: SHAWN OLIVER ARRESTED, CANDIDATE FOR MASS. LT. GOV, ARRESTED ON OUI, SPEEDING CHARGES



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

Sources confirm that on Saturday October 17 2026 a multiple vehicle accident in New Bedford, was the

result of Shaun Oliver, candidate for Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts, losing control of his vehicle after attending a political gathering. His vehicle had overturned and struck several unoccupied vehicles parked along the crowded street.

The Mike Minogue for Governor campaign has respectively requested that Shaun Oliver suspend his campaign awaiting the outcome of an investigation. With the election process already underway, Minogue, if elected, will assure the general public

that accountability is his first priority and if there is any wrongdoing on the part of Oliver, He will immediately request his resignation if elected to office.

Press Release from the Minogue team this morning:

Mike Minogue Calls on Shawn Oliver to Suspend Campaign

HAMILTON, Mass. — Mike Minogue, candidate for Governor of Massachusetts, today called on Shawn Oliver to suspend his campaign immediately following his arrest

for operating under the influence.

“I am extremely disappointed,” said Minogue. “Shawn is lucky to be alive and lucky that no one innocent was hurt. There is no excuse for driving under the influence.”

“After speaking with Shawn, I am asking him to suspend his campaign immediately, and when elected, I will formally ask for his resignation,” Minogue said. “Shawn is a father and grandfather, and he needs to put his family first. He needs to

do the work to ensure this never happens again. If he needs help with that, I will help him.”

Minogue said the moment also calls for leadership and accountability from those who seek public office.

“As governor, I will put the Commonwealth first,” said Minogue. “That starts with accountability, something Massachusetts has not seen from Maura Healey.”

Sincerely,

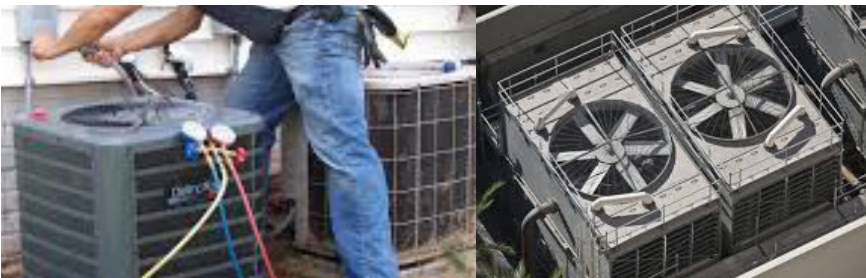
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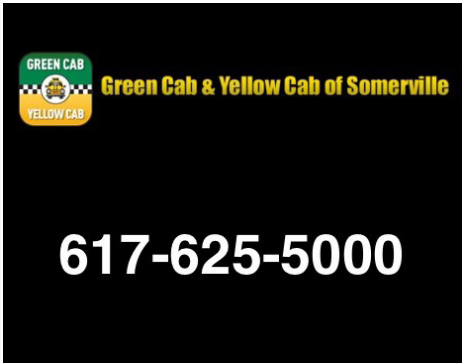
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THIS WEEK’S QUOTABLE QUOTES ON BEACON HILL

By Bob Katzen

“Every day, police officers across Massachusetts answer the call to serve, often facing extraordinary risks to protect our communities. Today, we recognize 18 officers whose bravery and selflessness went far beyond the call of duty. Their actions represent the very best of public service and the same commitment to protecting others that defined Trooper George Hanna’s life.”

—Gov. Healey in a ceremony honoring 18 law enforcement officers from five Massachusetts police departments at the 43rd Annual Trooper George L. Hanna Memorial Awards for Bravery. The awards are Massachusetts’ highest recognition

for bravery in law enforcement, honoring officers who demonstrated extraordinary courage and put their own lives at risk to protect others.

“Strong fire prevention standards are essential to protecting lives and keeping our communities safe. These updates reflect the importance of working with our local fire service partners, listening to those on the front lines and continually improving our approach to fire safety. We are grateful to the Fall River Fire Department for bringing forward this recommendation and to the Board for its work to strengthen protections across the commonwealth.”

— Public Safety and Security Secretary Gina Kwon announcing the approval of new statewide fire safety

requirements to help prevent future tragedies and strengthen protections for Massachusetts residents following the deadly Gabriel House fire in Fall River last year. The new standards will require annual checks for recalled fire sprinkler heads, prompt replacement of recalled equipment and additional safety measures when needed to protect residents.

“At the Registry of Motor Vehicles, we are committed to empowering seniors with the resources they need to maintain their independence, dignity and connection to their communities. We’re proud to partner and support the MBTA in helping participants explore their transportation options with confidence and obtain a Massachusetts ID. We look forward

to continuing this partnership and support all of our Car Free Seniors in the days and weeks ahead.”

—Registrar of Motor Vehicles Colleen Ogilvie on the MBTA today announcing that 532 users were successfully enrolled in the MBTA’s Car-Free Seniors Pilot Program on its first day of availability. The new initiative provides free MBTA service to Massachusetts residents age 75 and older who no longer drive, which includes free travel across MBTA bus, subway, ferry and Commuter Rail services. More information about the pilot program is at <https://www.mbta.com/fares/reduced/senior-charliecard>

“This poisoning of our water is what happens when we use toxic chemicals throughout our economy for

unnecessary uses including nonstick cookware, cosmetics, personal care products and clothing. It’s time to turn off the toxic tap and stop using PFAS in so many products.”

—Deirdre Cummings, MASSPIRG Education Fund, on the report that PFAS chemicals are contaminating waterways across the United States, putting fish, wildlife and drinking water at risk. The report titled “PFAS in America’s Rivers and Lakes,” finds that PFAS were detected in Massachusetts’ waterways at 87% of the 108 testing locations from 2022 to 2024.

Somerville/Medford/Cambridge Remembering Cindy L. Linardy



Cindy Linardy Obituary

Cindy L. Linardy, a retired clerk for Tofia’s, passed away on October 9th, at the age of 60. Cindy was born in Cambridge MA in 1966, the daughter of Robert Dolson and Ruth Almeida, She was raised and educated in Cambridge, graduating from Cambridge Ringe and Latin in 1984.

In 1988, she and James Linardy were married, and they settled down to raise

their family in Malden MA. In 2018, she moved to Parkton, NC, where she had lived for nearly a decade. Cindy loved bingo, and was skilled in many crafts, especially knitting and crotchetting. She also loved gardening and attending yard sales.

She is survived by her husband James E Linardy of Malden, her daughter Erica Quigley of Parkton NC, her siblings, Carol Howe

of Lynn, Kit Rousseau of Cambridge, Hope Cooper of Malden, Henry Rousseau of Virginia, James Almeida of Everett, her grandson Daniel Quigley, as well as many loving nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Cindy was preceded in death by her son James “TJ” Linardy, and her brothers Frank Rousseau and Thomas Almeida.

Funeral services will be held from the Weir-MacCuish Funeral Home, 144 Salem St Malden, on Thursday, October 22, at 9 AM followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Josephs Church, Malden, at 10 AM. Interment to follow in Holy Cross Cemetery

Visitation will be held at the funeral home on Wednesday, October 21st, from 4 – 8 PM.

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 Immigrant 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
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Thursday, November 12
4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Somerville Office of Immigrant 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
50 Evergreen St.
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To make an appointment or learn more visit somer villema.gov/vaccinations or call 311 (617-666-3311).

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

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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 Immigrant 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
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Class Action Lawsuit Regarding Fraudulent and Inaccurate Somerville Water Bills

By William Tauro

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inaccurate readings.

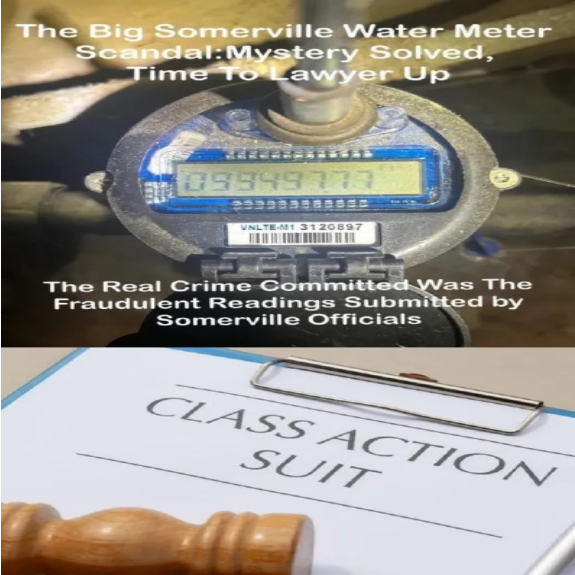
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Medford VFW #1012 Karaoke Night

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!





FIREFIGHTERS AND CANCER SCREENINGS (S 3284)



By Bob Katzen

The Senate approved, on a voice vote without a roll call, a bill mandating free insurance coverage of cancer screenings for firefighters. The firefighters would not be subject to co-payment, deductible, coinsurance or any out-of-pocket expenses. The House approved a different version of the measure in July and the Senate version now goes to the House for consideration.

The screenings would cover colon cancer, lung cancer, bladder cancer, oral cancer, thyroid cancer, skin cancer, blood cancer, breast cancer, cervical cancer,

testicular cancer and prostate cancer. The measure provides that the first screening would be conducted no later than three years after the firefighter starts the job, with subsequent screenings occurring every three years.

“Firefighters deal with it all—repeated exposure to smoke, fumes and toxic PFAS, ‘forever chemicals,’ in their turnout gear—so they can save lives and protect all of us Massachusetts residents,” said Senate Ways and Means chair Mike Rodrigues (D-Westport) who authored this redraft of a version that the House approved in July. “They deserve to know that we have their backs. The passage of this

bill today is a vitally important step forward to protect firefighters’ health, safety and dignity. We got here by building on the dedicated advocacy of first responders and families who experienced the tragic toll of line-of-duty illness. There is no question that this legislation will save lives.”

Supporters said that firefighters are more likely to get cancer than the general public and argued that these heroes need and must have early and regular access to life-saving cancer screenings. They noted that the Occupational Cancer Research Centre attributes higher rates of sickness to greater exposure to

cancer-causing hazards through inhalation of smoke, combustion by-products and PFAS used in fire protection gear.

Rep. John Lawn (D-Watertown), the House chair of the Committee on Health Care Financing and the sponsor of the original House version of the bill, did not respond to repeated requests from Beacon Hill Roll Call asking him why he sponsored the original measure and how he feels about the Senate version.

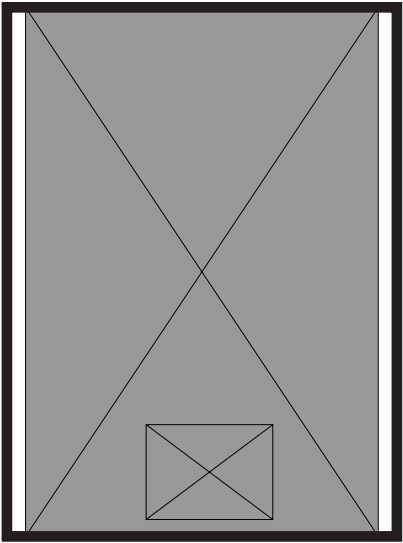
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\$2 MILLION FOR FARMS AND AGRICULTURAL BUSINESSES

By Bob Katzen

The Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR) announced more than \$2 million for the Climate Smart Agriculture Grant Program (CSAP) to help 68 Massachusetts farms and agricultural businesses buy new equipment, upgrade buildings and install clean energy systems

that cut costs and boost productivity. The grants are designed to support 78 projects to improve food safety, reduce energy costs, protect natural resources and strengthen the long-term sustainability and resilience of Massachusetts agriculture.

“The CSAP grants are an investment in our farms’ future,” said Energy and

Environmental Affairs Secretary Rebecca Tupper. “With this support, farmers can buy better equipment, improve composting and adopt climate-smart practices – making Massachusetts agriculture more resilient and ready for future generations of growers.”

“Our farmers are on the front lines of unpredict-

able and extreme weather, and the Climate Smart Agriculture Program is about giving them the tools to adapt to those pressures,” said MDAR Commissioner Ashley Randle. “By investing in operational and infrastructure upgrades, we are helping Massachusetts farms adapt to an ever-changing environment, protect their livelihoods

and continue to thrive as the backbone of our local food system that benefits us all.”

\$142 MILLION FOR HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE

By Bob Katzen

Massachusetts was awarded \$142 million by the federal government to fund the state’s Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

“No family in Massachusetts should have to choose between heating their home and affording groceries or medicine,” said U.S. Representative Lori Trahan. “With heating oil prices up nearly 75 percent from last year,

that choice is becoming a reality for far too many households. Releasing these funds early will help families prepare for the winter ahead.

But this year’s allocation falls short of last year’s at

a time when the need is greater than ever. Congress must act to restore and strengthen this lifeline.”

Bay State residents can learn about the program and apply

for it at <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/learn-about-home-energy-assistance-heap#funding-amount-information>



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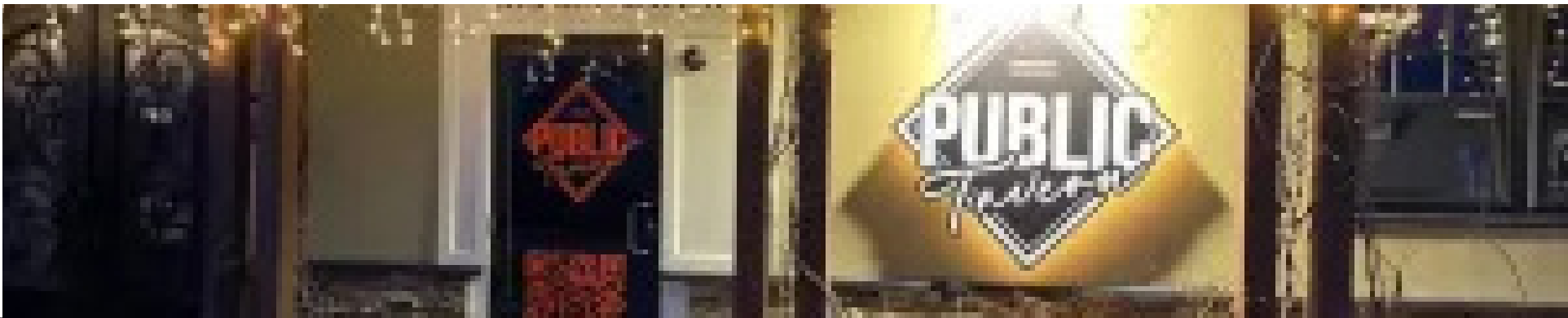
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Vote Early in the State Election at City Hall Oct. 17-30



Reminders for voter registration, vote-by-mail, and absentee ballot application deadlines

SOMERVILLE—Make your voice heard, on your schedule. Early voting for the Massachusetts State Election begins this weekend from Saturday, October 17, to Friday, October 30, at City Hall (93 Highland Ave.).

Full schedule is below:
October 17-18 – Saturday/Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
October 19-21 – Monday to Wednesday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
October 22 – Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. OPEN LATE
October 23 – Friday 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. CLOSED EARLY

October 24-25 – Saturday/Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
October 26-28 – Monday to Wednesday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
October 29 – Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. OPEN LATE
October 30 – Friday 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. CLOSED EARLY

Reminder: Ballots include nine binding questions on various subjects. You can help keep lines at the polls shorter by reviewing ballot questions in advance online at somer villema.gov/sampleballots and bringing notes with your choices. Printed voter question books are also available at City Hall. The State Election will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Key Election Reminders

Register to Vote by Saturday, October 24
Register to vote online until midnight, in person at City Hall (93 Highland Ave.) until 5 p.m., or by calling the Elections Department (617-625-6600 ext. 4200)

and requesting a voter registration form, which must be postmarked by October 24.

Vote by Mail: Apply by Tuesday, October 27, at 5 p.m. Apply online at somer villema.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.

Absentee Ballots: Apply by Tuesday, October 27, at 5 p.m. for a mail-in ballot or vote in person before Monday, November 2, at 12 p.m. noon in the Elections office. Review absentee voter eligibility and download the application at somer villema.gov/absenteevoting. Applications may be submitted in person, by mail, fax, or by e-mail (elections@somer villema.gov).

Items on the Ballot: 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, Repre-

sentative in General Court, Representative in Congress, and Register of Probate – and nine ballot questions. To view sample ballots and read ballot questions, visit somer villema.gov/sampleballots.

Accessible Voting Options and Information
Accessible vote-by-mail ballots are available to voters who require reasonable accommodations.
o Applicants must select the accessible ballot option and provide an email address. Elections then sends access instructions and a PIN.
o Voters can mark the ballot on a computer or mobile device and return it through the secure portal. Applications are due Tuesday, October 27, at 5 p.m.; electronically returned ballots are due Tuesday, November 3, at 8 p.m.
o Apply for a vote-by-mail application online or pick one up in the Elections Office at City Hall.
o Please find more vote-by-mail information below under ‘Key Election Reminders.’
Automark voting machines are available at City Hall

during early voting and on Election Day.
o They offer audio instructions and magnified, high-contrast text to help voters mark their ballots independently.
Braille Embossed and large print copies of all nine ballot questions are available for review at all three Somerville Public Library locations, the Council on Aging (167 Holland St.), and at the Elections Department at City Hall.

Visit somer villema.gov/sampleballots to find an Accessible Voter Information Guide that is designed to work with screen readers and other assistive devices. Any other accessibility requests may be made with staff in advance by contacting ada@somer villema.gov or 617-625-6600 x2059.

For more information about voting in Somerville, go to somer villema.gov/elections.

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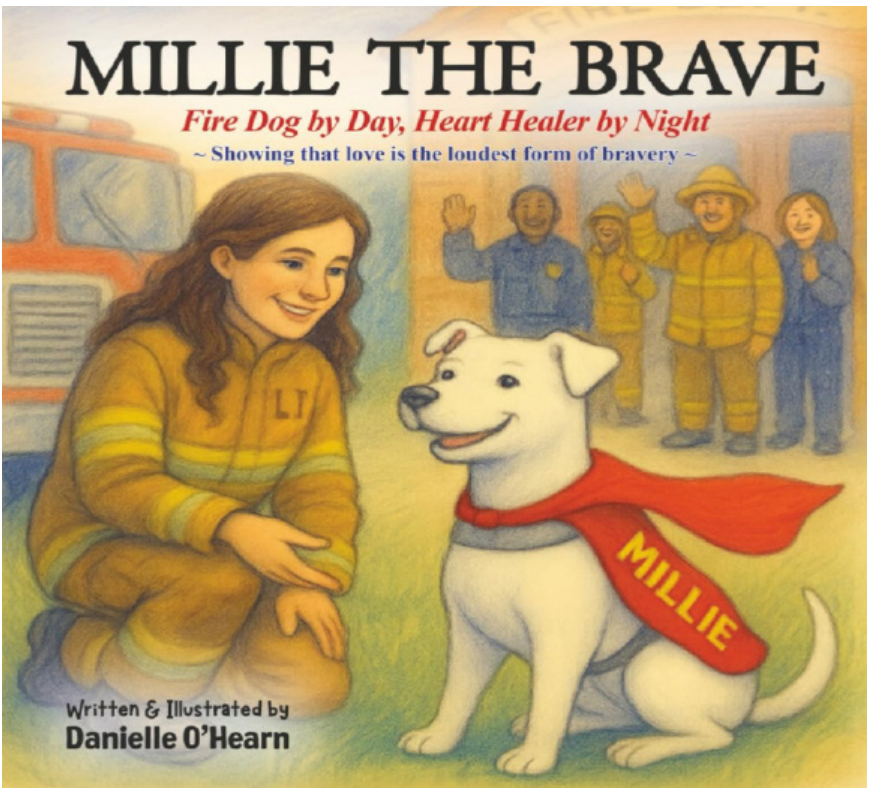
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Hey Billy
My name is Danielle we've met a few times before, I'm a firefighter in Somerville. I just came out with a children's book.

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 !

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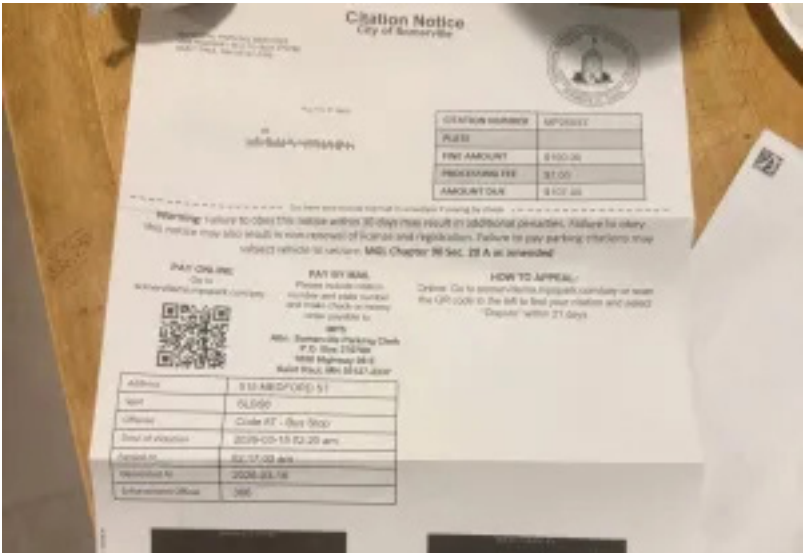


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Somerville Special Election – Dates

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.



\$1.75 MILLION TO PROTECT STUDENTS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

By Bob Katzen

The Healey Administration today announced the awarding of \$1.75 million in new funding to help Massachusetts schools protect students from the harmful impacts of social media and teach young people how to navigate the online world safely and responsibly. The grants

are designed to support schools in educating students about online safety, cyberbullying, protecting their personal information, recognizing misinformation and making healthy choices about social media use. “As a parent of two teenagers, I know how important it is to help young people

navigate social media and all the pressures that come with it,” said Education Secretary Steve Zrike. “Our kids are growing up in a world that looks very different from the one we experienced, and schools and families need to work together to help students make healthy choices. These grants will give educators more tools to have

those important conversations and help students develop the skills to stay safe online.” “These grants are designed to help students be informed, responsible users of online content, including social media,” said Elementary and Secondary Education Commissioner Pedro Martinez. “This

support will help educators to increase media literacy among students, as well as their understanding of artificial intelligence and their ability to keep themselves and their information safe.”

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Make Your Voting Plan: MA State Election on Nov. 3



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

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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:

Vote by mail
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:

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How to Vote in the State Election by Mail

Vote by Mail application deadline: Applications to vote by mail must be received by 5 p.m. by Tuesday, October 27
A postmark alone is not sufficient; it must arrive at the Elections Office by the deadline.
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:
Elections Office: Return directly to the Elections Department at City Hall
Mail: Send to the Elections Department, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143
Email or fax (for applications only): Completed applications can be emailed to vote@somervillema.gov or faxed to 617-625-5643. Ballots cannot be returned by email or fax.
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2026-140 Article V Section 5-2 “Loading/Service Zones” is amended as follows: the effective days of the three loading zone 8am-2pm spaces at 2310235 Holland St are changed from Monday-Saturday to Monday-Friday.
2026-141 Article V Section 5-15 “Parking for Persons with Disabilities” is amended with the addition of the following location: 35 Century St.
2026-142 Article V Section 5-10 “Safety Zones” is amended as follows: Fire Lane on the odd side of Eustis St from Beacon St to approximately 48 ft south of Beacon St.
2026-143 Article V Section 5-15 “Parking for Persons with Disabilities and Article V Section 5-2 “Loading/Service Zones” are amended as fol-

lows: on the south side of Winslow Ave east of College Ave, converted approximately 15 feet of accessible parking and 15 feet of 7AM-10PM 30 Minute Loading Zone to be regulated as approximately 55 feet of accessible parking spaces and 40 feet of a 7AM-7PM Loading Zone (5 min passenger vehicle, 20 min commercial vehicles).
2026-144 Article V Section 5-5 “Parking Location and Prohibitions” is amended as follows: on the east side of Holland St from approximately 200 feet north of Paulina St to approximately 340 feet north of Paulina St, converted approximately 140 feet of permit parking only to two-hour parking except by permit 8:00am-2:30am, permit parking only 2:30am-8:00am.
2026-145 Article V Section 5-5 “Parking Location and Prohibitions” is amended as follows: on the east side of Holland St from approximately 40 feet south of Paulina St to approximately 90 feet south of Paulina St, converted approximately 50 feet of permit parking only to two-hour parking except by permit 8:00am-2:30am, permit parking only 2:30am-8:00am.
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In the matter of: Josiah Nii Odoi Yemoh	Middlesex Probate and Family Court 10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801 781-865-4000	
Of: Somerville, MA		

To all interested persons, a Petition has been filed by:
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WITNESS, Hon. Terri Klug-Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 6, 2026

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WITNESS, Hon. Terri Klug-Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court.
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LOBULAR BREAST CANCER AWARENESS DAY (S 2666)

By Bob Katzen

The Senate approved and sent to the House legislation designating October 15 as Lobular Breast Cancer Awareness Day to promote awareness about the disease, stimulate related research efforts and recommending that the day be observed in an appropriate manner by the people.

“I am profoundly proud that my bill to establish October 15 as Lobular Breast Cancer Awareness Day in Massachusetts passed the Senate,” said sponsor Sen. Becca Rausch (D-Needham). “Lobular breast cancer is especially difficult to detect

and diagnose, yielding significant need for increased research funding in order to create new diagnostic tools and treatments, improving patient outcomes. Heightened awareness and increased attention can help achieve these goals and save lives.”

The bill was filed more than a year ago, approved by the Senate on October 15 and has not yet been approved by the House and signed by the governor. As a result, it will not be instituted until next October 15, 2027 if signed by the governor. Sen. Rausch did not respond to repeated requests by Beacon Hill Roll Call asking her why it has taken

more than a year for the Senate to approve such a non-controversial bill.

\$2 MILLION FOR FARMS AND AGRICULTURAL BUSINESSES –The Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR) announced more than \$2 million for the Climate Smart Agriculture Grant Program (CSAP) to help 68 Massachusetts farms and agricultural businesses buy new equipment, upgrade buildings and install clean energy systems that cut costs and boost productivity. The grants are designed to support 78 projects to improve food safety, reduce energy costs, protect natural

resources and strengthen the long-term sustainability and resilience of Massachusetts agriculture.

“The CSAP grants are an investment in our farms’ future,” said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Rebecca Tepper. “With this support, farmers can buy better equipment, improve composting and adopt climate-smart practices – making Massachusetts agriculture more resilient and ready for future generations of growers.”

“Our farmers are on the front lines of unpredictable and extreme weather, and the Climate Smart Agriculture Program is

about giving them the tools to adapt to those pressures,” said MDAR Commissioner Ashley Randle. “By investing in operational and infrastructure upgrades, we are helping Massachusetts farms adapt to an ever-changing environment, protect their livelihoods and continue to thrive as the backbone of our local food system that benefits us all.”

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Somerville Set to Release Updated Plans for Broadway Magoun Reconstruction Project at November 4 Open House



Shaped by community input, the project aims to make sections of Broadway safer and transform the Magoun Square intersection.

SOMERVILLE–The City of Somerville is planning to redesign Broadway between Winchester Street and Central Street to increase safety, improve accessibility, reduce congestion, and create a more comfortable street for everyone.

As part of this process the Magoun Square intersection (Broadway at Medford Street) will be reimagined, sidewalks will be rebuilt, and the roadway will be fully repaved.

After a year of engaging community members, analyzing traffic patterns, and refining concept designs, the City is sharing updated plans with the community for feedback at an upcoming open house.

When: Wednesday, November 4, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Where: Healey School, 5 Meacham Street

At the open house, community members can explore different stations describing the design and development of the project. Attendees will be able to talk directly with project staff about their questions and comments. Food and beverage will be

provided.

Following the open house, there will be other opportunities for people to participate in including an online survey, street outreach pop-up events, a virtual office hour, and more.

After gathering more feedback on the design through the fall, the project team will work over the winter to finalize the design and prepare for construction between 2027 and 2028.

Visit somervillema.gov/broadwaymagoun for more information about the open house and project details.

More About the Design Process

This past spring, neighbors, community group representatives, small business owners, and workers shared their input on a conceptual design that included raised crosswalks, new crosswalks, protected bike lanes, and improved bus stops.

The City also presented three options for the Magoun Square Intersection (Broadway at Medford Street) focused on improving safety, providing more comfortable options for all people traveling through the intersection, and reducing congestion. At the upcoming open house the City will share the preferred option for

the intersection.

In addition to the community feedback, the design is informed by Somerville’s commitment to Vision Zero (a commitment to eliminate traffic deaths and serious injury) and the City’s Bicycle Network Plan (a roadmap for expanding bicycle safety and features across the city).

To learn more about the project, including details on the final design and feedback from the community process, please visit somervillema.gov/broadwaymagoun.

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

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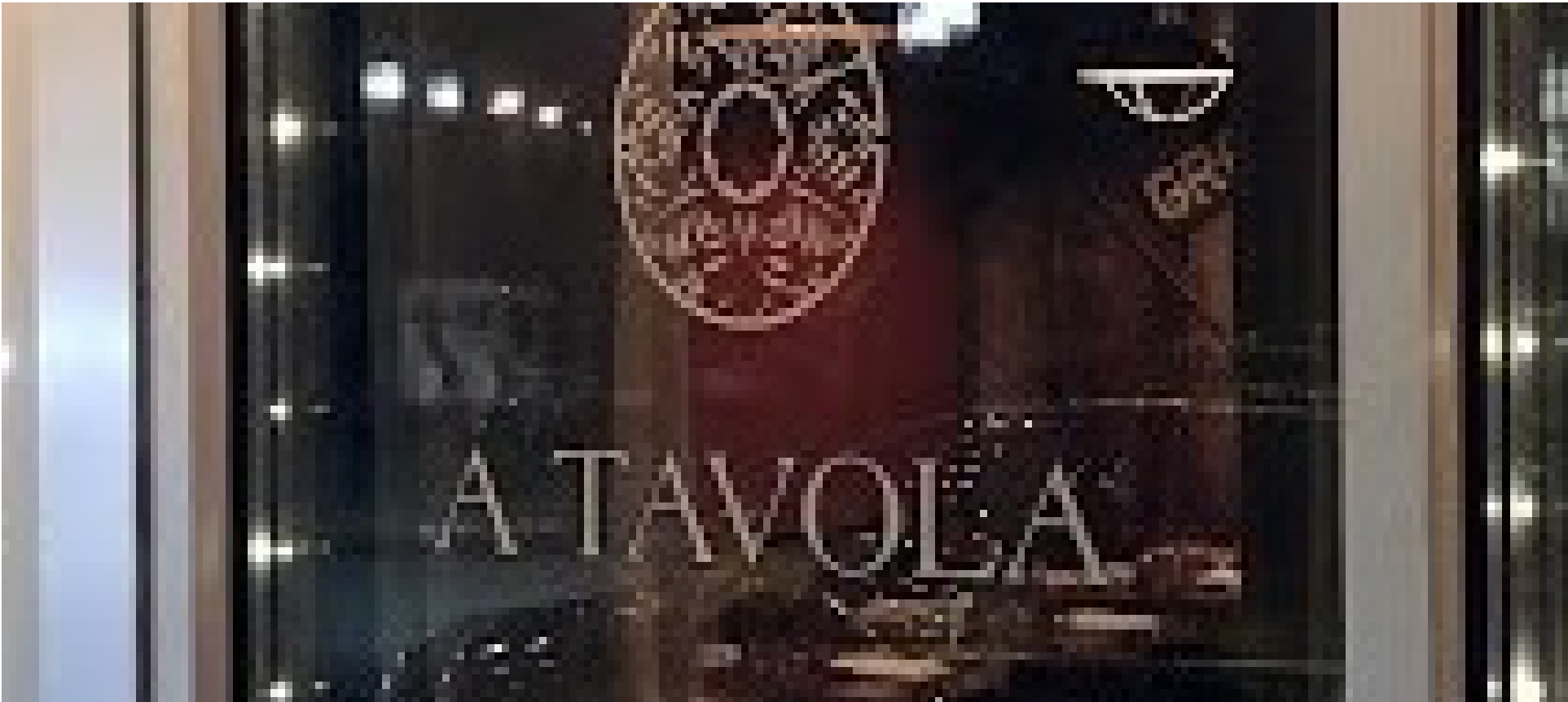
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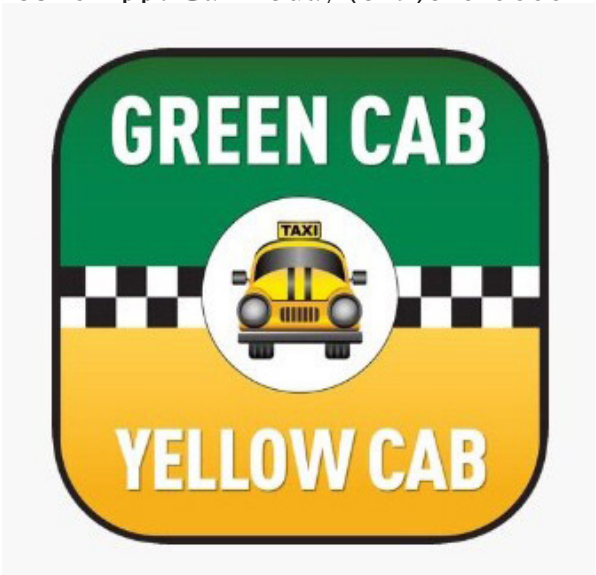


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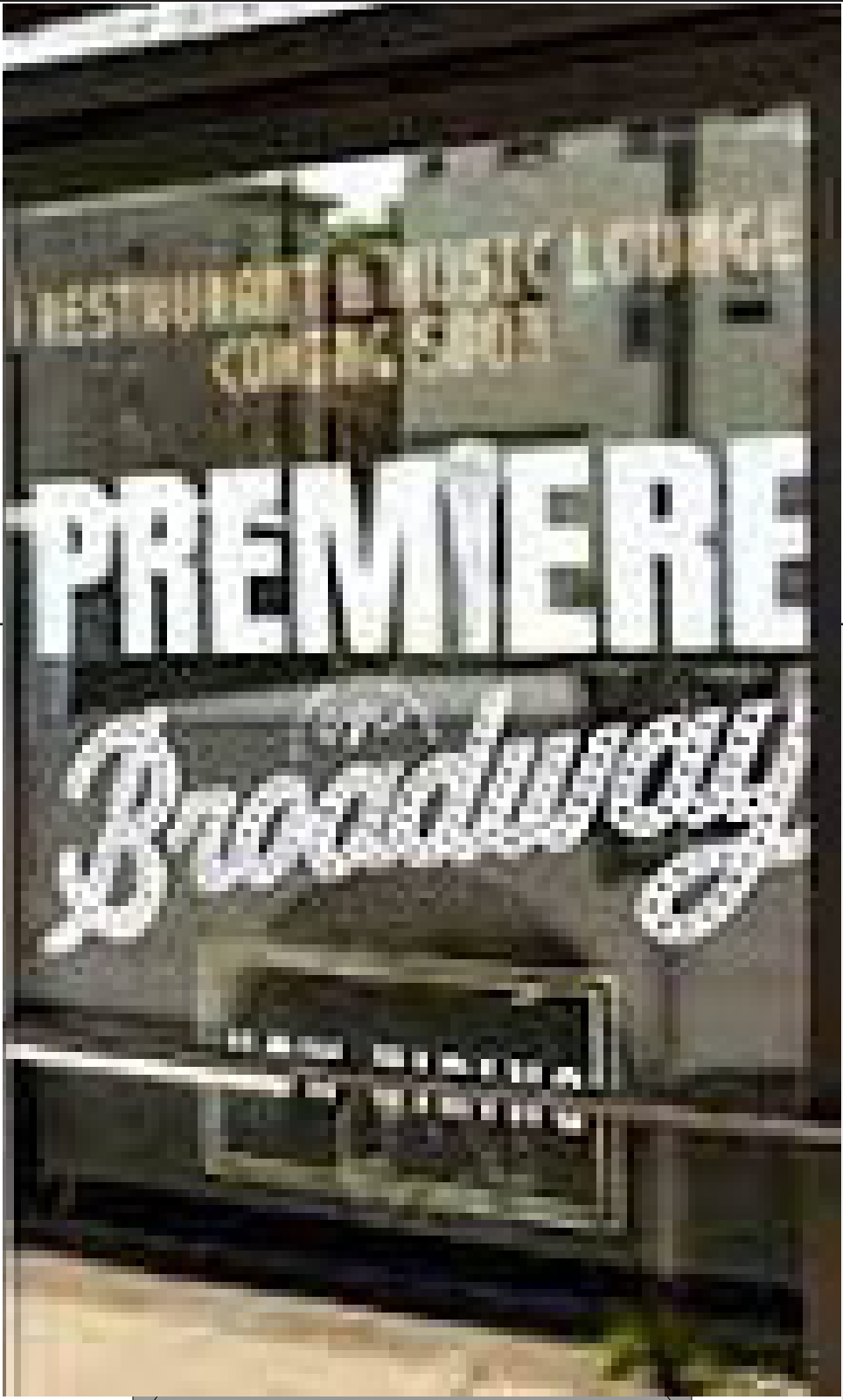
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