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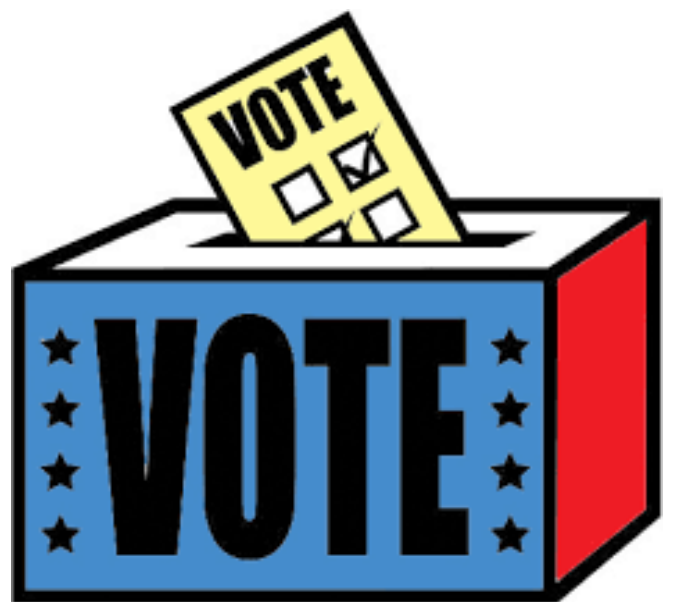
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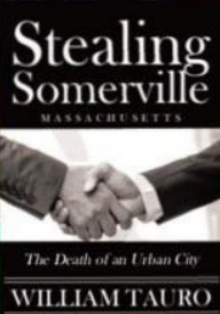
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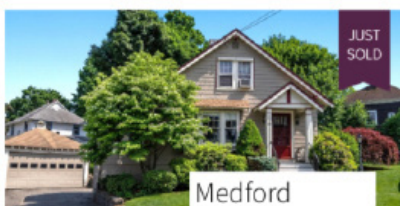
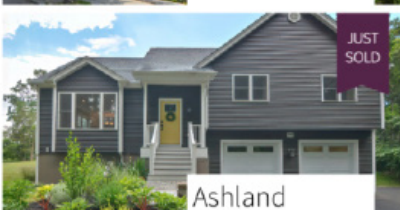
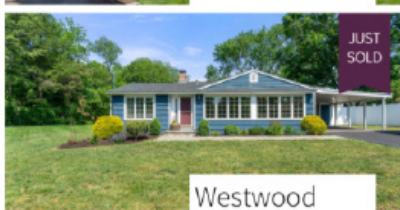
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Somerville/Medford Remembering Marie A. (Sinkiewicz) Danieli



Marie A. (Sinkiewicz) Danieli – Of Somerville, formerly of South Boston, passed away on Thursday, October 22, 2026, after a courageous battle with cancer. She was 68 years old.

Born in Boston and proudly raised in Southie, Marie was the beloved

daughter of the late Anthony J. and Ann (Shyp) Sinkiewicz. She spent many dedicated years as the Executive Corporate Secretary at Winter Hill Bank on Broadway in Somerville, a position she took great pride in. Marie was known for her diligence, organization, and ability to keep everything running smoothly. She always seemed to have an answer to every question and a solution to every problem before it even arose.

Outside of work, Marie was actively involved with the Somerville Kiwanis Club and the Somerville Chamber of Commerce, generously giving her time to help plan and volunteer at numerous community events. She took great pride in being involved in her community and was always willing to lend a helping hand wherever one was needed.

Of all the roles Marie held throughout her life, the ones she cherished most were being a wife and mother. Her love for her husband and children was immeasurable, and she always put their needs before her own, even when she was facing challenges herself. Caring for others came naturally to Marie, and her kindness extended well beyond her family. Whenever someone needed help, support, or simply someone to count on, Marie was there without hesitation.

Although Marie may not have been Italian by heritage, she certainly knew her way around an Italian kitchen! She loved preparing delicious meals, hosting holiday gatherings, and welcoming family and friends into her home. Nothing brought her greater happiness than seeing others enjoy the food she had lovingly prepared and spend-

ing time surrounded by the people she cared about. In her quieter moments, Marie enjoyed playing word games and crocheting, finding pleasure in the simple things that made life special.

Marie will be remembered for her generous heart, her unwavering dedication to her family, her strong work ethic, and the countless ways she made life a little easier and brighter for those around her. Above all, she will be deeply missed by the many people who were fortunate enough to know and love her.

Beloved wife of 45 years to the late John J. Danieli who passed away in March of this year. Devoted mother of Carolyn Danieli and John Danieli and his wife Sarah. Loving sister of Kenneth Sinkiewicz and his wife MaryEllen, Beverly Sinkiewicz,

Joann Adrian and her husband Tom, Joseph Sinkiewicz, Susan Cotnam and her husband Dale, and Paul Sinkiewicz and his partner Linda Manning. Also lovingly survived by many loving nieces, nephews and in-laws.

A funeral procession will be held on Friday, October 30th from the George L. Doherty Funeral Home 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.) at 10:00AM. Followed by a funeral mass celebrated in St. Raphael Church 512 High ST. AT 11:00AM.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

Calling hours will be held on Thursday from 4:00PM to 7:00PM.

Services will conclude with interment at Calvary Cemetery, Winchester.

Somerville/Medford Remembering Mary Francine (Foley) Sahlas



Obituary
Mary Francine (Foley) Sahlas, 89, of Medford, formerly of Somerville, passed away peacefully on October 20, 2026, at Tufts Medical Center.

Born in Boston, Francine was the eldest of six children of the late Daniel W. “Bill” (“Manki”) Foley and Mary “Ma” (Bannon) Foley of Somerville. She grew up in Somerville, attended Saint Ann’s Catholic School, and graduated from St. John’s School in Cambridge. In 1957, she married Charles Sahlas Sr. of Cambridge, and together they raised their four children in Somerville

At the center of Francine’s life were her four children, whom she loved fiercely and of whom she was

enormously proud. Their bond was built on love, loyalty, friendship, and laughter. She remained deeply involved in their lives, always ready to offer advice, encouragement, and support. There was little she wouldn’t do for her children, and they knew they could always count on her.

Her home was always open to family, friends, and the occasional stray, whether human or animal. To her children and their friends alike, she was affectionately known as “Mom,” a reflection of the warmth, love, and sense of belonging she gave to everyone she welcomed into her life. Many of those friendships endured throughout the years. But when a situation called for someone to take charge, she earned the family nickname “the General.” With her confidence, sound judgment, and natural ability to lead, she was someone family and friends instinctively turned to for guidance.

A hardworking and independent woman, she held several positions throughout her life, including at Legal Sea Foods in Inman Square and Polaroid in Cambridge. She later established her own business, “Time Savers,” serving business professionals. Her business afforded her the flexibility to work from home or at her clients’ locations while remaining actively involved

in her family’s life. She took great pride in her strong work ethic and the career she built.

She was truly a remarkable woman—a force of nature. Intelligent, sharp-witted, generous, and kind, she was deeply devoted to her family and a lifelong animal lover. With her unmistakable presence, impeccable style, natural beauty, and wonderful sense of humor, she possessed a warmth and charisma that drew people to her and left a lasting impression.

Blessed with an extraordinary memory for names, faces, places, and personal details, she had a remarkable ability to make connections wherever she went, often turning casual encounters with restaurant staff, shopkeepers, and fellow travelers into lasting friendships.

Among her favorite traditions were annual trips to Aruba with her sisters and their families, lifelong getaways to Maine, and frequent visits to Florida. She also enjoyed shopping, good food, laughter, and cheering on her beloved Boston sports teams.

In later years, Francine and her sister Isabel lived side by side as neighbors, where their individual front doors did little to separate their lives or their families. As Is-

abel’s health declined, she devoted much of her time to caring for and supporting her, reflecting the extraordinary bond they shared throughout their lives.

Francine was the beloved wife of the late Charles Sahlas Sr. and devoted mother of Mary Francis “Francin” (Sahlas) Breen, wife of the late Michael Breen; Charles “Chas” Sahlas Jr. and his wife, Tricia (Bertocchi) Sahlas; William G. “Bill” Sahlas and his wife, Julie; and Stephen E. Sahlas, husband of the late Janis Thompson.

She was the cherished grandmother of seven grandchildren: Alexandra “Alex” Sahlas and the late Mary Frances “Franki” Sahlas; Phoebe and Jack Sahlas; and Nicholas, Samantha, and Matthew Sahlas. She was also the proud great-grandmother of two great-granddaughters, Senna and Payson.

She is survived by her beloved youngest sister, Nancy (Foley) Lynch of Somerville, and many cherished nieces, nephews, extended family members, and dear friends. She shared a particularly special bond with her nephew Joseph, whom she loved as a son and whom her children affectionately regarded as their brother.

She was predeceased by her treasured siblings, Isabel “Doll” H.

Shea, Phyllis R. Foley, Daniel W. Foley III, and Richard G. Foley; and her brother-in-law, Robert Scioletti Sr.

She will be remembered for her strength, generosity, quick wit, and extraordinary ability to bring people together. Her devotion to family, enduring friendships, and the countless lives she touched will remain her lasting legacy.

Funeral Arrangements

Relatives and friends are invited to attend calling hours on Monday, November 2, 2026, at the George L. Doherty Funeral Home, 855 Broadway (Powder House Square), Somerville, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. A prayer service will follow at the funeral home at 12:30 p.m.

Interment will be held privately at Oak Grove Cemetery in Medford.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Francine’s memory to Susan G. Komen, the Breast Cancer Research Foundation (BCRF), or a charity of one’s choice.

Somerville/Medford Remembering Kimberly (St. John) Moore



Kimberly (St. John) Moore – Of Sarasota, Florida, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, October 21, 2026, at the young age of 61.

Born in Somerville and raised in Tewksbury, Kim was the beloved

daughter of the late Robert J. St. John and Theresa L. (Langley) St. John. Kim had a fun-loving spirit and a creative side. In her younger years, she loved dancing, was involved in 4-H, attended the Barbizon School of Modeling, and enjoyed participating in beauty pageants. She also had a love for writing poetry, expressing herself through the words she put on paper.

Family always came first for Kim. When her father passed away, she stepped up to help her mother raise her two younger sisters. That was who Kim was: someone who cared deeply for her family and would do whatever she could to help the people she loved. Throughout her life, she continued to be there for her family, always putting their

needs before her own.

Of all the roles Kim held in her life, being a mom was the one she cherished most. Her children were her heart, and being their mother brought her a love and purpose that meant everything to her. She wanted nothing more than to see her children happy and to make sure they had everything they needed and more. That same unconditional love carried on to her grandchildren, who brought her so much joy. Kim’s greatest happiness came from loving her children and grandchildren, and she gave everything she had to make their lives better. Her family was her world, and the love she gave them will remain with them always.

Kim earned her associate degree in

Criminal Justice, but her greatest accomplishments were not measured by a degree or a career. They were found in the sacrifices she made, the love she gave, and the countless ways she showed up for the people who mattered most to her.

Kim deserved so much more than life gave her. Her unexpected passing leaves behind a tremendous heartache for all who loved her, especially the family who meant everything to her. Though her time here was far too short, the love she poured into her children, grandchildren, and family will never be forgotten. She will be missed more than words can express and will forever hold a special place in the hearts of those she leaves behind.

Beloved wife of the late Dennis M. Moore who was the love of her life. Devoted mother of Dylan Moore and his wife Tori Hogan-Wilging, Dennis Moore, Jr., Jacqueline Moore, Kevin Speck and his wife Nikki Sexton. Loving grandmother of Trenton, Jaydan and Kynston Moore. Cherished great grandmother of Taliyah Moore. Dear sister and her best friend of Charlene Mountcastle and her husband David and the late Roberta “Bobbie-Joe” St. John. The loving god mother of Nicole and Jimmy. Also lovingly survived by many loving nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

A graveside service will be held at Woodlawn Cemetery and will be announced.



Hear from the project architects, the Mayor, and Superintendent about plans for our next new school building and share your perspective



SOMERVILLE— The City is planning to build a new school at 115 Sycamore Street. All community members are invited to come learn more about the project and share their perspectives at an upcoming community forum:

Time and Date: Tuesday, Novem-

ber 10, from 6 to 8 p.m.
Location: Somerville High School, Highlander Forum, 81 Highland Avenue

During this meeting Mayor Wilson and Superintendent Carmona will speak to the City and District's shared vision for the project, which is informed both by community process as well as district needs. Project architects, Perkins Eastman, will then present the preferred design option for the project, which was submitted to the state in late August—providing an overview of how the building will support the diverse learning needs of Somerville's students and incorporate

a range of community priorities into the design.

The design team will provide an overview of the process moving forward with particular emphasis on the next phase of the process: schematic design. This design phase is when we move from general plans to incorporating a much higher degree of detail into the plan. Everything from the seating in the cafetorium, building materials, our heating and cooling systems, and much more will be developed in detail.

Following presentations, there will be an opportunity to ask questions and discuss. Commu-

nity members can share their thoughts on how the building can best serve our students as well as express any concerns they might have.

The information and feedback gathered will be used by the City's project team and architects to help advance design efforts and work moving forward.

Newsletter, Website, and Contact for the New School at 115 Sycamore

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SUSPEND THE STATE'S 24-CENTS-PER-GALLON GAS TAX FOR TWO MONTHS (H 5699)



By Bob Katzen

House 30-132, rejected an amendment that would suspend the state's 24-cents-per-gallon gas tax for two months.

"People across Massachusetts are feeling the squeeze of rising costs, and they deserve action, not excuses" said amendment sponsor Rep. Todd Smola (R-Warren). "A 60-day gas tax holiday is a practical way to deliver meaningful relief to families, commuters and small businesses. Every dollar matters when people are working hard to make ends meet. We have a responsibility to use the tools available to us to ease that burden and put taxpayers first. Our job is to deliver results for the people we represent, and this is an opportunity to put real savings back in the hands of Massachusetts residents. The Legislature missed an opportunity to help those in

need."
"Families across the state are struggling with gas prices that are averaging about \$4.28 a gallon," said GOP Minority Leader Rep. Brad Jones (R-North Reading). "I supported the proposed gas tax holiday because it would provide temporary but tangible relief at the pump for Massachusetts residents, while still addressing the commonwealth's transportation infrastructure needs by using Fair Share money to backfill these lost revenues."
"The governor's two-month gas tax suspension would have provided some relief at the pump, while [Republican gubernatorial candidate]

Mike Minogue has proposed a more substantial approach that would suspend the gas tax whenever prices rise above \$4 a gallon," said Massachusetts Fiscal Alliance Executive Director Paul Craney. "There are ideas on the table to give taxpayers a break, but legislative leaders don't seem interested in any of them. Massachusetts families are being squeezed from every direction, and Beacon Hill's response is to keep collecting every penny it can from them at the pump."
"It's a short-term political fix that will do virtually nothing to assuage the high prices currently squeezing our constituents, providing minimal savings at most for the aver-

age taxpayer," said amendment opponent Rep. Adriane Madaro (D-East Boston). "The amendment also fails to guarantee that oil companies and gas station chains simply won't pocket the difference, using this temporary cut to increase profit margins rather than lowering the price at the pump for consumers."
(A "Yes" vote is for suspending the state's 24-cents-per-gallon gas tax for two months. A "No" vote is against suspension and favors keeping intact the state's 24-cents-per-gallon gas tax.)
Rep. Christine Barber No
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OFFSHORE WIND (H 5700)

By Bob Katzen

House 25-129, rejected an amendment that would delete a section of the budget that would transfer \$35 million, in fiscal years 2026 and 2027, from the General Fund to the Massachusetts Offshore Wind Industry Investment Trust Fund.

“Offshore wind has demonstrated serious challenges with its economic viability and con-

tinues to depend heavily on taxpayer subsidies,” said amendment sponsor Rep. Ken Sweeney (R-Duxbury). “At the same time, our commercial fishermen have raised significant concerns about the safety and economic impacts of these projects on an industry that has supported Massachusetts communities for generations. I cannot justify committing up to another \$70 million in taxpayer dollars to subsidize large

energy corporations, and I will always stand with our fishing industries and local blue economy partners.”

Amendment opponent Rep. Mark Cusack (D-Braintree) said that despite setbacks, offshore wind remains vital to our economic growth, providing thousands of good-paying jobs and helping to power our ever-growing climate tech economy. He noted that

the fund in Massachusetts has supported more than 3,700 jobs over the course of construction and generated more than \$380 million in direct wages and benefits for workers. He argued that the fund has played a vital role in building and sustaining this industry.

(A “Yes” vote is for the amendment which would keep the \$70 million in the General Fund. A “No” vote is against the amend-

ment and supports putting the \$70 million in the Offshore Wind Industry Investment Trust Fund.)

Rep. Christine Barber No
Rep. Mike Connolly No
Rep. Paul Donato No
Rep. Erika Uytterhoeven No

\$38 MILLION TO HELP FAMILIES REDUCE MEDICAL DEBT



By Bob Katzen

An estimated 70,000 Massachusetts residents are soon going to receive letters announcing that they will receive a portion of more than \$38 million in direct medical debt relief under a nonprofit partnership created by the Atrius Health Equity Foundation. The foundation has erased more than \$293 million in medical debt since it started in 2024.

Supporters note that there is no

application process for this debt relief, and it cannot be requested. Patients are automatically selected if they meet certain income criteria and their medical debt is available for acquisition through a partnership with a provider, such as a hospital or collection agency. Patients receiving the letters do not need to take any action. The eligible medical debt will automatically be eliminated for those who qualify, no strings attached and negative credit score marks will be removed.

“Medical debt not only impacts families’ long-term financial future, but also makes people reluctant to seek care,” said Dr. Ann Hwang, president of the Atrius Health Equity Foundation. “Our hope is that the patients and families across Eastern Massachusetts aided by this debt relief can move forward without this burden.”

“For too many patients, an unexpected illness or medical emergency can create financial

hardship that lasts long after they leave the hospital, ER or doctor’s office,” said Undue Medical Debt CEO and President, Allison Sesso. “Eliminating medical debt gives people a meaningful fresh start and ensures that getting the care they need doesn’t come at the cost of their economic security and mental health.”

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PROTECT PETS DURING EMERGENCIES (H 1559)

By Bob Katzen

On February 5, The House gave initial approval to a proposal that would make major changes in laws about pets in homes, apartments, hotels and shelters across the state during a state of emergency. The measure is designed to allow owners of pets to remain safely housed and not be formally removed from housing due to their pets. No further action has been taken on the proposal and it remains stalled in the Bills in Third Reading Committee.

Supporters say that pets are very important to their owners and argue that these new laws would be fair to the pets, owners and landlords while also protecting public safety. The bill would prohibit a landlord from “initiating action to evict any person from a residential dwelling unit who has a pet without written permission based solely on the presence of the pet until one year after a state of emergency, unless the presence of pets is causing harm to the safety of other residents.”

Key provisions include prohibiting a hotel from unreasonably refusing to allow pets into a hotel during a state of emergency, unless the pet has demonstrated noise and safety concerns; prohibiting condominium associations from discriminating against owners or renters by banning certain types of dogs based on breed, size, weight or appearance; establishing a program of pet ownership by residents of state-aided public housing; and allowing landlords to require a tenant to pay additional rent for “common

household pets” but limiting the amount of the additional rent charged for each household pet to not more than 1 percent of the first full month’s rent charged to the tenant. Other provisions include prohibiting landlords from charging additional rent for a service or assistance animal required by a tenant with a disability as a reasonable accommodation under state or federal law; and prohibiting an insurance company from refusing to offer or renew insurance to homeowners or renters or from

imposing an increased premium or rate of a policy based on a specific breed of dog owned on the property.

EXPAND HOME OWNERSHIP

By Bob Katzen

The Healey Administration announced the launch of “Move-In Mass,” a new initiative to expand homeownership opportunities across the Bay State by supporting innovative, cost-effective approaches to building starter homes. The program is expected to support at least 20 homes in its first round, with financing designed to be repaid and reinvested in future housing developments.

Supporters say that Move-In Mass will encourage the use of manufactured, modular and other innovative construction methods that can reduce development costs, shorten construction timelines and make homes more affordable for first-time homebuyers. The initiative aims to build quality homes at lower costs while reducing reliance on state subsidies, allowing public investments to support additional housing opportunities over time.

“Buying your first home should be an exciting milestone, but for too many people in Massachusetts, it feels out of reach,” said Gov. Maura Healey. “We’re working to change that by helping first-time homebuyers with down payments and building more housing to bring down costs. Move-In Mass is another way we’re making homeownership more attainable by lowering the

cost of building starter homes. We want more people to have the opportunity to put down roots, build equity and raise their families right here in Massachusetts.” “Gov. Healey and I want Massachusetts to be a place where people can grow up, get a good job, buy their first home and build a future,” said Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll. “That’s why we’re focused on creating more opportunities for first-time

homebuyers, from making down payments more affordable to increasing the supply of starter homes. Move-In Mass gives us another tool to work with communities and developers to build quality homes at lower costs and help more families achieve the dream of homeownership.”

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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)
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Monday, November 16
2 – 3 p.m.
Council on Aging
167 Holland St.
18 and older
Thursday, November 19
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By William Tauro

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inaccurate readings.

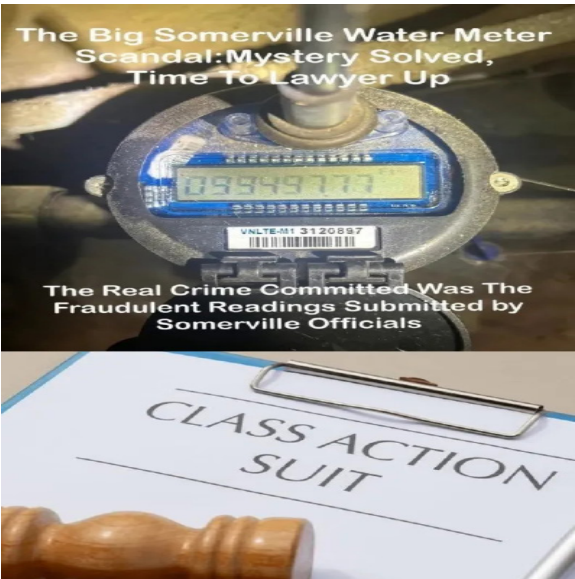
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Please feel free to message me or email me at Wm-tauro@aol.com with any inquiries about joining the list of potential plaintiffs in this class action lawsuit.



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!

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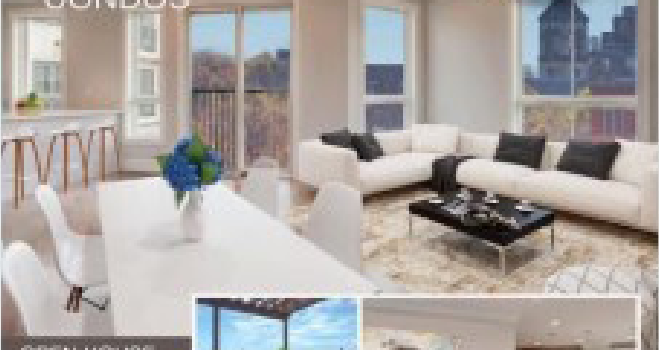
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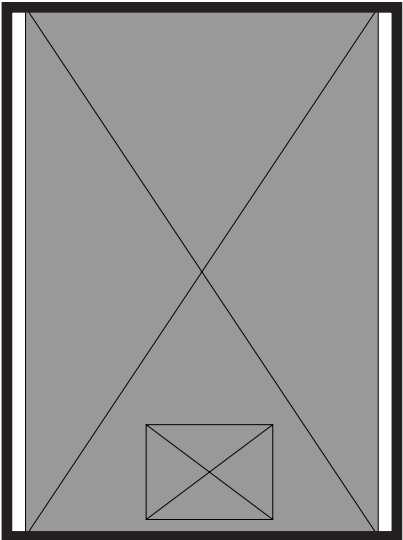
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Lydia Warren Named Somerville Arts & Culture Director



Arts leader and musician brings experience supporting working artists and building community partnerships

SOMERVILLE — Lydia Warren, PhD, an award-winning arts administrator and musician whose work has connected cultural organizations with the communities they serve, joined the City of Somerville as its new Arts & Culture (SAC) Director on October 19. Her appointment follows an extensive national

search led by a hiring team that included the Mayor Jake Wilson and his team, SAC interim director and the SAC Board Chair.

A Franklin, Massachusetts, native, Warren got her start performing at blues jams across the state and in Somerville, including one of her first at Johnny D's in Davis Square. A Boston Music Award nominee, she earned her bachelor's degree in music at Smith College. She brings those local roots and her experience leading cultural institutions, securing grants, and supporting working artists to Somerville's existing Arts & Culture team.

"So much of what people love about Somerville comes from our arts community and the work the Arts and Culture team has done to support it," said Mayor Wilson. "Lydia grew up in Massachusetts and got her start in our local music scene. She knows firsthand what goes into building a life in the arts in Somerville. She understands both what people are up against and also the strength and opportunities of our creative community. I'm excited to welcome her home and build on that strong foundation with our Arts & Culture team."

Warren most recently served as director of

the Frank and Jane Gabor West Virginia Folklife Center at Fairmont State University. There, she managed a museum, performance space, library, and archive, and worked with community members and scholars to develop exhibitions, concerts, and workshops. Under her leadership, the center received the West Virginia Association of Museums' 2025 Institution of the Year award. Warren also received a 2025 Leadership in the Arts award in Fairmont.

Her approach is informed by her own years as a full-time musician. While conducting dissertation research in Memphis, Tennessee, Warren performed in house bands on Beale Street and heard fellow musicians' concerns about the cost of parking near their workplaces. Working with the Downtown Memphis Commission, she helped establish a low-cost parking program for musicians.

That experience reflects a focus that runs through her work: listening to the people who sustain a community's cultural life and helping address the barriers they face. Her research and practice examine equity in music, tourism, and the arts.

"As a musician, I know how much happens behind the scenes to make a performance or a community event possible," said Warren. "I'm looking forward to meeting the artists, residents, and organizations who make Somerville's arts community so strong, learning about their work, and building on it together."

Warren previously directed the Morton Museum of Collierville History in Tennessee, where she developed exhibitions, festivals, and educational programs with musicians, community members, and scholars. She also worked at the University of Memphis, helping researchers develop and submit grant proposals.

She has secured support for research and programming from the Library of Congress, Mid Atlantic Arts, and the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History. She has served as a grant panelist for the National Endowment for the Arts and National Endowment for the Humanities and serves on the board of the Craft Emergency Relief Fund.

Warren earned her doctorate in Critical and Comparative Music Studies from the Univer-

sity of Virginia, a bachelor's degree in music from Smith College, and an associate degree in music from Middlesex Community College.

Meet the Director Lydia Warren at the Arts Town Hall, December 8, 6-8 p.m. Warehouse XI, 11 Sanborn Court, Union Square, Somerville.

At the Town Hall, Mayor Jake Wilson and Somerville Arts & Culture invite you to hear a report back on the Mayor's Arts Listening Tour, meet new Arts & Culture Director Lydia Warren, take a lookback at a range of 2026 programs and initiatives from the Cultural Trust and Nibble Kitchen news to our four new Board members and the opening of the Diamond Factory pop-up art gallery, and then open up for questions, discussions, and your ideas.

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OFFICIAL JAZZ SONG OF MASSACHUSETTS (H 3407)

By Bob Katzen

The House gave initial approval to a measure designating the song, "Massachusetts," sung by Springfield native Montenia

Shider, as the state's official jazz song.

Supporters said the bill will honor 79-year-old Shider, who has been singing for more than 40 years and also

taught music.

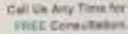
Rep. Orlando Ramos (D-Springfield), the sponsor of the proposal, did not respond to repeated requests by Beacon Hill Roll

Call asking him to comment on initial approval of his bill and why he filed it.

The song was written by Andy Razaf and Charles Roberts and first recorded

in July 1942 by Gene Krupa, many years before Shider recorded it in the 1990s, with new lyrics focused on western Massachusetts.

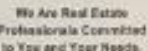














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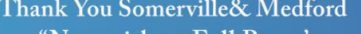
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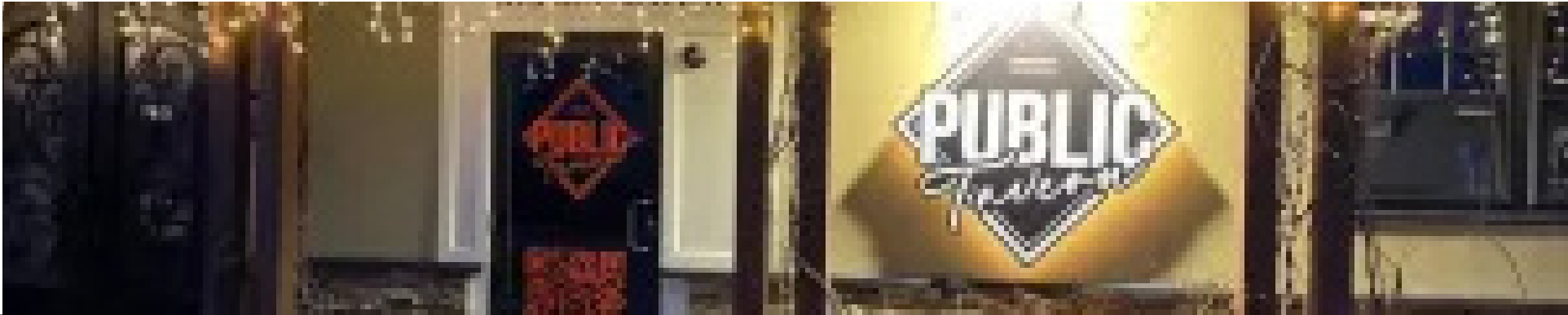








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Reminders for voter registration, vote-by-mail, and absentee ballot application deadlines

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
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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

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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).

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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

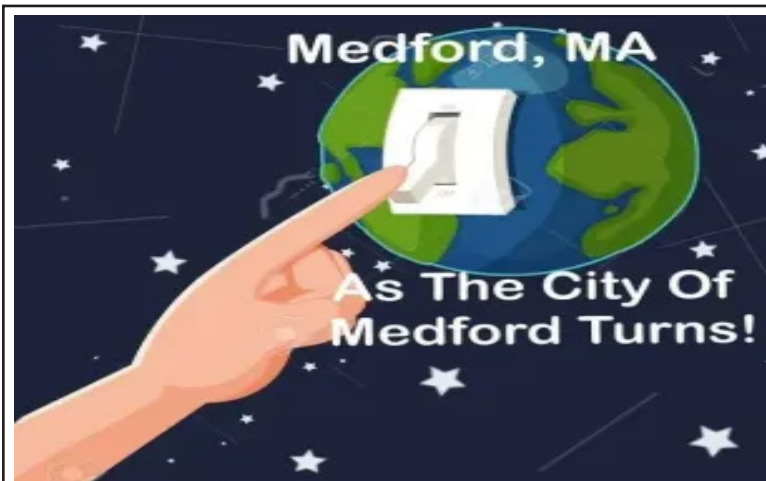
during early voting and on Election Day.
o They offer audio instructions and magnified, high-contrast text to help voters mark their ballots independently. Braille Embossed and large print copies of all nine ballot questions are available for review at all three Somerville Public Library locations, the 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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As Medford Turns: Sshhhhh...it’s Private!



Well, it is a long time reckoning problems in Private Ways and now out of the bag! To review, many private ways in Medford are damaged, potholed like many cities, neglected, dangerous for walkers/ drivers/bikers, and many have no sidewalks. Property owners years ago have the City plows as a right, but repairs to the above remained askew in answers for help for years.

Private way homebuyers can seek them because these streets do have perks like control of footage to the street. No Public parking. But these streets are often abused and hard to rally residents to rally\$\$ for issues.

The meeting was sparked by a recent injury lawsuit on a private way. Owners on ways pay taxes and also see, have local TRAF- FIC all day and night like other public streets....one, verrrry busy one is Mass Ave off Governors. Seems homeowners pay for this

flow thru...with repairs, City CAN PLOW SNOW. The Motion at Mtg is Council will Check with a lawyer of maintenance and liability. Wonder what that consult will cost. Oh my, you know we have no active lawyer or LAW DEPT since the Mayor abolished that.

I raised the issue of how far out is a homeowner responsible? What about portion re home size? I am planning to seek advice from a near Cityand offer some info. We can watch for a posting of

another Private Way meeting, hope soon as leaf pickups are here, 5 year old holes here and Winter coming. If you have any issue, past experience with a result, kindly feel free to contact me at sharondeyeso@yahoo.com or send info if no computer: Sharon Deyeso. 130 Circuit Rd.

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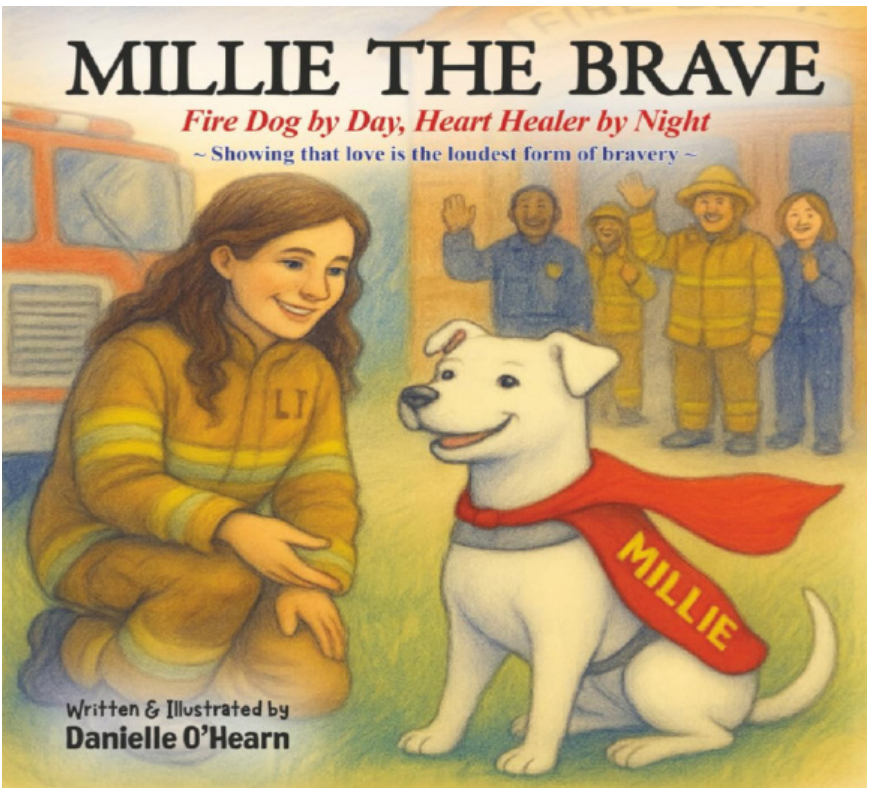
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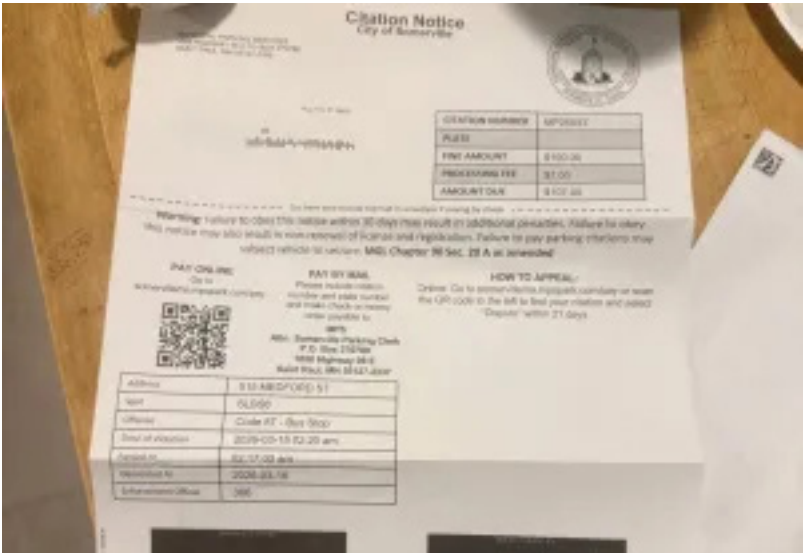


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Somerville Special Election – Dates

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.



\$2.8 BILLION FISCAL 2026 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET (H 5700)

By Bob Katzen

House 152-0, approved and sent to the Senate a \$2.354 billion fiscal 2026 budget to close out the books on fiscal year 2026.

Provisions include \$1.8 billion for MassHealth, the state’s Medicaid program that provides health care for low-income and disabled persons; \$159 million for snow and ice removal costs; \$54.5 million for Department of Transitional Assistance caseworkers; \$22.5 million for no-cost calls by prisoners; \$5.6 million to implement cannabis-related legislation; and \$4 million for rest homes.

Other provisions include prohibiting the constitutional offi-

cers from spending or authorizing the use of public funds for advertisements or promotions to build personal recognition, but preserving their ability to use public funds to inform residents about state programs; regulating the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in political ads by requiring the disclosure of AI use in political ads and banning deceptive communications about a candidate or about the electoral process within three months of an election; authorizing online Lottery revenues to be distributed to the Early Education Grant Fund; and eliminating the \$10 surcharge imposed on car-sharing organization rentals.

“This supplemental budget will close the books on fiscal year

2026 in a balanced and fiscally responsible manner,” said Rep. Aaron Michlewitz (D-Boston), Chair of the House Committee on Ways and Means. “By making critical investments into much needed programs in healthcare, Department of Transitional Assistance caseworkers and early education to name a few, the commonwealth will be in a strong fiscal position for fiscal year 2027 and beyond.”

“I supported the fiscal year 2026 closeout supplemental budget because it includes funding to address shortfalls in several important state programs, including MassHealth and snow and ice removal,” said Republican Minority Leader Rep. Brad Jones (R-North Reading). “It

also provides rate increases for nursing home facilities and early childcare providers and expands the Massachusetts School Building Authority’s ability to provide grants to communities to rehabilitate their schools and build new education facilities, which will be of tremendous help to our cities and towns.”

Although the budget was approved unanimously, it wasn’t without its critics. “The Massachusetts Legislature just passed an annual budget that went into effect on July 1,” said Massachusetts Fiscal Alliance Executive Director Paul Craney. “Now, they are passing another budget on top of the one they just passed. This additional spending shows how mismanaged our state is from the top. Instead of

getting their spending under control, they just view the taxpayers as their ATM machine. Voters can send them a message by voting ‘Yes’ on Ballot Question 5, which will send refunds back to the taxpayers when the state collects too much from its taxpayers.”

(A “Yes” vote is for the budget.)

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Somerville Sharing Final Reminders Ahead of Nov. 3 State Election



Final deadline to apply for mail-in ballots is, today, October 27 at 5 p.m.

SOMERVILLE– Your voice, your vote. Next week on Tuesday, November 3, Massachusetts will hold its State Election, which is open to all registered voters in Somerville.

Items on the Ballot:
Offices on the ballot include Governor, Senator in Congress, Representative in Congress, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, and more.

There are also nine ballot questions on various subjects. You

can help keep lines at the polls shorter by reviewing sample ballots and review ballot questions in advance online at somerville-ma.gov/sampleballots.

Below is more information on how to vote and reminders for finalizing your voting plan:

Vote Early at City Hall through Oct. 30:
Vote early in the State Election in the lower level of City Hall (93 Highland Ave.) now through Friday, October 30. The schedule is as follows:
October 27-28 – Tuesday to Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
October 29 – Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
October 30 – Friday 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Vote on Election Day:
Tuesday, November 3, 2026
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devices are available at each polling location. They provide audio instructions and enlarged, high-contrast text to help voters mark their ballots independently.

o Braille Embossed and large print copies of all ballot questions will be available for review at all polling locations.

o Any other accessibility requests may be made with the polling location staff or in advance by contacting ada@somervillema.gov or 617-625-6600 x2059.

Absentee Ballots
Apply by today, 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.

o Review absentee voter eligibility and download the application at somervillema.gov/absenteevoting. Applications may be submitted in person, by mail, fax, or by e-mail (elections@somervillema.gov).

Vote by Mail:
Deadline to apply to vote by

mail is Tuesday, October 27.

o Apply online at somervillema.gov/votebymail or paper applications must be received by the Elections Department by 5 p.m. on October 27. Postmark alone is not sufficient.

Ballots must be completed, signed, sealed, and received by 8 p.m., Tuesday, November 3.

o Ballots may be postmarked by November 3, and they must arrive at the Elections Department by Friday, November 6.

All ballots received after 5 p.m. on Election Day, by mail or in person, and all ballots received by mail by November 6, will be counted on November 12 at a post-election counting session.

o Voters can check the status of their ballot on the state’s website.

How to return your ballot:
o Elections Office: Return directly to the Elections Department at City Hall
o Mail: Send to the Elections Department, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143
o Drop boxes: Leave it in a drop box at one of the following locations:
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land Ave.
§ In front of the Argenziano School, 290 Washington St.
§ East Somerville Community School, across from 66 Glen St.
§ Behind the Mystic Activity Center, 530 Mystic Ave.
§ In front of the Somerville Community Baptist Church, 31 College Ave.
§ In front of Saint Catherine of Genoa Church parking lot, 182 Summer St. (near corner of Spring St.)
§ In front of the Armory, 191 Highland Ave.
§ In front of Dilboy Post, 351 Summer St.
§ In front of the Tufts Administrative Building, 167 Holland St.
§ In front of the West Somerville Neighborhood School at 177 Powder House Blvd.

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

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2026-139 Article V Section 5-15 “Parking for Persons with Disabilities” is amended with the addition of the following location: 133 Ten Hills Rd.

PROMULGATED: SEPTEMBER 1, 2026
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Suzanne Rinfret, Director

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 follows:

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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RECYCLING, COMPOSTING AND WASTE REDUCTION

By Bob Katzen

The Healey Administration announced more than \$5 Million in grant funding to support 323 municipalities and regional solid waste districts maximize recycling, composting and waste reduction.

“We’re proud to support municipalities and regional solid waste districts as they expand reuse, recycling and composting programs to make a difference in their communities,” said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Rebecca Tupper. “These investments help reduce the amount of material going into the waste stream, save money on disposal costs, minimize climate impacts and grow jobs and businesses.”

“These grants help communities put the circular economy into action—investing in programs and equipment that

keep valuable materials in use and out of the waste stream,” said Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Bonnie Heiple. “This year’s record investment gives municipalities more resources to reduce waste, save money and strengthen their programs for years to come.”

The list of communities and the grants they received can be found at <https://www.mass.gov/doc/list-of-2026-municipalregional-grant-awards-october-2026/download>

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Change Smoke and CO Alarm Batteries, Replace Outdated Alarms This Weekend

STOW—State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine and the Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts are reminding residents to replace the batteries in their smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms and replace outdated alarms when they change their clocks this weekend.

“Smoke and CO alarms can save your life and protect the people you care for, but only if they’re working properly,” said State Fire Marshal Davine. “As we ‘fall back’ this weekend, please

take a few minutes to check the manufacturing date on the back of your alarms, replace them if they’re outdated, and put fresh alkaline batteries in the alarms that use them.”

“Smoke alarms should be replaced after 10 years,” said Brockton Fire Chief Brian Nardelli, who serves as president of the Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts. “Carbon monoxide alarms should be replaced according to the manufacturer’s instructions – usually 5, 7, or 10 years, depending on the make and model.”

A 2015 update to the State Fire Code requires that replacement smoke

alarms in most Massachusetts homes have sealed, 10-year batteries. Now, more than 10 years later, many alarms purchased to comply with the update are at or near the end of their useful lifespans.

State Fire Marshal Davine and Chief Nardelli offered these tips for anyone replacing out-of-date single-station smoke alarms. Following these guidelines will reduce the risk of a disabled or outdated alarm failing to alert residents:

Choose photoelectric alarms from a well-known, national brand. Look for the mark of an independent testing lab like UL or Intertek/ETL. Select alarms with a sealed, long-life battery and a “hush” feature. Alarms that meet UL Standard 217, 8th edition or later, use the latest multi-criteria technology to reduce nuisance alarms caused by cooking smoke.

If your alarms are less than 10 years old and take alkaline batteries, then put in fresh batteries to be sure you’re protected all winter long. And remember to test your smoke and CO alarms once a month to be sure they’re working properly.

Fire and CO Hazards Rise During Heating Season
In an average year, about 54% of Massachusetts residential fire deaths take place between November and March, State Fire Marshal Davine said, with home heating equipment being the second-leading cause of house fires in 2025. Carbon monoxide incidents start even earlier as residents start turning up the heat for the first time since summer.

“Carbon monoxide is a leading cause of accidental poisoning, and heating equipment is the main source of carbon monoxide at home,” Chief Nardelli said. “We can’t see, smell, or taste carbon monoxide. Working CO alarms on every level of your home are the only way to detect this invisible killer.”

Massachusetts firefighters encountered carbon monoxide hazards at about 5,000 calls last year, State Fire Marshal Davine said.

Create & Practice a Home Escape Plan
“Changes to building construction and furnishings mean we have less time to escape a fire at home than ever before,” said State Fire Marshal Davine. “You could have just three

minutes to get out safely.”
“Working smoke alarms and a practiced home escape plan are among the most fundamental and important tools for surviving a fire,” said Chief Nardelli. “Be sure everyone in the home knows what to do and where to go when the alarm sounds, including young children, older adults, and persons with disabilities.”

Fire officials recommend planning two ways out of the building, the apartment, and each room if possible. Be sure to select a family meeting spot a safe distance from the building.

Senior SAFE
Adults over 65 are at disproportionate risk of death or serious injury in a fire, especially if they live in one- or two-family homes. The Healey-Driscoll Administration has delivered more than \$1.5 million to fire departments across Massachusetts through the Senior SAFE grant program, which can provide older adults with smoke and CO alarm assistance. Seniors who need help installing, testing, or maintaining their alarms should contact their local fire department or senior center for assistance.

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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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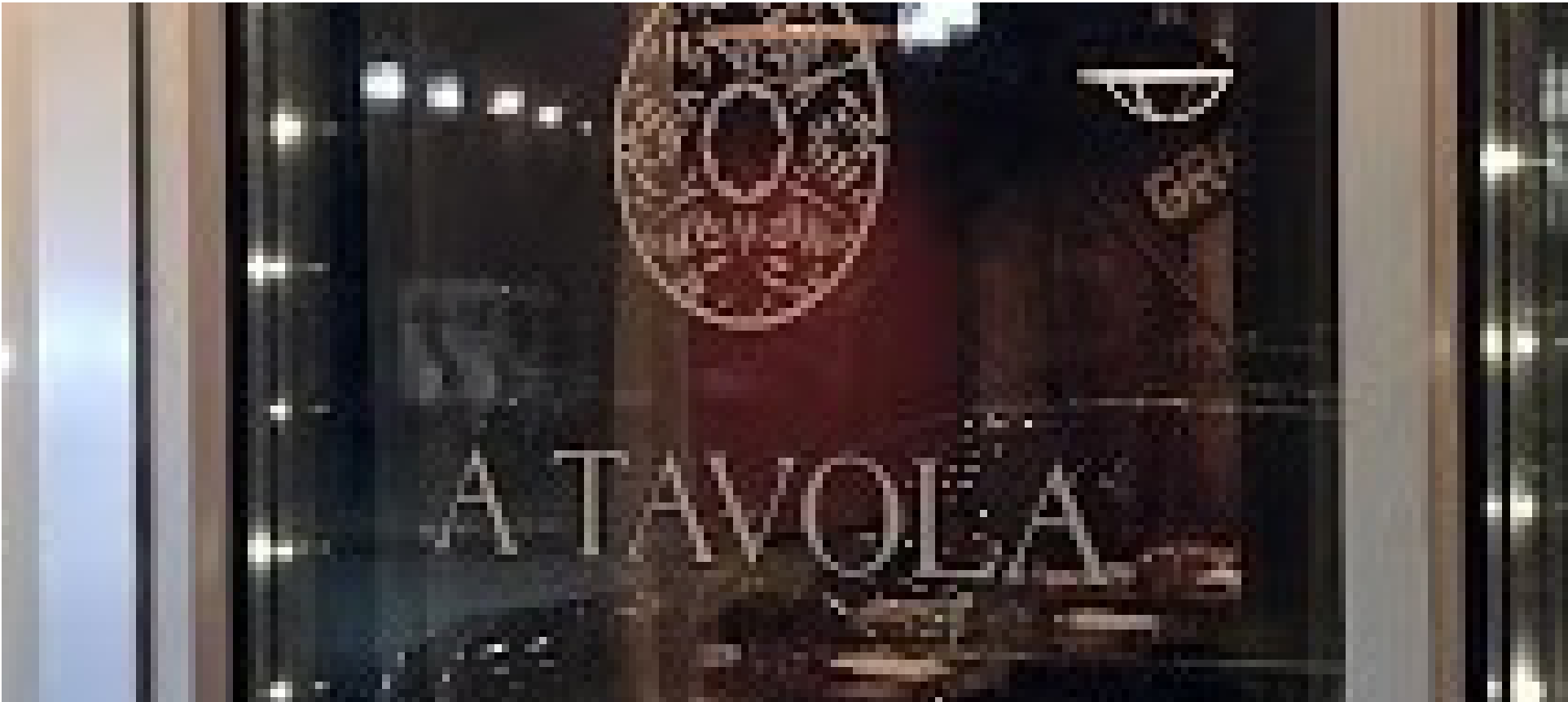
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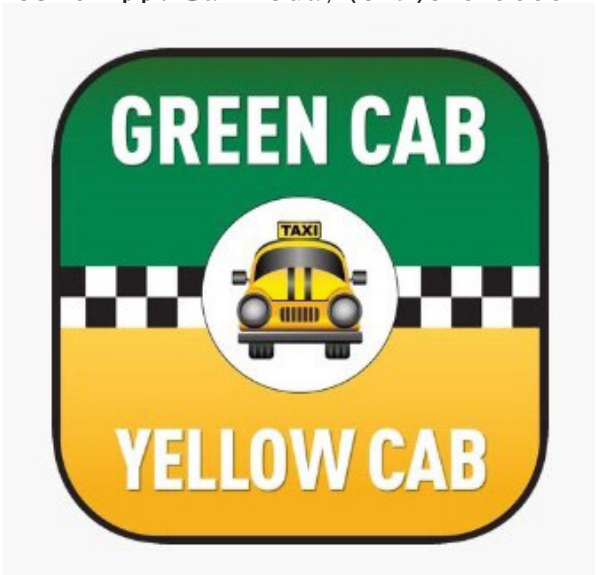


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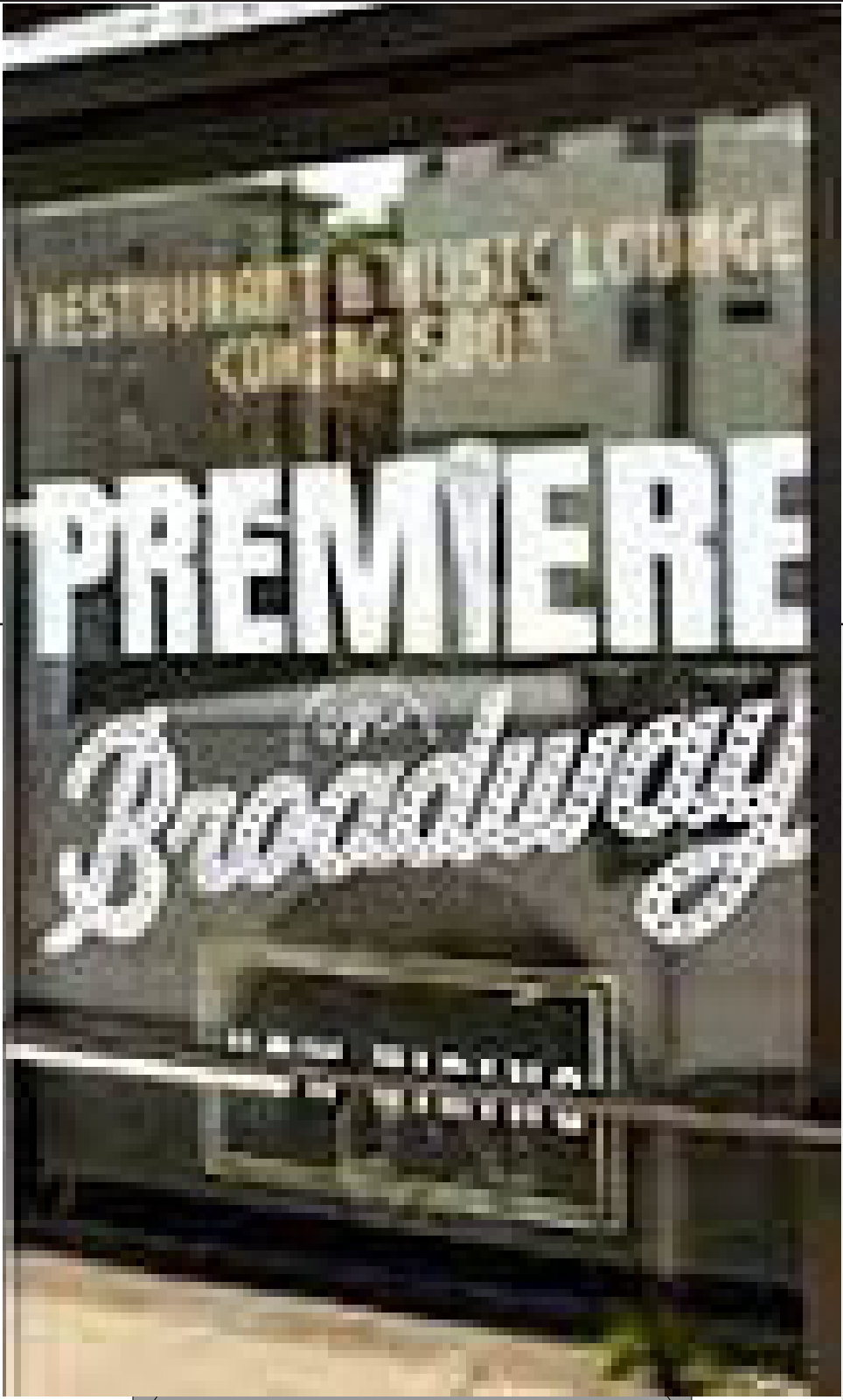
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