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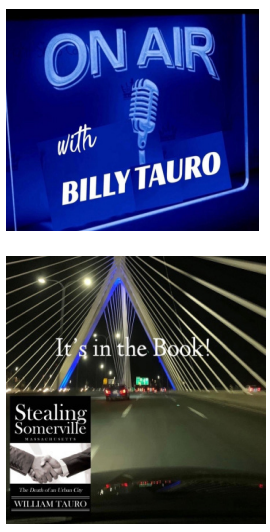
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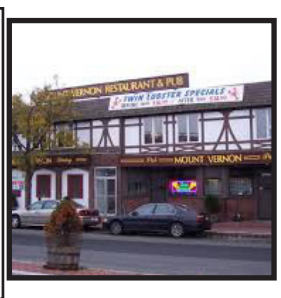


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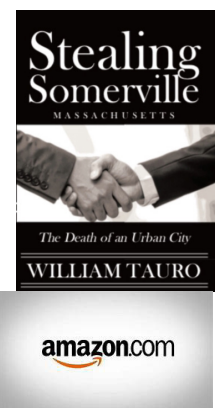


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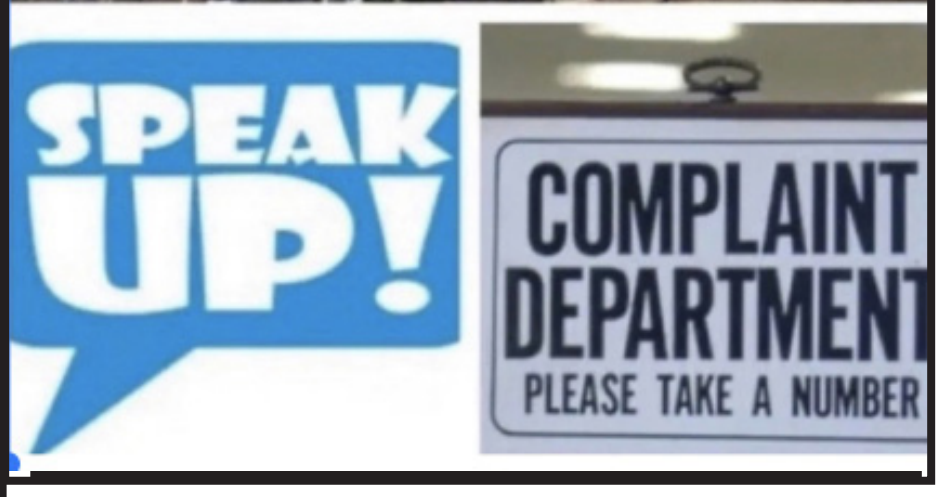
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Somerville/Medford Remembering Diane L. Miehl



Diane L. Miehl – Of Somerville, passed away on Sunday, November 1, 2026. She was 74 years old.

Born in Schenectady, NY, she was the devoted daughter of Anton and Lucy (Knapp) Muehl.

Beloved husband of David Palmater.



Somerville/Medford Remembering Harry F. Meadows, Jr.



Harry F. Meadows, Jr. of Arlington, passed away surrounded by the love of his family on November 3, 2026, he was 80. Born in Somerville and raised in Arlington, he was the son of the late Catherine (Slinkey) and Harry F. Meadows. He graduated from Arlington High School and went on to work for Raytheon as a draftsman and circuit board designer.

The beloved husband of the late Elaine F. (Ryan) Meadows, the couple first met at Hampton Beach as teenagers and had enjoyed many happy summers there over the years. Together they raised their family in Arlington. Harry enjoyed planning family vacations and finding breakfast spots, a favorite destination was Marco Island, Florida. Diagnosed with heart failure, he was the recipient of a heart transplant 11 years ago and tried to live life to the fullest. He is lovingly remembered as a quiet and humble man who worked hard for his family and above all enjoyed time spent with his children and grandchildren.

Devoted father of Christine Malone and her husband Brian of Burlington, Stephen Meadows and his wife Lisa of Wakefield and Kerry Irons and her husband Bob of Arlington. Cherished grandfather of Ryan, Jake, Sean, Keira, Christopher and Andrew. Dear brother of Joseph Meadows and his wife Maureen of Cranston, RI and the late Kathy Patalano and David Meadows.

Funeral Procession from the George L. Doherty Funeral Home, 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.) Somerville on Saturday morning at 8AM followed by a Funeral Mass celebrated in St. Agnes Church, Arlington at 9AM. Relatives and friends invited to attend.

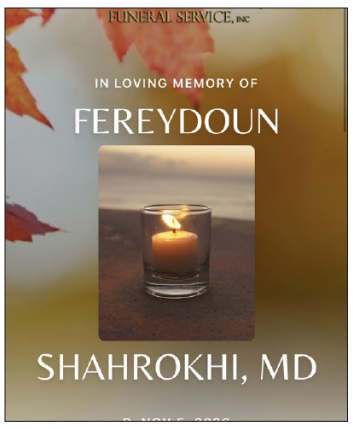
Calling Hours Friday 4PM-6PM.

Services will conclude with burial at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Harry's memory can be made to the Heart Brothers Foundation at http://www.heartbrothers.org



Somerville/Medford Remembering Fereydoun Shahrokhi, MD



Services to be announced and Complete Obituary to be published.



Somerville/Medford Remembering Charles D. Killilea



Charles D. Killilea passed away on October 29, 2026 at the age of 85 in hospice care in Lincoln, MA. He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Clara Killilea. He was the beloved husband of Joan Killilea (Wilson) for 59 wonderful years and the proud father of Charles D. Killilea, Jr. He was the brother of the late David Killilea, the late Agnes Doherty, Warren Killilea, Frederick (Ted) Killilea, and the late Harrison Fisher. Charles is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Charlie grew up in Cambridge, MA in a large, loving family. He excelled as an athlete at Cambridge High and Latin School. He graduated from Boston College and Boston University and went on to teach and coach CHLS for 38 years. He played a significant role in the lives of many students and athletes.

He and Joan loved to spend winter weekends skiing in New Hampshire and Vermont and summer weekends on Cape Cod watching the Cape Cod League games and participating in water sports. Evening activities always included discussions around government, the economy, and politics – his favorite subjects.

Charlie will always be loved and fondly remembered by all who knew him.

Visiting hours will be at the Douglass Funeral Home, 51 Worthen Rd. Lexington on Thursday November 5th from 4pm to 7pm. A Funeral Service will be held at Douglass Funeral Home on Friday November 6th at 10am.

Interment at Westview Cemetery in Lexington following the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to organizations that support the growth and welfare of children.



Somerville to Honor Transgender Day of Remembrance and Resilience Nov. 19

Community invited to honor lives lost to anti-trans violence, reflect, and stand in solidarity

SOMERVILLE – Community members are invited to attend Somerville's annual Transgender Day of Remembrance and Resilience on Thursday, November 19, from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Tufts Administration Building, second floor Council on Aging community room (167 Holland St).

Each year, Somerville gathers to remember the transgender and gender-diverse individuals whose lives have been lost to anti-trans violence, and to honor the strength and resilience of the trans community. The official observance of Transgender Day of Remembrance is Friday, November 20.

The event is free and open to all. The program is an opportunity for community members to join in reflection, mourning, and collective commitment to building a city where all people can live safely and authentically. Guests will be invited to join in reading the names and stories of those lost and will include brief framing remarks from Mayor Jake Wilson and the Health and Human Services Department. Live ASL interpretation will be



For more information about LGBTQ+ programming, events, and resources, please email lgbtqser-vices@somervillema.gov, or visit somervillema.gov/

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Somerville 2026 Veterans Day Remembrance Ceremony

The City of Somerville and the Somerville Museum invite the community to the 2026 Veterans Day Remembrance Ceremony at Somerville's historic Milk Row Cemetery on Somerville Avenue. The ceremony will take place on Veterans Day, Wednesday, November 11, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

In observance of Veterans Day, the Somerville Office of Veterans Services will also place wreaths at City Hall and North Street Cemetery and provide wreaths for the George Dilboy Post VFW 529 and Disabled American Veterans Somerville #27. For more information, contact info@somervillemuseum.org or visit somerville-mu-seum.org.





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PREVENT SUSPENSION OF ABORTION LAW

By Bob Katzen

Back in August, the Legislature approved and Gov. Maura Healey signed into law a bill that would loosen restrictions on abortions that can be performed after 24 weeks of gestation by removing existing requirements that limit abortions at 24 weeks of pregnancy or later to four specific medical circumstances, and instead allows licensed physicians and providers to rely on their best medical judgment when caring for patients.

The Compassionate Care Coalition, led by Massachusetts Citizens for Life and Massachusetts Family Action, opposes the law and is working hard to repeal it. The group recently announced that it dropped off 113,477 signatures, certified by local city and towns clerks, to Secretary of State Bill Galvin's office. Those numbers surpass the 37,289 signatures needed to get the question on the 2028 ballot for voters to decide and the 49,719 signatures needed to suspend the law in the interim. While local city and town officials have certified the signatures, the Secretary of State's office still has to certify the signatures in order for the question to go on the 2028 ballot. If the signatures are certified by Galvin, the question will not only go on the 2028 ballot, but under current state law, instead of taking effect immediately, it would be suspended until voters decide its fate in 2028.

However, last week Gov. Healey foiled that plan and attached to the law an emergency preamble that forces the law to take effect immediately and prevents it from being suspended. Upon attaching the emergency preamble, Healey wrote that "any further delay in implementing the Act would prolong uncertainty for patients, families, physicians and health care institutions, and risk further harm to the health and safety of women in Massachusetts."

"Gov. Healey's preamble reflects an utter disregard for the men and women she was elected to represent," said Myrna Maloney Flynn, president of Massachusetts Citizens for Life and vice chair of the Compassionate Care Coalition. "In a matter of a few weeks, more than 113,000 of her constituents went out of their way to oppose a highly controversial, deeply consequential, law that blindsided legislators and voters alike. Healey ignored their questions and concerns on August 10, and she has once again prevented any dialogue."

SHELTERS (S 3290)

By Bob Katzen

Senate 34-4, approved an amendment to the state's Emergency Assistance Shelter Program for homeless families. The amendment would loosen some of the restrictions lawmakers imposed two years ago, when a surge in demand, including families sleeping at Logan Airport, prompted the state to tighten eligibility and limit stays. The amendment codifies a rapid-track shelter option, extends the length of stay from six months to nine months and expands income eligibility from 115% to 120% of the federal poverty level.

Amendment supporters said the changes better reflect the current housing market, reduce administ-rative hurdles and help families move toward permanent

Sen. Robyn Kennedy (D-Worcester), the sponsor of the amendment, did not respond to repeated requests from Beacon Hill Roll Call asking her to provide more details about the amendment and the reason she filed it and urged members to vote for it.

"I voted against this amendment because we are changing a significant, bipartisan policy recommendation that was agreed upon after months of meetings and included in the final report of the Emergency Assistance Commission," said Sen. Ryan Fattman (R-Sutton). "Attaching a significant policy change such as this to a closeout supplemental budget bill immediately following an election sends the wrong message. It also erases months of bipartisan policymaking on this issue, in which I participated as a member of the commission."

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

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What is the Somerville Affordable Housing Trust? The SAHT is dedicated to creating and preserving affordable homes for renters and prospective owners with low and moderate incomes in Somerville. Through a public process, Trustees evaluate project and program proposals and approve funding allocations to help in-crease the supply of affordable housing in our city.

Who Can Join?
Eligible applicants for the current vacancy must represent a Somerville-based nonprofit organization focused on affordable housing.

What is the Time Commitment?
The Trust meets virtually on the second Thursday of each month at 5:15 p.m., with meetings typically lasting around 1.5 hours. Additional time for review of documents and occasional special meetings may be needed, for an estimated total of 4 hours per month.

What is the Appointment Process?
Applications are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council.

How Do I Apply?
Applications are due by Thursday, December 31. To apply, please submit resume, cover letter, and any supplemental materials.

Where to Apply:
Applications can be sent via email or U.S. Mail to: Email: housingtrust@somervil-lema.gov
Mail: Attn: Lisa Davidson, City of Somerville Housing Division, 50 Evergreen Ave., Somerville, MA 02145

For questions or more information, contact housingtrust@somervillema.gov or call 311 (617-666-3311).

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REPUBLICAN VERSION OF SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET (S 3290)

By Bob Katzen

Senate 5-33, rejected a version of the supplemental budget proposed by the Republicans to replace the one offered by the Democrats. The Republican version includes a 60-day gas tax suspension, $100 million for local school districts and relief for home heating costs.

"This amendment is crucial to bring relief and local aid to struggling residents and towns across Massachusetts," said Sen. Ryan Fattman (R-Sutton). "It includes gas tax relief, $100 million designated to fund local aid for our schools, as well as demanding that the state's long-overdue Net Zero cost-impact study be made public. I supported this amendment because it provides residents with transparency, solutions to local overrides and ultimately places discre-tionary funds back into taxpayers' pockets."

Sen. Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester), the sponsor of the amendment, did not respond to repeated requests from Beacon Hill Roll Call asking him to provide more details about the Republican version and the reason he proposed it and urged members to vote for it.

Amendment opponents said the Republican version is well-intended but unlike the Democratic version, has not been vetted and has not been the subject of months of conversations and input by many senators and groups. They said the GOP version also eliminates many important programs that are in the Democratic version.

Sen. Mike Rodrigues (D-Westport), the chair of the Senate Ways and Means Committee and the chief opponent of the GOP version, did not respond to repeated requests from Beacon Hill Roll Call asking him to provide more details about the Republican version and the reason he opposed it and urged members to vote against it.

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen No

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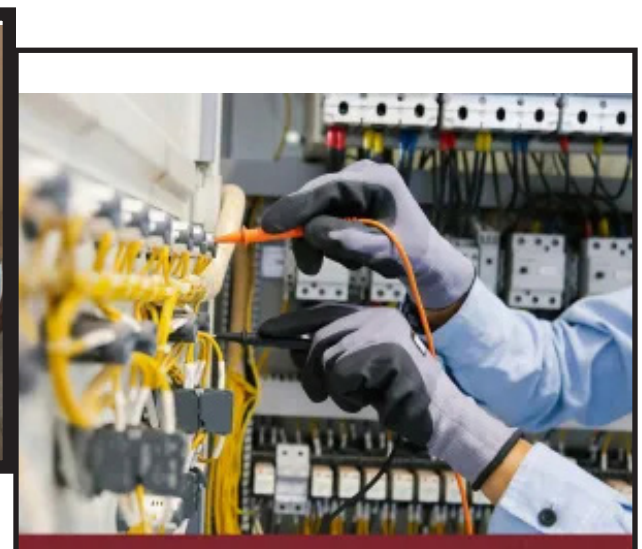
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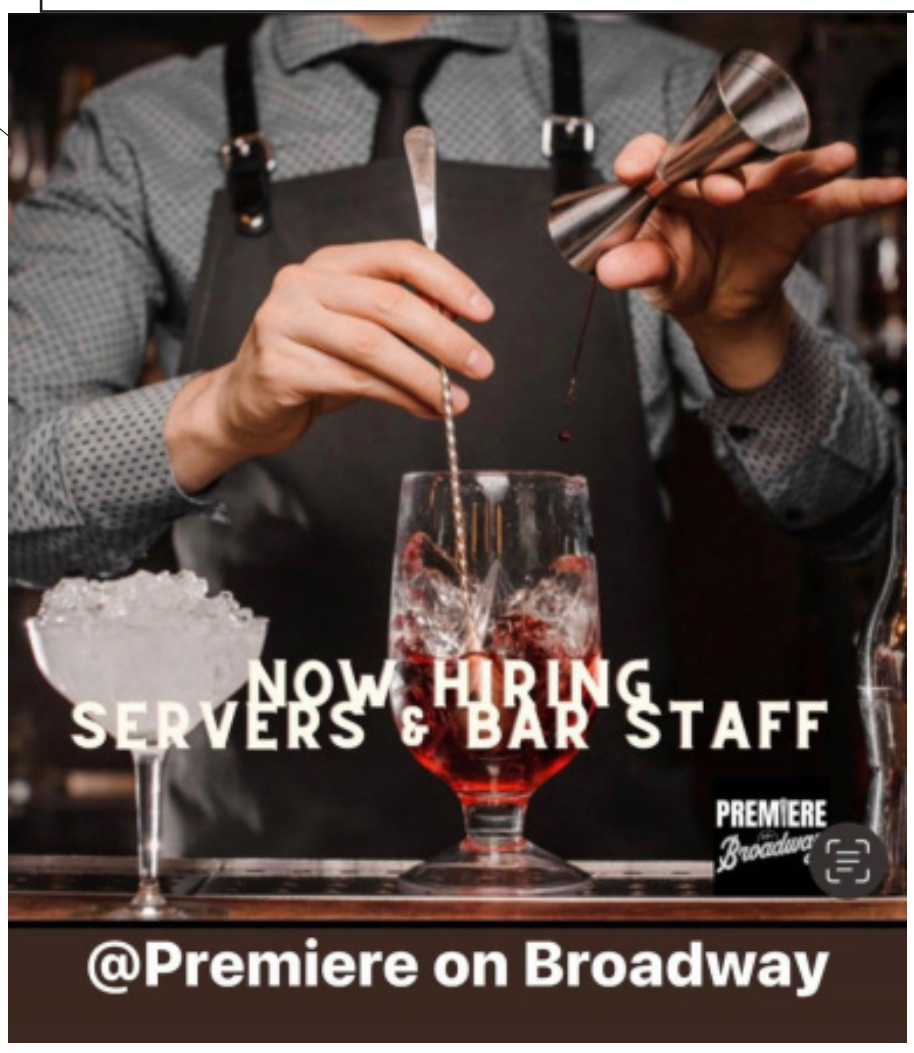
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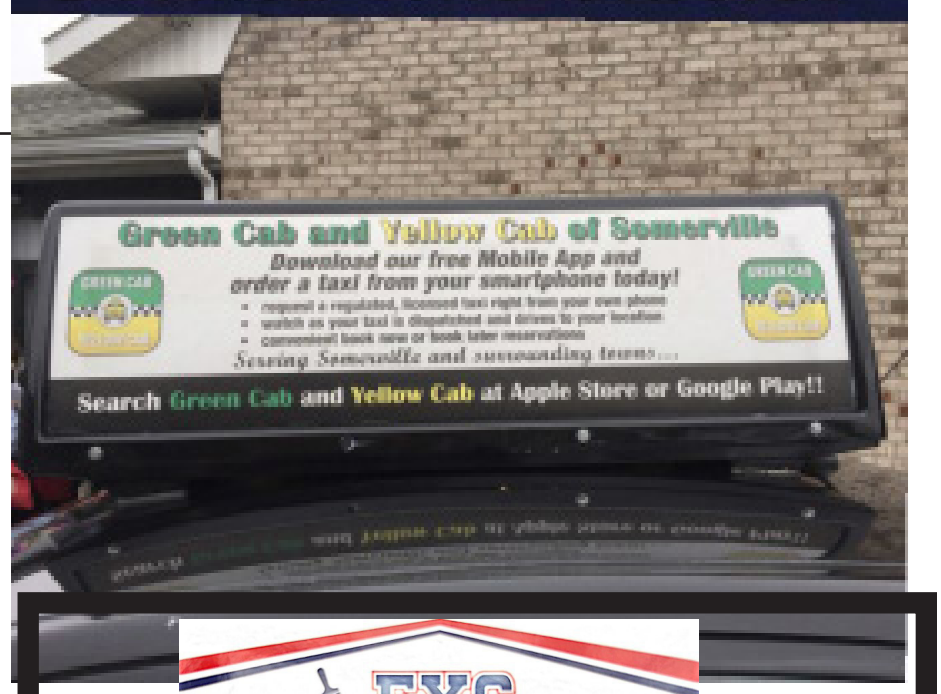














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By William Tauro

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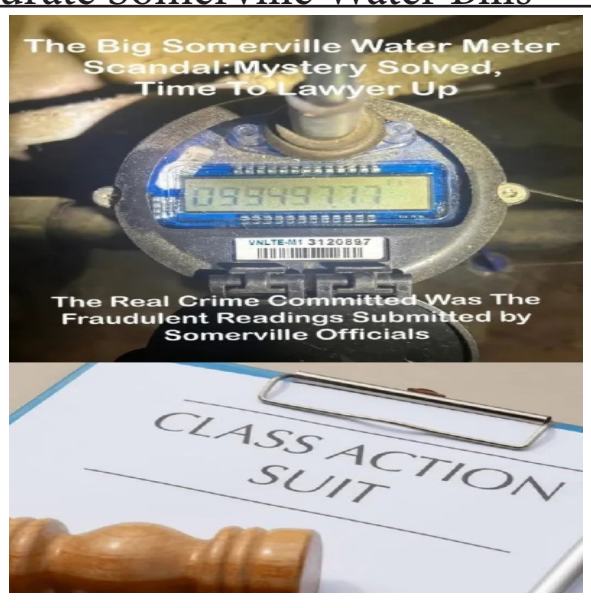
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Hazardous and Yard Waste Pickup Deadlines Approaching

Last day for hazardous waste drop-off Saturday 11/14 Last week for yard waste pickup 12/7-12/11

SOMERVILLE –Have a fall cleanup list you've been avoiding? The Somerville Department of Public Works (DPW) wishes to remind residents that the last days for hazardous and yard waste collection this season are quickly approaching. DPW collection of these materials will resume in Spring 2027 as per the usual seasonal cycle.

Hazardous Waste
The two final hazardous waste drop-off events this fall at the DPW yard (1 Franey Road) are on:
Thursday, November 5, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, November 14, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Accepted hazardous waste materials include motor oil, aerosol paint, household cleaning chemicals, rechargeable batteries, and more. Proof of residence such as a driver's license or utility bill is required. Waste materials should be placed in sturdy boxes and not in loose or plastic bags. For more information on materials accepted and how to safely prep them, visit somervillema.gov/HazWaste or download the Somerville Waste Wizard (somervillema.gov/wastewizard) app for Android or Apple phones.

Yard Waste
The final week for residential yard waste collection in 2026 will be Monday through Friday, December 7-11. Place yard waste curbside for pickup on your scheduled trash collection day. After December 11, yard waste may be brought to the DPW yard (1 Franey Rd.) on weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 12 p.m. or between 1 and 3:30 p.m.

Please note: yard waste will not be collected if it is in plastic bags. Place yard waste in paper bags or loose in barrels marked with City-issued "Yard Waste Only" stickers. Free stickers may be picked up from DPW at One Franey Road during business hours or contact 311 to request stickers. Tie branches into bundles no larger than 3 ft x 3 ft.

To learn more, please visit somervillema.gov/trash or call 311 (617-666-3311).

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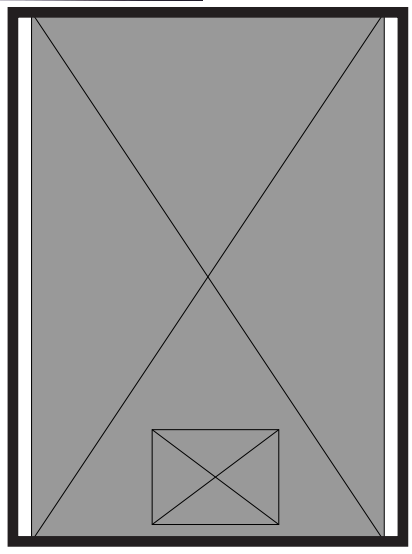
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Join the Somerville Human Rights Commission

SOMERVILLE – The City of Somerville is seeking two new volunteer members to join the Somerville Human Rights Commission (HRC).

What is the Human Rights Commission?
Per City ordinance, Somerville's HRC is charged with working toward mutual respect and understanding among all individuals and groups in the city by improving the quality of public discourse and eliminating unlawful discrimination.

Responsibilities include: Investigating human rights issues and concerns affecting the community. Promoting public discourse on issues of discrimination and equity.

Educating residents about their rights under federal, state, and local law. Working collaboratively with other city departments and commissions to advance equity.

Who Can Join?
All Somerville residents are invited to apply.

What is the Time Commitment? The Human Rights Commission meets monthly. Additional participation in subcommittees is voluntary at the discretion of the member.

What is the Appointment Process? Members are interviewed and recommended to the Mayor, who will then make final appointments.

How Do I Apply? To apply, please submit a letter of interest. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

Where to Apply:
Applications can be sent via email or U.S. Mail to:
Email: hrc@somervillema.gov
Mail: Attn: Sarah Anders, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143

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

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Apply Now for a Two-Bedroom Affordable Rental Unit in Union Square

SOMERVILLE – Applications are now open for a rent-restricted, two-bedroom unit at 16-20 Medford St. (Verge) near Union Square through the City of Somerville's Inclusionary Housing Program. The unit is available to all households making between 81% and 110% of the Area Median Income and to households with mobile vouchers making between 0% and 110% of the Area Median Income.

Rent is $2,900 per month. This is a first-come, first-served opportunity.

How to Apply:

Find additional information in multiple languages at somervillema.gov/inclusionaryhousing or apply now at affordablelistings.com/rental-properties/verge.

Com-pleted applications can be emailed to info@acrescom-pliance.com or call 311 (617666-3311) to get

For more information on the City's Inclusionary Housing Program, visit somervillema.gov/inclusionaryhousing.

More About Verge (16-20 Medford St.):

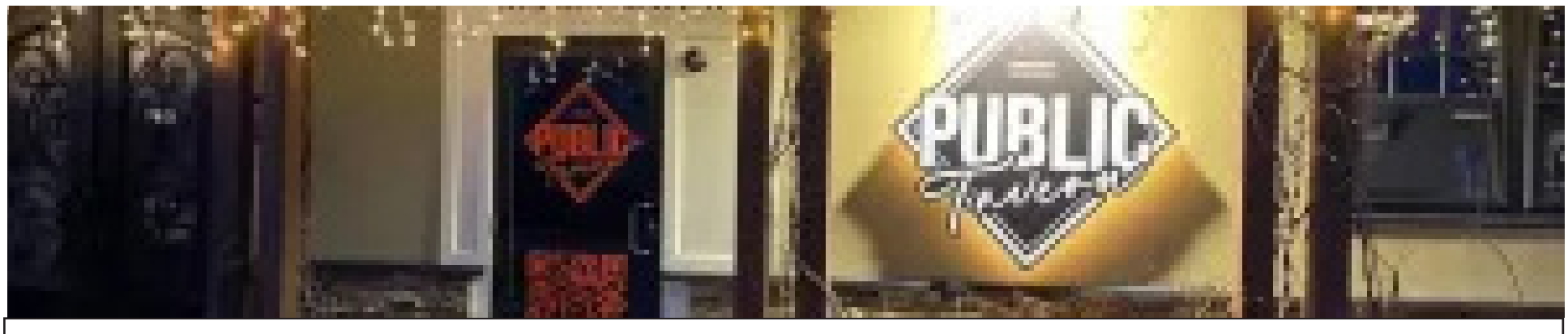
The building has a work from home space, fitness room, bike storage, and roof deck at the property. The unit includes a private balcony, a modern kitchen, and in-unit laundry. For more information on unit layouts and features, contact ACRES at (617) 675-1083.





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Somerville Schools' Annual Wreath Sale

Somerville Schools' Annual Wreath Sale Supports Students and Celebrates a Holiday Tradition

Proceeds benefit student activities, field trips, and athletics at Next Wave Middle School and Full Circle High School

SOMERVILLE, Mass. – November 4, 2026 – The holiday spirit is in full bloom at Somerville's Next Wave Middle School and Full Circle High School (NWFC) as students keep a beloved tradition alive with their annual wreath sale. The longtime seasonal fundraiser brings students together with the community to not only spread seasonal cheer, but also help fund enriching experiences and memorable opportunities for students.

The Somerville community has enthusiastically embraced the NWFC wreath sale over the years, helping sustain this closeknit, therapeutic learning community, where project-based learning and individualized attention help students thrive.

Proceeds from the sale directly support student activities and enrichment opportunities. This fall, students visited Connors Farm to pick apples and climbed Mount Monadnock, with a roller-skating trip planned for later in the season. Funds also support NWFC athletics, allowing the schools to field both junior varsity and varsity basketball teams this year. The soccer team also received new uniforms and welcomed four other schools for competition.

As for the fundraiser, this effort dates back several decades to when the school hosted a Christmas tree lot. Managing a tree lot at the high school became too logistically challenging, leading the staff to adapt the tradition into the wreath sale. Today, NWFC staff begins planning in late September to coordinate the many details that make the fundraiser possible.



The wreaths, shipped from Nova Scotia, Canada, are known for their quality. "We try to keep these wreaths at the same price as other wreaths, but these are nice, full wreaths," said interim principal Jack Haverty. "Even the bows are high-quality."

NWFC students play an important role in the fundraiser, preparing each wreath with a festive red bow and label before helping with deliveries. This year, students will deliver wreaths to their former schools, giving them an opportunity to reconnect with familiar staff and communities. The experience helps students strengthen community relationships while gaining hands-on experience participating in a fundraising project.

Wreaths are $28 each and are available for purchase through November 24. Orders can be placed online at tinyurl.com/NWFCwreathsale. Community members are encouraged to place their orders soon, as the wreaths typically sell out quickly. Pickup begins December 1 at NWFC, located within Somerville High School.

City to Host Cold Weather Preparedness Workshops on November 17 and 18

SOMERVILLE—Though it may not feel like it with the recent summer-like temperatures, winter is fast approaching. To learn how to stay safe and be ready for winter weather, community members are invited to join Somerville Emergency Management and the Somerville Fire Department for a free workshop on cold weather preparedness.

Participants will learn about:

building an emergency kit for the winter season, protecting yourself and loved ones during cold weather,

signs of cold-related illnesses,

winter pet safety,

testing smoke and carbon monoxide alarms,

home heating safety,

power outages and loss of heat,

how to be a good neighbor this winter,

and more.

Workshops will be held:

Tuesday, November 17, from 5 to 6 p.m. at Central Library (79 Highland Ave.)

o Open to all.

o No RSVP required.

Wednesday, November 18, from 1 to 2 p.m. at the Council on Aging's Holland Street Center (167 Holland St.)

o Open to older community members and seniors (age 60 and up).

o To RSVP, call 617-6256600 ext. 2318 or email mpagliuca@somervillema.gov.

o Both workshops are one hour and free to attend. Informational handouts on cold weather safety and winter emergency preparedness will also be available for attendees to take home.

These events are the final workshops in the 2026 Preparedness and Resiliency Through Neighborhood Engagement and Readiness (PARTNER) Program training series. For more information on the PARTNER program and other emergency management events, visit somervillema.gov/em.

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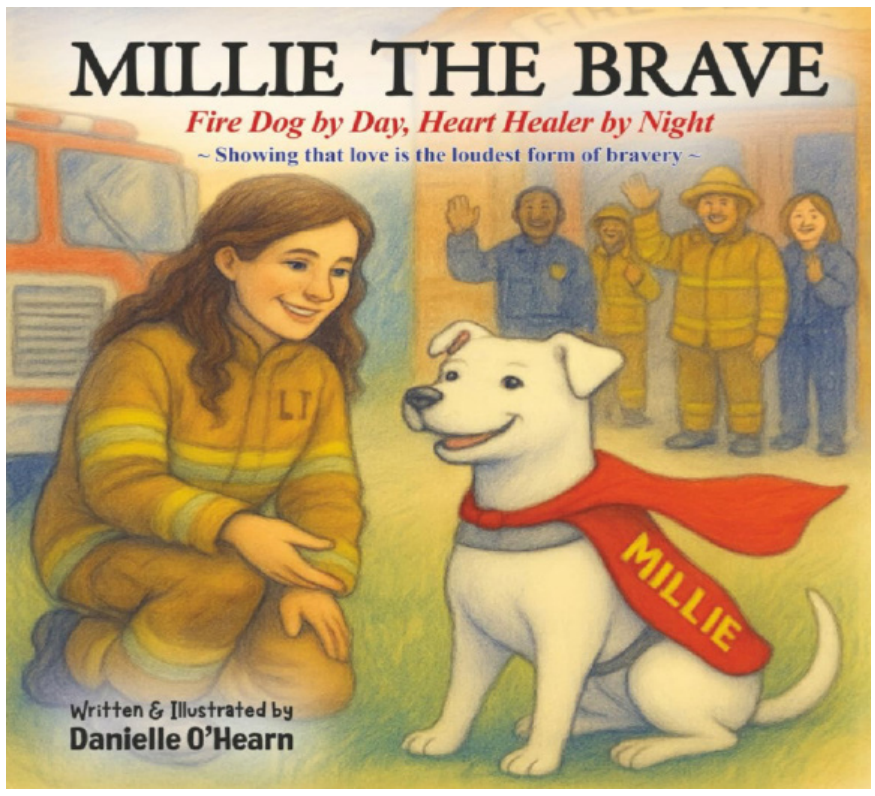
Dear Billy T and Somerville/Medford News Weekly Speakup Line,

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

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

Here's the link the title is
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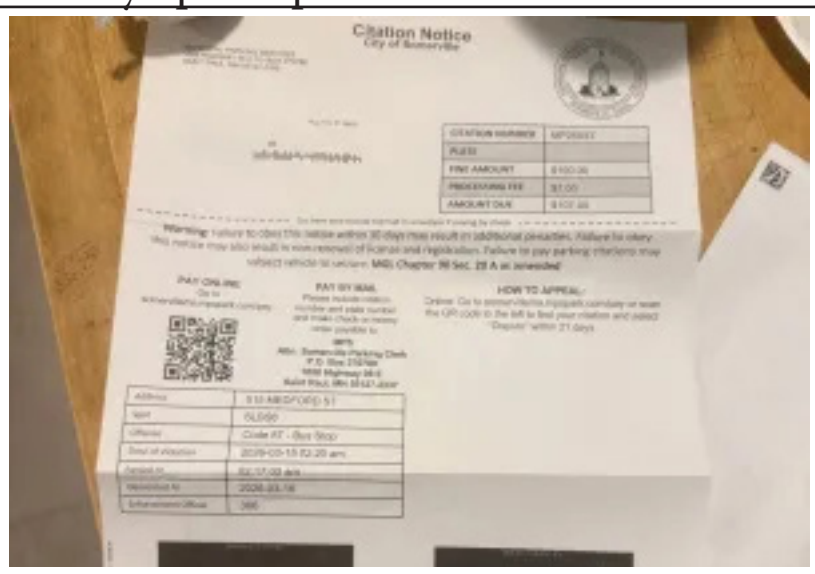


Somerville/Medford News Weekly Speakup Line: Fake Somerville Bills

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

Billy, please post this in your news paper and online. A Somerville resident received this notice in the mail.

It's almost believable with the exception of the payment address, the photo is incorrectly poised. Please warn residents to ignore this fake notice it's a scam. If you can highlight the areas that prove it's fraud



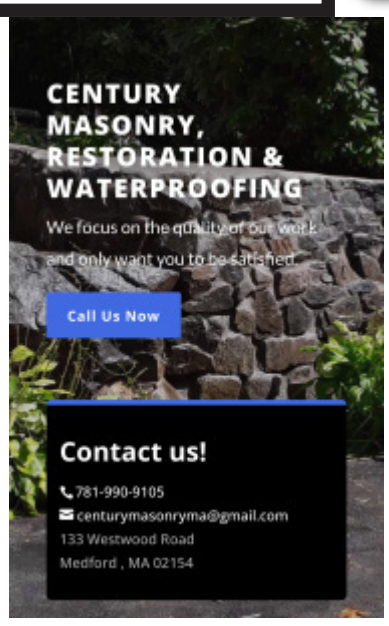
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$2.62 BILLION FISCAL YEAR 2026 SUPPLEMEMTAL BUDGET (S 3290)

By Bob Katzen

Senate 34-4, approved a Democratic leadership-sponsored $2.62 billion fiscal 2026 budget to close out the books on fiscal year 2026. The House has already approved its own version of a supplemental budget and a House-Senate conference committee will be appointed to work out a compromise version.

Provisions of the Senate version 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; $18.5 million for subsidized early education for both family childcare providers and center-based providers; $13.8 million for the Massachusetts Office of Victim Assistance for essential services for crime victims, witnesses, survivors and families in need; $2 million for fair housing enforcement to help Massachusetts residents who face housing discrimination; $14 million for substance addiction; and a section making it easier for people to cancel their online subscriptions.

"This supplemental budget upholds some of our most important services to our residents," said Senate President Karen Spilka (D-Ashland). "The people of our districts expect their state government to be dependable—to be there supporting families with early education services, supporting victims of crimes and supporting people who are faced with housing discrimination. All of this and more is made possible by timely action through budget bills like this one."

Sen. Ryan Fattman (R-Sutton) said his vote against the sup-plemental budget was driven by his support for the policy changes included in the Republican version which the Senate rejected. "Relief at the pump was not given to residents, [in the Democratic version]," said Fattman. "There was also a failure [in the Democratic version] to fund local aid that so many towns and schools desperately need right now, particularly the towns that I represent in central Massachusetts. I believe the governor did the right thing by filing the $100 million dollars of additional excess funds to close out the budget for our schools—but the Legislature didn't deliver despite hearing these concerns from voters loud and clear this past Tuesday. Overall, the supplemental budget shifts its priorities to things that are simply unsustainable and reduces reforms that help promote fiscal stability."

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

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

City to Honor Veterans Day with Remembrance Ceremony and Commemorative Wreaths

Join the City of Somerville and Somerville Museum for Ceremony on Wed., Nov. 11, at Historic Milk Row Cemetery

SOMERVILLE– The City of Somerville and the Somerville Museum invite the community to the 2026 Veterans Day Remembrance Ceremony at Somerville's historic Milk Row Cemetery on Somerville Avenue. The ceremony will take place on Veterans Day, Wednesday, November 11, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Join the Ancient & Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts, HM 10th Regiment of Foot, and 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, as well as Mayor Jake Wilson, City Councilors, and the Somerville Office of Veterans' Services as they honor our veterans at the 1863 Civil War Monument and the gravesite of an unknown British Soldier.

The brief ceremony and speaking program will honor all Somerville veterans including paying tribute to the Somerville veterans buried at or commemorated by the 1863 Civil War Monument in Milk Row Cemetery. The event is free and open to the public, and the site is ADA accessible. Seating will be

Milk Row Cemetery is located at 439 Somerville Ave., next to Market Basket. An optional online RSVP is requested (it helps staff plan), but RSVP is not required. This event is co-hosted by the City of Somerville and the Somerville Museum, which is contracted by the City to organize historic events and ceremonies, with support by the Somerville Historic Commission.

In observance of Veterans Day, the Somerville Office of Veterans Services will also place wreaths at City Hall and North Street Cemetery and provide wreaths for the George Dilboy Post VFW 529 and Disabled American Veterans Somerville #27.

For more information, contact info@somervil-lemuseum.org or visit somervillemuse-

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NINE MASSACHUSETT BALLOT QUESTIONS

By Bob Katzen

NINE BALLOT QUESTIONS: There were nine questions on the November 3 ballot for Bay State voters to approve or reject. Five were approved while four were rejected. Here are the unofficial results which still need certification by the secretary of state:

QUESTION 1 WAS APPROVED: It will make records of the legislature and the governor public records.

QUESTION 2 WAS APPROVED: It will allow employees of the committee for public counsel services (CPCS) to engage in collective bargaining with their employer. The CPCS pays for lawyers to represent indigent persons in criminal and civil cases.

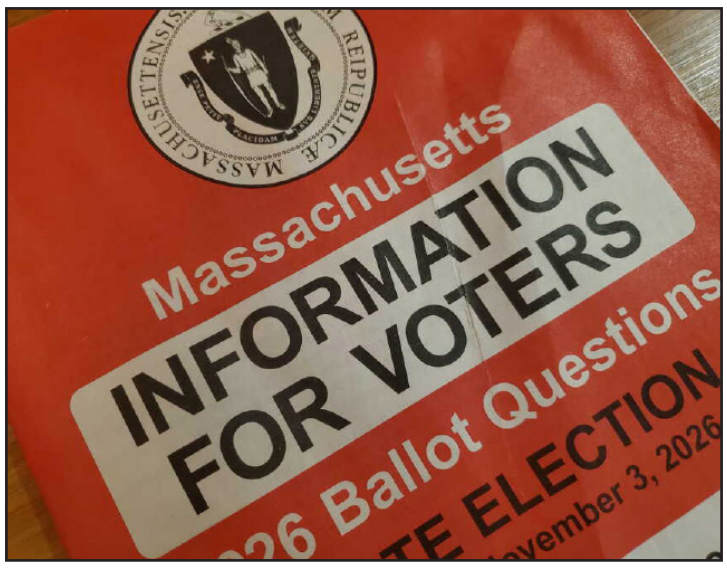
QUESTION 3 WAS REJECTED: It would have eliminated political party primaries for state elections and instead establish a system where there would be a single, all-party primary in which all candidates, regardless of their party affiliation, would be listed on one ballot, and voters could vote for any candidate on the ballot. The two candidates receiving the most votes in the all-party primary would advance to the general election, regardless of their party affiliation.

QUESTION 4 WAS APPROVED: It will permit eligible individuals to register to vote on Election Day.

QUESTION 5 WAS REJECTED: It would have limited the amount of revenue the state can collect each year and provide that the excess amount, above that limit, be refunded to taxpayers.

QUESTION 6 WAS APPROVED: It will establish a "nature for all fund" that would receive 50% of state taxes collected from the sale and use of sporting goods, recreational vehicles and golf courses for the first year of its operation and 100% in subsequent years.

QUESTION 7 WAS REJECTED: It would have allowed single-family homes to be built in a residentially zoned area as long as the land on which it is to be constructed is at least 5,000 square feet and meets other conditions.



QUESTION 8 WAS REJECTED: It would have prohibited the retail sale of adult recreational use marijuana.

QUESTION 9 WAS APPROVED: It will keep in place a current law which increases the regulation of firearms, including ghost guns, machine guns and assault-style weapons.

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2026-146 Article V Section 5-15 "Parking for Persons with Disabilities" is amended as follows: relocate the accessible parking space on Highland Ave opposite Vinal Ave, currently located on the east side of the SHS concourse exit, to the west side of the SHS concourse exit.

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Be a Somerville Climate Ambassador: Applications Now Open

Applications due December 1; $400 stipend for participants

SOMERVILLE—Take the lead on local climate action while getting to know your neighbors. Somerville's Sustainability and Environment Division is launching its 2027 Climate Ambassadors group, and all residents ages 16 and up are invited to apply to be a member. Applications are open until end of day, Tuesday, December 1.

Now in its eighth year, the Somerville Climate Ambassadors program is part of the City's Climate Forward plan. The program seeks to empower residents by providing an opportunity to learn and directly engage in climate action. Participants will hear from local advocates and complete a project with the goal to build awareness and engage community members on climate change solutions. No prior knowledge is required.

2027 Climate Ambassadors Program

The 2027 program runs from Saturday, January 23, to Thursday, May 27, and will consist of ten meetings held in-person and virtually to explore local government's role in climate action, environmental justice, community organizing, and more. There is also a group project component to put these topics into action. Participants will present their final projects and gather with fellow ambassadors, ambassador alums, and community members during a final celebration. All program participants will receive a $400 stipend.

Apply by end of day Tuesday, December 1, online at somervillema.gov/climate-ambassadors or contact 311 (617-666-3311) for assistance.

To review the Climate Forward plan and learn about climate work happening in Somerville, visit somervil-lema.gov/climateforward and sign up for the monthly Sustainability & Environment newsletter at somervil-lema.gov/subscribe.

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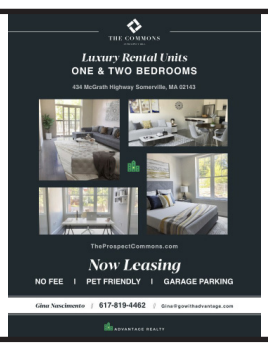


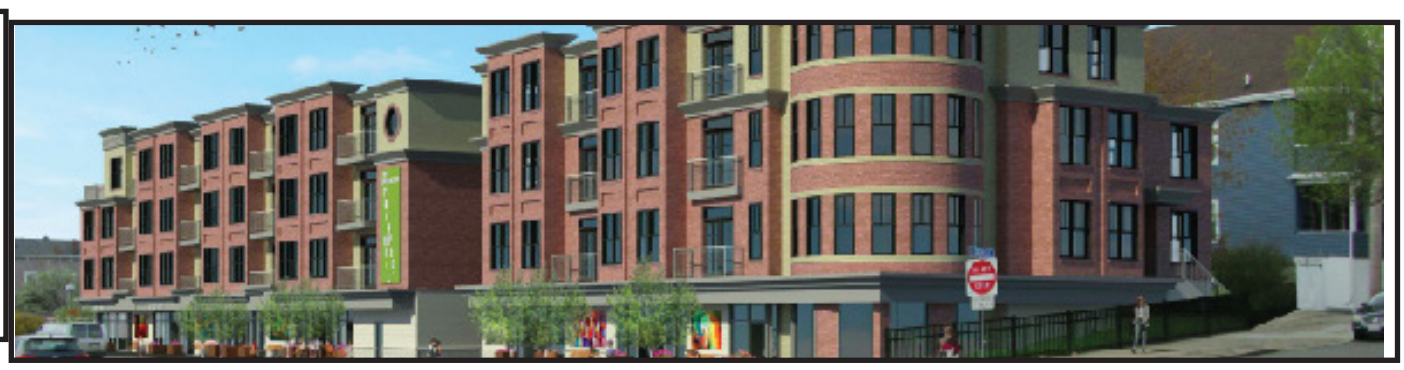
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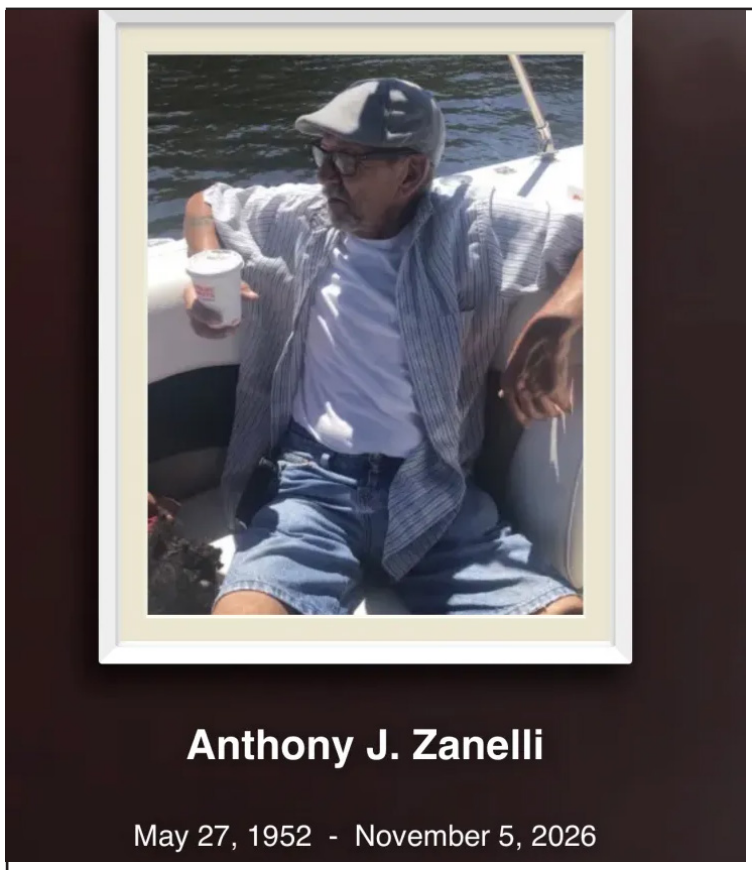
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Somerville/Medford Remembering Anthony J. Zanelli



Anthony "Tony" Zanelli, age 74, beloved husband of Marcia (Young) Zanelli died Thursday, November 5 at Bethesda East Hospital in Boynton Beach, FL after a period of declining health with his family by his side.

Tony was born at home in Somerville on May 27, 1952, to the late Luigi and Edith (Lanza) Zanelli. He was lovingly raised by John and Mary (Zanelli) Ferrari, whom he cherished and always regarded as his parents.

Tony grew up in Somerville and relocated to Billerica in 1988. After retiring, he and his wife spent their winters in Boynton Beach, Florida.

Anthony began working at a very young age in his family–owned business, Phillips Drug. In 1971, he decided to start his own company, Mr. Z. Hauling which became very successful and operated for many years. After eventually closing his business, Anthony went to work for P.T Kelley, where he worked alongside his two sons. When his son Tim started his own company, Tim Zanelli Excavating, Anthony joined him and continued working there for many years until his retirement. He enjoyed spending time with friends and family watching old westerns, and spending the winters in Florida with his friends.

Besides his wife he is survived by three children, Tina Moron and Anthony Zanelli Jr. both of Billerica and Timothy Zanelli of NH; two brothers Kenneth Zanelli and his wife Isabel (Liz) and Louis Zanelli and his wife Margaret (Peggy) Zanelli; two sisters, Adele Quinlan and her husband William and Carol Gallozzi and her husband Carl; his eight beloved grandchildren, Tyler Zanelli, Franck Moron, Jevon Moron, D'Sean Moron, Alexia Zanelli, Nayaliz Zanelli-Caban, Anthony Zanelli-Caban and Kiana Moron as well as many nieces, nephews and close and lifelong friends.

Visiting hours will be held Sunday, November 15, at the Sweeney Memorial Funeral Home, 66 Concord Rd., Billerica from 2 – 5 p.m. with a Prayer Service to be held at 4:45 p.m. Relatives and friends respectfully invited.



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Unit 301 (2-bedroom)	80%	$247,745	$132	$7,433
Unit 204 (Studio)	110%	$256,837	$170	$7,706
Unit 107 (2-bedroom)	110%	$346,668	$209	$10,401
Unit 403 (studio)	140%	$325,237	$265	$9,758

Condo Unit Available at 8 Melvin Street

Unit Number and Unit Type	AMI	Sales Price	Estimated Condo Fee	Minimum Downpayment
Unit 3 (2-bedroom)	140%	$489,000	$152	$14,670

Maximum Gross Annual Household Income

No. of persons in household:	1 Person	2 People	3 People	4 People
80% Area Median Income:	$96,000	$109,700	$123,400	$137,100
110% Area Median Income:	$96,001 - $131,978	$109,701 - $150,832	$123,401 - $169,686	$137,101 - $188,540
140% Area Median Income:	$131,979 - $167,972	$150,833 - $191,968	$169,687 - $215,964	$188,541 - $239,960
Asset Limit (excluding restricted accounts): $105,574				

SOMERVILLE – Applications are now open for the sale of six deed-restricted condominiums at 13 Warwick Street and 8 Melvin Street to eligible, first-time homebuyers. Units will be sold at below market price through the City of Somerville's Inclusionary Housing Program. Apply now through 4 p.m. on Wednesday, December 9.

Studio, 1-, 2-, and 3-bedroom units are available and will be offered to households with a yearly gross income at or below 80% Area Median Income (AMI) at price tier P1, to households between 80% and 110% AMI at price tier P2, and to households between 110% AMI and 140% AMI at price tier P3.

How to Apply:

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Pre-lottery applications are available online at somervillema.gov/inclusionaryhousing or call 311 (617-666-3311) for assistance. Completed applications can be emailed to inclusionary@somervillema.gov or delivered or mailed to Attn: Housing Division, 50 Evergreen Ave., Somerville, MA 02145 by December 9.

For more information on the City's Inclusionary Housing Program, visit somervillema.gov/inclusionaryhousing.

More About 13 Warwick Street and 8 Melvin Street

13 Warwick is a four-story building in the Magoun Square neighborhood. Units feature new, modern appliances, oversized windows, and other modern finishes. Income-restricted units 107 and 301 come with a deeded parking space, which is included in the sale price. These units will be ready for occupancy upon closing, which is anticipated for early 2027.

8 Melvin is a multi-family property in the Winter Hill neighborhood. This unit offers an open-concept kitchen with hardwood floors, modern appliances, quartz countertops, and a breakfast bar. This unit will be ready for occupancy upon closing, which is anticipated for early 2027.

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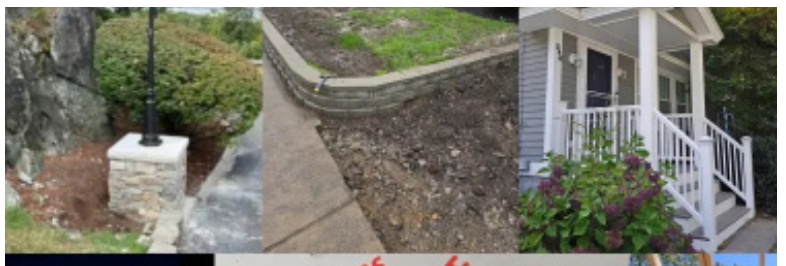


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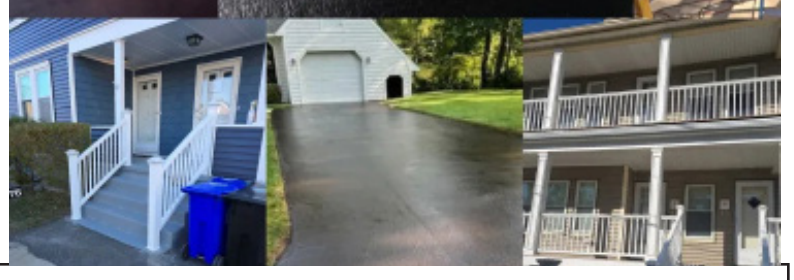














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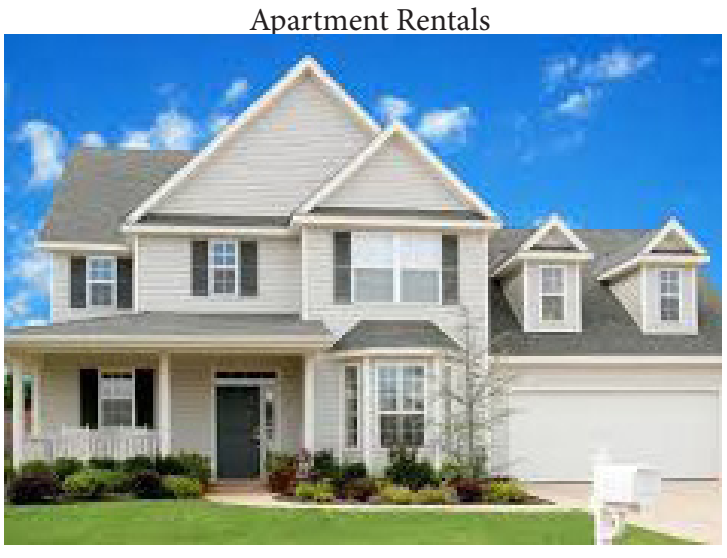
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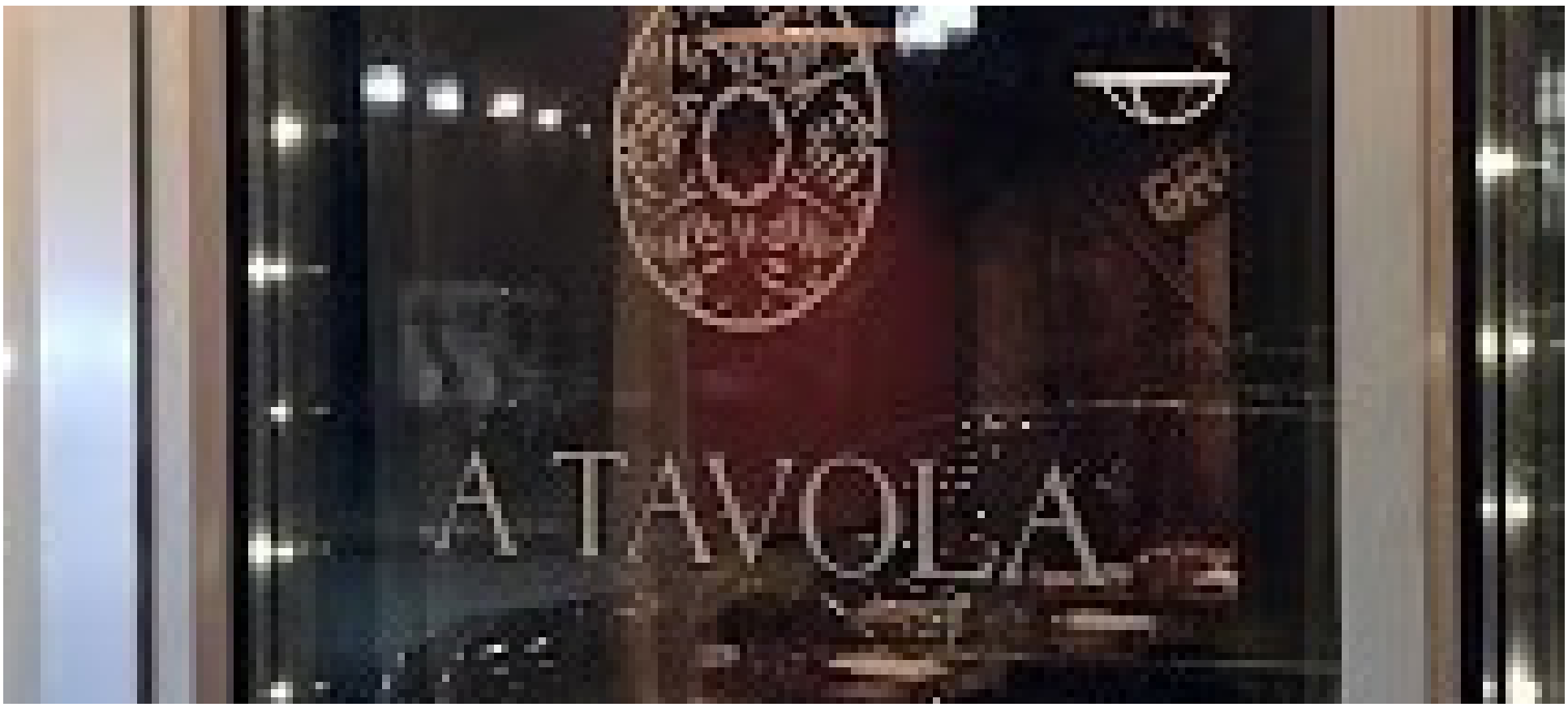
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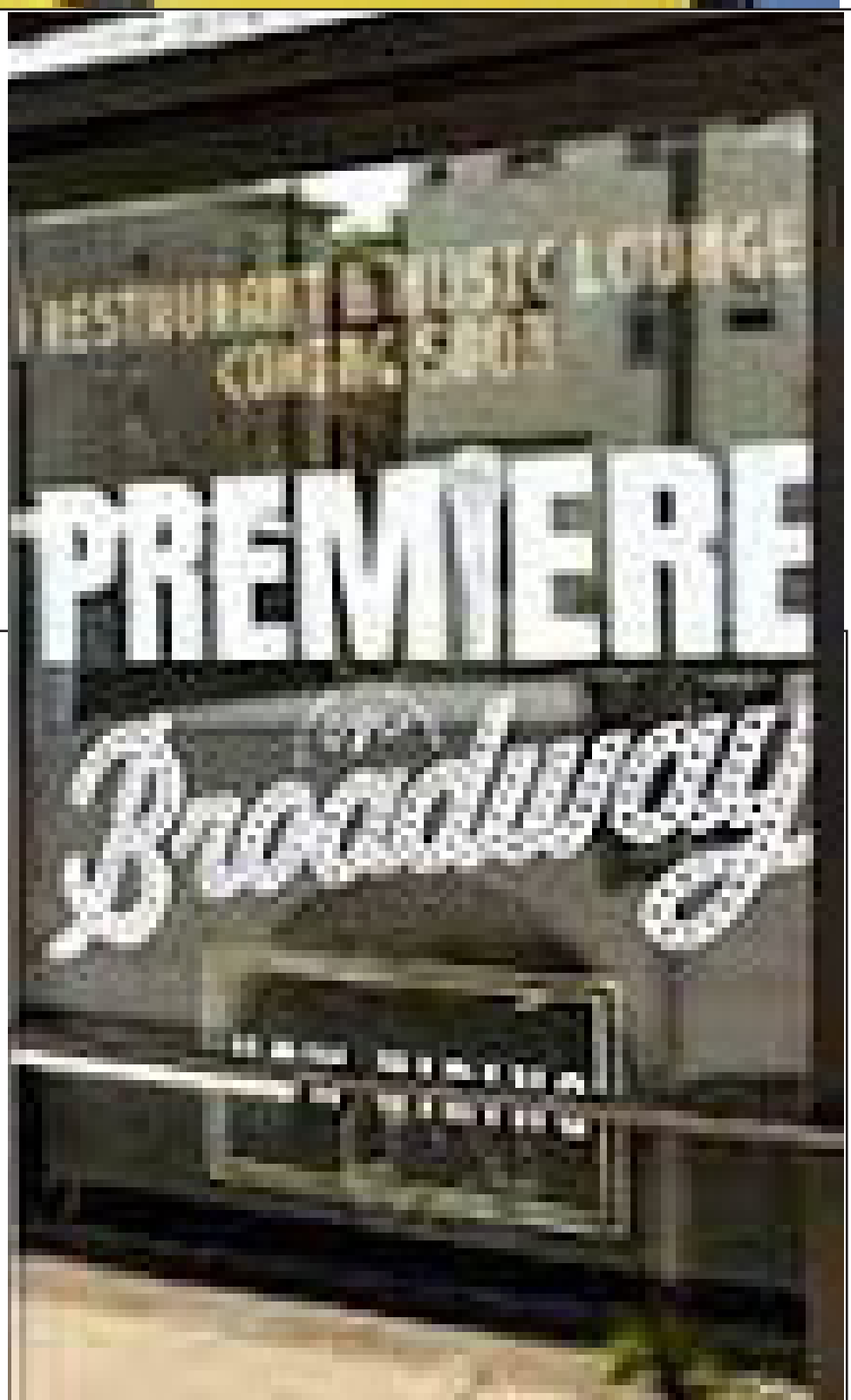




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