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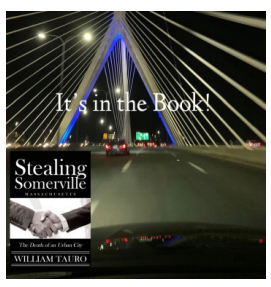
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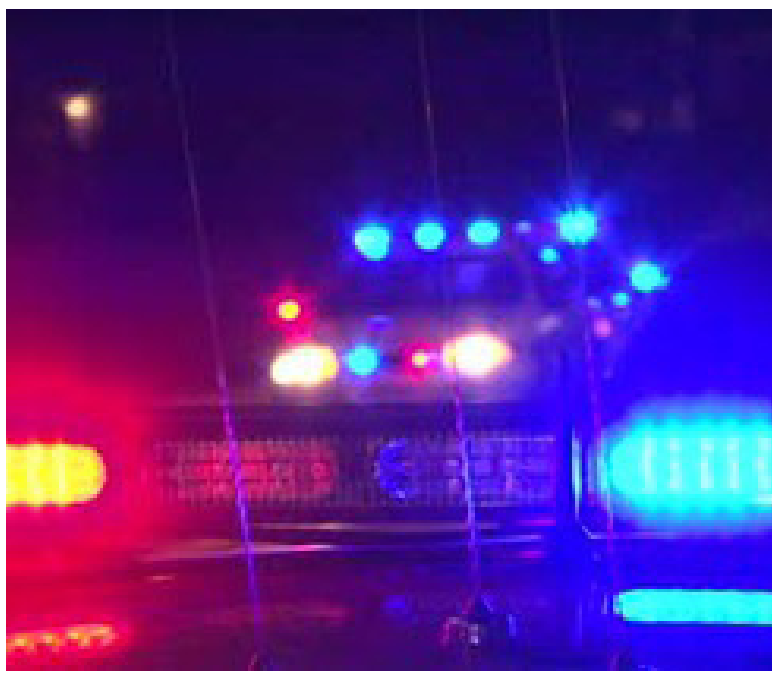
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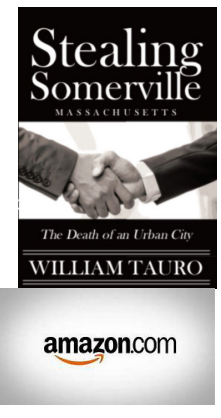


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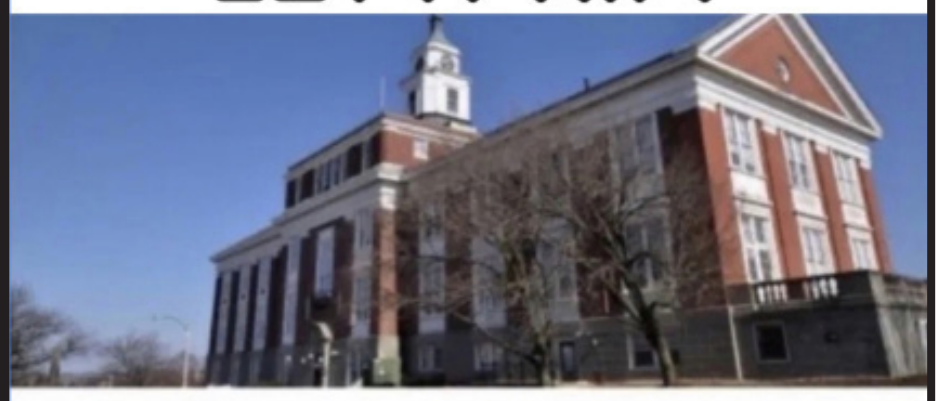
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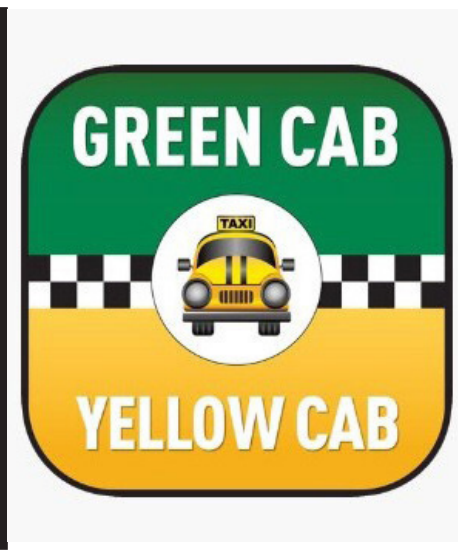
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In January 2025, the Civil Service introduced a new 'Hybrid Hiring Model' for departments under its purview. This model offers two distinct pathways to become an entry-level police officer:

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2. Getbadged Route: Apply directly through GetBadged.com. Visit GetBadged.com, create an account, and select your preferred exam date. This is on-going.

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Somerville/Medford Remembering Richard Simione



Richard Simione, 67, passed away unexpectedly on November 15, 2026. Born in Medford, MA and raised in Somerville, Richard lived a life defined by hard work, dedication, loyalty, a wonderful sense of humor, and a deep appreciation for the people and simple pleasures that meant the most to him.

Richard married Valerie O'Brien after a decade-long courtship, beginning a loving marriage that spanned 40 fabulous years. Earlier this year, they celebrated this special milestone with a memorable trip to Europe.

Richard enjoyed traveling, especially cruise vacations, and spending time at their Point East condo in Wells, Maine. He also loved keeping busy around the house. Whether mowing the lawn, tweaking something that (didn't) need tweaking, painting the house or tinkering in his workshop, Richard always found something to do. He could spend hours in his shed, working on projects and taking pride in making things right. He was a borderline perfectionist.

Richard spent 37 years of his working life as a Store Director at Johnnie's Foodmaster before making a complete career change to become a Service Advisor at Lyon-Waugh Mini/BMW. He had maintained friendships with co-workers at both places of employment since his short lived retirement in 2024 and he valued them greatly.

Those who knew Richard will also remember his quick wit and perfectly timed one-liners. His sense of humor was an unmistakable part of who he was, and the laughter he brought to others will be fondly remembered.

Richard was the beloved son of the late George and Mary Simione. He leaves behind his loving wife, Valerie; his brothers, George Simione and his wife Lisa, and John Simione and his wife Holly; and ten nieces and nephews: Ava, Jen, Joanna, Suzanne, David, John, Jenn, Mike, Joey, and Steve, as well as his special angel goddaughter, Elizabeth, and many great-nieces and great-nephews. He was a brother-in-law to Jeanne MacWhinnie, Chuck O'Brien and his wife Jeanne, and the late Maureen and Henry James and Harry MacWhinnie.

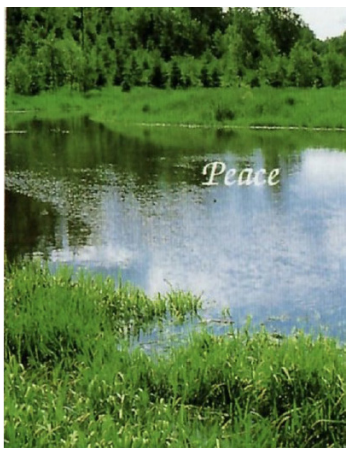
Above all, Richard will be remembered as the love of Valerie's life. Their marriage, while not always perfect, was honest and built on trust. They understood the importance of protecting what they had together and made that commitment throughout their 50 years. Together they built a life they loved.

Calling hours will be held Thursday, November 19th in the George L. Doherty Funeral Home 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.) from 4:00 – 7:00.

A prayer service will be held on Friday, November 20th in the funeral home at 11:00AM. Relatives and friends are invited to attend and may visit with the family from 10:00AM to 11:AM prior to the service.

Interment Puritan Lawn, Peabody.

Somerville/Medford Remembering Bradley, Charles J. "Chucky"



Bradley, Charles J. "Chucky", of Everett, formerly of Somerville, passed away on November 5 at age 60.

Beloved son of Joanne Nelligan and the late Charles Bradley. Loving brother of James Bradley, Karen Marino and her late husband Joseph.

Dear nephew of Anna Larkin Brigida and the late Thomas Larkin. Cherished uncle of James, Marc and Rosario Marino. Charles is also survived by many other loving relatives and friends. Charles was an avid Boston sports fan.

A funeral mass will be held for Charles on Friday November 13th at 10:00 am in St. Catherine's Church 185 Summer St. Somerville, followed by interment at Woodlawn Cemetery, 302 Elm St., Everet

Somerville/Medford Remembering James R. "Bobby" Farrell, Jr.



James R. "Bobby" Farrell, Jr. – Of Quincy, formerly of Medford, passed away on Monday, November 9th, following a long and courageous battle with cancer. He was 60 years old.

Born in Cambridge and raised in Somerville, he was the beloved son of the late James R. "Bob" and Joan M. (Cremens) Farrell. Bobby enjoyed a long and successful career with Boston Closet Company, where his coworkers became much more than colleagues; they became like family. He took great pride in his work and valued the friendships and relationships he built throughout the years.

Above all else, Bobby's greatest pride and joy was his family. Nothing made him happier than spending time with his children and grandchildren. Whether it was a simple get-together, a family celebration, or just being together, those moments meant everything to him. He cherished every opportunity to see everyone and took great happiness in watching his family grow. His love for them was immeasurable, and they were truly the center of his world.

When he wasn't spending time with family, Bobby enjoyed getting out on the golf course. He found peace and relaxation on the green, where he could enjoy the game and take a break from everyday life. He was also an avid sports fan who loved watching his favorite Boston teams and cheering them on.

Beloved husband of the late Karen A. (Moscillo) Farrell. Devoted father of James "Bobby" Farrell III and his wife Melissa of Onset, John M. Farrell of Quincy, Kristina Farrell of Quincy, and Joseph Estrella of Somerville. Loving grandfather of Evan, Ayla, Charlie, Tommy and Jacob. Cherished brother and best friend of Patricia Brosnahan and her late husband John of Somerville, John " Jack " Farrell and his wife Terese of Lynnfield, Mark Farrell of Somerville, the late Diane Doyle, and the late Kevin Farrell and his surviving wife Nancy of Hudson New Hampshire. Also lovingly survived by many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

A funeral procession will be held on Monday, November 16th from the George L. Doherty Funeral Home 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.) at 9:00AM. Followed by a funeral mass celebrated in St. Ann Church, 399 Medford St. Somerville at 10:00AM.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

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

Services will conclude with interment at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made in Bobby's name to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, PO Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284.

INJURED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS (S 1851)

By Bob Katzen

The Senate approved, on a voice vote without a roll call, and sent to the House, a measure that would allow public safety personnel with impaired health, presumed to have been suffered in the line of duty, to submit an affidavit attesting that the member underwent a physical exam upon beginning his or her service as a law enforcement official, if their employer failed to maintain these records.

"Public safety personnel such as police officers and firefighters who are injured in the line of duty or develop illnesses related to their service shouldn't be forced to navigate unnecessary red tape if their employer fails to maintain proper medical records," sponsor Sen. Paul Feeney (D-Foxborough) told Beacon Hill Roll Call. "With the passage of this legislation in the Senate, we are one step closer to relieving public safety officials of the undue burden of proving an occupational presumption when through no fault of their own, their medical records have been lost or damaged by their employing department."

PRIMARY CARE AND HEALTH CARE AFFORDABILITY (H 5630 and S 3141)

By Bob Katzen

House 158-0, Senate 35-4, approved their own version of a bill that supporters say would expand access to primary care, shift the health care system toward prevention, invest in the health care workforce, support hospitals and community health centers, improve affordability by lowering prescription drug costs and increase

accountability across the health care system. They noted that the measure establishes historic primary care investment targets; creates advanced primary care payment models that reward prevention and coordinated care; expands access to innovative models of care; creates an expedited determination of need process to expand equitable care access; and strengthens oversight to ensure primary care investments actually improve access, lower costs and support a sustainable, patient-centered health care system.

Opponents said the bills have some good points but do not do enough to control skyrocketing medical costs. They supported a number of failed amendments that they said would improve the measure.

The bill was sent to a House-Senate conference committee on July 31.

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

Rep. Christine Barber Yes
Rep. Mike Connolly Yes
Rep. Paul Donato Yes
Rep. Erika Uyterhoeven Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

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DATA PRIVACY (H 5479, S 2619)

By Bob Katzen

House 146-0, Senate 40-0, approved their own version of proposals that would guard personal privacy and provide data protection for Massachusetts residents.

The bills establish clear rights regarding residents' personal data, including the right to know what information is being collected and the ability to opt out of having their data used for targeted advertising or being sold to other companies.

The bill was sent to a House-Senate conference committee on June 17.

(A "Yes" vote is for the bill.)

Rep. Christine Barber Yes
Rep. Mike Connolly Yes
Rep. Paul Donato Yes
Rep. Erika Uyterhoeven Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

TEACHERS' RETIREMENT BENEFITS (H 4361, S 3109)

By Bob Katzen

House 158-0, Senate 39-0, approved their own version of measures dealing with teacher retirement benefits.

Supporters of the Senate version note it would allow longtime public school teachers the opportunity, until mid-2027, to join "Retirement Plus" and buy into an enhanced savings program if they missed out when the program was first established in 2001.

Supporters of the House version said that the House version would extend benefits for retired teachers who are later hired to work for the Massachusetts Executive Office of Education or the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The bill would allow these employees to retain the status of "teacher" and remain in the Teachers' Retirement System.

The bill was sent to a House-Senate conference committee on July 15.

(A "Yes" vote is for the bill.)

Rep. Christine Barber Yes
Rep. Mike Connolly Yes
Rep. Paul Donato 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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REMOVE $1 MILLION CAP ON PAYMENTS TO PEOPLE WHO WERE WRONGFULLY CONVICTED OF A CRIME AND SERVED JAIL TIME (S 3300)

By Bob Katzen

The Senate, on a voice vote without a roll call, gave initial approval to a bill that would scrap the current $1 million cap on wrongful conviction payments to anyone who served prison time after being wrongfully convicted of a crime. The measure calls for payments of $115,000 for each year imprisoned and $57,000 for each year of probation. It would replace the current law under which a person gets a lump sum set by settlement or jury verdict, capped at a $1 million total, no matter how long they were imprisoned.

"This bill would provide a little more justice to people who have spent decades in prison for crimes they didn't commit," Sen. Pat Jehlen (D-Somerville), the sponsor of the original version of the bill, told Beacon Hill Roll Call. "Right now, compensation for them is capped at $1 million. Not only did they have their freedom taken for decades, but they leave prison with no resume, no money, no home, limited education and little support. Many exonerees receive less than $1 million, because the amount is negotiated as part of the judicial process."

She noted that the cap was raised to $1 million in 2018 in the criminal justice reform bill, but inflation has reduced its value to $745,000. She continued, "I filed the bill because the current law requires lengthy litigation and gives delayed and inadequate relief to people who have been irreparably harmed by conviction and incarceration for crimes they did not commit."

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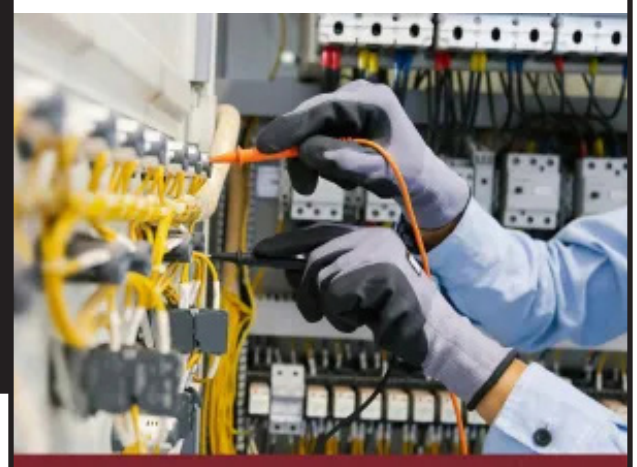
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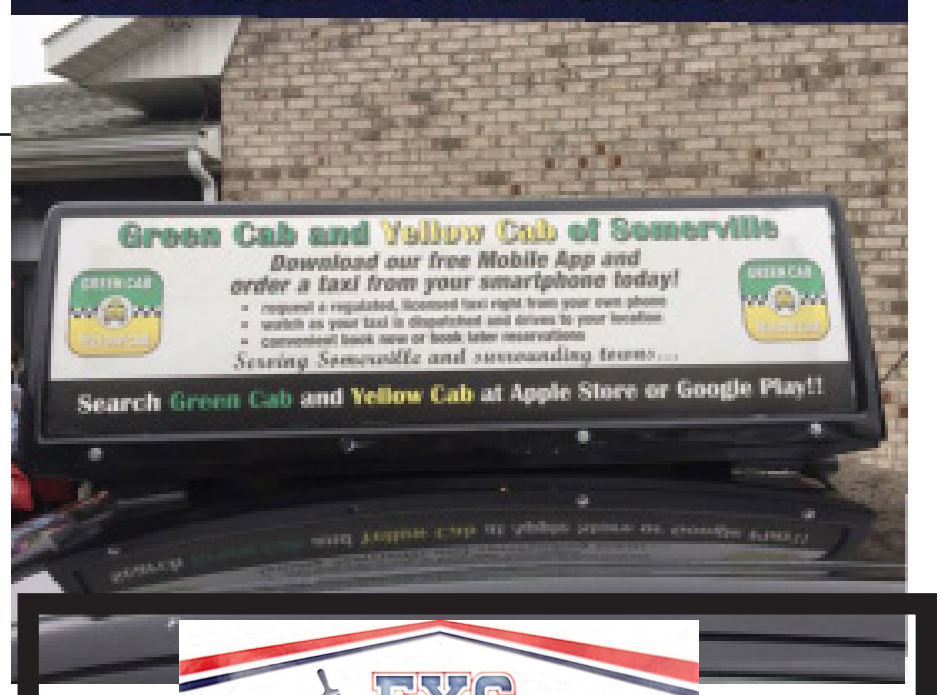
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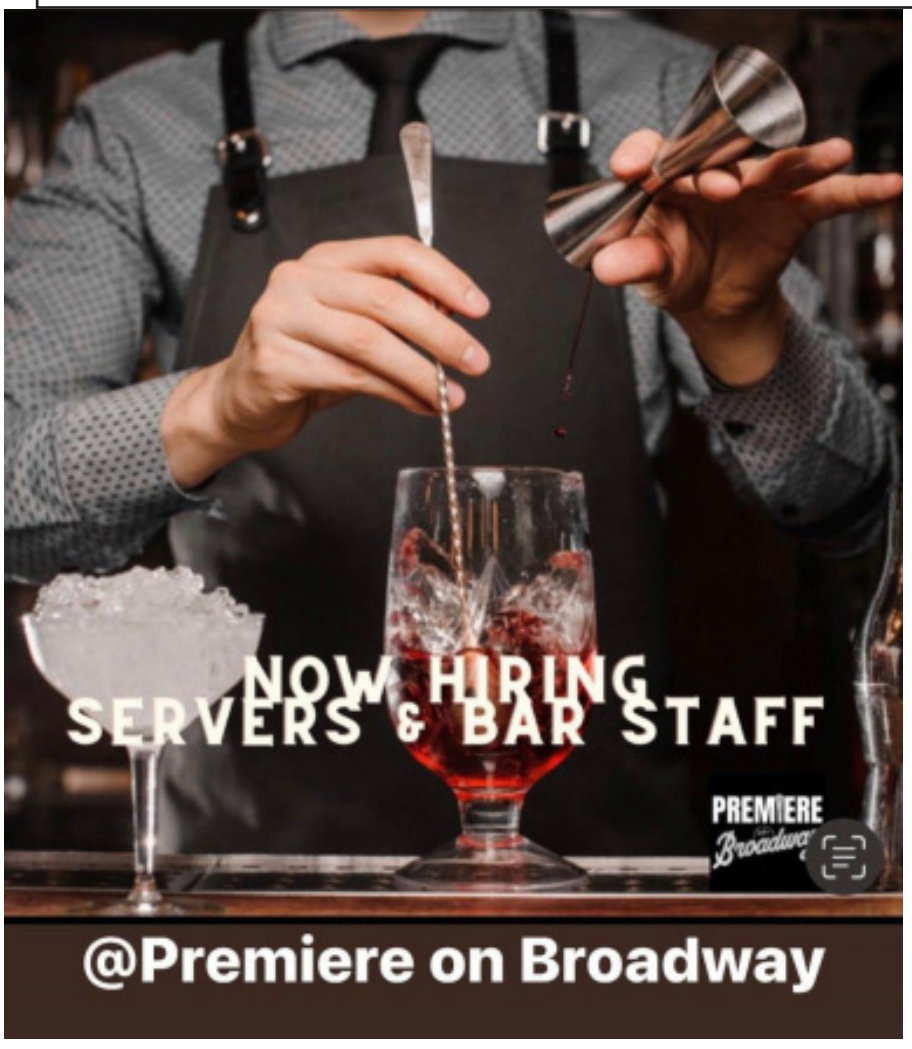














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By William Tauro

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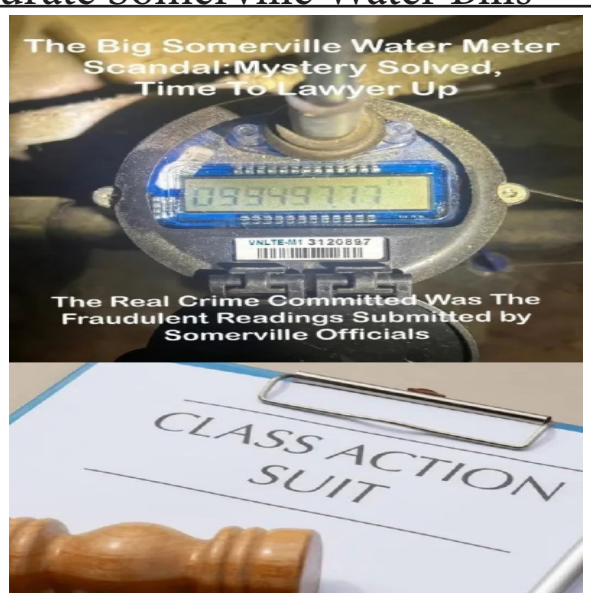
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Medford VFW #1012 Karaoke Night

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

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





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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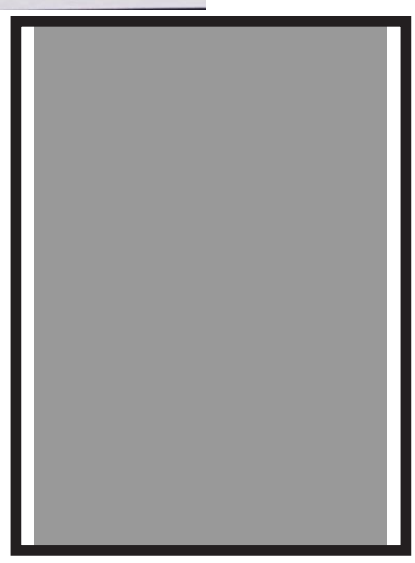
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Join the Somerville Human Rights Commission

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.):

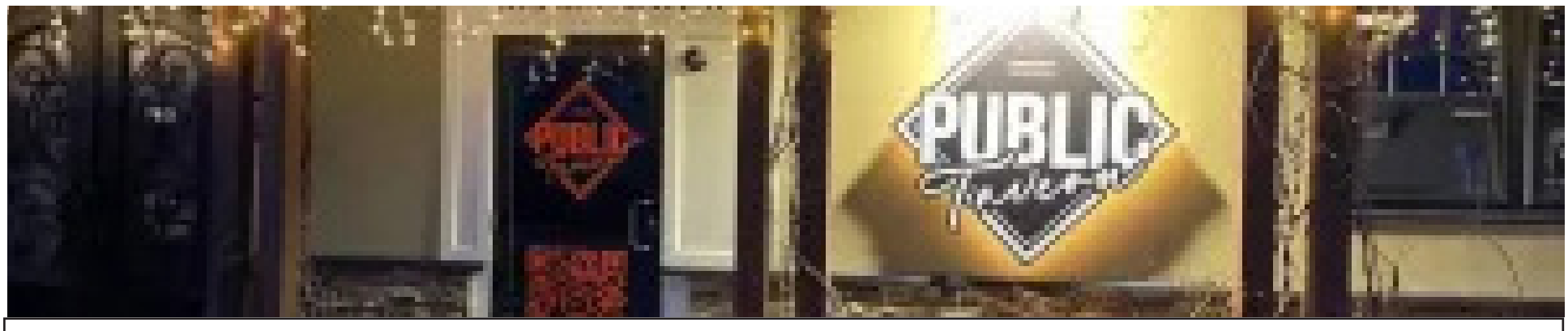
The building has a work from home space, fitness room, bike storage, and roof deck at the property. The unit includes a private balcony, a modern kitchen, and in-unit laundry. For more information on unit layouts and features, contact ACRES at (617) 675-1083.





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Cobble Hill residents in favor of this plea to every member of Somerville City Council

Residents of Cobble Hill Apartments
50, 60, 74 & 84 Washington Street
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Dear Members of the Somerville City Council,
On October 1, 2026, Somerville Redevelopment Authority arranged for Wood Partners to present their plans for the development of 90 Washington Street by December 18, 2026. There is progress from the Best and Final Offer. It hasn't gone far enough to protect Cobble Hill's green space.

Cobble Hill residents never agreed to the city taking our beloved green space by eminent domain. The four-year dispute often feels like that sick joke: the beatings will continue until morale improves". When SRA's own 90 Washington Street Civic Advisory Committee recommended preserving our parking and green space; they were overruled by the SRA Board.
As the Somerville Planning Department moves toward a City Council vote, it hurts that the SRA gave more weight to recovering financial losses, than to recognizing the City's extensive environmental mandates by recognizing their legal validity and preserving the existing green space.

The attached November 1 Cambridge Day article describes what is at stake for Cobble Hill residents. The trees that shade our grounds also provide a lively habitat for birds, rabbits and squirrels. Moreover, the green berm encapsulates undisturbed environmental toxins and buffers traffic noise from Washington Street. We applaud Councilor McLaughlin's call to preserve trees and green space. We ask that the Council work in support of his call.
Also, for your consideration, Somerville's urban forest assessment determined a citywide tree canopy of just 14.6%. In Ward 1, the same assessment puts the canopy at about 8%.

Of the four acres at 90 Washington Street, three remain empty and their use as city storage has been extended to 2028. The approximately one acre remaining is populated by a grove of 38 mature trees a berm and an adjacent open lawn. The green space is a natural butter. It has provided shade, comfort, and natural beauty to Cobble Hill residents for more than 45 years.

Several attractive maples on a new site plan cannot begin to replace a grove that took decades to grow.
Cobble Hill residents are not alone in requesting enduring green space. On November 3, 2026, 23,168
Somerville voters said yes to Ballot Question #6, the conservation and recreation measure. It couldn't be any clearer. Somerville voters showed landslide support for conservation and recreation. The Council now has a chance to act on that support at 90 Washington Street.
We ask the City Council to request that SRA present a plan to preserve all of Cobble Hill's green space in recognition of the City's established environmental values and its residents' environmental values. We implore you to preserve it for all who live here now and for generations who will someday call Ward 1 their home.

Respectfully,

The Residents of Cobble Hill Apartments
Enclosed: Cambridge Day 11.01.26 "Somerville residents fight city's plan for Cobble Hill lot
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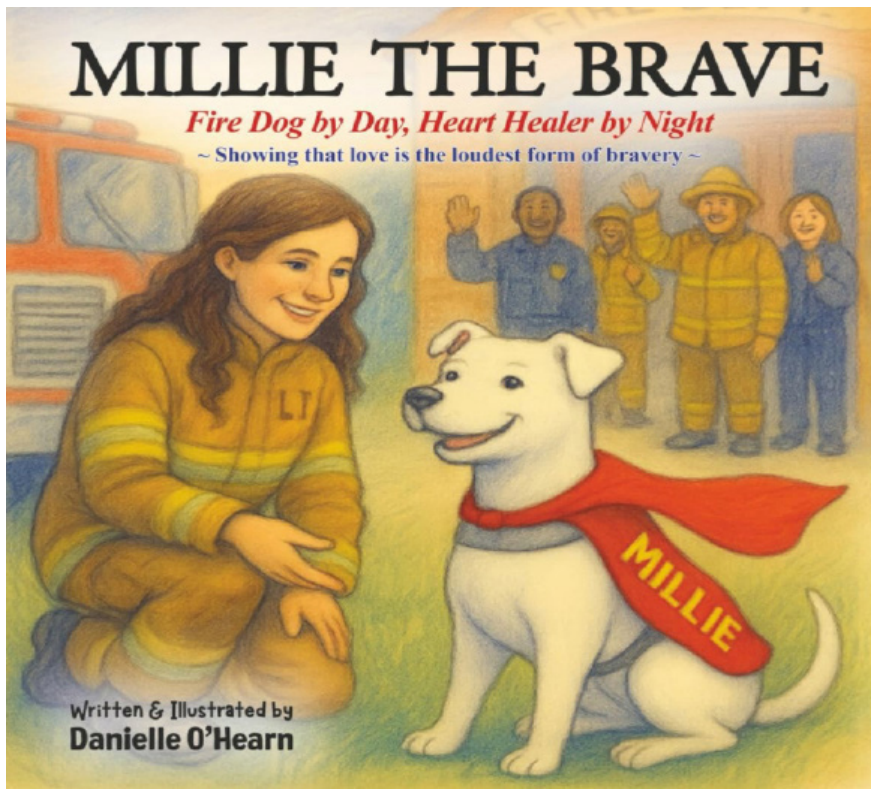
Dear Billy T and Somerville/Medford News Weekly Speakup Line,

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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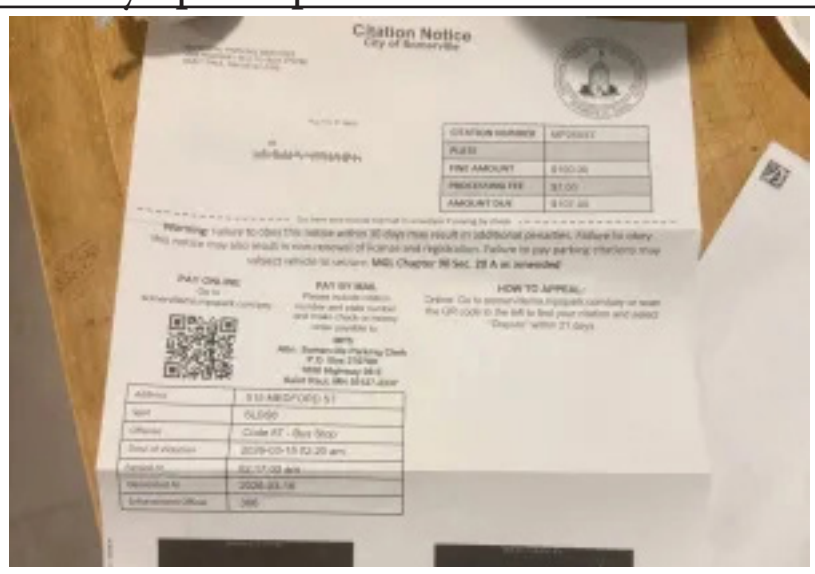


Somerville/Medford News Weekly Speakup Line: Fake Somerville Bills

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.

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$13 MILLION TO EXPAND WINTER SHELTERS AND WARMING CENTERS CAPACITY

By Bob Katzen

Gov. Healey announced the awarding of nearly $13 million in supplemental grant funding to expand shelter and warming center capacity for individuals experiencing homelessness across Massachusetts this winter.

Supporters said that the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities annually supports 2,514 year-round beds and 363 winter beds for individuals experiencing homelessness. They noted that supplemental grant funding will support an additional 1,575 winter shelter beds and 214 overnight warming center slots through partnerships with municipalities and community-based providers. They argued that the additional capacity will ensure that more individuals have access to safe, warm spaces this winter.

"No one should have to endure this upcoming winter without a safe, dignified place to turn," said Rep. Kip Diggs (D-Barnstable). "The Duffy Health Center in Hyannis serves many individuals across the Cape and is an integral part of our community. Protecting the most vulnerable members of our communities is a priority of Duffy's, a priority of mine and a priority of the Healey Administration. I am pleased to hear of the continued efforts to support our neighbors who fall on hard times and ensure critical shelter services on Cape Cod."

OKUR-CHUNG NEURODEVELOPMENTAL SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY (H 3366)

By Bob Katzen

The Senate gave near-final approval to a House-approved bill designating April 5 as Okur-Chung Neurodevelopmental Syndrome (OCNDS) Awareness Day.

"I'm so pleased we are moving forward on this bill," House sponsor Rep. Kristin Kassner (D-Hamilton) told Beacon Hill Roll Call. "We filed this bill because of the extraordinary advocacy of Jillian Kavanagh and her daughter, our constituents who brought OCNDS to my attention. OCNDS is rare and difficult to diagnose, but if caught early, there are treatments that can lead to better outcomes. Our goal in filing this bill was to raise awareness of the syndrome, which can lead to earlier diagnoses that truly improve the quality of life for patients and their families."

Only final approval of the measure is needed in each branch before it goes to Gov. Maura Healey for her signature.

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Got a Food Business Idea? Get Cooking with Somerville's Nibble Culinary Entrepreneurship Program

Applications for the 2027 program due Tuesday, December 15

SOMERVILLE – Have an idea for a restaurant but not sure how to get started? Love to cook, share stories, and build community? Applications are now open for the 2027 Nibble Culinary Entrepreneurship Program, a City of Somerville program that gives aspiring food business owners the training, mentorship, and hands-on experience to put their ideas to the test – all while providing opportunities for multicultural exchange and placemaking through food.

Now in its 15th year, the Nibble Program helps members of Somerville's immigrant and historically underserved communities explore culinary careers, develop food business ideas, and share their cultures through food.

Participants receive business development training and mentoring from industry professionals, with opportunities to teach cooking classes, sell food at markets and festivals, and vend at Nibble Kitchen in Union Square. Bilingual workshops and translation for one-on-one mentoring help make the program accessible to participants from different language backgrounds.

The program begins with an eight-week workshop series expected to start in January 2027. The cost is $100, with financial assistance available to cover the full cost for qualified participants.

Applications are available in English, Spanish, Portuguese, and Haitian Kreyol with additional languages available upon request. Applications are open now and are processed on a rolling basis. Interested applicants should complete and return the form by December 15. Program staff will follow up to schedule interviews with qualified applicants.

For more information or assistance applying, visit nibblesomerville.com/culinary-entrepreneurship or contact Nibble Kitchen Manager, Anthony Baum, at abaum@somervillema.gov.

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THE TRAFFIC REGULATIONS WITH THE ADDITION OF THE FOLLOWING:

2026-145 Article V Section 5-15 "Parking for Persons with Disabilities" is amended with the addition of the following location: 119 College Ave.
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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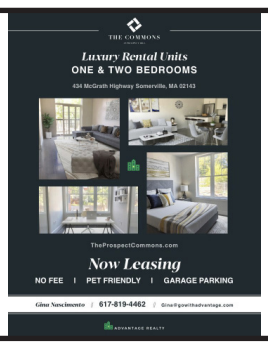


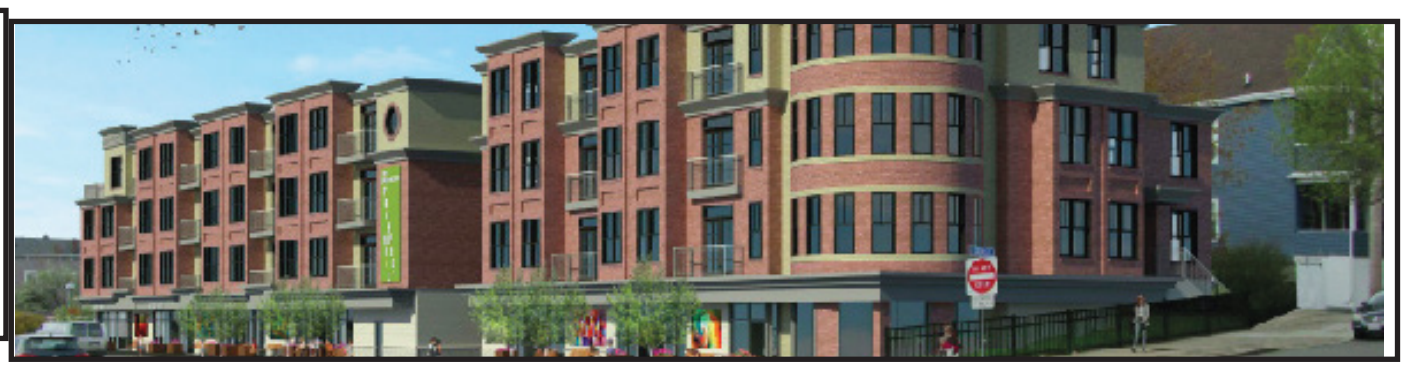
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PUT DATA CENTERS QUESTION ON THE 2028 BAY STATE BALLOT

By Bob Katzen

The Massachusetts Committee to Restrict Data Centers announced it is launching a drive to collect the necessary number of signatures to get a question on the 2028 ballot asking voter whether they favor putting more restrictions on data centers.

The proposed law would establish requirements for new data centers and expansions of existing facilities, including a two-thirds vote of approval by residents in the host community. In addition, a data center could not receive a municipal permit unless its electricity supplier agreed not to shift costs onto other customers and committed to providing enough electricity from 100% renewable resources to meet the facility's needs without reducing renewable energy available to others. Operators would also be required to guarantee recovery of infrastructure costs if a facility closes, reduces capacity or violates its contract.

The committee cites concerns about increasing electric bills, water consumption and noise from equipment that can sound like jet engines. It is chaired by Jim Fleming, a political consultant who operates a signature-gathering company and said he has connections to communities that have raised concerns about data center projects, including Westfield and Holyoke.

Sen. John Velis (D-Westfield) is also promoting the campaign. "The completion and proposed construction of data centers around the state has caused local community groups to organize to either stop or delay new centers," Velis said, citing concerns about electricity costs, environmental uncertainty, water usage and noise.

More information at https://www.sign4restrictingdatacenters.org/



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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:

Apply now through 4 p.m. on Wednesday, December 9.

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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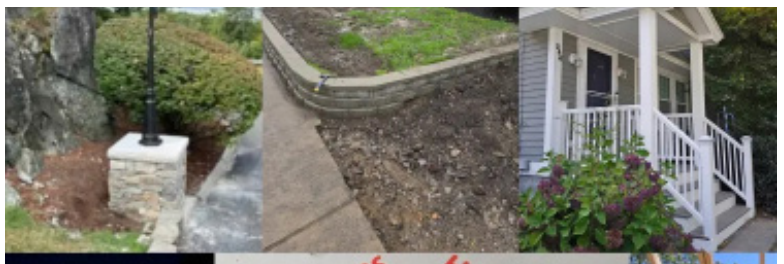


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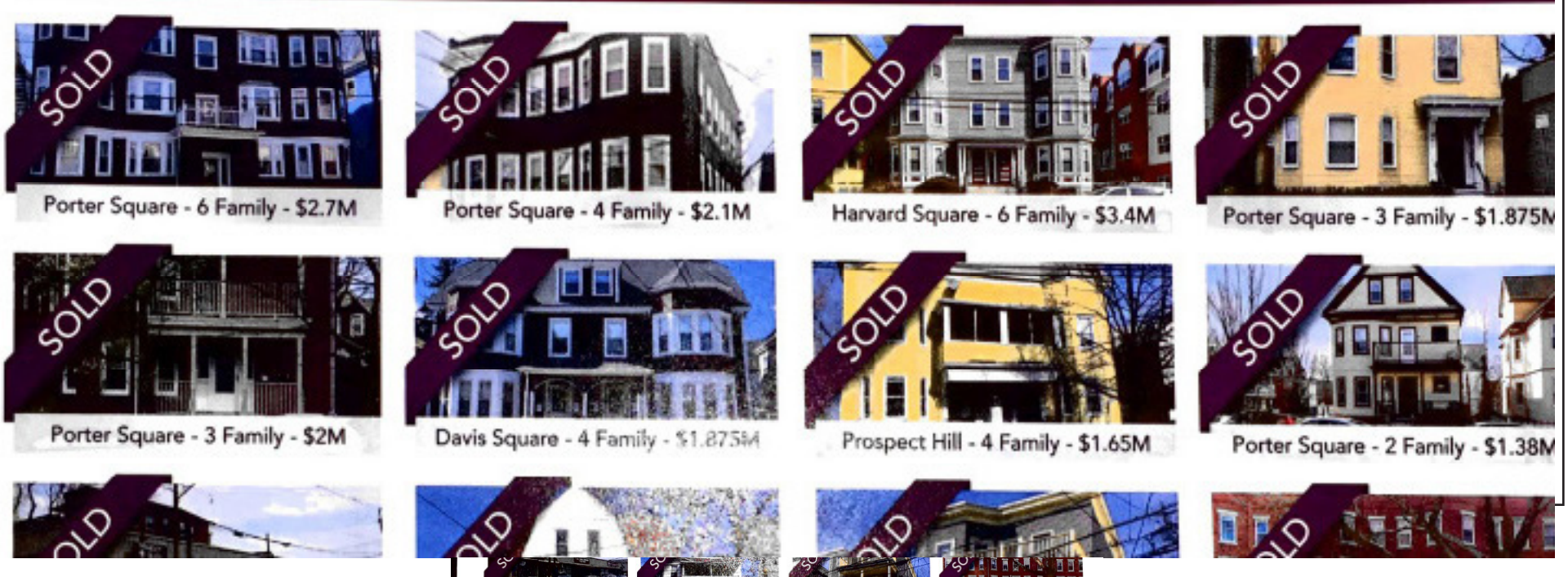
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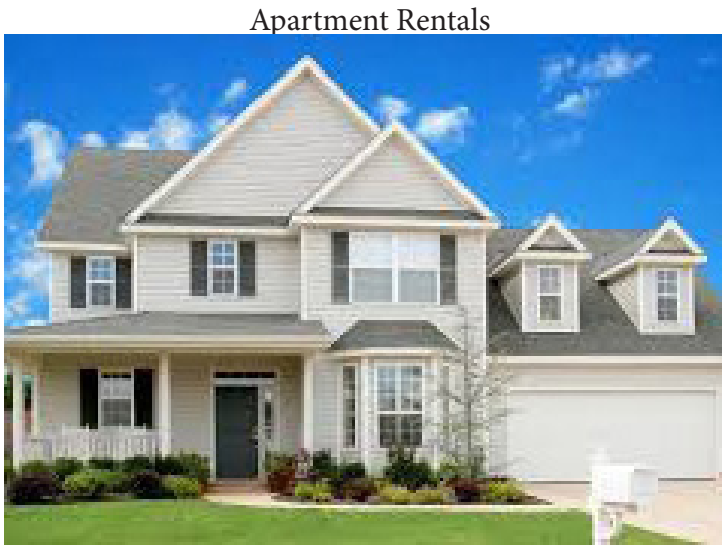
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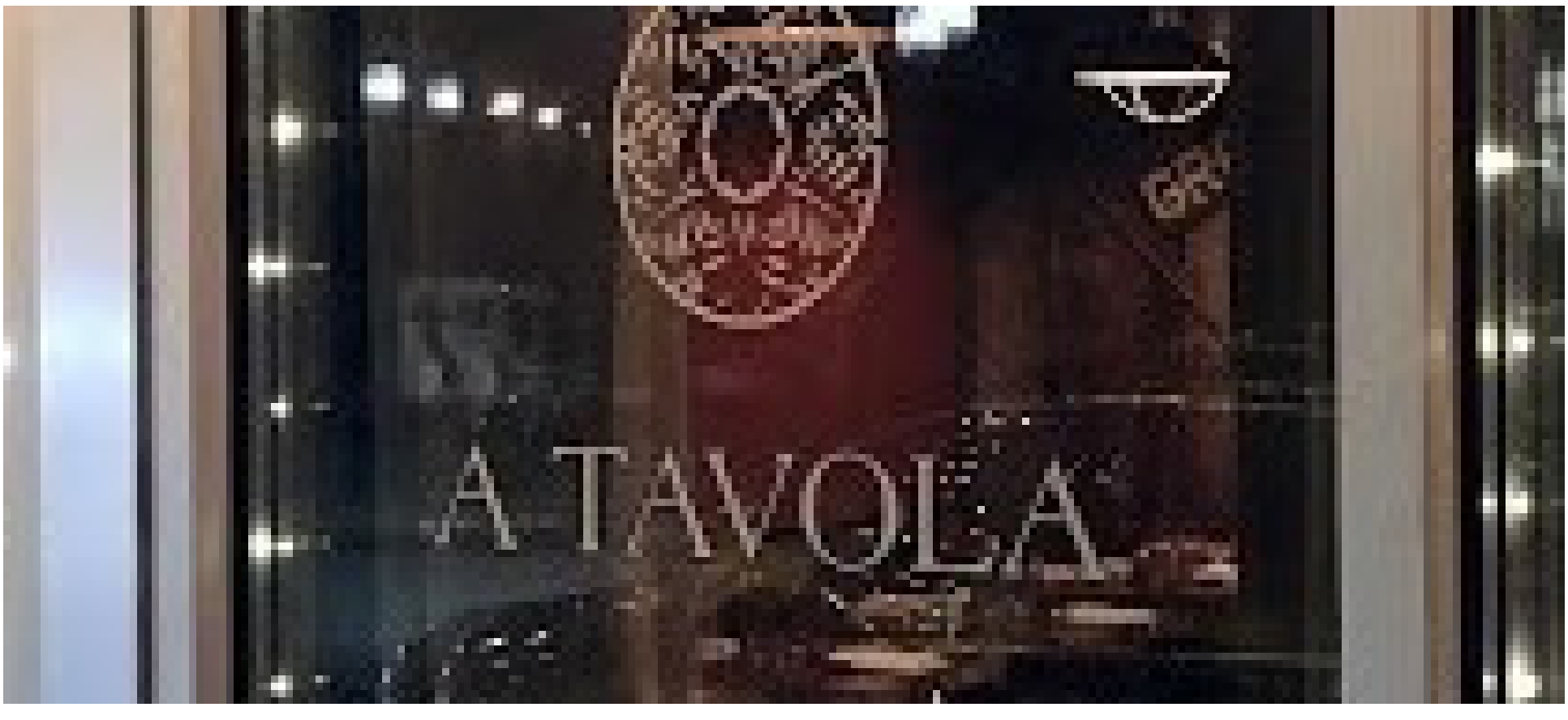
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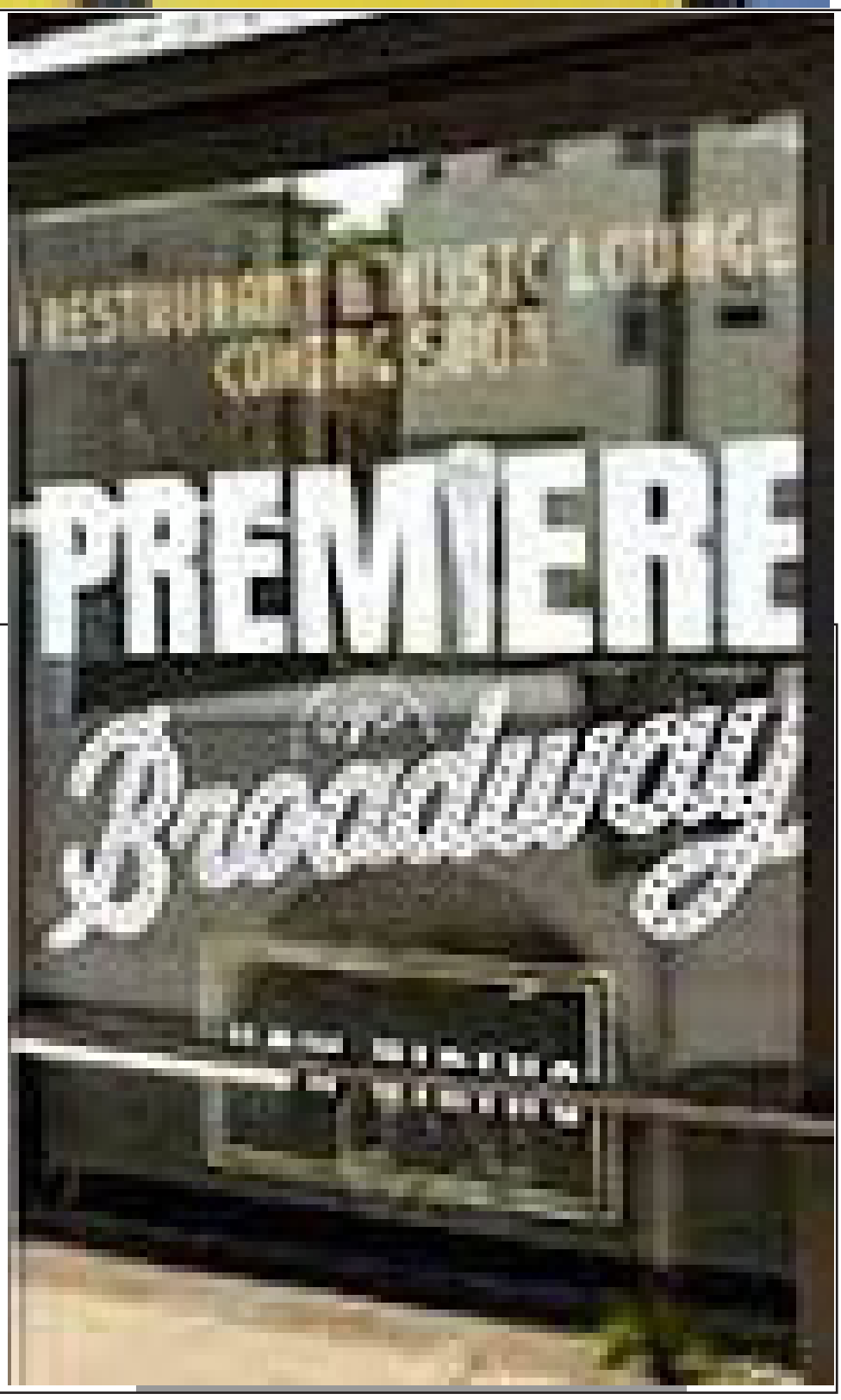




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