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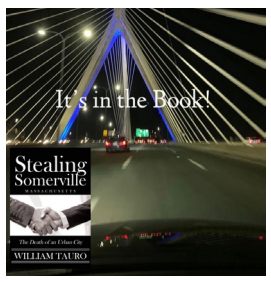
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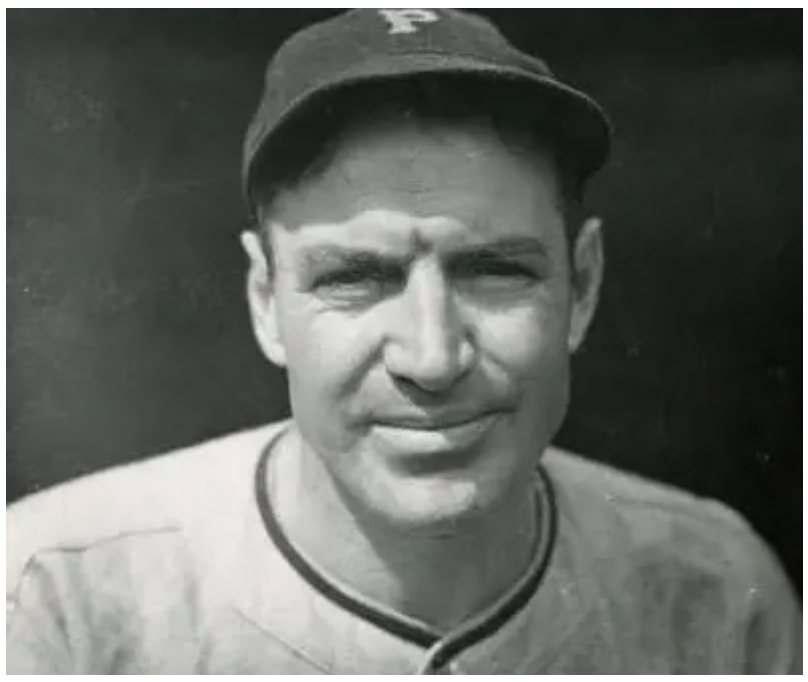


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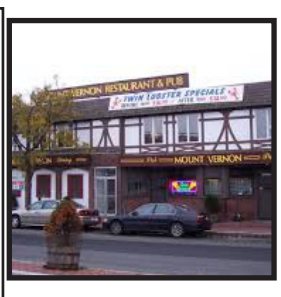


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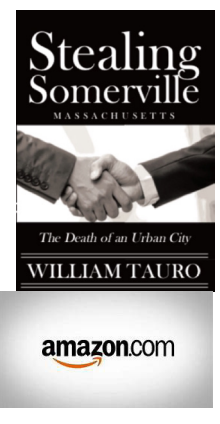


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Somerville/Medford Remembering Thomas P. Gillick



Thomas P. Gillick passed away on October 23, 2026, at the Hebrew Rehabilitation Center in Boston, he was 87 years old. Born and raised in the Bronx, New York, Tommy was the cherished son of the late Mary T. (Carty) and Thomas Gillick. He was a longtime resident of Bloomfield, New Jersey before moving to Massachusetts. In Bloomfield, Tommy served as an usher at St Thomas the Apostle Church and volunteered at the Mountainside Hospital. He was well known, awarded volunteer of the year and loved by all in town.

Following his move to Massachusetts, Tommy first settled in Somerville with family and for the last 6 years has resided at the Hebrew Rehabilitation Center in Roslindale. He enjoyed all the daily activities, especially Bingo. He will be lovingly remembered by all who knew him as a kind and gentle soul, especially his best friend, Jana Galvin. Tommy loved celebrating his birthdays and the holidays with his family and his favorite day of the year was St Paddy's Day.

Tommy is survived by his devoted sister, Marge O'Gorman of Somerville, sister-in-law Phyllis Gillick of Toms River, New Jersey and by his cherished niece Julie O'Gorman of Somerville and nephews; Darren O'Gorman of Somerville and John Gillick and his wife Cheryl of Scotch Plains, New Jersey.

In addition to his parents, Tommy was predeceased by his brother John Gillick and nephew Joseph Gillick.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Bloomfield and burial will follow at the Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Upper Montclair, New Jersey at a later date, to be announced.

Somerville/Medford Remembering Kewal Krishan Bansal



Kewal Krishan Bansal – Of Burlington, passed away on Sunday, November 1, 2026 surrounded by his loving family. He was 6 days shy of his 93rd birthday.

Complete obit to be posted.

Calling Hours will be held on Thursday, November 5th at Forest Hill Cemetery Chapel, 95 Forest Hill Ave, Boston from 9:00AM to 11:00AM. Followed by a religious service at 11:00AM.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

Cremation will take place privately.

Somerville/Medford Remembering Judith M. (Pacini) Keating



Judith M. (Pacini) Keating – Of Somerville, passed away on Friday, October 30, 2026 following a courageous battle with cancer. She was 81 years old.

Born and raised in Somerville, she was the daughter of the late Salvatore and Mary (Frazzoini) Pacini.

Judith's greatest joy in life was her family. She loved any opportunity to bring everyone together, whether it was sitting around the table sharing a home-cooked meal, catching up on everyone's lives, or simply enjoying each other's company. It didn't matter what they were doing or where they were; as long as she was surrounded by her loved ones, she was happy. Judy also enjoyed a little excitement and loved taking trips to the casino to try her luck, always hoping for a lucky win. She found enjoyment in bowling and took pride in her embroidery, creating things with care and patience. She could happily spend time working on word searches, keeping her mind busy, or tending to and admiring her flowers. Judy appreciated these simple pleasures and the little moments that made each day special. Above all, the memories she made with her family and the time she shared with those she loved were what she treasured most. Judith also loved a good cup of tea with lots of sugar.

Beloved wife of 57 years to Bernard "Bernie" Keating. Devoted mother of Michele Keating- Simons and her husband Edward. Loving sister of Richard Pacini and his wife Barbara, and the late Charles Pacini and his surviving wife Roberta. Also lovingly survived by many loving and cherished nieces and nephews.

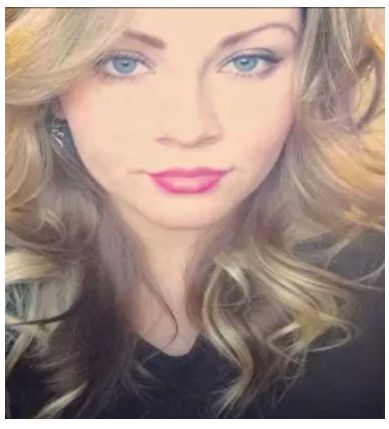
Calling Hours will be held Wednesday November 4th in the George L. Doherty Funeral Home 855 Broadway (Powder House SQ.) Somerville from 9:00AM to 10:00AM. Followed by a funeral mass celebrated in St. Ann Church 399 Medford St., Somerville at 10:30AM.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

Please omit any flowers and make a charitable donation in Judy's name to a charity of ones choice.

Burial will take place at a later date at Woodbrook Cemetery, Woburn.

Somerville/Medford Remembering Ashley Kayla Michalozski



Ashley Kayla Michalozski – Of Everett, passed away on Tuesday, October 27, 2026 at the young age of 31.

Born in Stoneham, she was the beloved daughter of Peter Michalozski and Tammy (Sarro) Burkett.

Devoted mother of Vinny Anthony Peroni. Beloved daughter of Peter Michalozski and his wife Jennifer, Tammy Burkett and her husband Justin. Cherished sister of Jared Lathrop, Marissa Lathrop, Kiley Lathrop, Brittney Burkett, and Ava Burkett. Dear granddaughter of Jean Regan and her husband Cornelius, the late Peter Michalozski, the late Daniel and Debra Sarro, James and Linda Harnois, Thomas Burkett and his late wife, Judith. . Also lovingly survived by many loving aunts, uncles, cousins and extended family members.

A funeral procession well be held on Friday, November 6th from the George L. Doherty Funeral Home 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.) at 10:00AM. Followed by a funeral mass celebrated in St. Francis de Sales Church 303 Bunker Hill St. Charlestown at 11:00AM.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend.

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

Off and on street parking is available off of Powder House BLD.

Somerville/Medford Remembering Charite Joseph



Charite Joseph – Of Cambridge, passed away on Monday, October 26, 2026. She was 78 years old.

Calling Hours will be held on Friday, November 13th in the George L. Doherty Funeral Home 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.) from 4:00PM to 7:00PM.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, November 14th in Holy Bible Baptist Church 64 College Ave, Somerville at 10:00AM. Relatives and friends may visit with the family prior to the service from 9:00AM to 10:00AM.

Services will conclude with interment at Cambridge Cemetery, Cambridge.

To send flowers with our preferred florist or plant a memorial tree, please visit our flower store.

Somerville/Medford News Weekly Speakup Line: Congratulations and thank you for a job well done!

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

Please help me in honoring this Somerville hometown hero!

Jackie Furtado-Cole, has been working 10.5 years as a crossing guard. She is currently working on Glen Street @ the Capuano School. She is a dedicated crossing guard to all the children. Jackie makes sure the kids are safe crossing the street in front of the school. She also makes sure the little kids are not bullied by the older kids at the playground.

My Granddaughter Josephine is a student in the preschool class, so I've been absorbing how dedicated Jackie is to all the children and there families.

I Joanna Callinan would like Jackie Furtado-Cole to be recognized with her dedication as a crossing guard at the Capuano School. Please and Thank you.

Somerville resident,

Joanna Costante Callinan



Get Updates on Somerville's New School Building Project at Nov. 10 Community Forum

The City is planning to build a new school at 115 Sycamore Street. For the latest update, community members are invited to come learn more about the project and share their perspectives at an upcoming community forum on Tuesday, November 10, at the Highlander Forum at Somerville High School (81 Highland Ave.) from 6 to 8 p.m.

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.



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Join the Somerville Affordable Housing Trust

SOMERVILLE – The City of Somerville is seeking one new volunteer member to join the Somerville Affordable Housing Trust (SAHT). This vacancy is for a representative of a Somerville nonprofit whose primary mission is affordable housing. If you're passionate about affordable housing in our community, this is a great opportunity to make an impact.

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 increase 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:
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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).

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

CHANGE THE BAY STATE'S TIME ZONE (S 2157)



By Bob Katzen

The Senate gave initial approval to a bill that would make Atlantic Standard Time (AST) the standard year-round time in Massachusetts and would put an end to the practice of switching between AST and Daylight Savings Time (DST). This means that people would no longer change the clocks in the Spring and Fall. The change would only take effect if two or more neighboring states (Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island or Vermont) also adopt similar legislation.

Within 120 days of this new law taking effect, Gov. Maura Healey would be required to petition the United States Department of Transportation (DOT) to include Massachusetts within the AST Zone. Under current federal law, a state cannot simply unilaterally decide to change their time zone. Any change would have to be approved by the DOT.

The measure also would require the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) to establish a task force to study school start times and the connection between start times and student performance. DESE must also hold public hearings and obtain comments and suggestions from teachers, students and parents and must report its findings to the Legislature's Committee on Education within one year.

Currently, 48 states use DST – the exceptions being Hawaii and Arizona. DST begins at 2 a.m. local time on the second Sunday in March. On the first Sunday in November, areas on DST return to AST at 2 a.m. When DST begins in the United States you turn your clocks ahead one hour ("Spring forward"). At the end of DST, you turn your clocks back one hour ("Fall back").

"Thomas Emswiler, a Quincy constituent and dedicated expert on time zone policy, brought this bill to my attention," said sponsor Sen. John Keenan (D-Quincy). "Through his advocacy and the work of the Special Commission on the Commonwealth's Time Zone, the potential benefits of this bill have come to light. If Massachusetts were to observe AST year-round, studies show that doing so could decrease energy usage, reduce the risk of heart attacks, strokes, car accidents and increase workplace productivity."

"Here we are again, setting our clocks back an hour," said Senate President Karen Spilka (D-Ashland). "It's a ridiculous seasonal dance that upends our sleep schedules and scrambles our lives twice a year, I hear about this often from constituents who are tired of this outdated relic of the 20th century. Permanently establishing a single time system would improve our health and even make our roads safer."

Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health says the time change is associated with an increased risk of heart attacks, strokes, mood disturbances and hospital admissions; Stanford School of Medicine finds that disruptions to the body's circadian rhythm are associated with higher rates of stroke and obesity; and Northwestern Medicine has linked the clock change to longer-term health effects, including depression, slowed metabolism, weight gain and cluster headaches.

The bill still needs additional approval in the Senate, approval by the House and Gov. Healey's signature before becoming law. "Gov. Healey supports eliminating Daylight Savings Time because we could all use more sunshine in our lives," said Karissa Hand, a spokesperson for the governor. House Speaker Ron Mariano's office did not respond to repeated requests by Beacon Hill Roll Call asking how the speaker feels about the bill.

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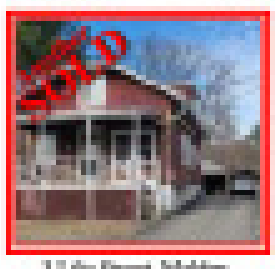


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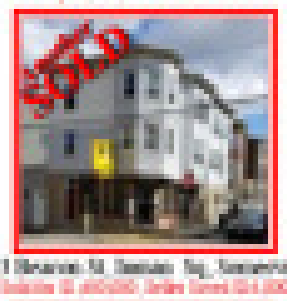






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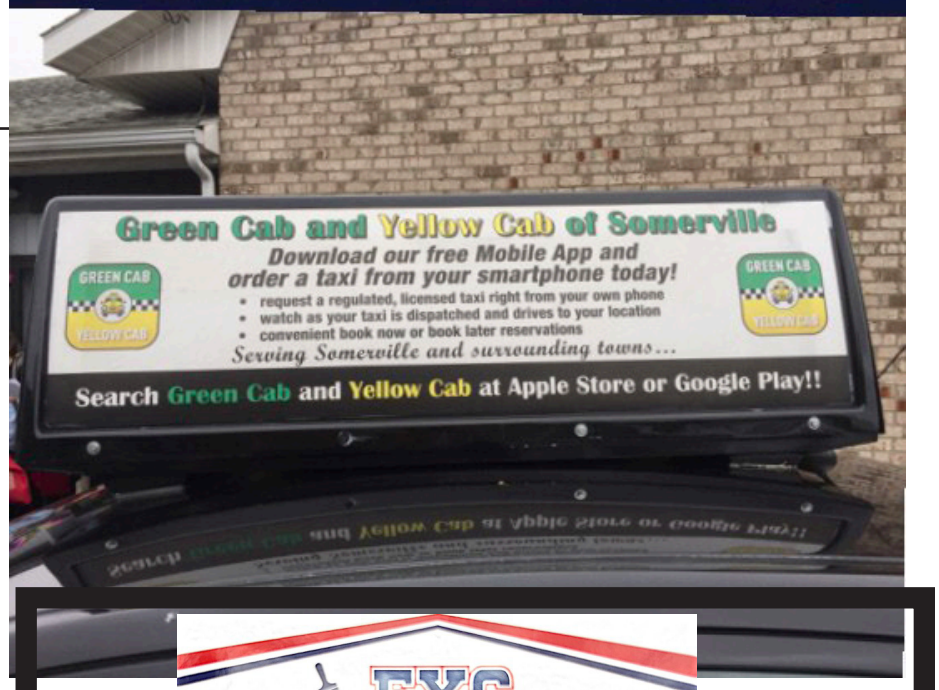














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By William Tauro

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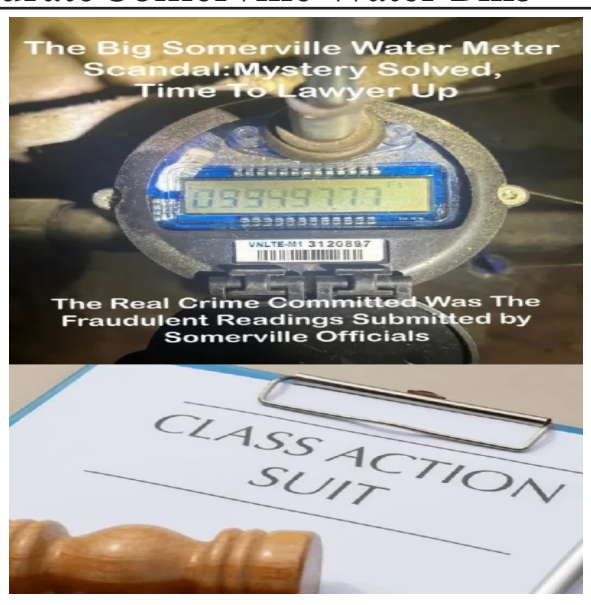
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Somerville's own Scotty Lombardo will be the DJ so don't miss it!





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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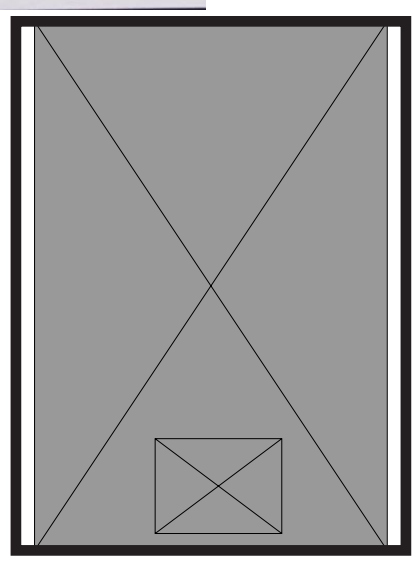
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Join the Somerville Human Rights Commission

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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OKUR-CHUNG NEURODEVELOPMENTAL SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY (H 3366)

By Bob Katzen

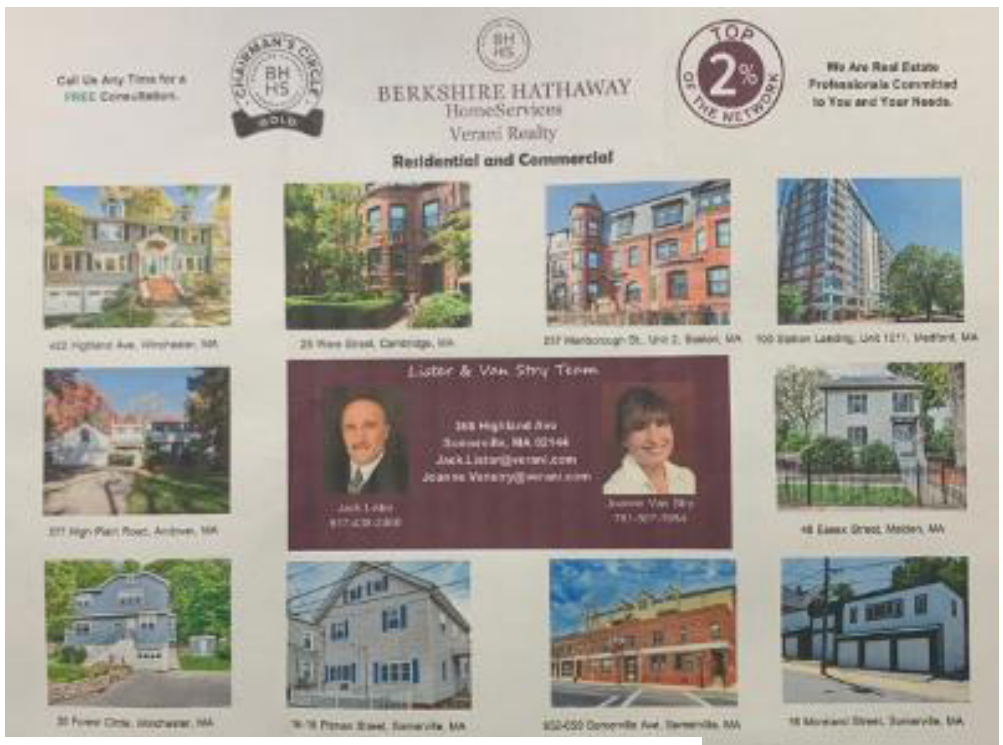
The Senate gave initial approval to a House-approved bill designating April 5 as Okur-Chung Neurodevelopmental Syndrome (OCNDS) Awareness Day.

House sponsor Rep. Kristin Kassner (D-Hamilton), noting the bill was brought to her attention by her constituent Jillian Kavanagh, said that this neurodevelopmental disorder can cause severe speech delay, developmental delay, epilepsy, behavioral challenges and feeding difficulty.

Kassner continued, "OCNDS is hard to diagnose, which is why it's so important to raise awareness about this syndrome. Awareness can lead to early diagnosis, which can lead to early treatment, which will lead to better outcomes. The sooner we pass it, the sooner we can spread the word about OCNDS and make a difference for patients and their families."

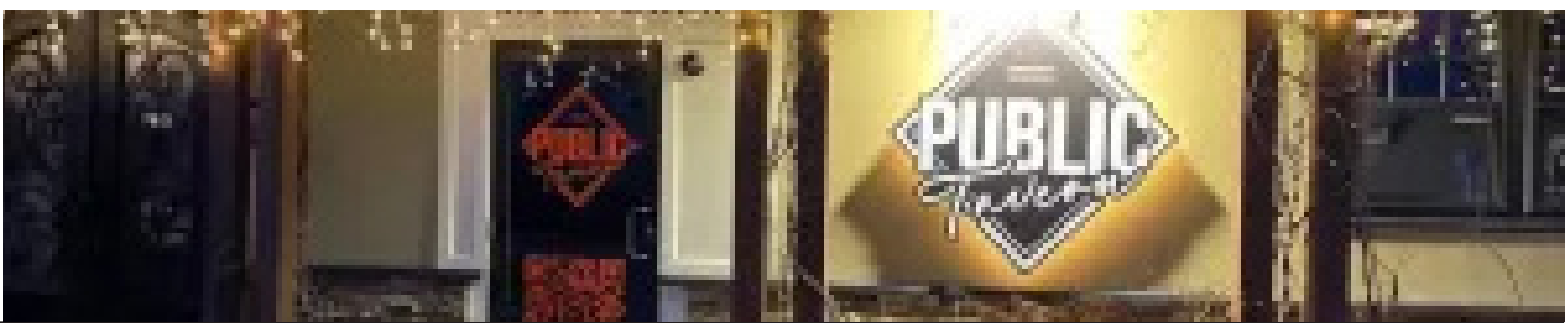
The bill still needs additional approval by the House and Senate before it goes to Gov. Healey for her signature.





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REPEAL ABORTION LAW

By Bob Katzen

The Compassionate Care Coalition, led by Massachusetts Citizens for Life and Massachusetts Family Action, announced at a Statehouse event that it has collected 97,276 signatures, nearly double the 49,716 signatures needed to put the recently-approved abortion bill on the 2028 ballot for voters to repeal or maintain.

The measure, signed by Gov. Healey on August 10, would loosen restrictions on abortions that can be performed after 24 weeks of gestation. The bill is scheduled to take effect on November 8, 90 days after the governor signed it. The measure removes 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. Local city and town officials have certified the signatures, but the Secretary of State's office still has to certify the signatures in order for the question to go on 2028 ballot.

As it stands now, if the secretary certifies the signatures, the question would not only go on the 2028 ballot but the law would be suspended until after the 2028 election. However, Gov. Healey can attach an emergency preamble to make the law go into effect immediately which would also prevent it from being suspended. She did exactly that to prohibit suspension of the 2024-gun law, which is the subject of a repeal effort that voters are deciding on November 3.

"The people of Massachusetts did not ask for abortion through all nine months, and in a matter of weeks they made that clear," said Sam Miele, chairman of the Compassionate Care Coalition. "We are grateful to every volunteer, pastor and parish staffer who carried a clipboard. Because of them, voters will have the final say."

"When it seems impossible to reach and serve vulnerable, hurting women, remember that truth paves the road of possibility," said Myrna Maloney Flynn, president of Massachusetts Citizens for Life and vice chair of the Compassionate Care Coalition. "If you ever think you're powerless when it comes to protecting the unborn, think again."

Catholic Action League Executive Director C. J. Doyle congratulated the Compassionate Care Coalition. He noted, "If this proposed referendum makes it to the ballot in 2028, it will be the first time in 42 years that Bay State voters will directly decide an abortion issue."

"This law was passed on the fundamental principle that decisions about pregnancy belong between a woman and her doctor, not politicians," said Rep. Lindsay Sabadosa (D-Northampton) who opposes repeal. "In Massachusetts, physicians must be free to exercise their best medical judgment, patients must be free to make decisions for themselves and their families, and no one should have to leave the commonwealth to receive care available in our world-class medical institutions. Indeed, the idea that politicians belong in the exam room is an extreme and deeply outdated view, one that runs counter to the values Massachusetts residents have repeatedly affirmed through their strong support for abortion rights."

"The [bill] is supported by leading medical experts, reproductive health and justice advocates and more than two-thirds of Massachusetts voters," said Sheila Ramirez, executive director of the Planned Parenthood Advocacy Fund of Massachusetts. "People in Massachusetts don't want politicians or religious institutions dictating what kind of pregnancy care they can receive. The groups behind this referendum effort are once again spreading fear and misinformation to stigmatize abortion and restrict access to care that patients need and providers are trained to deliver. Massachusetts has consistently stood for health care access, reproductive freedom and evidence-based medicine, and voters are not interested in moving backward."

Kathleen Melendy, Massachusetts state director for Reproductive Equity Now, argues that the law "responds to the realities patients and providers are facing and ensures patients can access compassionate care here at home."

Melendy continued, "This referendum effort is part of a broader national anti-abortion campaign working state by state to roll back reproductive freedom. It is no coincidence that it comes as the Trump administration and its allies are using the power of the federal government to restrict reproductive health care nationwide. Now, anti-abortion activists are trying to bring that same agenda to Massachusetts."

$800,000 TO IMPROVE WORKPLACE SAFETY

By Bob Katzen

Gov. Healey announced the awarding of $800,000 in grants to help nearly 7,000 workers across Massachusetts stay safe on the job. The grants, administered by the Department of Industrial Accidents (DIA), support workplace safety training and education to help prevent injuries and reduce risks for workers.

Grant recipients include 176 entities including cities and towns, small businesses, minority-, women- and veteran-owned businesses, and employers in industries such as manufacturing and construction. DIA says it has awarded an estimated $25 million since 1988 in workplace safety grants, supporting approximately 340,000 workers and 1,880 employers across the Bay State.

"Whether you're working for a small business, on a construction site or for your local community, everyone deserves a safe workplace," said Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll. "These grants will help cities, towns and businesses provide important training, prevent injuries and make sure their employees have the tools they need to do their jobs safely."

"The ideal workplace injury is the one that never happens," said Maryann Falvey, Director of the DIA Office of Safety. "Behind every grant is an opportunity to turn safety training into real-world action, giving workers the confidence to recognize hazards, speak up about risks and protect themselves and their coworkers. Our goal is to make workplace safety more than a requirement. We want it to become second nature, embedded in how work gets done every day across Massachusetts."

See a list of all the grant recipients at https://www.mass.gov/news/governor-healey-awards-800000-to-improve-workplace-safety-for-nearly-7000-workers

Last year, the Healey-Driscoll Administration launched the Safety-Works Initiative, a one-stop menu featuring free technical consultation and state occupational and industrial safety resources to make it easier for businesses to access guidance, training and tools to strengthen workplace safety. Public- and private-sector employers interested in these resources can visit https://www.mass.gov/safetyworks to schedule a confidential consultation and/or apply for training grants of up to $25,000.

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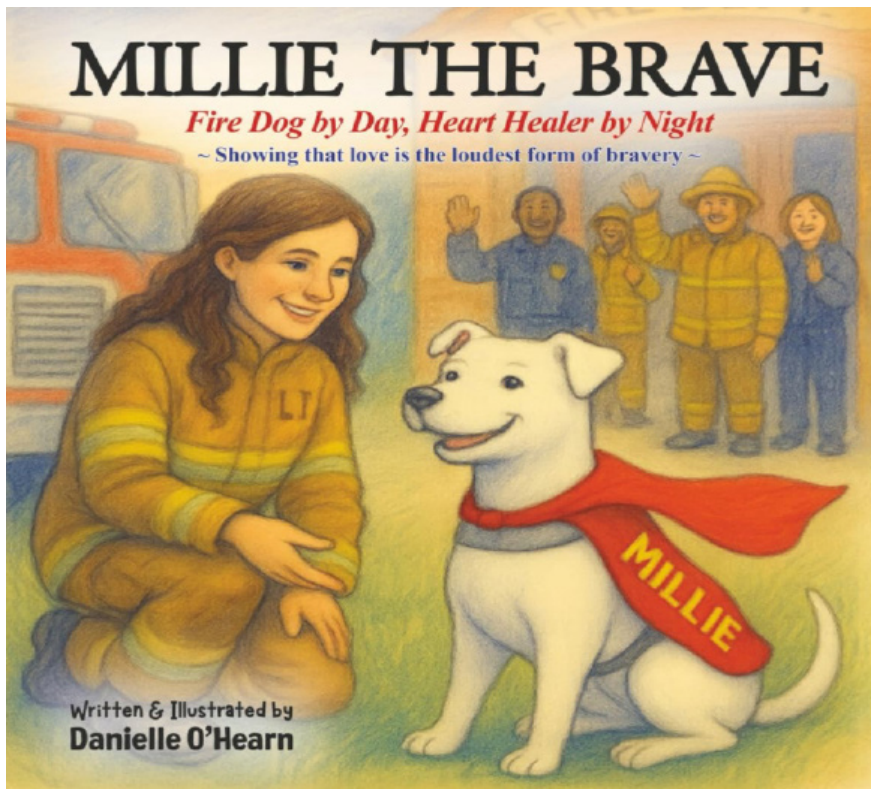
Dear Billy T and Somerville/Medford News Weekly Speakup Line,

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 !

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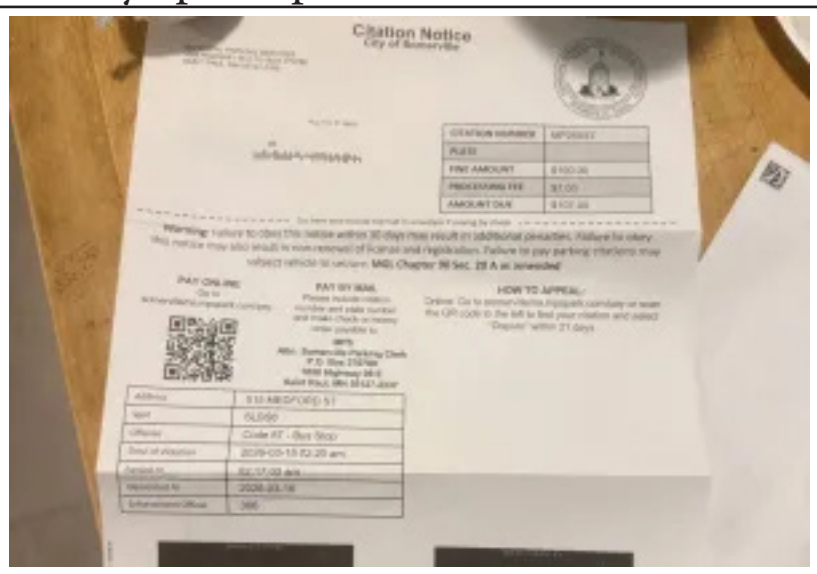


Somerville/Medford News Weekly Speakup Line: Fake Somerville Bills

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



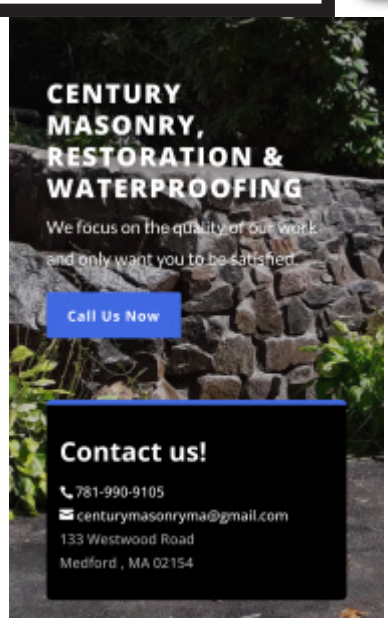
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Somerville/Medford Remembering Michelle E. Neff



Michelle E. Neff – Of Somerville, passed away on Monday, October 26, 2026. She was 52 years old.

Born in Boston, Michelle was the beloved daughter of Ronald "Ron" and Barbara (Brady) Neff.

Michelle was a deeply loving and caring person who always put others before herself. If someone needed help, she was there with a helping hand, a listening ear, or a kind word. She had a special way of making people feel loved and cared for, always wanting to make sure those around her knew how much they meant to her. Michelle also had a wonderful sense of humor and loved making others laugh. Seeing the people she loved smiling and happy brought her great joy.

One of Michelle's greatest joys in life was being a grandmother. Her grandchildren were her pride and happiness, and being their grandmother was a title she cherished above all others. She loved spoiling them and had a special way of making each one feel as though they were her favorite. Her love for them was endless, and the happiness they brought into her life was immeasurable.

During quieter moments, Michelle found comfort in journaling. Writing gave her a place to escape the world around her, reflect on her thoughts, and express the person she was inside. It was a meaningful part of who she was, allowing her to put her feelings into words and find peace in her own way.

Beloved mother of Jonathan Neff and his wife Candace. Devoted grandmother of Joseph, Caleb, Khaleesi and Penelope. Cherished sister of Ronnie Neff and his wife Tanya. Loving aunt of Sheamus and Riley. Dear Longtime partner of Daniel Boudreau. Also lovingly survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Calling Hours will be held on Monday, November 9th in the George L. Doherty Funeral Home 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.) Somerville from 12:00PM to 3:00PM.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

A prayer service will be held in the funeral home at 2:30PM.

Interment will be held at a later date.

Immediately following the services, the family invited everyone to join them at the Dilboy Post at 351 Summer Street in Somerville.

Public Food Compost Bins Launching in Somerville

City's network of food waste drop-off bins funded by Participatory Budgeting to expand free compost collection to residents citywide

Learn more at City's annual Pumpkin Smash on Saturday, November 7

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The new network builds on existing composting efforts, including the City's curbside food waste collection pilot in East Somerville and the thousands of households that subscribe to private curbside collection services.

How to Use the Bins
Visit somervillema.gov/foodwaste to register, find bin locations, and view the full list of accepted items.
Register: Complete a one-time registration online, scan the QR code on a bin, or call 311 to get an access code. Registration helps the City understand how residents use the bins and plan next steps for the program.
Find a bin: Check the online map for a convenient location. Your access code works at all 10 bins.
Drop off your food scraps: Place food scraps or accepted food soiled paper (for example, coffee filters or paper towels) in a compostable or paper bag before putting them in a bin.
Don't trash the compost: Compost bins are for food scraps, not for regular trash. Put items like pet waste, vapes, or recyclables in the trash.

Give Your Jack-o'-Lantern a Smashing Send-Off on Nov. 7
Bring your own pumpkins or smash some of ours to help turn them into compost at the City's annual Pumpkin Smash on Saturday, November 7, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Participants can also join a walk to the new bin outside the East Somerville Branch Library to see how it works. Information about the East Somerville Curbside Food Waste Collection Pilot will also be available.

Supporting a More Sustainable Somerville
Expanding food waste collection is part of the City's work to meet the goals outlined in Somerville's Zero Waste Plan and Climate Forward, including reducing waste by 30% by 2030 and 90% by 2050. Plant and animal waste and compostable paper make up approximately 30% of municipal solid waste in Massachusetts. Collecting these materials separately helps keep them out of the trash and allows them to be turned into compost that can be used to fertilize the soil.

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Somerville/Medford News Weekly Speakup Line: Honor Pie Traynor at Trum Field

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

RE: Honor Pie Traynor at Trum Field

To the Editor:

I led the effort to honor baseball great Harold "Pie" Traynor in his birthplace, Framingham. Now, I hope Somerville, where he grew up, will do the same. Richard J. Trum Field would be the perfect spot.

The Somerville Times reports that Traynor learned to play baseball at Trum Field. He later starred for the Pittsburgh Pirates, finishing with a .320 career batting average and being elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1948.

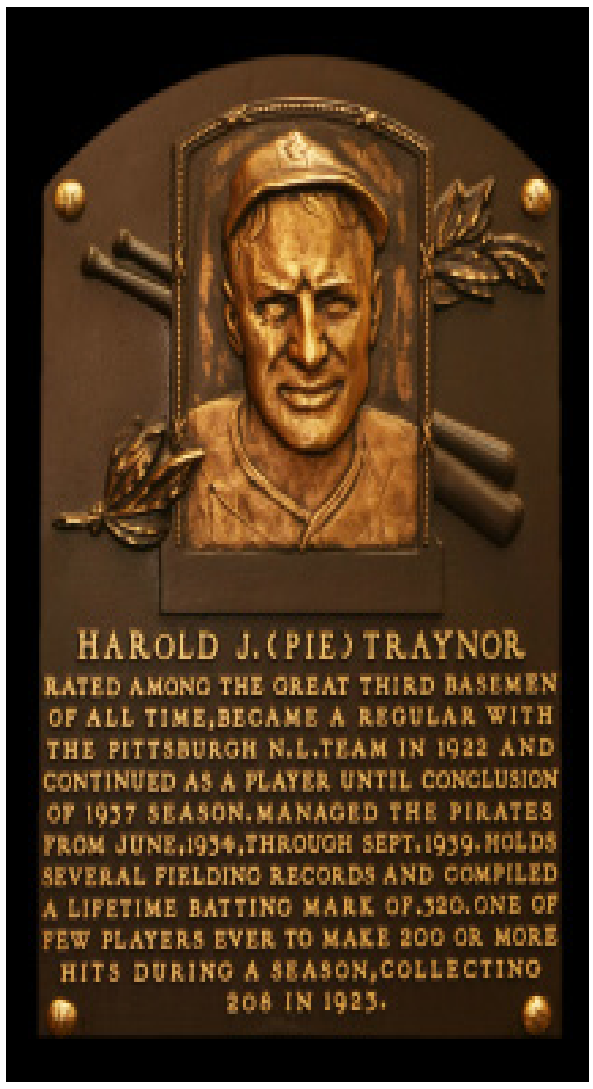
But today, Trum Field offers no recognition of him.
Picture a young player pausing to read a plaque and learning that a Hall of Famer started out on this field. That kind of connection would make local history real and give kids another reason to be proud of Somerville.

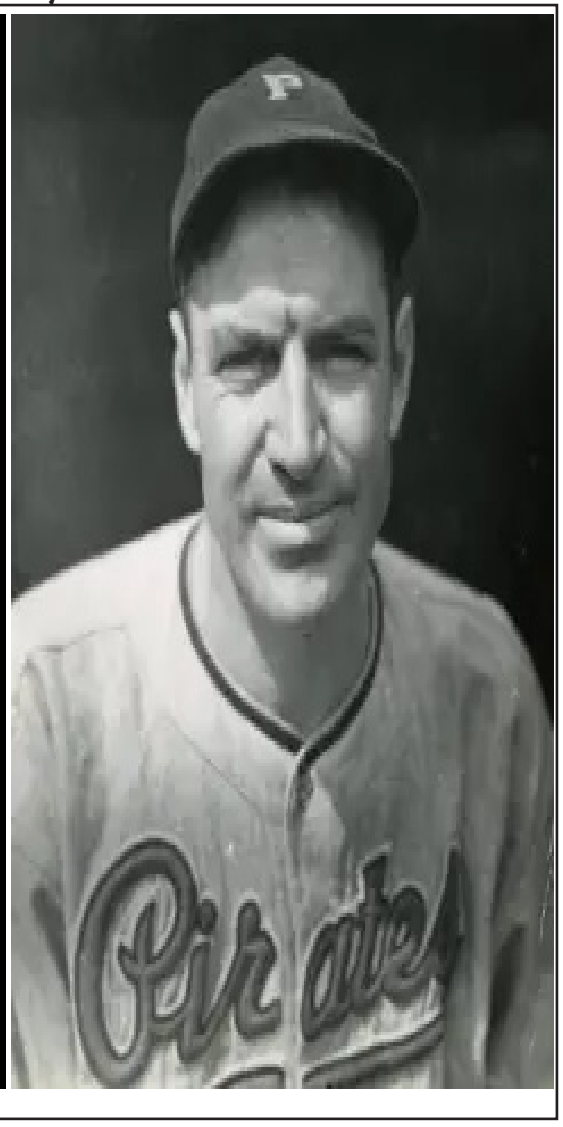
A permanent marker with Traynor's photo and story would keep the field's name and its dedication to Richard J. Trum, while also sharing another important part of its history.

I encourage the City Council and city staff to partner with local historians and youth baseball groups to install a permanent marker. Holding a dedication during a youth baseball game would be a great way to introduce Traynor to today's kids.

Cooperstown remembers Pie Traynor. Let's help kids in Somerville know his name, too.

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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.

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2026-140 Article V Section 5-2 "Loading/Service Zones" is amended as follows: the effective days of the three loading zone 8am-2pm spaces at 2310235 Holland St are changed from Monday-Saturday to Monday-Friday.
2026-141 Article V Section 5-15 "Parking for Persons with Disabilities" is amended with the addition of the following location: 35 Century St.
2026-142 Article V Section 5-10 "Safety Zones" is amended as follows: Fire Lane on the odd side of Eustis St from Beacon St to approximately 48 ft south of Beacon St.
2026-143 Article V Section 5-15 "Parking for Persons with Disabilities and Article V Section 5-2 "Loading/Service Zones" are amended as 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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CONSOLIDATED AMENDMENT #1 (H 5699)

By Bob Katzen

House 132-19, approved a lengthy amendment that consolidated 50 amendments into one consolidated amendment.

The consolidated amendment includes allowing stores to sell liquor on Thanksgiving Day; imposing up to a 5-year prison sentence on anyone who has been ordered to wear a GPS tracking device by a court and then intentionally damages, removes, modifies or deactivates the device; prohibiting a car license number plate from being covered or obscured by an opaque, transparent, translucent or tinted material; and imposing a $50 fine on any ice cream truck driver who does not have an amber dome light and the flashing orange lights on the back of their ice cream truck when the truck is parked and serving ice cream.

Neither supporters of the amendment nor opponents of it spoke for or against it on the House floor.

House Speaker Ron Mariano (D-Quincy) and House Ways and Means Chair Rep. Aaron Michlewitz (D-Boston) did not respond to repeated requests from Beacon Hill Roll Call asking them why they supported the consolidated amendment.

Beacon Hill Roll Call also asked many of the 19 Republicans who voted against the amendment why they did so. None responded.

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

Rep. Christine Barber Yes Rep. Mike Connolly Yes Rep. Paul Donato Yes Rep. Erika Uyterhoeven Yes

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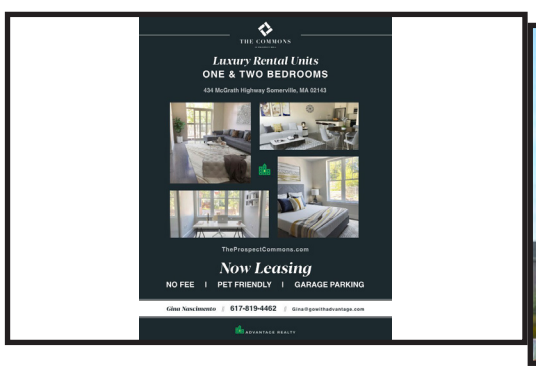


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THIS WEEK'S QUOTABLE QUOTES ON BEACON HILL

By Bob Katzen

"We cannot allow the United States government to indefinitely disappear human beings. If we cannot locate our clients, we cannot pursue the relief for which they are legally eligible. The law gives our clients the right to seek protection. This policy obstructs that right when our clients need it most."

—Jackie Kelley, director of immigration legal services at the Rian Immigrant Center, one of a group of legal services organizations that filed a lawsuit challenging the federal government's new policy of hiding the locations of thousands of people detained by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

"The law is clear: Every eligible voter has the right to cast a ballot without intimidation, and no one has the right to corrupt the election process through fraud or interference. Our office will not tolerate either. Anyone who attempts to undermine a federal election through criminal conduct should understand that we are prepared to investigate, enforce the law and pursue accountability. The integrity of our elections is not negotiable."
—United States Attorney Leah Foley.

"Massachusetts Hazmat technicians are our first line of defense against chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive hazards. Making this powerful tool available to so many techs is going to help protect them and our residents from hazards that are unseen but deadly serious."
—Public Safety Security Secretary Gina Kwon, announcing that 200 State Hazmat technicians are being outfitted with personal radiation detectors through a federal grant program, providing advance warning for personnel who might be entering a hazardous environment and alerting them to radioactive threats.

"Veterans have given so much in service to our state and our country, and we want to make sure they receive every dollar they are owed. By bringing our divisions together, we are doing even more to help them recover funds they may not know they are owed."
—State Treasurer Deb Goldberg on the Massachusetts Unclaimed Property Division and the Massachusetts Veterans Bonus Division partnering to help veterans recover unclaimed property and funds owed to them. The collaborative effort began in August and has already resulted in 93 claims with an estimated value of over $45,000.



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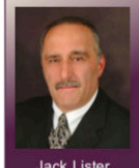


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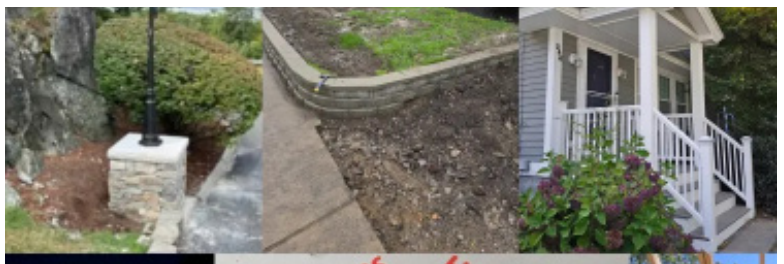


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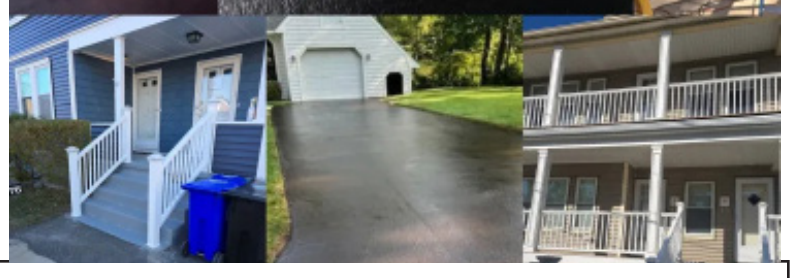














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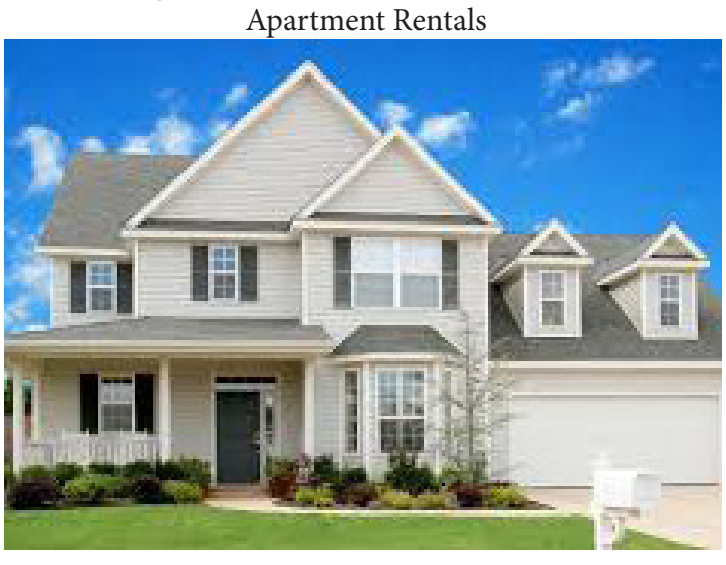
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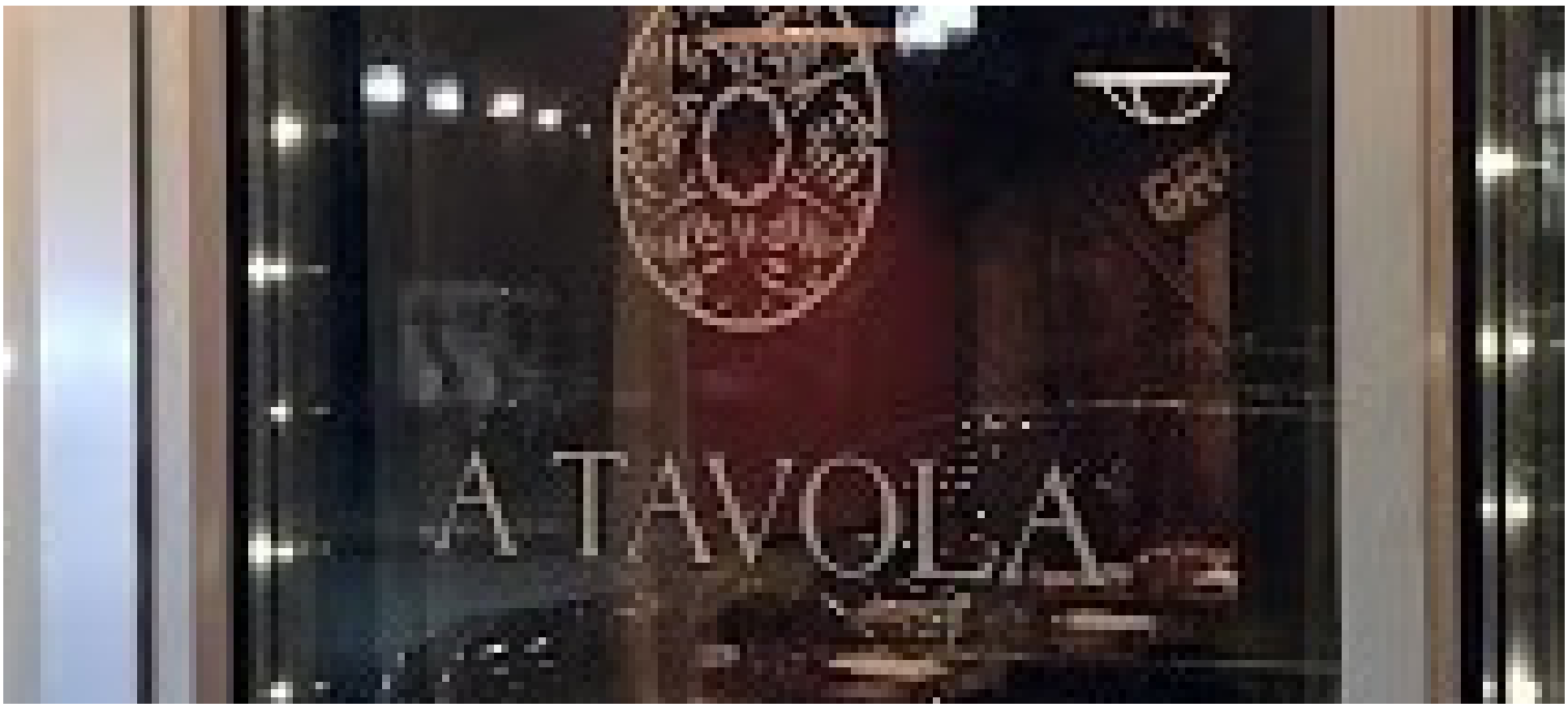
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