

## Judge denies councilors suit against Mayor Garcia

By Quinn Suomala  
Staff Writer

HOLYOKE – Superior Court Justice Jane Mulqueen denied the suit four Holyoke city councilors brought against Mayor Joshua Garcia.

The city council had originally voted in November of 2022 to put a question regarding whether the Community Preservation Act surcharge should be reduced from 1.5% to 1% or stay the same on the November 2023 ballot.

Garcia vetoed this vote as he believed that putting the question on the November 2024 ballot rather than the November 2023 would be in the best interest of the city, as presidential election years tend to have a higher voter turnout.

In fact, there is only an anticipated voter turnout of 15-20% in this upcoming November election, a much lower number than the anticipated 70% in Nov. 2024.

Garcia wanted to ensure that as many voters as possible would have their voices heard on this vote.

Four City Councilors—Linda Vacon, Wilmer Puello, Kevin Jourdain and David Bartley—believed that Garcia did not have the power to veto this decision.

Jourdain argued that the Charter provides the mayor the ability to veto a City Council decision and, given that the Charter is a special law, it would not apply in a vote regarding this matter.

“This statute, chapter 44.B section 3 is really crystal clear. It has a sentence in it, I’m going to read it, it says ‘notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 59, which doesn’t apply in this particular case, or any other general law or special law to the contrary, the legislative body may vote to accept sections 3-7,’” Jourdain said at a city council meeting on May 16.

These councilors also argued that it was worth having the vote now so that citizens could have a faster say on the surcharge.

Jourdain pointed out that larger financial decisions for the city have been in a non-presidential election year in the past.

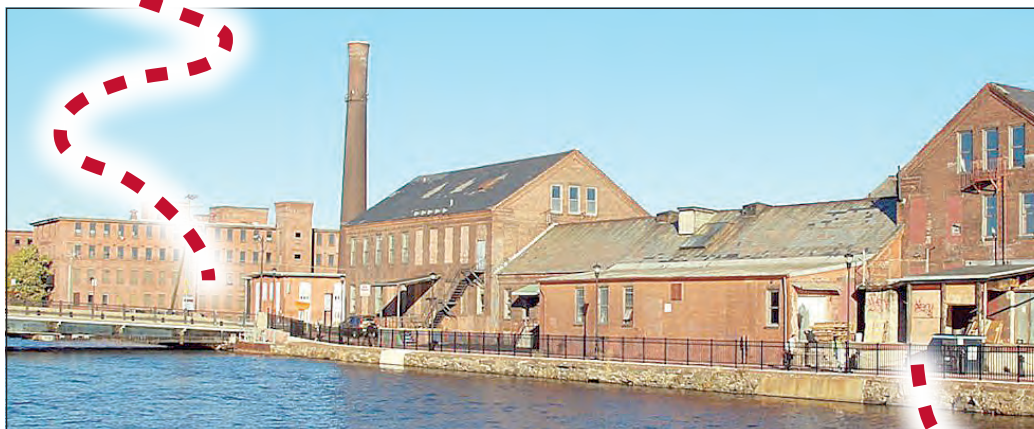
“There was a ballot question that was put on in 2019 to see if the citizens wanted to spend \$155 million to

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## Hunt through Holyoke:



A scavenger hunt could take people to several local landmarks, such as Heritage Park.  
Courtesy photos



Hunters may need to visit the Canal District.

## Scavenger challenge to take place

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Staff Writer

HOLYOKE – The Holyoke Preservation Trust is putting on a citywide scavenger hunt in honor of Holyoke’s 150 Anniversary.

This scavenger hunt began on Sept. 30 and is open for anyone to come and enjoy.

There will be signs up at 14 locations across the city with clues to the scavenger hunt.

Those interested in the event can go to City Hall in order to obtain the first clue, which will be located on a sign outside of the hall. The sign will have a Key to the City Scavenger Hunt logo on it, which is an image of City Hall with a key on it.

From there, they will be led on a hunt all through the city.

“It will sort of be a winding trail throughout the entire city where they will be exploring different land-



Mackenzie Stadium could be an answer to one of the clues.

marks, memorial, cemeteries, parks, all locations that have different historic significance to the city,” Board Member of the Holyoke Preservation Trust and Holyoke 150 Event Committee Member Meagan Magrath-Smith said.

As people go to the different locations around the city and find the clues, they will have to submit evidence to the Key to the City Committee. This evidence can be a photo of themselves at the location or a photo of an object they want to represent themselves if they do not want to submit a photo of themselves.

“As people are going to each of the spots they have

to take a photograph of themselves or some sort of common item or avatar...to prove that they solved all the clues and then submit those photos to the key to the city committee,” Magrath-Smith said.

Anyone who completes the full scavenger hunt will even have the opportunity to receive a “key” to the city presented by the mayor.

“Anyone who did the entire scavenger hunt will come to City Hall and get a ‘key’ to the city from the mayor and a tour of the city hall,” Magrath-Smith said.

This award ceremony will take place at 1 p.m. on Oct. 28 at City Hall.

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## Shooting results in death of infant

HOLYOKE – Multiple people were shot during an incident in the city Wednesday afternoon resulting in the death of an infant. The Holyoke Police Department responded to a reported shooting in the 100 block of Sargeant Street, according to the Hampden County District Attorney’s Office.

It appears three male suspects were involved in an altercation, during which a shooting occurred. It is believed one of the rounds from that altercation struck a public transportation bus and an uninvolved female occupant, who was seated in the bus.

This victim, who was pregnant, was transported to a nearby hospital in critical condition. The infant, who was delivered, and needed life-saving medical services, tragically passed away.

All involved suspects are believed to have been identified and transported to nearby hospitals and are in custody.

This incident is under investigation by the Massachusetts State Police Detective Unit assigned to the Hampden District Attorney’s Office and the Holyoke Police Department.

## Council votes down sewer rate hike

By Quinn Suomala  
Staff Writer

HOLYOKE – The Holyoke City Council voted 8 yes, 5 no for the \$8.02 sewer rate at their special meeting on Sept. 20. The rate needed a two thirds majority to pass the rate, so with only eight votes in favor of the change it failed to go through.

Councilors Juan Anderson-Burgos, Kocayne Givner, Jose Maldonado Velez, Tessa Murphy-Romboletti, Joseph McGiverin, Israel Rivera, Jenny Rivera and Peter Tallman voted in favor of the rate.

Councilors David Bartley, Kevin Jourdain, Todd McGee, Will Puello and Linda Vacon voted against the \$8.02 rate.

The proposed rate of \$8.02 was recommended by Chair of the Board of Public Works, Mary Monahan and the rest of her team.

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# Gateway City Arts offers spooky October events

HOLYOKE – Gateway City Arts is featuring a scary lineup of spooky happenings in October, starting with an Underworld Halloween Dance Party and a Costume Bash on Friday the 13th, and concluding with the Mary (Scary) Jane Jones Full Moon “Freakend” concerts Friday, Oct. 27, and Saturday, Oct. 28.

The Underworld Halloween Dance Party begins at 8 p.m. in the Divine Theater, and features DJs The Burner Brothers and Three Kings. Supporting lineup includes Redshift, The Break Doctor, and Propag8.

There will be a costume contest, giveaways, and vendors including event

sponsor Canna Provisions.

Tickets are \$10 and are available at gatewaycityarts.com. Doors open at 6 p.m. The event is sponsored by Canna Provisions.

Friday the 13th Costume Bash kicks off at 7 p.m. in the Race Street Music Hall and features Collisions, Creepin’ Cadavers, Matthew Spence and the Churchkey Choir, and Cora Monroe.

The evening’s featured act, Collisions, brings a new and creative perspective to music. Their music skillfully combines elements from the past and the present to produce a futuristic-sounding twist on the classic pop-rock group.

Tickets are \$15 in advance at gatewaycityarts.com, and \$20 at the door. Doors open at 6 p.m. Those who wear costumes will be entered in a drawing to win band merchandise.

A Full Moon “Freakend” with The Mary Jane Jones happens Oct. 27 and 28 in the Divine Theater for two nights of music and dancing to the band’s funk/rock/soul and hip hop sounds.

Friday night’s music and mayhem kicks off with the bone-shakin’ blues of The Cannibal Ramblers. Hosts, The Mary Jane Jones, dubbing themselves the Mary (Scary) Jane Jones for this pre-Halloween show, appear with bandmate

Beau Sasser on the organ and guitarist Josh Hirst.

The Oct. 27 and 28 concerts will be the last headlining shows of 2023 for The Mary Jane Jones as they ready new originals and place the finishing touches on their long-awaited album set for release in spring of 2024.

Tickets for the Full Moon “Freakend” are \$20 in advance for either show, or \$35 for both shows, and are available at gatewaycityarts.com. Tickets are \$25 at the door.

The Bistro will be open and serving food and drink from 5 to 9 p.m. on all show nights.

## Friday the 13th Halloween Festival to be held on Oct. 13

HOLYOKE – The Holyoke Parks and Recreation Department cordially invites the Holyoke community to the “Third Annual Harper’s Haven Friday the 13th Halloween Festival.” This event will take place on Friday, Oct. 13, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Community Field (off Cherry Street).

There will be music provided by DJ Brian Nicks. Enjoy TJ’s popcorn, cookies and balloons. Kids can

visit with Toy Story characters Woody and Buzz Lightyear. Guests can visit with the Holyoke Fire Department.

This event is free of charge, weather permitting. This event is sponsored by the Holyoke Parks and Recreation Department and Harper’s Family.

For more information visit our web site at www.holyoke.org or call the Parks and Recreation Department at (413) 322-5620.



## Golf tournament tees off Oct. 7

HOLYOKE – The St. Patrick’s committee of Holyoke announces their 3 annual Michael T. Ahearn Golf tournament to be held on Saturday, Oct. 7.

The St. Patrick’s Committee of Holyoke invites the community to join them for 18 holes at the Wycliff Country Club, 233 Easthampton Road. Registration starts at noon. There will be a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Dinner and live music by “The Midlife Crisis Band” to follow.

The cost per golfer is \$100; the cost per guest receiving dinner and live music only is \$40; the cost for a guest who wants to just enjoy the music is \$10. Live music will be performed by the Midlife Crisis Band beginning

around 7 p.m. Registration includes 18 holes with a golf cart, lunch, dinner, and live music. Guests can learn more about the event and register here.

“The Mike Ahearn Golf Tournament is one of the Committee’s favorite fundraisers”, said Hayley Dunn, parade president. “Held in memory of our past president and friend, this tournament celebrates all of Mike’s favorite things - golf, music, friendship and fun. We invite the public to join us for a day of laughs as we raise funds for the Parade.”

If interested, or have questions regarding this event please contact Meghan Rothschild at (413) 218-4994 or meghan@chikmedia.us.

## Girl Scouts chief executive officer stepping down

HOLYOKE – Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts announced that the nonprofit organization’s Chief Executive Officer, Pattie Hallberg, is stepping down at the end of 2023. Pattie’s decision to leave the Girl Scouts will bring to a close a remarkable 16 years of service to GSCWM.

“Pattie’s legacy at Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts is nothing short of extraordinary,” says Nicole Messier, GSCWM Board President. “Her leadership has been instrumental in shaping the organization into what it is today. We are profoundly grateful for her unwavering dedication, expertise, and vision, which have empowered countless girls and women to embrace their potential. As we embark on this transition, we remain steadfast on upholding the values and mission that Pattie has championed throughout her tenure. The GSCWM board is committed to finding a worthy successor who will carry on Pattie’s legacy and uphold our mission to nurture the future female lead-

ers of tomorrow.”

“It has been my honor and a sincere privilege to lead Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts, an organization dedicated to the development of a girl’s personal leadership journey. I am proud of the organization we are today and the impact we’ve made, working with thousands of fabulous girls and adults to further the Girl Scout mission to build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place,” said Hallberg. “Our sustainability through a global pandemic and our current growth both in membership and revenue represents the collective effort of an incredibly talented staff, a dedicated board of directors, generous funding partners, and an innovative and dedicated membership. I couldn’t be more excited about what’s next for this important organization.”

The GSCWM board will oversee the process to choose Pattie’s successor. The board of directors has engaged the search firm, Find Good People (FGP) to assist with the transition.

## Girls Inc. of the Valley invites the community to Doors Open

HOLYOKE – Girls Inc. of the Valley, 480 Hampden St., announces their participation in 3rd annual Doors Open Holyoke on Sunday, Oct. 14 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Doors Open events across the country invite the public to see behind the doors of many places not usually open to the public. Doors Open Holyoke aims to connect residents and visitors to the City’s places of historical, cultural, and architectural significance to unite the community and inspire new and broader perspectives. Girls Inc. of the Valley will be hosting an open house with building tours during the City’s third annual Doors Open celebration to showcase their newly renovated head-

quarters. Their new location allows them to serve a larger community and they are thrilled to share their excitement with the Holyoke community.

“Girls Inc. of the Valley is thrilled to be a destination for Doors Open Holyoke 2023 as part of Holyoke’s Day in the Yoke,” said Suzanne Parker, executive director of Girls Inc. of the Valley. “We look forward to welcoming the community into our newly renovated program center and headquarters to offer tours of the updated spaces, as well as the soon-to-be-updated ones.”

If interested, or have questions regarding this event please contact Meghan Rothschild at (413) 218-4994 or meghan@chikmedia.us.

## Blessing of the pets to be held Oct. 8

HOLYOKE – Our Lady of the Cross Church will be having a Blessing of Animals on Sunday, Oct. 8 at 1 p.m. in front of the church. Pets of every

kind are welcome. In case of rain, the Blessing will take place on Sunday, Oct. 15. The Friars look forward to seeing everyone and their beloved pets.

## Big Y Market locations to hold vaccine clinic through Saturday

SPRINGFIELD – From Oct. 1 until Oct. 7, every Big Y Market location will hold an on-site multi vaccine clinic for all customers, employees and their families (check local stores for specific dates and times).

All stores will offer seasonal flu, high dose flu and COVID-19 vaccines including the updated COVID-19 booster. Stores with an on-site pharmacy also offer a variety of additional vaccines including the newly approved Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) vaccine, Pneumococcal (pneumonia) Shingrix (shingles), Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis), Hepatitis A and B, Meningococcal (Meningitis), MMR (Measles, Mumps & Rubella), and Gardasil (HPV).

Vaccines are administered to eligible adults and children ages 5 and older based upon product availability. Further details are available on bigy.com where each location’s specific times are listed. No appointments are necessary.

This third community wide event spans every one of Big Y’s locations throughout Massachusetts and Connecticut. Patients who receive a seasonal flu or COVID-19 vaccine from their pharmacist or trained pharmacy technician at any one of the clinics or pharmacy locations will receive a Big Y Coupon for \$5 off of a \$25 grocery purchase. Each location will have other giveaways as well.

Big Y’s vaccination program continues to grow. Over the past year alone,

they’ve administered nearly 100,000 doses of various vaccines. For those who might be interested, CDC guidance states that it is acceptable to receive 2 or more of these different vaccines at the same time making it more convenient for all.

According to Big Y’s president and CEO, Charles L. D’Amour, “The safety and health of everyone in our region is so vitally important to us that we are excited to offer our 3rd Big Y Big Vax Week to everyone; our customers, employees and their families. Our professional pharmacy staff has been working hard to be able to provide this essential service in each of our neighborhoods at every one of our locations throughout Massachusetts and Connecticut. This week-long event provides a convenient way for anyone

to receive one of many vaccines to keep our community healthy. Big Y’s Big Vax Week is one more way we’ve been serving our community for over 87 years.”



## College Notes

### Resident graduated from the University of Hartford

WEST HARTFORD, CT – Mandy Lopez of Holyoke graduated from the University of Hartford in May of 2023 with a BS in Health Sciences.

# Ethnic Studies program opens exhibit

HOLYOKE – On Oct. 6, from 5 to 7 p.m. youth archivists will be presenting on their project and unveiling their summer work in an exhibit titled “Shining Light on the Truth: Uncovering the Counter Narrative.” The Holyoke Ethnic Studies program is a vital aspect of the Holyoke Public Schools which provides students with the opportunity to learn about the world at large during a time when education is being confined to a single story. Holyoke’s Ethnic Studies Program seeks to empower all students to engage socially and politically and to think critically about the world around them.

Over the summer, Holyoke Ethnic Studies partnered with Wistariahurst Museum and the UMass College of Education to employ Holyoke students to archive the important history of the Ethnic Studies program from 2013 to 2022. During the five weeks we collaborated with people that work with public art, education, historical research and more. These six young adults were given an opportunity to gain workplace skills, expand on their Ethnic Studies education, and connect with their community in new ways.

It is important for Ethnic Studies courses to document the experiences of people of color in order for students to construct counter narratives and see themselves reflected in their learning. The community is invited to Wistariahurst Museum for our opening night. The exhibit will show the work that the youth archivists achieved. There will be music, fun activities and refreshments for the attendees. After opening night, the exhibit will be open during museum hours through Oct. 14, Visit [www.wistariahurst.org/events](http://www.wistariahurst.org/events) for more information. Follow on Instagram and stay up to date on the exhibit.

## Baystate Health to hold free lecture series Oct. 10

SPRINGFIELD – Baystate Health will hold a free breast health virtual lecture series during Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October beginning with “The Mammogram Callback” on Tuesday, Oct. 10, at 6 p.m.

The series continues Monday, Oct. 16, at 6 p.m. with “Lumpectomy vs

Mastectomy.”

The series will end on Monday, Oct. 30, at 6 p.m., with “Precision Medicine in Breast Cancer.”

All lectures will be followed by a question-and-answer session.

Registration is required for each session by visiting: [www.baystatehealth.org/breastcancerevents](http://www.baystatehealth.org/breastcancerevents).

## Westfield Homeless Cat Project in need of donations

WESTFIELD – Westfield Homeless Cat Project is holding adoption clinics every Tuesday from 5 to 7 p.m., Wednesday from 1 to 4 p.m., Thursday from 3 to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m. at 1124 East Mountain Road. WHCP is also seeking wonderful foster families willing to provide loving temporary homes to our wonderful cats and kittens during their stay. For more information, please contact Denise at [denisesinico@hotmail.com](mailto:denisesinico@hotmail.com).

WHCP is urgently seeking volunteers to help organize and manage tag sales at our 1124 East Mountain Road location. If interested, please contact Denise at [denisesinico@hotmail.com](mailto:denisesinico@hotmail.com) for more information. WHCP will also begin collecting gently used household goods and furnishings for upcoming tag sales in the near future. Please follow the Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/westfieldhomelesscatprojectadoptions](http://www.facebook.com/westfieldhomelesscatprojectadoptions) for more information regarding donation drop-off and tag sale dates.

With the cooler weather approaching, WHCP anticipates a dramatic increase in requests for assisting homeless and abandoned cats which creates an urgent need for monetary donations and supplies. At this time WHCP especially needs the following items: cans of KMR Replacement Milk for Kittens Stage 1, towels, small blankets, potty pads, paper towels, bleach, cat and kitten food\*, kitten feeding bottles, facecloths and warming discs as well as canned Friskies and Fancy Feast and Royal Canin Baby Cat and Mama and Baby Cat formulas. Monetary donations would also be most appreciated. Donated items can be sent to or dropped off at 1124 East Mountain Road at any time. WHCP thanks the community for their support.

Every day is laundry day here at WHCP and are seeking individuals who can assist with washing towels and small blankets and throws. Dirty laundry can be picked up at any time at 1124 East Mountain Road.



HRA is holding an open house at the Amory, 163 Sargeant St.

Submitted Photo

## Open house at the Armory

HOLYOKE – The City of Holyoke and the Holyoke Redevelopment Authority invite interested developers to attend an open house at the Amory, 163 Sargeant St. on Wednesday, Oct. 11 from 1 to 4 p.m.

The HRA released a request for proposals earlier this year seeking proposals from qualified developers for the purchase and development of the property located at 163 Sargeant St.

The property is identified in the Holyoke Assessors records as Map 004, Block 06, Parcel 009. The property is located in the Urban Renewal Plan Project Area #3 and is zoned Downtown Residential. The property consists of approximately 0.44 acres of land.

The building was constructed for the National Guard in 1907 and is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The City of Holyoke took ownership of the property in 2013 through a tax title taking. Transfer of the property to the HRA from the City of Holyoke was approved by the Holyoke City Council on Aug. 2, 2016.

In 2016, the rear portion of the building collapsed and the City demolished

the collapsed section of the building and shored up the front of the structure, which is the most architecturally significant. Today the historic facade is intact, and the remaining structure consists of two-stories and a basement area.

The HRA seeks development proposals that advance the HRA’s and the City of Holyoke’s economic development goals as articulated in the Urban Renewal Plan and other referenced economic development plans.

The HRA is seeking proposals that prioritize the preservation and reuse of the historic building and mirror the historic look and feel of the neighborhood. Proposals will be evaluated based on plans for historic reuse, development experience, and intended use. The HRA is prioritizing mixed use developments that have both housing and commercial use.

The proposal package is available for download via <https://www.holyoke.org/property-for-sale/>.

More information on the property can be found in the 2020 Holyoke Armory Reuse study via <https://www.holyoke.org/property-for-sale/>.

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Guest Column

**SOCIAL SECURITY Matters**  
By Russell Gloor



## Taxpayer asks about federal taxation of Social Security benefits

Dear Rusty

Why are my Social Security benefits being taxed at all? The Social Security FICA payroll taxes taken out of my paycheck while I was working were paid with taxable income.

Signed Disgruntled Taxpayer

Dear Disgruntled Taxpayer

Many Americans share your belief that federal taxation of Social Security benefits is unfair because we pay into the program through payroll taxes on our taxable earnings. Unfortunately, Congress took a different view in 1983 when taxation of Social Security benefits was first enacted at a time Social Security was having financial issues.

Congressional logic back then was that a beneficiary only personally pays 50% of the Social Security contributions made, the other half is paid by the employer, so, since your Social Security entitlement was only half paid for by you and the other half by your employer, the portion of your benefit attributable to your employer's contributions should be taxable. So, it's that other half, the portion of your benefit which resulted from employer contributions, which the 1983 Congress decided should be taxed. So, starting in 1984, if a beneficiary's overall annual income from all sources exceeded \$25,000 for a single filer or \$32,000 for those filing married-jointly, half of that person's Social Security benefits became part of their income taxable by the IRS.

That was how it worked until 1993 when a new and different Congress added another threshold which, if exceeded, resulted in up to 85% of Social Security benefits received during the tax year becoming taxable. The logic used for the 1993 law was that beneficiaries, on average, would only personally pay for about 15% of the lifetime benefits they would eventually receive, leading that Congress to conclude that if your combined income from all sources exceeded the higher threshold, \$34,000 for single filers and \$44,000 for those filing married/jointly, up to 85% of your benefits should be taxable.

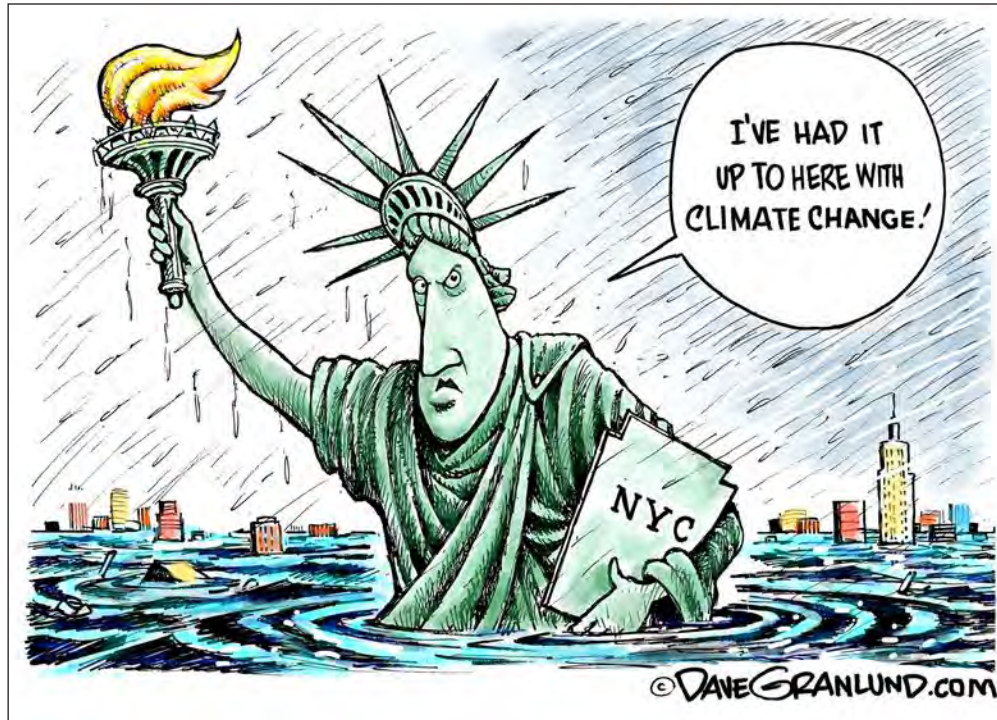
Please understand that I'm not defending nor endorsing those historical Congressional views, but I have researched why Social Security benefits are taxable at all and the above is what I've learned from that research.

For information, the Association of Mature American Citizens has long advocated for eliminating federal taxation of Social Security benefits or, at the very least, raising the thresholds at which benefits become taxable. The income thresholds for taxing Social Security benefits were established in 1983 and 1993, but those thresholds have never been adjusted for inflation.

When taxation of Social Security started in 1984, less than 10% of beneficiaries paid income tax on their benefits, whereas today that percentage is over 50% and growing. If you want to add your voice to those who oppose federal taxation of Social Security benefits, you may wish to contact your Congressional Representative to do so. And it is worth noting that eleven U.S. states, to varying degrees, also levy income tax on Social Security benefits.

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Guest Column

## What I know about Jumping Worms

*in the Garden*  
by Roberta McQuaid



I recently saw a comment on social media about a woman that had so many night crawlers in her yard she thought she'd go into the fishing bait business.

I question if she really had night crawlers or the Jumping, Dancing or Snake Worm.

This worm has been getting a lot of attention lately and for good reason. It is seemingly showing up everywhere!

Amyntas species are the worms that are a cause of concern. The common name of Jumping, Dancing or Snake Worm is logical due to the fact that these worms thrash about when disturbed; some would even call it violent slithering, hence the snake connotation.

But worms are a good thing, yes? Not in this case.

This particular type of worm differs from the European earthworms that we like to see in our garden, happily aerating the soil and leaving behind nutrient rich worm castings.

Invasive worms live in the first few inch-

es of soil only and devour organic matter at an alarming rate, leaving behind large castings that look like coffee grounds or gravel but are devoid of nutrients and literally soil altering.

If you think about your tomato or marigold plant and the depth of their roots: what organic matter is left for the plant if the worm eats it all?

Likewise, what is left for other, less aggressive worms. Not much.

This time of year, Jumping Worms are easily identified. First and foremost, look for their crazy movements.

If you suspect you have them, pick one up and examine the ring (clitellum). If it is about one-third of the way down from the worm's head, is smooth, whitish and goes all the way around the body of the worm, you've got them.

Earlier in the season the ring will not completely encircle the worm; identification then is a little trickier. Worms tend to be reddish-purple in color with a slight iridescence.

Unlike European earthworms, Jumping Worms do not survive the winter. Beginning in August and going into the fall months, they lay eggs (no mate needed!) in cocoons that do have the ability to overwinter.

The cocoons look like small, round soil aggregates. In a recent experiment where researchers looked at the effect of heat and

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*in my BACKYARD*  
By Ellenor Downer



I received an email about the sighting of a Northern harrier in Warren from a man who reports bird sighting for this column on a regular basis.

The Northern harrier is the only harrier in North America. Harriers are very distinctive hawks, with long wings and long tails. They are about 18 inches long. The male is gray above and white underneath and the female is larger than the male and brown above and streaked brown underneath.

They are usually seen flying low over the ground in open country. At close range, the face of Northern harrier resembles an owl. Unlike most hawks it may rely on its hearing like an owl to help it locate prey as it courses low over the fields.

Males tend to fly lower and faster than females. The female lays four to six pale bluish-white eggs in a platform nest of sticks and grasses placed on the ground. The female remains with young most of time at first and the male brings food and delivers



Northern harrier

it to female, who feeds it to young. After the young are about two weeks old, the female does much of the hunting for them.

They feed mostly on small mammals and birds. They also eat large insects especially grasshoppers as well as snakes, lizards, toads and frogs. May feed on carrion, especially in winter.

### Ruby throated hummingbirds

Ruby throated hummingbirds still being seen. Pittsfield and Williamstown, Gill, Longmeadow, Amherst, Princeton, Petersham reported sightings to

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Dolly Parton

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## Homemade soup for sale at All Saints

SOUTH HADLEY – Monday Oct. 9 from 9 a.m. on at All Saints' Church, 7 Woodbridge St. Come and enjoy homemade soups such as Vegetable and Sausage, Corn Chowder, Smoked Pepper Soup and lots more made by talented cooks or take some home for a delicious easy Monday night supper. All soups are available from 9 a.m. on until they sell out.

Also, stop in the Church Parish Hall for the annual All Saints' Tag Sale. Lots of interesting Bargains: including books, games, holiday items, a few antiques and modern items for home and yard for folks of all ages.

## Open House for volunteers

CHICOPEE – Harmony House of Western Mass. is holding an open house and volunteer recruitment event for current and potential volunteers to tour the new home at 66 View St. on Oct. 24 from 4 to 6 p.m. Anyone who is considering volunteering at this home for the terminally ill are welcome to attend to learn about updates on the house, future plans, and volunteer opportunities.

Harmony House is planning on reopening in the near future and depends on the generosity of volunteer time to help staff the home. Opportunities exist for direct health care professionals, home health aides, people who enjoy visiting with others, cooking, cleaning, yard work, administrative help, fundraising, and

more. Whether it's a few hours a week or a few hours a month, Harmony House is a welcoming place for people looking to help people.

Current volunteers and members of the Board of Directors will be available to answer questions. Harmony House is a local, non-profit organization whose mission is to provide a loving home providing compassionate care for the terminally ill who have limited or no resources for special care in their final stages of life. Harmony House is primarily staffed by trained volunteers including licensed nurses, caregivers, companions, and others. For more information contact Harmony House at 413-315-9784 or by email at harmonyhousewma@gmail.com.

## Author O'Boyle is leading a retreat

AGAWAM – Author, international speaker, and EWTN television Host, Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle, will lead a half day retreat at St. John the Evangelist Parish, Saturday, Oct. 28, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The event will take place in the parish center at 833 Main St.

The cost is \$35 per person if registered and paid by Sept. 28, or \$45 per person from Sept. 29 through Oct. 28. Register online at StJohnAgawam.com, or call the parish office Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., 413-786-8105.

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cold on the cocoons, there is promise that heat will kill the eggs and young in the cocoon.

What does this mean for us? I think a lot about solarization and how to do that effectively. One research document I read indicated that cocoons die at 104 degrees; worms at 85 degrees.

The recommendation was to lay clear plastic (1 mil thickness for a home garden) on the soil for at least two-to-three weeks or until the soil temperature reaches 104 degrees for three days. This is thin plastic, mind you, but it should be OK in most garden settings free from animal visitors.

Weighting it with would prove helpful for windy situations. Clear is better than black for this purpose.

There is little else pesticide-wise that experts are recommending to combat these pests. Hand picking the adults is an option.

The best way to combat them is prevention. Too late for some of us, but for those of you who do not have them or have them in one part of your yard and not in another I can make some recommendations.

Be careful about garden inputs. Plants you pick up at swaps or from a friend may unknowingly have cocoons in the pot.

Compost you bring in or move around your yard may affect areas that aren't infested. Make sure your compost pile gets hot, hot, hot!

Consider unused bait. A friend thought she was doing a good thing by releasing bait into her garden. In the spring the worms looked like average night crawlers, but they were simply immature invasive worms...talk about wanting to cry.

Since cocoons are in the first few inches of soil, think about your tools, tillers, shoes or wheelbarrows and such. Although the worms are bad for the garden, they are not poisonous to pets or other animals.

It's hard to look at this subject optimistically, but we gardeners are an optimistic lot.

Otherwise, would we do it all over again year after year despite blights and infestations, floods and droughts, early frosts or scouring heat? Of course, we will!

Maybe with a little more caution, but we certainly will.

*Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 31 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.*

## BACKYARD, from page 4

Massachusetts Audubon Society on Sept. 25 and Sept. 26.

### Loon fact

The Loon Preservation Committee provides loon facts in a newsletter. Loons usually sleep on the water unless they are incubating a nest and loon cams captured nesting loons sleeping while incubating. To sleep, a loon will turn its head and rest it on its back, tucking its bill into its scapular feathers.

The newsletter said, "If you see a loon sleeping during the daytime, don't worry. Loons sleep in short bursts that may happen at any time, day or night." Daytime sleeping bouts tend to be a little shorter, averaging 14 minutes than nighttime one, averaging 24 minutes. Loons spend more time sleeping at night than they do during the day. When sleeping, loons tend to prefer open water, further from the shoreline.

### Sightings Warren and Brimfield

Besides seeing a Northern harrier, a birder reported in an email two great egrets at a no-named pond on New Reed Street. He said, "On South Street at the pond with an osprey nest one juvenile, who fledged a few weeks ago, was still visiting the nest and perching in the tree with the nest. A second osprey had fledged from the nest and had left the area around the pond over two weeks ago."

He also said, "I did see two osprey flying high over the pond on New Reed

Street. The birds were quite high, well above tree top level with one bird following a couple of hundred yards behind the first. They were too far away to tell if it was an adult being followed by a juvenile."

In another email, he said, "There was a flock of hen turkeys with some young. We have not see many turkeys near our property for a couple of years, probably because this area was had hit by sponge moths (used to be called gypsy moths) and we haven't had a decent acorn crop in several years."

He said there were about 20 birds in all with two different age groups based on the size of the young birds.

He said, "As I was watching a young gray fox appeared and that got the turkeys even more excited. I could see the fox moving around and the turkey were running back and forth, however it didn't seem as though the fox was stalking the turkeys. After several minutes a dozen of the turkeys flew away into the woods. I didn't see where the rest of the turkeys of the fox went."

The birder sent an email in mid-September and commented about how I like juncos. He said, "Juncos are harbingers of the coming change in seasons and my wife has the exact opposite reaction to their arrival that you do, 'oh no the juncos are back'"

*People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505, leaving a message at extension 100, emailing mybackyard88@aol.com or edowner@turley.com or mailing to Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005.*

## Pumpkin Patch Festival to be held Oct. 14

SPRINGFIELD – Trinity United Methodist Church will hold its first annual Pumpkin Patch Festival on Saturday, Oct. 14, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the front lawn at 361 Sumner Ave. This fall Festival hopes to unite Springfield and surrounding towns as a go-to event for family fun and community engagement. Guests can look forward to purchasing the perfect jack-o'-lantern from an amazing display of over 400 pumpkins grown locally in nearby farms. Music will fill the air at this event as children find their way to

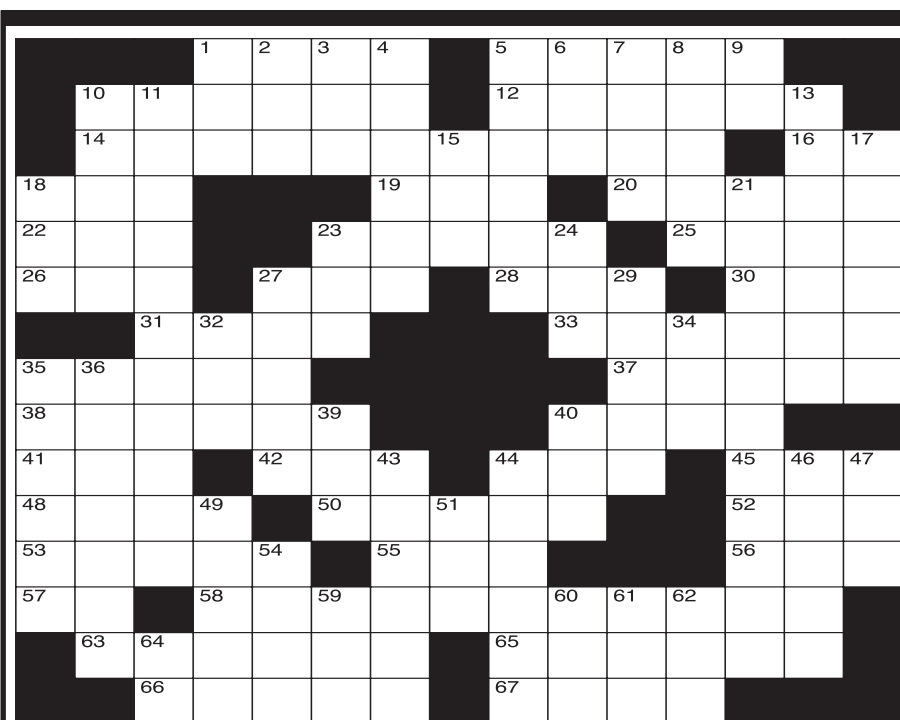
a favorite activity while adults enjoy browsing among the various craft vendors.

Youngsters will have the chance to paint their own pumpkin, have their picture taken with Mr. Scarecrow, and purchase tickets to win a cake, fish for prizes and line up for a turn or two in the bounce house. Guests can select from an assortment of themed gift baskets to bid on at a silent auction. There will be a variety of food truck vendors and the opportunity to purchase a dish of freshly-baked apple crisp for dessert.

## SECURITY, from page 4

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*by the National Social Security Association To submit a question, visit amacfoundation.org/programs/social-security-advisory or email us at ssadvisor@amacfoundation.org. Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor for AMAC.*



### CLUES ACROSS

- Flat tableland with steep edges
- Byproduct of fire
- Talked
- Unique skill
- Unembarrassed
- Where teenagers go
- Boxing's GOAT
- Used to anoint
- Reproductive structure found in rust fungi
- Auburn great Newton
- Some are for Christmas
- Dried, split pulses
- Self
- Where to get your mail
- High schoolers' test
- Flightless bird
- Expectorated
- Practice of misrepresenting the truth
- Type of patch
- French river
- Told on
- Hillside
- Peyton's little brother
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Progressive country musician
- Witness
- Brews
- Yellowish-brown
- Arctic explorers (abbr.)
- Mexican agave
- Type of "cast"
- Popular breakfast food
- Atomic #52
- Position north or south of the equator
- Gadget
- Another recording
- Irregular bulges in cell membranes
- Dark brown

### CLUES DOWN

- Licensed for Wall Street
- Partner to flow
- A very large body of water
- Accumulate on the surface of
- Central cores of stems
- Angry podrida
- Spanish stew: \_\_\_
- Fastened with a pin
- On your way: \_\_\_ route
- Soviet labor camp system
- Enmities
- B complex vitamin
- Go quickly
- Toast
- A team's best pitcher
- Philly culinary specialty
- Small child
- Unhappy
- Trims away
- Full of tears
- Touch softly
- Former OSS
- A person's chest
- Came from behind
- Fall back
- Nellie \_\_, journalist
- A part of a river where the current is very fast
- Weather
- Sports broadcaster lan
- Electroencephalograph
- Phenyl salicylate
- Web of Things
- Ship goods as cargo
- The bill in a restaurant
- Young female
- OJ trial judge
- One's grandmother
- West Siberian river

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# CT River Conservancy announces new executive director

GREENFIELD – Connecticut River Conservancy a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to the Connecticut River watershed in New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, and Connecticut since 1952, is thrilled to announce Rebecca Todd as their next executive director, to formally begin on Oct. 9.

Todd has most recently served as the executive director of New Hampshire's Stonewall Farm, a non-profit working farm and education center, however it is her rich experience as an attorney that has shaped most of her career.

For over 30 years Todd has advised organizations, individuals, and businesses in matters related to environmental, educational, contractual, employment, and non-profit management. She served as General Counsel for Antioch University, as Associate Attorney General in the Office of the Attorney General in Washington in the Education and Ecology divisions, and litigated cases for the Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund, Inc. (now Earthjustice) and the Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc. related to the Clean Water Act, the Endangered Species Act, and hazardous waste laws. Rebecca also teaches environmental law, legal advocacy and other subjects nationally and internationally.

In addition to these professional accomplishments, Todd grew up in the Connecticut River watershed, has raised a family while stewarding farmland along the river in New Hampshire, and



Rebecca Todd was named the new executive director of Connecticut River Conservancy. Submitted Photo

is cultivating a new passion for the sport of rowing.

“After an incredibly thorough search and evaluation of the needs of our organization, we are thrilled to welcome Rebecca as the next executive director. Rebecca’s robust experience, character, and passion for the Connecticut River and surrounding communities will help

implement a strategic and sustainable path in the years to come.” said Bob Sproull, board chair of CRC.

“I look forward to supporting the incredibly collaborative network of partners, members, and community members who recreate on the Connecticut River, and to developing solutions dedicated to healthier rivers in our beautiful water-

shed.” said Todd.

The Search Committee, including members of CRC’s Board of Trustees, staff, and executive search firm Eos Transition Partners, received applications from many well-qualified individuals across the country over the last few months and after careful review have determined that Todd is the most qualified to become the next great leader of Connecticut River Conservancy.

CRC’s previous Executive Director, Andy Fisk, departed in the fall of 2022 after 10 years with the organization and is now the Northeast regional director at American Rivers. During this transitional time, CRC has been capably led by interim Executive Director and Director of Restoration Programs, Ron Rhodes, who has been a member of CRC staff for over 12 years.

CRC has a robust 70-year history of environmental conservation and restoration. The organization was first formed as the Connecticut River Watershed Council in 1952 by a group of concerned citizens, rebranded to the Connecticut River Conservancy in 2017, and has been a voice for the Connecticut River since the beginning. Programs include healthy habitat restoration through tree planting and dam removal, advocacy to prevent pollution, invasive species removal, water quality monitoring, river recreation access, community science to support migratory fish, the annual Source to Sea Cleanup, and more.

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## Boys fall to Belchertown



Alvin Silva makes a long throw-in.

HOLYOKE – Last Wednesday, Holyoke met Belchertown for perhaps the first time ever in boys soccer action.

The Orioles, which bring a strong program historically,

also brought their offense in an 8-1 win over Holyoke.

Holyoke's only goal was from Ryan Kennedy. Landon Koziara had a long match in the goal, making 24 saves. Holyoke is 0-8-1 on the season.



Christian Piedra looks to take possession of the ball.



Arthur Mazzu advances up the field.

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## Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Class of 2023 to honor six athletes

HOLYOKE – The Holyoke Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Class of 2023 will feature some of Holyoke's finest from the pitch and the gridiron to the pool and the basketball courts and to the baseball and softball diamond, spanning more than 65 years of athletic achievements. From a bruising running back to a couple of 1,000-point scores, to a softball great, a two-sport all-star, and a girls' sport pioneer, the 2023 inductees Wilfredo Cabrerra,

Laurin Maruca Funk, Ann Lavelle Mann, Robert Morneau, Michael Westbrooks, and Victor Zwirko, truly represent the tremendous diversity of the great Holyoke athletes.

### Wilfredo Cabrerra

A 1995 Holyoke High graduate, Cabrerra lit up the scoreboard, netting 1,209 points in his career. With Cabrerra as top gun, Holyoke would win the 1993 and the 1995 Western Mass Championships, with

a couple Valley League titles along the way. A team co-captain his senior year, he also earned All-Western Mass honors in 1994 and 1995.

### Laurin Maruca Funk

An outstanding three-sport standout, Laurin Maruca Funk dominated the softball diamond from 1998 through 2001, the overpowering pitcher posting the school record for career wins and strikeouts. She earned "All-Western Mass" softball

honors for four years, leading the Knights to two Suburban League titles, while being named the "Outstanding Pitcher of the Year" award in 2000. She was also a part of a championship soccer team in her sophomore year and played on the Knights basketball team for three years.

### Ann Lavelle Mann

Competitive girls' sports in high school were still in their infancy in the 1970's but

Ann Lavelle Mann brought the genre to center stage. Mann had such an impact on the Purple Knights' sports scene, that her 1979 graduating class voted her "Most Athletic" and "Best All-Around". A three-sport standout, Ann was with the varsity basketball and softball team all four years. Elected captain in both basketball and softball her senior year, she led the hoopsters a 10.9 points per game

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Ava Tellier stops the progress of a Belchertown midfielder.



Grace Phillips tries to move the ball upfield.  
Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli



Grace Chesmore attempts to turn play around in Holyoke's favor.

## Field hockey suffers loss to Orioles

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

HOLYOKE – The Belchertown field hockey team entered the first week of October with a combined 25-2-4 record against County League opponents since the start of the 2021 regular season. Their only two league losses during that span came against Franklin Tech.

The Lady Orioles, who are the defending County league champions, scored four first quarter goals and coasted to a 9-2 victory in the first meeting of the regular season against

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# Westfield State University Owls hold on for first victory

WESTFIELD – Westfield State’s Max Margeson (Littleton, Colo./Mullen HS) and Alec Rodriguez (Westfield, Mass.) combined for a memorable interception return play for a touchdown to lift the Owls to a 17-10 win over Massachusetts Maritime Academy at Alumni Field on Saturday to bring a happy conclusion to Family and Champions Weekend.

Margeson delivered a perfectly timed hit on MMA wide receiver Andrew Brightman (Wareham, Mass./Upper Cape Tech) to jar loose the ball on a catch, with the ball pinging directly to Owls’ linebacker Rodriguez for the interception at the MMA 32-yard line. Rodriguez returned the ball a couple of yards before Brightman snagged him by the ankle, and Rodriguez handed the ball off to Margeson, who rambled 30 yards through traffic for the touchdown to give Westfield a 17-10 lead with 9:07 left in the third quarter.

The Owls hung on down the stretch

for the win, improving to 1-4 on the season and 1-2 in the MASCAC. MMA slips to 1-3 overall and 1-1 in the league.

The two teams traded salvos in the first half, with the Buccaneers getting on the board on their first drive of the game with a 7-play, 73-yard march that was capped by a 29-yard TD pass to Brightman on deep post route completion from quarterback Marc Murphy (Norwood, Mass.).

Westfield answered on their first drive, getting a big 52-yard kick return from Christian Julian (Hingham, Mass.) to set up the drive at the MMA 32. Seven plays later, Westfield’s Jordan Smith (Coventry, Conn.) rumbled four yards up the middle for a game tying TD.

The two clubs traded field goals in the final 10 seconds of the half. MMA got a 24-yard TD from Logan Tsaika (E. Freetown, Mass./Appoquonet) to take a 10-7 lead with eight seconds left in the half.

Westfield got the ball back on the

ensuing kickoff, and Owls QB Gabriel Fernandez (Holyoke, Mass.) found Danny Farrell (Milford, Mass.) on a 25-yard completion and a personal foul on the Buccaneers gave the Owls the ball at the MMA 22 yardline with four seconds left in the half.

Westfield State first-year kicker Cooper Harvey (Niskayuna, N.Y.) booted a 39-yard field goal as time expired to tie the game 10-10 at the half.

Neither team particularly threatened the end zone after the big interception return by the Owls. MMA drove the ball as far as the Owls’ 38-yard line with less than two minutes to play, but Tyler Cooley (Randolph, Mass./Arch. Williams) dropped Murphy for a loss on third down, and Murphy’s long bomb try to Brightman on fourth down fell incomplete to end the threat, and Westfield knelt on the ball three times to run out the clock.

Fernandez finished 14-25 passing for 138 yards. Farrell finished with six

catches for 65 yards, and Smith rushed for 77 yards on 25 carries.

For MMA, Murphy completed 12 of 23 passes for 206 yards with a TD and an interception. Daniel Molloy (Franklin, Mass.) led the rushing attack with seven carries for 22 yards, and Brightman finished with eight catches for 96 yards. Molloy added three catches for 54 yards.

Defensively, Cooley led the Owls with 13 tackles, and Cam Danahy (Kingston, Mass./Silve Lake) added nine. Dylan Clark (Bellows Falls, Vt./BFA) came up with two big plays with two tackles for losses of 12 yards.

Liam Hines (Quincy, Mass./North Quincy) led MMA with seven tackles. Owen Shea (Scituate, Mass./Norwell) made five tackles, 2.5 TFL’s and a sack.

Westfield heads into its bye week, before returning to host its homecoming game against UMass-Dartmouth on Saturday, Oct. 14. MMA faces UMass Dartmouth next Saturday, Oct. 7 with a 4 p.m. kick off in North Dartmouth, Mass.

## Springfield Thunderbirds make roster moves ahead of opener

SPRINGFIELD – St. Louis Blues President of Hockey Operations and General Manager Doug Armstrong announced today the team has assigned 12 players to its AHL affiliate, the Springfield Thunderbirds, including forwards Mikhail Abramov, Drew Callin, Tanner Dickinson, Andre Heim, and Mitch Hoelscher, defensemen Jeremie Biakabutuka, Joseph Duszak, Marc-Andre Gaudet, Austin Osmanski, and Hunter Skinner, and goaltenders Will Cranley and Vadim Zherenko. In addition, the Blues released forward Nick Ritchie and defenseman Andy Welinski from their professional tryouts.



The Calder Cup quest begins on Saturday, Oct. 14 for Opening Night presented by MGM Springfield.

In the team’s annual tradition, fans will be treated to a pre-game Block Party on the property of MGM Springfield from 4 to 6 p.m. presented by Community Bank N.A. with the support of the Springfield Business Improvement District (BID). The outdoor bash will feature live music, food, and drink. Thunderbirds fans will have the opportunity to get their hands on a plethora of giveaway souvenir items this season, beginning on Opening Night with jersey-shaped rally towels on each and every seat at the MassMutual Center.

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## HALL, from page 7

average and was the Knights’ top hitter, batting .421.

### Robert Morneau

Bob Morneau was the Holyoke Trade School’s first 1,000-point scorer and led the Golden Hawks to a couple post season tournament consideration bids. Playing in the very competitive Bi-County League, the 1972 graduate was vying to be the first Tradesman to win the league scoring title since 1958, carrying a 19.1 point per gamer average into the final week. Bob came up short, but the 6’4” power forward led the team in scoring and rebounding for both his junior and senior years.

### Michael Westbrook

Michael Westbrook was an unstoppable force on the Holyoke High football field for three years and led the Knights to a 1990 Western Mass D-1 Superbowl championship. He ran for 145 yards and two touchdowns in the 24-14 Superbowl win against Northampton. A two time “All-Western Mass” First team selection. Westbrook was elected co-captain his senior year, and while also play-

ing linebacker on defense, he amassed 3,261 career rushing yards. A member of the Knights baseball team each spring, Westbrook was a solid defensive third baseman and team leader for Holyoke.

### Victor Zwirko

Victor Zwirko excelled in three sports at Holyoke High, with top honors in soccer and swimming. A three-year starter in soccer, he was elected co-captain and was named to the “All-Hampshire League” first team. He made a bigger splash in the pool, as the Knights’ co-captain was undefeated in the 100 butterfly his senior year, before placing 2nd in the State Championship and second again in the New England Championship meet. In his senior year, Zwirko was also the third leading point scorer as a hurdler for the track team.

These athletes along with Holyoke “legends” Don Graf, Joe Hohol, and Charlie Szostkiewicz, coaches Jim McGrath and Tom Brassil, and the 2011-2012 HHS Girls Basketball team will be enshrined during a banquet at Holyoke’s Wycoff Park Country Club on Saturday, November 4. Tickets for the banquet are \$35.00 and can be purchased through Eventbrite.com.

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league rival Holyoke at John F. Gilligan Field, which is a part of the Roberts Sports Complex, last Monday afternoon, Sept. 25.

“The first quarter hasn’t been our strongest quarter so far this season,” said first-year Belchertown head coach Dina Brunetti. “We came out very strongly in the first quarter of today’s game, which gave me the opportunity to play our younger players. This is a very good win for us.”

Brunetti, who replaced Lindsay Wright, was a coach of a Belchertown recreation field hockey team for the last six years.

“They were looking for someone to coach the varsity field hockey team this year, so I decided to step in,” said Brunetti, who graduated from Chicopee High School. “We’re now 4-1-1 and it feels great. I just love coaching this team.”

Following their first road match of the 2023 campaign, the Lady Orioles had a 4-1-1 overall record and a perfect 4-0 league record.

It was the second consecutive game that Belchertown scored at least nine goals. They posted a 9-0 home shutout against Palmer in another league match on September 21. The Lady Orioles’ other two league victories were also shutouts against Hampshire Regional (10-0) in the season opener, and Amherst (4-0).

They lost a non-league match to Greenfield, 1-0, and tied Frontier Regional, 2-2.

The Purple Knights (2-5, 2-3) also have a new varsity coach.

Francesca Ceppetelli took over the varsity coaching duties at Holyoke High School from Sue and MaryAnn Pelligrinelli. The sisters retired from coaching at the end of last season.

“I played collegiate field hockey at Lasell University, and I previously coached a middle school field hockey in Enfield Connecticut,” said Ceppetelli. “Field hockey is a very popular sport in Enfield.”

It took a little more than a minute for the Lady Orioles to take a 1-0 lead in last Monday’s contest.

After receiving a pass from senior Laura Cote, senior Isabella Cauley fired a backhand shot into the back of the cage past Holyoke junior goalie Lyara Rodriguez (10 saves) with 13:55 left in the first quarter.

Thirty seconds later, Cote assisted on another goal scored by sophomore Rachel Baltazar, which was her fourth goal so far this season.

Freshman Lila Roy scored the other two first quarter goals for Belchertown.

“It’s always very difficult to make a comeback after falling behind early in the game,” Ceppetelli said. “My girls just did their best in today’s game.”

Sophomore Mya Philpott assisted on Roy’s first goal. Sophomore Edith Audette was credited with her



Kylie Blaha tries to backhand a pass away from the crowded area.



Aiden McCarthy emerges with possession of the ball.

Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

team-leading seventh assist on Roy’s second goal.

Junior Aiden McCarthy did get the Purple Knights on the scoreboard for the first time with a penalty corner goal less than two minutes into the second quarter.

McCarthy’s second goal of the regular season was assisted by junior Siobhan Armstrong.

With 1:50 remaining in the second stanza, an unassisted goal by freshman Addison-Rose DiBona gave the Lady Orioles a 5-1 halftime lead.

Five minutes into the third quarter, Armstrong recorded another assist on a goal by senior Maura Fontaine-Dulude cutting Holyoke’s deficit to 5-2.

Belchertown senior Brooke Stelmokas, who was the Orioles starting goalie, banged a shot into the cage for her first goal of the season with four

minutes left in the third quarter.

“Brooke is our starting goalie, but she also loves playing in the field,” Brunetti. “It was awesome seeing her score a goal in today’s game. We’re really going to miss her next year.”

The other two Lady Orioles goalies were freshmen Claire Corbin, who played in her first varsity game, and Morgan Sambor.

At the end of the third quarter, Belchertown took a 7-2 advantage following a penalty corner goal by senior Karyna Rondeau.

Audette scored a pair of goals for the Lady Orioles during the final 15 minutes of the contest.

Belchertown also posted a 4-1 home win over Holyoke three days later. Roy led the way offensively with two goals for the Lady Orioles.



**City of Holyoke**  
**Notice of Public Hearing**  
 The Ordinance Committee of the Holyoke City Council will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.** to hear a special permit application of Blossom Flower LLC at 1 Cabot St. (048-01-010) for a cannabis third party transporter license. Meeting will take place at Holyoke City Hall 536 Dwight St and can be accessed remotely via www.zoom.us Meeting ID 831 7743 6694 Meeting Passcode 289877 or by call in at 1-646-558-8656 with same Meeting ID and Passcode. For an electronic copy of this application or to provide comments for the public hearing, please contact City Council Admin Asst Jeffery Anderson-Burgos at Anderson-BurgosJ@holyoke.org or by phone 413-322-5525.

Ordinance Chair,  
 Linda Vacon  
 10/06, 10/13/2023

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 Carriveau, Ronald  
 October 06, 2023  
 10/06, 10/13, 10/20/2023

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD23C0279CA**

**In the matter of: Amir Ja' Siyah Esaw CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME**

A Petition to Change Name of Minor has been filed by Amir Ja' Siyah Esaw of Holyoke, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

**Amir Ja' Siyah Gowdy IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Hampden Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/23/2023.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this pro-

ceeding.  
 WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.  
 Date: September 25, 2023  
**Rosemary A Saccomani**  
 Register of Probate  
 10/06/2023

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DATE: **Wednesday, October 25, 2023**  
 TIME: **6:00 p.m.**  
 LOCATION: **Holyoke Council on Aging & Senior Center, 291 Pine Street, Holyoke, MA**

For more information contact: the Office of Planning & Economic Dept at 413-322-5655 Holyoke

Historical Commission:  
 Christopher H. Gauthier  
 10/06/2023

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Division Docket No. HD19P1760EA Estate of:**

**Darell Hutchinson Date of Death: 08/14/2018 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Zoey Hutchinson** of Greenfield, MA.

**Zoey Hutchinson** of Greenfield, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve with surety on the bond.

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD22P1828EA Estate of:**

**Ruth E Willemain Also known as: Ruth Willemain Date of Death: 04/17/2022 CITATION ON PETITION FOR**

**ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT**

A Petition for **Order of Complete Settlement** has been filed by **David A Tetreault** of Belchertown, MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/31/2023.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M. Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: October 02, 2023  
**Rosemary A. Saccomani**  
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*The Holyoke Sun*

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## In The News

### SUIT, from page 1

fund new middle schools. \$155 million dollars and it was put on a city election. This question is only about a \$300,000 reduction in the CPA tax... [the citizens are] qualified to vote on a \$155 million tax override question, they're not allowed to have a say this year on whether or not we should have a \$300,000 reduction in CPA tax? To me, that argument didn't hold a lot of water," Jourdain said.

Therefore, the councilors decided to bring the case to court.

From there, according to a recent press release, Mulqueen denied the suit given the fact that the Community Preservation Act doesn't override the city's charter and the city councilors failed to follow proper procedure for amending the surcharge as required by state law.

Mulqueen also wrote, according to a recent press release, that "there

has been no showing of any other harm if the surcharge reduction question appears on the November 2024 ballot instead of November 2023."

Mulqueen felt that the councilors could not prove that there would be any harm brought to the community by having this question on a future ballot rather than this year's.

It was due to these factors that Mulqueen denied the councilor's motion for injunction.

Therefore, this question will not be on the November 2023 ballot.

If the city council votes again to have a question of this type on the November 2024 ballot, then, so long as they follow proper procedure in setting up the question, Garcia and his office will support the question.

"This office, as long as the laws and the process are followed appropriately, intends to support questions going on the ballot relating to the CPA for next year's election," Garcia said.

### HUNT, from page 1

Additionally, there will be four awards offered in various categories for those who participate. One award is "The Trailblazer Award", which will go to the first person to complete all the clues and send in all of their photos. "The Visionary Lense Award" and "The Whimsy and Wonder Award" will go to the people with the hughes-quality photos and the most creative photos respectively. Finally, "The You and Me Award" will go to the best photos submitted by an adult/youth team.

Winners of each category will be awarded a \$100 cash prize.

The last day to submit anything for the contest will be Oct. 22 so that the committee has time to determine the winners before the Oct. 28 event.

This scavenger hunt was inspired by Holyoke's 150 Anniversary. The Holyoke Preservation Trust wanted to take the opportunity of this historic anniversary

to give community members a chance to learn more about the city they live in.

"We really want to encourage people to get out into the community...we're trying to figure out what are the fun things that can get people out and about in the city and also allow them to learn more about it," Magrath-Smith said.

Magrath-Smith in particular was excited for this scavenger hunt. She had done something similar before in New York City and wanted to try and bring the event to Holyoke.

"I've been wanting to do this for years...I just love the ideas of being able to inspire people to get out and about and maybe see different parts of the city that they haven't gone to in a long time," Magrath-Smith said. "I just thought it would be fun."

To register for or get more information on this activity, go to <https://www.holyokepreservationtrust.org/> or <https://sites.google.com/view/holyokekeytothecity/clues>.

### SEWER, from page 1

"Using the amended budget number which, again, is still subject to approval by council come fall, and using the same estimate with respect to the number of users and the usage associated with them, we're recommending a FY24 sewer rate of \$8.02," Monahan had said at an Ordinance Committee Meeting.

According to Monahan, this budget has been consistently underfunded and she wanted to raise the rates to boost the funds with the hopes that they would be able to balance the budget. The goal was to also fund a study that would help them to pick out unneeded services that are currently being paid for with the sewer fund, as they feel those services are part of what is causing the rates to be so high.

"So those costs could be pulled out of that [the sewer fund]...with the awareness of the opportunities to learn more about the funding and the operations associated with the enterprise fund, we proposed for

FY24 to do a comprehensive, in-depth study of the enterprise fund looking at the operational cost associated with those bits and pieces that we're talking about," Monahan said.

The councilors who voted in favor of the rise in the sewer rate felt it was time to balance this budget in the hopes that it would improve the conditions of the sewer system in the future.

"This intentional underfunding, I think it's unacceptable...this can has been kicked down the road long enough it started somewhere other than right now, we have a really old city, we're going to need infrastructure investment," Givner had said at the ordinance committee in which this rate was first proposed. "This \$8.02 proposal comes to \$30 a year, I think it's reasonable and I think since we've waited so long to deal with this I don't see the problem with taking the time now to do the research and get the information needed to take all these expenses that are city-wide expenses out so that in the future we can

properly bill those using the sewage system versus those using all city expenses."

However, several councilors raised concerns against this idea.

For one, as pointed out by Vacon, this proposed sewer rate was not based on the final budget from FY23, as they had not yet received fund updates from the last quarter.

"We do not have a final budget for the enterprise fund at this point, we're setting a rate without a budget," Vacon said. "I just don't think we have the complete information to take this vote."

Jourdain also was concerned about raising the rate too high. Due to the fact that there are several cityside expenses in the sewer fund that many councilors agreed should not be there, Jourdain worried that raising the rates was a way to get around laws preventing overtaxation.

"The concern for me...is the fact that it sets a very dangerous precedent in that proposition two and a half is there to protect the residents from overtaxation, if

we take cityside expenses as an end-run around proposition two and a half and we bury them in the sewer fund, we can keep increasing that sewer fund beyond what is totally and completely necessary," Jourdain said.

In the end, the council voted 8-5 in favor, but as they needed a two thirds majority, the rate did not pass.

While this raise in sewer rate was not approved, there is another request regarding the sewers that the council will be discussing at an upcoming meeting.

At the Finance Committee Meeting on Sept. 13 they approved a transfer of \$100,000 from Capital Stabilization Funds to Sewer-professional services to help pay for the study Monahan requested.

The goal would be for this study to take out unneeded services from the sewer fund so that the sewer rate can potentially even be lowered in the future.

The council will vote to either approve or disprove the transfer at a future meeting.

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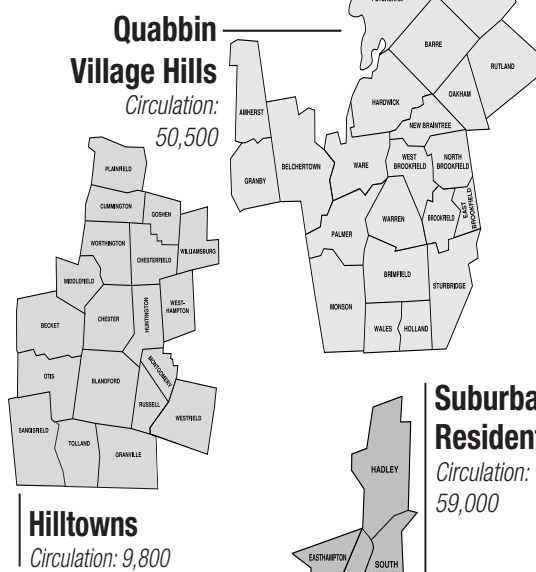
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SPRINGFIELD – Springfield Technical Community College has become the first college in Massachusetts to join the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts as a member agency.

Starting in October 2023, STCC will be a part of the region's food assistance network, and the first college to become a member, according to the Food Bank.

STCC also was the first college in Massachusetts to join the Stop & Shop School Food Pantry Program, which provides donations to support the college's food pantry, known as the Ram Mini Mart. Students who qualify can visit the on-campus Center for Access Services to pick up free meals, groceries and other necessities stored in the Ram Mini Mart.

Stop & Shop offers a school-based food pantry program to help reduce hunger among students in communities served by the company's more than 400 stores in the Northeast.

The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts provides healthy food to 173 members of the network in Hampden, Hampshire, Franklin and Berkshire counties. These independent pantries, meal sites and shelters are on the front lines, providing food and other resources to individuals, families, seniors, children, college students, people with disabilities and veterans so that they may lead healthy and meaningful lives.

Vice President of Student Affairs Darcey Kemp said CAS is an invaluable resource for STCC students, providing them with support and resources including free school supplies, food and household goods.

"STCC values its partnerships with community organizations like the Food



A student utilizing the food bank at STCC.

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Bank and companies like Stop & Shop," Kemp said. "We sincerely appreciate their support."

José Lopez-Figueroa, Director of the CAS at STCC, said, "We are thrilled to partner with the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts and continue our partnership with Stop & Shop. They are helping in our effort to ensure that no student is sitting in class hungry or goes home with nothing to eat."

Samantha Plourd, dean of enrollment, retention and completion, said STCC is grateful to have the Food Bank as a new resource.

The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts expanded its operations in September with a move to Chicopee.

At more than 60,000 square feet, the new headquarters is double the size of its former building in Hatfield.

Michelle Geoffroy, Agency Relations Manager, Food Bank of Western Massachusetts, said, "The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts is excited to welcome our first campus pantry to our member agency network. We know that more than one in three college and university students faces food insecurity, and only 20 percent utilize SNAP benefits. This partnership will allow us to support STCC's established food pantry and help us both to reach more of our neighbors experiencing food insecurity in Springfield and surrounding communities."

# Tax relief package sent to governor

BOSTON – With the goal of providing financial relief to families across the state while making Massachusetts more competitive with other states, the Massachusetts Legislature overwhelmingly passed a compromise \$561.3 million bipartisan tax relief package supporting residents across all income levels on Thursday.

Sen. Velis, who filed his own tax relief legislation this session to increase the Dependent Tax Credit, the Senior Circuit Breaker Tax Credit, and the Estate Tax Threshold, joined his colleagues in voting for the legislation which was passed after three months of negotiations between the House and the Senate.

"Like so many of my colleagues, I continue to hear from residents in my communities about the high costs their families are dealing with, and the tangible impact that the tax reform initiatives in this bill will have on their lives," said Senator Velis (D-Westfield). "From providing comprehensive relief to families, seniors, and renters, to expanding housing development and making Massachusetts more attractive to businesses, this is the most significant reform to our commonwealth's tax code in a generation and I am thrilled that we are sending this important legislation to the Governor's desk."

Having passed the House of Representatives and Senate, the bill now goes to the Governor for her consideration.

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# Dragon Boat Festival rescheduled

SPRINGFIELD – A new date for the ninth annual Dragon Boat Festival has been set for Saturday, Oct. 14, on the Connecticut River. The event will feature Dragon Boat races, food trucks, and Asian-themed entertainment from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at North Riverfront Park, 121 West Street.

The festival was originally scheduled for July 29 but postponed due to unsafe water conditions resulting from recent flooding. Admission to the festival is free for spectators.

Twenty-four teams from throughout New England are registered to participate in this year's Dragon Boat races. Community teams include Behavioral Health Network, CRRC-MA (the rail car manufacturer), as well as the defending champions, Springfield Pharmacy First Responders. With the new date set, registration will be reopened at [www.pvriverfront.org](http://www.pvriverfront.org) for additional teams to sign up to race on Oct. 14.

The Springfield Dragon Boat Festival, which has been hosted by the

Pioneer Valley Riverfront Club since 2013, attracts hundreds of participants and spectators to the banks of the Connecticut River for a day of competition, festivity, and community support. The Festival is an important fundraiser in support of Breast Cancer survivors and Community Programming at the Pioneer Valley Riverfront Club.

Hundreds of paddlers from New England participate in the festival races. A dragon boat festival team is comprised of up to 20 paddlers who race against other teams in 200-meter races on the Connecticut River. Each race lasts about one minute, and each team races at least three times on the day of the festival.

There is free parking available nearby at 77 West Street or along Avocado Street and on property abutting and behind the new Starbucks store adjacent to the Riverfront Club. The festival can also be reached by the Connecticut Riverwalk Bikeway. More information can be found at [www.pvriverfront.org](http://www.pvriverfront.org) or by calling (413) 736-1322.

# Westfield State University to host job fair

WESTFIELD – Westfield State University will be hosting its annual Government, Criminal Justice and Non-Profit Career Fair on Thursday, Oct. 12, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. in the Woodward Center, 395 Western Ave.

The fair offers a convenient opportunity for Westfield students and residents to network with employers and learn what it would be like to work for area non-profits and government agencies.

Representatives from police departments throughout Massachusetts and Connecticut and New Hampshire will be available to answer questions and showcase their agencies to prospective employees. Some of the registered city and town agencies include Amherst,

Enfield, CT., Holyoke, Northampton, and Westfield. Registered state police agencies include Massachusetts, Connecticut, and New York.

Registered non-profits and government agencies include, May Institute, Center for Human Development, Gandara Center, Match Education, Peace Corps, SeviceNet, Wellpath and Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security.

The job fair is free and open to the public. Parking is available in the South Lot off Western Avenue. Shuttle service will run continually throughout the event.

For more information, contact the Career Center at Westfield State University, 413-572-5206.