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Paraprofessionals union reaches tentative deal

By **Brendan Rooney**
Correspondent

HOLYOKE — In a major development from this past Tuesday night, the Holyoke Paraprofessionals Association (HPA) officially reached a tentative agreement with the district after operating without a contract for seven months. The agreement now heads to union members and the school district for official ratification.

To mark the breakthrough, the district posted a statement to social media on Wednesday highlighting the achievement, writing: “After seven months of negotiating, Holyoke Public Schools and the Holyoke Paraprofessional Association have reached a

tentative agreement that will make Holyoke Paraeducators the second highest paid paras in the area.”

This is also the union’s first official contract since the district returned to local control following a decade under state receivership. The district added that the agreement reflects “months of discussion, collaboration, and compromise, all aimed at reaching a fair agreement for Holyoke paraeducators while balancing the needs of students and the district’s financial position.” Before adding, “We are optimistic about its approval.”

At the core of the deal is a significant shift in com-

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Submitted photo

Members of the paraprofessionals' union celebrate after a temporary agreement was reached with the Holyoke Public Schools.

City council creates committee concerning data centers

By **Quinn Suomala**
Correspondent

HOLYOKE — The Holyoke City Council voted 11-2 to create an ad-hoc committee that will research the impacts of commercial data center development in Holyoke.

This ad-hoc committee follows the council’s decision in June to ban any data center over 12 megawatts.

Those on the committee will research the electrical demand, water consumption, environmental impacts, tax revenue, economic development opportunities, zoning considerations and public safety concerns related to these centers.

As they complete their research they will make

reports back to the city council, including recommendations regarding potential zoning and permitting requirements.

The committee will be made up of members from: Holyoke Gas and Electric, Holyoke Water Works, the Massachusetts Green High-Performing Computing Center, the Conservation Commission, the Office of Planning and Development, two community members or residents appointed by the city council president and a ward one or ward two city councilor.

The community members or residents will be selected by the president and then confirmed by the city council.

The creation of this com-

mittee was also discussed thoroughly in the council’s ordinance meeting on Oct. 14.

“I’ve been really disappointed in this entire proces. It feels like there isn’t a compromise, I don’t see people giving up what they want.”

- **Tessa Murphy-Romboletti**

Within that meeting councilors debated how community members would be appointed to the committee.

There were several proposed processes, including a

process similar to fulfilling school committee vacancies.

If they had gone that route, people would have submitted their résumés to the council and the council would have orally voted until they reached a majority.

“That felt fraught in some ways to some folks and so we came to a compromise of having the president go through all of the letters of interest that were sent, choose two people as a recommendation and then bring it to the council for their approval,” Magrath-Smith said.

All of the letters of interests sent by residents will also be shared with the council so everyone is fully informed on who expressed a desire to be on the com-

mittee.

Several city councilors expressed concern over the appointment process for the board.

One main concern was that the wording of the order had the director of economic development appointing the office of planning and development member to the committee, rather than the planning board itself.

Several councilors felt that this was not the right way to go about this appointment.

“These are two very separate departments with very different functions,” Councilor Mimi Panitch said. “I could not support a version of this that names the director of economic development as the appointing authority

for that one office.”

Councilor Michael Sullivan disagreed, he felt that the planning board already has plenty of weight in on the matter, given that they would be involved in every step of the process of approving or disproving a data center.

Council President Tessa Murphy-Romboletti agreed with Sullivan.

“I think our director of planning and economic development is more closely involved in these conversations and he is the paid staff person who has the most relevant interactions,” Murphy-Romboletti said.

Despite Murphy-Romboletti’s agreement with

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‘Out of the Darkness’ walk draws more than 800

By **Kristin Rivers**
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Over 800 people gathered in School Street Park in Agawam on Oct. 24 for the 2026 Greater Springfield Out of the Darkness Community Walk.

The annual event raises awareness for suicide prevention and gathers community members, residents, family members and friends and more together to share their stories, remember those lost to suicide and raise their voice for education, research and resources to help those who are struggling.

In 2025, 648 people died by suicide in the state of Massachusetts.

The event featured a Honor Bead Ceremony with attendees wearing a color sharing their connection to the cause whether the loss of a child or spouse, military or the LGBTQIA + community to a personal struggle or attempt, AFSP bandanas to recognize the pets who support those who are struggling, remarks from American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Massachusetts Chapter Event Co-Chairs Karen Carreira and Lyndsey Nunes and State Sen. John Velis

(D-Westfield), community resource tents including free hugs, a station to create your own henna, therapy dogs from the Hampden County Sheriff’s Department and more, raffle prizes, music overseen by a DJ at B_entertained and more.

The top 10 individual fundraisers were Melissa Soto, Cassandra Newman, Jeffrey Burke, Erin Mahoney, Team TruNorth Bank, Chuck Gorman, Denise Lemenager, Sarita Sheehan, Julia Goldberg, Michael Carreira and Karen Carreira.



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Turley photos by Kristin Rivers

Members of the Elms College cheerleading team from Chicopee held signs and cheered on walkers along the course.



The message “HOPE” was on full display at the walk to remind attendees they are not alone.

PB to hold hearing on Walmart project

HOLYOKE — The city’s Planning Board will hold a public hearing Tuesday, Nov. 10, at 5:30 p.m. to review the site plan for a 184,900-square-foot Walmart Supercenter to be located at the former Kmart site at 2201 Northampton Street.

The meeting will be conducted via Zoom.com. The ID number is 819 6511 7810. Call in *67 646 558 8656.

According to Walmart’s application to the Planning Board, the 211,000-square-foot vacant Kmart building will be demolished.

The proposed store will provide retail and grocery sales, a garden center, and a drive-through pharmacy. The development will also include an online pickup service that will allow customers to place orders in advance, drive to the store, park in designated pickup spaces, and have their orders delivered directly to their

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Applications now open for 71st Grand Colleen Pageant

HOLYOKE – The St. Patrick’s Committee of Holyoke is pleased to announce that applications are now open for the 71st Annual Holyoke Grand Colleen Pageant, a cherished tradition celebrating Irish heritage, community involvement and the accomplishments of young women throughout the region.

For more than seven decades, the Grand Colleen Pageant has served as a signature event of Holyoke’s St. Patrick’s celebrations and the kickoff to Parade season. The pageant offers young women

the opportunity to represent their communities, celebrate their Irish ancestry and become part of a longstanding tradition that plays an important role in one of the region’s most beloved annual celebrations.

“The Grand Colleen Pageant is a wonderful tradition that brings together Irish heritage, community pride and the next generation of young leaders,” said Kate Caligaris, Colleen Committee Chair. “It’s an opportunity for these young women to make lasting memories, build meaningful con-

nections and take an active role in the celebrations that make Holyoke so special. We look forward to welcoming this year’s contestants and celebrating all they bring to the tradition.”

Young women residing in Holyoke, South Hadley, Easthampton and Southampton are eligible to apply.

Contestant Eligibility
Applicants must:

- Be 17-22 years of age as of March 17, 2027
- Resident of Holyoke, South Hadley, Easthampton or Southampton

- Be single (never married, not a parent)
- Claim Irish ancestry
- Complete a resume and application

Awards & Opportunities
The Grand Colleen will receive:

- \$3,000 to be used as a scholarship or trip to Ireland
- Professional portrait
- Tiara

The Grand Colleen and Court will receive:

- Gifts from local businesses and Colleen Patrons
- A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to serve as community ambassadors during

Parade season

Important Dates

- **Oct. 1:** Applications open
- **Dec. 27:** Deadline to submit application to enter the Grand Colleen Pageant
- **Dec. 27:** Colleen Orientation 2 p.m., location TBD
- **Dec. 30:** Grand Colleen Pageant Rehearsal, at Holyoke High School, 6 to 8 p.m.
- **Jan. 2:** Grand Colleen Pageant at Holyoke High School Auditorium, 6 to 9:30 p.m.
- **Feb. 20:** Grand

Coronation Ball at The Log Cabin, Holyoke

For application information and additional details, please visit the Holyoke St. Patrick’s Committee website at holyokestpatricksparade.com or contact Kate Caligaris, Colleen Committee Chair at 413.627.8716 or holyokecolleens@gmail.com.

For more information about the Holyoke St. Patrick’s Parade and Parade Week events, visit holyokestpatricksparade.com or follow the Holyoke St. Patrick’s Parade on social media.

Free hotel and front desk training

HOLYOKE – Holyoke Community College is running a free, five-week hotel training program starting Nov. 4 for people interested in jump-starting a career in the hospitality industry.

The hands-on, in-person classes for hotel front desk workers and hotel room attendants will take place in HCC’s hotel training lab on the second floor of the HCC MGM Culinary Arts Institute on Race Street in downtown Holyoke.

The program runs on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. each day, Nov. 4 through

Dec. 16. Each of the 10 class sessions runs 2 ½ hours for a total of 25 hours of class time. (There are no classes on Veterans Day or during Thanksgiving week.)

The course will provide students with up-to-date knowledge of the hotel industry, hands-on experience for front desk and/or room attendant roles, workplace skills, resume building, interviewing, job search assistance, and connections to local employers.

HCC’s hotel lab is set up like a hotel reception area with front desk and adjoining guest room and equipped with the most

modern technology and software. The hotel lab gives students the ability to learn in a model hotel room and reception lobby, gain knowledge about key card access systems, and understand point-of-sale technology.

No high school diploma or GED/HiSET test is required for admission.

Offered as part of HCC’s Business & Workforce Development division, the hotel training course is free to qualifying applicants.

For more information, please call 413-552-2500 or fill out the inquiry form at hcc.edu/job-ready.



Line cook classes are set to begin Nov. 2 free of charge at HCC.

Submitted photo

Kemp Harris performs at Wistariahurst Museum

HOLYOKE – Wistariahurst Museum is excited to welcome musician and storyteller Kemp Harris to the museum for a performance on Saturday, Nov. 21, starting at 6 p.m. Harris’ concert, being held in the historic music room, will take visitors on a journey. His program will focus on family-friendly storytelling. Kemp’s repertoire includes African folk tales, original stories, and familiar stories in literature.

Tickets to this concert are available at a sliding scale price from \$5-\$20. Tickets are available online and can be purchased through Wistariahurst’s Eventbrite page. They can also be purchased at the door.

For more information on this program and to get tickets visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/kemp-harris-concert-at-wistariahurst-museum-tickets-2002239506262?aff=oddttdcreator&keep_tld=true

This program is supported by the Holyoke

Local Cultural council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Kemp Harris is a singer and songwriter, a master weaver of American musical styles. He’s an actor, activist, author, and storyteller, and an award-winning educator who has taught young public school students for more than 40 years.

“It’s all about communication,” Kemp says. “Everything I do.”

Born in segregated Edenton, North Carolina, and transplanted to Massachusetts, where he bounced between homes, Kemp learned to adapt to whatever world he found himself in - a talent that has come to define him as a person and an artist. He began writing songs at 14 and recording them in college, using a pair of old cassette players to track parts, and has been delighting audiences ever since with his earthy, soulful creations. Learn more about Kemp Harris at <https://www.kempharris.band/>

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vehicles by a Walmart employee without having to enter the store.

The development plans call for 699 parking spaces including 27 accessible parking spaces, 10 electric vehicle (EV) parking spaces, and 60 designated online pickup spaces. The plan describes enhanced pedestrian access and connectivity throughout the Site, including a dedicated pedestrian walkway along the main access drive and pedestrian connections from the parking areas and to the store.

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pensation. While district officials highlighted that the agreement raises hourly wages by an average of 20.8%—bringing rates to between \$20.43 and \$28.64 per hour—the union clarified that total annual earnings will increase by 16% over the three-year contract due to a reduction in work hours. Despite the differing figures, both sides frame the breakthrough as a major milestone that makes Holyoke aides the second-highest paid in the region. Additionally, reports show that the agreement would also increase bonus pay, with paraeducators receiving \$1,000 after

Free line-cook training classes

HOLYOKE – Holyoke Community College will be running a free, six-week line-cook training program at the HCC MGM Culinary Arts Institute beginning Nov. 2.

Classes start Monday, Nov. 2, and continue through Friday, Dec. 11. They meet Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The program is designed for those already in the restaurant industry who want to upgrade their skills as well as unemployed or underemployed individuals interested in starting new careers.

“We usually have a mix of young people entering the job market for the first time and people who are re-entering the job market, looking for a second career,” said Paul Sheehan, assistant project coordinator for culinary arts programs. “The course is perfect for anybody who’s looking for a job and has a passion for food and the dining industry.”

All classes meet in person at the HCC MGM Culinary Arts Institute at 164

Race St.

Participants will learn all the essential competencies they need to become successful line cooks: knife skills; how to prepare stocks, soups, sauces, desserts, poultry, fish and meat; culinary math and measurements; moist and dry heat cooking methods; as well as workplace soft skills, such as building a resume and searching for jobs.

Offered as part of HCC’s Business & Workforce Development division, the line cook course is free to qualifying applicants.

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Guest Column



By Ellenor Downer

Recently, I watched a pair of white-breasted nuthatches climbing up and down an oak tree in the yard.

They have a gray/blue back with a white face and black cap. They are a small, compact bird with a long, sharply pointed bill and short tail.

Females look similar to the males, but have a gray cap rather than a black one. Both sexes have white bellies and a chestnut colored patch on the lower belly and near the tail. The head is large and they have almost no neck.

They are about 5.1 to 5.5 inches long. White-breasted nuthatches are agile birds that creep along trunks and large branches, probing into bark furrows with their straight, pointed bills.

Like other nuthatches, they often turn sideways and upside down on vertical surfaces as they forage. A friends mother called them “upside down birds” for that reason. Unlike woodpeckers, they don’t lean against their tails.

They inhabit mature woods and woodland edges particularly deciduous stands like maple, hickory, basswoods and oak. They also are found in coniferous forests.

White-breasted nuthatches eat mainly insects including weevil larvae, wood boring beetle larvae, other beetles, tree hoppers, scale insects, ants, gall fly larvae, spiders, caterpillars including spongy moth (also known as Gypsy moth) and tent caterpillars.

They cache food typically hiding it under a piece of bark, lichen, moss or even snow.

They also eat seeds and nuts including acorns, hawthorn, sunflower seeds and sometimes crops such as corn. At feeders, they like sunflower seeds, peanuts, suet and peanut butter.

White-breasted nuthatches are cavity nesters and sometimes use nest boxes. The female builds the nest and lines the nest cavity with fur, bark and lumps of dirt.



White-breasted nuthatch

She builds a cup nest of fine grass, shredded bark, feathers and other soft material. They reuse their nest holes in subsequent years. The female lays five to nine eggs and raise one brood per year.

Eastern phoebe

An Oakham couple saw an eastern phoebe on Tuesday, Oct. 13. They were surprised the bird was still around and had not headed south by now. The phoebes, which nest every year near me, left last month.

eBird sightings

Bird sightings on Sunday, Oct. 18 included a Carolina wren and a common raven in Hardwick and a yellow-billed cuckoo at Longmeadow flats. Pontoosuc Lake in Pittsfield had a spotted sandpiper.

Common raven

Monday, Oct. 19 I heard and then saw a common raven. It frequents the woods behind the house. Sometimes I spot it flying, but mostly I hear its low, gurgling croak.

Dark-eyed juncos

I spotted my first juncos on Oct. 10. I saw a small flock take flight as I drove on a country road in Barre. I noticed their white tail feathers.

They are one of my favorite winter birds. I enjoy watching them pick up seeds dropped by other birds at the feeder. They also come for suet.

A few days later, I saw two or three in the yard. They flew up when I drove into the driveway.

People may report a bird sighting by emailing edowner@turley.com or calling or texting 774-262-5882.



Guest Column

A fall question and a request for the Garden Lady

Karen, who reads the column, wrote in with this question for the Garden Lady: “Should you remove all the blossoms from Hydrangeas before the snow falls?”

What a great question and the perfect time to tackle it. Here are some post bloom tips for the beloved hydrangea.

To first answer Karen’s question, you can snip off the flowers but you don’t have to! If you like a tidy

look, trim off the spent flowers right below the bloom and above the first set of healthy leaves.

You can also choose to leave the flowers in place. They add a bit of winter interest and some experts say that they insulate next year’s flower buds.

While we are thinking about next year, continue to water your hydrangea bushes, especially if Mother Nature is stingy with rain. Concentrate your watering efforts at the base of the plant.

Refreshing bark mulch now will also help seal in moisture and offer a measure of winter protection. Leave the stems intact – don’t cut them back to the ground even though they may look like rigid sticks all winter.

For hydrangeas that bloom on old wood, you definitely want to keep “old wood” in place.

A long time reader of The Register, Frank, asked for more recipes from the

harvest. He said that he didn’t try the pickle recipe that I published this summer, but that it did inspire him to make his own long-standing recipe.

sauté a chopped onion, one stalk of chopped celery and one clove of minced garlic, a half teaspoon of salt and a teaspoon of finely minced rosemary in a couple of tablespoons of olive oil. Let this fragrant mixture cook for about 10 minutes, until the onions are transparent. Once it has cooked, add about two pounds of squash and 32-ounces of chicken broth. I always

tend to have some broth in the freezer from my last chicken dinner. If you purchase broth, go for the low salt option or adjust the salt in this recipe to your taste. After it comes to a boil, simmer for a few minutes and then ladle the chunky soup into a blender. You will likely have to do this in two or three batches.

Return to the pot or serving bowl and enjoy! Some folks like to garnish with parmesan cheese or toasted pumpkin seeds, but I am more of a soup drinker, so I like it just fine in its plain state.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 34 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.



That’s great. I am happy to inspire.

So Frank, here is a recipe that I just happen to be making today, Butternut Squash soup, originally shared with me by my sister. You don’t need to use butter-nut, either. Really any winter squash or pumpkin will do!

Now that my stash is in storage it’s time to get creative and enjoy it, and this is one of my favorite recipes. First we have to cook it! Any squash or pumpkin can easily be cooked up by roasting. Don’t go through the trouble of peeling and cubing then boiling. Simply cut in half, scoop out the seeds and bake cut side down in an oiled glass pan or on a cookie sheet at 375 degrees for 45 minutes to an hour.

A fork should go into the non seeded part of the squash easily. Once cooled, scoop out the flesh and it’s ready for all sorts of seasonal delights.

To make the soup, first,

Guest Column



My brother died on Dec. 23 – Does he get Social Security for December?

Dear Rusty:

My question concerns the passing of my brother on Dec. 23, 2025. Since he

passed away before the month was over, does that mean he will not receive a Social Security payment for December 2025? Does the fact he passed before the end of December negate him receiving benefits for December 2025?

Signed: Executor of my Brother’s Estate

Dear Executor Sister:

Please accept our sincere condolences on your brother’s passing. FYI, according to Social Security law, all SS benefits are paid in the month following the month they are earned, which means two in things in this circumstance:

1. Any SS payment your brother received during the month of December (his month of death) is legally his or his estate’s because that payment was for the month before he died (November 2025).

2. Any SS benefits received thereafter (e.g., SS benefits paid in January 2026

for the month of December 2025) must be returned to Social Security. The bank, which received his SS payments, would normally handle this automatically if they were notified of your brother’s death.

Social Security benefits are not paid for the month of death because the beneficiary did not live the entire month and SS benefits are not paid for partial months. So even though your brother lived about 3/4ths of the month of December, he (his estate) will not get any SS benefits for the month of December. Indeed, even those who pass shortly before midnight on

the last day of the month do not get Social Security benefits for the month they died.

For additional information, if your brother was married and his wife is still living, she would be entitled to a one-time, lump sum death benefit of \$255 (if she is also eligible for her own SS retirement benefit). And, depending on her own SS retirement amount, she might also be eligible for a surviving spouse benefit as your brother’s widow.

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As part of its election coverage, the newspa-

per plans to print stories about contested races for Congress, state Senate, state House, district attorney and Governor’s Council during the weeks leading up to the election, as well as a question-and-answer voters guide. In order to ensure fairness to all candidates, no political press releases will be printed, nor will reporters cover political rallies or fundraisers.

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American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Massachusetts Chapter Event Co-Chair Lyndsey Nunes introduces the blue beads which represents support for the cause of suicide prevention, worn by Aidan from Western New England University.

Turley photos by Kristin Rivers



Family members at the event also held signs in memory and honor of loss loved ones, as shown here.



A shot along the course as attendees walk together to raise awareness and support suicide prevention.



Members of the Agawam Girls Soccer team take a photo with Boomer from the Springfield Thunderbirds.



American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Massachusetts Chapter Event Co-Chair Lyndsey Nunes holds the hand of Cindy, who wears white beads to represent the loss of a child.



A shot of the stage at the event, with the colorful hearts on sticks in front. In 2025, 648 people died by suicide in the state of Massachusetts.



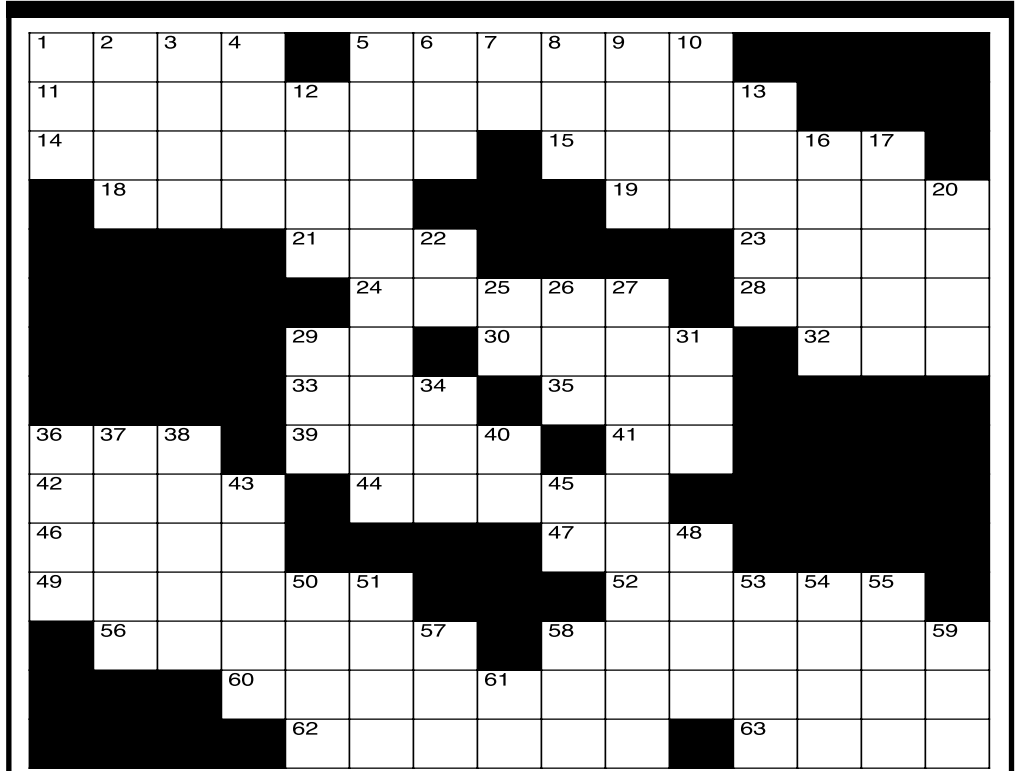
State Sen. John Velis (D-Westfield) was this year's keynote speaker, reminding attendees the bravest words people can say are these three: "I need help."



American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Massachusetts Chapter Event Co-Chairs Karen Carreira and Lyndsey Nunes welcome attendees to the event.



Attendees begin the walk.



CLUES ACROSS

1. El Dorado High School

5. A sculpture representing a human or animal

11. A type of return

14. Tie the knot again

15. Washington city

18. Hairlike structures

19. Mark used over a vowel

21. Explosive

23. Popular 500 car race

24. Pile up

28. Currency

29. Commercial

30. A minute amount (Scottish)

32. Mass of fish eggs

33. Baseball stat

35. Licensed accountant

36. Japanese classical

theater

39. Gasteyer and de Armas are two

41. Blood group

42. Assist in wrongdoing

44. Language of Cameroon

46. Grayish-white

47. A woolen cap of Scottish origin

49. Microorganism

52. Strong social customs

56. Calm and dependable

58. Congressman

60. Force

62. As a result of this document

63. A main branch of Islam

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1. Make a mistake

2. American DJ Rick

3. Fictional Asimov planet

4. Coughed out

5. Singing to one's lover

6. Scotland's longest river

7. One of the six noble gases

8. Body art

9. Two-toed sloth

10. Electronic counter-countermeasures

12. A foolish person

13. Of the wind

16. Mansion

17. Sound

20. English river

22. Business symbol

25. Exclamation of surprise

26. Pouch

27. Individually

29. Satisfaction

31. The bill in a restaurant

34. Japanese delicacy

36. Port in southern Japan

37. Double-reed instruments

38. Center

40. "The Mount Rushmore State"

43. Soldier

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48. Beauty treatment: ___-pedi

50. Nonsense (slang)

51. Republic of Ireland

53. Ballplayers' tools

54. American state

55. Clusters of a fern frond

57. Patriotic women's group

58. A person's brother or sister

59. Breed of sheep

61. Of I

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Rev. Duy Le
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1945 Northampton St., Holyoke
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Saturday 4 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
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Monday - Friday: ROSARY 6:15 a.m.
Monday - Friday: MASS 6:45 a.m.
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HOURS: Sunday worship service (winter hours) at 10:30 a.m. (summer hours) at 10 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Studies, one at 11 a.m. and one at 5:30 p.m.

Our Lady of the Cross Parish
Very Rev. Michael Pierz
Email: pastor@ourladyofthecross.com
Holy Cross Ave., Holyoke
WEEKEND MASS:
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DAILY MASS:
Monday - Saturday: 8:30 a.m. (9 a.m. on legal holidays)
Reconciliation
Monday-Saturday: 8 a.m.
Saturday: 3:15 p.m.
Anytime by Appointment
DEVOTIONS:
Monday - Saturday
Divine Mercy Chaplet: 7:50 a.m.
Rosary: 8:05 a.m.
Parish Offices are located at: 15 Maple St., Holyoke
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parish@ourladyofthecross.com

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Your Community Church

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485 Appleton St., Holyoke
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Sunday: 10 a.m.
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First Lutheran Church
1810 Northampton St.
Holyoke, MA 01040
Every Sunday at 9 a.m.



SPORTS



Kyra Lippman sends a kick away.



Cougars pick up win ahead of playoffs

LONGMEADOW – Women's soccer played their last game of the regular season on Friday, squaring off against their friends at Bay Path University for a third time this year. A determined Lady Cougars side exploded offensively, scoring eight goals on their way to a shutout victory. The 8-0 win was well-earned as Holyoke defeated Bay Path by just a 1-0 score in each of the two prior meetings between the teams. The victory ends the Cougars' three-game losing streak that followed a seven-game winning streak.

Three Lady Cougars recorded a two-goal performance in the win. Samantha Lowe (Ware, MA / Pathfinder Regional HS) and Scarlett Mendes (Holyoke, MA / Holyoke HS) each tallied one first-half goal and one second-half goal. Emma Allyn (Holyoke, MA / Hampshire Regional HS) potted both of her goals in the second half after grabbing a pair of assists. Allyn is currently third in all of NJCAA Division III in goals and points. Nella Dovganyuk (Westfield, MA / Westfield Technical Academy) scored Holyoke's first goal of the game, assisted by Lowe. Emma Carvalho (Hadley, MA / Hopkins Academy HS) notched a goal and an assist in the victory and Aliya Carthon (Westfield, MA / Westfield Technical Academy) collected two assists. Goalkeeper Annastacia Dixon (Keene, MA / Keene HS) made five saves on the way to her fifth shutout of the season and the team's eighth.

Women's soccer finishes the regular season with a 9-5-0 overall record and a 6-2-0 regional record (8-2-0 including forfeit wins). They finish in second place in the New England standings and will host a regional semifinal on Friday, Oct. 30 at 3 p.m. against either Springfield Technical CC or Bunker Hill CC (TBD).

Holyoke girls fall to Comp

HOLYOKE – Last Tuesday evening, Holyoke High School girls soccer was defeated by Chicopee Comprehensive 4-1. The Knights fell to just 5-10 on the regular season. The Knights did not qualify for either tournament this year, and had non-playoff action scheduled this week against Chicopee and Chicopee Comprehensive.

RIGHT: Isabella Byers looks to get through traffic in the middle of the field.



Lourde Moise tries to steal the ball away.



Leilany Figueroa watches a pass head up the field.



Kayleigh Coutinho looks to clear the ball out of the defensive end.



Zoeliany Figueroa chases after a loose ball near the sideline.

Knights swept by Chicopee Comp



Tatiana Gonzalez starts a play for Holyoke.



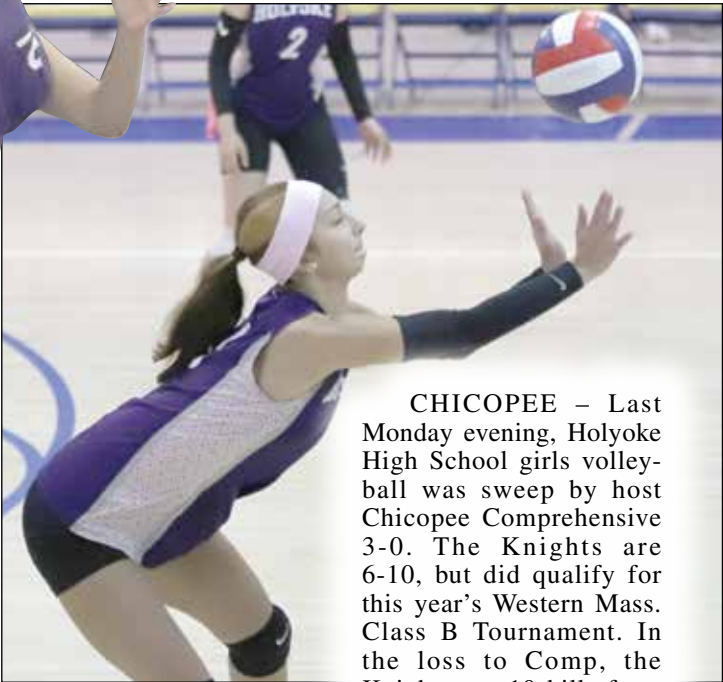
Kelcy Brunelle sends a hit over the net.



Nemesis Torres Sanchez sends a backwards bump over the net.

Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

Jadhe Cortes serves for the Knights.



Isabella Lachat goes low to set the ball over the net.

CHICOPEE – Last Monday evening, Holyoke High School girls volleyball was swept by host Chicopee Comprehensive 3-0. The Knights are 6-10, but did qualify for this year's Western Mass. Class B Tournament. In the loss to Comp, the Knights got 10 kills from Nemesis Torres Sanchez, and 11 assists from Tatiana Gonzalez.



Jennysis Collado gets a bump on the back line.

T-Birds grab split with Charlotte

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - The Springfield Thunderbirds (3-3-1-1) saw another standout performance from their young netminder in a 2-1 victory over the Charlotte Checkers (5-3-0-0) on Saturday night inside Bojangles Coliseum.

Both teams exchanged minor penalties and unsuccessful, abbreviated power plays in the opening four minutes, but the Springfield man-advantage got another crack and opened the scoring at 5:51. After wrestling the puck out of a board scrum, Michael Buchinger freed it up and dropped it back to Theo Lindstein at point position. The second-year blueliner danced toward middle ice before firing a seeing-eye wrister past Kirill Gerasimyyuk's glove, giving Springfield the 1-0 edge.

That proved to be enough for Will Cranley to hold the T-Birds lead into the intermission, as the second-year backstop denied each of Charlotte's seven shot attempts.

The game's pace grinded to a halt in the second period, as both teams paraded their ways into the sin bin. The teams would combine for 28 penalty minutes and seven separate power play opportunities, but despite all the chaos, shots were a scarcity, with Charlotte launching only six attempts at Cranley, while Springfield managed just four at Gerasimyyuk.

Oskar Sundqvist had the T-Birds' best chance to extend the 1-0 lead, but the veteran forward rattled the crossbar with a high-rising wrister.

After beginning the weekend 0-for-7 on their power play, the Checkers did finally cash in with just 27 seconds left in the period as Jack Devine funneled a wrister from point position over Cranley's glove, tying the score and sending a 1-1 game into the third for a second straight evening.

As was the case on Friday, shots on goal heavily favored the Checkers for the game and especially in the third, as Charlotte twirled 15 pucks on Cranley. However, the T-Birds proved opportunistic, as Jack Finley found a loose puck in the left circle near the boards and whipped a perfect blind cross-ice feed to Dylan Peterson, who punched a shot through Gerasimyyuk to restore the T-Birds lead, 2-1, at 6:32 of the third.

Peterson's clutch tally would be all Cranley needed, as the Springfield penalty kill dispatched two additional Charlotte power plays to bring the game to its finish line. Cranley finished with 27 stops and has now turned away 111 of 116 shots over his first four starts.

The T-Birds now return home with a 3-1-0-0 road record to begin their season, as Springfield looks to find its home ice advantage when they open a five-game homestand on Friday, Oct. 30 at 7:05 p.m. against the Providence Bruins.

Owls fall at Plymouth State

PLYMOUTH, N.H. — Plymouth State scored 21 points in the fourth quarter to erase a 10-point deficit and rally past Westfield State, 28-17, in a Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference football game Saturday at Panther Field.

Westfield State (3-3, 3-2 MASCAC) led 17-7 entering the fourth quarter, but Plymouth State (3-3, 2-3 MASCAC) scored three touchdowns in the final 15 minutes to turn the game around and secure the victory.

The Owls built a 14-0 halftime advantage behind two rushing touchdowns. Freshman quarterback Quinn Sumner opened the scoring with a 4-yard touchdown run with 4:41 remaining in the first quarter, capping a nine-play, 72-yard drive. Andrew Currier added the extra point for a 7-0 lead.

Westfield extended its advantage early in the second quarter when freshman running back Cole Ingham broke free for a 31-yard touchdown run with 13:36 remaining. Currier's second successful extra point put the Owls ahead 14-0.

Plymouth State threatened before halftime, driving to the Westfield 5-yard line, but the Owls' defense held on fourth down to preserve the shutout. Westfield finished the first half with 184 rushing yards and 348 total yards in the game, compared with 90 rushing yards and 238 total yards for the Panthers.

Plymouth State finally broke through in the third quarter. After recovering a Westfield fumble, the Panthers drove 41 yards on nine plays, capped by a 1-yard touchdown run by Josh Phillips with 3:42 remaining in the period. Ryan Bryant's extra point cut the deficit to 14-7.

Currier extended Westfield's lead to 17-7 with a 26-yard field goal with 14:13 remaining in the fourth quarter, finishing an eight-play, 66-yard drive.

The Panthers then capitalized on turnovers to seize control. An interception and a 37-yard return by Ricky Phom helped set up Plymouth State's next scoring opportunity, which ended with Drake Dumont's 1-yard touchdown run with 8:17 remaining. Bryant's extra point made it 17-14.

Plymouth State took its first lead of the afternoon with 3:37 left when freshman quarterback Colton Lefebvre connected with Hunter Trueman for a 39-yard touchdown pass. Bryant's kick put the Panthers ahead 21-17.

After Westfield lost another fumble, Plymouth State needed just six plays to cover 58 yards. Jayden Graham broke loose for a 22-yard touchdown run with 1:28 remaining, completing the fourth-quarter surge and setting the final margin at 28-17.

Westfield's offense was led by Sumner, who completed 10 of 17 passes for 164 yards and rushed for a touch-



down. Ingham rushed for 50 yards on four carries, including his 31-yard scoring run, while Kevin Moreira also gained 50 yards on four carries. Malachi Hymes led the Owls with four receptions for 98 yards, including a long catch of 53 yards.

Plymouth State's rushing attack was paced by Graham, who gained 52 yards on 13 carries and scored a touchdown. Lefebvre completed six of 16 passes for 126 yards and a touchdown, while Trueman's 39-yard scoring reception was the Panthers' longest touchdown play. Phillips and Dumont added rushing touchdowns.

Defensively, Westfield recorded two sacks and forced two fumbles, but the Owls' three lost fumbles and an interception proved costly. Plymouth State registered three sacks, two fumble recoveries and Phom's interception. The Panthers converted seven of 16 third-down attempts and three of five fourth-down attempts, helping sustain drives during their comeback.

Mark Wright Woodhouse led the Owls defense with eight tackles and forced a fumble. Josh Marino and Aydan Verba each made six stops.

Westfield will travel to Mass Maritime next Saturday, with a 12 noon kickoff at Clean Harbors Stadium.

Children's Museum of Holyoke presenting 'Sensory Sundays'

HOLYOKE — The Children's Museum of Holyoke is excited to bring back a specially designed program for families with children affected with sensory challenges (official diagnosis not required).

The Sensory Sunday program is held the first Sunday of each month during special off hours from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. For sensory-sensitive visitors, enjoy a dimmer, quieter museum open to exploring with your child. There are also handouts with tips on how you can best cater to your child's unique ways of learning and living.

We strive to be an impactful community resource for your family. It is our hope that this program allows families who may typically avoid crowded or stimulating environments to come and join in on the fun. For more information, call the museum at (413) 536-7048.

Veteran's Day Breakfast at RiverMills

CHICOPEE - The Council on Aging will host a Veteran's Day Breakfast on Monday, Nov. 9 at 8:30 a.m. at Chicopee Council on Aging's RiverMills Center, 5 West Main St.

RiverMills invites you to enjoy a home-

made breakfast in honor of Veteran's Day. To say "Thank You" to those who have served, breakfast for veterans and active military is free. All other attendees is \$5. You must register in advance at RiverMills Center.

Holiday Craft Fair at RiverMills

CHICOPEE — The Chicopee Council on Aging's Friends of RiverMills will host a Holiday Craft Fair on Friday, Nov. 13, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Chicopee Council on Aging's RiverMills Center, located at 5 W. Main St.

Come on down to RiverMills for the Friends of RiverMills Second Annual Holiday Craft Fair! If you are a local crafter and would like to sell your handmade items, please contact Leah Laflamme at 413-534-3698 ext. 105 for more information.

A space for this event is \$15.

Registration to reserve a spot is now open. This event is open to the public to sell and shop.

Railers fall at home to Maine Mariners

WORCESTER — The Worcester Railers HC (1-2-0-0, 2 pts) visit the Maine Mariners (2-1-0-0, 4 pts) on Sunday afternoon at Cross Insurance Arena in Portland, Maine. Puck drop is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. ET. Worcester failed to bounce back after falling 3-0 to Maine on Saturday, October 24th, in the first road game of the regular season. Worcester is back on the Road on Friday, October 30th in Glens Falls NY against the Adirondack Thunder. Puck drop is at 7:00 p.m.

Matt DeMelis (1-0-1) opened the scoring at 10:30 in the 1st period off assists from Stevie Moses and Riley Piercey to give the Railers a 1-0 lead. The Mariners responded in the 2nd period when Max Andreev (1-1-2) scored a shorthanded goal at 11:41 to even the score at 1-1. Later in the period, Josh Bloom (1-0-1) scored on the power play at 18:43, assisted by Andreev and Antonio Venuto, to give Maine a 2-1 lead heading into the 3rd period. At 15:19 in the 3rd, Venuto (1st) found the back of the net off assists from Robert Cronin and Ryan Francis to extend the Mariners' lead to 3-1. Maine held on for the remainder of the game to secure the 3-1 victory over Worcester.

The Railers started the 1st period slowly, with both teams dumping the puck into the opposing zone and trying to create pressure. Worcester's defense tested Max Lundgren from the blueline, but the Mariners kept the puck out of the net. With 12:05 left in the 1st, Anthony Kehrer was called for high-sticking, sending the Railers to the penalty kill. Gabe Carriere, recently sent down from the Hartford Wolf Pack, made a key save to help Worcester successfully kill the penalty. With 9:30 remaining, Ryan Piercey jumped on the puck and passed it to Moses, who helped set up Matt Demelis (2nd) for the goal to give Worcester a 1-0 lead. All three members of the Railers' first line contributed to the scoring play. Carriere later made a great save on Cronin, stretching out on his side to keep the puck out. With 6:30 left in the period, Tyson Fawcett dropped the gloves with Wyllum Deveaux following a big hit by Deveaux on Worcester's Donhauser. Kaplan later dropped the gloves with Dylan MacKinnon as the physical play continued. With 1:33 remaining,

Matt Hobbs was called for interference, sending the Railers back to the penalty kill. The 1st period ended with Worcester leading 1-0, while the Mariners held a 14-9 advantage in shots on goal.

The Mariners started the 2nd period on the power play following a late penalty in the 1st, but Worcester successfully killed it off to maintain a 1-0 lead. Matt Demelis made a great individual play through the opposing zone and drew a hooking penalty against Antonio Venuto while on the penalty kill to create a 4-on-4 situation. Declan McDonnell nearly extended the Railers' lead on a breakaway, but his shot hit the post. Mason Primeau also created a chance with a takeaway and shot, but couldn't convert the rebound. The period became increasingly physical, with Bloom called for interference at 9:57 and Linus Hemstrom called for tripping at 14:32. At 11:41, M. Andreev scored his third shorthanded goal of the weekend to tie the game 1-1 for Maine. Late in the period, more penalties followed as Gabe Blanchard was called for slashing, while Lincoln Hatten and Wyllum Deveaux received roughing minors. With 1:17 remaining in the period, Bloom (1st) scored on the power play, assisted by Andreev and Venuto, giving the Mariners a 2-1 lead heading into the 3rd period.

The Railers and Mariners went through the opening three minutes of the 3rd period without much action, with both teams dumping the puck into the opposing zone and trying to create pressure. Underwood had a wrist-shot opportunity but stopped in front of the net as players looked for a tip. Maine continued searching for an insurance goal while Worcester looked to even the score. With 11:24 remaining, Cole Donhauser was called for boarding, sending the Railers to the penalty kill. Worcester successfully killed off the penalty to keep the game within reach. At that point, Maine led 33-24 in shots on goal. Lincoln Hatten was later called for high-sticking at 16:09. At 15:19, Antonio Venuto (1st) scored off assists from Robert Cronin and Ryan Francis to extend Maine's lead to 3-1. The Mariners went on to secure the victory, taking a 2-1 lead in the season series.

Public Notices

City of Holyoke Notice of Public Hearing

The Ordinance Committee of the Holyoke City Council and the Planning Board will hold separate public hearings to hear a zone change application from RA (Agriculture and single-family residence) to R-2 (Two-family residence) of MS Homes LLC / Sergey Savonin at the northeast corner of the intersection of Main Street and Jones Ferry Road (117-00-140) to develop two duplexes on the vacant lot.

Planning Board public hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 10th, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. remotely via zoom.us with Meeting ID 819 6511 7810 or by call in at 1-646-558-8656 using same meeting ID.

Ordinance Committee public hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 30th, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at Holyoke City Hall 536 Dwight St and can be accessed remotely via zoom.us Meeting ID 890 9276 0984 Meeting Passcode 034069 or by call in at 1-646-

558-8656 with same Meeting ID and Passcode. For a copy of the application or to provide comments to the Planning Board, please contact Brianna Tejada at tejadab@holyoke.org. For the Ordinance Committee, please contact City Council Admin Asst Jeffery Anderson-Burgos at Anderson-BurgosJ@holyoke.org or by phone 413-322-5525.

Planning Board Chair, Lauren Niles
Ordinance Chair, Meg Magrath-Smith
10/23, 10/30/2026

LEGAL NOTICE CITY OF HOLYOKE GAS & ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT SPILL RESPONSE & HAZARDOUS WASTE ANNUAL CONTRACT

Sealed bids for the above annual contract will be received by Holyoke Gas & Electric Dept. until **2:30 p.m., November 24, 2026**, at the Office of the Manag-

er, 99 Suffolk St., Holyoke, MA 01040, at which time proposals will be publicly opened and read.

Bid Deposit:
A Bid Deposit in the amount of \$17,500 must accompany all bids. The bid deposit may be in the form of a certified, treasurer's, or cashier's check payable to HG&E, cash, or a bid bond from a licensed surety payable to HG&E.

Prevailing Wage Rates:
All or part of the service(s) available may require the payment of prevailing wages pursuant to M.G.L. c. 149, Sections 26 through 27D (construction); Section 27F (trucks, vehicles & other equipment performing public works functions (non-construction)).

Additional information may be obtained from:
Chi Wong
Holyoke Gas & Electric Dept.
99 Suffolk St.
Holyoke, MA 01040
(413) 536-9308
cwong@hged.com

The right is hereby reserved to reject any or all proposals, or to accept any proposal that in the opinion of the Manager may be in the best interest of the City of Holyoke.

Please mark sealed envelopes, **"Bid for Spill Response & Hazardous Waste Annual Contract"** and address them to:
James M. Lavelle, Manager
Holyoke Gas & Electric Dept.
99 Suffolk St.
Holyoke, MA 01040
10/30/2026

City of Holyoke Planning Board Notice of Public Hearing

The Holyoke Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, November 10, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom.com** ID: Webinar ID819 6511 7810; Call in *67 646 558 8656 to hear, pursuant to the Holyoke Zoning Ordinance, a Site Plan Review (Sec 10.0) for Walmart Store submitted by Capro Cypress Holyoke

Retail, LLC C/O Cypress Acquisitions LLC to be located at 2201 Northampton St. Holyoke MA 01040 (n/f 115-00-015 & 115-00-173).

A complete copy of the application may be seen in the Office of Planning and Economic Development at 20 Korean Veterans Plaza. 8:30 am-4:30 pm, M-F.

APPLICANT:
Capro Cypress Holyoke Retail, LLC
C/O Cypress Acquisitions LLC
PLANNING BOARD:
Lauren Niles
10/23, 10/30/2026



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Public Notices

City of Holyoke
Board of Appeals
Notice of Public Hearing
The Holyoke Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on **Thursday November 12, 2026, at 5:00 p.m., in the City Hall Conference Room, Room 6, Holyoke MA** to hear the petition of Ryan Ripa, who is requesting a residential rehabilitation use variance, at a property known as 12 Crescent St., Holyoke MA 01040 (030-02-001) currently zone general industry (IG).

A complete copy of the application may be seen in the Office of Planning & Economic Development, 20 Korean Veterans Plaza, Rm 401, 8:30-4:30, M-F.
Board of Appeals: Josh Knox
Applicant: Ryan Ripa
10/23, 10/30/2026

City of Holyoke
Conservation Commission
Notice of Public Hearing
Pursuant to MGL Chap. 131 §40 and the Holyoke Wetlands Protection Ordinance, the City of Holyoke Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on **Thursday, November 12th, 2026, at 6:15 p.m. remotely via Zoom** at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89521165144?pwd=cleacg226QH8BVKaXl7cQs7FbH7seP.l> on a **Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA)** filed by VHB on behalf of Berkshire and Eastern Railroad (BERX) to obtain confirmation of the boundaries of wetland resource areas adjacent to the BERX Connecticut River Line railroad right-of-way in Holyoke as part of the railroad's five-year Vegetation Management Plan (VMP) effective 2026 – 2030. You can also find the meeting link on the City of Holyoke Conservation departments website at <https://www.holyoke.org/departments/conservation/>.
Jeffery Horan, Chairperson
10/30/2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
Docket No. HD26P2261GD
In the matter of: Adam Day
Of: Holyoke, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Valley Springs Behavioral Health H of Holyoke, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that **Adam Day** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian

Please check the accuracy of your legal notice prior to submission (i.e., date, time, spelling). Also, be sure the requested publication date coincides with the purpose of the notice, or as the law demands. Thank you.

to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of **11/23/2026**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. **Claudine T. Stoudemire**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 23, 2026
Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
10/30/2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
Docket No. HD26P2051GD
In the matter of: Lawrence Michael Disco
Of: Holyoke, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Brenda B Fontaine of Holyoke, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that **Lawrence Michael Disco** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that **Brenda B Fontaine of Holyoke, MA** (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of **11/06/2026**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In

addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. **Claudine T. Stoudemire**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 02, 2026
Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
10/30/2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
Docket No. HD26P2233EA
Estate of: Mary K Fortin
Date of Death: 12/22/2022
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by **Michele F Duval of West Springfield, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Michele F Duval of West Springfield, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

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 11/17/2026. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely 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.

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WITNESS, Hon. **Hon. Claudine T. Stoudemire**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 20, 2026
Rosemary A Saccomani,
Register of Probate
10/30/2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
Docket No. HD261848EA
Estate of: Luis Hernandez
Date of Death: August 02, 2026
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Elsa M Hernandez of Orlando, FL**.

Elsa M Hernandez of Orlando, FL has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
10/30/2026

City of Holyoke
Notice of Public Hearing
The Holyoke License Board will be holding a Public Hearing on **Wednesday, November 4, 2026, at 5:15 p.m.** You can join via [Zoom.com](https://zoom.us/j/83974921923); ID 83974921923; CALL IN: *67 646 558 8656 or in person at City Hall, 536 Dwight St. in the Old Tax Collector Office Room 6, regarding the application for a Amendment-Change of License Classification for Los Masters Social Club at 65 Commercial Street. pursuant to M.G.L. Ch.138.
Applicant: Los Master Social Club License Board:
Jose Correa, Chairman
10/23, 10/30/2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
413-748-7758
Docket No. HD26A0041AD
In the matter of: Dallas Colton McCullough
CITATION

G.L. c.210, Section 6
To: Sierra Dawn McCullough
Any unnamed or unknown parent and persons interested in a petition for the adoption of said child and to the Department of Children and Families of said Commonwealth

A petition has been presented to said court by **Tawnee Renee Gonzalez and Harry Enrique Santiago Jr. of Chicopee, MA** requesting for leave to adopt said child and that the name of the child be changed to

If you object to this adoption you are entitled to the appointment of an attorney if you are an indigent person.

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WITNESS, Hon. **Claudine T. Stoudemire**, First Justice of this Court
Date: October 13, 2026
Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
10/30, 11/06, 11/13/2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD26P2291EA
Estate of: Isabel Maria Mercedes
Date of Death: 05/24/2019
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Public Administration** has been filed by **John J Ferriter of Holyoke, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **John J Ferriter of Holyoke, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **With Personal Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

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WITNESS, Hon. **Claudine T. Stoudemire**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: October 28, 2026
Rosemary A Saccomani,
Register of Probate
10/30/2026

City of Holyoke
Notice of Public Hearing
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Applicant: Pedro Sport's Bar LLC License Board:
Jose Correa, Chairman
10/23, 10/30/2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
Docket No. HD26P2226GD
In the matter of: Arthur Remillard Of: Holyoke, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Baystate Medical Center oof Springfield, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that **Arthur Remillard** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that **Lisa Judkins of Shrewsbury, MA** (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of **11/16/2026**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

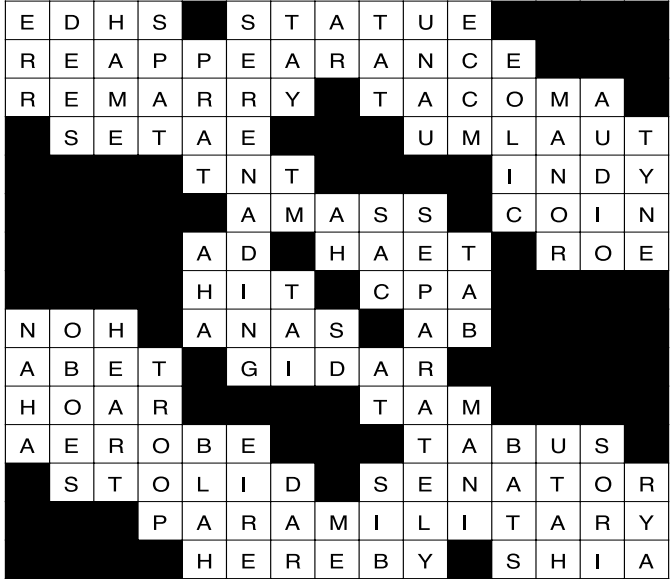
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WITNESS, Hon. **Claudine T. Stoudemire**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 19, 2026
Rosemary A. Saccomani
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10/30/2026

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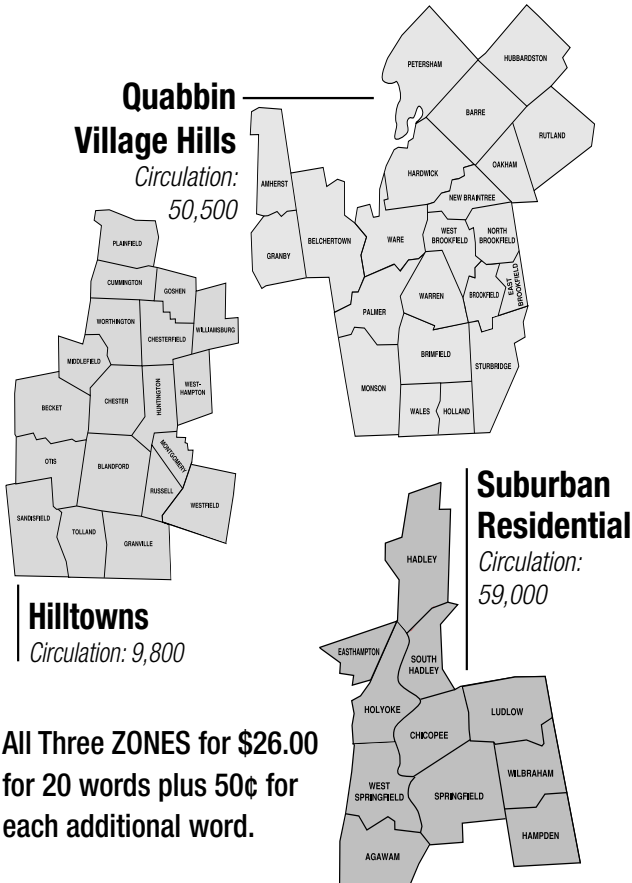
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