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RACE READY

Turley photo by Gregory A. Scibelli



Sawyer Methot, 10, Kamden Methot, 10, and Olyvia LePage, 12 are ready to cheer on their favorite runners at the start of the Holyoke St. Patrick's Day Road Race last Saturday afternoon.

SB revises minutes pertaining to town administrator firing

By Melina Bourdeau
Correspondent

GRANBY –The Selectboard revised its Dec. 1, 2025 minutes Tuesday to spell out a 2–1 vote terminating Town Administrator Tammy Martin after executive session, clarifying when the decision occurred as officials move to correct the record.

The board's move centered on tightening up the official account of a contentious personnel decision that previously was not fully reflected in the public minutes. By inserting explicit language about the return to open session and the vote to remove Martin under the probationary terms of her contract, members said they aimed to ensure the town's records match what happened that night.

Chair Mark Bail opened the March 19 meeting by flagging the minutes issue as the first order of business.

As members and staff discussed the wording, there was initial confusion over whether they were dealing with open session or executive session language.

Ultimately, they agreed that the key missing element was a clear description of what happened after the closed-door discussion, when the board returned to open session and acted on Martin's employment.

Granby Police Chief and current acting Town Administrator Kevin O'Grady, who was helping with the wording and placement, read out the language that will now be appended to the Dec. 1 minutes:

"After at the at the end of the vote, it says, at the conclusion of the Executive Session, Mark wants to put in there," O'Grady said.

"The board went back into open session, and Mark Bail moved to terminate the

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Larry Davis remembered by local pickleball community

BELCHERTOWN/LUDLOW – On Sunday, Mar. 15, 60 enthusiastic pickleball players gathered at the Ludlow Tennis Club to honor the late Belchertown resident, Larry Davis, who passed away on Dec. 29, 2025.

Starting in 2017, Larry was one of the original instructors who offered lessons when the sport was first introduced

to the Belchertown pickleball community. He donated all proceeds from that to the Belchertown Pickleball Community Fund. He also generously purchased the windcreens for Belchertown's Jabish courts.

He was a relentless advocate for pickleball in Belchertown, appearing at Selectboard and Community

Preservation Committee meetings, and met regularly with the town's Recreation Department. He happily and humorously appeared in a pickle costume in the Belchertown Fair parade and at fundraising and fun events.

At the Sunday event Lar-



Larry Davis

ry's family was presented with a Golden Paddle Plaque engraved with Larry's name. Since 2022 the Golden Paddle has been presented to a worthy senior who has contributed to the growth of pickleball in Belchertown. Unique to his

paddle, his initials as he wrote them on it were preserved on the finished product.

The three-hour event provided opportunities to play the game that Larry loved, and his spirit and joy for the game were present amongst the participants, including his grandkids. Many players recalled Larry's fond phrase "the net is your friend today" whenever

his opponents might win a point.

Proceeds from the event will be applied towards a permanent tribute to Larry that will be erected at the town's pickleball courts. Donations to the Larry Davis Memorial Fund; checks payable to the BOAA/Belchertown Pickleball Community, PO Box 1214 Belchertown, MA 01007.



Turley photo by Tina Lesniak

The ladies who run the Lenten Lunches work hard to prep the lunches every other Friday during Lent.

A Lenten tradition with heart at St. Patrick's Church

By Tina Lesniak
Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY - At St. Patrick's Church, the annual Lenten Lunches have become as much a community tradition as they are a fundraiser, an effort rooted in faith, fellowship, and decades of quiet dedication by the parish's Ladies Guild.

"The St. Patrick's Ladies Guild was founded in 1989 with a three-fold purpose: spiritual, charitable and social," explained longtime member and President Eileen Sullivan. Nearly four

decades later, that mission remains intact. Five charter members are still active, joined by a total of 40 active and 12 honorary members. Their charitable work includes fundraising efforts that support scholarships, parish needs, and a wide range of local organizations. Among those efforts, the Lenten Lunches stand out as a cornerstone.

Preparation begins well before the first order is handed off. "A group of members meet in the afternoon before the lunch to do meal prep and organize the take-

out boxes for pick up," Sullivan said. "On the day of the lunch, a group assists in the kitchen to make the final preparations to the meals."

For Judi Dorsett, who has been involved with the Guild for 18 years, the lunches became a calling. "My mother had been a member for many, many years prior to that, so I just followed in her footsteps," she said. After helping lead the program with others, Dorsett eventually took it on herself,

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South Hadley resident leads Holyoke St. Patrick's Day Parade

HOLYOKE – Last Sunday morning, it was a resident of South Hadley that was among those leading the annual Holyoke St. Patrick's Day Parade. This year's Grand Colleen, Jadyn Christie, of South Hadley, was atop the float with her court to ensure the South Hadley was well-represented at this year's event. The weather was not ideal, but it was still all smiles on parade day.



See more St. Patrick's Day Parade photos on Page 5.

Turley photos by Kara Walsh-Vey

Jadyn Christie, of South Hadley, was beaming as she rode atop the Grand Colleen float this year.

LEFT: A future Colleen makes her way down the parade route.



Community

When, Where, and How to vote in South Hadley

SOUTH HADLEY – It's almost time to vote, but many may not know how to go about the process, where to go, or who to contact. Below is a guide from the Town Clerk on how to learn more about voting, and make sure you are registered to vote in time.

at <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/OVR/>

Voting Options in South Hadley

Voting options may vary by election. More information is available at www.southhadley.org/elections. Options for voting include:

- In-person on Election Day at South Hadley High School
- Vote by Mail* Absentee by mail/in-person*
- In-person early voting in the Town Clerk's office

*Applications are required for voting by mail. Apply for a mail-in ballot online at www.VoteinMA.com

When to Vote in South Hadley - 2026 Election Dates

View sample ballots as they become available: <https://www.southhadley.org/1088/Sample-Ballot>

Annual Town Election Tuesday, April 14, 2026

Massachusetts State Primary Tuesday, September 1, 2026

State Election Questions? Contact the Town Clerk's Office Phone: 413-538-5030, ext.6183 Email: elections@southhadley-ma.gov www.southhadley.org/elections Tuesday, November 3, 2026

Registering to Vote in South Hadley

To vote in South Hadley, you must be registered at your address at least 10 days before the election or primary. You can register to vote as long as you meet the following criteria:

- A U.S. citizen
- A resident of Massachusetts
- 18 years or older
- Not currently incarcerated by reason of a felony conviction.

How to register to vote:

- In person: In the Town Clerk's office during regular office hours
- Mail: Send registration to 116 Main St, South Hadley, MA 01075
- Online: Register online



The local pickleball community recently had a gathering to remember Larry Davis.

Pickleball community remembers Davis

RIGHT: Ann Marie Lavelle (Belchertown) and Debbie Wood (Belchertown) played with grandkids Samantha and Andrew Colson at the even.



LEFT: The Golden Paddle was presented by Debbie Wood, of Belchertown, to Larry Davis' wife, Bonnie Prindle, of Belchertown, daughter Julie Colson and husband Mark, grandkids Samantha and Andrew.



Student-led homework help available

SOUTH HADLEY – There is free help available for all students in the South Hadley Public Schools. Run by students, Homework Hub is extra help being offered after school with all students welcome. It takes place in the

South Hadley Public Library in the Trustees Room. The helpers will be available Apr. 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 and additional sessions may continue based on interest. Sessions are from 3:30 to 5 p.m. and help offered includes: Homework

help in all subjects, one-on-one tutoring, test and quiz preparation, clear explanations and step-by-step help. A small registration form is required and a QR code for that can be obtained by contacting shhomeworkhub@gmail.com.

Community meeting on the FY27 budget

SOUTH HADLEY – Join Town Administrator Lisa Wong and School Superintendent Jenn Voyik

for an information session on Saturday, March 28 at 9:30 a.m. about the municipal budget and service im-

pacts to the schools at the South Hadley Senior Center and on Zoom. The public is encouraged to attend!

Read the Town Reminder online at www.townreminder.turley.com

SOUTH HADLEY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING

**Wednesday, April 8, 2026
6:00 PM**

to be held at
**SOUTH HADLEY SENIOR CENTER
45 Dayton Street
South Hadley, MA**

Carl G. Johanson Scholarship Fund

Eligible applicants must be a resident of South Hadley, a graduate, or soon to be graduate, from South Hadley High School and enrolled or accepted in a college Engineering Program. This Scholarship Award is limited to Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00). Applications for the Scholarship Fund may be obtained at the High School or the South Hadley Electric Light Department. Completed applications must be returned **no later than Friday, April 10, 2026** to the South Hadley Electric Light Department, Attn: Johanson Scholarship, 85 Main Street, South Hadley, MA. Successful applicants will be notified.

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supported by a small team of dedicated members.

Planning begins in January, with volunteer sign-ups and coordination with All Saints Church to ensure the two parishes host lunches on alternating Fridays during Lent. By February, logistics take over: price comparisons, supply runs, and ingredient sourcing. "This year, my grandson Ryan and I did a very large shopping trip to Restaurant Depot," Dorsett noted, while others handled additional errands. Fresh lobster, a highlight of the menu, is delivered directly from Ipswich.

The weekly rhythm is both structured and social. Thursdays are for baking and early prep; Fridays bring sandwich assembly, soup finishing, and order distribution. At any given time, 12 to 15 volunteers move through the kitchen and packing areas. "We always have time to get a cup of coffee and to chat before the customers show up," Dorsett said.

That sense of connection has long been central to the tradition. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Guild hosted six dine-in lunches in the parish social center each Lent. When restrictions forced a shift to a grab and go model, the group adapted and ultimately decided to keep the new format while reducing the number of lunches to three. The change reflected both practicality and evolving membership. "Many members are older and fewer young women have joined, resulting in fewer volunteers to serve," Sullivan explained. At the same time, advance ordering reduced food waste



Turley photo by Tina Lesniak

A small but dedicated group have run these lunches for decades.

and streamlined operations. Still, something was lost in the transition. "It eliminated the opportunity to sit down with others and socialize," Sullivan noted. Socializing was an element that once defined the gatherings as much as the food itself.

Even so, community support has never waned. Orders come not only from parishioners, but from local schools, town hall employees, and nearby utilities. Residents from surrounding towns also take part, with some making

it an annual ritual. Sullivan recalled a group of seven women from Holyoke who plan a lunch together around the event each year. "We look forward to their order," she said.

Whether for the famous lobster rolls, the homemade clam chowder, or the sense of shared purpose, the Lenten Lunches remain a signature tradition—one that continues to nourish both body and community.

Granby Police Logs

Editor's Note: The Granby Police Department responded to 120 calls for the week March 13, through March 19. Those arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. The Granby Police Department provides all information.

Friday, March 13

5:30 p.m. – While on patrol, an officer performed a random license plate query that showed the registered owner had a suspended MA driver's license. The vehicle

was stopped and the registered owner was operating. The operator was issued a criminal citation.

Sunday, March 15

6:47 p.m. – A resident reported a brush fire off Forge Pond Road #2, spreading towards houses. Granby Fire and Police responded. Mutual aid was provided from Belchertown Fire, South Hadley Fire, and Westover Fire. The fire was extinguished with no property damage.

Tuesday, March 17

2:09 a.m. – A motorist reported that a utility pole and wires were across Route

116 blocking traffic. An officer responded and discovered that a large tree fell on the wires near the intersection of Amherst Street and Route 116. The tree knocked down three utility poles in total and the intersection was blocked for several hours until repairs could be made.

Thursday, March 19

4:27 p.m. – While on patrol, an officer observed a vehicle seen in an area where a disturbance was reported. After stopping the vehicle, it was discovered that the operator had an expired MA driver's license. The operator was issued a criminal citation.

Zonta Club to celebrate Earth Day

BELCHERTOWN — On Apr. 13 at the Ludlow Country Club Zonta will celebrate Earth Day with a look at gender equity in rural MA and an online, local, farm to door delivery service connecting Quaboag Valley to the freshest farm products, bakeries & specialty food shops.

Anne Gobi became Massachusetts's first Director of Rural Affairs in January 2023. Beginning her political life in the town of Spencer in 1998, she was first elected to the state House in an October 2001 special election. While a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, Gobi worked on multiple committees; including the Joint Committee on Environment

and Natural Resources. She served as co-chair of the Committee on Agriculture. In 2014, Gobi was elected to the state Senate. In the Senate, Gobi served as the Senate Co-chair of the Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture and Joint Committee on Higher Education. She will be speaking to us on Women in Rural Massachusetts, opportunities and challenges.

Also joining us is Farmer At The Door Entrepreneur Jessica Petrie-Cummings of Petrie Family Farm, Brimfield MA. Her online, local, farm to door delivery service connects Quaboag Valley to the freshest farm products, bakeries & specialty food shops. Jess will share her



story and have items for sale before and after the program.

The public is invited to join us on Apr. 13.

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town administrator Tammy Martin, pursuant to probationary section of her contract, Dave Labonte seconded the motion to move into discussion. The vote was two to one, with Bail and Labonte voting in favor of the motion and (Glenn) Sexton voting no."

O'Grady also confirmed where the new passage would go, saying it should follow the existing language "at the

conclusion of the Executive Session" in the Dec. 1 record.

Board members agreed with that formulation and moved to formalize the amendment.

After the language was settled, Bail moved to adopt the amendment and then to approve the minutes in their revised form.

This action comes after an Open Meeting Law complaint filed on Dec. 10, 2025.

Martin's attorney John

Clifford, of Clifford & Kenny LLP, filed an Open Meeting Law complaint, stating the dismissal was without cause.

In the complaint her attorney alleges the Selectboard violated the Open Meeting Law on the date they dismissed her from the position.

The letter alleges that Martin's termination was a breach of her contract with the town and violated state labor and transparency laws.

According to a letter sent

to the Sentinel, Clifford wrote: "On Nov. 26, 2025, the day before Thanksgiving, the Select Board posted two agendas for Dec. 1, 2025... The executive session agenda was intended for negotiations with non-union personnel. The open session agenda did not list or include any items relating to the Town Administrator's employment."

The complaint has not yet had a determination by the state.

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South Hadley High School
South Hadley, MA
April 14, 2026
7:00 AM TO 8:00 PM

Absentee applications are available on the respective websites:
shdistrict1.org • shdistrict2.org

Sample Ballots will be posted as soon they are available.

HADLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL CHOICE OPENINGS 2026-2027
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APRIL EVENTS

Voices of the Revolution: A Morning with Paul Revere and Mary Otis Warren Come to Life
Saturday, April 4 at 10 am in the Community Room

In celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution come step into the spirit of 1776 as two powerful voices of the American Revolution take the stage. Experience a dynamic living-history program featuring Mercy Otis Warren—the "muse of the revolution" and America's first female historian—and Paul Revere, the famed messenger who helped ignite a nation. Through first-person interpretation, award-winning educator Michele Gabrielson and historian Tom Dietzel bring these iconic figures to life, sharing the stories, struggles, and ideas that shaped independence. Join the conversation and celebrate 250 years of American history through the people who helped make it happen. No sign up needed.

Raising Awareness: Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Relative
Wednesday, April 8 at 6 PM in the Community Room

Join us for an important lecture presented by the Institute of American Indian Studies on the national campaign addressing Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Relatives (MMIWR). This program explores the disproportionately high rates of violence, disappearance, and murder impacting Indigenous women, families, and communities across North America. Learn how the movement advocates for justice, stronger protections, and improved investigations, while honoring victims and supporting families seeking answers. No sign up needed.

Opinion

SOCIAL SECURITY

Matters

By Russell Gloor

Social Security reduced my monthly payment

Dear Rusty:

My last Social Security payment decreased by about \$400, so I went to my online SS account and found a November 2025 letter explaining that my 2024 tax return showed a greatly enlarged Adjusted Gross Income.

Thus, SSA decided to withdraw monies, as of January 2026, from my bank account because I'd owed far more monies to them. The letter itemized my greatly diminished 2026 SSA monthly payment, explaining should my next tax return show a regular AGI, then SSA would return my SS income to regular amounts and return every prior month's deficits? Said letter also mentioned an optional recourse, that of compiling an "Appeal" to regain my ongoing decreased income. The extra amounts now withdrawn for Medicare Parts A and D alone are outrageously high. I'm a retired senior citizen on a fixed income.

According to SSA, my having sold a piece of land in 2024 allows SSA to decrease my SS income. Has this become a common practice against U.S.A. senior citizens? Thank you in advance for your input.

Signed: Feeling Wronged

Dear Feeling Wronged:

From what you have shared, it appears that your SS benefit amount has been affected by a provision known as Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount. IRMAA isn't really a Social Security issue, rather it is a Medicare premium thing. But when IRMAA applies, it reduces your net Social Security payment because Medicare premiums are automatically taken from your Social Security benefit, thus making your net SS payment less.

If you look at your gross Social Security payment at your online "my Social Security" account you will see that your gross SS payment did not change, but your Medicare premium did, thus affecting your net SS payment. IRMAA, essentially, makes Medicare a "means tested" program, where those with a higher AGI can pay a higher Medicare Part B (and Part D) premium.

However, IRMAA is usually based on AGI from two years prior to the current year because your current AGI information isn't available from the IRS when Medicare premiums are determined in October of each year. FYI, you may

have received a notice in the mail in early December telling you what your 2026 Social Security and Medicare amounts would be.

In a nutshell, the land you sold in 2024 apparently increased your AGI to exceed the base IRMAA thresholds, which are \$109,000 if you file your taxes as a single or \$218,000 if you file your income tax as "married/jointly." And the IRMAA supplements are "progressive" (higher if your AGI is more), so if your Medicare premiums went up by about \$400 about twice the 2026 standard premium, it's likely that your 2024 AGI was over \$137,000 if you filed as a single or over \$274,000 if you filed as "married/jointly." FYI, you can see the 2026 IRMAA brackets/premium amounts at this link: www.ssa.gov/benefits/medicare/medicare-premiums.html

A couple of additional points:

Your Medicare premiums will, indeed, revert to the standard amounts for 2027, if your 2025 AGI amount is under the IRMAA threshold for your tax filing status.

There is no premium for Medicare Part A, which is coverage for inpatient hospitalization care, because you are receiving Social Security benefits. However, there is a premium for Part B of Medicare (which is coverage for outpatient medical services) and you must also separately pay a premium for Part D, which is coverage for prescription drugs offered by private insurers. And these IRMAA supplements apply even if you have a Medicare Advantage plan from a private insurer.

Unfortunately, your only "recourse" is, as SSA suggested, to appeal the IRMAA supplement, but that is usually successful only if you can prove you had a "life changing event," which caused (or will cause) your AGI to be less than that used to determine your IRMAA surcharge. Your best option at this point will likely be to appeal using a "Request for Reconsideration" (Form SSA-561) asking that your 2026 Medicare premium be based on a recent year's (e.g., 2025) lower income.

Finally, IRMAA isn't really a new thing – it was enacted in 2003, effective in 2007. But it does have a profound effect on many seniors, as I explained in this article I recently published on the topic: <https://amacfoundation.org/irmaa-a-medicare-surprise/>.

Plants to celebrate Easter and then some

It's hard to believe that in just a little over a week we will be celebrating the Easter holiday!

I am sure that many readers will be either receiving the Easter lily as a gift or purchasing one for someone else. Its pure white, intensely fragrant blooms are emblems of new life and hope for the future – I can think of no better symbol of the holiest day on the Christian calendar than this one.

If you find yourself in the market for an Easter lily this week, select one that is deep green and has more buds than open flowers. It should be proportionate in height and not top heavy.

If outdoor temperatures remain chilly, be sure to cover the plant well upon exiting the store, and don't leave it in the car while you do other errands!

Once home, the Easter lily prefers temperatures around 65 degrees and bright but indirect light. Water thoroughly, but allow the soil to dry out in between waterings.

Be careful for the decorative foil or plastic wrapper – sometimes water will pool in the bottom, keeping the soil too moist. If you like how the wrapper looks, poke some holes at the base and place the pot on a shallow saucer to catch any water that drips out. Dump the saucer as needed. You can also remove the wrapper and allow the pot to drain in the sink for a few minutes after each watering.

To prolong the life of your plant, be sure to remove the anthers before the pollen ripens. This will also prevent the pollen from staining the pure white flowers and your nose!

As flowers start to wither,

cut them off – this will keep it looking its best and redirect energy back to the bulb.

grance and flower color that appeals to you. Be sure to choose them in bud, rather than full flower because warm household temperatures will cause them to burst into bloom in no time.

To maximize indoor bloom time, enjoy in your living space during the day, but move to a basement, spare room or garage each night where temperatures are cooler, but not freezing!

The great thing about forced bulbs is that they can be enjoyed in the house this Easter and next year in the garden.

Daffodils and hyacinth are the most dependable repeat bloomers. Tulips (depending on the type) may bloom great the following season but then take a few years off-time to recharge before blooming again.

If you wish to plant your bulbs outside, remove spent flowers as they wither and allow the foliage to brown. At this point stop watering and let the bulbs dry out. They can be planted outdoors in spring, or saved until the fall for planting as you normally would.

Sometimes I get the job done in spring, although it does feel odd to be doing it then, simply so I won't forget to plant them in the fall!

Primroses are plentiful at florist shops and nurseries this time of year as well, and they too make great Easter gifts. Even though they are usually sold in small pots, it's hard to miss their brightly colored flowers poking up through basal foliage.

They come in almost every color of the rainbow.

Many types of primrose make great garden plants;

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in the Garden

by Roberto McQuaid



Once the soil warms, the Easter lily can be planted outside in full sun and well-drained soil. Sink the bulb with foliage and stem attached, to a depth of three inches and water well.

After the original foliage dies, cut it back to the soil surface. New growth will soon emerge. Lilies benefit from a layer of mulch to keep their roots cool. Although they are quite hardy, do provide some winter protection in the form of straw, evergreen boughs or the like.

With any luck you will be delighted with big, beautiful white flowers next summer. Although lilies bloom in spring under the controlled conditions of the greenhouse, they bloom naturally during the summer months.

Another good and widely available option for Easter gift giving is a pot of spring bulbs.

With tulips, daffodils and hyacinths to choose from, there will no doubt be a fra-

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Voters face decision that will affect older population

Dear Editor,

On April 14, South Hadley voters face a decision that will define the safety, stability, and dignity of our older population. While much of the debate surrounds our schools, we must acknowledge the "vise-like squeeze" currently threatening our Council on Aging (COA) and public safety infrastructure.

The human cost of our structural budget deficit is already visible. Earlier this year, the COA was forced to eliminate its Social Services Coordinator position—a role that served as a critical safety net for at-risk, vulnerable older people. This position managed essential programs including Brown Bag food deliveries, Fuel Assistance, and mental health support. Most critically, this coordinator provided a vital link to the Elder Protective Services for cases of neglect and financial, verbal, or physical abuse. If the override fails, the COA faces further cuts, forcing the Senior Center to close every Friday and lose two additional staff.

This loss of support comes at a time when older adults are in increasingly vulnerable positions and at risk of crimi-

nality activity. I've spoken with leaders and others affiliated with the COA and in the last few months, South Hadley has seen thefts of valuables from senior housing facilities and private homes, as well as reports of caregiver financial abuse and predatory scams targeting older residents. Our police department is already operating below the state average, with only 1.6 officers per 1,000 residents compared to the 1.9 average for towns our size. A failed override means losing two additional officer positions. We must ask ourselves: what will these combined cuts to social services and public safety mean for the protection of our older adults?

Furthermore, we must address the housing stability of those on fixed incomes. At the recent special town meeting, members of the Selectboard stated they were committed to reviewing tax abatement programs to maximize their availability and benefits. There are additional state abatement programs that South Hadley does not utilize that would benefit populations on fixed incomes. We have an opportunity to champion the expansion of these programs by:

Advocating for higher income thresholds so more residents qualify.

Urging a simplified application process and automatic renewals to reduce the burden on older adults and disabled applicants.

Increasing outreach so the hundreds of qualifying residents currently unaware of these programs can access them.

This is not just a financial issue; it is a matter of preserving and strengthening our sense of community, basic dignity, and acting on the concerns and needs of vulnerable people in town. Our advocacy can make a meaningful difference for families and individuals who have nowhere else to turn. The Budget Task Force recommends the \$11 million override as the most sustainable bridge to protect these essential services. A "no" vote on April 14 closes the door on our older population.

Sincerely,

Jim Bosman,
Council on Aging
Board Member
Karen Buscemi,
PMH-NP, South Hadley
TRIAD Volunteer
Larry Dixon, co-chair,
Save South Hadley

Resident supports Matteson for Housing Authority

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my strong support for Richard Matteson for the Housing Authority, in the upcoming April 2026 election. Richard is a people person, he works hard. He is dedicated to our community, listens well, and is committed to finding practical solutions to the chal-

lenges we face regarding senior housing.

Richard Matteson has consistently demonstrated integrity, transparency, and a willingness to work across differences to get things done. He is determined to improve our senior housing issues.

Our community deserves leaders who put people first, and Richard has proven he

will do exactly that. I encourage my neighbors to join me in voting for Richard Matteson for Housing Authority because our future depends on thoughtful, compassionate, and effective leadership.

Sincerely,

Laura S. Williams

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Letters to the Editor have a maximum of 350 words. We require writers to include their name, address and phone number in order for our office to authenticate authorship prior to publication. Addresses and phone numbers are not published.

Unsigned or anonymous letters will NOT be published.

We reserve the right to edit or withhold any submissions. Libelous, unsubstantiated allegations, personal attacks or defamation of character are not allowed. Deadline for submissions is Wednesday at noon.

Please email (preferred) letters to townreminder@turley.com. Mailed letters can be sent to Town Reminder, 24 Water Street, Palmer, MA 01069.

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This newspaper will print free self-submitted statements of candidacy only four weeks or more out from the election. All candidates running in both contested and uncontested races are asked to submit their statements to the editor to include only biographical and campaign platform details. Total word count for statements is limited to between 300-500 words maximum. Please include a photo. We will not publish any statements of candidacy inside the four weeks from election threshold. To publish any other campaign publicity during the race, please contact our advertising representatives. We also do not allow personal attacks against other candidates or political parties in statements of candidacy, nor do we publish for free any information about key endorsements or political fundraisers.

Letters to the editor of no more than 250 words from supporters endorsing specific candidates or discussing campaign issues are limited to three total per author during the election season. No election letters will appear in the final edition before the election. We reserve the right to edit all statements of candidacy and letters to the editor to meet our guidelines.



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HOLYOKE'S St. Patrick's Day Parade



Fans of the Grand Colleen are excited to see her come by.

Turley photos by Kara Walsh-Vey



The St. Patrick's Parade Committee from South Hadley was in matching outfits for their march.



A South Hadley fire truck made it's way to neighboring Holyoke for the parade.



The South Hadley High School girls basketball team, which won the state championship this year, was honored at the parade.



The bagpipes from the Caledonian band perform.



Vendors offered a variety of fun items for sale.



The Ancient order of the Hibernians march.



Flag twirlers head down the route.

LEFT: The coaches wave to the crowd.



The South Hadley High School band took part in the parade.

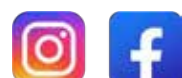


Uncle Sam participated in walking the parade route.

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On Any Tax Override Vote



There is no need for any layoffs or diversion of funds from seniors, libraries, or sports with proper fiscal management

Here are the facts:

- 1) In South Hadley, when people want an override, they historically threaten seniors, libraries, sports, and people's jobs. These are hot-button items designed to drive voters to support an override.
- 2) These items are a very small part of the town budget and even if cuts were made, they would not be enough to solve the override crisis. Example, the Gaylord cut is .001 of the total budget. Also, there are no guarantees that services would be maintained even with an override. Hard dollar costs for some cuts are to find or understand.
- 3) But why would anyone even suggest these cuts are desired by residents? Such cuts would only make matters worse.
- 4) Voters are told, by the town administration, that skyrocketing health insurance costs are major reason why an override is needed. Why does this seem to be a bigger problem in South Hadley than in neighboring towns? How did they get out of control?
- 5) Why has the administration failed to honor a freedom of information request, filed by David White early this month via the town email system, about health care enrollment.
- 6) Is the health insurance issue a manufactured crisis? It has been suggested, by regional healthcare professionals, that a 20-50% savings could be realized by adopting alternative plans. Has anyone seen a competitive open bid for costs and solutions?
- 7) It is important to notice that threatening cuts are to people with the lowest cost projects and the lowest paid staff (libraries, senior center, sports, junior members of the police and school departments) and the people who propose the budget benefit the most personally and for their own departments (police, schools). The town budget and annual reports support this concern.
- 8) Remember Proposition 2 1/2 was put in place to control excessive spending.

A NO votes will kick this matter back to the Selectboard. They know it could be coming. Vote NO

- a) The real problem is that the budget is completely out of whack.
 - b) Spending is on a par with larger cities and towns with larger populations and a larger tax base. Just look at the costs per resident:
- Adminn/Mayor: SH=\$12.21, CP=\$2.19; HY=\$2.64
Police Chief: SH=\$11.87; CP=\$3.87, HY=\$3.95
School Super: SH=\$13.23, CP=\$2.65, HY=\$4.50
according to municipal records.**
- c) This entire mess has been getting worse for years. Voters need to send a message to town meeting members and to the Selectboard.
 - d) The proposed new school, overrides, and retirement will almost triple the town's debt and double its tax rate. Other capital costs will increase via increased fees.
 - e) Now is the time for action

FIX THIS MESS ONCE AND FOR ALL balance income and spending.

A no vote will force the people to think out of the box. They will need to look at the tax base (business and residential), contract language in all contracts, the golf course, fire districts, better technology, zoning, the falls, ease of doing business, speed of doing business, capital/financial responsibility, retirements, life spans and more. Above all they need to:

**Simplify~Simplify~Simplify
Simplification Saves Time and Money**

In my humble opinion: David White

On Any Tax Override Vote



For info call 413-423-0057

Mt. Holyoke presents final film series event

SOUTH HADLEY – The Mount Holyoke College Department of Film Media Theater ends the 2025-26 season with "POTUS, or Behind Every Great Dumbass are Seven Women Trying to Keep Him Alive" written by Selena Fillinger and directed by Natalie Werthamer '26.

When the President manages to blow up a PR disaster into a full-blown global crisis, seven brilliant, beleaguered women working in the White House must scramble to keep

the free world from unraveling. From the Chief of Staff and Press Secretary to the First Lady, a journalist and a mistress, these women all risk life, liberty, and sanity to clean up the chaos caused by the man they serve.

This riotous farce is a bawdy, irreverent ride through power, politics, and the often-invisible labor of women in high stakes roles. With sharp wit, outrages, and a cast of characters who are equal parts heroic and exhausting,

it's a hilarious yet pointed look at what happens when nobody sane is allowed to yield.

This production is directed by Natalie Werthamer '26. Set Design by Amy Sue Hazel, Costume Design by Jensen Glick, Lighting and Sound Design by Sam Skyner.

Performance Dates and Times: Thursday, Apr. 16, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, Apr. 17, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Apr. 18, 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Apr. 19, 2:30 p.m.

Hazardous waste collection set for May 9

SOUTH HADLEY – On Saturday, May 9 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, South Hadley will hold its 2026 Household Hazardous Waste Day. To take part, call 413-538-5030 ext. 6500 to register and get details.

Women needed for state commission

BOSTON – The Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women is currently seeking candidates for the Hampden County Commission on the Status of Women, one of 11 Regional Commissions across the Commonwealth that strives to represent women and girls in the areas of equality and opportunity.

The mission of the Hampden County Commission on the Status of Women (HCCSW) is to provide a permanent, influential voice for women and girls across the county that facilitates and fosters community and inclusiveness. The Commission stands for fundamental freedoms, basic human rights, and the full enjoyment of life for all women and girls throughout their lives.

HCCSW represents all cities and towns in Hampden County which include Agawam, Blandford, Brimfield, Chester, Chicopee, East Longmeadow, Granville, Hampden, Holland, Holyoke, Longmeadow, Ludlow, Monson, Montgomery, Palmer, Russell, Southwick, Springfield, Tolland, Wales, West Springfield, Westfield, and Wilbraham.

To apply for the Hampden County Commission on the Status of Women and to submit a resume, please visit: <https://masscsww.org/about/regional-commissions/hampden-county/>

Frozen Polish Food Sale

INDIAN ORCHARD – There will be a Frozen Polish Food Sale on Saturday, March 28 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church, 25 Parker St, Indian Orchard.

- Golabki (3) \$12
- Kapusta (Large) \$10
- Pierogi-Cabbage, Potato and Cheese \$14
- Sweet Cheese, Blueberry \$15

All are welcome. No credit cards.

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check the label to make sure the one you purchase is hardy before planting it outdoors. I have had a clump of primroses blooming for years now that started out as a potted plant.

An inexpensive but cute

gift idea is to insert a pot of primroses into a basket and fill in around it with Easter "grass," this way it can be enjoyed as a centerpiece before it makes its way to the garden.

These days I prefer green paper "grass" purchased at the craft store, or make your

own by use of a shredder. It is less problematic for pets.

As you plan for Easter, make these plants part of your celebration, and enjoy them in the garden thereafter!

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.

Sensory Friendly Egg Hunt set for Apr. 4

HOLYOKE – Wistariahurst Museum is egg-static to bring back our Sensory-Friendly Egg Hunt for a third year! Designed for families with sensory sensitivities, this festive egg hunt focuses on gentle exploration and enjoyment so every bunny feels comfortable and welcome. This year's egg hunt will take place indoors throughout the halls of Wistariahurst. Weather permitting, outdoor games and activities will add some egg-stra fun to the event. Each child can gather eggs and exchange them for prizes ranging from candy to fidget toys. Hop to it and register for one of the available time slots. Registration is available for free on Wistariahurst's Eventbrite page.

When interviewed at last year's egg hunt, Museum Director Megan Seiler noted "The city of Holyoke does an amazing job putting on a big egg hunt downtown, but not every kid thrives in that environment... So we wanted to be able to offer a more quiet, more calm space for kids who



might have sensory sensitivities." Wistariahurst is egg-cited to bring this event back for after families in Holyoke and beyond enjoyed this event the past two years.

Families can sign up for timed entry to ensure smooth check-in between 2 and 4 p.m. on Saturday, Apr. 4. Families are welcome to enjoy the egg hunt any time during their timeslots, and each time slot will be limited to 10 families. If you are late for your time slot, don't worry. We still encourage all reg-

istrants to attend even if they are running late. Families are also welcome to explore the gardens and enjoy outdoor games, weather permitting, during the event.

Outside of this event, we have open hours on Mondays from 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and Tuesdays from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., and our gardens are open every day from dawn until dusk. We also host Sensory Friendly Sunday Funday events monthly. Hop to it and get your tickets for this year's Sensory Friendly Egg Hunt.

Scholarships available through Valley Press Club

SPRINGFIELD – The Valley Press Club, based in Springfield, Mass., will award \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors in Western Massachusetts and Northern Connecticut who are interested in pursuing a career in journalism.

The Valley Press Club Scholarships, funded by contributions and dues to the Press Club, are for students planning careers in print, online or broadcast journalism.

The Republican Scholarship, funded by The Republican, is for students living within the newspaper's circulation area who are planning careers in print journalism.

The 22News Scholarship, funded by WWLP-22News is for students planning careers in broadcast journalism.

The MassLive Scholarship is for a Massachusetts high school senior planning to pursue a career in print, online or broadcast journalism/communication. This scholarship is available to a student who is underrepresented in the field of journalism and

is planning to attend an institution of higher education in the field.

The Edward J. Malley Jr. Memorial Scholarship, established in memory of a chief photographer for the Springfield Newspapers, is for students planning careers in photojournalism.

The Rhonda Swan Memorial Scholarship, established in memory of the award-winning journalist, editor and author, honors her legacy by supporting students from the Greater Springfield area who aspire to careers in journalism and bring voices and perspectives that have been historically underrepresented in the field.

Primary emphasis is placed on career goals, writing ability, scholastic aptitude and overall achievement as measured by an applicant's high school transcript, class rank, academic awards, SAT scores and extracurricular activities. The deadline for submissions is Apr. 10.

Scholarship applications are available at www.ValleyPressClub.com or high school



guidance offices. Applications may be sent by mail to Noreen Tassinari, Scholarship Chair, Valley Press Club, P.O. Box 5475, Springfield, Mass. 01102 or electronically to NTassinari77@gmail.com

Over the course of six decades, The Valley Press Club has presented over \$140,000 in scholarships to eligible students. The Valley Press Club consists of active and retired journalists and public relations professionals from corporate and nonprofit organizations.

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Perfect day for a road race:

Holyoke runs 49th holiday 10K

By Gregory A. Scibelli
gscibelli@turley.com

HOLYOKE – A warm and hot day is not ideal for running long distances, but give a harrier a 40-50-degree day, and it's the perfect environment make great time.

Louis Serafini, of Cambridge, experienced that as he completed a sub-30-minute 10K in the 49th running of the Holyoke St. Patrick's Day Road Race last Saturday afternoon. Serafini completed the hilly course

throughout downtown Holyoke in 29:45. He had a great pace going, averaging 4:47 a mile with thousands of people cheering him on as he completed the course 50 seconds ahead of the runner-up.

Yankarlos Diaz was the second-place finisher. He comes from Manchester, CT. He completed the 6.3-mile course in just 30:35.

This year's top female finisher was Rachel Schilkowsky. She comes from

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The runners are off in the 49th running of the Holyoke St. Patrick's Day Road Race.

Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli



Joseph Werenski heads for the finish line.



Nick Davis, of South Hadley, hustles toward the end.



Gareth Buckley is nearing the finish.



Steve Schmeiser completes the course.



South Hadley's Joseph Harris gets in full stride near the end.



Zavien Fernandez heads down the court.

Fernandez, James make All-Star game

SPRINGFIELD – Last Friday night, the Senior All-Star Games took place at the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. Granby was represented in one of the matchups by Zavien Fernandez. Fernandez had an excellent regular season for Granby High School. In the girls game, one of the teams was coached by Granby High School girls basketball coach Dave Padavano. South Hadley's Isiah James played later in the Class A and B boys game.



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli
Isiah James represented South Hadley in the Class A and B game.

Girls basketball caps off historic season

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LOWELL— South Hadley High School athletic director Eric Castonguay has watched several teams win the state championship title during the past seven years.

The newest member of that club is the girls' basketball team.

After losing in the Division 4 state finals during the past two years, the Lady Tigers defeated top-seeded Frontier Regional, 49-38, in this year's state championship game, which was held at Tsongas Center located on the UMass Lowell campus on March 14.

"I'm very happy for this group of players, especially after losing here the past two years," said Castonguay after watching his girls' basketball team capture the state title for the first time. "There were some moments in today's game where things were going back and forth, but the players were able to keep their composure, which was huge."

The Lady Tigers, who finished the 2025-26 campaign with a 16-10 overall record, are first-year members of the Valley League. It was probably the best girls' basketball league in Western Mass. this year.

Another Valley League team is Springfield Central. They lost to Wachusett Regional in the Division 1 state finals a couple of hours after the Division 4 state champi-

onship game.

Minnechaug and Pittsfield, who are also Valley League teams, played in the Division 2 + 3 state semifinals.

South Hadley, who won only one league game, is the only Division 4 member of the Valley League.

The Lady Tigers had a 4-10 record before winning their final twelve games of the season.

While most people only see the South Hadley girls' basketball players perform on the court, Castonguay also sees them during the school day.

"They're the type of student-athletes that you al-



Taylor Bullough crosses midcourt.

LEFT: Simone Quinn pushes a pass away.

ways want," he said. "All of them do very well in the classroom."

The members of the state championship girls basketball team are senior Sofia Quinn, junior Ryley McMahon, junior Taylor Bullough, junior Cara Dean, junior Kate Phillips, junior Ryley Nestor, sophomore Olivia Athas, sophomore Simone Quinn, sophomore Grace Sherman, fresh-

man Sophia Scribner, and freshman Zivile Pagan.

Sofia Quinn, who was a reserve player for the girls' basketball team, will be playing soccer at MCLA next fall.

Paul Dubuc completed his 16th season as the Lady Tigers varsity basketball coach.

"Paul really cares a lot about this group of players and it's nice to see him fi-

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► Sports

Bay State Games announces new leadership changes

BOSTON – Bay State Games has announced new staff appointments and board leadership changes leading into the 2026 Summer Games.



Alanis Tirabassi has been promoted to deputy executive director. Alanis has been with Bay State Games since 2017, when she began as an intern while attending Salem State University. She was hired full-time as sports coordinator in 2020 and later promoted to director of operations before her recent promotion.

She joins Kevin Cummings, who has been with the Bay State Games since 1984 and has served as executive director since 1999, as part of the organization's two-person full-time staff.

In addition to her role with Bay State Games, Tirabassi serves as a committee chairperson for the National Congress of State Games. She also works as a consultant for Dave McGillivray Sports Enterprises and Conventures Events, Communications & Marketing.

After more than 22 years as chair of the Bay State Games Board of Directors, Phil Gloudeans will step down this spring. Under his leadership, Bay State Games has grown into one of the largest multi-sport nonprofit organizations in New England. He joined the Board of Directors in 1987 and he will continue to serve on the board and its executive committee.

Gloudeans is the associate director of media

relations at Boston College. Prior to his BC position, he held senior media relations roles at Brown University and Boston University, as well as with three international public relations firms in Boston.

The Board of Directors has elected Dan Adams of Polsinelli PC Law Firm in Boston as its new board chair. Adams has served on the Bay State Games board for nearly 20 years and is head of sports and entertainment at Polsinelli PC. He holds a bachelor's degree from Boston College, a law degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and an MBA from Harvard University.

In addition to his volunteer work with Bay State Games, Adams serves on the Board of Directors of the East Greenbush Miracle League. His experience with state games spans decades, including as a three-time participant in the Empire State Summer Games of New York.

Registration for the 2026 Bay State Summer Games will begin in early March. The 2026 Summer Games will feature events from May 9 through July 25 across 30 different sports throughout eastern and central Massachusetts.

Players from Western and Central Massachusetts schools have consistently participated in the Bay State Games during the summer, especially in sports like soccer, field hockey, and volleyball.

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nally get this achievement," Castonguay said. "He and his assistant coaches put in a lot of time and hard work this season."

The Lady Tigers assistant coaches are Marc Maiolo, Jess Nelson, and Casey Grove.

It wasn't the first time that South Hadley and Frontier Regional had faced each other in the state tournament.

In the fall of 2023, the South Hadley boys' soccer team, which was coached by Castonguay, defeated Frontier Regional, 2-1, in overtime in a Division 4 state semifinal game at West Springfield High School. The Tigers then beat Blackstone Valley, 5-2, in the state finals at historic Doyle Field in Leominster.

"I was both the varsity soccer coach and the A.D. that season, which was a lot of work," Castonguay said. "But it was a very memorable season. I still talk about it with the players who were on that team. It was a great experience."

Back in the fall of 2019, which was Castonguay's first year as the athletic director, the South Hadley girls' soccer team posted a 3-0 victory over Stoneham in the Division 3 state championship match at Foley Stadium in Worcester.

The South Hadley girls' outdoor track team has also won a state title in the past.

In the spring of 2012, Castonguay was an assistant coach for the Tigers baseball team, which had a 4-13 record before ending the season with an eighth game winning streak. That season came to an end following a 5-0 victory over Plymouth North in the Division 2 state finals held at Holy Cross in Worcester.

"If you're an athletic director, you always want to be



Cara Dean tries to get around an opponent during the state semifinals.



Olivia Athas looks to enter the arc. LEFT: Ryley McMahon attempts a pass. Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli



The first wave of runners are off.

Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

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Providence, RI and placed 12th overall. She completed the course at 34:03, winning the race for the very first time.

Among local finisher, Monson's Matt Provost came in at 34:15. He had a pace of about 5:30 per mile.

According to the results provided by Presidential Timing, which took over the timing of the race last year, nearly 4,900 runners, male, female, and many children and teenagers, completed the 10K race.

In addition to the ideal temperature for running, the day was sun-splashed and beautiful, making for a great setting for the running of the race, which had more than 6,200 runners signed up.

The race included multi-



Bridie Bowler sings the National Anthem.

ple waves of competitors, and also included a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem by a member of the Holyoke Grand Colleen Court, Bridie Bowler.

Crews in the city did an excellent job preparing for the race, getting the course prepared despite a lot of snowfall during the past couple of months.

While there were plenty of local runners, race results showed individual participants from all over New England, New York, and New Jersey. There were even some inter-



Louis Serafini, of Cambridge, won the 10K race at 29:45.



Rachel Schilkowsky, of Providence, RI, was the top female finisher at 34:15.

national runners. Last Saturday's even included a fun run for children and a walk as well that have been traditions in recent

years. Prior to the race, there were musical performances and other entertainment downtown.

Public Notices

TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF HYBRID PUBLIC HEARING

South Hadley Electric Light Department (SHELD) New Administrative Offices
The Planning Board will hold a hybrid public hearing on April 13, 2026 at 6:30 pm. to consider applications for Site Plan Review and Stormwater Management filed by South Hadley Electric Department (SHELD) c/o Sean Fitzgerald, 85 Main St, South Hadley MA, 01075; for development of a 35,949 square-foot office, warehouse, and garage facility with an additional 13,813 square-feet of covered and uncovered storage located 65 Old Lyman Road, Map 14 Parcel 67.

Associated site improvements include garage space, driveways, parking lots, stormwater infrastructure, utilities, landscaping and other amenities. This application is being filed pursuant to South Hadley Zoning Bylaw Chapter 255 Article XII (Site Plan Review); 255-37 (Business C District Development Methods); 255-75 (Signs), Chapter 200 (Stormwater Management); and the Zoning Use and Dimensional Regulation Schedules. The public hearing will be held through hybrid format with in-person attendance to be located in the multipurpose room of the South Hadley Senior Center, 45 Dayton Street South Hadley MA 01075. Virtual attendance will be hosted through the log-in

information below:
URL to join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84958880246?pwd=cRjhIPw17b9a09gxdcf6KaUzEcvDT.1>
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The subject property is approximately 9.38 acres and located within the Business C zoning district. The location is west of Old Lyman Road and east of the existing Big Y located on Willimansett Street. The subject property's owner is currently identified as Big Y Food, Inc; 2145 Roosevelt Ave, Springfield MA, 01104.
The application is on file in the Planning & Conservation Department Office (Room U6) in

Town Hall and is posted at www.southhadley.org on the Planning Department page under 'Permit Applications' - 'Site Plan Review' under section 'Old Lyman Road (65) and Willimansett Street - SHELD Admin Building' or can be viewed at: <https://www.southhadley.org/1179/Site-Plan-Review>. Any person interested in, or wishing to be heard, should appear/join the hearing at the time and in the manner designated.
Brad Hutchison, Clerk
South Hadley Planning Board
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Removal of Public Shade Trees Town of South Hadley

Pursuant to MGL Ch 87 §3 & 4 a public hearing will be held on **TUESDAY APRIL 7, 2026 at 4:00pm at the DPW Office: 10 Industrial Drive** to consider the removal of the following public trees:

- 23 Waite Ave (1): 17" DBH Katalpa; upheaving road/side-walk
 - 32 Woodbridge St (1): 23" DBH Maple; dead/dying
 - 61 Silver St (1): 17" DBH Spruce; dead/dying
 - 100 Moiser St, MES Middle School (2): 17" DBH; dead/dying
 - 20 Carriage Ln (1): 22" DBH Cherry; decay & road construction
 - 21 Carriage Ln (1): 14" DBH Crabapple; road construction
 - 22 Carriage Ln (2): 17" & 32" DBH Cherry; decay & road construction
 - 23 Carriage Ln (2): 11" DBH Crabapple, 16" DBH Cherry; decay & road construction
 - 24 Carriage Ln (1): 23" DBH Cherry; decay & road construction
 - 28 Carriage Ln (2): 22" + 26" DBH Cherry; decay & road construction
 - 16 Berwyn St (1): 28" DBH Norway Maple; dead/dying
- The tree(s) identified above have been posted for public inspection. Any objections to their removal must be submitted in writing to the Town Tree Wardens, prior to or during the hearing. The mailing address for the Town Tree Wardens is Department of Public Works, Town of South Hadley, 10 Industrial Drive, South Hadley MA 01075: Phone: 413-538-5033. Email: treewarden@southhadleyma.gov 03/27, 04/03/2026

as amended, that Partners Hospitality Group, LLC d/b/a Linda's Italian Kitchen has applied for a new liquor license: **General On-Premise Wine & Malt Beverages**, to be exercised at 11 College St., South Hadley, MA.

The Selectboard as Licensing Authority will hold a public hearing on said application on **April 7, 2026 at 7:05 p.m.** at 45 Dayton St. The hearing will be held in a hybrid fashion with the opportunity for both in-person attendance and remote. Please note that while an option for remote attendance and/or participation is being provided as a courtesy to the public, the meeting/hearing will not be suspended or terminated if technological problems interrupt the virtual broadcast, unless otherwise required by law. Members of the public with particular interest in any specific item on this agenda should make plans for in-person or virtual attendance accordingly. For purposes of in-person attendance, the Selectboard will host the meeting in the multi-purpose room with remote participation details noted below.

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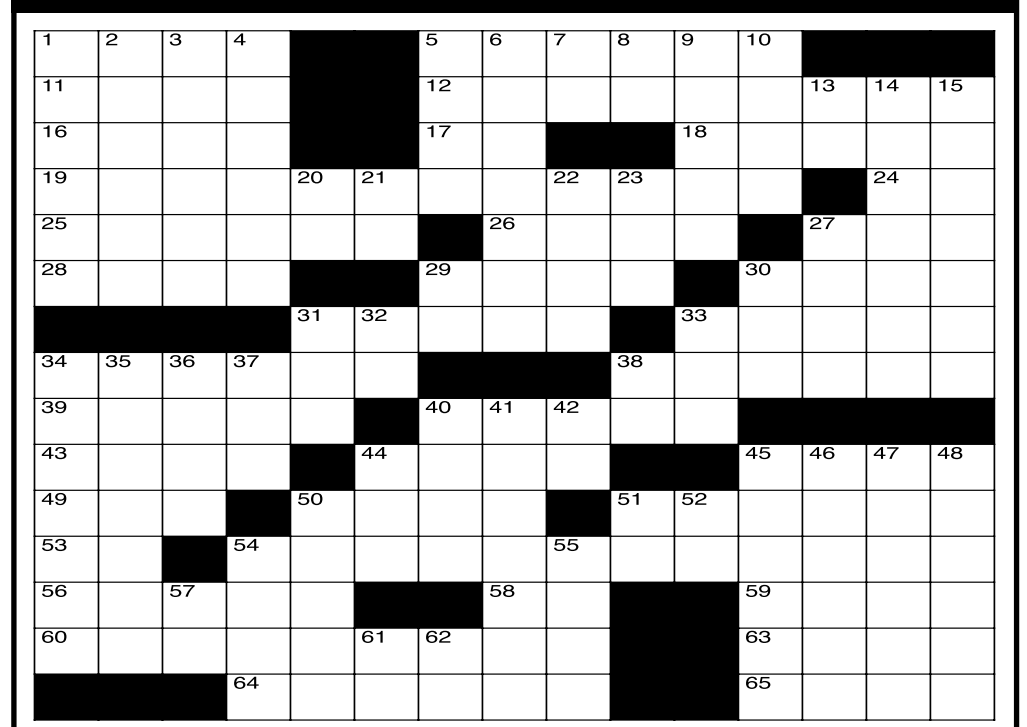
Town of South Hadley
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Under M.G.L. Chapter 138, § 15A and §16C, any school, church, or hospital within 500 feet of 11 College St., South Hadley, MA, 01075 wishing to object to the issuance of such license must voice objections in writing.
03/27/2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING RE: Application for a new liquor license: General On-Premise Beer & Wine, 11 College St., South Hadley, MA 01075

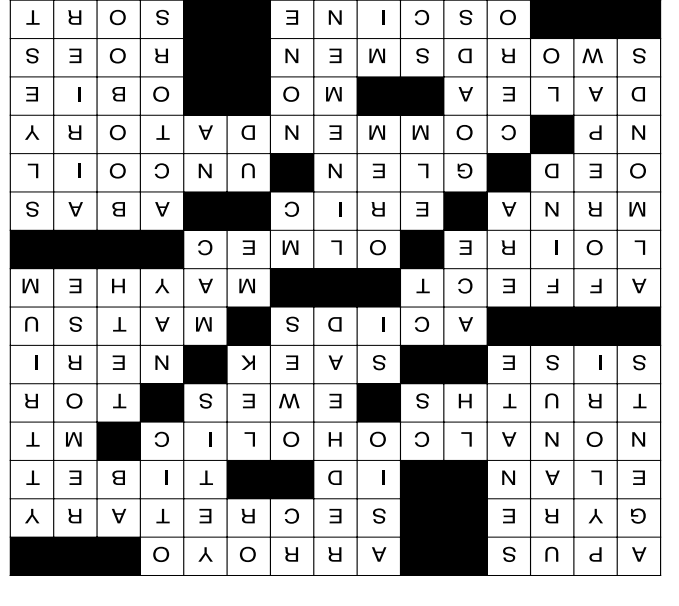
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- "Bird of Paradise" constellation
 - Red Sox WS winner Bronson
 - Whirl
 - The State Dept. has a notable one
 - Energy, style and enthusiasm
 - Part of the mind
 - Mountainous country
 - Type of beverage
 - Atomic #109
 - Opposite of falsities
 - Female sheep
 - Rocky peak
 - Sensitive information sharing environment
 - Ethnic group of Thailand
 - Patron saint of Rome Philip
 - Psychedelics
 - Japanese pine
- CLUES DOWN**
- Some are "secret"
 - Intestinal openings
 - Distant planet
 - Assembly possessing high legislative powers
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 - One with distinctively colored hair
 - Red cross
 - An alternative
 - Abominable snowmen
 - About ear
 - The opening letters
 - Feeling of regret
 - Atomic #39
 - Luteinizing hormone
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 - Carries a debt
 - Albanian monetary unit
 - Semitic abjad letter
 - Yes
 - Negative
 - Earn a perfect score
 - Connecticut
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- Partner to cheese
 - Snack nuts
 - Quadruped's body part
 - Locate
 - Pitching statistic
 - "_, myself and I"
 - Utah city northwest of Provo
 - Football players in the trenches
 - One who runs the show
 - Wood
 - Performing artists
 - Slang for a cut
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Docket No.
HS26P0124EA
Estate of:
Andrew William Borsari
Also known as:
Andrew W. Borsari
Date of Death: 08/04/2024
CITATION ON PETITION
FOR FORMAL
ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Sandra Borsari of East Longmeadow, 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 **Mary Paier Powers 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 04/15/2026. 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. **Diana S. Velez Harris**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: March 19, 2026
Mark S Ames,
Register of Probate
03/27/2026

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Eileen Castle
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Jessenia Roman
108 Commonwealth Ave.,
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Springfield, MA 01108

1999 Toyota Tacoma
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Aileen Dear
PO Box 56
Southampton, MA 01073

1998 Skamper 170X
VIN: 1SK11D175L17X4690
Marcie Whitman
9 Marcel St.
South Hadley, MA 01075

2008 Honda Civic
VIN: 2HGFA16898H500113
Elizabeth Mason
25 Sherwin St.
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2012 Mazda Mazda5
VIN: JM1CW2BL9C0121869
Savannah Richardson
286 Houghton St.
North Adams, MA 01247

2004 Mitsubishi Galant
VIN: 4A3AB36F34E122093
Molly Lyttle
140 Russell Rd.
Westfield, MA 01085

2009 Suzuki SX4 Crossover
VIN: JS2YB413596203673
Nenuska Colon

104 Hilton St.
Chicopee, MA 01020

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VIN: 1GNDDT13S322250990
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2443 Roosevelt Ave.
Springfield MA 01104

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VIN: 1B4HS48N32F203224
Cassandra Losaw
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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY DIVISION

NOTICE OF A DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING

Project Description: South Hadley Main Street Reconstruction Project File No. 608785

A Design Public Hearing will be held to present the design for the proposed project in South Hadley, MA.

WHERE: South Hadley Public Library, Community Room
2 Canal Street

South Hadley, MA 01075

WHEN: Thursday, April 23, 2026 at 6:00 PM

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed project. All views and comments submitted in response to the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: The proposed project consists of milling, re-surfacing, full depth reconstruction, and pavement widening on Main Street in South Hadley from the Chicopee City Line to Canal Street. The work includes signal upgrades, new and reconstructed sidewalks, pedestrian curb ramps, pavement markings, and signage. Bicycle accommodations consisting of 5' bicycle lanes from Canal Street to Carew Street and a shared use path from Carew Street to the Chicopee City Line has been provided in accordance with applicable design guides. The total length of the roadway project is approximately 3,800 feet and is currently programmed for \$10.7 Million.

A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The Town of South Hadley is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands. MassDOT's policy concerning land acquisitions will be presented in the hearing.

Project inquiries, written statements and other exhibits regarding the proposed undertaking may be submitted to Carrie E. Lavallee, P.E., Chief Engineer, via e-mail to MassDOT/Project Management@dot.state.ma.us or via US Mail to Suite 7550, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Project Management, Project File No. 608785. Statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the public hearing transcript must be emailed or postmarked no later than ten (10) business days (14 calendar days) after the hearing is held.

This hearing is accessible to people with disabilities. MassDOT provides reasonable accommodations and/or language assistance free of charge upon request (e.g. interpreters in American Sign Language and languages other than English, live captioning, videos, assistive listening devices and alternate material formats), as available. For accommodation or language assistance, please contact MassDOT's Chief Diversity and Civil Rights Officer by phone (857-368-8580), TTD/TTY at (857) 266-0603, fax (857) 368-0602 or by email (MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us). Requests should be made as soon as possible and prior to the hearing, and for more difficult to arrange services including sign-language, CART or language translation or interpretation, requests should be made at least ten business days before the hearing.

In case of inclement weather, a cancellation announcement will be posted on the internet at <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/highway-division/events>.

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Free line-cook training classes at HCC, March 30

HOLYOKE – Holyoke Community College will be running a new edition of its free, line-cook training program at the HCC MGM Culinary Arts Institute beginning March 30.

The six-week daytime program runs until May 8. Classes 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. There are no classes on April 6, April 27, and May 4.

Additional spring semester line-cook training programs will start on April 27 (evening) and May 11 (daytime).

“HCC tries to meet the needs of its students by offering multiple options for start days and times,” said Paul Sheehan, assistant

project coordinator for culinary arts programs. “Over the last few years, we have offered our free line cook training as separate day and evening programs to help students find the schedule that works best for them.” 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,” Sheehan said. “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.

For more information, or to fill out an inquiry form, please go to hcc.edu/line-cook.

Pasta for a Purr-pose:

Here Today Adopted Tomorrow’s ‘Spay’ghetti Supper

PALMER — Here Today Adopted Tomorrow (HTAT) invites all animal lovers to our annual “Spay”ghetti Supper fundraiser at the St. Thomas Parish Center in Palmer on Saturday, March 28, 2026.

Enjoy a delicious chef-prepared meal while helping the very cats in our community! Whether you’re a true party animal or simply want to make a difference, it’s a great way to support a good cause with friends and family. Plus, enjoy raffles, prizes, and plenty of fun throughout the evening!

Each year, HTAT sees more cats pawing at its doors for help. As prices rise, everyone feels the strain—but many people don’t realize that rising costs affect pets, too. It’s not just veterinary care that has exploded; as food and housing prices rise, many loving pet owners find themselves struggling to keep up. When life becomes overwhelming, cats can be the ones caught in the middle.

That’s where HTAT steps in. Events like the “Spay”ghetti Supper make our support possible, helping us provide food, shelter, and care for cats who might otherwise fall through the cracks.

HTAT Executive Director Rachael Max says the event is a chance for the community to come together while making a real difference. “‘Spay’ghetti Supper is one of our most popular events of the year,” said Max. “It’s always a fun night, but it also plays an important role in helping us continue our work with cats who need a little extra care and attention.”

The “Spay”ghetti Supper takes place at the St. Thomas Parish Center in Palmer on Saturday, March 28, 2026,



from 5:00-6:30 PM. Advance tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for seniors and kids under 12, while limited door tickets will be available at \$20 for adults and \$15 for seniors and kids. To purchase tickets, visit www.heretodaysanctuary.org or call 413-324-8224.

If you are local and need assistance feeding or caring for your pet, HTAT can help. Local cat owners can spay or neuter their cats for \$80 or less, and strays and ferals can be fixed for free! Visit www.heretodaysanctuary.org to learn more about our community assistance programs.

About Here Today Adopted Tomorrow Animal Sanctuary

Here Today Adopted Tomorrow (HTAT) was founded by mother-daughter team Barbara Horn

and Rachael Max. HTAT is a volunteer-driven group focused on helping cats and the people who love them in our community. In 2012 we opened our no kill, cageless cat adoption center for adult

cats and kittens in Brimfield, MA. It is deeply important to us that every resident’s stay at HTAT is comfortable and healthy, making for well-adjusted, happy animals. Shortly after opening, we realized there were more homeless cats than we could handle by adoption alone. We believe that pets are cherished members of the family and that every cat deserves care, respect, and the chance to thrive, no matter their circumstances. We have programs to help special needs cats flourish and get adopted, as well as community assistance programs to help pet owners keep their pets, such as our Pet Food Pantry, low-cost spay-neuter program, and free cat behavior program. Each year, HTAT helps over 1,500 animals and their families. For more information, visit heretodaysanctuary.org.

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