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South Hadley Fire District receives \$50,000 grant



Turley photo by Ben Hernandez
State Representative Homar Gomez and State Senator Jake Oliveira pose with Fire Chief Thomas Stark, firefighters and South Hadley Housing Authority representatives after the ceremony.

By Ben Hernandez
Staff Writer

SOUTH HADLEY – Fire District Number One in South Hadley was the recipient of a \$50,000 grant, which was provided by both the State Senate and the House of Representatives. The grant covered the purchase of six new radios as an upgrade to existing outdated fire-house equipment. Fire Chief Thomas Stark reported it was the result of reaching out to State Representative Homar Gomez and State Senator Jake Oliveira. “It’s a big deal,” said Stark. “And enhances our radio communication system. They’re brand-new portables.”

The portables, which cost anywhere up to \$8,000 per unit, are part of a wider initiative to update existing technology within the department. The new radio

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Volunteers breathe new life into school music program

By Ben Hernandez
Staff Writer

SOUTH HADLEY – In light of recent town budget cuts, residents are rallying to restore essential programs to the area. One such program is the fourth-grade beginner band program, which is now seeing new life as a volunteer-led initiative and spearheaded by a new face in town.

“It’s being pattered completely after the way the program used to be run back in the ‘90s and into the 2000s,” said volunteer Ira Brzezinski. “The only real funding from the school department was a small stipend.”

Brzezinski stated though he wasn’t sure if the stipend was still in place, the grass-roots initiative was com-

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Growing Wild to host potluck event



Submitted photo
An example of a homegrown pollinator plant being used by a bee.

By Ben Herenandez
Staff Writer

SOUTH HADLEY – A community run potluck to celebrate local gardens and to foster community spirit has been organized by Growing Wild South Hadley. The community-run event take place on Sept. 22 at the South Hadley Library Community Room, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Growing Wild is a grass-roots community supported by the South Hadley Conservation Community, an initiative to encourage biodiversity within town limits by encouraging residents to grow native plants on their property. These home-grown gardens are intended to promote a healthy local ecosystem by growing both edible crops and pollinator plants.

No previous gardening experience is required to get involved. The potluck encourages gardeners with a wide variety of experience to connect with fellow community members, celebrate successes, share gardening concerns or struggles and share ideas on how to support native plants. The potluck will feature dishes with ingredi-

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Dino Fest a roaring good time

By Ben Hernandez
Staff Writer

GRANBY – The beloved annual festival Dino Fest returned on Sept. 12. The Saturday filled one acre of the Church of Christ Congregational’s lawn with a showcase of local artists, carnival games, municipal representation booths, craft vendors and grilled foods. The family-friendly day of fun was held in honor of the late event organizer Dennis Doucette’s son, Joey A. Barnoski, who coined the festival’s name.

Festival highlights included an inflatable slide for child attendees, an archery booth sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America, a diorama of the town on full display, a myriad of talented local artists who featured an assortment of talents from traditional paintings to crochet work to woodworking, a smattering of homemade baked goods for purchase, a face painting booth and commemorative memorabilia shops.

The fan-favorite Dino Dash and Dance returned to

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Turley photo by Ben Hernandez
The Dino Fest sign emblazoned with festival slogan “Hugs and Smiles, Rawr!”

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Chronic speeding concerns at intersection raised

By Ben Hernandez
Staff Writer

GRANBY – The Granby Select Board heard traffic safety concerns from the public regarding the intersection of Taylor Street and Carver Street. The concerns, posed by Granby resident Daisy Pennell, revolved around frequent stop sign violations, chronic speeding and severe accidents around the region.

“It’s been ongoing for years with people not stopping, running right through the stop sign,” Granby Select Board Clerk Jeffrey Lawson said as he introduced Pennell to the Board. “She runs a business there right on the corner, a farm, and it’s definitely an issue.”

“I appreciate the time you’re taking to hear my concerns,” Pennell said as she took the seat designated for the public hearing. “I’ve lived on that corner my entire life. My family’s been there for 200 years.”

Pennell stated there used to be a tree in the corner center, as well as an island, which has disappeared over time. She explained when the intersection got the three-way stop as requested by residents about 30 years ago, which was granted after a “very severe accident” caused a car to end up on a neighbor’s lawn flipped on its roof.

“It’s been a long time since anybody’s hit my fence,” Pennell said. “But when it comes to my neighbor Peter, it’s getting to the point where it’s not if he gets killed working on his yard, it’s when he’s going to get killed.”

She explained the roadway was dangerous due to the volume of cars treating the area “like a race track,” with the corner being a frequent place where cars end up due to missing the turn. The neighbor, according to Pennell’s account, set up boulders to curb wayward drivers from ending up on his lawn, however the installation came with new additional problems.

“One night, somebody driving a Suburban truck hit one of the boulders, drove the boulder halfway down the side of his house and continued past the boulder into his backyard between his grandchildren’s swing set and his garden,” Pennell said.

According to her report, local services had to tow the truck off the premises from the “opposite side of his house” due to the sheer amount of distance traveled during the crash. Additional crashes reported included an



The Taylor Street and Carver Street intersection.

Turley photos by Ben Hernandez



The intersection is the subject of issues with speeding.

SUV which ended up “literally nose-up against one of the trees vertically” on Pennell’s mother’s yard.

The most recent accident happened six months ago, when an abandoned truck drove straight into a set of trees. According to her report, the person driving the vehicle abandoned it during the crash, had somebody pick them up and drove off without calling in the accident.

“When I was working patrol, you could literally sit there and it’s like shooting fish in a barrel,” Lawson said to supplement Pennell’s claims and called it a “perfect storm of bad intersections.”

A resident from the audience floated the idea of installing speed bumps in the area and stated some types of speed bumps were “very aggressive” and could work well to curb the chronic speeding issues within the re-

gion. Lawson agreed it was a measure worth investigating, but advised the idea should be mentioned at the next Select

Board meeting, which will be taking place on Sept. 21.



Residents are concerned about the speeding and running stop signs at the intersection.

State election early voting information

SOUTH HADLEY—Vote-by-mail postcard applications have been mailed to South Hadley voters who have not yet applied. Interested voters must return the postcard to the Town Clerk’s office by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 27.

- The Town Clerk’s office is waiting to receive ballots from the State. As soon as the Clerk’s Office receives ballots, they will begin mailing the ballots out to voters. Ballots are currently expected in early October.
- You can track the status of your ballot here: <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/WhereDoIVoteMA/TrackMyBallot/>

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In-person early voting begins on Saturday, Oct. 17. A full calendar of dates and times will be posted to the Elections webpage: <https://www.southhadley.org/620/Elections>

Voters can check their voter registration online here: <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/OVR/>

Please direct any election-related questions, comments, or concerns to the Town Clerk’s office at 413-538-5030, ext. 6183, or elections@southhadleyma.gov.

Fatal motorcycle crash under investigation in Granby

GRANBY — On Thursday, Sept. 10 at approximately 11:30 p.m., first responders were dispatched to the area of 201 West State Street (Route 202) in Granby following a report of a motor vehicle crash involving a motorcycle.

A preliminary investigation indicates that a tractor-trailer was traveling west on Route 202 when a motorcycle traveling east entered in a collision between the two vehicles.

The operator of the motorcycle, William Robinson, 37, of Belchertown, was pronounced deceased at the scene. The Office of the Chief

Medical Examiner will determine the cause and manner of death. The operator of the tractor-trailer remained on scene and cooperated with police. No charges have been filed.

The crash remains under investigation by the Massachusetts State Police Detective Unit assigned to the Northwestern District Attorney’s Office, the Massachusetts State Police Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Section, the Massachusetts State Police Crime Scene Services Section, the Massachusetts State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Section and the Granby Police Department.

Inspirational afternoon with Ruth Bader Ginsburg

SOUTH HADLEY—Join the sisters of PEO Chapter AG for an inspirational afternoon with Ruth Bader Ginsburg on Sunday, Sept. 27 at 3 p.m. Sheryl Faye is bringing her one woman show to the Center Church located at 1 Church Street, South Hadley, Mass.

All proceeds from the event go toward PEO scholarships that support women’s education. There is handicapped parking and the venue is handicapped accessible.

Before and after the

performance there will be time to talk with PEO members about scholarships and loans for education.

Plan for an afternoon out with friends and have an early dinner at one of the restaurants in the Town Commons.

Tickets are \$38 and include the performance and post-performance question and answer session with Sheryl Faye.

Purchase tickets on event bright, Ticketing fees apply.

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Granby adopts new police use-of-force policy, donations cut West Street costs

By Melina Bourdeau
Correspondent

GRANBY – The Select Board adopted a rewritten police use-of-force policy and learned that donated labor and equipment have cut roughly \$40,000 from the cost of relocating an equipment shelter at the West Street building, where the town is preparing to consolidate municipal offices.

Police use-of-force policy adopted

Police Chief Kevin O’Grady presented an updated use-of-force policy built from the Municipal Police Training Council and POST model policy, adopted after the Police Reform Act and expanded with additional definitions. O’Grady said the model consolidates crowd-gathering provisions that Granby had kept in a separate section, and that he retained local language the state model lacked including procedures for decontaminating a subject after pepper spray exposure.

The policy has been vetted by MPTC and POST attorneys with input from the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association. O’Grady said, and he must attest to compliance. He noted the policy would take effect after 30 days absent action but asked the board to vote. Town Administrator Ron Aponte added that adoption reduces the town’s liability exposure in the event of an injury. The board voted unanimously to approve the policy as presented.

Donations, savings and a separate moving plan at West Street

Aponte devoted the bulk of his report to the West

Street building, where he said most of the recent activity had occurred within the last few days.

The equipment shelters behind the building, a tent-like structure used by the maintenance department to store equipment, had to be relocated after the state Department of Environmental Protection objected to its location.

The contractor determined the frame could be moved intact rather than dismantled bolt by bolt and stripped the tarp off it the day of the meeting, aided by calm weather.

The remaining question was clearance: crews planned to verify the next day that the structure would pass beneath the utility wires on West Street. If it fit, Aponte said, the shelter would be in place within roughly 24 hours.

Resident Bill Johnson donated a scissor lift for the job free of charge, eliminating the need to rent booms and lifts the building committee had budgeted for. Highway Superintendent David Desrosiers reported the lift worked “like a champion.”

Aponte revised the figure to closer to \$40,000.

Jim Trompke is donating office furniture for the West Street offices, material Aponte described as very nice and worth thousands of dollars, at no cost to the town. The furniture is currently disassembled, and Trompke plans to build out several model offices so officials can view it fully assembled. His crew has offered to train the maintenance staff on assembling each set.

On technology, Aponte said the IT equipment quote came in essentially on budget and that he expected to award

it to a vendor as soon as the following day, adding that his own IT background gave him confidence in the numbers.

The town is also finalizing internet service into the building, and one vendor’s quote was strong enough that Aponte is now weighing using the same vendor for all municipal buildings.

Comcast submitted a competing quote due for review the next morning. The outcome, he said, could produce significant savings against the budgeted amount.

Separately, PBPC and energy consultant NV5 completed a building walkthrough with their engineer, joined by Aponte, Maintenance Supervisor Jeremy Carrier and representatives from the school department.

The team assessed the junior/senior high school, the

old library that houses Carrier’s department, the new library and the public safety complex.

Aponte said the engineer did “some head shaking in all of the buildings.” The completed report identifies several potential energy-saving projects, and the consultants will help identify grants to fund them.

Aponte also told the board he has concluded that renovating West Street and moving departments into it are two separate undertakings.

He will assemble a group of department heads for regular “move project meetings” to establish timelines running in parallel with construction so the town is not a week from receiving its certificate of occupancy and still deciding how to execute the move.

South Hadley Chorale to begin rehearsals

SOUTH HADLEY—The South Hadley Chorale will begin rehearsals for its 41st season on Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2026, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at All Saints’ Episcopal Church, 7 Woodbridge Street IN South Hadley.

The program will feature Joseph Haydn’s Mass in Time of War (Paukenmesse) and pieces by women composers including Alice Parker and Dolly Parton. Subsequent rehearsals will be held on Wednesday evenings. They will continue through November 18 and will resume on Jan. 6, 2027 until the concert on March 21, 2027. The concert will be dedicated to Barbara (“Bobbie”) Ayers who served as president of the SHC board of directors since its founding in 1985. Ms. Ayers passed away in July at the age of 91.

The Chorale is pleased to welcome back Anita Anderson Cooper for her third year as musical director and conductor. Ms. Anderson Cooper is a member of the faculty of the Paul Baird Middle School in Ludlow and directs the Smith College Handbell Choir. She is also a composer and a frequent soloist and guest conductor both locally and throughout the East Coast.

The South Hadley Chorale is made up of 70 singers from 17 communities. All interested singers are invited to join. There are no auditions. Most singers, however, have had some choral experience. For more information, please visit www.southhadleychorale.org or send an email to mail@southhadleychorale.org.

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ents cultivated from community members’ gardens as an illustration of how delicious and diverse growing local can be.

“We want to include your gardens,” said Conservation Administrator and Planner Rebekah L. Cornell, who urges attendees to bring examples of their native plants to the potluck to exchange with fellow members. Examples should be properly potted and be cleaned (no worms or weeds) prior to the meetup, with labels for the plants heavily encouraged.

Dining and socialization will take place between 6pm and 6:30pm. People bringing food are asked to arrive at 6 p.m. to allow enough time for preparation. A presentation of local successes and

struggles will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will last 15 minutes, followed by a round table discussion to continue until the potluck’s end. Those who plan to engage in the discussion should share their photos and gardening concerns or success stories with Genevieve Van de Merghel prior to the event. Content may be shared by emailing gypublix@gmail.com.

Those interested should register at the official potluck sign up website at <https://bit.ly/Gwpotluck>. Additional information about the Growing Wild community may be found at <https://www.southhadley.org/1345/Growing-Wild> or by emailing the cultural council at cultural-council@shadleyma.org.



A bee pollinates a flower.

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Opinion

SOCIAL SECURITY Matters

By Russell Gloor

Must I Enroll in Medicare at Age 65?

Dear Rusty:
I will be turning 65 next month, I am currently retired and I am not on Social Security.

My question is; Is there anything I have to do, if I don't want Medicare? I am on my wife's employer plan and she works for the Postal Service as a Rural Carrier.

She doesn't plan on retiring for another eight years. Also, I would like to wait till my Full Retirement Age before I draw Social Security at 67. Do I have to draw Medicare at that point?

Signed:
Retired but Curious

Dear Retired but Curious:

As long as you are covered by a "creditable" healthcare plan such as that from your wife's US Postal Service employer, you can defer enrolling in Medicare until your Postal Service Health Benefit coverage from your wife's employer ends.

When that happens, you and your wife will enter a Medicare "Special Enrollment Period" during which you can enroll in Medicare without incurring a Late Enrollment Penalty. Thus, in your specific circumstances, you don't need to do anything about enrolling in Medicare when you turn 65.

That is still true, regardless of when you claim your Social Security benefits. If you claim Social Security at age 67 and before your wife retires from the USPS, you will be required to take Medicare Part A coverage for inpatient hospitalization services,

but Medicare Part A is premium-free for those also eligible for Social Security.

However, enrollment in Medicare Part B (coverage for outpatient healthcare services) is always optional because there is a premium associated with it and you can continue to defer enrollment in Medicare Part B as long as you have "creditable" healthcare coverage from your wife's employer even while you are collecting Social Security.

When you apply for Social Security, you can inform SS that you are declining Medicare Part B because you are still covered by your wife's USPS employer healthcare plan.

Then, when your wife retires and you lose your USPS healthcare coverage, you can enroll in Medicare Part B at that time without a late enrollment penalty.

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A fall blooming vine worthy of merit

On my drive home from work this morning, I happened to notice the flowers of a familiar vine climbing up a lamp-post.

It brought me right back to my old house and landscape. It is easy to miss the simplicity of that time in my life and wonder the age-old question of "Where did time go?"

When we moved some years back we left behind numerous plants (the obvious outcome when you sell your house with two feet of snow on the ground). One of my very favorites was the sweet autumn clematis.

Each year, right about now, the vine would explode into clouds of white blossoms. And because the vine grew up a trellis on the gable end of my house, it made a beautiful, tall backdrop for the annuals and perennials still in flower.

I hadn't really thought about this plant recently, until my drive earlier today. The white blossoms were abundant and beautiful.

Let's take this opportunity to learn more about a fall plant that is used not nearly enough.

Clematis ternifolia (aka paniculata) is a fast-growing vine that if left to its own devices, can cover several yards

by providing a thick layer of mulch at the base of the vine.

Autumn clematis will tolerate all but the worst of soils and is hardy in zones 4-10.

Panicles of one inch flowers delight the eye and the nose for about six weeks beginning in late summer. Some liken the sweet fragrance to vanilla; others call it the smell of "springtime."

After blooms have passed, silvery seed heads add another short season of interest to the garden before the leaves fall.

Admittedly, a brown vine is not the most attractive thing to look at during the winter months, but it is a small price to pay for the abundance of flowers you get at a time of year when most other plants are winding down.

I enjoy reminiscing, but I can't think about it for very long or I'll miss what is right in front of me; there is plenty blooming here, too.

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.



New flu vaccine comes with a dose of uncertainty



your health



By Teri (Dreher) Frykenberg, RN
Guest Column

The 2025-26 flu season was a humdinger. About 31 million flu-related illnesses and 24,000 deaths were reported – from a disease that can be mostly prevented or at least mitigated with an annual flu shot.

This year's flu season,

however, brings with it a new flu vaccine that works differently from the traditional ones. It holds promise, but I don't think you should rush out and find it just yet.

Earlier this month, the FDA approved mFLUSIVA, an mRNA flu vaccine from

Moderna, which is based in Cambridge. It was mRNA technology that allowed the creation of COVID-19 vaccines so quickly during the pandemic and, even though controversy and skepticism persist, the vaccines had a role in ending the pandemic and getting us back to our usual lives.

The flu vaccine created through mRNA (or "messenger RNA") doesn't have to be incubated in chicken eggs like traditional vaccines. The encoded genetic information instructs the body to produce a fragment of a virus that then sets off a stronger immune response than was 27% more effective than regular flu shots, according to the FDA.

The formula can be adjusted to "rapidly emerging new flu strains, a capacity we

have not had before," Georges C. Benjamin, executive director of the American Public Health Association, told the New York Times. It was approved for adults over the age of 50, especially those with underlying health conditions.

The vaccine is being rolled out this fall, but there are a few caveats.

One is side effects. The stronger immune response may mean that you experience more in the way of fever, injection-site pain and headache than with the traditional vaccine. That's to be expected; however, some people may wish to avoid those side effects.

Another is availability. Moderna says mFLUSIVA will be available "in a few weeks" at "select retailers" this fall, but we don't know what that means yet for your local pharmacy.

There's also a question of ongoing testing. The FDA granted accelerated approval in time for the coming flu season based on a Phase III clinical trial with more than 20,000 participants. This allows Moderna to market and distribute mFLUSIVA, but final approval depends on the outcome of a Phase IV clinical trial to verify its benefits.

Who will pay for the new vaccine? It might be you.

Medicare, Medicare Advantage and private insurers typically won't cover a vaccine until it's approved by a

CDC committee known as ACIP, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. The committee hasn't met for over a year after a judge voided appointments made by Robert F. Kennedy Jr., secretary of Health and Human Services. A new CDC director was only recently confirmed by the Senate. Stay tuned.

The takeaway is clear: Do not assume mFLUSIVA will be covered at zero cost. Contact your health insurance provider or Medicare plan directly to verify whether you'll have to pay out-of-pocket.

And don't wait to see if you can get the mRNA vaccine. Protect yourself and your family by getting regular flu shots as early in the season as you can. Remember that it takes about two weeks for your body to develop enough antibodies to fight off the flu.

Flu season is inevitable. Getting the flu doesn't have to be.

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portables mark a transition to modern communication bands, which use fiber-optics and digital signals to enhance clarity and increase response times.

“Radio communication is constantly changing,” Stark said. “There’s now the digital system that’s out there. So these radios, when we move to the next generation of communication through fiber and P25, will have the capability of doing that.”

Stark explained the new portables worked off micro-waves, which reduces delay and offers clearer communication channels. The radios also work with South Hadley’s existing town-operated fiber technology, which will further streamline communication channels. The new technology is also intended to help with the planned transition to a new regional dispatch model with Westfield, which is expected to go live in “around three to six months.”

“We’re more than grateful and thankful to secure this money so that we can continue to improve our radio communication system here at Fire District One,” Stark said.



Turley photos by Ben Hernandez

Fire District Number One was the recipient of a \$50,000 grant provided by the state to purchase new radios.

The grant was commemorated with a small ceremony in front of the firehouse Tuesday morning, Sept. 15, which included an appearance by both Senator Jake Oliveira and Representative Homar Gomez. Both Senator Oliveira and Representative Gomez offered a few words as they handed the ceremonial check to the fire chief.

“Small fire departments play an important role in public safety,” Oliveira said during his speech. “Including right here in South Hadley. It’s important that you have

the equipment that’s necessary in order to meet the demands and needs.”

Oliveira stated the firehouse plays an important role in the community, as it borders many communities with “a lot of needs.” He mentioned how there was a constant need to ensure not only fire station communication needs, but also to support building structural integrity and ensuring up-to-date equipment to meet the job’s demands and needs.

“It’s so important that we can do our part at the state level to provide some of those

extras,” Oliveira said. “We don’t have unlimited resources at the state level but if we can help out communities and fire and water districts...we always want to be there to support them.”

“We don’t have unlimited money,” Gomez said. “But something we can do is address that money and bring that money for the needs of the community; something that is going to work, something that is going to help and something that we know the leaders of the community will use for the best.”



Senator Jake Oliveira holds up the ceremonial check.



State Representative Homar Gomez shows off the new radios.



Fire Chief Thomas Stark accepts the new grant.



Fire Chief Thomas Stark thanks State Representative Homar Gomez and State Senator Jake Oliveira for the assistance.

SNHU announces summer 2026 President’s List

MANCHESTER, NH – It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the Summer 2026 President’s List. The summer terms run from May to August.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for

the reporting term are named to the President’s List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Jamie Bolduc, Peter Adamczyk, Marcus Larrier, Christopher Fulks, Chandler Clark and Jack Cameron of South Hadley.

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Clarification:

In a recent edition of the Town Reminder, a story regarding a New York City Firefighter identified him as the “host” of the event. To clarify, South Hadley Public Library was the formal host of the event through a grant it acquired.

The Next Generation of Jazz benefit concert Nov. 1

Proceeds to support South Hadley Music Parents Association and Center Church outreach team

SOUTH HADLEY—Music at the Center and Jazz Productions present a community and benefit concert event on Sunday, Nov. 1 at 3 p.m. at Center Church located at 1 Church Street in South Hadley.

This piano & voice concert will present 5 of the bright, young, rising stars of this music to support the South Hadley Music Parents Association (SHMPA) and the next generation of performing arts students here in South Hadley.

The performance will feature Caelan Cardello on piano, and vocalists Julia Danielle, Kate Kortum, June Cavlan, and Joie Bianco.

The concert will also include performances by the vocal jazz trio The Sunhouse

Singers (Kortum, Cavlan, and Bianco) and the South Hadley High School Jazz Band.

Advance ticket sales \$30 adults and \$15 students and VIP packages \$100 for 2 for this performance are available on Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-next-generation-of-jazz-tickets-1998429584684> through October 30. If not sold out in advance of the show, admission will also be available at the doors the night of the event for \$40. Net proceeds from the performance will be donated to South Hadley Music Parents Association and the Center Church outreach team.

Generous early sponsorship and critical in-kind support have been provided by Veryl’s Automotive Services, PeoplesBank, PIP Marketing, Signs & Print New England, and The Town of South Hadley.

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Submissions will be received at the Department of Public Works up to the **deadline on Friday, October 2, 2026 at 11:00 AM**, when they will then be publicly opened and read at that place and time.

Note the requirement for payment of prevailing wage rates no longer applies to snow and ice removal operations, as it is considered a safety function, and is therefore exempt. The Town of South Hadley is an equal opportunity employer. Minority business enterprises that are certified and qualified are encouraged to submit applications.

The Town reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals, as in the Town’s judgement, the best interest of the Town of South Hadley would be served by so doing, all in accordance with the applicable General Laws.



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campus. With provided cardboard, duct tape and additional craft supplies, participants created their own dinosaur costumes and raced across the 100 foot track to the adulating cheers of the crowd. The race was followed by the Dino Dance competition, where costumed competitors danced for the audience's delight.

The traditional pie baking and pie eating contest also returned. Participants chowed down on a number of different provided pies while a rapt crowd kept energy high. As the contest wound down, the participants gathered near the tables to take their picture with Dino Fest mascot Zippy.

Live music was provided by stand-in audio engineer and Highway Department Superintendent David Desrosiers. Musical support was set up near the festival's smoking grills churning out hot dogs, hamburgers and other classic barbecue fare for hungry paying attendees.

Grand Pohbah and event organizer Dennis Doucette donned his Fred Flintstone attire and mingled with the crowd. Riding on his trusty golf cart steed, Doucette was present to take photos and keep energies high as the day proceeded. With all the delightful sights, smells and sounds dotting the landscape, it's safe to say the Granby tradition remains a roaring good time within the region.



Dennis Doucette, extended family and friends pose in front of the memorial shrine.

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Caroline's Crochet Cuddlies was among the vendors.



Ethel's Emporium shows off various products.



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Festival mascot Zippy posing with pie eating contest participants.



The boys scouts were represented.



Vendors ranged from crafts to voter registration.



Many vendors were part of the event, and it has grown over the years.



The populated food court filled with attendees enjoying campus cooked foods.



Many crafts were available at a woodcrafter's booth.



The dinosaur costume making station.



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Tigers offense overwhelms Comp

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY—The first 40 minutes of the Holley Division boys' soccer match-up between the Chicopee Comp Colts and the South Hadley Tigers unfolded as a tightly contested battle.

Clinging to a slim 1-0 halftime lead, the Tigers found their stride during the second half and pulled away for a 7-1 victory last Wednesday night.

"I thought everyone contributed during tonight's game," said first-year South Hadley boys' varsity soccer coach Byron Joy. "We've set high goals for this season. We're hoping to win the Division 4 state championship title."

Joy had been the Tigers junior varsity coach for the past two seasons. He replaced Mike Gauthier as the varsity soccer coach.

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Matthew Butler sends a header away.



Rehan Shahid fights for possession of the ball.



Gavin O'Hara plays the ball off his chest.

Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

South Hadley girls split opening week



Natalie Rios makes a quick pass.

SOUTH HADLEY – Last week, South Hadley High School girls soccer opened up the regular season. First, the Tigers faced Ludlow and suffered a 2-0 loss at home. But the Tigers rebounded and scored a 1-0 shutout on the road at Agawam High School. Regan Masse had her first goal of the season, scoring the lone goal in the game. South Hadley is 1-1 on the season and is back in action on Friday, Sept. 18 against Northampton at 6 p.m.

Regan Masse looks to clear the ball ahead of pressure.



Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com
Lea Agudelo makes a touch and keeps play moving.



Olivia Athas reaches up to try and make a save.



Cara Dean dribbles up the field.



Jenna Sabourin takes a shot on goal.

Rams edge Monson in opener

MONSON – Last Tuesday afternoon, the Granby High School boys soccer scored a 2-1 win over Monson at Granite Valley School. The Rams got goals from Conor Callery and Gabe Helbock while Gaje Carter and Jacob Weglarz made a combined six saves for the win.



Sam Moure settles the ball.



Andrew Grabherr sends a pass away.



Brandon Carillon takes a corner kick.



Logan Carmody advances across midfield.

Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

Railers announce new signings ahead of season

WORCESTER – The Worcester Railers Hockey Club (@RailersHC), proud ECHL (@ECHL) affiliate of the St. Louis Blues (@StLouisBlues), and Head Coach & General Manager Nick Tuzzolino, announced today that the club has signed forwards Cole Donhauser and JC Campagna to ECHL contracts for the 2026-27 season.

Donhauser, 26, comes to Worcester for his third professional season. The Railers first signed Donhauser to his first full rookie season in 2024-25 following 21 games split between the Idaho Steelheads and Greenville Swamp

Rabbits of the ECHL, and Coventry Blaze of the EIHL in 2023-24.

During the 2025-26 season with the Railers, Donhauser recorded 27 points in 68 games played, finishing tied for third in games played for the team. As a rookie during the 2024-25 campaign, the 6’0”, 190lb forward played in 71 games for Worcester, which was tied for third-most on the team. He had 29 points (10G, 19A) in the 2024-25 season along with a -6 rating and 92 penalty minutes. Donhauser led all rookies in the ECHL in shorthanded points with five (2G, 3A). His three assists were first among rookies as well.

Campagna, 33, signs in Worcester for his 10th professional season. The Dallas, TX native appeared at Worcester Railers training camp ahead of the 2025-26 season before playing in three games for the Utah Grizzlies, where he recorded one assist.

The 6’4”, 205lb forward played in 214 games in the ECHL across nine seasons with ten different teams, notching 147 points (77G, 70A) along with 151 penalty minutes. Campagna spent parts of the past two seasons in Europe, playing for HC Presov of Slovakia, EHC Freiburg of DEL2, and HC 19 Humenné of Slovakia2.

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Joy was also an assistant varsity soccer coach under Eric Castonguay, when the Tigers defeated Blackstone Valley Tech, 5-2, in the 2022 Division 4 state finals.

“It’s a great feeling to win my first game as a varsity coach,” Joy said. “I’ve coached almost all of these players at either the j.v. level or in the summer league.”

The Tigers, who posted a pair of shutouts against the Colts a year ago, opened the 2026 regular season with a 2-2 draw at Mount Greylock two days earlier.

It was first match of the regular season for the Colts.

Comp freshman goalie Dante Ferreira made several saves during the first twenty five minutes of the opening half, which kept the contest scoreless.

“I thought Dante played phenomenal in his first varsity game, especially during the first half,” said Comp head coach Vincent Rodriguez. “He kept us in the game.”

The Colts goalies last season were Orion Shearer and Iakov Bolatov, who both graduated last spring.

“We graduated both of our goalies,” Rodriguez added. “Dante showed up on the first day of practice and quickly became our number one goalie. He would probably be the top goalie for most teams around here. I’m looking forward to coaching him for the next four years.”

The Tigers broke the ice in the 26th minute when junior Peter Barone fired a shot into the right corner of the net.

Barone, who split time between the j.v. and varsity teams last year, wound up recording his first career hat-trick in a varsity game against Comp.

“It was a very special night for Peter,” Joy said. “This is his first full season as a varsity player. We’re expecting him to score a lot of goals this fall. He’s a very special soccer player.”

Two minutes into the second half, Barone fired a low breakaway shot into the back of the net.

During the 61st minute, Barone put his name into the history books by converting a rebound shot.

Junior Alex Linnehan also scored two goals for the home team, which were



Alex Linnehan attempts to steal the ball away.



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli
Brandon Bregu takes possession of the ball.

sandwiched around a break-away goal from senior Martin Dixon, which gave the Tigers a commanding 6-0 lead with a little more than ten minutes remaining in the match.

The only Comp goal was scored by junior Rodney Blanc during the 74th minute.

South Hadley junior Brandon Bregu added his name to the scoring column with a goal in the final minutes of the contest.

The second meeting of the regular season between the two squads is slated to be held at Chicopee Comp at 7 p.m. on Sept. 28.

Patnode grabs Modifieds win

WINCHESTER, NH – Bouncing back from injury, rebounding from a wreck that destroyed his primary car, back in the championship form that has defined his more than three decades of action on the high banks of Monadnock Speedway, Todd Patnode won the Modified main event Saturday on Sept. 5 at New England’s fastest quarter-mile oval.

It’s been a long time since Patnode entered the month of September still winless on the year but now he is back in form. Setting fast time in practice - 12.135 seconds - and again in time trials - 12.319 this time - he led the last dozen laps of the night’s main event to park his Swanzey Oil open-wheeler in victory lane.

Limited Late Model star JD Stockwell, locked in a points battle with Robert Hagar, held off his championship rival to score his ninth win of the summer, and Pure Stock ace Michael Yeaton, who got a late start on the season so won’t figure in his division’s title chase, won for his sixth time.

Matt Robinson became the Pro V8 Sportsman’s first three-time winner of the 2026 campaign Saturday, and Young Gun Dylan Stati continued to put up numbers unseen here since four-holer star Gordon Farnum went wild on the high banks half a decade gap.

Rookie Kyle Kenny sat on the pole as the All States Material Group 604 Modifieds began their 40-lap main event. Kimmy Rivet was his row-one dancing partner.

Kenny led the first two laps, then giving way to Rivet, who set a fast pace through two restarts and ten laps before dropping out of the lead on lap 13. Tyler Leary, who’d surrendered the points lead on his wedding day a week earlier, then took over, with Andrew Brousseau glued to his bumper and the potent duo of Eddie Gomarlo and Todd Patnode close behind.

Patnode stormed into third on lap 19, second on lap 25, and then to the top spot three laps later. Once in front, he would not be denied. Leary finished two lengths back in second, and Brousseau was third. A late-race charge brought Ben Byrne up to fourth, and Ty LeClerc raced home fifth.

Erik Smith was the early leader in the Twin State Truck Services Limited Late Model feature, but the Hagar-Stockwell Express was coming fast. Hagar took charge on lap four, with Stockwell up to second the next time around.

The two raced nose-to-tail the next dozen laps until Stockwell lowlined to the front and held strong to win his ninth race of the season. With Hagar a close second, steady Hillary Renaud was third on the night, Smith raced home fourth, and Chris Lindquist rebounded from a trip to the pits for fifth.

Firing from row two, Michael Yeaton exploded into the lead on lap two of the Brattleboro Towing and

Recovery Pure Stock feature and never looked back en route to his division-high sixth win of the season. Kyle Begos kept Yeaton in sight for most of the race but could never reel him in.

Hatfield, MA rookie Maya Bell ran strong all night to score her first career top three finish. Points leader Jimmy Zellman was fourth, and Markus O’Neil finished fifth. Rookie star Josh Brigham, victorious a week earlier, was driven into the backstretch wall on the final lap while running fourth, his car heavily damaged and his championship hopes taking a point hit.

Hot shoe Matt Robinson took the lead on lap ten of the Beck’s Automotive Pro V8 Sportsman feature and never looked back en route to his division-high third win of the summer. Aaron Thompson came from the back to the front twice to finish second and stay atop the points parade.

Previous winner Chris Kingsley stayed in the hunt all night to race home third. Chris Emerson finished fourth, and Mikey Wolinger was fifth.

Pre-teen Dylan Stati continued his mastery of the Doug’s Auto Young Guns Saturday, leading all the way as he stayed perfect on the summer with his 13th win in as many tries. Eli Elliott, in his second career race, was second, Maeve Barry earned the third-place hardware, and newcomer Colton Pond was fourth.

Owls football falls in season opener

WESTFIELD — Bridgewater State first-year QB Jayden Barber (Hartwich, Mass./Dennis-Yarmouth) threw for 208 yards and three TD’s and ran for 97 more yards to lead the Bears to a 34-28 win over Westfield State in the Owls home opener and the MASCAC opener for both schools at Alumni Field on Saturday afternoon.

Bridgewater improves to 2-0 on the season and 1-0 in the MASCAC, while Westfield is now 0-2 and 0-1 in the league.

Barber’s big day offset a strong performance from Westfield State first-year WR Malachi Hymes (Hartford, Conn/East Hartford) who caught three passes for 72 yards and a pair of TD’s, ran the ball twice for 52 yards, and returned three kickoffs for a total of 103 yards.

The two teams traded scores in the first half, with Barber throwing a pair of TD passes (36 and 20 yards) to Jay Comeau. Westfield responded with a 1-yard run from Manny Mengata (Tewksbury, Mass.) that tied the game 7-7, then Owls QB Quinn Sumner (Dayville, Conn./Killingly) lofted a 33-yard scoring strike to Hymes to tie the game 14-all after Andrew Carrier’s (Attleboro, Mass./Foxboro) point after kick with 1:12 left in the first half.

The Bears snatched the lead back from the Owls



with a quick scoring drive, boosted by a pass interference penalty. Barber found Emanuel Pope (S. Berwick, Me./Portsmouth) with a 39-yard TD toss with 24 seconds left in the half to lead 21-14 at the break. Bridgewater doubled up on the lead with a 2-yard TD plunge from Oscar Weah (East Providence, RI) midway through the third quarter to lead 27-14 after Cooper Harvey’s (Schenectady, NY/Niskayuna) PAT try was wide.

Westfield got a short field to work with late in the third quarter after a Bears fumble was recovered by Westfield LB Nick Gauger (Westfield, Mass.) at the BSU 35-yard line. Sumner capped the 5-play drive with a 5-yard TD run after a fake handoff that fooled everyone in the stadium, allowing him to scamper into the endzone on the right side.

Bridgewater boosted the lead back to 13 on their first drive of the fourth quarter, cashing in on an inside handoff to Andrew Cloutman (Hanson, Mass./Whitman Hanson) for a

four-yard TD run off the left end, and led 34-21 after Harvey’s kick.

The two teams traded series before Westfield answered with a nine-play, 99-yard scoring drive, with Sumner hitting Hymes over the middle with Hymes darting into the endzone at the left pylon to trim the lead back to 34-28 with 2:59 left, but the Bears were able to grind out the clock to end the game.

Sumner finished 7-18 passing for 149 yards and two TD’s for the Owls. Mengata led the Owls ground game with 61 yards rushing. Andrew Lovell (Barnstable, Mass.) made 15 tackles to lead Westfield, with Aydan Verba (Albany, NY/Colonie Central) making 14 stops, and Josh Marino (Ludlow, Mass.) 11. Tedi Hunt (Littleton, Mass.) had four tackles and an interception.

Barber led the Bears rushing game, with Poe snaring five catches for 85 yards and a TD. Jorge Aquino (Bergenfield, NJ) led Bridgewater with 12 tackles, with Mathew Piper (Townsend, Mass./N. Mid-desex) adding eight.

Bridgewater outgained Westfield, 497-317 on the afternoon. Westfield stays home to host Dean College next Saturday, Sept. 19 with a 2 p.m. kickoff as part of Family and Champions Weekend. The Bears travel to Plymouth State the same day for a noon start.

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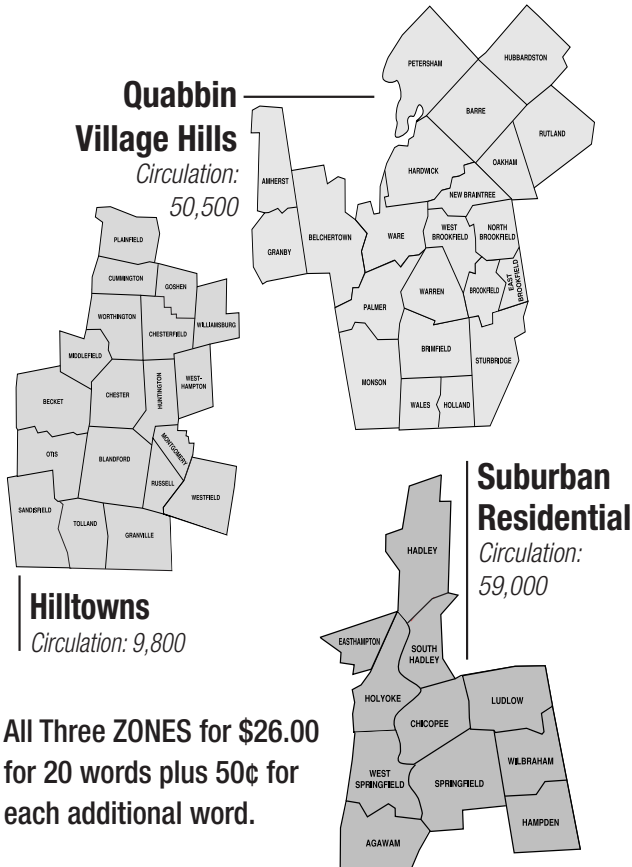
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Group members will vote on titles they would like to read in advance.

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For the Oct. 20 meeting, the book choice is “The Briar Club” by Kate Quinn, stop by the library for a copy.

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Granby Police

Editor’s Note: The Granby Police Department responded to 130 calls for the week of Sept. 4, through Sept. 10. Those arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. The Granby Police Department provides all information.

Friday, Sept. 4
9:11 a.m. – A resident reported a theft. An incident report was completed and it is under investigation.

Saturday, Sept. 5
7:18 p.m. – A resident reported that a black SUV struck a utility pole and fled the scene towards Belchertown. Belchertown Police was advised to look out for the vehicle. Officers arrived and confirmed the pole was damaged. The involved vehicle was not located.

Monday, Sept. 7
9:20 p.m. – While on patrol an officer observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate

of speed. Radar confirmed that the vehicle was traveling at 51MPH in posted 30MPH zone. The vehicle was stopped and the operator was issued a civil citation for speeding.

Tuesday, Sept. 8
7:03 a.m. – Several callers reported a two-car accident. Granby Police, Granby Fire, South Hadley Police, and South Fire D2 responded. There were no substantial injuries reported.

Thursday, Sept. 10
12:38 p.m. – While on patrol an officer observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed. Radar confirmed that the vehicle was traveling at 54MPH in posted 35MPH zone. The vehicle was stopped and the operator was issued a civil citation for speeding.

12:59 p.m. – A motorist reported driving off the road to miss an Amazon truck and striking a rock wall. Granby Police and Fire responded.

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prised entirely of a volunteer work-force. The program is run by veteran teacher Megan Mahoney, who will be celebrating her first year in the district this year. Brzezinski called the teacher “terrific.”

“Youth sports involves lots of volunteers from the community that work with the kids,” Brzezinski said. “So that’s the way the program will work.”

Brzezinski stated the program had about seven volunteers and will take place at the middle school before Mosier School’s starting bell. Arriving at the middle school by bus or parent drop-off around 7:25 a.m., the attendees will receive a “small group lesson” based on their chosen instrument.

“Lessons are planned to be given on Mondays and Wednesday mornings,” Brzezinski said. “So, depending on what instrument the student has, we’ll put them in groups

of likely not more than five; but we’ll see.”

Lessons are slated to last around 40 to 45 minutes, with students chaperoned to the elementary school by volunteers thereafter. Brzezinski also stated there would also be band rehearsals on Friday mornings, which will be run solely by Mahoney.

“It’s a really good age, good time to start kids playing musical instruments,” Brzezinski said when asked why the program targeted fourth graders in particular. He stated there was a program in place similar to what they are offering “about 10 years ago,” but the district “just stopped doing it.”

“The enrollment in the middle school and the high school band began to go down significantly,” Brzezinski said. “I think primarily because of the financial issues that the town and the school department in particular have had.”

Though he couldn’t comment as to why those deci-

sions were made, Brzezinski illustrated the current state by mentioning the district only had one music teacher to “run everything” from grade five to grade 12.

“That includes choral music, chorus, band, music classes, all of it,” Brzezinski said. “Last year, we had one teacher going between both the middle school and the high school.”

Brzezinski stated the music teacher, to his credit, did a terrific job given the circumstances. He also stated how important music was to a healthy school curriculum and speculated the current lack of school music program could be a contributing factor to why more parents are going elsewhere to educate their children.

“Music is important in all kinds of ways,” Brzezinski said. “To children, to adults, just to people. And to have it cut like this was a detriment in terms of kids’ educations.”

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TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF HYBRID PUBLIC HEARING

Amendments to the Zoning Bylaw Regarding Special Permit

The South Hadley Planning Board will hold a hybrid public hearing on **October 5, 2026 at 6:30 PM** to consider amendments to the Zoning Bylaw Article IX Chapter 255-128 (H) regarding Special Permits to enable the transfer of a special permit granted for use with the approval of the Special Permit Granting Authority.

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:

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Brad Hutchison, Clerk
South Hadley Planning Board
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TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF HYBRID PUBLIC HEARING

Flag Lot – 134 Ferry Street

The Planning Board will hold a hybrid public hearing on **September 28, 2026 at 6:30 pm.** to consider an application for Special Permit filed by LCR Builders c/o Leah Spring and Cory Whelihan; 84 Hadley Street, South Hadley MA 01075; for the development of a Flag Lot located at 134 Ferry Street, Map 35 Parcel 18. The application is being filed pursuant to South Hadley Zoning Bylaw Chapter 255 Article IX (Special Permit), 255-35 (Water Supply Protection District), 255-36 (Flag lots), and the Zoning Use and Dimensional Regulation Schedules.

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The subject property is within the Residential A-1 and Agricultural Zoning Districts, and within the Water Supply Protection Overlay District. The subject property includes an existing Single-Family Home, and the application filing proposes the creation of a new Flag Lot for the purpose of constructing a new Single-Family Home.

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’- ‘Special Permit’ under section ‘Ferry Street (134) - Flag Lot’ or can be viewed at: <https://southhadley.org/1181/Special-Permits>. 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
09/11, 09/18/2026

TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF HYBRID PUBLIC HEARING

New Duplex – 144 East St

The Planning Board will hold a hybrid public hearing on **September 28, 2026 at 6:30 PM** to consider an application for Special Permit filed by Aya Custom Homes Inc. c/o Andrew Bazukin; 40 King St, Westfield, MA 01085; for the construction of a new duplex located at 144 East St, Map 35 Parcel 28. The application is being filed pursuant to South Hadley Zoning Bylaw Chapter 255 Article IX (Special Permit); 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:

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The subject property is currently an undeveloped lot within the Residential A-1 Zoning District. The application filing seeks to allow construction of a new residential duplex.

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’- ‘Special Permit’ under section ‘East Street (144) - Duplex’ or can be viewed at: <https://southhadley.org/1181/Special-Permits>. 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
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TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF HYBRID PUBLIC HEARING

Amendments to the Zoning Bylaw Regarding Signs

The Planning Board will hold a hybrid public hearing on **October 5, 2026 at 6:30 PM** to consider comments from the Office of the Massachusetts Attorney General regarding their review and denial of certain provisions of Section 255-85 (G) (2) fine provision and Section 255-85 (G) (3) enforcement mechanism because this text conflicts with state law. Such provisions were disapproved by the Attorney General. The Planning Board will consider amendments to the above referenced sections of the bylaw for submission to the November 9, 2026 Special Town Meeting for adoption.

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:

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Materials are available 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 ‘Proposed/Draft Bylaws’ or can be viewed at: <https://www.southhadley.org/1318/Proposed-Draft-Bylaws>. Any person interested in, or wishing to be heard, should appear/join the hearing at the time and in the manner designated.

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 - Mysterious
 - “Severance” family
 - Single Lens Reflex
 - Malaria
 - Informal loan organizations
 - Twitching
 - Holm oak
 - Willing to consent
 - In an early way
 - Stuck it out
 - Language in Ghana
 - Obtain
 - Ancient Greek currency
- CLUES DOWN**

 - Bridge-building degree
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 - Church building
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What’s happening at the Odyssey Bookshop

Eileen Flanagan in Person
Join us on Tuesday, Sept. 22 at 7 p.m. as Eileen Flanagan talks about her book *Common Ground: How the Crisis of the Earth is Saving Us from Our Illusion of Separation*.

About the Book
Veteran organizer Eileen Flanagan weaves together a series of stories of hard-won successes in the climate change movement based on grassroots organizing. As heat waves, wildfires, storms, and floods become more deadly, the book describes a groundswell of action in which citizens of all ages, races and political stripes struggle to understand each other and the enormous challenge of climate change. They fight companies and governments willfully blind to the climate change dangers we face as a society.
A Quaker activist, facilitator, and teacher, Flanagan takes us through her environmental direct-action experi-

ences and relationships with community leaders to understand how we can form coalitions to actually make a difference. Flanagan shows that “the illusion of separation”—the fallacy that humans can thrive in a dying world—is at the root of interlocking environmental crises. It’s often politicians and corporations who benefit by keeping the rest of us divided across lines of race, class, religion, and generation. In *Common Ground*, Flanagan argues that more than technology or elections, acting in solidarity with all life is humanity’s best hope for survival.

Dean Spade in Person
Join us on Wednesday, Sept. 23 at 7 p.m. as Dean Spade presents his book *Mutual Aid: Building Solidarity During This Crisis* (and the Next.)

About the Book
Mutual aid is the radical act of caring for each other while working to change the

world. Around the globe, people are faced with a spiraling succession of crises, from the Covid-19 pandemic and climate change-induced fires, floods, and storms to the ongoing horrors of mass incarceration, racist policing, brutal immigration enforcement, endemic gender violence, and severe wealth inequality. As governments fail to respond to—or actively engineer—each crisis, ordinary people are finding bold and innovative ways to share resources and support the vulnerable. Survival work, when done alongside social movement demands for transformative change, is called mutual aid.
This book is about mutual aid: why it is so important, what it looks like, and how to do it. It provides a grassroots theory of mutual aid, describes how mutual aid is a crucial part of powerful movements for social justice, and offers concrete tools for organizing, such as how to work in groups, how to foster

a collective decision-making process, how to prevent and address conflict, and how to deal with burnout.
Writing for those new to activism as well as those who have been in social movements for a long time, Dean Spade draws on years of organizing to offer a radical vision of community mobilization, social transformation, compassionate activism, and solidarity.
Jason Prokowiec in Person
Join us on Wednesday, Sept. 30 as Jason Prokowiec talks about his new book, *War Boys: A Father and Son Memoir*. He will be joined in conversation by Madeleine Blais.
About the Book
War Boys is an extraordinary exploration of a family experiencing intergenerational trauma: an adult son seeking to understand his terrifying and abusive father, interwoven with a biography of his father, who experienced

unimaginable horrors as a child during World War II.
As a child, Jason Prokowiec lived in fear of his father, an abusive alcoholic. Lonely and full of shame and guilt, Prokowiec recounts a lonely childhood, colored by struggles with weight, self-image, and his emerging identity as a gay man.
Impelled to confront the trauma of his childhood, Prokowiec documents the stories of his father’s own trauma that began when Nazis murdered his family at the start of the war. In *War Boys*, Prokowiec retraces his father’s harrowing journey to understand how he survived the war and why he became the terrifying father Jason knew. In an era where generational estrangement is common, *War Boys* inspires with its account of this father and son, both battle-scarred survivors, and how they heal their relationship through the power of claiming and telling their own stories - and listening to one another.

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