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COMMUNITY

Retired officer carries torch for Special Olympics



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Retired police officer Michael Wilk ran beside seven members of the law enforcement community and two Special Olympics athletes earlier this month.

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BOSTON – A retired Chicopee Police Officer experienced a once-in-a-lifetime moment when he helped carry the Flame of Hope to the opening ceremony of the Special Olympics Massachusetts’ 2023 Summer Games on June 9 at Harvard Stadium.

Michael Wilk, who retired from the department in 2020, was one of eight law enforcement officers and two Special Olympics athletes who traveled and ran across Eastern Massachusetts

with the torch in the days prior to the games.

As they moved from community to community, running several miles at each stop, visiting businesses and schools, the group had a police escort. Residents lined the streets to root them on.

“It was emotional and something I will never forget. It was an experience I never had before with Special Olympics,” Wilk said. “The eight officers and the two athletes, we became a family. We traveled around in a van to the different locations. We all

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Beyond Walls brings large-scale murals to Chicopee Center



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Bezt, a Polish artist, created this mural at 10 Center St.

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CHICOPEE – This week, Beyond Walls delivered downtown Chicopee an art experience that will endure for decades.

Two artists took their talents to Chicopee Center, creating large-scale murals on the facades of buildings located within several hundred yards of each other. Bezt, an artist from Poland, and Vhils, an artist from Portugal, came to Chi-

copee as part of Beyond Walls, a nonprofit with a mission of bringing art to Massachusetts’ Gateway Cities.

“If it’s buildings of scale, those are excellent canvases for epic street art,” Al Wilson, founder and executive director of Beyond Walls, said. “We find the Gateway Cities to be where the work is needed and also, it’s the most rewarding work because the community turns out. They both inform and then champion that work, and there’s a real cause and effect.”

Beyond Walls introduces

public art and curated experiences into the fabric of communities by partnering with local organizations, municipalities, community members and experts to design, produce and manage products and programs.

The nonprofit traces its roots to Lynn, where Wilson was invited to community meetings centered on identifying what was holding the city back.

“The community was

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COMMUNITY

Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll gives keynote at Elms College breakfast

The keynote focused on ‘Moving Massachusetts Forward’

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CHICOPEE – One hundred fifty business leaders, elected officials, students and more gathered at Elms College at 8 a.m. on June 27 for the Executive Leadership Breakfast.

The invite-only event, now in its sixth year, took place in the Mary Dooley College Center with breakfast and the opportunity to hear Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll’s keynote address on what the state has worked on during the administration’s first six months.

Richard Sullivan, trustee of Elms College and president and CEO of the Economic Development Council of Western Massachusetts, served as master of ceremonies.

Elms College President Dr.



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(L to R) Darlene Libiszewski, Sherlene Crespo and Christine Phillips from Westfield Bank, Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll, Dr. Harry Dumay, president of Elms College, and Kevin O’Connor of Westfield Bank pose for a group photo after the Executive Leadership Breakfast at Elms College.

Harry Dumay was excited to host the event, including welcoming Driscoll to deliver the keynote and having students in attendance.

“It’s going to be a good morning. The lieutenant governor will be speaking about the Healey-Driscoll’s administration

plan to move Massachusetts forward and we’re looking forward to hearing what she says, and we’re looking forward to meeting the other business and organization leaders who will be here at this annual rendezvous here at Elms College,” Dumay said.

On what he hopes students

take away from the event, Dumay emphasized opportunity.

“It’s an opportunity for them to be able to meet some of their future employers. It’s also an opportunity for them to listen and learn about some of the ideas that the lieutenant governor and others here will share about their

hopes and aspirations for the region,” Dumay said. “I hope that our students get to be able just to be there, soak in the moment and take part in the event.”

Dumay shared the event is “truly important for him,” as it provides an opportunity for leaders to see and talk about the successes and accomplishments in Western Massachusetts, including at the college.

“Elms College has made great strides in the past year and that would be an opportunity to update the region,” Dumay said. “But also, again, thinking more broadly for the entire region to hear leaders like Lt. Gov. Driscoll’s views, visions and aspirations for the community.”

During the keynote, Driscoll highlighted investments and plans for housing, childcare, workforce needs including healthcare, life sciences and trade programs, manufacturing and infrastructure and more.

Driscoll explained the Mov-

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Concerns raised about Dairy Queen to Public Safety Committee

Issues include traffic, snow removal and trash

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CHICOPEE – The Public Safety Committee heard from residents on June 22 expressing concerns about the Dairy Queen on Memorial Drive.

The issues involve traffic, snow removal and trash affecting residents living on Keddy Boulevard.

Ward 9 Councilor Mary Beth Costello said a constituent described the issue as “Ward 9’s version of Walmart.”

Debra Panagotopulos presented photos to the committee, explaining the issue “has been a nuisance for many years.”

Photos showed residents’ cars parking at the end of driveways to prevent people from turning around in driveways and successions of vehicles sitting in traffic.

“If they don’t park on our street, they go onto Memorial Drive, and the line forms on Memorial Drive, which is a hazard,” Panagotopulos said.

For snow removal, stormwater clogs Dairy Queen’s sewer, with Panagotopulos saying, “A lot of times, they don’t bother to take care of it.”

“This is what we get when we have heavy storms, and that’s a real safety issue right there. We have had cars get stuck there,” Panagotopulos said.

William Turgeon grew up on Keddy Boulevard and agreed with Panagotopulos, expressing concerns about the fence that was put up, leading to traffic problems for residents needing to get out into the street.



(L to R, starting with back row) Councilor-At-Large Jerry Roy, Vice President/Councilor-At Large Robert Zygarowski, Ward 8 Councilor Gary Labrie and Police Chief Patrick Major discuss the Dairy Queen on Memorial Drive during the June 22 Public Safety Committee meeting at City Hall.

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“Something needs to be done about the fence itself, and I don’t know why KFC isn’t able to kind of work with Dairy Queen as to be able to kind of solve this issue, because, like Debbie said, it’s a hazard and something needs to be done about this,” Turgeon said.

As the meeting continued, more residents expressed concerns about the trash, including pick-up times early in the morning, and traffic, with Don Shambo providing additional photos.

Karissa Kasumuni’s family formerly owned the Dairy Queen, expressing disappointment at what’s happened, saying, “That’s not how we wanted this business

to go when we sold it.”

“We did sell it to one set of owners. Since then, it has turned over again to another set of owners, and I just wanted to apologize to the neighborhood,” Kasumuni said. “We took pride in what we did and we took care of the neighborhood and what-not, and I just wanted to share that with everyone in the room.”

Vice President/Councilor-At-Large Robert Zygarowski asked if anyone who worked at the Dairy Queen was present.

A manager confirmed yes and spoke to the committee, later giving the current owner’s name to the secretary.

“I do understand the traffic conditions. I’ve seen it happen so like when I try to go at night to get myself some ice cream I have to sit there too and it’s a pain,” she said.

She will try to work on the snow removal issues.

“We’ve had a snow plow guy who comes really late in the day sometimes, so I’ll try to beat him to it so that they don’t have to deal with the whole sidewalk situation,” she said.

On the trash, the manager had called the trash people about coming so early to pick up trash after receiving a complaint.

“I’ll try to give them another call to see if it helps and I’ll try to have them come maybe two times a week instead of one so that it’s not so much trash going into people’s yards hopefully,” she said.

Ward 8 Councilor Gary Labrie has witnessed the traffic and agreed it’s an issue.

“I don’t know how you rectify it. We’ll have to put that in committee and talk to our engineers and the police department,” Labrie said.

Councilor-At-Large Jerry Roy was also unsure how to rectify the issue.

“There’s no two ways about it. There’s definitely a problem there with traffic, trash. Big item is how do we rectify it? How do we relieve it? That’s not a simple answer,” Roy said. “Is there a simple or easy solution? No, but I don’t think it’s unattainable. I think it’s something that can be addressed.”

The motion was placed on file in a 3-0 vote.



Debra Panagotopulos holds up photos highlighting the issues around the Dairy Queen on Memorial Drive during the June 22 Public Safety Committee meeting at City Hall.



City Health Director Lisa Sanders shares her thoughts on tackling the trash issues, as Ward 9 Councilor Mary Beth Costello and City Building Commissioner Frank Boron listen at the Dairy Queen on Memorial Drive during the June 22 Public Safety Committee meeting at City Hall.

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CFD responds to blaze on Britton St.



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CHICOPEE – Crews responded to 400 Britton Street at approximately 4:45 a.m. on July 2 for an apartment fire. One occupant was rescued from their balcony by a 35-foot ground ladder, along with their dog. The occupant was transported to an area medical center. Ten residents of the building were displaced. No firefighter injuries were reported. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

City Councilors share thoughts as budget is approved

Benefits report overshadows final vote on FY24 Budget

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CHICOPEE – The ongoing benefits report was on the minds of city councilors during the June 27 vote on the Fiscal Year 24 Budget.

On June 26, the Human Resources Department had presented its budget during the FY24 Budget Hearing, with questions on the reconciliation of bills and a \$4,000 stipend for the Acting Chief HR Officer raised by Ward 9 Councilor Mary Beth Costello and Ward 3 Councilor Delmarina López.

The report was not brought up when the Treasurer's Office presented its budget.

Ward 6 Councilor Derek Dobosz said he was voting 'no' over deep concerns about the HR budget.

"There's obviously been this HR issue with insurance, dental and health insurance for retired and deceased employees, and the City Council has never been, you know, updated on the issue," Dobosz said. "We've never met, you know, in executive session. We've never had any hearings on it. I don't have any information on the insurance whatsoever. I have multiple residents asking me about it, and so for that reason, unfortunately, I'm not going to vote for the budget."

Dobosz clarified besides the HR budget concerns, the overall budget is "a good budget" and apologized to the other department heads.

"I think they do an overall very good

job and they provide a lot of services for the money," Dobosz said.

López was torn on voting 'yes,' commending the other department heads for answering their questions, but highlighted questions that weren't answered by Richard Merchant that Mayor John Vieau, who currently serves as the HR Director, could have answered.

"I have some reservations about that budget as well given that that was millions and millions of dollars and it should not live in that department if they're not the ones who actually pay the bills," López said.

Ward 9 Councilor Mary Beth Costello agreed with Dobosz and López, citing her unanswered questions.

"We have to change. This cannot continue, and I think many of us on this board were elected as advocates of change. In this particular situation that the city is in is not a good situation," Costello said.

Costello also felt bad voting 'no,' commending the other department heads for "an excellent job to make sure city services are given to the taxpayer."

She added taxpayers deserve to know what's going on.

"The way we were doing business here is not acceptable and the taxpayer deserves better," Costello said.

Ward 7 Councilor William Courchesne also would have liked more answers.

"There shouldn't be a line item in somebody's budget unless they're spending it. That's what the whole point of having the budget is in having line items, so I guess it would have been nice to have an explanation as to why that money was there if they have no control over it," Courchesne said. "Nobody had infor-

mation. The people that have information weren't here to give it to us, which is kind of concerning."

Ward 1 Councilor Joel McAuliffe said "We need to pay our bills, we need to pay our employees" and will vote 'yes', defending Vieau and his administration.

"What we have heard tonight is that we are in solid financial shape as a city. The reason you all know that there was an issue with HR and an issue with health insurance is because our team found it. I don't know how many of you have read the audit reports here in the City of Chicopee, but every year the outside audits that are done commend the financial management of the City of Chicopee. Every year," McAuliffe said. "I understand it is easy to vote 'no' and score easy political points when there is no impact on the vote because you know we have the votes to pass the budget and that's what we will do, but that's not the right thing to do. Yes, there is an issue. Let's focus on it. Let's fix it. But let's not place blame and let's do our job."

McAuliffe's comments fueled push-back from fellow councilors.

Courchesne said, "Nobody's pointing fingers or blaming anybody," adding Merchant "was kind of thrown to the wolves" during the budget hearing.

"If you have a line item in your budget, you should know where it's going in and how it's handled and he had no answers. So somebody should have been here with that answer," Courchesne said.

Dobosz reiterated his earlier points, expressing concerns about Merchant's comments during the Budget Hearing about the HR Department not doing billing for health insurance.

"That is very concerning to me and that should be concerning to everyone," Dobosz said.

López stressed the importance of transparency.

"I think taxpayers deserve to know how that every dollar is spent and we don't know that because all we have is a line item for over \$15 million that is not expended by the department that we're asking for," López said.

Councilor-At-Large Jerry Roy said the issue is being worked on and the city knows "there's been a problem there."

"I just can't see us not passing that budget this evening in lieu of the situation in Human Resources. I'm sorry. I'm going to be voting for the budget," Roy said.

Councilor-At-Large James Tillotson said the issue needs to be fixed, but expressed concern about employees not getting paid if the budget isn't approved.

"I don't want to see anybody lose their pay. That's the problem. You can't punish the whole city or a whole department, you know, because of one issue, what's been happening in the past and some of the people that are going to get penalized have nothing to do with this issue," Tillotson said.

Ward 2 City Councilor Shane Brooks agreed with Costello's suggestion of sending the issue to the Ordinance Committee but expressed similar concerns as Tillotson on delaying the vote, not wanting to delay paying health insurance to employees.

"We stop paying the bills for health insurance, people are going to lose their health benefits and people are very dependent on that," Brooks said.

The FY24 Budget was approved 9-4.

Elms College response on SCOTUS decision regarding the use of race in college admission

CHICOPEE - Dr. Harry Dumay Ph.D., MBA, president of Elms College and a member of Governor Maura Healy's Advisory Council for the Advancement of Representation in Education, issued the following statement on June 30 regarding the Supreme Court's decision on the use of race in College admission:

"The decision from the U.S. Supreme Court is deeply disappointing. SCOTUS has barred the use of race in college admissions, which has been a valuable way for institutions of higher education to increase diversity and equity over the past several decades.


Elms College remains committed to inclusivity in the tradition of our founders, the Sisters of St. Joseph. We will continue to attract and retain a student body that reflects the diversity of our community. This has been, and will continue to be, a top priority for us and we will continue

to pursue this with every tool at our disposal.

It is imperative that we continue to support students that have been historically underrepresented and that they feel welcomed, valued, and heard. We are ready to collaborate with our peers and partners to ensure all get the opportunity they deserve.

The benefits to a diverse student body reach into the community, creating a more robust and resilient Western Massachusetts and we will continue to do the work at hand to enhance representation of all kinds. This Supreme Court decision only strengthens our resolve to break down barriers and meet these inequities head-on.

We are reviewing the ruling carefully and considering what that means for Elms College. We will, within the law, continue to be an inclusive institution."



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GUEST COLUMN



Comments on CONGRESS

By Lee Hamilton

In the Constitution, Congress comes first In real life, not so much

There's a reason the founders started with Congress when they created the blueprint for our representative democracy: It's the institution closest to the American people.

This isn't just political theory. For all their faults, members of Congress throughout our history have made an effort to stay close to and understand their constituents. They still do. More than any other branch of government, Congress reflects the feelings of the diverse and ever-evolving population of the United States – even if, with population shifts boosting rural power in the Senate these days and gerrymandering affecting House districts, the proportions are out of whack.

So one of the more puzzling aspects of the evolution of power in Washington has been the extent to which Congress has sat by over the decades while its strength has ebbed. For the most part, we think of this in terms of its relations with the presidency, with everything from war powers to budget-making to an increasing reliance on executive orders putting presidents of both parties in an ever-stronger position to set and steer the national agenda.

But recently, CNN's Zachary Wolf drew attention to a similar process taking place vis-à-vis the Supreme Court. The mechanisms are different, but the result is the same: Congress loses room to maneuver.

Wolf was actually delving into a recently published book by University of Texas law professor Stephen Vladeck, "The Shadow Docket: How the Supreme Court Uses Stealth Rulings to Amass Power and Undermine the Republic." Vladeck's chief concern is what for the last few years has come to be called the "shadow docket," referring to cases that are not formally heard by the Court, with oral arguments and then long written decisions and dissents, but instead are generally unsigned orders that arrive without explanation.

They can be quite consequential.

As Vladeck explained to Wolf in their interview, the Court last year intervened in redistricting cases in Alabama and Louisiana in such a way that it "helped to give the Republicans the majority they currently have in the House." It did so in 2020 and 2021 as well, especially to address cases involving COVID regulations. The Court's power, Vladeck points out, lies not just in its decisions, but in choosing which of the many issues arriving on its doorstep it will decide.

In fact, that's not just true of cases on the shadow docket. Until about a century ago, the Court was required to make a decision on any case under its jurisdiction. That, Vladeck argues, "made it a lot harder for the justices to have an agenda. It made it a lot harder for the justices to target particular disputes and look around for cases."

The reason it can now pick and choose – and hence steer the national agenda – is because Congress gave it the power to do so, especially with the 1988 Supreme Court Case Selections Act, which granted the Court full authority over whether to hear appeals from circuit court decisions. So it chooses which 80 or so cases it will hear out of the 5,000 to 7,000 it is asked to review each term.

To be sure, it's hardly the case that the Court has avoided precedent-setting decisions in the past – dating all the way back to Marbury v. Madison in 1803, when the

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GUEST COLUMN



by Roberta McQuaid

Tips for successful summer pruning

I thought it would be fun to follow up my spring pruning column with one geared towards shrubs that are best tackled during the summer months.

Enjoy this read, straight out of the archives!

After the recent (and glorious) rain we've been receiving, my shrubs have had a major growth spurt! Now is a great time to tackle much needed vegetation control.

Here are instructions for pruning five of our most favorite shrubs.

Yews (*Taxus* species) may not rank as top pick, but many homeowners have inherited a yew or two flanking the foundation of their home. For this pruning job you will need a pair of hand clippers, not hedge trimmers.

The new growth is obvious: it is very flexible, lighter in color and extends several inches from the shrub's silhouette.

With clippers in hand, grab a branch, and instead of removing just the new growth, make a cut well within the body of the shrub. This process is called "making windows."

The windows allow light to penetrate the plant's interior causing regeneration to occur. Repeat in various spots on each shrub for a balanced appearance.

Any straggly growth that remains can be nipped back. By pruning in this manner each year, healthy, new growth is encouraged, yet height and width control is maintained.

Too labor intensive for you? Alright, use the hedge trimmers first, then make a few windows, for nearly the same effect.

Azaleas, rhododendrons (*Rhododendron* sp.) and mountain laurels (*Kalmia latifolia*) set their flower buds the summer before bloom. Prune these bushes immediately after they flower next spring; it is just about too late to do much more now.

One task that can be accomplished immediately is deadheading. Inspect the shrubs and gently break off seed pods that have formed from this year's blooms.

Simply hold on to the center of the spent flower cluster and bend it forward. This will send more energy back to the plant and encourage healthy bud formation.

Dense plantings or tall lanky specimens can be rejuvenated next year by cut-

ting "windows" into the bush like I describe above to encourage interior sprouting. Once enough stems have sprouted, taller branches can be cut back to a lower juncture.

The immensely popular pinkish flowered *Spirea x bumalda* "Anthony Waterer" has the ability to grow 3-4-feet tall and 5-6-feet wide when mature. Unfortunately, most folks buy it in a gallon pot and site it for that size, often planting it in front of the shrub border or in and amongst perennials.

In a year or two, when the plant has crowded out its neighbors, they are sorry for the misjudgment.

Alas, there is hope. The following pruning technique works for all members of the genus- most are hardy growers.

Once the *Spirea* is done blooming, look into the center of the plant and find the largest branches. Cut those down to ground level.

Stand back and look at what is left. Prune remaining branches back to a point of new growth, really reigning in the girth.

Plan to rejuvenate the plant over a three year time frame by taking one third of the bush each year.

Butterfly Bush (*Buddleia davidii*) is usually growing by leaps and bounds this time of year and is preparing to burst into bloom soon.

How do you keep it covered in flowers? By lots of deadheading.

Removing spent blossoms will encourage new shoot growth and more flowers. If you have a Butterfly Bush that has gotten way out of hand, consider cutting it back in late winter or early spring- to about a foot in height- then fertilize it.

Expect a much more compact version come summertime.

Euonymus fortunei is sold as a popular groundcover that can grow quite tall if left to its own devices. Most often seen in the landscape are the variegated species.

"Emerald Gaiety" has silver edged leaves where "Emerald and Gold" has dark green foliage with yellow margins. This time of year, a haircut is needed.

Prune away gangly stems back to the base.

Also, be on the lookout for solid color stems on these variegated plants. Cut any that you find away completely, otherwise they may take the lead, leaving you with not exactly what you had planted.

It may seem like you live in a jungle... but an afternoon's worth of work will definitely reign in the vegetation. Enjoy your time with the clippers!

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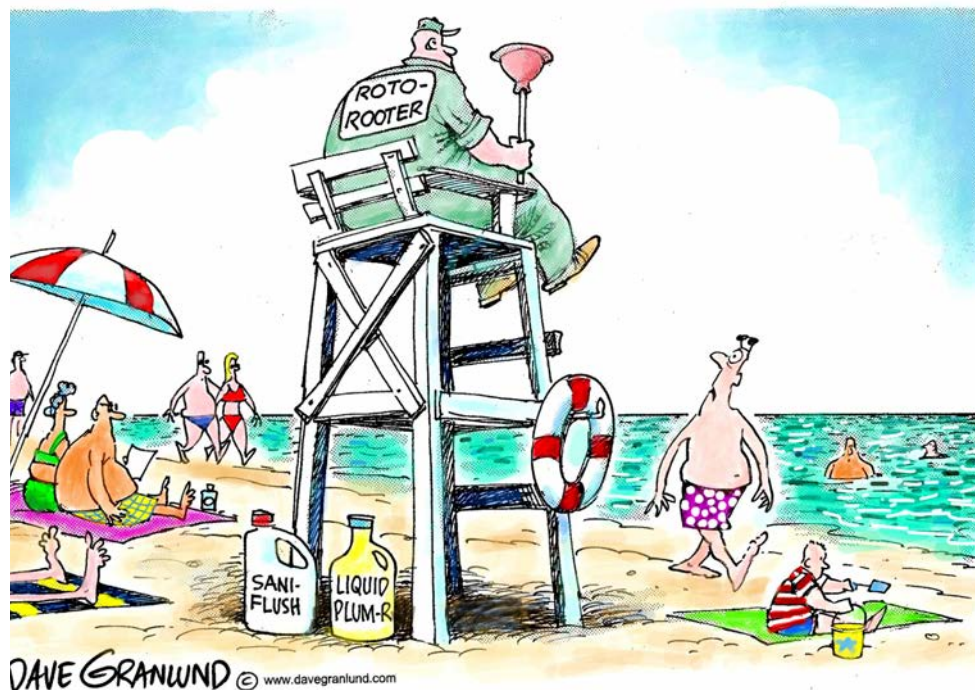
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Benefits report discussed during FY24 Budget Hearing

The discussion raised questions to the Human Resources Dept.

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CHICOPEE – The ongoing report of paid insurance premium benefits paid to employees after they died or resigned was brought up on June 26 during the FY24 Budget Hearing.

The report arose when Richard Merchant, who is assisting the Human Resources Department at this time, presented its budget.

Additionally, the report was not discussed when Treasurer Marie Laflamme presented the budget for the Treasurer's Office, one of the other departments mentioned in the report.

All motions for the Treasurer's Office were tentatively approved 12-1, with President/Councilor-At-Large Frank Laflamme abstaining.

Ward 9 Councilor Mary Beth Costello asked Merchant if the department administers health insurance.

"Is that done by HR or is it done by another department? Or if it's done by another department?" Costello said.

Merchant explained HR "deals with the employees on a day-to-day basis and with the vendors on a day-to-day basis with adding and subtracting as needed."

Costello asked how the department reconciles the bills for payment to health insurance.

Merchant responded with this. "For us, we deal with the addition of employees, the subtraction of employees, the bills are dealt with from other departments," he said.

Costello explained by ordinance, the HR department "is supposed to administer the insurance."

"So why are other people in regard to this budget, why are they involved? I guess I don't understand where this is coming from," Costello said.

Merchant responded the HR Department "hasn't received the bills."

"I don't know the reason why and what department does," Merchant said.

Laflamme requested the City Council stay within the budget question because the discussion "was not really a budget

question."

Costello agreed. The issue was discussed briefly, again, when reviewing the dental insurance.

Ward 3 City Councilor Delmarina López discussed the issue when reviewing travel and educational training expenses.

"I'm completely for us paying for education and for travel for folks to go to conferences. I do not agree with us having \$90,000 in the HR Department that's not actually for the HR Department," López said. "That begs the same question as what we were just talking about with medical insurance, where you guys are saying you don't even reconcile bills, but the money is on your department. That doesn't make a lot of sense to me."

López asked for clarification on a \$4,000 stipend for the Deputy Chief HR Officer role.

"I'm not understanding where that comes from because it's my understanding the mayor has designated himself as the HR Director currently," López said.

Merchant thinks the stipend doesn't have "any reflection on the current issues inside of the department."

"That \$4,000 was intended for the assistant HR Director for additional compensation for increased supervision and that they were going to be having in the upcoming year," Merchant said.

López questioned why it was still listed in the budget.

"If that's not occurring anymore because that person has since resigned, then why is that still in the budget?" López said.

Merchant explained the department has to "anticipate that positions are filled."

"There's no HR Director right now, but there's still an HR budget in place. I mean, we have to fill those positions," Merchant said. "The stipend is intended as a supplement to the salary of the assistant director in compensation for their additional responsibilities associated with supervising staff or staff."

López acknowledged Merchant's position given recent events and concluded, "There's a lot of unanswered questions for me on this budget."

The motion was tentatively approved 8-4, as Ward 1 Councilor Joel McAuliffe was out of chair by this point of the meeting.

The FY24 Budget was pending final approval on June 27.

Chicopee Police Officers promoted



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CHICOPEE – Last Thursday was an incredibly special day as Mayor John Vieau had the honor of hosting an unforgettable promotion ceremony for three remarkable officers and their families. The city is bursting with pride as it announces the well-deserved promotions of our dedicated officers!

Lt. Douglas Lambert has shown exemplary leadership skills, and the city is thrilled to congratulate him on his promotion to captain! His commitment to the community is truly commendable.

Sgt. Stephen Fopp's hard work and dedication has paid off, as he ascends to the position of Lieutenant. The city is confident that he will continue to make a significant impact in his new role!

Police Officer Ryan Moran, the city is delighted to recognize your exceptional skills and dedication to Chicopee. Moran's promotion to sergeant is a testament to his unwavering commitment to service.

The city extends its heartfelt gratitude to City Clerk Keith Rattell for swearing in these accomplished individuals. His presence added even more significance to this

special occasion.

A special thank you goes out to the families who joined the ceremony to celebrate this milestone achievement. The city acknowledges and appreciates the sacrifices they make, as they share these extraordinary officers with us. Together, we are a Chicopee family, and their presence truly made this celebration complete.

To Lambert, Fopp, and Sergeant Moran - congratulations on your well-deserved promotions! Your exceptional efforts have not gone unnoticed, and the city is incredibly proud to have you as integral members of our law enforcement family.



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Court gave itself the power of judicial review over executive and legislative decisions. Still, if you think about our recent political history, especially around abortion, you can see Vladeck's point: The Court does not reflect the thinking of a majority of Americans.

For members of Congress who would rather not have to cast unpopular votes on controversial issues that could cost them a seat, having the White House or the Supreme Court make those decisions can be handy. But as Vladeck argues, "When we look at the Court today – at the ethics issues, the docket issues, the legitimacy debates – a lot of what's going on here is

a court that's just not remotely checked and not worrying about being checked." Congress historically had the authority to exercise control over the Court's ability to set the agenda, he insists, and there's no reason it can't again.

The balance of power in Washington demands it.

Lee Hamilton is a Senior Advisor for the Indiana University Center on Representative Government; a Distinguished Scholar at the IU Hamilton Lugar School of Global and International Studies; and a Professor of Practice at the IU O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.

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Betz, a Polish artist, came to Chicopee as part of Beyond Walls.

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sharing there was insufficient lighting in places and then a real desire for public art. There was a newly-designated cultural district by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, but there weren't large-scale pieces of public art up that would let you know you're in an arts and culture district," Wilson said.

The group that began meeting on a regular basis ultimately became Beyond Walls. For the first two years, the project was fiscally aligned to the Lynn Housing Authority and its nonprofit arm.

"Many of us sort of volunteered for a long period of time," Wilson said. "We did two rounds of festivals, inviting in and working with internationally, nationally and regionally renowned artists. That raised our brand awareness and profile within the street art sphere. Then, we had an open ability for artists to register with Beyond Walls."

Beyond Walls then became a nonprofit focused on activating underutilized spaces to strengthen communities in the former industrial cities of the Commonwealth, specifically the Gateway Cities.

Wilson explained why the nonprofit works solely in Gateway Cities. "At one point, they had larger populations... but the industry has largely left these cities," he said. "So, you often have underutilized infrastructure and buildings of scale... Underutilized infrastructure often creates challenges for these cities, and the residents of the communities are able to share those challenges with us."

In each city, Beyond Walls curates a unique artist lineup. Wilson noted that Beyond Walls brought the "rock stars" to Chicopee.

"It's fun to bring in the absolutely

best artists in the world from Poland and Portugal into the city of Chicopee and see the outpouring of support from the community around these artists and what they're doing. It's super special and very cool," he said.

In Chicopee, Betz, 36, said it would take approximately 10-14 days to create a larger-than-life portrait of a dog on the facade of the building located at 10 Center St. Without giving away too much, he offered some insight into his vision.

"It's a portrait of a dog, but I don't want to explain the meaning of it because then it's basically saying what you should think about it. I like to leave the interpretation to the viewer and for them to decide what they see and why the dog and what it is doing here, etc.," he said.

Betz has been painting for more than 20 years, and his work has taken him across the globe. He explained what it takes to improve as an artist.

"You just work and do your best and try every time to give what you can, and that's it," he said.

To create such an enormous piece of art, Betz utilized a lift machine that took him several stories into the air. He considers the equipment to be a crucial part of the creative process and fun to operate.

"I love to drive them. I feel like a kid with a toy," he said.

As he worked away in the hot July heat, Betz stayed hydrated and kept his eyes focused on the end result. He reflected on what it means to leave his mark in the city of Chicopee.

"It's nice to leave something from yourself, coming from Poland and traveling so long just to paint a wall. I really like it," he said. "(Now), I just want to go home and chill with my family."

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stayed in the same hotels so there was that bonding."

Wilk dedicated countless hours to fundraising for the Special Olympics as a Chicopee officer and has continued to support the organization in his retirement.

He applied for the opportunity to carry the torch and was joined by West Springfield Police Officer Erica Ireland as the only two Western Massachusetts officers to be selected.

To be chosen, one had to be in shape, given the running, and the fact that the torch is heavy.

The journey began on Monday, June 5, with the Special Olympics Hall of Fame enshrinement ceremony, and then the group took off.

"On Tuesday, we began our run. We ran to different schools in Peabody, Salem, Marlborough, Foxboro, and then we ran in Boston from the U.S.S. Constitution. We visited different businesses and supporters of Special Olympics as well. One of the schools we went to actually built the cauldron that was used for the game's opening night," Wilk said.

During each segment, officers from area police departments joined the run. So too did members of the Special Olympics community.

Over the course of the week there were numerous activities such as an evening of bowling at Patriot Place in Foxboro, where the officers and athletes were joined by members of the New England Revolution Major League Soccer team.

At each stop, a member of the group

spoke. At the business Wilk spoke at, he commended its effort of raising \$40,000 for Special Olympics with a polar plunge.

Wilk saved his highest praise for the Special Olympics athletes. For those unfamiliar, he explained what Special Olympics is all about.

"The whole thing about Special Olympics is inclusion. The athletes want to participate in games just like everyone else does. They are amazing. When you see these athletes perform, you're in awe



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Retired Chicopee Police Officer Michael Wilk and West Springfield Police Officer Erica Ireland represented Western Massachusetts by helping bring the Flame of Hope to the Special Olympics Massachusetts 2023 Summer Games in Boston.

because the amount of dedication and passion they have for it and how hard they strive to do their best is pretty awesome," Wilk said.

For more information on how to contribute to Special Olympics Massachusetts, one can visit <https://www.specialolympicsma.org/>.



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Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll addresses attendees during her keynote address at the Executive Leadership Breakfast at Elms College. Driscoll explained what the Healey-Driscoll administration plans to do to help move the state forward.



Elms College President Dr. Harry Dumay greets attendees during the Executive Leadership Breakfast at Elms College.

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ing Massachusetts Forward Plan is about "looking out for ways that we can move the entire state forward."

"For us, that means investing in capital. We got a \$1.5 billion capital investment plan that we just released that will have investments in Massachusetts, particularly in Western Mass, in the new Springfield Hall of Justice. We know that's an important opportunity to support. An important aspect of the community that, frankly, needs some additional attention," Driscoll said.

She said another investment is transportation, including the East-West Rail project.

"For us, it's an opportunity to talk a little bit about some of those hard-won dollars coming back into the community

and letting people know what we're doing with them," Driscoll said.

Driscoll was also happy to see students in attendance.

"It always gives you an extra swing in your step when you see young people on a college campus who are super excited about staying in Massachusetts, contributing to our communities, who are in that room are our future nurses and business leaders and hopefully future lieutenant governors, so it's always great to be in their company," Driscoll said.

Driscoll said she's "excited to be here" and Western Massachusetts "is one of the most beautiful parts of the state."

"We want to make sure these unique assets are celebrated, whether it's through tourism, economic investment or working to make sure people see us on the map," Driscoll said.

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Comp girls fall to Monson

CHICOPEE – Last week, Chicopee Comprehensive girls summer soccer fell on the road at Monson 4-1. It was their second loss of the summer and Comp is 2-2-1. Heading into the Fourth of July break, Comp is still in contention for an A Division playoff spot in the Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League.



Elianna Ayala makes her way up the field.



Juliana LaFond sends a free kick away.



Madison Riffenburg vies for possession of the ball.



Amiah Baez dribbles her way through the middle.

Mutiny shut out at home

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—The forecast called for thunderstorms, but the New England Mutiny lucked out with a beautiful night to play their third home match of the regular season. The weather turned out to be the only bright spot for the Mutiny.

Sporting CT, a first-year member of United Women's Soccer, made the trip north to Ludlow from Middletown, Connecticut and posted a 4-0 shutout before a large crowd at Lusitano Stadium on Saturday, June 24.

"We faced a very tough opponent tonight. They played a 3-5-2, which is more of an attacking formation, against us," said Mutiny assistant coach Jill Kochanek. "We did have a couple of scoring opportunities. If we could've capitalized on them, it probably would've been a different result."

Kochanek took over the



Ela Kopec gets set to punt the ball away.

head coaching duties from first-year Mutiny head coach Mauricio "Toto" Coimbra for one night. Coimbra missed the home match because he was in Virginia coaching his club team at the Regionals.

The Mutiny (3-2-1), who lost 3-2 to the Albany Rush on the road on June 16, suffered their first regular season home loss during the past two years.

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Peoples Bank blows out St. Joe's

HOLYOKE – Last Tuesday night, PeoplesBank kept their momentum with a 14-0 mercy-rule shortened win over the St. Joe's Saints. Both teams, which feature players from all over the region, will be back in action following the Fourth of July holiday. PeoplesBank holds down first place with 18 points.

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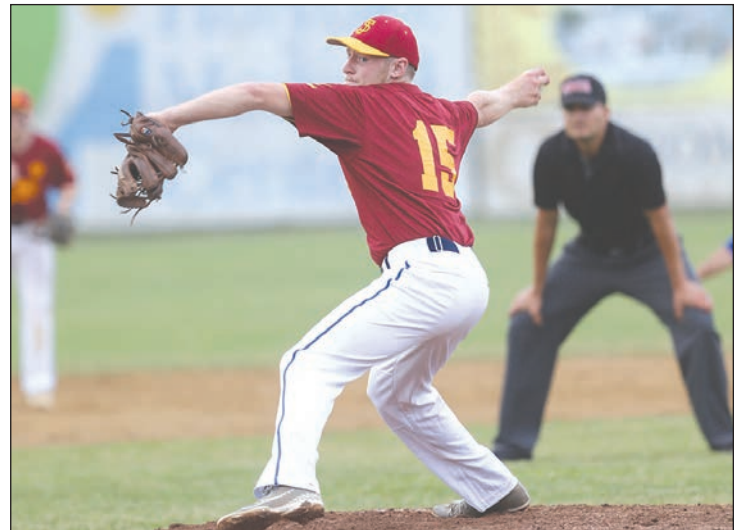
Cam MacDonald fires across the diamond.



Brandon Magni makes a play for St. Joe's.



James Flahive delivers a pitch for the Bankers.



Sam Schriber delivers a pitch for the Saints.



Dave Clark makes a throw to first.

Valley Blue Sox fall to Danbury

HOLYOKE – The Valley Blue Sox were defeated by the Danbury Westerners last Thursday night 8-4. Valley's record now sits at 9-10.

Danbury got out to a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the fourth inning, following a two-run homer from Luke Boynton. The Westerners added three more runs in the bottom of the fifth after an RBI double and error from Blue Sox starter Jonathan Bautista.

Bautista made his team debut for Valley, and pitched five innings allowing five runs, and striking out seven batters.

Valley answered back in the top of the sixth inning. The offense hit back-to-back home runs to lead off the inning, with solo shots coming off of the bats of AJ Guerrero and EJ Kreutzmann. Both outfielders went 3-for-5 on the night with an RBI apiece.

Michael Zarrillo would add another solo home run in the inning, cutting the Danbury lead to 5-3.

Leo Harris relieved Bautista in the bottom of the sixth inning, and allowed two runs in two innings of work out of the bullpen.

The Blue Sox scored one run in the top of the eighth inning off of a sacrifice fly from

Sean Scanlon.

Jason Arrigo took over for Harris in the bottom of the eighth, allowing one run and striking out two batters in his one inning of work.

Last Tuesday evening, the Valley Blue Sox are back in the win column following a 5-4 victory over the Bristol Blues in 10 innings. The Blue Sox' record stands at 9-9, and they hold a 1.5 game lead in the West Division.

Valley scored five runs off of nine hits in this game. The bats were rolling early after Matt Bergevin hit an RBI single to put the Blue Sox in the lead 1-0 in the top of the first inning. Bergevin went 2-for-4 with two RBIs and a walk on the night.

The pitching staff was on point tonight for the Blue Sox. Graham Jeffries started the game for Valley, and pitched four innings allowing two runs and striking out one batter. Bristol took the lead in the bottom of the fourth inning following an RBI triple and a sacrifice fly. Manager Pedro Santiago turned the ball over to Dillon Ryan in the bottom of the fifth, who pitched a scoreless inning with one strikeout.

Thomas Ballard was the next man out of the bullpen for

Valley. The right-hander pitched one inning allowing one run along with one strikeout.

The Blues would add one more run in the bottom of the sixth off of an RBI double to make it a 3-1 game.

Michael Weidinger struck out the side in the bottom of the seventh, his one inning of work in this game.

Valley would fight back to tie the ballgame in the top of the eighth, scoring two runs off of an RBI fielder's choice from Matt Bergevin and an RBI single from CJ Willis.

Zach Cameron took over for Weidinger in the bottom of the eighth inning, keeping the game tied in his first two innings of work to force extra innings.

The Blue Sox took the lead in the top of the tenth after an RBI double from CJ Willis scored Michael Zarrillo from second. Cian Sahler would pinch run for Willis and score on a wild pitch, making it a 5-3 game heading into the bottom of the tenth.

Cameron closed the door in his third inning of work, working a double play after a leadoff RBI single. The right-hander struck Bristol's Dixon Black to end the game, and snap a five game losing streak for the Blue Sox.

Coby finishes fifth at Seekonk Speedway

SEEKONK – Doug Coby rebounded after being collected in a mid-race wreck to finish fifth during Open Wheel last Wednesday at Seekonk Speedway. Coby won his qualifying heat race to start off the night in the Mayhew Tools No. 10 and rolled off ninth for the 100-lap, \$10,000 to win race.

Coby ran around the bottom of the top-five for much of the first half of the race until the wreck off turn two on lap 49 left him nowhere to go. During the caution period, the team worked to repair the car and Coby returned to the track, restarting from 19th. He was able to pass 14 cars up into fifth before the finish.

"It was a way different race compared to the NASCAR

Whelen Modified Tour race here a few weeks ago," Coby said. "I thought it was a really competitive race. We raced hard out there, risking using up your stuff for track position, but you had to do it. To come back from a wreck and grab a top-five, we're happy. The Mayhew Tools team worked hard."

Doug Coby will return to the track driving for Tommy Baldwin Racing in the Mayhew Tools No. 7NY during the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour event at Wall Stadium Speedway on Saturday, July 8. For more information on Doug Coby, visit DougCobyRacing.com and follow his page on Facebook for the latest news and updates, including from the track on both race days.

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They did lose to FC Buffalo, 2-1, at home in the Eastern Conference semifinals, last July.

"We've had a couple of setbacks, but that doesn't define you as a team," said forward Hope Santaniello, who's one of the Mutiny veteran players. "Our main goal now is to win our final two regular season matches."

If the Mutiny can post victories at the Worcester Fuel on Saturday night and at home against the CT Rush in the regular season finale on July 8, they should be able to clinch a berth in the U.W.S. playoffs for the second consecutive year. The top eight teams in the East Division will automatically qualify for the Eastern Conference playoffs.

"We're still vying for a playoff spot," Kochanek said. "If we do want to make a long run in the playoffs, we'll need



Jenna Kalwa tries to maneuver through the opposing defense.

to capitalize on our scoring chances. This game was a good learning experience for us."

Santaniello, who's from Agawam, has been a member of the University of Rhode Island women's team during the past couple of years. She recently entered the NCAA transfer portal and is in the process of searching for a new

school to play soccer at in the fall.

In last Saturday's match, Santaniello had a couple scoring chances in the first five minutes of the contest. Santaniello's first shot attempt sailed wide, and her second shot on goal was saved by Sporting CT goalie Abby McCarthy.

Midfielder Lily Fabian,



Laci Lewis sprints up the field.

who graduated from Monson High School in 2018, played in her first match of the season for the Mutiny.

"Lily has been one of our leaders during the past couple of years," Kochanek said. "We're grateful to have her back for today's match."

Sporting CT (6-0-0) took a 1-0 lead during the 21st minute when forward Aubrey Kupla fired a shot into the upper right corner of the net past Mutiny goalie Naya Lipkens. Tiffany Weimer, who's the Sporting CT player/head coach, was credited with the assist.

Kupla finished her first ever soccer match at Lusitano Stadium with a hat-trick.

"The atmosphere at this stadium is electric," Kupla said. "It was a lot of fun playing in front of a large crowd. Getting the win is the most important thing to me. Scoring the three goals was just the

icing on the cake."

Weimer, who's also an assistant women's soccer coach at Yale University, was a member of the Penn State women's soccer team from 2002-2005. She holds the school record with 91 career goals.

Kupla, who'll be a senior at Cromwell High School in the fall, will be following in Weimer's footsteps. She has verbally committed to playing college soccer at Penn State.

"Tiffany holds the record for goals at Penn State," Kupla said. "I'm really hoping to score 92 goals during my collegiate career, so I can break her school record."

Early in the second half, Mutiny forward Chandler Pedolzyk stole the ball away from Abby McCarthy, who was the Sporting CT starting goalie, but her shot attempt sailed wide. She also had a header, but it was saved by McCarthy.

The score remained 1-0 until Sporting CT scored three goals in a span of seven minutes late in the second half.

The duo of Kupla and Weimer combined for the second and third goals.

Weimer finished the match with three assists. She netted the final goal of the match in the 77th minute.

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Special Permit application under Chapter 275-9 (L) (3) for the purpose of renewal of an existing special permit for a proposed multi family development with waiver of parking requirements from 88 to 75 spaces located at 0 Oak Street (Parcel ID 0147-0005H). Applicant – Culper Properties, LLC, Gregory Szylyk, 444A N. Main Street #125, East Longmeadow, MA 01028.

The plans/application can be viewed on the City Council website <https://www.chicopeema.gov/880/Pending-Applications>

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Special Permit application under Chapter 275-30 (B) for the purpose of revising the existing dumpster location, adjusting the existing fence, and locating a conex storage box in the dumpster area located at 7 Rivermills Drive. Applicant – David Spada, Managing Member, 1 Wildflower Lane, Weston, MA 02493.

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Docket No. HD23P1400EA

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To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Jose A. Colon of Chicopee, 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: **Jose A. Colon of Chicopee, 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 07/31/2023.**

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.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

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

Date: July 03, 2023
Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
07/07/2023

Sale Of Motor Vehicles Under G.L. C.255 Sec. 39a

Notice is hereby given by Interstate Towing, Inc. pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 255, section 39A, that on

July 29, 2023, at Interstate Towing, Inc. the following Motor Vehicles will be sold at private sale to satisfy our garage keeper's lien thereon for storage, towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicles.

2007 Freightliner Conventional
VIN: 1FUJA6CG37LW04186
Carmotion Llc
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Belleville, NJ 07109

2014 Freightliner Cascadia 125
VIN: 3AKJGLDR1ESFK1048
Settlemyer Freight Solutions/2

Soldiers Trucking
839 Royal Oak Way
Elgin, SC 29045

2018 Vanr Trailer
VIN: 5V8VC5324JT808372
Settlemyer Freight Solutions/2
Soldiers Trucking
839 Royal Oak Way
Elgin, SC 29045

2016 Freightliner Cascadia
VIN: 3AKG-GLD58GSGE4609
Gm Express Logistics Llc
151 Western Parkway
Irvington, NJ 07111

2017 Utility Trailer Mfg Base
VIN: 1UYVS2536HG801308
Gm Express Logistics Llc
151 Western Parkway
Irvington, NJ 07111

2010 Nissan Sentra
VIN: 3N1AB6AP5AL658112
Casandra Mary Carlow
10 Pine St
Framingham, MA 01702

2009 Kia Sportage
VIN: KNDJF723497563107
Michael Augello
3 Colliers Ct
Jackson, NJ 08527

2000 Lexus Rx300
VIN: Jt6hf10u8y0133487
Christopher Walsh
259 Ichabod Road
Southbury, CT 06488

2006 Toyota Rav4
VIN: JTMBD33V966009369
Ninoshika Santiago
135 Temby St
Springfield, MA 01119

2003 Honda Accord
VIN: 1HGCM56623A069587
Valeria Pellicier Acevedo
183 Chestnut St Apt 2
Holyoke, MA 01040

2009 Honda Accord
VIN: 1HGCP36899A021364
Jennifer Meek
11 Irma Ave # 1
Watertown, MA 02472

2011 Honda Insight
VIN: JHMZE2H73BS000828
Roman Catholic Bishop Of Springfield
Bx 1730
Springfield, MA 01102

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VIN: JHLRD78822C039546
Yesenia Rosario
23 Rochelle St Apt 1
Springfield, MA 01109

2020 Tesla Model 3
VIN: 5YJ3E1EB7LF790546
Jacob Waitze
115 Sullivan Farm Rd
New Milford, CT 06776

2004 Honda Accord
VIN: 1HGCM72624A009005
Angel Zaragoza
7 Winchendon St
Springfield, MA 01109

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VIN: 1G6KD5Y936229903
Lamonte Price
19 Kenneth St, Apt B4
Hartford, CT 06114

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VIN: JTDKB20U557004898
Chloe Grubbs-Saleem
58 Stanley St
Amherst, MA 01002

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VIN: 1FTRF12288KE13536
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VIN: 1N4AL2AP2CC174907
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758

Docket No. HD23C0190CA

In the matter of:
McKenna Aurore Malanowski
CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **McKenna Aurore Malanowski of Chicopee, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

Tucker Grey Malanowski
IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Hampden Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 08/01/2023.**

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

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

Date: July 03, 2023
Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
07/07/2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103

Docket No. HD22D1340DR

Patricia N Mallette vs. Alan W Mallette
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING

To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown.

The Complaint is on file at the Court.

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. **SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.**

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon:

Patricia N Mallette
16 Shaw Park Avenue
Chicopee, MA 01013

your answer, if any, on or before **09/01/2023**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M. Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: June 7, 2023

Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
07/07/2023

CHICOPEE CITY COUNCIL ZONING COMMITTEE LEGAL NOTICE

The Zoning Committee of the Chicopee City Council will hold a public hearing **Wednesday, July 26, 2023 at 6:30 PM*** in the Chambers, 4th floor, City Hall Annex, 274 Front Street., Chicopee, MA 01013 to discuss the following:

Special Permit application under Chapter 275-58 (c4) for the purpose of an eating and drinking place with the consumption of alcohol located at 420-424 Front Street. Applicant – Navjot Singh, 565 Main Street, Indian Orchard, MA 01151.

The plans/application can be viewed on the City Council website <https://www.chicopeema.gov/880/Pending-Applications>

*COVID-19: Pursuant to the Governor's Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, MGL c. 30A due to the novel Coronavirus outbreak, the July 26, 2023 Zoning Committee hearing shall be available to the public via zoom and in person.

Anyone wishing to participate remotely shall, provide notice to the Office of the City Council by calling (413) 594-1435 M-F 8:30 AM – 5 PM or by email at aczarniecki@chicopeema.gov by July 24, 2023. Those giving such notice will need to identify the public hearing and provide their name, address and contact phone number to minimize the potential for zoom bombing.

The petition and materials related to this proposal are on file in the Office of the City Council, Chicopee City Hall, 274 Front Street, (plans and applications are also available on the City Council website <https://www.chicopeema.gov/880/Pending-Applications>. You may also call (413) 594-1435 or email aczarniecki@chicopeema.gov. 07/07, 07/14/2023

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Upcoming summer events at the Chicopee Public Library

CHICOPEE – The following events will occur this summer at the Chicopee Public Library at 449 Front St.

Summer Reading

Summer Reading (for all ages) starts June 26 and runs through Aug. 18, 2023. Check the library website at www.chicopeepubliclibrary.org for more details (including information on programs for youth and families) or stop by the library for a flyer.

Chicopee library is FamilySearch Affiliate

The Chicopee library is a FamilySearch Affiliate which means that we are a great resource for those working on Genealogy. The Computer Lab on the lower level is set aside for those working on genealogy on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Stop by and check out our resources.

Low Vision Computer Lab

If you or someone you know is blind, or has low vision, join us in the computer lab for our Assistive Technology class. Our computers have Fusion (JAWS & Zoom Text) software or you can learn how to use accessibility features on your personal devices. This class is taught by Chicopee resident Robert Baran, M.Ed. Classes are Tuesday, July 11 and Aug. 1 from 3-5 p.m.

Tuesday evening events

July 11 • 6 p.m. Beginner Tarot with Winnifred Tanetta
 July 18 • 7 p.m. (Signup begins at 6:30p.m.) Poetry and the Spoken Word

(this night is Teen Focused)

July 25 • 6 p.m. Zentangle with Laura Marks

Aug. 1 • 6:30 p.m. Dealing with Anxiety with Personal Life Coach Chris Rich

Aug. 8 • 6:30 p.m. Catholic Cemeteries in Chicopee with historian Robert Comeau

Aug. 15 • 7 p.m. (Signup begins at 6:30p.m.) Poetry and the Spoken Word

Thursday Night Concerts

Thursday night concerts are outside behind the library, weather permitting. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets for seating. In the case of bad weather, we'll move inside. ChicopeeTV will be recording concerts this summer. We also appreciate the support of the Chicopee Cultural Council in making these concerts possible. All concerts begin at 6:30 p.m.

July 13 – Hungrytown – folk duo

July 20 – The Niels – folk-rock band

July 27 – New Inca Son – Andean Music ensemble

Aug. 3 – Acousticca with Paul Sticca – rock, country, and original music

Aug. 10 – Jumpin' Juba – blues-based rock, folk and classic rock

Aug. 17 – May Garncarz – jazz, country and pop vocals

Concerts are supported by a grant from the Chicopee Cultural Council which is supported by the MASS Cultural Council.

RiverMills Center programs

CHICOPEE – The following programs are set to occur at the RiverMills Center, Chicopee's senior center, located at 5 West Main St.

Ageless Grace Series at RiverMills Center

The Council on Aging will host the four-part series "Ageless Grace" every Friday in July at 10 a.m. at the RiverMills Center.

Join Mary-Anne Schelb of JGS Lifecare as she walk you through this highly effective brain fitness program that keeps participants moving and thinking through the power of play. This takes place every Friday in July, you must register in advance at RiverMills Center or by calling 534-3698.

Ask An Attorney at RiverMills Center.

The COA will offer the workshop "Ask an Attorney" Tuesday, July 11 at 10 a.m. at the RiverMills Center

Hyman Darling of Bacon Wilson P.C will be at RiverMills to discuss Social Security and Veteran's Benefits. You must register in advance by stopping by RiverMills center or by calling 534-3698.

Senior Living Options Workshop at RiverMills Center.

The COA will offer the workshop "Senior Living Options Explained" Wednesday, July 19 at 10 a.m. at the RiverMills Center.

Allyson Grammo of Bluebird Estates will be at RiverMills where you will learn about your options when thinking about moving into Senior Living. Light refreshments will be served, along with a raffle. You must register in advance by stopping by RiverMills center or by calling 534-3698.

Project Lifesaver Info Session at RiverMills Center.

The COA will host the Hampden County Sheriff's Dept for their presentation "Project LiveSaver" Monday, July 24 at 10 a.m. at the RiverMills Center.

Join the Hampden County Sheriff's Department as they talk about Project Lifesaver, the premier search and rescue program operated internationally by public safety agencies. It is strategically designed for "at risk" individuals who are prone to life threatening behavior and wandering. The primary mission of this program is to provide timely response to save lives and reduce potential injury for adults and children. You must register in advance by stopping by RiverMills center or by calling 534-3698.

Summer Concert Series at RiverMills Center

The FRIENDS of RiverMills Center will be hosting a Summer Concert Series every Wednesday beginning Wednesday, July 12 through Wednesday, Aug. 23. at 4:30 p.m. at the RiverMills Center.

Come enjoy RiverMills Center's Summer Concert series. The cost of each concert is \$3. There will also be light refreshments provided and beer and wine for purchase. There are still tickets left for these concerts: Wednesday, Aug. 2 - Noah Lis; Wednesday, Aug. 9 - Jimmy Mazz, and Wednesday, Aug. 16 - Premier Swings Dixieland Stomp. Though there are tickets left, we suggest calling before stopping by to see if there are tickets available as they do sell quickly. You can call 413-534-3698. You must register at RiverMills Center.

PUBLIC NOTICES

SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLES

Under G.L. c.255 Sec. 39A

Notice is hereby given by Interstate Towing, Inc. pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 255, section 39A, that on July 21, 2023, at Interstate Towing, Inc the following Motor Vehicles will be sold at private sale to satisfy our garage keeper's lien thereon for storage, towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicles.

1995 Ford Ranger
 VIN: 1FTCR11A3STA35021
 Raymond Kopyscinski
 10 Old Holyoke Rd.
 Westfield, MA 01085

1999 BMW 528i
 VIN: WBADM633XXBY21617
 Misty Marie Lajeunesse
 17 Keddy Blvd.
 Chicopee, MA 01020

2001 Honda Accord
 VIN: 1HGCF86651A054428
 David Bushey
 12 Odessa St.
 Indian Orchard, MA 01151

2001 Toyota Echo
 VIN: JTDDBT123210182167
 Marzlebus Rios
 41 Better Way
 Springfield, MA 01108

2003 Honda Accord
 VIN: 1HGCM56323A132905
 Cherrelle Ford
 11 Victoria Park
 Chicopee, MA 01020

2003 Honda Pilot
 VIN: 2HKYF18433H557815
 Brandon Clark
 15 George St.
 West Springfield, MA 01089

2004 Chevrolet Tahoe K1500
 VIN: 1GNEK13Z84R301091
 Jessica Lafontaine

93 Riverpark Ave.
 Chicopee, MA 01013

2004 Honda Accord
 VIN: JHMCM563X4C000171
 Carlos Cortes Ramos
 53 Leyfred Ter., Fl 2nd
 Springfield, Ma 01108

2004 Honda Pilot
 VIN: 2HKYF18504H590183
 Roxanne Cruz
 33 Elmer Dr.
 Chicopee, MA 01013

2005 Chevrolet Aveo
 VIN: KL1TD52695B477982
 Michelle Salgado
 12 Tracey Pl.
 Worcester, MA 01601

2005 Honda Civic
 VIN: 2HGES16535H618443
 Jose Lopez
 45 Bartlett St.
 Springfield, MA 01107

2005 Hyundai Sonata
 VIN: KMHWF35H35A195579
 Jessica Levesque
 19 Spencer Ave.
 Agawam, MA 01001

2005 Lexus ES330
 VIN: JTHBA30G955087412
 Karen White
 82 Morris St.
 Springfield, MA 01105

2006 Audi A6 3.2
 VIN: WAUDH74F56N084052
 Orville Lugg
 4 Mary St.
 Springfield, MA 01118

2006 Infiniti G35
 VIN: JNKC54E46M701531
 Edivaria Da Silva
 361 Miller St.
 Ludlow, MA 01056

2006 Lincoln Zephyr
 VIN: 3LNHM26106R624744
 Dawud Lubieddin
 125 Main Street, Apt. B4
 Westfield, MA 01085

2007 Infiniti G35
 VIN: JNKBV61EX7M713139
 Jaishawn Sullivan
 351 Hampden St.
 Chicopee, MA 01013

2007 Pontiac Grand Prix
 VIN: 2G2WP552671189124
 Wright Dequan
 120 Elmore Ave.
 Springfield, MA 01119

2007 Toyota Camry
 VIN: 4T1BE46K47U191012
 Luis E Lopez
 30 Canal St.
 Chicopee, MA 01020

2008 Bmw 528xi
 VIN: WBANV13568CZ53047
 Jahdiel Echevaria-Perez
 76 Belmont Ave., Apt. 36
 Springfield, MA 01109

2008 Buick Lacrosse
 VIN: 2G4WC582981303276
 Jodi Bastek
 46 River Rd., Apt. 46
 Agawam, MA 01001

2010 Mazda Mazda6i
 VIN: 1YVHZ8BH9A5M21398
 Meghan Robinson
 43 Winter St.
 Ansonia, CT 06401

2010 Nissan Sentra
 VIN: 3N1AB6AP9AL686432
 Kaylani Cruz
 104 Mill St., Apt. 31
 Springfield, MA 01108

2010 Scion Xd
 VIN: JTKKU4B43A1006139
 Michelle L Lappie
 98 Groveland St.
 Springfield, MA 01108

2011 Chevrolet Cruze
 VIN: 1G1PD5SH-4B7260536A
 Maria Deoliveira
 1610 Worcester Rd.
 Framingham, MA 01702

2012 Toyota Camry
 VIN: 4T4BF1FK6CR174255

Guida Peyton
 184 Clark Point Rd.
 Southwest Harbor, ME 04679

2013 Hyundai Elantra
 VIN: KMHDH4AE2DU669537
 Linda Livingston
 55 Grattan St.
 Chicopee, MA 01020

2021 Pitster KJRM125
 VIN: A2BDR3136MJ022530
 Omar Reyes
 174 Pembroke St.
 Springfield, MA 01104

8Ft Tow Behind Trailer
 VIN: Unknown
 UHaul
 2727 North Central Avenue
 Phoenix, AZ 85004
 07/07, 07/14, 07/21/2023

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 The Trial Court
 Hampden Probate and Family Court
 50 State Street
 Springfield, MA 01103
 (413)748-7758
 Docket No. HD23P1292EA**

**Estate of:
 Kevin Michael Masse
 Date of Death: 05/13/2023
 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 **Betty Masse of Chicopee, 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: **Betty Masse of Chicopee, 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 07/18/2023.

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. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.
 Date: June 20, 2023

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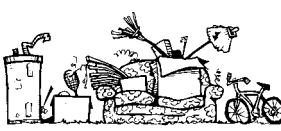
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