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Jess Stanley with her late son, Brenden. She will be taking part in the Falmouth Road Race for the fifth time on Aug. 17 to support New England Donors Services.

## Stanley participating in Falmouth Road Race

*Honoring son, supporting New England Donor Services*

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CHICOPEE - Jess Stanley, a resident of Chicopee, will be participating in the upcoming Falmouth Road Race on Aug. 17 as part of Team New England Donor Services.

Stanley, who will be running for the fifth time, is supporting New England Donor Services, a nonprofit organization focused on

organ and tissue donation along with raising awareness for organ donation and registering to become an organ donor.

Stanley's late son, Brenden, donated his organs - which were his heart, a kidney and liver - after he passed away suddenly at 12 years old on June 2, 2016. She now runs with Team NEDS to honor her son and spread the word about organ donation.

So far, the team has raised \$29,000, with a team goal of \$50,000.

Since meeting NEDS, Stanley had nothing but praise for the work they do, expressing gratitude

for their support throughout her journey.

"They do amazing things with the family. They do an honor walk for your loved one and they give you these cue cards for the funeral to show that your loved one was an organ donor," Stanley said. "They go at the donor family's pace, which made me feel easier because when I did want updates or when I felt I was ready to hear how both people were doing who received their organs, they allowed me that information continuously, which is also very, very nice because it's been eight years and I can still write in and receive updated infor-

mation which is an amazing thing that they do."

On the Falmouth Road Race, Stanley used to live on the Cape and heard how big the race was and later saw the virtual race that was offered during COVID.

"To me, it meant something because me and my son did live on the Cape for a short time so I wanted to be a part of it and I did the virtual at home, which got me on the team for the following year if I chose," Stanley said. "I had to at least run it in person, I was like 'You got to do it!' and running it

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## A look at the Barry School Section B designs schematics

By Brendan Rooney  
Correspondent

CHICOPEE — The Chicopee Register continues our breakdown of the various Barry School schematics and redesigns, as this week brings us to the B section, with once again four designs ranging from B1-B4 being various test fits and overall layouts of a newly constructed Barry Elementary behind the Szetela Preschool, with both schools now residing on the property if chosen.

B1 would be a two-story option which as noted by Bert Gardner, an architect attached to the project from Caolo & Bieniek Architects, "takes up a ton of space" however does come with a variety of pros, such as avoiding the roadblock of Article 97 impact that Garrity Grove comes attached with. While the new location would potentially remove school traffic from Macek Drive, and fully supports up to 88% of key elements, along with the addition of minimized phasing.

Other cons included neighborhood opposition, Granby Road traffic concerns, as well as potential city scope adjustments, and Barry demo

costs won't be covered under the grant.

In total, the project is estimated to be within the projected ballpark of \$104,272,908. Gardner touched upon the possible improvements that could come as well, while confirming the building could be finished and constructed before business resumes.

"We have playgrounds, outdoor classroom spaces, everything the district is looking for to support their curriculum," Gardner said. "Whether it was social-emotional learning or a lab space for your STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) program."

It should be noted that with the inclusion of a second story, additional public zones would be accessible, such as the entrance being on the right side of the building, along with the gym, and other semi-private areas that would all work in tandem with the classroom neighborhoods being in their own wing or unit.

B2 is a three-story new building, which is estimated to cost \$102,409,098. Gardner noted that the decision to offer a third level was to allow

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The Walking Club consisting of Marlene Fearn, Rob Dunham, Michelle Cormier, Martha Slowik, Elaine Papillon and Volunteer and Activity Coordinator Brandon Dumas.

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## A chat with the RiverMills Walking Club

By Christina Gioscia  
Correspondent

CHICOPEE - On Monday Aug. 4, the senior center had their thrice-weekly walking group, known as the Walking Club.

Participants meet in the lower lobby, with the walks taking off at 8:30 a.m.

No registration is required.

The weather was perfect for a walk outside on a path

beside the center. This group offers an adventurous and social option for exercising.

Executive Director Sherry Manyak shared about the process of becoming a RiverMills member and what the senior center offers.

"Sign up is simple, it's like a two-minute thing. It's free and it's for 55 and older. So, most of the time people say, 'Well I'm too young to go to the senior center.' But that's why when I came here

9 years ago, it used to be 65 and older and I reduced it to 55. We have something for everyone here and just when they think like there's nothing here, they come here and they say, 'Oh my gosh, this place is fabulous.' So, we just tell them to come do a tour and the tour will just rein them in," Manyak said.

Manyak shared some of the offerings at the senior center.

"So, we have a big exercise group. We have 22 different exercise groups here. All age groups from 55 all the way to 90, we have people exercising. And then we also have a gym, we have a gym class, or they can go in there throughout the day on their own. For socialization we have all kinds of classes," Manyak said. "We have a café, we have lunch, so there's a whole variety of

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## City Council denies zone change application

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CHICOPEE - The City Council denied a zone change application for the former Willimansett Center East and West nursing home properties on Aug. 5.

The decision comes after a 3-8 vote and two 2-9 votes for the former properties and a parcel of land on St. Anthony Street.

Willimansett Center East and West were closed down in June 2023, with Heather Berchem, counsel for the Northeast Health Group, which owned the facilities, explaining in a March 2023 hearing that the closures were attributed to new COVID-19 rules and minimum staffing requirements. After the closures, the residents were transferred to another facility and over 300 employees lost their jobs.

Fast forward two years later, this application, filed by John Murphy, concerns a zone change from Business A to Residential B "for the purpose of allowing for the most



A shot of the former Willimansett Center West in Chicopee.

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appropriate use of the existing structures by aligning with the zoning code's definition of 'Hospital,'" to convert the buildings to a drug rehabilitation center.

The Zoning Committee had preliminarily approved the zone change 3-2 and the Planning Board recommended the project in a 3-1 vote.

Several residents spoke out against the project during

public input, including Jim Orwat, who lives next door to the former Willimansett East property and whose family had built it.

Orwat explained he organized a petition gathering, 190 signatures opposing the project.

"I know that the \$360,000 in property taxes is touted as a good thing, but out of those 190 signatures, I'm going to

guess probably half are homeowners and I bet your their property taxes are probably equivalent to that 360," Orwat said. "I worry about the peace in the neighborhood, the serenity of the neighborhood, that there's a better use for these buildings, whether it's assisted living, but the direction we're going in now is not a good direction."

He noted property values

would drop "by at least 20%" and wanted the council to "think hard about if they want this project next to them."

"I think it's become a referendum on whether substance abuse treatment is good or bad. This is not a place for a referendum on that. I'm a clinical social worker, I worked at Providence Hospital, I'm in private practice--I've just retired--so I know there's a need for substance abuse treatment. Usually, it's on a campus with a bigger footprint than Willimansett on 25 St. Anthony St and on Chicopee Street at Willimansett West," Orwat said. "So, what I'm saying is I want you to think hard. There's better places for this and there's better uses for Willimansett nursing home."

Ward 7 Councilor William Courchesne asked the council to deny the zone change and shared, "even though it's technically not a spot zone, that's exactly what it is."

"This change will only accommodate the drug re-

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## Future of Barry school discussed

By Brendan Rooney  
Correspondent

CHICOPEE — Last month, on July 17, the Anna Barry School Building Commission met inside city hall to discuss the future of Barry School, as the latest developments reveal that 12 test designs, schematics, or a PDP—or Preliminary Design Program—have been submitted and officially sent along to the Massachusetts School Building Association (MSBA).

Since the meeting, the Chicopee Register has been publishing weekly breakdowns of each section related to the designs. This week, as previously shown, is Section B, offer-

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# IN THE CITY

## Chicopee library Adult Programming for August

CHICOPEE - It's time for Summer Reading at the Library.

Here are some of things that will be happening at the library over the summer. All ages are welcome to join Summer Reading.

We will be having an English Language Conversation Circle for English Language Learners every Wednesday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. from July 2 - August 27. Emma, an ESOL teacher will lead the class. This is for all levels of learners to practice conversing.

Thursday Night Concerts: All concerts begin at 6:30 p.m. Concerts are outside, weather permitting unless otherwise indicated.

Bring your own seating. Snacks and water are encouraged. Our concerts are supported by the Chicopee Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the MA Cultural Council, a state agency.

**Events:**

**August 12 at 6 p.m.:** Coloring for Adults: Van Gogh's Sunflowers with Marie Manley Tucker. Register through the Chicopee Library calendar or call 413-594-1800x3.

**August 14:** Sarah the Fiddler-a blend of Classical, Bluegrass and Celtic Music

As always, the computer lab is available to work on genealogy on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to Noon and 6 to 8 p.m. We are a FamilySearch Affiliate Library and have helpful databases such as Ancestry, American Ancestors and HeritageQuest to help you in your search.

If you need technology help, we offer one-on-one computer help on Mondays and Fridays at 2 p.m. or by appointment.

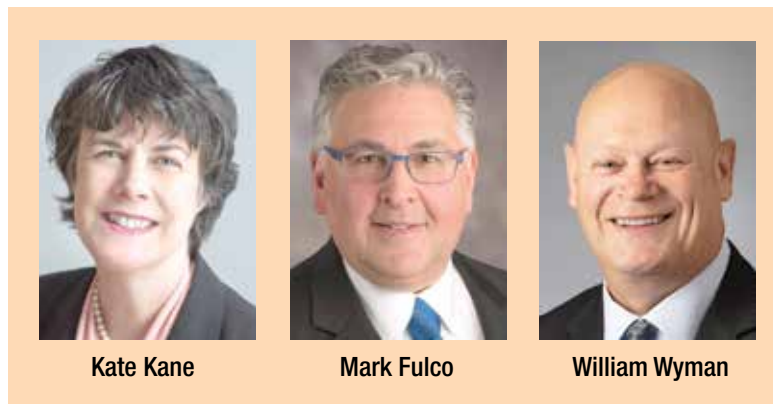
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## Elms College appoints new board leadership

*Welcoming Chair Kate Kane, Vice Chair Mark Fulco, and William Wyman '96 to the Board of Trustees*

CHICOPEE - Elms College announces the appointment of Kate Kane as Chair of the Board of Trustees and Mark Fulco as Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees. Additionally, William Wyman '96, President of the Elms College Alumni Association, joins the board as a new member. These esteemed individuals bring a wealth of experience and dedication that will be instrumental in guiding the college's future.

"It has been great to work with Kate Kane as vice-chair of the Board and I am thrilled to welcome her in the role of Board Chair as we continue our efforts together to advance the mission of Elms College and serve our diverse student population. Similarly, Mark Fulco has served the College very well as Chair of the Institutional Advancement Committee; Kate and I



Kate Kane

Mark Fulco

William Wyman

are looking forward to working with him as Board Vice Chair. Finally, I want to welcome William, as President of the Alumni Association, to the Elms Board," said Dr. Harry Dumay, President of Elms College.

Kate Kane, first elected to the Board of Trustees in July 2016, has been an integral member, demonstrating a deep commitment to the college's mission. As a Wealth Management Advisor at Northwestern Mutual, where she has been since 1986, her financial background will be invaluable in her role as chair. She has been recognized for her work with many orga-

nizations in Massachusetts, including Dress for Success, The Women's Fund of Western Massachusetts, The Sisters of Providence Health System, Friends of the Homeless, Springfield Museums, and Square One.

Mark Fulco, a board member since July 2018, steps into the role of Vice Chair. As Vice President, Healthcare and National Healthcare Solutions Team Leader for Suffolk Constructions, Mark brings a distinguished career in executive leadership. His previous experience as President of Mercy Medical Center, Vice President at the Trinity Health Systems, and Chief

Transformation Officer for Mercy Medical Center demonstrates his strategic vision and operational expertise, which will be critical in his new board position.

William Wyman '96 was appointed to the Board of Trustees as of July 1, 2025, bringing a valuable alumnus perspective. As President of the Alumni Association, he has consistently championed the Elms College community. William's impressive academic background, including a BA in Paralegal studies from Elms College, MMAS from the Army's School of Advanced Studies, and his ongoing Ph.D in Public Policy, will be a great asset to the board. Currently an Assistant Professor at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, he mentors military leaders and offers a distinct perspective on leadership and global affairs.

## Chicopee Public Library hosts summer events for kids, families

CHICOPEE - Each month the Chicopee Public Library hosts a variety of free programs for children, teens and families. The Youth Services Department seeks to provide opportunities for entertainment and enrichment that promote literacy and explore creativity. Here is the slate of events for August 2025, including information about the annual Summer Reading Challenge!

Many of our programs are planned to happen outside in our beautiful backyard. However, if it's raining or too hot, we will move all programming to our community room or children's room.

**Outside Playgroup will be held on Fridays, Aug. 15 at 10:30 a.m.** Play outside at the library! Families are invited to hang out under our new shade structure. Library staff will bring toys and sidewalk chalk. In the event of bad weather, this program will move into the Children's

Room Playspace.

**Toddler Time will be held on Mondays Aug. 11 at 10:30 a.m.** An open ended playtime for Toddlers to socialize and play! For ages 0-2, no registration required. In the event of bad weather, this program will move into the Children's Room.

**Musical Storytime will be held on Tuesdays, Aug. 12 at 10:30 a.m.** A little bit of storytime, a little bit of a dance party. Join us outside on the back patio or in the community room for stories and movement. Geared towards kids ages two through five, older kids welcome.

The library will host an End of Summer Party featuring Ice Cream with the Mayor and Library Mini-Golf on Aug. 14.

Mayor John Vieau and library staff will be scooping ice cream from 2 to 3 p.m. Mobile Mini-Golf will have 9 holes set up on the main floor of the library from 2:30

to 4:30 p.m. Come and celebrate your summer reading achievements!

There is still time to sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge!

"Chicopee, Did you read today?" is the question of the season. The Library is challenging everybody to read every day from June 23 - August 15. You can read books or comics, listen to audiobooks, read to someone, or listen to someone read to you. You can read as much or as little as you want. The goal is to spread the joy of reading and learning throughout the community. Sign up for our reading challenge online with Beanstack (look for the link on the library homepage) or visit the library to get started.

Visit the library website for more info about library events, including programs for adults and Thursday night Concerts. www.chicopeepubliclibrary.org.

## High School of Commerce holding 50th Class Reunion

SPRINGFIELD - The High School of Commerce Class of 75 is holding their 50th class reunion.

It will take place at the Storowton Tavern, West Springfield, MA, on Saturday August 30, 2025 at 6

p.m. Contact Janet at jan0826@comcast.net to learn more.

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in person the first time, the energy from the community, I could see why everybody said it was their race to run," Stanley said.

She added how during the race, people would hold signs encouraging the runners, sprinklers sprinkling the runners and give out oranges.

"So, it's such a community race that that's what keeps me doing it year after year. It's an important cause and it's just a fun race," Stanley said.

Stanley stressed the importance of spreading the word about organ donation, with her driving force being how she didn't want anyone to go through what she felt. She's also an organ donor herself and has family members impacted by organ donation through skin grafts from cancer and donor tissue.

"Being able to see that impact that you can help someone else out in their time of need and relieve that stress. I would do it time and time again. I just think it also just shows that human connection and being able to have your last-I guess acts--on this world be one of kindness, to save someone else, is just something that I think is so important," Stanley said.

Stanley said having the team makes you feel like "you're not alone and that people understand what you're going through" when people come together on a mission to raise awareness, fundraise and support an important cause.

She hopes participants not only learn about NEDS, but also about other organizations taking part, providing opportunities to ask questions and research them.

"That they walk away



A fun photo of mother and son.

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with wanting to learn more about the organization and doing the research."

Evan Dolecki, events and project specialist at New England Donor Services, is also team captain for Team NEDS and got on board through his work at the organization.

Dolecki said the race is one of the biggest in New England in the summertime, providing an opportunity to raise awareness for NEDS to a large audience. The funds, he added, will go towards helping the public learn more about organ donation including PSAs, volunteer training, radio and TV partnerships and special programs for high schools, churches, colleges and more.

"Our team this year is a great mixture of returning runners, but also new runners. We have donor families, health-care workers on our team, staff of New England Donor Services, so we have a great mixture of people advocating for the work that New England Donor Services does," Dolecki said.

"We're sending 32 in-person runners to the event as well as we have one team member running the at-home virtual edition. So, 33 team members in total, which is one of our largest teams ever."

Dolecki was humbled to collaborate with Stanley, emphasizing he'd like people to learn more about what it means to be an organ donor and look beyond the common misconceptions and myths.

"She is a big advocate for the work that New England Donor Services does and as a repeat runner on our team, she's been able to show our new runners the importance of the work that we do, share fundraising tips and, overall, be a great addition to our team. Welcoming her back year after year, we're so happy to do so and it's people like her that allow us to participate in these events and promote the work that New England Donor Services does," Dolecki said.

Stanley encourages the community to get involved and do their research.

"It's such a great organization. I don't think as many people are aware of it in the area and that we do have such a spectacular organization and how much it could impact their lives," Stanley said. "Having the education and knowledge behind it makes the decision so much easier to make."

To learn more and support Team NEDS, visit neds.org and check out the Team Page: <https://raceroster.com/events/2025/99641/the-2025-asics-falmouth-road-race/pledge/team/754387>.

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# IN THE CITY

## Parade Committee to hold Designer Purse Bingo

CHICOPEE – For the second year in a row, the St. Patrick's Parade Committee of Chicopee will host a fun filled night of Bingo on Saturday Sept. 6 at the Portuguese American Club, 149 Exchange St.

All guests must be 18 years of age or older.

Doors will open at 4 p.m. Games will start promptly at 5 p.m.

Prizes for the lucky winners will be designer handbags. Tickets for donated baskets will be available for purchase.

Admission is \$35...this will include 10 bingo card games and a door prize entry ticket.

Dabbers will be available for purchase. Additional bingo card games can be purchased during the event.

Tables of eight can be reserved for \$240. The reservation must be paid no later than



Aug. 30.

Checks should be made out to Chicopee Parade Committee and mailed to 1 Central Ave., Chicopee MA 01020. They may also be delivered to 1 Central Ave. during regular business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) Monday thru Thursday.

Attendees are welcome to bring snacks but must purchase beverages from the bar.

Photos will be posted on the committee's Facebook page for those interested in a preview of the prizes.

For more information or to reserve a table, please call

or text Alivia at 413-378-5694 and leave a full name and good contact # where you can be reached. Messages left will be returned as soon as possible.

Proceeds from this event will support the Chicopee contingent's participation in the Holyoke St. Patrick's Day Parade. The St. Patrick's Parade Committee of Chicopee strives to promote Irish pride and culture through its many events.

For over 70 years, the committee has organized the annual Colleen Contest and Coronation Ball, constructed the Colleen's award-winning float, and awarded scholarships to young women who plan to further their education at a college or university.

Other upcoming events and fundraisers to which the public is invited will be posted on the group's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/chicopeespc/>.

## CPD remembers Ofc. Tony Fazio

CHICOPEE – The police department shared this tribute to retired Ofc. Tony Fazio on July 13 on their Facebook page:

"We are saddened to learn of the recent passing of retired Officer Tony 'Faz' Fazio. Our condolences to the friends and family of Ofc. Fazio," they said.

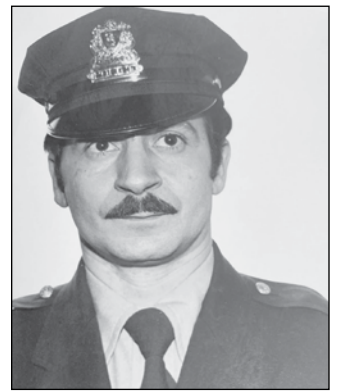


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## History Room hosting Genealogy labs

HOLYOKE – The Holyoke History Room, located at Holyoke Public Library, is inviting the public to come research in company, and seek advice from two profession-

al genealogists. The history room is hosting Genealogy Labs on the fourth Wednesday of the month. The next one will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 27 from 2:30 to 5 p.m.

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hab center. If a nursing home or a long-term care facility wanted to come in, it would have to be Residential C. So, there is no purpose for this to be changed," Courchesne said. "And in fairness to the applicant too, not just for my constituents that have clearly stated and came out in force to oppose this. But, it's not fair to the applicant if we approve the zone change then we deny his special permit. He's gone through all that trouble and it's a lot of trouble and a lot of money to get to that point. So, in fairness to him too, we should deny this so that he's not wasting his time and money to pursue something that I hope we would not allow to happen."

Courchesne stressed his decision was not about stigma, but "it's about where it is."

"Unfortunately, it's just not in a good spot with children, bus stops, everybody's houses," Courchesne said. "The idea is good, the location is just not appropriate for this. So, I hope you will support me and my constituents in voting this no."

Ward 3 Councilor Susan Goff stated how "there should be a balance of land use" and "it should be consistent with the neighborhood."

Goff also had asked questions to the applicant such as would the facility provide methadone or suboxone, with the answer being "they would be providing medication."

"So, to have that type of medication at a facility, we don't know how many beds that would be. I don't think the beds would be filled with only community members. They're going to come from other communities, they're going to come from maybe even out of state," Goff said. "It's not a court-ordered facility, so they can check themselves out at any time. It's just the way that it is."

Her other concerns were current staffing shortages in the healthcare industry and the location, which has restaurants, bars and children waiting at bus stops.

"I don't want to put the stigma of something being bad, but there's a high probability that something could happen. We heard a gentleman tonight in the business understand \$360,000 for tax revenue is nothing considering the amount of support that they're going to need," Goff said. "How many ambulances are going to have to be called, how many police because people are having fights. It's just not a good area."

Councilor-at-Large Tim Wagner shared how "the second-highest amount of overdose deaths in Hampden County" are in Chicopee and, to his understanding, the item



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A shot from the side of the former Willimansett Center East in Chicopee.

is a "preliminary zone change that would allow them to apply for a special permit."

Wagner said because of the type of land, "we have no space for anything" and it, unfortunately, has "led to the prevalence of no."

"Saying no to everything because it's in my backyard, it's not the right place, it's not the right time. Well, I'm sorry to say, but there's never going to be a right place and there's never going to be a right time until we completely rethink the way that we do development here in America," Wagner said. "That's just the unfortunate reality of it."

He emphasized how "we still have residents and we still have citizens who still have needs," and addiction treatment "is unfortunately one of them."

"I've had friends and I've had relatives who are suffering through this and who have passed, unfortunately, well before their time has come. We all know people like that," Wagner said. "So, I want to hear this proposal out because

whether this is housing, which it sat vacant waiting to be sold for however many years as Residential A and was not bought up by anyone to be used for housing. So, I don't think that there's any interest in housing there," Wagner said. "It's never the right time for anything, anywhere, in the city because it's always going to be in someone's backyard and I think that that mentality is outdated and I think it needs to change if we're going to change as a community and as a council. I want us to say yes to something for once that could actually be good for the community and I just want us to hear this developer out. Is that so much to ask? I just want to hear him out, so I'm going to vote yes."

Ward 6 Councilor Samuel Shumsky agreed with Wagner's points.

"We heard bits and pieces from the applicant that was here, but there hasn't been any solid plans put in front of us. I voted yes at the last meeting because, in my mind, I've never felt that denying a zone

change for something that is not definitive with a special permit. I'm interested in

hearing anyone and everyone out when it comes to special permits because I know if I was an applicant, I'd want that same courtesy and respect," Shumsky said.

Courchesne then shared a point of information, noting how many questions were asked at the Zoning Committee meeting and "we know specifically what's being planned there."

"A lot of good questions were asked and they were honest in their answers, I believe. They were very clear in what they were going to be doing there. I asked plenty of questions, so it's not a mystery as to what's going to happen there. We know what's going to happen there because they

told us what's going to happen there," Courchesne said. "So, I don't know why this 'let's hear them out.' We've already heard them out. So, I understand what you're saying. If we didn't know anything yet, then let's hear about it. But we do know what's going on. They're very specifically and a lot of detail, actually, not just some what ifs and could bes. They're very specific, so this is not a surprise, it's not a secret what's happening. Nothing's going to change when it comes to the special application. We already know those details."

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## IN THE CITY



## Midsummer maintenance will keep annuals going strong

The half dead pot of petunias on the rental house's steps got me thinking about the perfect column for this time of year! After all, we invest hard earned money in annual flowers and plants, and we expect that they will provide us with color through the first frost. What steps can we take now to ensure that they will?

Read on for some useful advice, straight from the archives.

### Remove spent flowers

Most annuals will continue to bloom abundantly if they are deadheaded on a regular basis. Deadheading is an entertaining term used to define the removal of spent flowers.

A plant produces flowers for one purpose: to survive. You see, once a flower has been pollinated it will produce seed; seed that will grow future plants.

If a plant has produced enough flowers that have gone to seed it will consider its job to be done, flower production will cease, and it will begin to decline. By deadheading, we keep the plant in reproductive mode, in other words, in flower!

When you remove dying blossoms, make sure to pinch off the entire flower, not just the petals, or it will do no good. Include the stem as well to keep the plant tidy.

Petunias, marigolds, zinnias and salvia, among others, are examples of plants that require regular deadheading to look their best throughout the growing season.

### Shear them back to encourage new growth

Some annuals start to get a leggy appearance about now. Others may have brown tips.

These plants require more drastic measures to bring back their youthful good looks. Give them a good haircut.

Simply look within the plant and find healthy, green growth. Cut calendulas, pansies and snapdragon back to that point. Alysium or lobelia can often be sheared to within inches of the ground.

Don't worry; they

won't look bad for long! You can jump start regrowth with a bit of liquid fertilizer.

### Feed your plants

Annuals that are well fertilized at planting time likely look a bit pale by now. If foliage is off-color and flower production is nil, pull back the bark mulch and sprinkle some organic fertilizer granules at the base of each plant.

Cultivate gently and water in a little bit. You can also use a water soluble liquid fertilizer every couple of weeks.

If going natural is your cup of tea, make some! Compost or manure tea has long been used to keep growth lush. Steep a burlap bag of either compost or aged manure in a large trash bucket filled with water and use as needed.

Smaller batches can be made right in a watering can. Likewise, there are numerous blends of seaweed and fish emulsion on the market that can be watered in or used as a foliar feed.

### Water, water, water

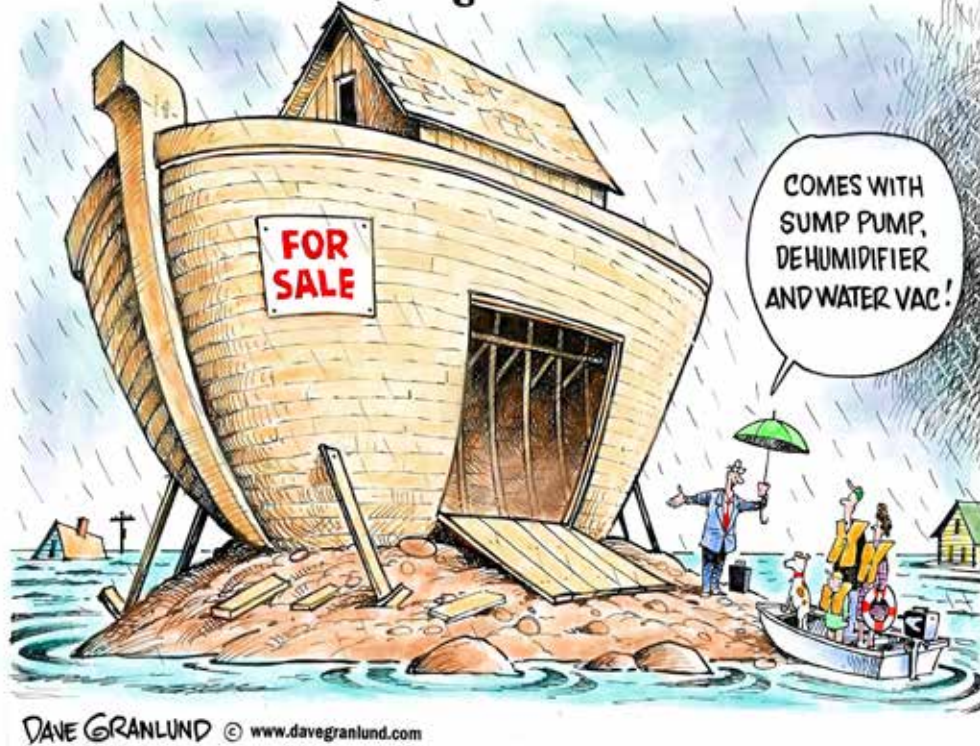
Be careful not to let your plants dry out. When you need to water the garden, remember to do so in the early morning, if possible, to avoid evaporation. Early evening is another good option, but try to get the job done with enough time for the foliage to dry before darkness sets in.

Deep waterings twice a week are far better than numerous quick showers. The former will promote deep, penetrating roots and future drought tolerance.

Well-watered, well-fed and well-groomed annuals will reward you with beautiful bountiful blossoms for another two months – well worth the effort indeed!

*Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 33 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 poumette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.*

## Alternative to buying flood insurance...



## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Resident accuses City Collector candidate of copying campaign signs

#### To the Editor:

I've become aware that Raj Sanghvi has adopted the phrase "from the heart of Chicopee" and for the love of Chicopee" in his messaging. I wrote a strikingly similar phrase as the slogan for my mother Sandra Peret's campaign for Chicopee Collector on July 5: from the heart of Chicopee, for the good of Chicopee.

It's been circulating on her fliers since.

I chose "from the heart of Chicopee," not only because Sandra likes hearts and is a caring, genuine person, but also because when my great-grandparents, Annette and Donat Plasse, moved to Chicopee from Québec, Can-

ada, they settled in Aldenville, the heart of Chicopee. My grandmother, Yvette Plasse-Borowiec, grew up in their home on Providence St., attended St. Joan of Arc School, and was married at Ste. Rose de Lima Church.

She loved Aldenville, and I have many fond memories, as does my mother, of visiting aunts and uncles there and going to Lucky Strike. Aldenville is the first chapter of my family's story in Chicopee; I wanted to pay tribute to that.

While I'm flattered that it appears Mr. Sanghvi thinks so highly of my work to use

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From The Heart of Chicopee  
-FOR-  
The Good of Chicopee!  
Vote Sandra Peret  
(September 16<sup>th</sup> Primary)

it for his campaign, I'm disappointed to see wording that is almost an exact copy of mine. I stand for respectful, honest campaigning and that includes acknowledging original ideas.

I'm a smart, talented woman, and I have worked too hard honing my writing skills to not be given credit. If you want a Chicopee Collector with integrity, vote for Sandra Peret on Sept. 16.

Jacqueline Peret

### A thank you to Stanley Iwanicki

#### To The Editor:

As we fill the open Collector seat, we should reflect on the work and service of Stanley Iwanicki. Stanley Iwanicki stepped into the role of City Collector decades ago, and few would have anticipated the steadfast dedication and quiet excellence he would bring to municipal service.

Now, after his service—as a business owner, an Alderman, (City Councilor), Assessor, and Collector—residents and city officials can learn from his quiet dedication and legacy.

Through changing administrations and fiscal challenges, he brought customer service, compassion and dedication. He remained a rock: guiding families through tax

cycles, collections, and abatements.

Whether helping seniors navigate payment schedules or enabling businesses to reconcile excise bills, he approached every interaction with patience, integrity and attention to detail.

He brought business experience, an understanding of finance, and a commitment to fairness, to tax bill mailings and receipt processing. He is respected by colleagues and trusted by the people of Chicopee.

Equally important is the team Mr. Iwanicki led. His staff is known for professionalism, attentiveness, and responsiveness.

They treat every resident with dignity, doing the hard, often thankless work that keeps a city running. Stanley

Iwanicki always credited their work as central to the office's success. When a difficult resident, who was upset, approached the window, Mr. Iwanicki took that customer himself. He was able to use his compassion and concern to help resolve the issues.

Chicopee owes Stanley Iwanicki—and his team—not only thanks, but celebration. Their legacy of service will last for generations, and the next Collector will need not only his skills as an organized, analytical thinker who can work with complicated fiscal details as well as people; the new Collector will also need his commitment of service along with innovation, and ideas, to continue to move the office forward.

Raj Sanghvi, Chicopee

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## Election letters to the editor

The Chicopee Register welcomes readers to participate in this year's election campaigns by writing letters to the editor for publication on these pages. Letters of up to 250 words from local residents endorsing candidates on the ballot or discussing campaign issues should be sent to Chicopee Register care of Turley Publications, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069, faxed to 413-289-1977 or emailed to journalregister@turley.com. Please include a daytime telephone number for verification purposes (it will not be printed). Letters must be received by noon Monday to be considered for that Thursday's newspaper. No attack letters will be printed. No letters written by candidates supporting their own candidacy will be printed. If the volume of letters received is larger than the space available in the newspaper, or if the letters become repetitive, the newspaper reserves the right to print a representative sample. No endorsement letters will be printed in the last edition before the election.

For more information, call the editor at 413-283-8393.

**Campaign news**  
As part of its election coverage, the newspaper plans to print stories about contested races for Congress, state Senate, state House, district attorney and Governor's Council during the weeks leading up to the election, as well as a question-and-answer voters guide. In order to ensure fairness to all candidates, no political press releases will be printed, nor will reporters cover political rallies or fundraisers. Candidates who wish to further publicize their candidacy, beliefs and events may contact advertising, 413-283-8393 about paid advertising in Chicopee Register.

## I'm turning 70. When should I apply for Social Security?

### Dear Rusty:

I have a very simple question: I will turn 70 on Sept. 20 and want to start my Social Security benefits in September.

What month should I file my claim? Have there been delays with the reductions in SSA staff? Thank you for your help.

**Signed: Ready to Claim.**

### Dear Ready to Claim:

Social Security allows you to submit your application for benefits up to four months prior to the month you wish benefits to start (you will specify your desired benefit-start-month on the application).

Thus, to have your benefits begin in September (the month you turn 70), you can submit your application as early as May 2025. That will

give SS plenty of time to get your benefits started on time.

Remember, though, that SS pays benefits in the month following the month earned, so if you start benefits in September, you will receive your first SS payment in October on the third Wednesday.

And, since you will be turning 70 in September you are entitled to full benefits effective from the first of that month. Congratulations on choosing a strategy, which maximizes your monthly payment. By claiming at age 70, your monthly SS benefit will be about 31% more than it would have been at your Full Retirement Age and you will get that higher monthly

amount for the rest of your life.



Re your question about possible delays, Social Security staff reductions have not included "front line" agents, those who handle applications, so the SS recent staff adjustments should not likely delay processing your application.

Although some back-office staffing turmoil currently exists at SSA, they have been moving more people to front-line positions to try to improve their service. Just be aware, however, that it nor-

mally takes the SSA about two to three months to process new applications, which is why they allow applications up to 4 months in advance. You will specify the month you wish benefits to start on your application. In any case, although your application should be fine if you submit it this month, rest assured that they will pay you starting with the month you requested, even if they must do so retroactively.

FYI, people can apply for Social Security in person by making a telephone appointment to do so at 1-800-772-1213 or they can apply online at www.ssa.gov/apply. To apply online, they need to have first created their "my Social Security" online account at www.ssa.gov/myac-

count. Here is a video which explains the online application process: www.ssa.gov/hlp/video/icclaim\_r01.htm.

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# IN THE CITY

## CFD celebrates promotion of probationary firefighters



CHICOPEE - Congratulations to Firefighters St. Phard, Przbyla and Hinnebusch as they have successfully completed their probationary year!

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## Friends of CPL holding 23rd Annual Golf Tourney

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different things.”

Manyak elaborated on the senior center’s Walking Club.

“The walking group has been on and off for about five years now. We walk all over the place, we walk the bike path, we walk to Szot Park. We used to do a huge kick-off, and we’d have like 100 people, but now it’s dwindled down to just a few,” Manyak said. “So, we really want to invite people to come. You walk with one of our volunteer coordinators, but sometimes I go, sometimes the assistant director goes or the program coordinator, so you never know who you’re going to walk with. We kicked off these summer yard games, so we have yard games out front on our patio a few days a week and you play against the staff members. So that’s been something. That’s not huge, but it’s starting to take off.”

Volunteer and Activity

Coordinator Brandon Dumas, who walked with this group this week, also shared his thoughts.

“I noticed we were having some beautiful days at the RiverMills Center, and I enjoy walking. Our director said, ‘Would you like to lead a walking group. We used to have one, we can restart it,’ and my response was, ‘I would love to.’ The group restarted April of 2024. The main focus for the group is for our seniors to have another way to exercise in the company of others. The walking group is for anyone over the age of 55 who is a senior center member,” Dumas said. “Normally we have three people consistently walk with us but have had six to eight at different times of the year. It is a good way to get to know some of the patrons who attend the RiverMills Center.”

Dumas hopes now that the group has been meeting again, more people can join and take part.

“I am hoping the group can grow and I would like to add different destinations for the group to walk at and explore. The city of Chicopee has a wonderful activity-filled fast-paced Council on Aging and we are happy to host this walking group to support the importance of health and wellness through exercise,” Dumas said.

Dumas then shared the schedule and how far the group normally walks for those who want to join in the future.

“Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays weather permitting,” Dumas said. “We do not go out if it’s too hot or cold, or if it’s raining. 2.3 miles, this usually takes us about 45 to 50 minutes to complete.”

Dumas and Manyak encouraged the community to stop by the senior center any time.

Check out the senior center newsletter or call 413-534-3698 to learn more about upcoming events.



## CPD members enjoy lemonade for a good cause

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CHICOPEE - When it’s hot you need to stay hydrated! And when the lemonade is great everyone stops by to grab a cup and help support the cause.

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# CPD C3 Willimansett Unit delivers ice cream



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CHICOPEE - Thank you to C3 Willimansett for taking the ice cream truck out and handing out some cold treats during this heat wave. We will be at it again tomorrow.

If you see us in your neighborhood waive us down and grab some ice cream.



# Chicopee officially a Project Lifesaver Community

CHICOPEE - We're thrilled to announce that Deputy Lieutenant Moss and TRIAD Officer Rodrigues from the Hampden County Sheriff's Office stopped by to officially designate Chicopee as a Project Lifesaver community!

Project Lifesaver, part of the Hampden County TRIAD program, offers a vital safety system for families and caregivers of individuals with cognitive conditions like Alzheimer's, autism, and more.

Participants wear a transmitter that allows first responders to locate them quickly if they wander off. With swift response times and comprehensive training for our local police and fire departments, Project Lifesaver is a game-changer for community safety.

For more information or to enroll a loved one, contact the Hampden County Sheriff's Office at 413-858-0060.



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## DESIGN from page 1

a bit more green space around the building to be incorporated.

The pros and cons were once again on the same level as B1, but the only difference was that up to 91% of key elements were fully supported compared to the latter 88%. He also touched upon the overall layout of the schematic, citing that the first floor would consist of a few public zones and a larger semi-private zone, where multi-language learning, art, and music classes would reside.

"Those kinds of things are all shared there, because they are shared among all grades, and we don't want to put those into a grade-specific neighborhood, where you have older-grade students coming into a first-grade zone or something for art," Gardner said.

Also, the first floor would house kindergarten and first grade, while also having a service area which wouldn't be available to the public after hours.

"We decided to do two grades per floor, so the sec-

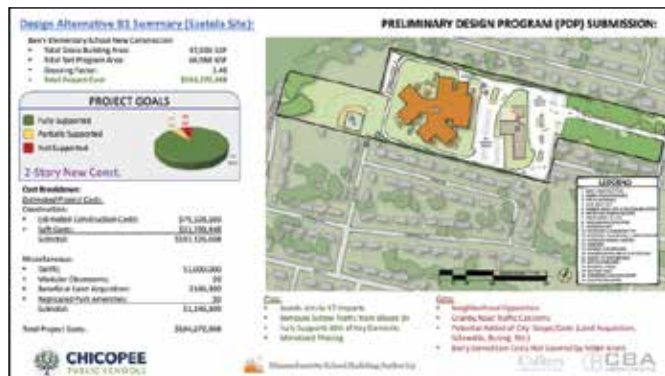
ond floor would be second and third graders, and the third floor would be 4th and 5th grade students, and as it shows, all academic neighborhoods are cleanly separated from the school, as we try to ensure the layout is consistent on each floor so everything stacks and will help the builder construction wise to get better pricing," Gardner said.

Simply meaning, the building will stack upon itself and will be sturdy and sound from the foundation up.

B3 is also a three-story design that is estimated to cost around \$104,220,466. Once again offering the same amount of pros and cons, however.

Gardner explained that the number of fully supported key elements fluctuates from the range of 88 to 91%, while admitting the building would offer the same amount of public zones, and the grade zones would follow the same as B2, and that everything would be locked up when the building isn't in use.

Lastly, B4 is another two-story institution, in the ballpark of \$99,339,603,

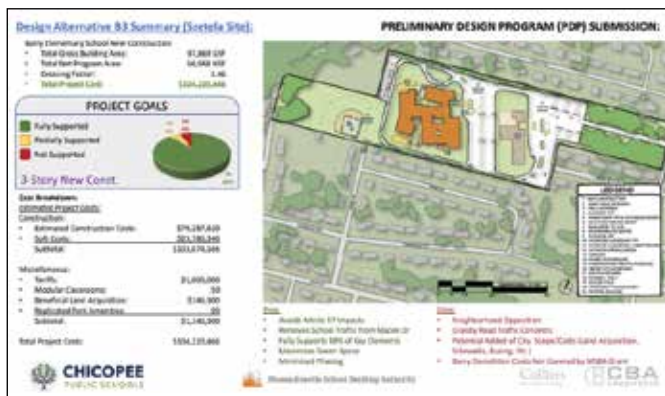


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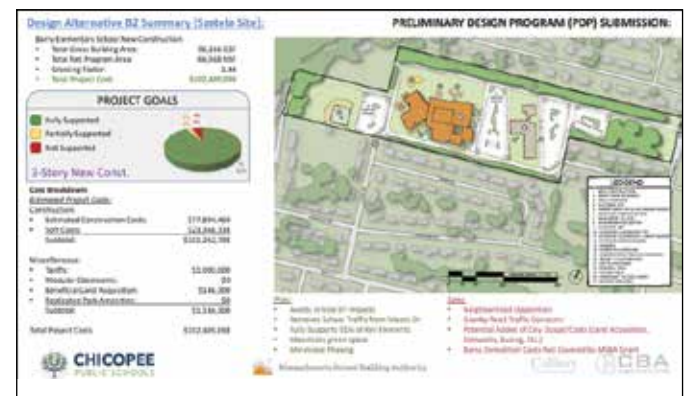
An overview of the B1 design schematic.



Here, we have a slide about the B4 design schematic for the Barry Elementary School project.



The summary overview for the B3 design schematic.



The summary overview for the B2 design schematic.

sharing the same similarities as all the others, but would support up to 88% of key ele-

ments. Some major differences are the peculiar design of the building, with the kinder-

garten zone being at the top, and adjacent L-shaped wings being the other, with the first floor housing K-third grade

students, and the second floor would hold the fourth and fifth graders.

## FUTURE from page 1

ing a glimpse into the potential future if Szetela Preschool were the chosen option.

To find out more, check out our other story in this week's edition.

Also, it should be noted that the reaction to the latter option of Barry being potentially placed behind Szetela has been a point of mitigated tension and ample frustration stemming from the Granby Road community. Ongoing concerns that have been brought forth are elements such as the subdivision of the busy road, along with the concern of neighborhood quality of life diminishing, raising the question of whether property value will be negatively adjusted, along with the ethical challenge of public domain issues.

During the Aug. 5 City Council meeting, Mayor John Vieau also announced the next Neighborhood Meeting will take place on Thursday, Aug. 21, at 6 p.m. at Anna E. Barry Elementary School.

Offering a voice and speaking for the neighborhood in focus was Ward 2 Councilor Shane Brooks, who spoke with the Chicopee Register during the overall PDP presentation.

Brooks cited a plethora of concerns while mentioning the value of redistricting, and



Anna E. Barry School

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his passion for the fabled integrity of Barry school.

"I think they are discounting the amount of vehicular traffic that occurs on Granby Road every day," Brooks said. "I think an opportunity to look at redistricting until they can find an appropriate replacement—and I love Barry school both of my girls went there—but I understand its limitations, unique challenges but jamming an elementary school behind an early childhood center, adding and impacting traffic will disproportionately disrupt a well-established and settled, very mature neighborhood."

Brooks' comments follow a similar tune from the countless community members who continue to gather

and seek additional information from the Barry School Commission, as the message as previously reported is "all concerns have been heard and addressed."

However, many still adhere on the point of caution citing that injuries could arise due to only one crosswalk being available on the busy roadway.

Brooks offered a point of resolution by noting he has passed along the addition of a second crosswalk due to a personal perception of seeing the increase of traffic and danger taking place, but feels it's a tough spot due to the limitations in place.

"I have been a proponent of putting an additional crosswalk there, because I

have family who walk Granby Road all the time," Brooks said. "It should be noted there was no other alternative to put the crosswalk where it is, as the next available crosswalk is at the bottom of the hill before you come and take the left to enter the center, so to think somehow we can provide additional safety measures when there are other remedies and alternatives is short-sighted on the part of the building commission and the city, and as a member of the City Council I'm hesitant living on that curve."

Brooks also commented on the concern of families, especially those with young children, being "fearful" trying to deal with the early morning traffic, in most particularly during school hours, citing personal experiences of being stuck.

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Once again, while others in the community have brought forth concerns of noise pollution, and that the city should keep looking for other options, offering the same direction that Brooks proposed, but as previous-

ly reported, before only two options were deemed viable: either A being Garry Grove or B at Szetela, and as noted before, both come with a plethora of challenges.

Raising the point that many, including Brooks, felt that the inclusion of Barry would diminish and affect the overall identity of the neighborhood that resides under the domain of his ward, he represents, by offering his initial thoughts.

"A new street would be added, additional traffic, we have walkers, joggers, people who do passive recreation with pets, and I just think it's a poor second alternative when I think there could be workarounds with the state and the commonwealth if they were fully aware of the impact on a neighborhood," Brooks said.

Brooks continued to offer similar sentiments that the public has been trying to garner support with, but despite the decision remaining steadfast, he also felt that no matter what choices and additional remedies are set forth to Granby Road—citing the ordinance of cameras on school buses, signaling that all cars to stop when the red light is flashing—Brooks still felt that the repeated actions will continue to occur, due to the established driver mentality.

"I voted in favor of that

ordinance, but I'm not sure about it because bad drivers are just bad drivers," Brooks said. "People can't put down a cellphone, and they can't focus on the road, because they are distracted."

Brooks also shared his push for a sense of urgency from not only the city, but everyone attached to the Barry School's 'legacy' project, to look at all options, citing the dangers of misdirected attention.

"There are a plethora of telling signs that Granby Road is not a safe throwaway option," Brooks said. "People don't bother to look at the signs. We put those fancy flashing signs up, which we hope to be a deterrent, but I'm convinced that drivers want to see how high they can get it to go before they slow down, and we already had three fatalities on that road, so if you want to add to that total, I'm not going to be part of that party adding to that body count, I just won't be."

Brooks also added this. "We need to exhaust everything before I'll even consider casting a vote in favor of this, and right now I am admittedly opposed," Brooks said. "I will never support this until I can see empirical data that demonstrates that they exhausted every possible remedy, showing all parties are safe."

# SPORTS

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## Late-season action for Chicopee Comp



Hunter Pirog is pressured by a pair of defenders.



Landon Sousa circles the ball.



Landon Turner vies for a 50/50 ball.

CHICOPEE – The Chicopee Comprehensive boys summer soccer team has one entrant this summer, playing in the A Division. Chicopee High School placed teams in both the A and B divisions. Comp had a tough summer this year, going 0-8-1 and failing to make the summer playoffs. The Colts will look forward to the fall preseason coming up in a couple of weeks



Zack Banar pops up a pass.



Carter Kozikowski runs down the ball.

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## Central takes silver in field hockey games

West receives bronze

FITCHBURG – Utilizing the turf fields at Game On Sports Complex, the Bay State Games for field hockey were held, featuring teams from Western and Central Massachusetts, both of which have had great success in the sport in past Bay State Games competitions. The games, which were held the weekend of July 11 to 13, started off with a strong 3-0 victory from Central over the Metro/Northeast team.

Western Mass. got into the action right after, taking on a Central team that has just played a few hours earlier. But Central was equal to the task and scored a 4-2 win over West.

West then had its second game of the day, facing off with the Coastal team, and rebounding with a 4-3 win.

On Saturday, July 12, West fell for a second time 4-1 against the Southeast team while Central also suffered a loss, falling 5-2 against Southeast.

Both teams would rebound with wins later in the day. Central beat Coastal 5-3 while West shut out Metro/Northeast with a 4-0 decision. That put the West team in the bronze medal game on Sunday, July 13.

West would defeat Coastal in a rematch of their second game of the tournament, winning 3-2. Central made the gold medal game, but suffered a 2-0 shutout against the Southeast team.

This year, representing Central Mass. in the games were Quabbin High School's Makenzie Casey and Tantasqua's Sophia Bochicchio.

Tantasqua's Dessa Demears played for the Western Mass. team, while Anna Taylor and Kendall Placzek represented Minnechaug Regional.

Agawam High School placed four players on the team. Alyssa DaSilva, Finola Mahoney, Olivia Govoni, and Lily Charest represented the Brownies.

## Rivalry renewed as PeoplesBank takes title over St. Joe's

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

HOLYOKE — The Tri-County Baseball League will be celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2029.

PeoplesBank, who has been the best team in the league during the past thirty years, swept St. Joseph's in this year's best of three championship series.

"Feels great to win another championship. It's our goal every summer," said PeoplesBank player/manager Joe Ferry. "We just enjoy playing baseball with each other. Our chemistry is a key to our success. I can't thank the players enough."

Ferry, who started both games against St. Joe's in left field, was aided by assistant coach Rey Rivera, who had three base hits and an RBI in game two.

PeoplesBank has captured the championship title in each of the past twelve seasons and a total of twenty times since 1995.

PeoplesBank and St. Joseph's both finished the 2025 regular season with ten victories.

"Our season was a success and great bonds were created," said St. Joe's player/manager Brian Hayes. "We had a team composed of mostly college players this year."

PeoplesBank, who was



Dave Clark gets the out at second.



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

the bottom of the first inning enroute to a 10-0 victory in game one of the championship series last Monday night. The contest ended after 4 1/2 innings due to the ten run mercy rule.

It was also PeoplesBank last game of the season at Mackenzie Stadium in Holyoke.

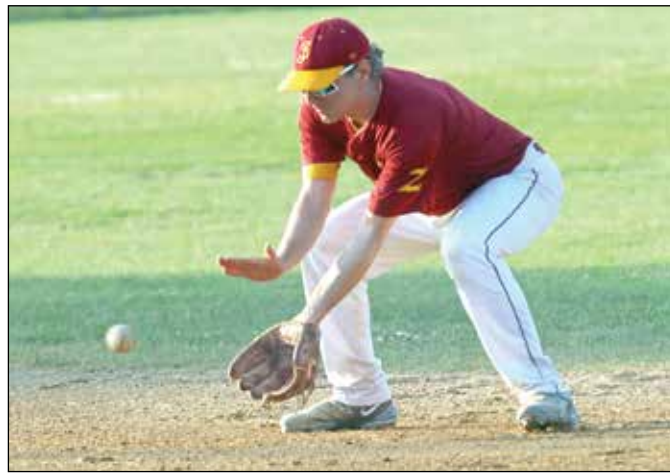
"We just love playing games on this field," said Ferry following game one. "We played very well in tonight's, but as Kobe Bryant, who was my favorite athlete growing up once said, 'the jobs not finished'."

PeoplesBank finished the job twenty four hours later



James Flahive delivers a pitch home in the championship series.

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Greg Vouros fields a grounder to second.

with a 10-7 win in an old fashion slugfest at St. Joe's Field in Thorndike.

The winning pitcher in game one was lefthander James Flahive, who's side-armed. He allowed only two base hits and issued two walks in his final start of the 2025 campaign.

"Jimmy has been the best pitcher in the league during

the past four or five years," Ferry said. "I don't ever recall him losing a game since he put on a PeoplesBank jersey."

St. Joe's shortstop Devin Slattery, who was an outstanding three-sport athlete at Ware High School, drew a walk with one-out in the top

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## SPORTS

## Patnode, Brousseau take modified wins

WINCHESTER, N.H. – Todd Patnode and Andrew Brousseau each won a Modified feature on the high banks of Monadnock Speedway Saturday, July 26, the potent pair each roaring to victory on New England's fastest quarter-mile oval.

Andrea St. Amour was awarded the Pure Stocks win after a post-race inspection penalized Kyle Begos, and Erik Smith was victorious in the Super Street main event.

Young Gun Hunter Duquette continued his summer of success, scoring his fourth 2025 feature win. And while top 604 Modified point man Brian Robie came up short of winning for the fifth time this season, he still had a strong night all the same.

Todd Patnode and Brian Chapin led the Allstates Materials Group 604 Modifieds to the green in round one of the open-wheeled rocket ships twin 35-lap main events. Patnode jumped all over the opening lead, bringing teen blaster Ty Leclerc – launch-

ing from row two – with him.

The Swanzezy competitor, a past speedway champion and winner of volumes of both Modified and Pro Stock main events here, would be sorely tested but would never bend en route to ending a two-season personal drought on the high banks.

Robie, charging from row four, got up for second on lap 13, yielded it back to rookie phenom Ty Leclerc on lap 20, and the battle was on, as Leclerc, Robie, and Chapin fought tooth-and-nail for the number two spot. Leclerc prevailed for a career-best runner-up finish, and Robie nudged past Chapin to steal third on the final lap.

In the nightcap 35, Brousseau started up front and never looked back. The second-generation hot shoe survived several strong restart bids by Colton Martin to stay on top as he blasted to his second win of the summer.

In a post-race inspection, 604 Modified competitor Brian Chapin was disqualified

from both features as result of not complying to the engine rules of having a sealed engine.

Erik Smith had raced to many near misses in Twin State Truck Services Super Street features this summer but had never quite sealed the deal. Saturday, he put all that behind him, as the Green Mountain State hat shoe roared to victory.

Smith's win didn't come easily though. Had he extended his arm out the window, he could have high-fived points leader Dylan Zullo almost all the way, as the high-flying Claremont speedster rode in his shadow from start to finish.

With JD Stockwell finishing at Zullo's bumper in third, Zullo finished the night still a handful of points atop the leader board. Zach Zalinski and Hillary Renaud were close behind in Saturday's nose-to-tail top five finish.

In the Pure Stocks, Kyle Begos led the field from the green to the checkers. De-

fending track Pure Stock champ Andrea St. Amour trailed Begos and ended in second on the night with Markus O'Neil in third. In a post-race inspection, Begos was penalized to ninth place finish for a camber rule violation.

Hunter Duquette wired the Doug's Auto Body Young Gun feature to earn his fourth victory lap of the season. Heat race winner Ella Grabowski was second, and Sofia Rego, aboard a loner ride, came home third.

In Senior Tour Auto Racers support card events, Chris Jarrett, aboard his 1970 Pinto open-wheeled entry, topped the STAR Sportsmen, with Ken Archambault second and Skip Stearns third. Windham, Maine's Alan Zemla was victorious in the STAR Modifieds, leading a trio of vintage coupe racers under the checkers, just ahead of Dennis Desautels and Skip Swiartek.

## T-Birds makes moves in operations staff

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds announced hockey operations staff changes on Wednesday. Julia Snow has been promoted to Head Athletic Trainer, and Dylan Schoen has been hired as the team's Video Coach. In addition, former Thunderbirds Head Athletic Trainer Koryd Lavimoniere has accepted a position with the NHL's Carolina Hurricanes as an Assistant Athletic Trainer.

"We're thrilled for Koryd on his much-deserved promotion to the NHL and want to thank him for his dedication to the Blues and Thunderbirds organizations," said Thunderbirds general manager Kevin Maxwell. "Our team will be in great hands with Julia moving into the head athletic trainer position, where she will remain a key resource for our players and staff. We look forward to continuing to work with her."

Snow is entering her fourth season in the Thunderbirds organization after serving as Assistant Athletic Trainer since August of 2022. She becomes the fourth female actively to serve as a head athletic trainer in the AHL. Prior to joining the T-Birds, Snow served as the Head Athletic Trainer for the ECHL's Worcester Railers, as well as stints with the Hyannis Harbor Hawks of the Cape Cod Baseball League and

the Massachusetts Pirates indoor football team.

Snow graduated from Worcester State University with a health education and therapeutic studies degree in 2018 before obtaining her masters in athletic training at Boston University.

Schoen is entering his first season in the Thunderbirds organization after serving as an assistant coach last season with Bowling Green State University.

"We are pleased to welcome Dylan into the Thunderbirds organization," said Maxwell. "His background in coaching at the junior and collegiate levels has prepared him to take on this new opportunity in Springfield, and we are happy to have him join our coaching staff."

A former NCAA Division III goaltender at SUNY-Geneseo and Stevenson University, Schoen has also served as a goaltending coach and assistant coach, respectively, for the North American Hockey League's Amarillo Bulls and Maryland Black Bears.

Springfield Thunderbirds fans are encouraged to visit [www.SpringfieldThunderbirds.com](http://www.SpringfieldThunderbirds.com) to learn more about 2025-26 Ticket Memberships, which feature the best benefits, including a special 10th anniversary season ticket holder jersey. For more information or to order now, call (413) 739-GOAL (4625).

## Pirates indoor football season comes to the end

LOWELL – Pirates quarterback Taulia Tagovailoa made the first start of his Indoor Football League career. The Bay Area Panthers, the best team in the league, proved to be a little too much for the former Maryland Terrapin and the rest of the Pirates as Bay Area defeated Massachusetts 45-30 at the Tsongas Center. The Panthers secured home-field advantage throughout the upcoming playoffs, finishing the year with a 13-3 record. The Pirates ended the 2025 campaign with a mark of 7-9.



The Panthers wasted little time showing Tagovailoa the ropes as defensive back Joe Foucha intercepted his first throw on the second play of the game. On the next play, Bay Area quarterback Josh Jones threw a 31-yard touchdown pass to Tyrese Chambers for a 7-0 lead. The rookie's indoctrination continued as the next drive ended the same way. After a 13-yard run by Tagovailoa to set up a first and ten at the Panthers' 13-yard line, his second pass of the night, intended for Dontay Demus, was picked off again by Foucha. For Foucha, it was his seventh interception of the season. Panthers backup quarterback Liam Thompson then came on to lead Bay Area on a seven-play, 40-yard drive that ended with Trey Goodman

taking a pitchout and scoring on a two-yard run for a 14-0 lead with 5:13 to play in the first quarter.

The Pirates then picked up the pace as Pooka Williams Jr. returned the ensuing kickoff 46 yards to the three-yard line. On the next play, the top running back in the IFL scored his 11th rushing touchdown of the season to put the Pirates down by seven. The Massachusetts defense then stepped up, as on the next possession, defensive lineman Michael Mason pressured Thompson in his own end zone. Mason was held on the play as Thompson was called for intentional grounding. The result of the play was a safety, making the score 14 to 9 as the first quarter ended.

With the ball to start the second quarter, Massa-

chusetts attempted a 46-yard field goal that was missed by Josh Gable. Thompson and the Panthers seized the opportunity as the quarterback scored on a nine-yard run for a 21-9 advantage.

The Bay Area defense then made a statement, as after an 18-yard run by Tagovailoa to set up first and goal at the seven, they pushed the Pirates back to the 24. The Pirates attempted a 39-yard field goal, but the snap never got back to the holder. After the turnover on downs, the Panthers need four plays to go 24 yards for a score. Thompson connected with Chambers for his second touchdown reception of the game with a ten-yard pass for a 28-9 advantage.

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neered a seven-play, 18-yard drive for a score that was highlighted by a leaping catch by Steven McBride as he vaulted into the stands for a nine-yard reception. Then, on fourth and goal from the one, the rookie quarterback recorded his first IFL touchdown pass as Teo Redding's catch made the score 28-15 at halftime.

The teams exchanged touchdowns in the third quarter as Thompson completed a six-play, 44-yard march to the goal line with a five-yard run for his second score of the game that pushed the score to 34-15. Tagovailoa answered with a six-yard scoring run for his first career rushing touchdown as the Pirates trailed 34-22.

After a missed field goal from 34 yards by the Panthers' Axel Perez, the Bay Area defense pressured Tagovailoa. On a third and 11, Jonathan Ross rushed the passer and was held in the end zone, which resulted in the second safety of the game. The third quarter ended 36-22 with Bay Area out front.

In the final quarter, Thompson scored his third rushing touchdown of the night on a three-yard run, and Perez added the point after and a "Deuce", giving the Panthers a 45-22 lead. Tagovailoa added his second rushing touchdown of the night on a nifty 19-yard run for the game's final points. His two-point conversion pass to Demus made the score 45-30.

## Quabbin Valley set to host second over-28 fall league

Following up on the resounding success of its inaugural campaign, the Quabbin Valley Baseball League, an over-28 adult baseball league will hold its second Fall League this September and October.

Seeking to create a similar competition environment to its spring/summer league, Quabbin Valley, with contributions from the Valley Wheel Over-28 Baseball League, created a four-team fall league last year featuring the Braves, Dodgers, Cardinals, and Twins.

Those same four teams are set to return and each team tends to have openings on them. Additionally, the league is open to welcoming more teams in to the league if it finds enough interest.

While the fall league schedule is still under con-

struction, it will mostly feature Sunday morning games played with wood-bat only, which is customary for fall baseball. There could be some Saturday games added to the schedule depending on the completion of the spring/summer season as well as to makeup rain-outs, potentially. Games are nine-innings long and there is a small playoff and championship held at the end of the season. Last year's fall season was eight games and that is the goal for this year. Free and low-cost fields are used as well as just one umpire in an effort to keep the costs lower for players. The cost to play will likely range from \$40 to \$60 for the eight-game schedule. Players from outside the

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of the first inning. After the next batter flied out to right, Slattery was thrown out trying to steal second base by catcher Pete Hogan.

Centerfielder Seth Allen hit a ground ball up the middle into centerfield for a single leading off the bottom of the first inning against St. Joe's righthander Jack Feltovic.

Then Hogan walked before second baseman Dave Clark launched a 3-run homer that landed beneath the giant scoreboard in left field.

Following back-to-back singles by first baseman Kyle Platner and right fielder Cam Rivest, DH Johnny Gegetsas delivered an RBI single to left giving the home team a 4-0 advantage.

Another run crossed the plate following a sacrifice fly to left by shortstop Sam Allen.

After catching the ball, St. Joe's left fielder Jacob Petrin threw the ball to third baseman Brandon Magni,

who tagged out the runner who was trying to advance to third base on the play.

Shortstop Seth Allen, who's Sam's twin brother, capped off the opening frame by hitting a two run double off the left field fence.

"We kept passing the bat and put a lot of pressure on them in the first inning," Ferry said. "We had some hard hits and a couple of walks in that inning. We also batted around in the first inning of last year's finals. I capped the inning off with a bases loaded triple in that game."

St. Joe's DH Pat Fitzgibbons drew a walk leading off the second inning, but he was thrown out trying to steal by Hogan.

PeoplesBank scored three more runs in the third inning.

Clark, who was hit-by-a-pitch in the second inning, knocked home the first run of the frame with a double to left. Platner followed with a two-run double to right.

Trailing, 10-0, St. Joe's



Sam Allen swings for PeoplesBank.

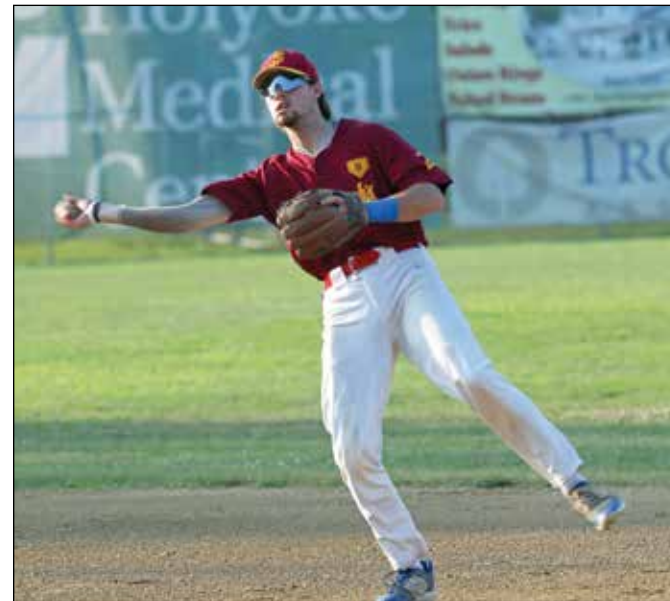
began the fourth inning with a line-drive single by Petrin, who was thrown out trying to steal second base. Slattery also singled, but the next batter grounded into a 6-4-3 inning ending double play.

St. Joe's standard two runs on base in the top of the

fifth, as PeoplesBank took a 1-0 lead in the series.

The Bankers jumped out to a 7-0 lead in game two before St. Joe's battled with five runs in the bottom of the fourth inning.

Center fielder Aaron Little knocked home two runs



Nate Carrill makes an off-balance play.

with a double and right fielder Colby Harrington contributed with an RBI single. The other two runs crossed the plate following errors.

The Bankers, who were led offensively by third baseman Cam MacDonald with two hits and two RBIs, responded with three runs in the

sixth inning giving the visitors a 10-5 advantage.

St. Joe's scored two more runs in the bottom of the sixth inning.

Danny Gaines was the winning pitcher in game two, which capped off another memorable season for PeoplesBank.

# IN THE CITY

## Upcoming Polish Food Sales Update

INDIAN ORCHARD – A DOZYNKI Celebration will be held at Immaculate Conception Church Hall,

25 Parker Street, Indian Orchard, MA. on August 23, 2025 from 2 to 6 p.m. with a Polish Plate Dinner.

Polish Plate Dinner (4 Pierogi, Golabek, Kielbasa, Kapusta and Rye Bread)

\$20 Per Plate--Eat in or Take Out.

Cash Bar-Wine and Beer, Water and Soda

No outside food or drink allowed.

Homemade Baked Goods available for purchase from the Youth.

Tickets are available by calling: Maria Kowalski- 413-222-6229, Irena Wurszt-413-427-5846, Parish Office-413-543-3627 opt for Monday and Tuesday 0 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Frozen Polish Food will also be available: Golabki (3) \$12, Kapusta (Large) \$10.

Pierogi (Cabbage, Potato & cheese \$14, Sweet Cheese, Blueberries \$15)

There will Not be a sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. as previously published, only from 2 to 6 p.m.

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Quabbin League may also pay a small fee for insurance as well.

An interest/registration form, will be forthcoming soon, but until then, to express interest in the league, you can email the coordinators of the league at either GScibelli22@yahoo.com or ikhandfield@gmail.com.

Scheduled and team placement for unaffiliated players will be finalized in mid-to-late August. Please join in the fun this fall.

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The worst imaginable thing for any parent would be having to endure the loss of their child.

Mike Jan Kuzdzal was a stand-up guy by all accounts. If he hadn't been, his family would not have created a Foundation in his name nor would there be so many supporters for its cause. As his mother says on their Facebook page, "After his untimely passing we decided to start a non-profit Foundation so his 'giving spirit' could live on." The Foundation is just two years old but growing with the dedication of family and friends.

Joseph Hutchison III and Mike, though cousins were like brothers. Both grew up as only children with their divorced mom's. After Mike passed unexpectedly in March of 2023 at the age of 42, leaving a wife and three young daughters, Joe wanted to do something as a tribute in his honor. Mike had reached the level of General Manager at Bertera Metro and was always ready with a helping hand for others. Because of this quality, the MJK Foundation was formed, committed to helping young people.

The MJK Foundation's mission is to empower mentors with the knowledge, tools, and support necessary to effectively guide and nurture the mental health and wellness of adolescents.

Joe, who has been married to Lisa for thirteen years and together have two beautiful daughters, has dealt with his own hardships in life. With a lot of personal effort and good guidance, he's overcome much of these things. He was a Correctional Officer for thirteen years at the Hampden County Sheriff's Department and for the past eight years has worked at the Juvenile Detention Center working with youths aged twelve to twenty-one. He explained how much of a need there is helping kids turn their young



By Barb Turcotte

lives around to go down the right pathway.

The goal of the Foundation is to first recognize, then train and certify anyone who deals with children such as youth coaches, teachers, after school programs, etc. The free workshops would entail a four-hour training that would then qualify the attendee a certificate stating they were a Certified Mental Health Instructor. The Foundation will pay the thirty-five-dollar fee for the applicants to become certified.

Joe is the President of this family Foundation and puts much of his time into its growth by planning various events. They just had a golf tournament with amazing success and two more events are planned in the near future. The first one will be at O'Brien's Corner on Saturday, September 13th from 5pm to 8pm called "Pints of the Past". The other event will be held at Nathan Bill's on October 4th, the "MJK Foundation Garvey Law Music Fest" with three incredible musical attractions. Both establishments are located in Springfield.

Joe spent several years part-time bartending while in college and after at various places. But along with many of his cousins as well as an uncle, O'Brien's was where they did their stints for years, it felt like Springfield's own 'Cheers'. It's going to be a different kind of 'Celebrity Bartending' event as you'll be served by many of the 'old-time bartenders' from the original O'Brien's Corner. Myself as a former bartender of O'Brien's Corner, am honored that I've been asked to help with "Pints from the Past." In fact, I'll be the 'OLD' bartender so make sure to say

hi! All tips are being donated to the Foundation and of course all donations will be graciously accepted! If you can't attend the event but would like to contribute, please contact Joe on how to support this cause.

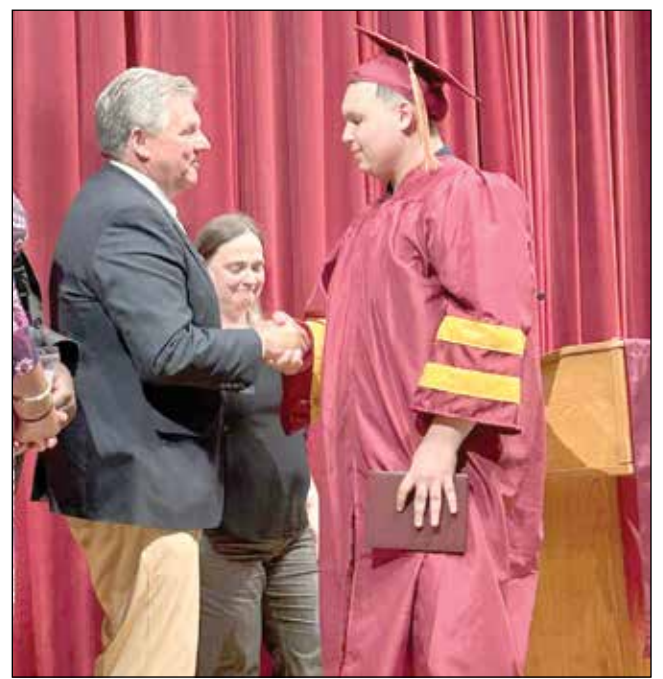
What a fun way to welcome the fall. We're going to have live music, food will be available to purchase and naturally what would a fundraiser be without a whole lotta raffles. We'll also have a TV with a continual loop of all kinds of pictures from the past that have been shared. You can enjoy a special tasty shot or delicious cocktail with the ingredients of course having the initials, MJK.

Such a tragedy and loss of this incredible young man, yet his family has turned his passing into something that will be doing Random Acts of Kindness for young people and their families for a long time. The Foundation members may never know the amount of young people they have helped, but you can bet they are doing just that with their endeavors.

For more information on these events, how to get involved or to learn more about the mission of the MJK Foundation, you can contact Joe Hutchison, President, directly at 413-478-4592 or mjkmefoundation@gmail.com. You can also follow them on Instagram or Facebook.

Hope to see you at O'Brien's Corner for this entertaining night while supporting a great cause! Don't forget to say hi!

*If you'd like to share a Random Act of Kindness story or if this one has touched you, please contact me at bdt514@aol.com or 413-575-9385. Who knows, you might see your story, 'Just Cause' you witnessed, you did or maybe received something nice being done for you. See you soon with another Random Act of Kindness! ~ Barb*



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## Summer Grads from CHS, CCHS celebrated

CHICOPEE - Congratulations to the Summer Graduating Class of 2025 from Chicopee High School and Chicopee Comprehensive High School!

With pride and joy, we celebrated this incredible milestone alongside Mayor Vieau, Superintendent Dr. Ware, and Assistant Superintendent Bellville from the Chicopee Public Schools, who joined to honor the students' hard work, resilience, and courage.

Two graduates from Chicopee High School - Pacers—and four from Chicopee

Comprehensive High School proved that it's not how you start—it's how you finish. Through perseverance, belief in themselves, and the guidance of a supportive administration, these students have reached a pivotal moment in their journey.

As one chapter closes, another begins—filled with endless possibilities. The sky is truly the limit!

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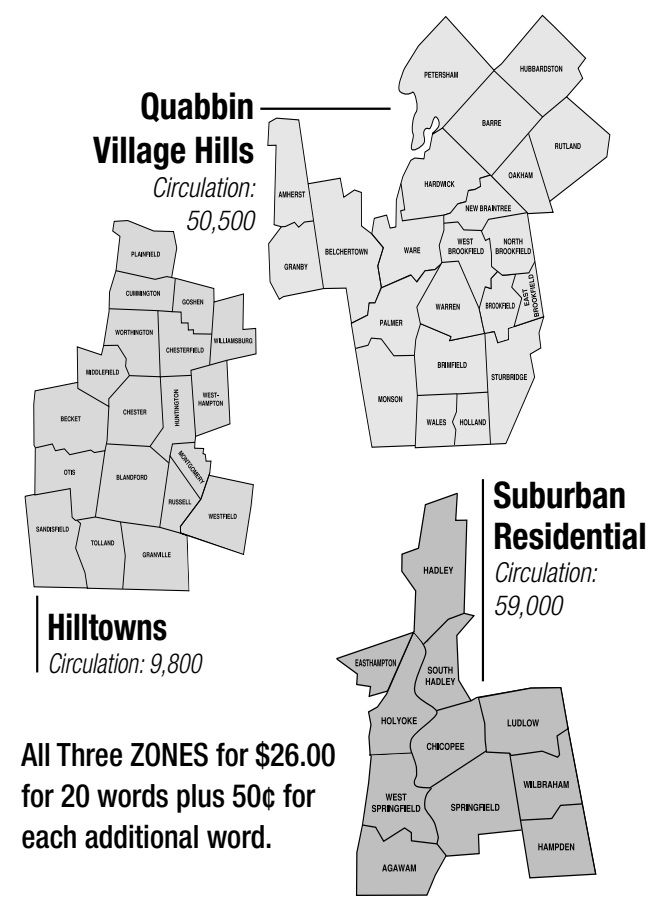
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The Zoning Committee of the Chicopee City Council will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 27, 2025 at 6:30 PM\* in the Auditorium, 3rd floor, City Hall, 274 Front Street., Chicopee, MA 01013 to discuss the following:

Special Permit application under Chapter 275-40 G (2) & (7) for the purpose of flexible parking standards to reduce the required parking spaces from 21 to 18 located at Chicopee Street (Parcel ID 0582-00001&2 parking easement & 0582-00004). Applicant - Nova Home Improvements, Inc., Gleb Leiderman, 764 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

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

The August 27, 2025 Zoning Committee hearing shall be available to the public via zoom and in person. Zoom credentials are available upon request by calling (413) 594-1435 M-F 8:30 AM - 5 PM or by email at aczarniecki@chicopeema.gov.

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"The land in said Chicopee, being known and designated as Lot #70 (seventy) on plan of lots entitled "section D owner; Hamar Construction Co., Inc., Janik Construction, Inc., location Chicopee, Mass., dated Jan. 1955, Dobb, Beesley & Miles, Engineers, Springfield, Massachusetts", recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 46, Page 129; said lot is more particularly bounded and described as follows:

EASTERLY by Parkwood Drive, as shown on said plan ninety (90) feet;

SOUTHERLY by Mayflower Avenue, as shown on said plan, one hundred five and 02/100 (105.02) feet;

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Jonathan C. Sapirstein SAPIRSTEIN & SAPIRSTEIN, P.C. 1500 Main Street, Suite 2504 P.O. Box 15408 Springfield, MA 01115-5408 (413) 827-7500 Its Attorneys Date: August 5, 2025 08/08, 08/15, 08/22/25

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Division Docket No. HD25P1576EA Estate of: Kenneth P. Dawley Date of Death: March 17, 2025 NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE G.L. c. 190B, § 3-306

To all persons who have or may have some interest in the above-captioned estate and, if interested, to the Office of the Attorney General and the Department of Veterans Affairs, notice is hereby given on July 31, 2025 that the Petitioner

Robert E. Dawley of Uncasville, CT intends to file with the above-named Probate and Family Court, not sooner than seven (7) days after this notice, a Petition for Informal Appointment of Personal Representative, to serve without surety on the bond

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. 08/08/2025

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD25P1589EA Estate of: George Z. Gajewski Also known as: George J. Gajewski Date of Death: 06/16/2025 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Barbara J. Micgiel 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: Barbara J. Micgiel of Chicopee, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised adminis-

tration. 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 08/28/2025. 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)

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2008 Honda Civic VIN: 2HGEG6678YH595912 Jorge Malo 41 Willard Ave. Springfield, MA 01109 2003 BMW X5 VIN: SUXFA53563LV95501 Shane Allen Spencer 49 Belmont Ave Apt 20 Springfield, Ma 01109

2009 Honda Accord VIN: 1HGCP26389A081490 Santiago Ortiz 11 Yoerg Cir. Holyoke, MA 01040 2007 Subaru Impreza

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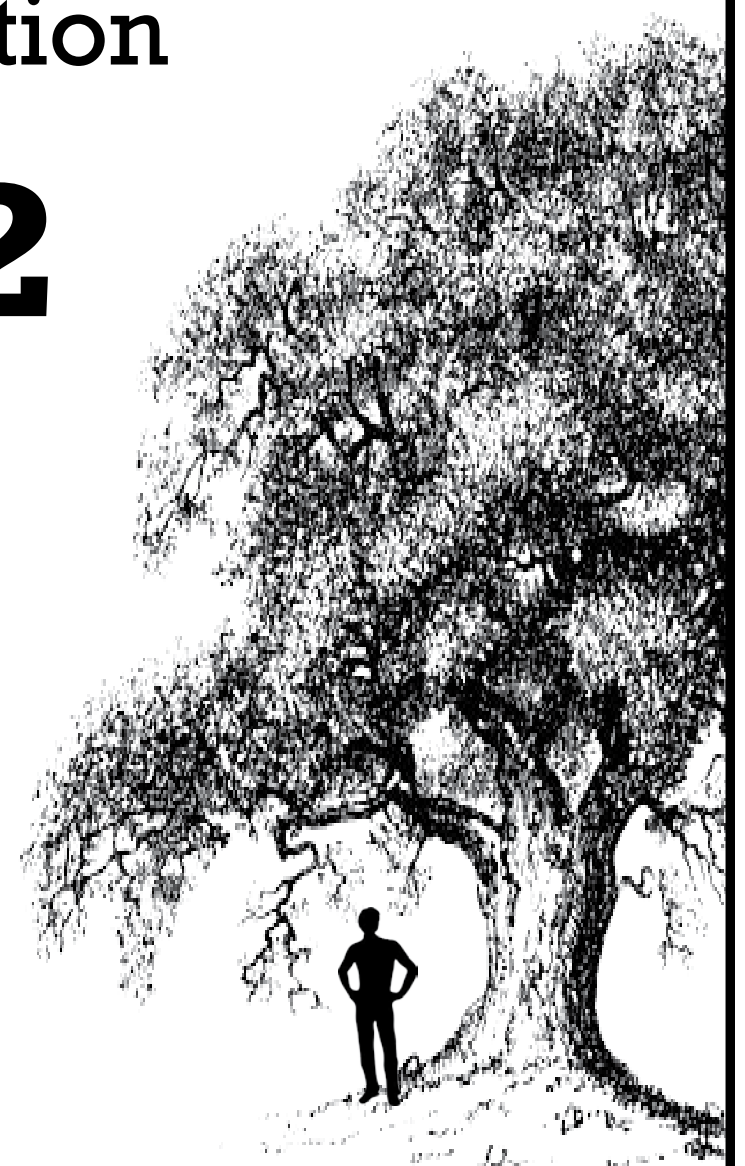
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