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Patriots Chairman and CEO Robert Kraft, Patriots Executive Director of Community Affairs Andre Tippett and VP of Communications & Vice President of Community Affairs at P&G Gillette, Kara Buckley, take a group photo with the 2026 Myra Kraft Community MVP Award winners at Gillette Stadium.

Nonprofit receives $10K from Kraft MVP Awards

Founder and executive director also recognized

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CHICOPEE – The Just Us Movement, a Chicopee nonprofit, received a $10,000 grant from the Myra Kraft Community MVP Awards last month.

The organization was one of 26 New England nonprofits recognized by the Kraft family, the Patriots Foundation, and Gillette—the event's presenting sponsor—at a luncheon celebration on Sept. 15, where $275,000 in donations were distributed.

Established in 1998, the Myra Kraft Community MVP Awards program has recognized more than 550 volunteers and distributed over $4 million to regional charitable organizations. Nominations open every February and are open to all nonprofit organizations in the New England region.

This year's winners ranged in age from 17 to 93 years old, representing nearly all New England states. The selected nonprofits provided support in many causes including sports, healthcare, hunger and nutrition, mentoring, social justice, human services, education, domestic violence and more.

Zeno Temple, founder

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School project moves forward

By Brendan Rooney
Correspondent

CHICOPEE – The Anna E. Barry Elementary School project officially moves forward after the City Council voted 12-1 to approve the necessary bond funding at its Oct. 14 meeting.

However, local scrutiny remains prevalent as public concerns shape the conversation. Since the project's inception, many residents have voiced frustration over the Szetela site being chosen—driven largely by Article 97 constraints at the original Garrity Grove location—as well as concerns regarding exhaust, air pollution and traffic from placing two schools on a single site.

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Milleron and Neal share visions for Congressional seat

By Brendan Rooney
Correspondent



Nadia Milleron



Richard Neal

CHICOPEE – The race for Massachusetts' 1st Congressional District seat features a 2024 rematch between U.S. Rep. Richard Neal, seeking his 20th term in Congress, and independent candidate Nadia Milleron, who is mounting her second bid for the U.S. House.

If reelected, Neal could become chair of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee if Democrats regain control of the House, giving him significant influence over tax policy, tariffs and the future of Social Security.

Neal provided a legislative outline to Turley Publications, highlighting a primary focus on economic recovery and committee oversight.

"Divided government will present challenges, but I see a Democratic majority built around three priorities: lowering costs, fighting back against Republicans' health care crisis, and conducting comprehensive oversight of this lawless administration," Neal said. "On the Ways and Means Committee, we can quickly start lowering costs by reclaiming Congress's authority over trade. Rolling back Trump's tariffs and limiting his trade authority will lower costs and put money back in workers' wallets."

Milleron countered by standing on the prospect of aiming to break the grip of the long-standing two-party system as the first independent woman elected to the House.

"If I was elected as the first woman independent ever elected to Congress, then I would give hope to so many other districts who are trying to get free of this duopoly that doesn't address their crucial needs," Milleron said.

Pointing to the unique nature of the race—featuring no other major party challengers—she added, "It's an incredible chance to get a change and to get somebody who's not in the system. That chance is not going to come again because it's likely that Richard Neal will retire, and then the field will be full of Democrats, and we'll have a uniparty again."

When challenged on longevity and institutional policies, Neal pointed to his position of seniority as a critical engine for federal investment, citing his work on the Affordable Care Act, pension protections and repealing the Windfall Elimination Provision.

"I've fought to get health insurance to millions of Americans through the Affordable Care Act, save the pension plans of millions of workers, and make sure retirees receive the Social Security benefits they've earned by repealing the Windfall Elimination Provision," Neal said.

Milleron shared that the incumbent has historically stood in the way of structural reform, pointing to stalled inflation adjustments for Social Security and noting that Neal opposed the Social Security Fairness Act until a bipartisan discharge petition forced a floor vote.

"Richard Neal could have done so many things," Mille-

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From the left, Sister Agnesa Negru, Christine Barry and Fr. Brad Milunski in a group photo.

Community enjoys Parish Bazaar

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CHICOPEE – The community gathered at the St. Stanislaus School and Parish Center on Oct. 17 for the 50th Annual Parish Bazaar.

The annual event's proceeds support the parish and school.

The festivities included musical entertainment provided by the Eddie Forman Orchestra, games of chance, basket raffles, items from Poland, religious items, unique holiday decorations, a magician/balloon artist and many more activities.

Also, the Polish-American Kitchen served a delicious Polish plate featuring pierogi, golumbki, kielbasa and kapusta, along with hamburgers, hot dogs, and kielbasa grinders fresh from the grill and an assortment of home-baked pastries.

Attendees could also do a self-guided tour of the church during the event.

Fr. Brad Milunski noted how the event has become a staple in the community.

"It draws not just our own parishioners and friends of the parish, but we see a lot of new faces and strangers who come in just to have a good time and have some good Polish food and with our booths and raffles and everything else, it's a great ime. You can spend quite a bit of time here and enjoy some live music too. Even a

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Chicopee earns $1M federal grant for $6M Szot Park improvements

With City Council's approval, Chicopee will bond for $5.86M

By Dalton Zbierski
Correspondent

CHICOPEE – The City Council unanimously approved two items during its Tuesday evening meeting that will facilitate the first phase of improvements necessary to keep Szot Park Chicopee's "crown jewel."

"Crown jewel" was the description used by several city officials, including Mayor John Vieau, to describe Szot Park on Oct. 20.

During the meeting at City Hall, the board accepted a $1 million federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant from the National Park Service. It will be administered in portions quarterly through the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs.

For Chicopee to receive the grant, the council had to authorize the city to bond for $5.86 million, which it did without any objection.

On top of $150,000 that will come from city funding the line, the total cost of the Frank J. Szot Park Master Plan Phase I Implementation project will be $6,009,840.



TURLEY PHOTOS BY KRISTIN RIVERS

The City Council unanimously approved two items to facilitate the first phase of improvements to Szot Park on Oct. 20.

City Planner Lee Pouliot joined Tuesday's meeting to provide details regarding the project and the funding it will require. He said his team applied for the LWCF Grant in January, which shows how in-depth the review process is.

"The way that applications are submitted to LWCF is through first a state review and scoring process that happens in all 50 states," Pouliot said. "Each state then determines which projects they wish to submit to the National Park Service for their review and consideration, and then the National Park Service ultimately decides which projects they're going to fund in each state."

The $1 million LWCF Grant Chicopee is set to receive is the maximum award that the program will give. All those in attendance applauded the Planning Department for securing the federal funding, which Pouliot stressed is hard to come by.

"I just want everyone to understand this is an extremely competitive program. We're not only competing with other proposals within Massachusetts, but then at the federal level, we

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IN THE CITY

City Council appropriates $1.2M to DPW to buy water meters

Money will be used to purchase 6,500 meters

By Dalton Zbierski
Correspondent

CHICOPEE – When the City Council met Tuesday for its second meeting of October, several items pertaining to the Department of Public Works required its blessing.

Among them was an order from Mayor John Vieau to appropriate $1.2 million to the Water Special Account for Meters & Support Equipment from available funds in the Water Surplus Account.

To simplify that language, Vieau requested that $1.2 million be spent on the purchase of approximately 6,500 new water mains for District 3. That total covers their installation as well.

"We are changing out our water meters, and this is a contract we want to move forward to modernize our accuracy, and there's many other reasons. They're old and dated, and we need to replace our water meters," Vieau said.

DPW Superintendent Elizabette Batista took the podium to offer a more in-depth summary of why the appropriation was necessary.

She said this marks a continuation of the DPW's effort to implement Advanced Metering Infrastructure, or AMI, which is an integrated system allowing continuous and automated two-way communication between smart water meters and utility companies.

Chicopee has been looking to modernize in this way for years, but a previous partnership with Honeywell Technologies, an automation company based in Rocky Hill, Connecticut, did not prove fruitful.

"As many of you probably recall, several years ago, we had a contract with Honeywell during COVID. They changed their direction as far as manufacturing of meters and decided that water meters were just not the business line that they wanted to be in," Batista said.

Years later, Honeywell's decision to bail on Chicopee still has Batista feeling some kind of way.

"We had a contract with them, and they weren't fulfilling that contract, they still weren't supplying us with meters. So, we made the decision to pivot," Batista said.

Fortunately, the DPW found a new company to collaborate with – Badger Meter, an innovator in flow measurement and water quality and control products that is headquartered in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

"We did a pilot on utilizing Badger Meters with a cellular option versus using the fiber grid that was offered by Chicopee Electric Light. Cost wise, it's similar, and the accuracy and usability are much better," Batista said.

She explained further why working with Badger Meter makes the most sense.

"We already had Badger software because our older meters are Badger, so we had the software available to us that we had to maintain anyways," Batista said. "So, we tested that out, and it was really successful. Customers who utilized the customer portal were really pleased with being able to see their usage."

The $1.2 million request on Tuesday was unanimously granted by the City Council, which means about 6,500 water mains are on their way to District 3.

The city has already identified a contractor to complete the mass installation, and the plan is to finish this round of installations in the district within a year.

Nevertheless, this won't be the last time the City Council is asked to approve the purchase of water mains.

Batista said that this effort represents one of three phases.

"This appropriation is a portion of the total project cost for District 3, which is one of three phases that we're going to do this project in. The total project is around $3.2 million; $2 million is coming from an MWRA loan, while the other $1.2 million, which is the appropriation, was planned to come out of our water fund balance account so that we can manage our debt service," Batista said.

Plaque to honor war heroes at school

Plaque will be unveiled at an upcoming ceremony

By Dalton Zbierski
Correspondent

CHICOPEE – A new plaque at Lambert-Lavoie Elementary School on Kendall Street will soon honor the two Korean War heroes that the building was named after.

The plaque was approved by the School Committee during its meeting Wednesday night and will be unveiled at a ceremony set for late November or early December.

The effort to create the plaque was undertaken by Lambert-Lavoie Elementary Principal Dr. Dan Phelan and Aldenville American Legion Post 337 Adjutant Steve Bornique.

Both men embarked on the multi-year process after realizing no plaque was on display in the school honoring its namesakes.

"Many in our school community naturally assume Lambert-Lavoie is one person with a hyphenated name, but our school was actually named to honor two separate Aldenville heroes killed during the Korean War. First Lt. George Albert Lavoie and Private First Class Joseph Arthur Lambert. This year marks the 75th anniversary of their passing in 1951," Phelan said.

Bornique noted that several years ago, Veterans Service Officer Stephanie Shaw was handing out a list of veteran-related memorials that exist in Chicopee's schools, and it became apparent that nothing was currently in place at Lambert-Lavoie Elementary.

"Having worked with Principal Phelan at several Memorial Day ceremonies, we noticed no mention of these men in the school. Together, we worked on the presentation of a plaque honoring these heroes of our community," Bornique said, who paid to produce the plaque out of pocket.

Bornique further expressed how meaningful the School Committee's acceptance of the plaque is.

"It's an honor to do this. It took a long time," Bornique said. "This worked out great, [working] with the principal for the past five years doing ceremonies for Memorial Day, and we kept talking, and the kids laugh at me when I cry when I give a presentation, but it's [important]. Anyways, this is where we're at today."

Phelan offered more information regarding several goals that have been established.

"First, we aim to raise awareness and honor the full legacy and formal names of First Lt. George Albert Lavoie and Private First Class Joseph Arthur Lambert," Phelan said.

Another goal is to find living relatives of Lambert and Lavoie and invite them to the school.

"We will continue over the next few months to reach out across the area to locate any living family members or descendants of either man, so we can invite them to the school, show them around and also invite them to our ceremonial event, which will take place in about a month or so," Phelan said.

That campaign is already proving fruitful, as two of Lambert's nieces attended Wednesday night's meeting.

Furthermore, the Lambert-Lavoie Elementary School PTO has agreed to purchase commemorative shirts for students and staff that pay homage to Lambert and Lavoie. The PTO is working with Pacer Ink at Chicopee High School to complete the task.

Several members of the School Committee applauded the work that has been done to bring much deserved attention to Lamber and Lavoie.

Vice Chair Jason Dout spoke on the strong message that the actions of Phelan and Bornique sends to students at the school.

"I just want to thank you guys for the work that you did for this project, not just in honoring these heroes but in educating our students and showing them the importance of service to our country," Dout said. "For it to come full circle and for them to get shirts and see the plaque and truly get the education I think is going to really [benefit] them in totality."

Mayor John Vieau, who chairs the School Committee, was ultimately the one who accepted the plaque on behalf of the district.

He said that the plaque dedication is better late than never and commended Phelan and Bornique for their dedication to honoring the two fallen soldiers from Chicopee's Aldenville neighborhood.

"We graciously accept this plaque memorializing two war heroes from the city of Chicopee who paid the ultimate sacrifice. It's only been over seven decades before we got this up, so we're grateful to memorialize them on the door entranceway into the school," Vieau said. "Chicopee is and always will be a veteran proud city. Thank you for using your own hard-earned money to create this beautiful memorial."

Trailer Trash performs benefit concert for Harmony House

CHICOPEE – The popular local band Trailer Trash is performing a concert to benefit Harmony House of Western Massachusetts, a nonprofit home providing compassionate end-of-life care and companionship to hospice patients in need.

The concert will be on Friday, Nov. 6 at the Portuguese American Club located at 149 Exchange Street in Chicopee. Tickets can be purchased in advance online for $20 or at the door for $25. Doors open at 6:15 pm, with the concert commencing at 7 p.m. Known for their high-energy performances, Trailer Trash will bring their modern country sound to the stage for an evening of music and dancing while raising funds to sustain the work of Harmony House. The event will also include raffles, food for purchase from Pizza Lino with a portion of proceeds being donated to Harmony House, and a cash bar.

The event is supported by local sponsors, including headlining sponsor Yankee Home. Additional sponsorship opportunities are available at www.HarmonyHouseWMA.org/trailertrashconcert or by emailing development@HarmonyHouseWMA.org.

Community members can also get involved with Harmony House by volunteering. If you might be interested in providing care and companionship to our residents, organizing special projects to engage our residents, or supporting our fundraising efforts, please email admin@HarmonyHouseWMA.org.

To learn more, please visit www.HarmonyHouseWMA.org.

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Chicopee Public Library October Adult Programs

CHICOPEE - Here are some of our upcoming library programs for October 2026.

Monday, October 26 at 6 p.m. Join us for an author talk with Suzanne Strempek Shea. Suzanne will share thoughts on her childhood from her book "Compositions: A memoir in 42 essays by 1 kid on her 8 years in Catholic School, handed in 60 Years late." This book is published by the Polish American Historical Association's PAHA Books imprint, which focuses on Polish-American topics. This book is Suzanne's first memoir and focuses on her childhood in a heavily Polish-American enclave, Polish-American Catholic school and church community. This program is free and open to the public. No registration is necessary.

Wednesday, Oct. 28 and Nov. 4 Join us to learn how to Swing Dance with dance instructor Jeannette LoPresti. No prior experience is necessary and no partner needed. Lessons will be from 6 to 7 p.m. and you can practice what you learned from 7 to 7:30 p.m. No registration is required for this program.

Bowl-a-Thon fundraiser returns to Chicopee

Benefits adults with developmental disabilities

CHICOPEE – The Joseph D. Freedman Bowl-a-Thon to Benefit Camphill Village returns to Bowlero Chicopee on Saturday, Nov. 14, offering raffles, games, and family fun—all to benefit the 100 adults with developmental disabilities living in Camphill Village.

Since its inception, the Bowl-a-Thon has welcomed hundreds of families and sponsors who have helped us raise almost $700,000 for this amazing organization.

"We've seen firsthand how Camphill Village changes lives—not just for residents, but for their families here in Western Mass and Northern Connecticut. These are our neighbors, our friends, and our loved ones," said John Freedman, a Springfield business owner whose sister Susan has lived a fulfilling life in Camphill Village for decades. "Supporting and organizing this event means supporting a community that continues to care for these individuals throughout their lives."

Though located on the Berkshire border in Columbia County, NY, Camphill's impact reaches deeply into our Western Massachusetts communities, where local families have loved ones living there or have been touched by its model of lifelong care.

Since 1961, Camphill Village has provided a peaceful setting for adults with developmental disabilities to garden, farm, create, and live alongside residential service volunteers from all over the world.

Now, as Camphill's residents who entered in their 20s have now surpassed their 50- and 60-year anniversaries of making their home in Camphill, the Joseph D. Freedman Bowl-a-Thon remains a major funding source for Camphill's residents, whose needs are evolving as they age.

Register and learn about sponsorships at camphillvillage.org/bowlathon.

Center Fresh Farmers Market

CHICOPEE – The community is encouraged to stop by the Center Fresh Farmers Market at The Hub at Market Square.

The farmers market occurs the first and third Wednesday of each month from 2 to 6 p.m., with food trucks opening early for lunch at 1 p.m. There are food trucks, artists and artisans, farm-fresh offerings and live music.

The remaining dates are Nov. 4 and Nov. 21.

To learn more, check out their Facebook and Instagram pages.

Wiggles and Giggles program

CHICOPEE – Bring your little one to enjoy a class of music, movement, story time and play time with Music and Movement for ages 3 months to 18 months. Siblings are welcome.Drop-in and No cost to families. Fridays for 10 weeks 10 to 11 a.m. Sept. 18, 25 , Oct. 2, 9,16, 23, 30, Nov. 6, 13 and 20.It is never too early to begin your child's music education.

Where: OHANA Clubhouse, 43 Sheridan St., Chicopee. For information with Mrs. Silvia: Cell 413-505-9053 or e-mail: DurandS@headstart.org

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Chicopee Public Library hosts programs for kids and families

CHICOPEE – Each month the Chicopee Public Library hosts a variety of free programs for children, teens, and families. The Youth Services Department provides opportunities for entertainment and enrichment that promote literacy and explore creativity. Here is the slate of events for October 2026.

Saturday Playgroup will be held on Saturdays at 1 p.m. We'll put out some extra toys in the playspace. It's a great time for families with kids of all ages to meet up and play.

Little Kid Dance Parties will happen on Tuesdays, Oct. 27 at 10:30 a.m. Little ones ages 0-5 are invited to move and groove with their caregivers.

Older kids are welcome. If the weather's nice we'll be outside on the library's back patio.

Sewing Club will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 28 at 3:30 p.m. Learn and practice basic sewing skills by making fun projects. Great for ages 6 and up. Teens welcome! If you are not familiar with using a needle and thread, bring an adult to help. October's project will be Design Your Own Ghost!

Teens

Teens in middle and high school can participate in our new Craft Club, hosted twice per month after school at 3 p.m.! Each meeting will feature a different, exciting craft! For the month of October, we'll be making fall themed buddies out of pipe cleaners on Wednesday the 21.

Fans of comics and manga are encouraged to stop by on Tuesday, Oct. 27 at 6:30 p.m. for our new Bring Your Own Comic (B.Y.O.C.) Club! It's like a book club, except you get to read whatever you want! Share your thoughts about whatever comic you're currently reading, discover new stories from fellow fans, get to hear about new additions to the library's collection, and more!.

Swing by the TeenSpace on Saturday, Oct. 24 from 1 to 3 p.m. and enjoy some awesome PC gaming with a selection of indie titles! We're currently testing the Ludolio platform, from the University of Sydney in Australia, which hopes to bring digital PC game access to public libraries in the coming years. Try different titles, provide feedback, and get a glimpse at what the future may hold.

Visit our website for more info about all of the library's events! www.chicopeepubliclibrary.org.

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and executive director of Just Us Movement, shared he was humbled and honored to be nominated. His vice president, Joel Wesonga, nominated him for the award.

Temple's organization officially formed in January 2025, with a lot of the legwork done in 2024.

"So, originally, when we first started, it was where our board was and resided at the time. I grew up in Hampden County. I went to Western New England for undergrad and then from there started working in the Hampden County District Attorney's Office and then from there, went to law school at Western New England University School of Law, and so been doing work in the area for a long time," Temple said. "It's really my mission to grow Just Us in Hampden County and make sure that this organization that not only touches the community members, but are run by community members as well."

Temple said Just Us Movement is a social justice organization that is "an access to justice organization first and foremost" to help people understand resources and processes or struggles and refer others to what's available to them.

"We make information as easily accessible and digestible and you kind of demystify systems that seem kind of complicated," Temple said. "A lot of the issues and topics that we touch on are everyday issues. They're simple issues. It's employment situations that someone might go through or housing situations someone might go through, legal situations, and we have these webinars. They're extremely open to the public, they're free, they're accessible and then even if you're not able to make the webinar, we put it right on YouTube for free."

He added the organization's three branches focus on health, law and education, with past events including a lecture at the Springfield Public Library on the importance of libraries and its resources and food drives and hot meals for individuals.

"So, we hope to get out there and do more and more as they come and the more resources that we get and the more grants and opportunities and funding that we get, we're able to put on more," Temple said. "And we've been able to feed a ton of people and do a whole bunch of good so far and it's only been a year and a half."

Temple also founded the organization while working full-time and attending law school at night, explaining that he was encouraged to seek out more experiences in public service—doing externships and internships—and working with state agencies and private firms.

He later transferred to a private firm to grow his skills, but also missed his time with the community, with friends encouraging him to start his own nonprofit.

"At some point, I was just like, 'Why not? Let's do it. Let's just see where it goes. Let's start small, let me ask the people closest to me, get some recommendations…'" Temple said. "It just all came back to the people around me and I owe all of this—and Just Us—owes all of it to the people who were around me at that time and are still doing amazing things for the organization."

On the $10,000 grant, Temple said this will go towards programs—such as paying for the technology behind the scenes, resources to put on the webinars or food costs—as the organization is volunteer-based.

"We would love to start in the future giving out necessities…to individuals who need them, because we're all about just access and help and helping our neighbors," Temple said.

Temple called the recognition "a full-circle moment" and reflected on his late uncle, Zengo, who was a New England Patriots fan and lost his life to gun violence.

"He kind of put me on to football and that was, actually, the reason that I even pursued college because of football and playing sports, and so without that journey and enjoying sports and knowing about football and learning about football and then playing college football, I wouldn't be where I'm at today because that was where my mind was at when I was going to college," Temple said. "Once the grades and academics caught up and the leadership opportunities came, it was like, 'Okay, let's kick this into overdrive. Let's actually pay attention to the academics.' These actually mean something, actually can make a difference in this world and can take the things I'm learning in school and put them into the real world and it can be something beautiful."



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Patriots Pro Football Hall of Famer Andre Tippett and VP of Communications & Vice President of Community Affairs at P&G Gillette, Kara Buckley, congratulate Zeno R. Temple from the Just Us Movement, Inc. for being selected as a 2026 Myra Kraft Community MVP Award winner.

The recognition celebration itself also left a mark.

"It meant a whole lot and being in that room with those amazing people—those 25 other individuals who won that award—like oh man hearing their stories and seeing the things that they've done and hearing the things that they've done in the community, in their respective communities, it was something that was deeply, deeply inspiring for sure," Temple said.

His message was this.

"I think when you think about the importance of community work and value that we put on the things that we spend our time and money on, that really shows character. It really shows what you value and what you find important and I think the leadership and the members of the community who are doing just that, especially in Chicopee and especially throughout other neighborhoods in the Commonwealth, I think it's showing that we're trending in the right direction. I know things have been hard for a whole plethora of different reasons and it's hard for everybody out there, but I think there's a lot of hope going around," Temple said. "Thank you to all of the community leaders out there who are doing a great work. Thank you to the Kraft Foundation and the Patriots Foundation for highlighting the efforts of not only just myself and the Just Us Movement, but the other 25 organizations, and thank you for the people out there that are unsung and aren't getting the recognition but are doing great things day in and day out."

To learn more and get involved, check out Just Us Movement's Facebook and Instagram pages and visit justusmovement.net.

Think Make Move Program

CHICOPEE – Drop-in STEM, Art and Gym for ages 2.9 to five years old on Wednesdays from 4 to 5 p.m. at Szetela School, 66 Macek Dr. Chicopee.

STEM: Oct. 7 – Nov. 18: Explore simple science, building and problem-solving through age-appropriate hands-on activities.

Art: Dec. 2 – Jan. 20: Create, imagine and express with colors, textures and various materials.

Gym and Movement: Jan. 27 – April 7: Jump, climb, balance, run and move while building coordination, strength and confidence.

Contact Shane at (413) 310-1632 or Silvia at (413) 505-9053.

Children must attend with an adult.

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are competing against every project that every state submitted," Pouliot said.

The overall goal of the Szot Park Master Plan is to create walking paths, implement a new splash pad, enhance the recycling system, build new restrooms, make the park more accessible, increase amenities and strengthen natural resources.

At-Large Councilor Jerry Roy asked Pouliot if the first phase would include work on Szot Park's treasured fountain. Pouliot said not quite yet.

"The fountain is in a future phase of the project. The master plan recommended that we start at the Abbey Memorial Drive side of the park and work our way toward Front Street because we did not want to conflict with the Abbey Brook Restoration Project, which had just begun construction," Pouliot said.

He added that his department hopes that by the time the later stages of the project are reached, which would include work on the fountain, the work scheduled for Abbey Brook will have already been finished.

Pouliot also acknowledged that the approximately $6 million the city is investing in the project's first phase is a significant number. He pledged that he and his team will continue searching for ways to take some of the burden off Chicopee.

"Understanding it's a large sum of money, we will, of course, look for any other additional funding resources that may support this phase of the work," Pouliot said. "I do want to note that we have coordinated with our Office of Community Development, and they are supplying about $250,000. That will support some of the accessibility related improvements in this phase of work."

As mentioned, Chicopee will not receive the entire $1 million in federal funding all at once.

The city must expend its own funding and submit invoices through the proper channels every three months. Every time this happens, Chicopee will receive some of the money back.

"With this project, the design will be completed through the winter, we'll bid in early spring. So, if you do authorize the bond tonight, we won't actually need to borrow until April or May when construction begins," Pouliot said. "If we can cash flow with those reimbursements, then we will reduce how much more we have to borrow."

Ultimately, the City Council made its vote in favor of both items with little discussion and no opposition, representing that the board has made the revitalization of Szot Park one of its focal priorities.

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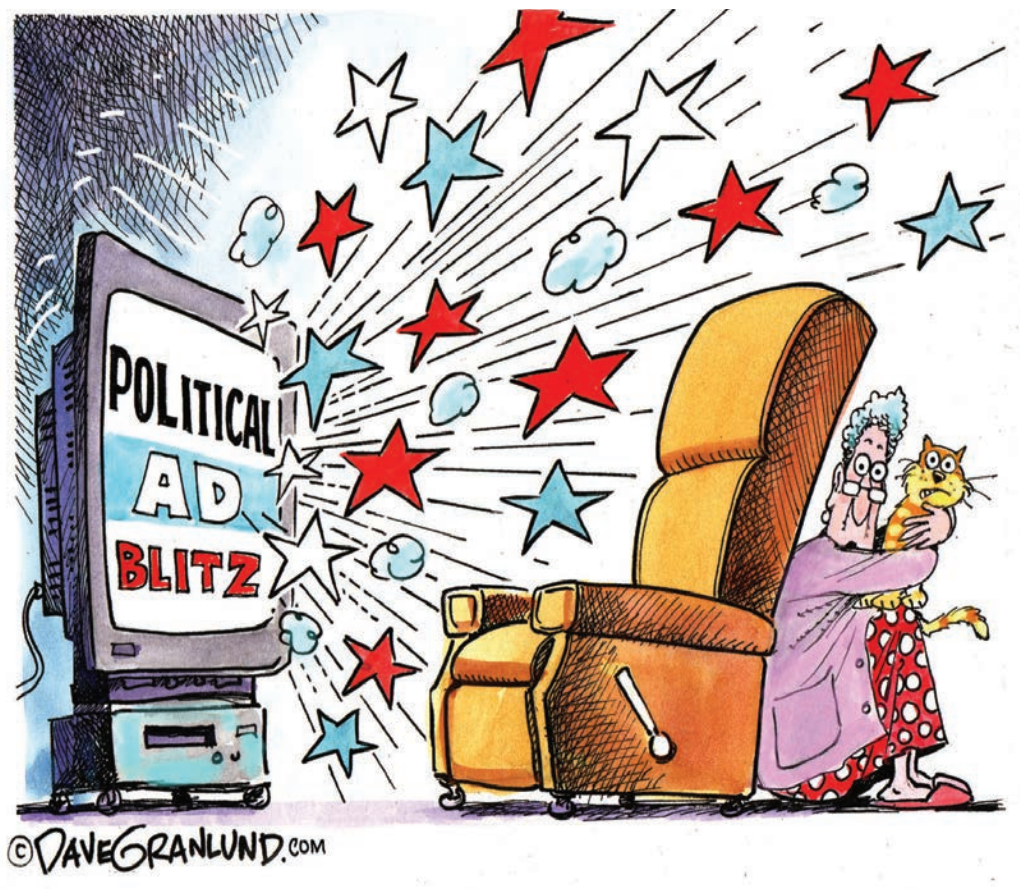


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OPINION



in the Garden
by Roberta McQuaid

The next steps for frost tinged dahlias and glads

I finally came inside at 6:45 p.m. with a flashlight in hand.

It was my own fault. I started a project much too late in the day for the work that it entailed.

You see, we had a frost last night. The first one of the year, for me, anyway.

The temperature just hit the 32-degree mark, so the tips of certain plants were hit. Leaves that were under the cover of other plants looked pretty good.

I probably could have left the gladiolus and dahlias in the ground for a bit longer based on the upcoming, warmer forecast, but I decided to seize the moment and get them dug up and moved indoors.

Read on to learn the specifics of how to overwinter these summer loving, tender bulbs.

As mentioned, dig up dahlia tubers either just prior to or soon after frost hits. I typically use a shovel or pitchfork, starting a foot or so away from the stems.

Once the soil is loosened up a bit, the stem should lift up easily with the tubers intact.

Soil should be eased off the tubers with a spray of water before placing in storage. Leave a small portion of stem attached to the tubers – it is a great place to adhere a label.

Once the tubers have air-dried for a bit, you can even write on the tubers themselves with a permanent marker. Take it from me – it is easy to forget a name over the winter months!

Placing tubers in damp peat moss, saw dust, shredded leaves, or even ventilated plastic bags will help to prevent shriveling.

Choose a location to overwinter your tubers that maintain 40-50 degrees temps and 90% humidity. These conditions will keep them dormant and healthy until it is time to replant.

Many people have good luck using a cold basement or root cellar; small quantities of tubers can be stored in the crisper drawer of the refrigerator. Be sure to check on your tubers every couple of weeks throughout the offseason.

Should you see shriveling, mist them with clean water and re-dampen the medium in which they were placed. If you see mold, bring down the temperature and humidity level.

Some growers like to get a jump-start on the season by pre-starting dahlias indoors.

We have done this occasionally at Old Sturbridge Village and I am always amazed at just how fast the plants grow, and how quickly they outgrow their pots and become leggy. If you attempt it, four weeks prior to the last spring frost would be soon enough.

Similarly, around the time of our first frost gladiolus corms should be lifted from the ground with a spading fork or shovel. Never just yank the plant out by pulling on the stem!

Once out of the ground, cut the stem from the corn as closely as possible. Rinse under running water and allow to dry in a frost-free airy location for two-three weeks.

Check the corms regularly, and when a corky area develops between the mother corm and the new corm break off and discard the mother. After drying is complete, store on trays or in mesh bags in a well-ventilated area at temperatures between 38 and 58 degrees. The lower the temp, the better.

Inspect throughout the winter months and throw away any corms that begin to rot.

Typically glads are planted directly in the ground, with no pre-starting needed. You can stagger when you plant, though, so that all of your flowers are not borne at once. Plant a few every week of June for color throughout the late summer through frost.

By harvesting your bulbs now, you are protecting your investment for years to come! Only get out there and do it before you run out of daylight!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 34 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

SOCIAL SECURITY Matters
By Russell Gloor

Did I understand you right - I won't get all my SS benefits immediately

Dear Rusty:

I was a little confused with one of your past articles.

This September I hit my full retirement age and for every month I continue to delay, my SS benefit goes up a little more. But reading your article sounds like the extra benefits are only added at the end of the year.

For example, let's say that at my full retirement age in September I get $3,524, and in January 2027 I would get $3,619.

According to the Ask Rusty article I read, if I start my benefits in June of 2027, I will have earned $3,735, but it sounds like I would only get $3,619 up until the end of the year, and then they would adjust it.

If this is the case, would I get retroactive money back for the 6 months I did not get the correct amount?

Signed:
Seeking Clarification

Dear Seeking:

Thanks for your inquiry. Your understanding of the previous Ask Rusty article is correct.

If you start your benefits in June 2027 (10 months after your Full Retirement Age or your FRA, in September 2026), you will initially only get the Delayed Retirement Credits you earned through the end of 2026.

The DRCs you earned from January 2027 to June 2027 would not be credited until January 2028 and you would not get any retroactive benefits for the DRCs earned during the January – June 2027 timeframe.

SSA's reasoning for this is somewhat confusing but has to do with your ability to claim retroactive benefits when you claim after reaching your full retirement age.

When claiming after reaching your FRA you have the ability to claim benefits retroactively for up to six months. So, to avoid potentially overlapping benefit payments, SSA defers applying your current year's DRCs until January of the following year.

Thus, you essentially lose the extra 2027 DRC money for the remainder of 2027. And, FYI, the one exception to this rule is that when benefits are claimed mid-year at age 70, all DRCs are immediately paid.

Please understand that I'm not endorsing this SSA rule; only trying to explain how it works and why. Like many SSA rules, there are nuances to how benefits are paid. And this is a classic example. And just remember, as attractive as taking 6 months of retroactive benefits may sound, it also means your monthly amount would be reduced by about 4% for the rest of your life.

As you contemplate when you should claim your Social Security retirement benefits, you should always keep in mind your anticipated life expectancy when making that decision.

If you expect to live at least to the "average" life expectancy for those in their mid-60s (about mid-80s for someone your current age), then waiting longer to claim is usually a better long term financial decision (even considering the DRC issue described above). But if your life expectancy is less than "average," claiming sooner is usually a better choice.

If you have further questions about when to claim Social Security, please contact us at SSadvisor@amacfoundation.org or 1-888-750-2622. There is never a fee for our advisory service because we are a non-profit organization.

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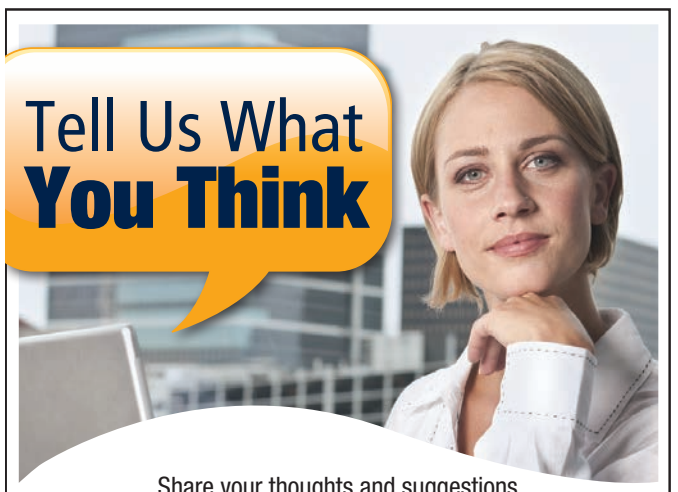
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LETTER TO EDITOR

Support Richard Neal on Election Day

To the Editor,

As a local small business owner, I am writing to express my deep appreciation for Representative Richard Neal's continued advocacy for Western Massachusetts' business community.

Throughout his time in Congress, and particularly in his leadership roles on the House Ways and Means Committee, Congressman Neal has consistently prioritized economic development across our region. His support for targeted tax relief, access to small business capital, and critical infrastructure funding has given local employers the stability needed to grow and retain jobs. He helped get small businesses through COVID and has continued to fund the Small Business Administration and business incubator programs helping residents achieve their dream business. He is responsive and provides guidance on federal opportunities and programs that help small businesses.

Small business owners share information and have an informal network assisting each other. Congressman Neal has been a resource to us. He not only promotes small businesses but prevents harmful tax rules and onerous regulations which would hurt small businesses like mine. We all appreciate his concern and work.

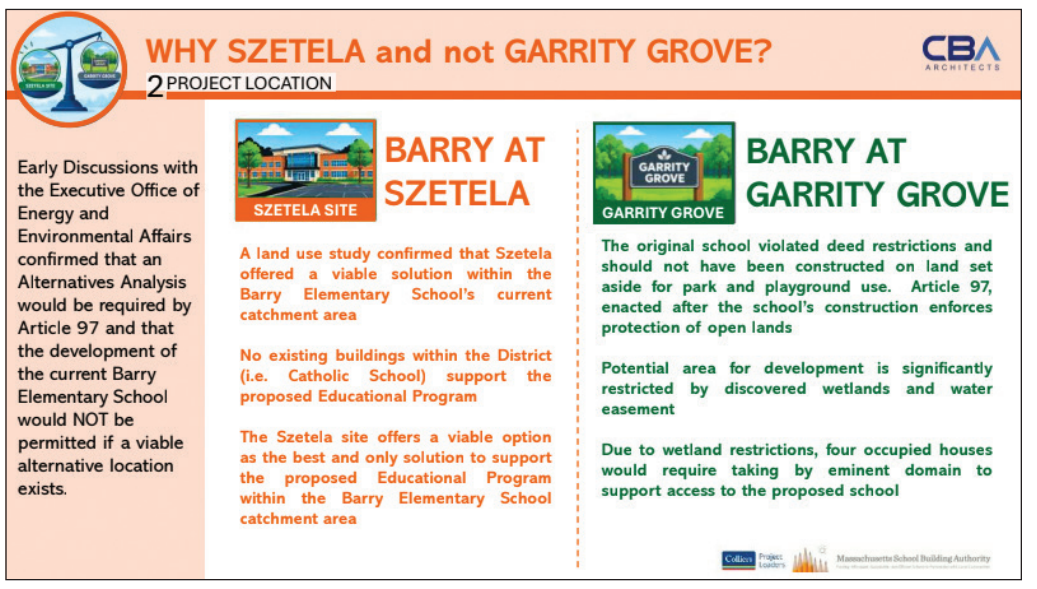
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Sincerely,
Raj Sanghvi
Chicopee

IN THE CITY



Barry administration celebrating the new school on the way. *TURLEY PHOTOS BY BRENDAN ROONEY*



Why was Szetela chosen? Graphic. *SLIDE COURTESY OF BERT GARDNER*

BARRY SCHOOL
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The current estimated total project budget is approximately $106.7 million. The new two-story building will feature geothermal HVAC systems, triple-pane windows, and brand-new amenities like a baseball diamond and soccer fields, while being entirely ADA-compliant. The facility will serve pre-kindergarten through grade five with a total capacity of 340 students, occupy space behind the existing Szetela Early Childhood Center, and is tentatively on track to open in the fall of 2029.

And while initial reports indicated that Chicopee might qualify for the highest eligible reimbursement rate of 80%, the MSBA ultimately approved a maximum reimbursement grant of approximately $57.6 million after reviewing the project. This leaves the district share at about $49.1 million.

The sole opposition of the night was Ward 2 City Councilor Shane Brooks, who highlighted ongoing concerns over the new school's placement and the traffic impact on Granby Road given that the state-of-the-art facility is set to open just three years away.

"The social, emotional, physical and educational needs of students should be paramount, but we need to also take into account the stark reality that we can't police every driver on Granby Road, due to the volume of traffic and vehicles that currently occupy it on a daily basis," Brooks said. "So, it's unfortunate when the term 'legacy,' which has been shelved as of late, was used tonight to describe the project; the reason I bring it up is that the real legacy of the new school location will be a fatality."

Brooks also took issue with the proposed inclusion of a roundabout, which is the preferred choice instead of a traffic signal, with the entry point at 562 Granby Road.

"In the case of the other schools, there are entry points to help clear up main road traffic, but in this case for Barry you're going to be coming out of a dedicated entrance from a school, on the busiest thoroughfares in the entire city, which we fought to get paved, due to the sole fact we wanted to enhance the quality of life for the neighborhood," Brooks said.

The question of the roundabout and public safety has left many residents pondering the project's future. However, as officials have emphasized, a planned roundabout and new sidewalks are designed to force drivers to slow down and exercise caution, helping to mitigate the increased traffic volume—a point reiterated by Mayor John Vieau after the vote was cast.

"I can assure you that pedestrian and public safety has always been the #1 priority, so we have been looking for solutions to address these, and we feel that the best way forward is to create a private drive which was acquired by eminent domain at 562 Granby," Vieau said. "We're going to put in a roundabout, which I can confirm roundabouts work; they reduce your speed, limit you to 20 miles an hour, and we will still have a crossing guard in the vicinity of the school. So, I really do believe that once it's done and built, it'll be embraced by the neighborhood, and I feel it will be worth it."

Project Architect Bert Gardner reinforced those safety assurances during his presentation to the council, noting that a core priority is preventing vehicles from spilling onto Granby Road during morning drop-offs.

"One of the early priorities we established was that we don't want any of the queuing lines from the parents dropping students off to back up onto Granby Road, so we got a very extensive parent drop-off loop to make sure that both schools can be accommodated on the site without backing up onto Granby Road," Gardner said.

Gardner also acknowledged that site traffic will increase, noting that both the state and Chicopee have strict idling laws that local police can enforce. To address environmental concerns, he highlighted mitigating measures, such as the city pursuing a $2.39 million grant to begin replacing existing buses with zero-emission electric buses, alongside tree buffers designed to absorb carbon dioxide, filter airborne pollutants, provide privacy, and dampen sound transmission.

He added that the project includes new sidewalks near the entrance to boost pedestrian safety.

"We are providing sidewalks on the east side of Granby Road, where there are none currently... because it's a school project, anything we do off the property line is not reimbursable through the MSBA, so we want to address the concern, but we don't want to spend money on a school project that is more of a city project," Gardner said. "We are proposing sidewalks from Simonich Street, to the north, and down to Sunflower on the south, and there will be monitored crosswalks at the school entrance."

Additionally, Vieau felt that the City Council decided in the best interest of the city regarding the building's physical condition.

"The current state of Barry School has reached the end of its useful life, and has functional obsolescence," Vieau said. "The school has asbestos issues, single-paned glass, built in tiers, so it checked every box, and the city of Chicopee is very fortunate to work with the MSBA [Massachusetts School Building Authority] and received a grant to help create something special and reflective of Chicopee's commitment to providing a world-class education."

When questioned about the implications of the massive bond number being bestowed upon the city's population, Vieau shared that he feels the city is ready.

"I understand it's a heavy price to pay, but I can assure you that we have been financially preparing for years, by doing fiscally responsible work to ensure that this won't impact taxpayers, and I think that's a key component to take into account regarding this project," Vieau said. "So I can assure you that the Finance Committee, along with my team, which includes the treasurer, auditor, and city collector, have zeroed in on ensuring we can afford this project, while also being financially prudent to continue to build the city, and currently the root of focus is having the chance to replace our elementary schools, and we have to do them one at a time, as I had mentioned before."

Brooks, however, clarified that the delivery of the bond payment and the taxpayers' share required a closer look.

"While the $49 million is a cost directly passed on to the residents, the same residents will indirectly pay the entire $106 million, as the remaining balance of $57 million is reduced annually from our state aid award, each year until the debt is retired," Brooks said. "So also, to add, I don't see the market shifting to a buyer's market with all of the evaluations going on; instead, I think it stays a seller's market, pointing to a possible concern of families, even though the prospect of a new school is being added, homes won't be available."

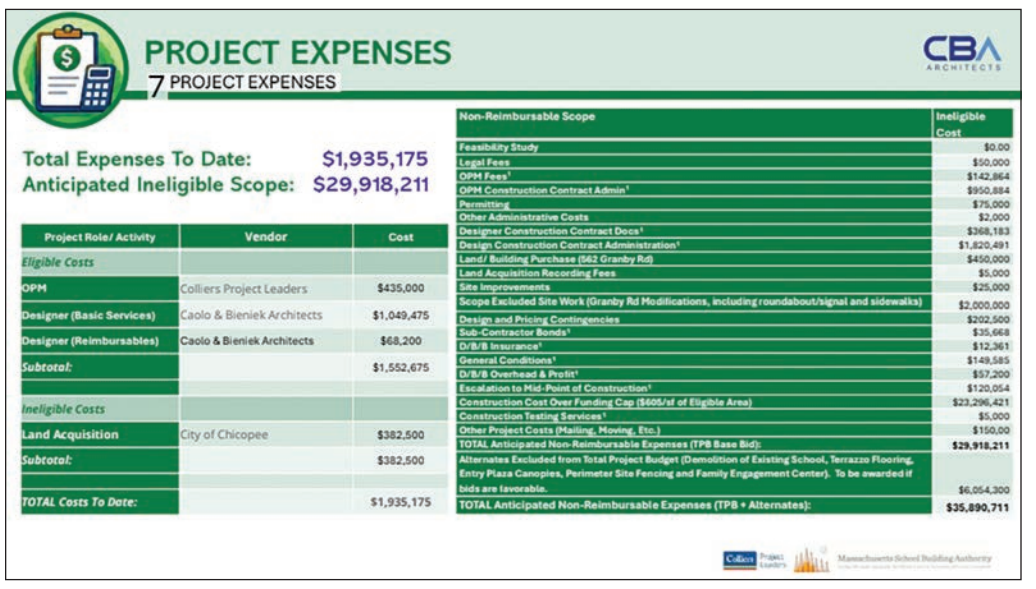
Before the landmark vote, the evening featured a packed crowd in the City Hall auditorium offering perspectives of varying interest—ranging from Barry School educators and Chicopee Education Association (CEA) union members to local officials voicing support, alongside others expressing distinct reservations—that led to a public input section lasting over 45 minutes.

The council then offered similar notes of focus, centered on why the project should move forward, and the precautions necessary to be in place, before sending the approval to vote. With the roll call finalized and the 12-1 tally recorded, the vote brought a decisive close to months of planning, clearing the path for construction to begin on a project that will shape Chicopee's educational landscape for generations to come.

A cacophony of celebration then filled the auditorium as Vieau and Superintendent Dr. Marcus Ware and countless members of the council, walked over to the Barry admin and passed along that they're getting a new school, advancing the project.

Barry School looks to open in Fall 2029, but the decision still has the city split over whether it was the right one to make.

Also to note, the official number of total non-reimbursable expenses will be in the ballpark of $35 million that the city will be liable for, which includes none of these specific improvements—including the roundabout, the traffic signal, and the demolition of the original Barry School—will be covered by the MSBA.



Total amount of reimbursable expenses. *SLIDE COURTESY OF BERT GARDNER*





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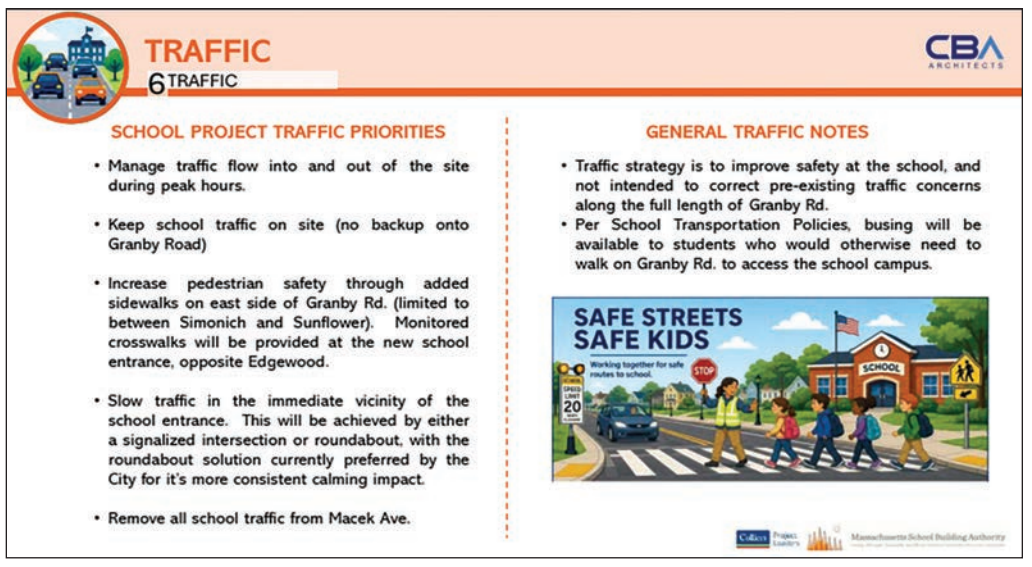
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Traffic implications. *SLIDE COURTESY OF BERT GARDNER*

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Al Kendall, Terri Picard and Al Picard pose for a group photo with a cutout of Pope Leo XIV.



This table contains artwork in memory of Julie L'Heureux, one of the event co-chairs and active volunteer at St. Stanislaus Basilica, who passed away earlier this year.

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balloon man," Milunski said.

Milunski also manned the Fast 50/50 booth, enjoying the chance to meet and chat with attendees, as well as kids and alumni from the school.

He also praised the organizers and volunteers for their continued work with the event.

"I think that people look forward to getting together," Milunski said. "I think in our world today too, looking for something positive to do and a way to just gather together as a community and have some fun because sometimes, the news, everything is so serious and a lot of not-so-great news in the world today, so this is a chance to enjoy some good news today."

Al Kendall, a former event chairman, was excited about the 50-year milestone. He explained the event originated to support the school after it was destroyed by a fire on March 23, 1973.

The new building was constructed and opened on January 11, 1976.

"We needed a parish center and we wanted to continue the school. So, it was a Godsend in a way out of the tragedy and the loss, we have something that we see here now 50 years later that we wouldn't have that has helped us to do things, to raise funds and it's a great place," Kendall said. "Plus, it's a school that has really, really, really added to the community because it's a family-oriented school."

Kendall emphasized events like this bring community together, especially after COVID.

"We're just starting to come back, to get out, because you can't stay in that. You can't be afraid and you can't stay in that solitary, lonely environment, and we're social beings," Kendall said. "I think one of the nicest things is when you see people and you get to smile and you laugh and you tease each other, that makes everything that you do so much better and, really, it's healing when you see each other, work with each other, help each other, tease each other, be good to each other and be kind to each other, that's healing too."

Matthew Fuller, an eighth-grade student at St. Stanislaus School, volunteered at the event for the first time at the popcorn stand and the cotton candy machine. He was working on service hours to enter the National Junior Honor Society.

"Honestly, it's just everyone's nice. Everyone knows everyone, so it's just a lot of chatting and having fun with everybody," Fuller said. "It's really special knowing that our community's just continuing to grow and that everyone just loves coming together for big events like this."

Fuller said he enjoys the school's facilities, classes, classmates and teachers, along with the Wednesday Community Masses, offering this advice for aspiring volunteers.

"Just go for it. It's one of the best things I've ever done and it's fun," Fuller said.

He added he will come back in future years to volunteer.

"Just have fun. Never be shy to do anything," Fuller said. "It's one of the best things that I've ever done."

Milunski said the community can visit the parish website to learn how they can continue supporting them and the school, attend other events and stop by during the week. His message was this.

"I just want to say thank you because without you we couldn't do this," Milunski said. "We're really grateful for the support of people coming out not only to enjoy the time but also to support our work here at the basilica. Always the Saturday after Columbus Day so mark your calendar for next year!"

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ron said, pointing to proposals like Rep. John Larson's bill to adjust Social Security for inflation. "If you do not compensate for inflation, then Social Security is not covering your needs... Richard Neal did not push that. He blocked it. You can make Social Security solvent by putting a deduction onto income over $184,000. Richard Neal has not made that happen."

Milleron also criticized Neal's record on the Social Security Fairness Act.

"Richard Neal opposed the Social Security Fairness Act until it came down to a vote," Milleron said, referencing the bipartisan discharge petition used to bypass committee leadership. "This is Social Security that was stripped from municipal employees—firefighters, teachers, and police officers—who earned those benefits through other work."

Retorting to the claims, Neal highlighted tangible investments secured under his watch to help landmark anchors throughout the district.

"I've also helped secure hundreds of millions of dollars in federal funding for projects like Barnes Air National Guard Base and the Holyoke Soldiers' Home," Neal said. "My priority has always been to show up for the people I represent... I'll continue fighting to lower costs for middle-class families by cutting their taxes, ending Trump's tariffs, and protecting the programs that working families and retirees depend on."

Milleron pushed back on those federal claims.

"He does support the district, but there are people and agencies inside the district that wrote those requests for proposals. They wrote those grants, and he signed on to it and said, 'Sure, I support.' Any representative can support, and I am a worker," Milleron said.

Offering a solution to help working families, Milleron remained steadfast in her proposal to eliminate federal income tax for families earning under $100,000, while Neal emphasized protecting healthcare subsidies and reforming long-term care to prevent families from facing financial ruin.

The candidates agreed on the immense importance of MA-01, noting its vast geographic footprint and unique economic diversity.

"MA-01 is the largest congressional district in Massachusetts, covering nearly a third of the state," Neal said, highlighting the region's rich industrial history, cultural institutions from MASS MoCA to the Dr. Seuss Museum, and ongoing development challenges in transportation, housing and healthcare.

Milleron echoed the district's broad scope.

"MA-01 is a very diverse district... and we can unite all the people in the district to get material gains, material improvements for our lives. Everybody is for that, and everybody will galvanize around that," Milleron said.

The debate narrowed down sharply to surging living costs and contrasting economic visions. Neal pointed to inflation and tariffs as primary drivers of financial strain for middle-class households, citing Federal Reserve reports linking tariffs to inflationary pressures.

"The issue I hear about most is the rising cost of living... Whether it's gas prices, groceries, housing, utilities, or health care, people are feeling squeezed. My opponent said it's 'FALSE' that Trump's tariffs are driving up prices. It's not just every economist who will tell you she's wrong; it's every person in Massachusetts paying more for everything," Neal said.

Milleron defended tariffs as a potential tool for domestic manufacturing.

"Tariffs can be a financial incentive for manufacturers, because it's a way of saying, you can produce the item here in our country and then employ people, and provide good wages here," Milleron said.

However, she laid blame on the incumbent for job losses.

"Richard Neal is the worst Ways and Means Committee Chairman in our nation's history. He has lost thousands of jobs... under his watch, all of these jobs have just disappeared from our country," Milleron said.

Closing out their policy visions, the candidates addressed domestic production, supply chains and local resource burdens.

Milleron proposed establishing local manufacturing hubs in regional centers like Springfield, Pittsfield, Sheffield and Southbridge to produce essential generic drugs and secure supply chains.

"We could start producing generic drugs here in our country, and I'm just looking at the facilities in Sheffield, in Springfield, in Southbridge, and in Pittsfield, for where such a facility could exist," Milleron said. "What we need to do is incentivize people to make the products that we use, that are essential to our existence, right here in this country, so that if you have supply chain issues and emergencies, at least you're producing the hospital supplies and the generic drugs that you need."

Neal countered by pressing to expand prescription drug price negotiations into the commercial market, roll back healthcare cost increases from the Republican "Big Ugly Bill" (noting that more than 300,000 people in Massachusetts face coverage risks due to new paperwork rules), and protect vulnerable populations from losing Medicaid coverage, as millions of children are at risk of losing their health care because of this bill.

"More than 300,000 people in Massachusetts are at risk because of Republican paperwork requirements that will keep sick people, even those with cancer, from getting Medicaid coverage. In the year since the bill's enactment, over 8 million Americans have already lost insurance coverage, and many more face significantly higher premiums to keep it or must switch to less coverage at a higher cost," Neal said. "Many hospitals are already on the brink. They are seeing a sharp rise in patients who cannot afford care, leaving communities vulnerable to losing access to health care and, in many cases, one of their largest employers."

The congressman added he would expand prescription drug price negotiations to include more drugs and extend those savings into the commercial insurance market, so seniors aren't the only ones who benefit, while prioritizing rolling back the health care cuts and cost increases from the Big Ugly Bill.

On housing and energy, Neal pointed to legislative frameworks aimed at alleviating local cost pressures.

"We need to continue working to increase supply and bring down costs," Neal said.

He highlighted the impact of measures like the 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act and ongoing support for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) to protect families from rising utility and heating oil burdens.

"I remain committed to advancing solutions that recognize the unique housing challenges facing Western and Central Massachusetts, including the need for more affordable housing and the rehabilitation of existing housing stock," Neal said.

Milleron felt the district is ripe for solar power potential and electric car production, despite President Trump stopping it.

"We had a great solar industry here. You know, our farm is totally run by solar. My car is electric. I don't pay any gas prices, and I want that for everybody," Milleron said. "And so, you know, definitely we have to stop the moratorium on alternative energy, develop it, and encourage people. And you can get that up pretty quickly in a district. And people have all of these roofs here; you know, they can put solar up there. And so, yeah, I think that would make a material difference for households if they were producing the energy they need to drive a car, and that's definitely made a big difference for our households."

Election Day is Nov. 3, and it's clear this race will be one to watch.

CLUES ACROSS
1. Nocturnal rodent
5. Requesting
11. Give temporarily
12. Frivolousness
16. Military arm
17. "Westworld" actor Harris
18. Persian Gulf port city
19. Air hostesses
24. Partner to "Pa"
25. Percussion instrument
26. Raincoats
27. Lower the light
28. Asian mountain range
29. Every one of two or more
30. Lack of difficulty
31. A public announcement of a proposed marriage
33. Reduces in size
34. Make an impact
38. Serviceman
39. A French river
40. Prehistoric people
43. Messenger ribonucleic acid
44. "Layla" singer Clapton
45. Ancient Greek sophist
49. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
50. "Top Gun: Maverick" actor Powell
51. A way to disentangle
53. Atomic #93
54. Manifesting approval
56. Indigo bush
58. Larry and Curly's pal
59. Off-Broadway theater award
60. Fencers
63. Masses of fish eggs
64. Passerine birds
65. Arrange systematically

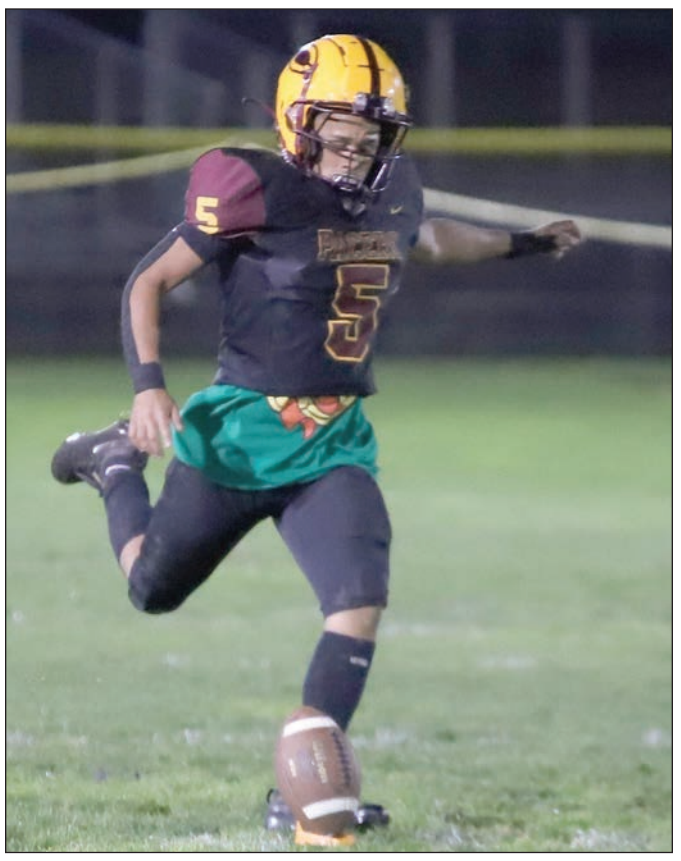
CLUES DOWN
1. Colorless part of blood
2. Of a main artery
3. Photog's tool
4. Blues Traveler hit "But __"
5. Grew older
6. Not the leader
7. __ Lang: country singer
8. A driver's license is one
9. Nests of pheasants
10. Antelopes
13. One quintillion bytes
14. Japanese lute
15. A type of cat
20. It cools your home
21. Dorm official
22. Pouches
23. German trigraph
27. Form of Persian
29. __ route
30. Upper body part
31. Bridge building degree
32. Indicates position
33. Political action committee
34. Edible nuts
35. Front part of a quadruped
36. Locate
37. Geological time
38. Of I
40. Northern Utah city
41. They work in the trenches
42. Hammer is one
44. Tall deciduous tree
45. Performers
46. Slang for mistake
47. More open
48. Most slick
50. Provokes
51. Home of the NCAA's Flyers
52. Sodium
54. Large fish of the mackerel family
55. Not one
57. __ and behold
61. Atomic #21
62. "The Great Lakes State"

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The Pacers kick off following a touchdown.

Pacers pick up first win

CHICOPEE – The Chicopee High School football team won their first game of the season, defeating Commerce 40-16. Francisco Nieves had 101 yard passing for touchdowns. Anthony Lombardi picked up a lot of yards on the ground with 210 and two touchdowns. Nieves also had two rushing touchdowns. The Pacers are now 1-4 on the season and face Ludlow on the road Friday, Oct. 23 at 6:30 p.m.

TURLEY PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



Chicopee looks to make a play on defense.



Quarterback Francisco Nieves drops back.



Chicopee comes up with an interception.



Tyrone Meadows takes a carry for the Pacers.

Chicopee High defeats rival Comp in boys soccer action

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

CHICOPEE—Ever since he was elected Chicopee's 41st mayor in 2019, John L. Vieau has enjoyed attending the annual rivalry games between the Chicopee High Pacers and the Chicopee Comp Colts.

Following Chicopee High's 6-2 victory over Comp in a Holley Division boys' soccer match at Mitchell S. Kuzdzal Field on Oct. 12, Vieau presented the rivalry Cup Trophy to Pacers tri-captains Griffen Wrisley, Abdulwahhab Alnuaimi, and Zach Yarovoy.

"I was a member of the junior varsity soccer team as an eighth grader, and we came up short in the Cup game," said Yarovoy, who's the Pacers junior starting goalkeeper. "This is my third year being a starter for the varsity team and it's an awesome feeling receiving the Cup from the mayor once again. This rivalry is one that every player always looks forward to playing in."

Wrisley and Alnuaimi, who are both seniors, along with senior Mohanad Aljashaam, have helped the Pacers compile an impressive 51-17-8 overall record since they joined the varsity soccer team as freshmen.

The other Chicopee High seniors are Ali Nssar, Raed Aljashaam, Rafael Estevao Callegari, Belal Alaleian, and Mattheus Callegari.

Despite the intensity of the annual Cup rivalry match, there is a tremendous amount of mutual respect between the two teams.

"First and foremost, we want to extend our condolences to the Dulchinos Family," said Chicopee High head coach Hugo Destapado "This has always a big rivalry game between the two soccer teams, especially for the seniors."

Dan Dulchinos, who won 639 games during his 50 seasons coaching the Chicopee Comp varsity baseball team, passed away on October 6.

The Pacers boys' soccer team also posted a 6-0 win against the Colts at Szot Park on September 23. They swept the season series against the Colts for the second consecutive year.

The two squads played a 1-1 draw in the first meeting of the 2024 regular season before the Pacers posted a 3-1 victory in the second meeting.

If the cross-town rivals had split the season series, the winner of the Cup Trophy would be determined by the total number of goals each team scored.

Chicopee High entered the final week of the regular season with a 9-2-1 overall record and a 9-0-1 league mark.

During the previous four meetings, the Pacers outscored the Colts, 25-1.

"We conceded two goals in today's game, but winning the game is the most important thing to us," said Chicopee High sophomore Peter Morozov, who's a starting defender. "We have a very good defense and it's a lot of fun watching my teammates score goals."

The other members of the Pacers defensive unit are junior Xavien Zayas, Aljashaam, and Mattheus Callegari.

The Colts (2-11, 0-9) are in the rebuilding process this fall.

"I thought it was a very competitive game during the first half," Chicopee Comp head coach Vincent Rodriguez. "We're a young team and we're experiencing some growing pains this year. They

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Kelsey Morrissette heads into Ludlow's end of the field.

Comp suffers shutout loss to Ludlow

LUDLOW – Last Thursday on a sun-splashed afternoon, Chicopee Comprehensive High School girls soccer fell 6-0 at Ludlow High School. The Colts are now just 2-12 on the season.



Katelyn Courchesne sends the ball deep.



TURLEY PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

Bailey Neuhauser jumps to bring in a pass.



Kendall Knotts clears the ball away.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Massachusetts Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
Docket No. HD26P2094GD
In the interests of
Anthony Charles Baez
of Chicopee, MA
Minor
NOTICE AND ORDER: Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor
NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

1. Hearing Date/Time: A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on **09/29/2026** by **Debra D Goodwin of Chicopee, MA** will be held **11/04/2026 08:30 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing.** Located: **Hampden Probate & Family Court, 50 State Street, 4th Floor, Springfield, MA 01103.**

2. Response to Petition: You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to: **1.** File the original with the Court and **2.** Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.

3. Presence of the Minor at Hearing: A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.

4. Counsel for the Minor: The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.

5. Counsel for Parents: If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form (MPC 263). Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.

THIS IS A LEGAL NOTICE: An important court proceeding that may affect your rights has been scheduled. If you do not understand this notice or other court papers, please contact an attorney for legal advice.

Date: September 29, 2026
Rosemary A. Saccomani
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10/23/2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD25P2085EA
Estate of:
Joaquina A Bergeron
Date of Death: 06/20/2025
CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT

A Petition for **Order of Complete Settlement** has been filed by **Debra A Augusto of Amherst, MA** requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/17/2026.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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

Date: October 13, 2026
Rosemary A. Saccomani
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
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Docket No. HD26P2156EA
Estate of:
Arline Rose Blais
Date of Death: 09/21/2017
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 **Debbie L Cote of Granby, 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 **Debbie L Cote of Granby, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/06/2026. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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

Date: October 08, 2026
Rosemary A Saccomani,
Register of Probate
10/23/2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
Docket No. HD26P2166PM
In the matter of:
James Miller
Of: Chicopee, MA
RESPONDENT
(Person to be Protected/ Minor)
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 & §5-405

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Chicopee Rehabilitation and Nursing of Chicopee, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that **James Miller** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that **Lisa Judkins of Shrewsbury, MA** (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve **With Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of **11/06/2026**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

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

Date: October 09, 2026
Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
10/23/2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
Docket No. HD26P2165GD
In the matter of:
James Miller
Of: Chicopee, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Chicopee Rehabilitation and Nursinof Chicopee, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that **James Miller** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that **Raymond A Gregoire of Belchertown, MA** (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.

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

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of **11/06/2026**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

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

Date: October 09, 2026
Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
10/23/2026

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 November 6th, 2026 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.

2014 Honda Accord
VIN: 1HGCR2F36EA129475
Mathew Cotto
617 Harrison Ave.
Scranton, PA 18510

2010 Nissan Altima
VIN: 1N4AL2AP6AN542961
Francisco Santiago Moreno
58 Chester St.
Chicopee, MA 01013

2007 Honda Accord
VIN: 1HGCM56717A066291
Jessica Harrington
185 North St.
Bennington, VT 05201

2009 Honda Civic
VIN: 2HGFG12679H505881
Xiomara Rivera
5 Riverboat Village Rd.
South Hadley, MA 01075

2007 Mazda Mazda 6
VIN: 1YVHP80C075M60922
Benedict Smith
213 4th Ave.
Bellaire OH 43906

2003 Ford F250
VIN: 3FTNX21L33MB23573
Jerry Francisco Ramos
168 Sewall St.
Ludlow, MA 01056

1995 Chevrolet Camaro Z28
VIN: 2G1FP32P3S2113159
Angel Guzman
109 Outer Dr.
Chicopee MA 01022

2018 Volkswagen Jetta
VIN: 3VW2B7AJ4JM263378
Rafael Hernandez
119 Lebanon Hill Rd.
Southbridge, MA 01550
10/23, 10/30, 11/06/2026

SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLES UNDER G.L. c.255 Sec. 39A

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Enfield, CT 06082

2011 Honda Civic
VIN: 2HGFA1F51BH300551
Mahat Diriye
38 Jennings St.
Chicopee, MA 01020

2025 Super Mach TR200T
VIN: LFGTCMGN7S1A00218
Javonte Grant
72 Edgemont St., Apt. 72
Springfield, MA 01109

2008 Honda CRV
VIN: 5J6RE48728L028856
Freddy Cuello Mejia
321 Belmont Ave., Apt. 1
Springfield, MA 01108
10/09, 10/16, 10/23/2026

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Springfield, MA 01128

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VIN: 2GCGC39N7N1227316
Travis Powell
50 Southampton Rd., Apt. 11C
Westfield, MA 01085

2009 Subaru Impreza
VIN: JF1GE60629H515321
Leonardo
42 Boyer St.
Springfield, MA 01108

2001 Honda Civic
VIN: 2HGES16541H610166
Luz Anna Torres
73 Farnum Dr.
Holyoke, MA 01040

2003 Honda Civic
VIN: 1HGEM22593L078120
Earl Kiefer
94 Northway Dr.
Springfield, MA 01119

2003 Chevrolet Avalance
VIN: 3GNEK13T73G232257
Jay Carroll
100 Bonner St.
Chicopee, MA 01013

2004 Honda Civic
VIN: 2HGES16584H507885
Christian Yael Torres Santiago
33 Trinity St., Fl 3
New Britain, CT 06051

2017 Suabru Outback
VIN: 4S4BSANC1H3244581
Elise Oreilly
1620 Pendleton Drive
Chicopee, MA 01020

2003 Honda Civic
VIN: 2HGES26763H513108
Alexis Atkins-Nortez
135 Layzon Brothers Rd
Indian Orchard, MA 01151

1996 Toyota Corolla
VIN: 2T1BB02E3TC153817
Calet Sanchez Diaz
132 Wait St.
Springfield, MA 01104
10/16, 10/23, 10/30/2026

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
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Probate & Family Court Dept.
HD26E0040PP

To Bruce Pelletier of Granby, Hampshire County; Steven Pelletier of Ludlow, Hampden County; Samantha Sampson of Springfield, Hampden County, Darlene Sampson of North Providence, Rhode Island, Providence County; and all other persons interested

A petition has been presented to said Court by Michael E. Pelletier, of Chicopee, Hampden County, representing that they hold as tenants-in-common in an undivided part or share of land lying in Chicopee, in the County of Hampden, setting forth that they desire that all of said land may be sold at private sale or public auction for not less than Two Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars ($225,000.00), and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof after full adjudication of the equitable claims contained in said petition and supplemental memorandum filed with the Court.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the **second day of November 2026**, the return day of this citation.

Witness, **Claudine T. Stoudemire**, Esquire, First Justice of said Court, this 21st day of September 2026.

Rosemary A. Saccomani,
Register
10/09, 10/16, 10/23/2026

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do have a couple of difference makers."

The Colts seniors, who played against the Pacers for the final time on the soccer pitch, are Ali Al Zubaidi, Dillon Harris, Evan Naglieri, Landon Sousa, Hunter Pirog, Edison Chuquilla, and Andrey Dumanetskiy.

The home team managed to keep the Pacers off the scoreboard for the first ten minutes of the opening half.

The Pacers broke the ice during the 12th minute when Wrisley delivered a pass to sophomore Antonio Marques who put a shot into the back of the net past Comp freshman goalie Dante Ferreira (8 saves)

Wrisley, who has scored more than 100 goals during his outstanding varsity career, didn't score a goal in his final appearance against Comp, but he contributed with three assists.

"Griffen didn't score any goals in today's game, but he had three assists, which were just as important," Destapado said. "It was nice to see him contribute that way."

A couple of minutes later, the Colts tied the score at 1-1 when junior Rodney Blanc fired a low shot into the left corner past Yarovoy (3 saves). Sophomore Colin Nichols was given the assist.

Alnuaimi, who recorded his second hat-trick against the Colts, scored the go-ahead goal during the 27th minute. Alnuaimi's first goal of the match was assisted by freshman Ayad Hamid.

The Pacers held a slim 2-1 halftime advantage.

"I told my players at halftime, if we were able to score the first goal of the second half, things would probably open for us," Destapado said. "That's exactly what happened."

Chicopee High pulled away with a pair of goals by Alnuaimi and two more goals from junior Shawn Murphy and Rafael Estevao Callegari during the first 25 minutes of the second half.

Blanc also scored his team's second goal in the 75th minute by firing a low shot into the left corner. Naglieri was credited with the assist.

The Pacers captains and their teammates took a picture with the mayor after receiving the trophy.

Two days later, the Pacers were shutout, 2-0, in a non-league road contest against the Agawam Brownies. It was their first setback since being shutout, 5-0, by Northampton in the season opener at Szot Park.

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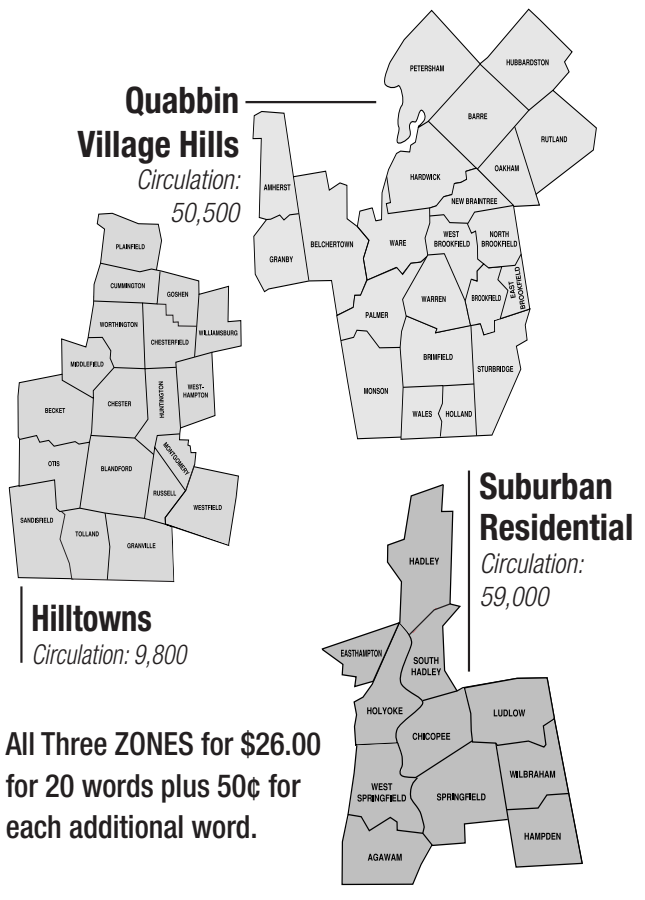
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