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These kiddos dressed up in traditional Puerto Rican garb and waved the flag in celebration.

Puerto Rican Heritage Month celebrated in flag-raising

By Kristin Rivers
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CHICOPEE – Residents, community members, local and state elected officials and many more gathered inside City Hall Auditorium on Nov. 6 to celebrate Puerto Rican Heritage Month.

The festivities included remarks from Mayor John Vieau, State Sen. Adam Gomez (D-Springfield), State Rep. Shirley Arriaga (D-Chicopee), State Rep. Orlando Ramos (D-Springfield), State Sen. Jake Oliveira (D-Ludlow) and Ward 7 School Committee Representative Ray Nazario, performances from the Chicopee High School and the raising of the Puerto Rican flag.

Monica Torres, community and special projects liaison for the city, also had the opportunity to read the mayor's proclamation and presented it to George Colon and Jose Claudio.

Afterward, attendees headed over to The Hub at Market Square for food, music and more celebrations.

The event was also made possible through a grant from the Chicopee Cultural Council, a part of the Mass Cultural Council.

Vieau reflected on the generations of Puerto Rican families "who have created the fabric of what Chicopee is today" and the community's hard work, sacrifices and perseverance "and everything that they stand for as a community because we're all here for better opportunities."

"So, as we celebrate traditions with music, food, language, faith and family values, that's what makes the Puerto Rican community so special," Vieau said. "But, I also want to recognize you, our Puerto

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Rotary Club hosts tribute to Hu Ke Lau fundraiser event

By Brendan Rooney
Correspondent

CHICOPEE — A sold-out crowd of over 300, including community members and local elected officials, gathered at the Granby Road Knights of Columbus banquet hall on Nov. 6 for the Chicopee Rotary Club's "Tribute to the Hu Ke Lau" fundraiser.

The event honored the city's legendary Polynesian palace—proving that, even eight years after the Yee family closed its doors, the community's appetite for its fabled splendor and timeless hospitality hasn't faded an ounce.

The amount raised at the fundraiser event is, also, currently being finalized.

Longing to rekindle that lightning in a bottle, the Ro-

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Mayor John Vieau with the dancers in a group photo.

Community members celebrate Diwali

By Brendan Rooney
Correspondent

SPRINGFIELD – Over 250 people—consisting of local business owners, elected officials, family, and friends—gathered inside the Marriott Hotel in Springfield on Nov. 8 to celebrate Diwali, a treasured Indian celebration honoring the festival of lights.

The gala brought together a distinguished delegation of federal, state, regional and municipal officials to show solidarity with the region's vibrant Indian-American community. Attendees included U.S. Rep. Richard Neal, Hampden County Sheriff Nick Cocchi, State Sen. John Velis (D-Westfield), State Sen. Jake Oliveira (D-Ludlow), State Rep. Shirley Arriaga (D-Chicopee), State Rep. Carlos Gonzalez (D-Springfield), Springfield Mayor Domenic Sarno, Chicopee Ward 1 City Councilor Abby Arriaga, Chicopee Ward 2 City Councilor Shane Brooks, Chicopee Chief of Staff Mike Pise, Holyoke Mayor Joshua Garcia, Agawam City Council President Anthony Russo, West Springfield Mayor Will

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GAWM Public Relations Officer Raj Sanghvi, and wife Kamy posing for a photo in front of the Diwali photo backdrop.

Union leader speaks on violent, disruptive student behavior

CEA says teachers at multiple schools have been hurt this year

By Dalton Zbierski
Correspondent

CHICOPEE – Last week, a contingent of Chicopee educators, parents and concerned community members informed the School Committee of the student-inflicted violence that has occurred in the district's classrooms this fall.

Fairview Elementary was the focus of the Nov. 2 conversation, but teacher safety is currently in jeopardy at multiple school buildings, according to Chicopee Education Association Co-President Jess Bean.

Speaking with the Chicopee Register this week, Bean stressed that the turbulence is "not exclusive to Fairview."

She acknowledged the dangerous student behavior has been "disproportionately higher at Fairview than anywhere else," but said teachers have been injured by students at numerous schools—both elementary and secondary—since the academic year began in August.

While Chicopee Public Schools has taken several steps to address these occurrences, Bean feels more must be done to support district staff across all units. She said district employees deserve to feel safe in their workplace.

"It's really easy to feel like you're stuck in a silo when you're dealing with the same group of kids all the time and you're exposed to these kinds of things on a regular basis. It becomes the norm, and we don't want anybody to feel like flying furniture and injuries are normal in public schools," Bean said.

Bean, a special education teacher, hopes the district presents a solution that supports all 15 public schools in Chicopee.

In the city, she said that "education's not everyone's favorite place right now," and that staff are leaving for opportunities elsewhere that pay better and provide safer learning environments.

Regarding the increase in student outbursts, Bean noted these trends have been visible in the lower grades for several years. While the pandemic was more than a half-decade ago, she feels its effects are still impacting students at this age level.

"We know everyone going online or losing access to in-person instruction and things that we know are best for kids has had a ripple effect," Bean said. "We needed time for it to be visible in the lower grades, and we've just hit that point. I think it was inevitable that it was going to come here. I hate to say that, but I think that's the reality."

According to Bean, these eruptions vary in severity but occur consistently across the district and disrupt learning in classrooms. She shared several observations that demonstrate the different reactions students have.

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City Council debates review of redistricting Chicopee Public Schools system

By Brendan Rooney
Correspondent

CHICOPEE – City Council Vice President and Ward 6 Councilor Sam Shumsky introduced an order to effectively review redistricting the Chicopee Public Schools system on Nov. 5.

The motion was co-sponsored by City Council President Frank Laflamme and Ward 5 Councilor Joe Pasternak III, but was met with some turbulence among the chamber.

"The reason is simple. Our current transportation trend is not sustainable. In fiscal year 2018, Chicopee spent approximately $7.3 million on school transportation," Shumsky said. "In fiscal year 2027, we anticipate the cost of approximately $14.7 million. This is a 101% increase in these expenses alone in less than a decade."

Shumsky's proposal comes at a time of stark fiscal reality for Chicopee, as prior to the Nov. 5 meeting, the city sat less than $1 million away from its Proposition 2 ½ levy limit—the legal cap on how much the city can raise in property taxes. Meanwhile, Shumsky drew focus to the school stabilization account that recently required a $5 million draw from its reserves to balance its budget, a trend he warned is unsustainable without structural reforms.

"We must also consider Chicopee's larger financial future for the greater good," Shumsky said. "Our ability to raise property taxes is not unlimited, and I want to be proactive before the taxpayers are ever told that higher taxes are the only solution."

Initially, the order requested that the School Committee, Superintendent and School Department conduct a comprehensive review of enrollment, attendance boundaries, building utilization, and bus routing—including whether students could attend schools closer to their neighborhoods.

"If we have an underenrolled building, if children are being transported across the city while appropriate capacity exists closer to home, we

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IN THE CITY

Polish Center hosted Costume Lecture and Workshop

By Brendan Rooney
Correspondent

CHICOPEE — The Polish Center of Discovery and Learning (PCDL) hosted a Polish costume lecture and workshop led by Sue Urban, a Polish folk art artist, museum contributor, and former West Springfield educator on Sept. 19.

The workshop's objective was to guide participants in creating authentic miniature folk costumes while exploring the regional history and intricate embroidery traditions behind Polish attire.

Urban noted that a common misconception is that all Polish dance costumes are identical.

"So, I'm here to help clear up that misunderstanding and to highlight the difference in designs, colors and meaning across the country," Urban said.

To illustrate these regional distinctions, she used a display board mapping the origins of various garments. She also compared Polish attire to the border styles of Ukraine, noting how both traditions incorporate geometric embroidery while retaining distinct regional characteristics.

Participants traveled from several states to attend—some coming from as far away as Pennsylvania—and the afternoon concluded with strong enthusiasm from the crowd, with Urban noting how much she enjoyed everyone's full involvement.

Reflecting on how the event came together, Urban shared that she received an invitation from Jean Jonker, PCDL Education Committee Chairperson, to lead the dress-making class, drawing on decades of experience that began during her studies in Poland in the 1970s.

"We did a lot of dancing, along with being part of the folk art study tour," Urban recalled of her time abroad. "During that time, our teachers rented costumes for us, and they taught us some dances, and we put on a show for the Polish people."



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Barbara Brand, PCDL Assistant Curator Stephanie Afonso, and PCDL Education Committee Chairperson Jean Jonker, looking through Brand's old dance uniforms she donated.



Barbara Brand, PCDL Assistant Curator Stephanie Afonso, and PCDL President and Board Chair Joanne Gruszkos taking in the level of craftsmanship and quality of the newly donated items.



Some authentic Polish dresses on display in one of the exhibits.

That early immersion sparked a lasting passion.

"And it just took off from there," Urban said. "as I just got really interested in the costumes, because there are so many different styles."

After Urban wrapped up her portion of the day and departed, participants enjoyed a lunch provided by Bernat's Polish Deli. Following the meal, PCDL Assistant Curator Stephanie Afonso led the group on a museum tour, showcasing authentic, full-size folk dresses, including signature pieces donated by Krystyna Farley shortly before her passing, along with a plethora of other timeless exhibits on display.

Among those on the tour was Barbara Brand of Waterbury, Connecticut. A proud Polish immigrant who came to the United States with her family in 1963 after being sponsored by her uncle, Brand settled initially in Rochester, New York.

Reflecting on her youth, she recalled dancing with a local group that specialized in regional styles and eventually earned a spot at an international festival.

"When we belonged with the dance group, we had the polonaise, the long graceful ones... and we had the guys dressed in góralski outfits, and they would do the axes—they'd jump over the axes," Brand said. "It was a good time... we were the only group in Rochester, and we were asked to go to the festival in Poland in 1977."

hat monumental trip brought her back to Poland for roughly three weeks, staying in school dorms and opening doors to a wider global community.

"We met so many people there," Brand said. "There were Scottish. There were English, you know, the ones who spoke our language; they're the ones we met, some from Czechoslovakia, Polish. So it was a great way to meet different cultures."

She fondly recalled performing classic routines on historic grounds: "We did the polonaise in Wawel, because it had different levels. It was beautiful, how they got all these different groups to dance all at once."

Brand shared that she currently works to keep those cultural threads alive in a modern landscape, finding comfort when local parishes—such as the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception under Father Sullivan—embrace traditional blessings like the Easter basket and the Feast of the Three Kings.

For Brand, the visit to the PCDL also marked a meaningful transition as she parted with precious family memorabilia and vintage items from her dancing days to officially donate them to the museum.

During the visit, associates of the museum shared that Brand's items will be put on display later down the line. The Polish Center of Discovery and Learning is always open Monday through Friday, from 1 to 5 p.m., and tours can be booked by calling 860-508-8868, 413-537-1732, or 413-885-1909.

Chicopee Historical Society presents author Daniel Bullen talk Nov. 18

CHICOPEE - The Chicopee Historical Society hosts author Daniel Bullen, who will present a talk on his new book, Daniel Shays's Honorable Rebellion.

You probably know of "Shays' Rebellion" as the time when "farmers who were angry about taxes" "created unrest" that exposed the weakness of the Articles of Confederation, causing the Founding Fathers to write the Constitution.

Mr. Bullen shows that, in fact, Shays and thousands of farmers were not trying to overthrow the government. They were protesting flagrantly unjust economic policies that were forcing them off their land, all to pay windfall profits to financiers. The book draws on extensive research to show that the farmers kept the peace through five months of protests and won reforms in an electoral landslide.

Join us for this history with deep contemporary relevance on Wednesday, November 18, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in the Bazan Community Room of the Chicopee Public Library, 449 Front Street, Chicopee. The event is free and open to the public.

Daniel Bullen holds a Ph.D. in American literature. He is the author of two other books, "The Love Lives of the Artists: Five Stories of Creative Intimacy" and "The Dangers of Passion: The Transcendental Friendship of Ralph Waldo Emerson and Margaret Fuller." He lives in western Massachusetts.

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CHICOPEE - Kingdom Minded Fellowship Center would like to extend an invitation to our Sixth Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner, which will take place on Saturday, Nov. 21 at 1 p.m. at 21 Chestnut Street, Chicopee, MA.

This event is a cherished tradition in our community, offering a free Thanksgiving meal to individuals and families in need, as well as to anyone who wishes to share in fellowship and gratitude.

Each year, this celebration brings together residents, volunteers, and local organizations to promote unity, compassion and the true spirit of Thanksgiving.

Library announces Adult Programs offered in November

CHICOPEE – Here are some of our upcoming library programs for November 2026.

Speed Puzzling on Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 6 p.m. Register from the library calendar or call the Reference Desk at 413-594-1800x3. Teams of 4 will compete to complete identical puzzles in the fast time. Recommended for ages 10+.

Check out our calendar online at chicopeepubliclibrary.org or stop by the library for a printed calendar.

IN THE CITY

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Pictured from left to right: Casey Conroy, Community Outreach Director; Dan Fallie, General Manager of Chicopee Electric Light; and Sherry Manyak, Director of the Chicopee Senior Center.

Council slams door on out-of-state travel

By Dalton Zbierski
Correspondent

CHICOPEE – It wasn't exactly déjà vu, but a discussion held by the City Council on Nov. 5 eerily mirrored a conversation from a previous meeting more than six months ago.

It began last Thursday when Ward 9 Councilor Mary Beth Costello proposed ordering the Finance Committee to meet to discuss out-of-state travel.

Costello explained why she made the request. She wanted to know how the board felt about putting "guardrails" on the city paying for its employees to travel.

"Basically, recently, several constituents of mine questioned a travel expense [regarding] going out of the country," Costello said. "And, I said we have briefly discussed the out-of-state travel expense before, and it's a budget concern. I don't know if we should, at this point, put guardrails, since we're in charge of the money, if we can."

The group of elected officials did not respond well to Costello's idea. Councilor-at-Large Jessica Avery pointed out that Costello proposed a similar order earlier in the year, and that was shot down with authority.

Avery's memory is correct. On April 21, Costello motioned for the council to consider banning its members from attending out-of-state conferences due to the cost of travel.

"We voted this down earlier in the [year]," Avery said. "There were a number of constituents who came out with concerns about this. I have deep concerns with this, particularly with the term 'out-of-state.' We live about a half-hour from Connecticut and an hour from Vermont."

Avery added that city employees interact at various events and training opportunities with people in similar roles from nearby states.

She expressed concerns that an order like the one proposed by Costello "sounds like we're trying to micromanage how people work and do less governing and legislating, which is what the people elected us to do."

Avery closed her remarks by stating, "I will not be voting for this order today."

Joel McAuliffe, another councilor-at-large and an experienced member of the board, said he completely agrees with Avery.

"Too broad and not specific enough for me to vote for tonight," McAuliffe said.

He voiced appreciation for what Costello was attempting to "explore," but doubled down on what he said to her in April.

"I think this was my feedback back then and it will be my feedback now. If it's something you want to explore, I would suggest researching what other communities have regarding ordinances and bylaws and then bring that to us in a written ordinance. Then, it can be changed in the committee process," McAuliffe said.

Costello spoke once more before the vote was taken, acknowledging that she brought up the talking point in April.

"I just want to revisit again," Costello said. "Whatever your opinion is the way it is. I just feel that out-of-state travel can be discussed, and it's something we're responsible for because we're responsible for the budget."

Ultimately, every member of the council except for Costello voted down the request.

Chicopee Electric Light presents Veterans Day gift to RiverMills

CHICOPEE - In honor of Veterans Day, Chicopee Electric Light presented the Chicopee Senior Center with a framed collage of historic posters used to support America's war effort during World War II.

The posters reflect the patriotism, sacrifice, and shared commitment of those serving overseas and those supporting them on the home front.

As a community utility, Chicopee Electric Light is proud to honor our veterans and help preserve the memory of their service for future generations.

Local Chicopee Teacher to appear on 'Wheel of Fortune'

CHICOPEE - Michael Gobiel, an elementary English as a Second Language teacher at Bowe Elementary School will be appearing as a contestant on "Wheel of Fortune" on Tuesday, Nov. 17.

The episode will air locally on Tuesday, Nov. 17 and will be available the next day, Wednesday, Nov. 18, on streaming on Hulu and Peacock. Check your local listings for the times.

City Council recognizes Barabani, accepts grant for PD and more

By Dalton Zbierski
Correspondent

CHICOPEE – A beloved and active Chicopee veteran was recognized by the City Council during its meeting on Nov. 5.

The council named retired U.S. Army Col. Paul Barabani the city's Veteran of the Year.

Barabani is a Chicopee native who was superintendent of the Holyoke Soldiers' Home from 2011 to 2016.

He previously received the Charles H. Tracy Award from the city, honoring his service, dedication, volunteerism, mentorship, advocacy and support for the local veterans' community.

Members of the council extended their heartfelt gratitude to Barabani for his role in preserving the liberties that Chicopee residents hold dear, and a proclamation was read aloud.

The proclamation describes Barbani's "distinguished military service, steadfast patriotism and commitment to the values upon which our great nation was founded."

It further adds that Barabani's commitment to the country's well-being represents the dedication of countless American veterans and active military members.

"His service stands as a testament to the courage, discipline, integrity and selflessness demonstrated by generations of American veterans who have answered the call to serve something greater than themselves," it says.

Following that ceremony, one of the first mayor's orders approved by the council was the acceptance of a $44,214 Fiscal Year 2027 Municipal Road Safety Program Grant.

The grant is being administered by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security to the Chicopee Police Department.

Mike Pise, Mayor John Vieau's chief of staff, filled in for Vieau last Thursday, as the mayor was at a National Honor Society event. Pise explained where the money will go.

"This is a grant we get almost every year, and this helps us add additional patrols and additional staff for our bike patrols and our cruiser patrols of our city to make sure we keep everyone safe and continue the enforcement efforts of our police department," Pise said.

Another $5,576 was appropriated for supplies. That money will be reimbursed by the state once expended, according to Pise.

Several favorable Ordinance Committee reports were also approved by the council when it met last week. They are as follows.

Word 4 Councilor George Balakier proposed no parking on the south, or even-numbered side, of the entirety of North Street.

"This is in my ward. A couple neighbors were very concerned with parking that people had on the street," Balakier said. "In the interest of public safety, by allowing this order for no parking on the south side, this will allow emergency vehicles to proceed in case of an emergency. So, this is needed."

The item passed unanimously.

Balakier also proposed no parking, stopping or standing on the east side of Academy Street from 6:30 – 8:30 a.m. and 1 – 3 p.m. from Monday through Friday, September through June. He said this is necessary to ensure student safety.

"This is becoming a thorny issue," Balakier said. "Particularly, this is regarding a public safety issue near the Dupont Middle School of students crossing, and there were a couple that almost got hit at the beginning of school. So, this is, hopefully, going to be enforcing and enhancing parking regulations."

This item passed unanimously as well, as did one proposed by Ward 3 representative Susan Goff regarding no parking on the west side of House Avenue from McKinstry Avenue north to Dillon Street.

"This is in regards to residents' concerns about parking on both sides of the street and parking up on the grass and too close to the stop sign," Goff said.

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OPINION

SOCIAL SECURITY Matters
By Russell Gloor

How can I find out what I've contributed to Social Security?

Dear Rusty:

I have a simple question (I think).

How do I find out how much I have paid into Social Security over the years?

Signed:
Curious Senior Citizen

Dear Curious Senior:

I expect you might rightfully believe you have contributed quite a lot and, fortunately, there are a couple of convenient ways for you to find out how much you have actually paid into Social Security over your lifetime:

1. If you have an online Social Security account (www.ssa.gov/myaccount) you can simply go to your online "my Social Security" account and click on the link for "Social Security Statement."

In that online Social Security statement, you will see a listing of your lifetime earnings, and at the bottom of that listing you will see how much you and your employers on your behalf have paid in Social Security FICA payroll taxes (or SECA self-employment taxes) over your lifetime.

2. If you do not have your online Social Security account set up, you can also contact the Social Security Administration, either your local SS field office get the local office contact information at www.ssa.gov/locator or call 1-800-772-1213 to ask that a copy of your personal "Social Security Statement" be mailed to you.

Obviously, getting this information online is the most efficient method, so you may wish to create your online account if you don't yet have one. Instructions for doing so can be found at www.ssa.gov/myaccount. Having this online account will open the door for you to access all the information Social Security has for you, including details of your monthly benefit and your lifetime earnings history.

FYI, many who seek this information are looking to understand when (or if) they might get back all their contributions once they start collecting Social Security benefits. Of course, much depends on the age at which you claim your benefits, but as a general guide, it usually takes about 5 years or less for you to get back in SS benefits all that you have personally contributed to Social Security. However, the length of time to "breakeven" is longer for self-employed individuals, who must pay both the employee and employer portion of Social Security payroll taxes.

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in my BACKYARD
By Ellenor Downer



Hairy woodpecker

I received an email this week from a reader, who shared a photo of a white-breasted nuthatch he took. He said he has not seen a hairy woodpecker in three years.

The Hairy Woodpecker is a medium-sized woodpecker found across North America, characterized by its black-and-white plumage. Males have a red patch on their head; females do not.

They typically inhabits forests and is known for its energetic climbing behavior while foraging for insects in tree bark.

The hairy woodpecker is the larger of two look a likes – the hairy woodpecker and the downy woodpecker. Although they both possess the same black and white feather pattern color and the red patch on the back of head (males only), the hairy woodpecker has a much longer bill than the downy woodpecker.

The hairy woodpecker measures approximately 9.8 inches in length and has a wingspan of about 15 inches. Its diet mainly consists of insects particularly wood-boring beetles, which it extracts from tree bark.

They also excavate their own nesting cavities often in the dead stub of a living tree. The entrance to the nest is about 2 inches tall and 1.5 inches wide, leading to a cavity 8-12 inches deep.

The inside widens at the bottom to make room for the eggs and the incubating bird. It's typically bare except for a bed of wood chips at the bottom.

They are known for their distinctive drumming sounds, which they use to communicate and establish territory.

The hairy woodpecker's call is a short, sharp peek and is similar to downy woodpeckers, but slightly lower pitched and often sounding more emphatic. They also make a rattle or whinny. This call is also similar to the downy, but does not descend in pitch at the end.

Ravens

The man, who sent the photo of the white-breasted nuthatch said where he lives, the supermarkets are "raven territory." He recommended reading the book "Ravens in Winter" by Bernd Heinrich..

Bald eagles

A Petersham resident spotted four bald eagles, two in a tree and two flying above, on Saturday, Oct. 31 around 10 a.m. on Popple Camp Road, Petersham. He said, "Perhaps the unlucky rabbit road kill caught their attention or they were a reminder to us all to vote on Nov. 3."

Large flock of blackbird

Three of my grandchildren and I saw a large flock of blackbirds flying overhead in Spencer on Friday, Oct. 30. I guessed there were at least 200 birds, maybe more, in the flock.

Other birds

I spotted a flock of about a dozen robins along the road side recently. I wondered if they were gathering to migrate south or if they were some of the robins that over winter in this area.

I spotted a red-tailed hawk fly across the road on election day, Nov. 3. I have seen a red tailed hawk three different days and in different locations recently.

People may report a bird sighting by emailing edowner@turley.com or calling or texting 774-262-5882.

Carrots beckon to be harvested

in the Garden
by Roberta McQuaid



My youngest daughter loves cooked carrots with a little drizzle of maple syrup, whereby my older one likes them raw with peanut butter on the side.

It's funny that these incentives that we started back when they were little kids and we wanted them to eat their vegetables stuck through the years!

Regardless of what the girls like to eat their carrots with, I am so glad they eat them. Carrots are a nutritious root vegetable, containing beta-carotene which our bodies convert to Vitamin A, potassium and other vitamins, dietary fiber and antioxidants which vary according to the color of the carrot.

For years I struggled to grow carrots when my friends seemed to have an easy time of it. Either the seeds didn't germinate well, or if they did, bugs ate the seedlings when they were just an inch tall.

One year I got past that only to have the roots taste so bitter at harvest that I ended up throwing them all out. All that work for nothing!

The last few years I've done much better, and as we speak my carrots beckon me to finish the harvest. So far I've been in a "pick as needed" mode, but since I don't want to deal with insulating them under layers of straw, time is running out and I better get them out of the ground.

Here are some tips for growing great carrots.

Ideally your soil should be deep, loose and free of stones. Carrots grow well in raised beds for this reason.

Regular garden beds should have the soil loosened to about a foot deep. Be wary of using fresh manure or other sources of fertilizer that are super high in nitrogen. While it's true that carrots like some nitrogen, having ultra rich soil will make for fibrous, hairy roots.

Experts say that if you are going to amend it should be done the fall prior.

It can take a long time for carrot seeds to sprout. Gardeners have tried all sorts of extraneous measures to get them to germinate more quickly and with greater consistency.

Here are some things I have read about and some I have tried.

The old radish trick – try sowing radish seed interspersed among your carrot seed. The radishes will sprout first, marking the row and providing some shade for the developing carrot seedlings. Some people presprout. Place seed in a moist paper towel and set it in a warm spot in the house and it will sprout.

Immediately after sprouting it is sown in place in the garden. The rows are kept moist and ideally the seedlings take hold.

Sadly, I have read that sometimes this causes roots that end up misshapen. Sometimes gardeners use wood, shade cloth or burlap to keep the seedbed moist.

If you miss when the seeds sprout, they could be smothered under these coverings or worse yet, get tangled up in the fabric. Check daily and remove coverings on the first notice of germination. Continue to keep the bed watered or seedlings will perish.

I planted my carrot seeds in shallow furrows just after Memorial Day and kept the plot watered until they were up and growing. Although carrot seed can germinate in early spring – even when soil temperatures are below 50 degrees, I have had better luck with later sowings.

Another concern gardeners have has to do with sowing the tiny seeds and/or thinning the seedlings.

Carrots mature to the right size when given at least two inches between plants. I usually try to sow my seed a half-inch apart and then thin to two inches.

Thinning is a pain to do, especially in bigger plantings, but it can be done. In order not to damage nearby seedlings, I often use a tiny pair of scissors to cut away the crowding seedlings.

A thumb and index finger can also be used to pinch away the excess plants right at the soil line. Sometimes gardeners mix carrot seed with sand or dry coffee grounds to make sowing the small seed easier; using seed tape or pelletized seed are other, albeit expensive, options to ensure more equidistant seedlings.

Regular carrot seeds are viable for two-three years whereas pelletized seed is viable for a year. Tape and coated seeds do still need to be kept as moist as regular sowings – maybe even more so, due to the additional layers.

This past year I thinned early on but probably should have done it again when the plants were bigger. I do have clusters of roots within my rows where some carrots look like "baby" carrots and others are full size.

Ah, such it life. The small ones will take a little more work to deal with, but will taste just as good, I imagine.

It'll be fun to serve carrots at our Christmas dinner. After harvest I'll store them unwashed in perforated bags in the fridge until I am ready to use them. And maybe I'll serve them with a drizzle of maple syrup.

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Rican residents who contribute as city business owners, educators, Veterans, healthcare workers, public servants, community leaders. Thank you for what you do."

Arriaga shared bilingual remarks in English and Spanish about how she came from Puerto Rico to the United States at seven years old, emphasizing the celebration of all cultures and heritages in the city.

"We're here just to remind you that no matter what it is that you want to do, you can accomplish it. America is and was built for opportunities, so whether you came from Poland, Puerto Rico or Paraguay, we all came here for a better life for ourselves and our children and there's nothing we cannot accomplish," Arriaga said.

As he waved a miniature Puerto Rican flag, Gomez presented statistics on the Puerto Rican community.

"Today, roughly 12,700 are residents here in the city of Chicopee are Boricua. That is 23% of the city, nearly one in four of our neighbors. Think about that the next time you are standing in line at the grocery stores, sitting in the bleachers of a Chicopee High football game or waiting at a bus stop on Front Street. One in four," Gomez said. "20 years ago, that number was 4,500, so think about that."

He also noted Puerto Ricans "are overwhelmingly the majority" of "the nearly 15,000 Hispanic and Latino residents in our city," and the next largest group are those from the Dominican Republic. Also, Chicopee ranks #34 for its share of Puerto Rican residents in the country and the 01013 zip code in Chicopee has about 7,000—nearly a third—of its residents are Puerto Rican.

"Raising the flag here at our own city hall sends, most of all, they ask us to recognize a simple truth. That the Puerto Rican community is not a part of Chicopee's future. It is Chicopee's present and it is 12,700 of our neighbors, our coworkers, our students, our Veterans, our small-business owners," Gomez said.

Ramos, who formerly represented districts in Chicopee, said how waving the Puerto Rican flag used to be an arrestable offense, punishable by 10 years imprisonment and a $10,000 fine.

"A lot of people ask why are Puerto Ricans so proud of their flag? We wear it on our clothes, we put them in our offices and our houses. There's about 10 cars in the parking lot right now with a Puerto Rican flag on it dangling from the rearview mirror. Why are we so proud of that and it's because many people gave their lives for us to have this flag and to have our own identity," Ramos said. "So, I want to thank the city of Chicopee for allowing us the opportunity to celebrate our culture, to celebrate our flag."

Oliveira noted the Puerto Rican flag colors are the same as the American flag and out of the 50 states and territories, there are only five Commonwealths which include Massachusetts and Puerto Rico.

"That's why here in the city of Chicopee, I'm always proud to partner with Mayor Vieau and the City Council. Because these flag-raisings are important. These flag-raisings send a signal to everyone that lives within a community that you're welcomed, you're valued and your culture is respected," Oliveira said. "Especially for the young people that are here from Chicopee High School today that are part of the band, seeing that their elected representatives represent themselves and can see themselves in their elected representatives whether in the legislature, on the School Committee or on the City Council inspires hope and confidence for the future that we can elect representatives that look like the communities that we represent."

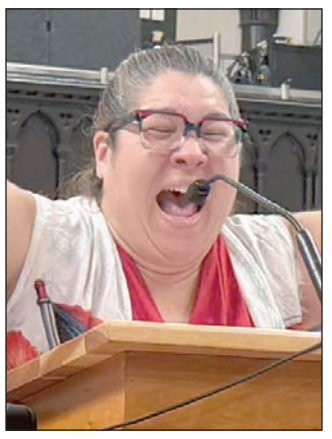
Nazario recalled the Puerto Ricans who served as Veterans since the American Revolution and overcoming his own odds and struggles thanks to the strength and love of family.

"Why do we make the city a better place? For our children. For our children and their future," Nazario said. "I just want to say thank you for coming here. For celebrating Puerto Rican Heritage Month and, again, there wouldn't be a U.S.A. if it wasn't for the thousands of troops that went from Puerto Rico to Baton Rouge, Louisiana to help fight for this country. So, before we were even American citizens, we were dying for this country, then went trials and errors and died some more for this country, and we'll continue to die for this country because we love what we are and we love each other and we love people and we understand that love sees through a multitude of sins. Thank you mayor, thank you Chicopee."



A group photo celebrating Puerto Rican pride and Puerto Rican Heritage Month on Nov. 6.

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Monica Torres, community and special projects liaison for the city cheers.



State Sen. Adam Gomez (D-Springfield) waves.



The Chicopee High School band performs.



Ward 7 School Committee Representative Ray Nazario Jr. talks about the veterans who served.



State Rep. Orlando Ramos (D-Springfield) reflects on the significance of the Puerto Rican flag.



The Puerto Rican flag is unveiled.



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The mayor's proclamations were presented to George Colon and Jose Claudio.



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Music filled The Hub at Market Square after the flag-raising.



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All about the Puerto Rican pride.



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The Rotary Club of Chicopee presented a $2,000 donation to the Johnny Yee Foundation during the Tribute to Hu Ke Lau fundraiser.



A group photo of attendees adorned with leis and smiles.



Atoa Ripley performs.



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Fire Knife Dancer Pulefano Maleko performs the fire dance.

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tarians pulled out all the stops, from having ceremonial leis at all the tables to classic Hu Ke Lau menus sprinkled around, to West Lake Gourmet catering the event, which featured a variety of old Hu Ke Lau specials, such as Veggie Lo Mein, Pork Fried Rice, House Fried Rice, Shrimp Mei Fun, Beef Ho Fun, General Tso's Chicken, Sesame Chicken, Chicken with String Beans, Chicken with Broccoli, Crab Rangoon and a plethora of other options.

"Tonight was an idea brought to us by two Rotarians, Lou Arasate and Mayor John Vieau, who shared that the Senior Center hosted something similar before and found great success, so we decided, let's take it up a notch, and let's find a way to honor the Hu Ke Lau, and the entire Yee family, and the legacy they left on the region, and of course to move forward we wanted to ensure we get permission directly from the Yee family," Chicopee Rotary Club President Scott Channell said.

Channell then explained that he and fellow Rotarian Jeff Sattler met with Edison Yee and other members of his family to inquire about the possibility of hosting the fundraiser and to seek permission to move forward—which included the use of the Hu Ke Lau name—and that the idea was received with "absolute enthusiasm."

"At first, we were very surprised that the Rotary Club wanted to host this event, but after we thought about it, we said 'Let's do it,' because we know it will be a fun night, and it will be great to see all of the friends and supporters we made over the years from being in service," Edison Yee said. "So, at the moment we have eight members of our family here to celebrate this occasion: my two nephews are here, my wife is here, my mom is here, and my sister is also here, and seeing everyone in attendance has been great, and we couldn't be happier."

Additionally, the non-profit brought back the original Hu Ke Lau singer and pianist Joe Pereira alongside long-time host Atoa Ripley, as well as former entertainment showstoppers Mokihana's Drums of the Islands & Fire Knife Dancer Pulefano Maleko, a highlight Channell and his fellow Rotarians took pride in.

Vieau was also brought out later on as The Big Kahuna to great fanfare.

"I also want to add that the show is something we feel is going to be extremely special, because this is the first time that these dancers and performers have been together since they left the Hu Ke Lau, and so we're very excited to see them in action, and we hope everyone has a great time," Channell said.

As the evening carried on, and emotions remained high, the Rotarians assembled at center stage and surprised the Yee family with a $2,000 check in honor of the Johnny Yee Foundation, a local non-profit named after the founder of the Hu Ke Lau restaurant and patriarch of the Yee family, as an act of everlasting gratitude for 50 years of commitment to the city, solidifying the restaurant as a true crown jewel of Chicopee, and one that will not be forgotten.

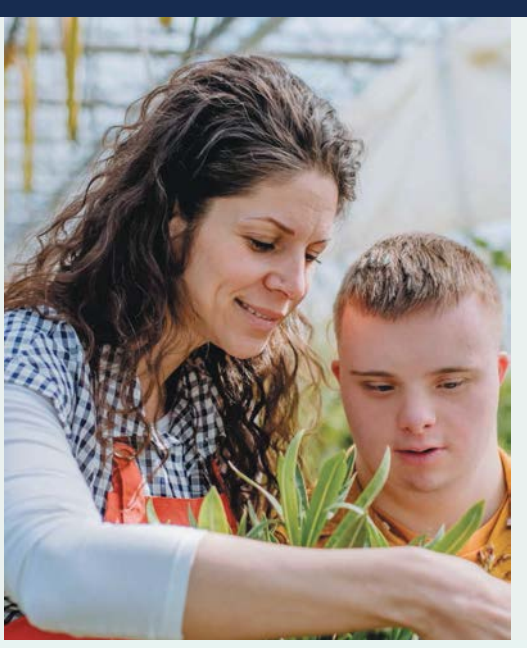
"As a community, I hear it all the time: the Yees were an integral part woven into the fabric of Chicopee, and I confirm they still are," Mayor John Vieau said. "And even though they may not have a restaurant here, the truth is they're always a part of the city and will always be a part of our history and our family."

Vieau's comments ring true because it's clear the city and the community will always hold the Yee family and the Hu Ke Lau in the highest regard, not only as a restaurant, but as the vibrant backdrop for countless generations that came before and helped build the foundation and were instrumental in the construction of various Western Massachusetts milestones, from late comedy shows where industry headliners got their start, to wedding receptions and dinners beneath the iconic neon sign and tiki-torch glow, to being a home for all. And even though the building is gone, the lifelong memories and the ode of love will forever remain.

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Season ends for Comp girls

CHICOPEE – The Chicopee Comprehensive High School girls soccer team had nonplayoff action at the end of October to complete its season. The Colts would not qualify for either tournament, and got a win over Holyoke 5-3 and a tie with Chicopee High 2-2 to completes its season. The Colts were 4-13-1 in 2026.



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Caitlin Belanger heads off a loose ball.



Layla Harnum makes a pass to her left.



Kendall Knotts tries to get around an opponent.



Kelsey Morrissette clashes with an opponent for possession.



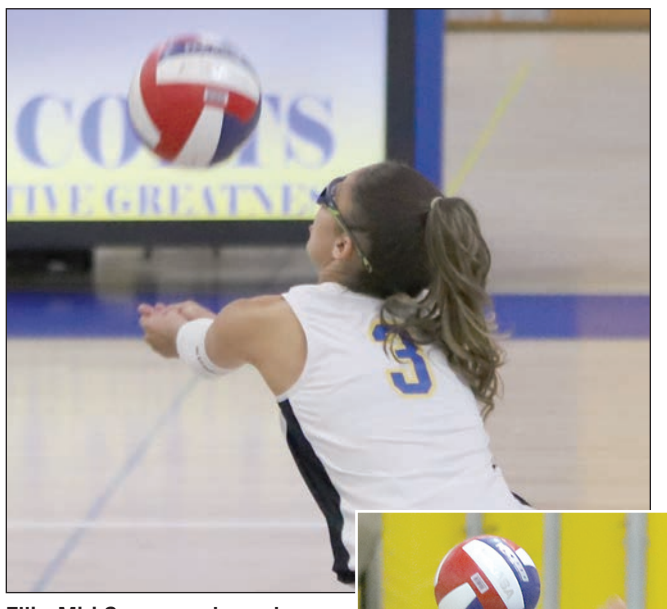
Katelyn Courchesne tries to hold the sideline.



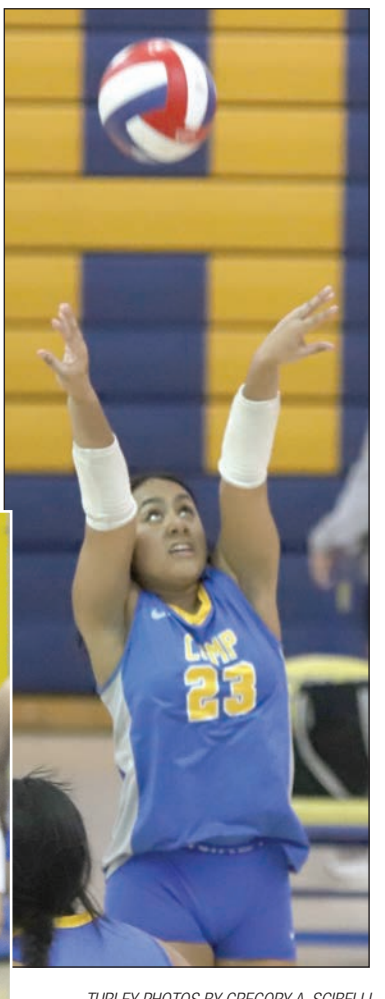
Sophia Veins makes a play on defense and starts up the field.



Brielle Bennett goes forward with a spike.

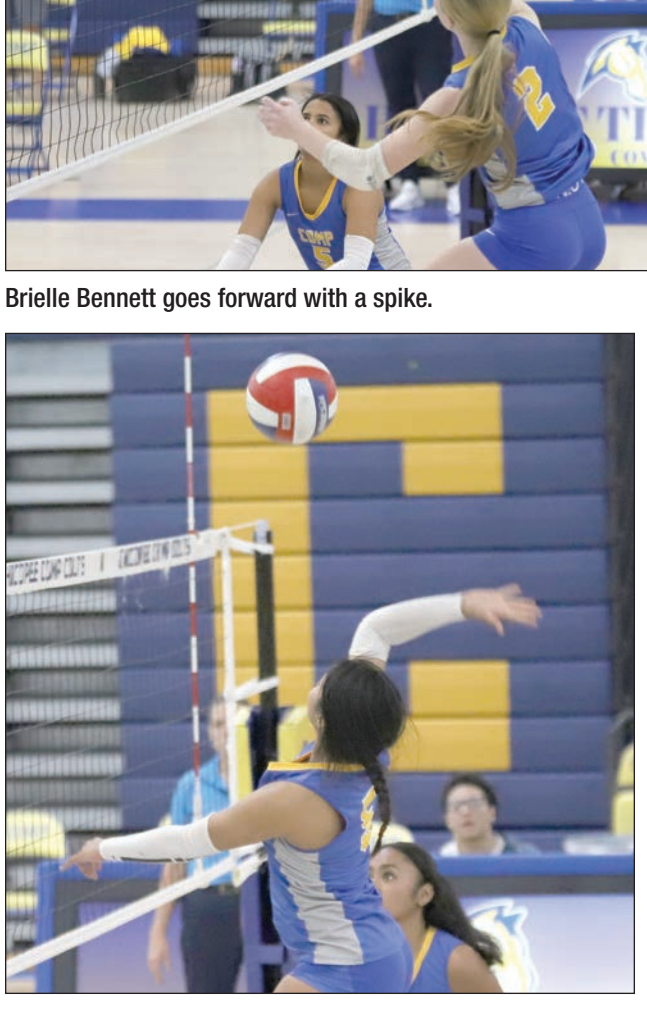


Ellie-Miri Suarez makes a bump in the middle of the court.

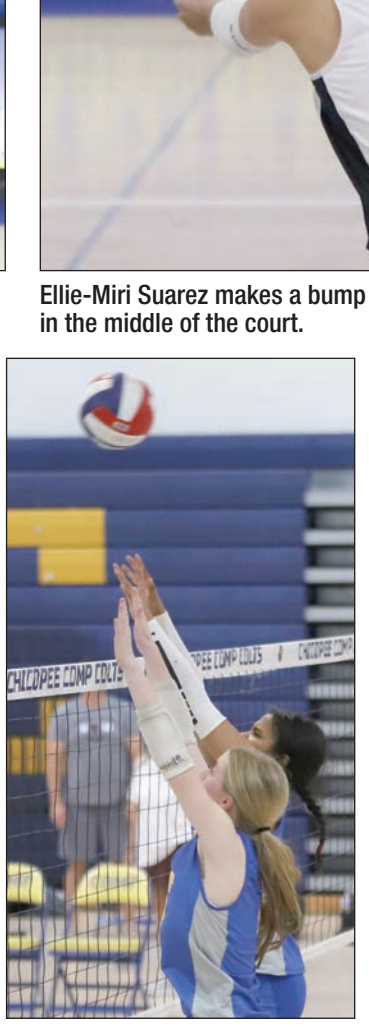


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Keishalee Guzman goes straight up with a set.



Comp score a win in the opening round of the state tournament last week.



A pair of Colts attempt a block.



Walleris Pena goes for a serve.

Colts score win in prelim round

CHICOPEE – Last Wednesday evening, Chicopee Comprehensive girls volleyball scored a 3-1 win in the preliminary round of the Division 2 State Tournament. Outside of a 25-23 loss in the second set, Comp played excellent against Bishop Stang High School with Brielle Bennett scoring 14 kills to lead the Colts. The Colts were scheduled to travel to Oliver Ames for the Round of 32. The win improved Comp's record to 15-6.

Girls soccer defeated in tourney opener

CHICOPEE – Last Saturday evening, the Chicopee High School girls soccer team was defeated on the road at Pembroke High School in the preliminary round of the Division 3 State Tournament.

The Pacers overwhelmingly qualified for the tournament this year with 11 wins, but a weaker schedule kept Chicopee below the top 32 in the division and netted them a road matchup to start the tournament. Chicopee's only goal was scored by Cassidy Pytel. She scored a goal for the Pacers in the first half of the game. Chicopee's season ends at 11-6-2.

DIWALI from page 1

Reichelt and Colton Andrews, president of the Western MA Building Trades Union, and Andrew Melendez, CEO of the Legacy Economic Development Corporation.

The ceremony was sponsored and hosted by the Gujarati Association of Western Massachusetts (GAWM), featuring the non-profit's president, Dinesh Patel, alongside Public Relations Officer Raj Sanghvi, who served as emcee.

Sanghvi was joined by his wife, Kamy, with whom he operates a local business in Chicopee.

"Diwali is one of the most important festivals in India because it symbolizes the triumph of good conquering evil, and knowledge over ignorance, so in many Hindu traditions, it's associated with that," Sanghvi said. "It's the story of Lord Rama who was sent into exile in the forest for 14 years by his father Dasharatha, after his stepmother Kaikeyi did not want Rama to be the crowned king. They gave him a challenge to survive in the forest, and when the timeframe passed, he returned and claimed victory over the demon King Ravana, taking back his kingdom of Ayodhya, which was always rightfully his."

Sanghvi explained that Indian civilization spans over 2,000 years, and while traditions have endured, the holiday above all is meant to bring people together.

"So, people celebrate by doing a variety of things such as decorating and cleaning their houses, along with making rangolis—a design made outside the door using various colored powders, fine sand, or dried rice flour," Sanghvi said. "And then buy new clothes, go and meet our relatives, our neighbors, exchange sweets. And then it encourages everybody to help to develop and grow with each other, so, this gives—this kind of occasion brings people together. They go to each other's house. There's an excuse to meet, exchange sweets, and everything."

Additionally, during Diwali, people are encouraged to pray to Lord Ganesha's statue, which according to Sanghvi is also a daily practice that helps grant and offer blessings above all. In addition to the celebration of Diwali, Sanghvi shared that the country of India has 29 distinct languages, each carrying a different dialect and style of speech.

"So, one language is Gujarati, and the official work language is English, but then every state has its own dialect or language. So, we speak Gujarati at home," Sanghvi said.

As the evening carried on, the Marriott ballroom filled to capacity. Guests enjoyed traditional Indian staples—including tandoori chicken, ladoo, fried fish, and appetizers prepared by local chefs—before Sanghvi took center stage to introduce the official program and issue a call to action to state lawmakers.



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State Rep. Carlos Gonzalez (D-Springfield) delivers remarks while all other elected officials stand in unison holding the Gujarati Association of Western Massachusetts(GAWM) banner.



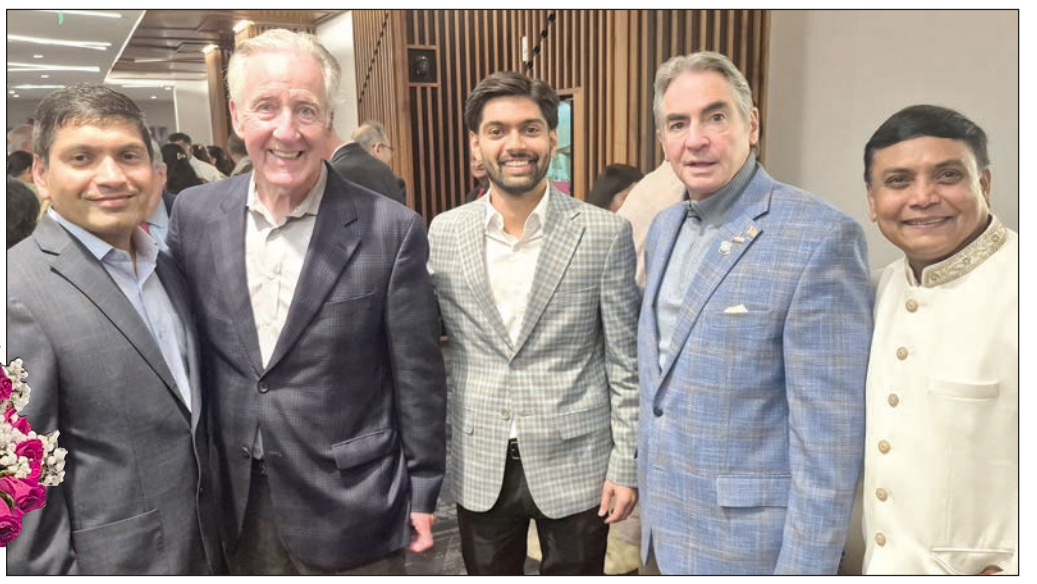
Colton Andrews, president of the Western MA Building Trades Union, GAWM Public Relations Officer Raj Sanghvi, and Agawam City Council President Anthony Russo.



GAWM Public Relations Officer Raj Sanghvi, Holyoke Mayor Joshua Garcia and State Rep. Carlos Gonzalez (D-Springfield), along with friends during Diwali.



Lord Ganesha's statue, residents are encouraged to pray to the Hindu god for blessings.



U.S. Rep. Richard Neal, Springfield Mayor Domenic Sarno, and Gujarati Association of Western Massachusetts (GAWM) President Dinesh Patel.



State Sen. John Velis (D-Westfield), Chicopee Ward 1 City Councilor Abby Arriaga, State Rep. Shirley Arriaga (D-Chicopee), Kamy Sanghvi, Raj's wife and local business owner, GAWM Public Relations Officer Raj Sanghvi, and State Sen. Jake Oliveira (D-Ludlow).

A Message of Light and Community Connection

First to address the moment and celebrate the turnout was Neal, standing alongside fellow elected officials holding a Gujarati Association of Western Massachusetts banner, symbolizing unity in honor of the Diwali celebration.

"Happy Diwali to all, and it's truly incredible to be here, and I feel all of us up here are extremely grateful for the invitation, and also a word of thanks on the basis of the migration that you undertook to enrich our lives here in the valley," Neal said. "Your professional accomplishments are well noted. And many of you have antecedents in India, which is the world's largest functioning democracy. But we had elections last week too, and we all understand that elections are but a snapshot of the moment. And that's what we want to engage in and continue to encourage the rest of the world to embrace as well."

Next to follow was Cocchi, echoing similar sentiments.

"All I want to say is thank you for inviting me here tonight," Cocchi said. "It's great to see the enriched culture, and when we talk about Diwali, we talk about inclusion. It's about getting to know people. And I was talking to Raj; sometimes our lives are so busy, we don't get to know who's to our right and left down the road. And when we celebrate the festival of lights, we get to meet each other and say hello. So, congratulations, happy Diwali."

Velis followed by commending the gathering for bringing people together and focusing on positive community values.

"In the news today, it's really easy to find out about all the bad that's happening; it's a little bit harder to find the good," Velis said. "When I look out and see all these people here looking so beautiful, smiling, talking, and being with each other, I think that's a really important thing. The Indian-American community, your contributions go above and beyond in so many different ways, and most importantly—and I mean this from the bottom of my heart—you folks are all the kindest, most gracious people in the world."

Additional speakers, including Oliveira and Arriaga, echoed sentiments of unity and inclusion, praising the local Indian-American community for enriching the region's cultural fabric, fostering cross-cultural understanding, and embodying the American Dream.

Sponsorship and Legislative Push

During the ceremony, Patel called all sponsors to the stage to reveal the countless organizations that raised over $30,000 for the event, demonstrating strong community unity.

A few days after the celebration, Sanghvi provided an update on legislative efforts, noting that after reaching out to Oliveira and Gonzalez, lawmakers spoke with House Speaker Ron Mariano and have begun drafting legislative language. If adopted and signed into law, Massachusetts would become the fourth state in the nation to officially recognize the Indian holiday, following Pennsylvania, Connecticut and California.

This comes as Congresswoman Grace Meng just reintroduced a bill to make Diwali a national holiday, earlier this week, which was first brought to light in 2023.

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"I've seen times when older students may have spent a number of years with an individual who regularly has outbursts to the point where it may be happening, and they all just ignore it because it happens so frequently," Bean said.

For younger students, however, these situations can be much more difficult to endure.

"You wouldn't be seeing that in the lower grades where it's a new experience. Sometimes, you might see other kids crying or afraid," Bean said.

She provided an example of how witnessing these scenarios can be challenging for younger students.

"It has a lasting effect on the kids. And, in some cases, a kid walks into a classroom, slams a door, isn't happy that it wasn't loud enough and then opens it and slams it two more times because that's where they're at, and you can literally see sometimes students who may have trauma histories who are shaking or jumping, sitting at their desks and having these experiences from their past pop up. Then, they're off and unable to focus for a period of time," Bean said.

Bean made it clear this issue is not one that Chicopee is alone in dealing with. She said these flareups have been occurring in schools nationwide.

Part of Bean's role as a union leader involves communicating with neighboring districts in search of a solution. She said that several prominent districts in Western Massachusetts are experiencing similar trouble.

"I know there are problems that are happening in Springfield and Holyoke," Bean said. "I'm in conversations with union leaders up and down the Pioneer Valley, so we're definitely not isolated in this. We just happen to be a large district and a large union with enough people who are frustrated and fed up that it was time to make the public aware of what's going on."

Still, seeing teachers injured in the classroom takes a toll on all who work in the district. Bean says more staff members have been forced to take sick days or leave because of the conditions.

"Their level of exhaustion at the beginning of [November] feels like it should be February," Bean said. "The stamina and ability to bounce back from these things because of how frequent and draining the behaviors are, it's making it harder and harder for people to have the energy to recoup from everything and give the commitment and the time to the other parts of their lives that also need attention."

When asked what parents can do to help facilitate better outcomes, Bean provided a thoughtful answer.

She said that if a student is having a rough morning, it would be beneficial for a parent to let the teacher know. The same goes for if the student is extra energetic or maybe has run out of a medication they usually take.

Bean expressed having a "heads-up" about those things can be a difference maker.

"If families would just make sure they have a relationship with the teacher and communicate when something's a little bit different, it really helps us to be better prepared to support all students in the room, including their child who may be having a hard time," Bean said.

Regarding what's next, Bean said the CEA is organizing a forum that will occur several weeks from now, likely in early December. The public meeting will discuss potential solutions to the incidents that have plagued the district this fall.

"We'd love to bring people from the community in to just have a discussion to hear any suggestions or insider feedback that parents or caregivers may have for potential solutions that can help make this better for everybody," Bean said.

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should study whether there is a better way," Shumsky said. "I've been to the schools lately, and I've walked around, and there are certain schools in the district that aren't even half filled. We have students being bused from Fairview Avenue all the way to Litwin School. Why can't they go to Bowe?"

Shumsky said that if any changes take place, they must protect class sizes, educational programming, special-education services, student safety, and quality education, as he set a target of achieving up to $5 million in sustainable annual savings—or $25 million over five years—through better bus routing, improved building utilization, appropriate consolidation, and other operational reforms.

"This figure is a goal and not a predetermined conclusion," Shumsky said. "This gives Chicopee a greater ability to invest in roads, sidewalks, parks, infrastructure, schools, capital projects, and our very important stabilization fund."

He added, "What I want to examine is the structure around the people, not the individuals: the transportation, buildings, boundaries, routes, duplication of effort, and overhead," Shumsky said during the meeting, before emphasizing that the order does not touch the School Department's net school spending budget, nor would it cut teachers, classroom programs, or special-education services.

Additionally, Shumsky noted that special-education transportation alone has grown from roughly $3.74 million to more than $9 million as specialized vehicle needs have become more complex. However, he reiterated to the Chicopee Register after the meeting that student services will remain protected.

"My concern is that we as a City Council need to start looking at budgets early, and I feel this is a very good starting point. Let me be clear: I'm not advocating cutting the quality of life or services for any student, because I stand by the fundamental standard that every child in the city is entitled to the best education they can receive, whether they are special needs," Shumsky clarified.

Turbulence on the Council Floor

First to take ire against Shumsky's order was Ward 2 Councilor Shane Brooks, who argued the measure was overly broad and encroached on the School Committee's authority.

"I think this order is well-intentioned, but I think it's fundamentally flawed. The School Committee is not subservient to us. And while we can lay the groundwork to say they're an autonomous body and they're tasked with their own tasks, it does sound authoritarian to me, and it leaves out the biggest safety element of the schools," Brooks said. "There could be many tenets of what this order looks to accomplish and achieve that are already being worked on that we aren't privy to."

In addition, Brooks told the Chicopee Register after the meeting that many of his constituents felt the order was dropped into their laps without any prior clearance or heads-up, while also pointing out that several current councilors previously served on the School Committee.

"I was on the School Committee, Sam was, Marybeth, Doug—so with that said, I felt this was ill-conceived, maybe well-intentioned in some regard, but the drafting was a little convoluted, and I felt overall it needed a bit more word-smithing," Brooks said.

Ward 1 Councilor Abigail Arriaga also voiced sharp opposition during the floor debate, arguing the proposal could threaten busing for working families and after-school programs such as the Boys & Girls Club of Chicopee, where she serves as Administrative Services Manager.

"I don't think what you've presented is a good idea in any way, shape, or form... I do not support this at all. I will not vote for this," Arriaga said during the meeting. "I don't think that saving $5 million on busing is going to do anybody justice because we live in a world where two parents need 9-to-5 jobs and two parents working isn't even going to be able to buy them a house anymore, so taking away busing is not going to do anything—we have to look at the long and short. Because we aren't looking at an override in our city, our city is doing very good. I don't think we're there, and so I don't even know why we're having this conversation."

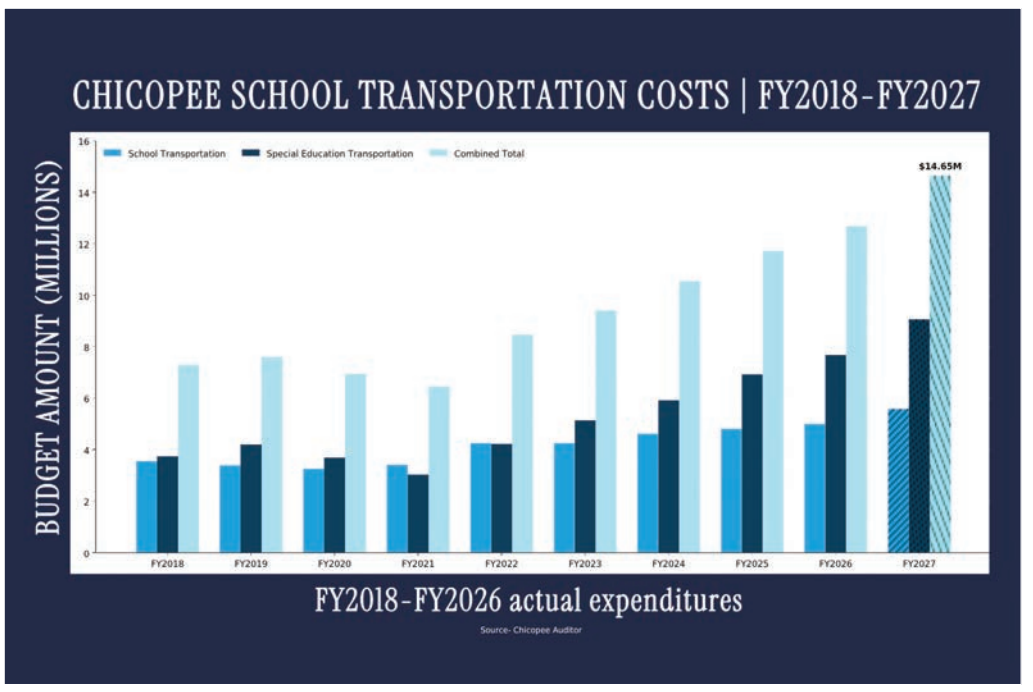


PHOTO COURTESY OF SAM SHUMSKY

A graph reviewing expenditures of school transportation costs from fiscal year 2018 to fiscal year 2026.

At-Large City Councilor Joel McAuliffe moved to deny Shumsky's order and said he would have preferred it go to an education subcommittee instead.

"Redistricting is a very controversial and very difficult process to go through," McAuliffe said. "I went through one in Holyoke, and it has to involve the whole community because redistricting is talking about closing schools; it's talking about changing what elementary school people go to. It has a huge impact on the fabric of a community. Now that doesn't mean we don't need to have those conversations and we may at one point, but the way this order is written is not the sole redistricting conversation."

Ward 7 Councilor Bill Courchesne raised concern about the motion, citing his eight years doing neighborhood watch in Holyoke and seeing firsthand what redistricting does to communities.

"It's nothing to take lightly," Courchesne said. "It was just not a pleasant experience for those people. It's a shame because... you spend your life in a school and that's your home and then you get uprooted to somewhere else and yeah, you'll do a good job, but it's not your home."

The debate then pivoted back to Brooks, who noted that the City Council has no control over the School Committee's budget.

"We have zero control over the School Committee's budget; there is a minimum foundation set by the Commonwealth," Brooks said.

Shumsky then tried to amend his motion to send it to Finance or another subcommittee to work on the language, though McAuliffe repeatedly moved to deny the measure, superseding the amendment. Shumsky also asked which councilors had actually spoken with School Committee liaison Grace Schofield and the city auditor—polling the chamber by a show of hands, with only Shumsky and Laflamme indicating they had.

"I think this deserves a conversation, and I'm lost about the fact of possibly saving money on efficiencies. I never said 'let's cut services,' I said let's make it efficient," Shumsky said.

At-Large City Councilor Jessica Avery argued there could be larger fiscal impacts when it comes to redistricting.

"Funding isn't the problem here; we're talking about how funding is utilized, and we need to start somewhere, so I motion to deny, and have this be rewritten," Avery said.

Brooks also pushed back on earlier concerns that changes to bus routes would leave working parents without after-school childcare at organizations like the Boys & Girls Club and YMCA, noting that many families attend those programs through state childcare vouchers.

"I think what Abby left out, and she probably did it by design... their after-school care is provided by a voucher," Brooks said during the meeting.

Rebuttal and Unanimous Compromise

In his post-meeting statement, Shumsky pushed back directly on the budgetary and childcare criticisms raised during the debate.

"I have served on both the Chicopee School Committee and the City Council. I have sat on both sides of the table, and I know how these budgets work. The School Department's budget (the money that pays for teachers, classrooms, and school programs) and the City's school transportation budget (the money that pays for school buses) are two separate things. The School Committee controls its own budget. Transportation is under the City's control and is paid for by the City. Every member of the Council should know that," Shumsky stated, while echoing Brooks' point on childcare vouchers, writing that "efficiency does not mean elimination" and confirming that nothing in the order touches vouchers or rides to after-school programs.

As tensions flared toward the end of the discussion, Laflamme had to step in to restore order on the floor, while Courchesne reminded a colleague to follow chamber procedure.

"Point of order is we have rules, and the rules say you can't speak until you're given the permission to speak by the president," Courchesne said. "You keep bursting with your motions—that I don't disagree with you, but you're not doing it by our rules. The president has to call on you before you speak, so it's not your turn."

Despite the sharp exchanges, the chamber ultimately reached a compromise when McAuliffe offered an amendment to refer the matter to a joint session and public hearing between the School Committee and City Council to discuss redistricting. Both McAuliffe and Arriaga voted in favor of the amended measure, which passed in a unanimous 13–0 vote.

Now the order heads to a joint public session, where Shumsky shared he requested hard data from the district, including building capacity versus enrollment for each school, the number of students bused outside their nearest neighborhood school, route mileage and costs, and individual building operating expenses.

"Let's make this decision with real numbers," Shumsky said. "Let's find efficiencies in the system around our classrooms, so we can protect both the quality of education in Chicopee and the taxpayers who make that education possible."

No official date for that meeting has been set.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
Docket No. HD26P2331EA
Estate of:
Claudia Agnes Milette
Date of Death: August 1, 2026
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Sherri L Bacon of Monson, MA**.

Sherri L Bacon of Monson, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate 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.
11/13/2026

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. HD26P2349EA
Estate of:
Darlene Victoria Pinkos
Also known as:
Darlene V Pinkos
Date of Death: 10/11/2026
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 **John W Pinkos, Jr. 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 **John W Pinkos, Jr. of Chicopee, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/03/2026. 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: November 05, 2026
Rosemary A Saccomani,
Register of Probate
11/13/2026

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. HD24P1252EA
Estate of:
Desiree L. Porter
Also known as:
Desiree L. Santos, Desiree L. Porter-Santos, Desiree Santos Porter
Date of Death: 03/25/2024
CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT

A Petition for **Order of Complete Settlement** has been filed by **William Kozak of Tampa, FL** 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 12/04/2026.

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: November 09, 2026
Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
11/13/2026

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. HD26P1618EA
Estate of:
Brett George Tarnowski
Date of Death: 05/10/2023
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment** has been filed by **Carol Tarnowski of Aurora, OH** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Carol Tarnowski of Aurora, OH** 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 11/20/2026. 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: November 06, 2026
Rosemary A Saccomani,
Register of Probate
11/13/2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
Docket No. HD26P2335EA
Estate of:
DYLAN W. WEISS
Date of Death: August 29, 2026
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **NICOLE PARKER of CHICOPEE, MA**.

NICOLE PARKER of CHICOPEE, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate 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.
11/13/2026



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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Matthew Beaudoin, a/k/a Matthew R. Beaudoin to Chicopee Savings Bank, now held by Westfield Bank, Successor by Merger to Chicopee Savings Bank, dated August 24, 2010 and recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 18432, Page 327, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at **Public Auction** at 11:00 a.m. on the 9th day of December, 2026, on the mortgaged premises believed to be known as 6 Parkwood Drive, Chicopee, Hampden County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

"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;

WESTERLY by Lot #55 (fifty-five) and a portion of Lot #56 (fifty-six) as shown on said plain, ninety-two and 29/100 (92.29) feet; and

NORTHERLY by Lot #69 (sixty-nine) as shown on said plan, one hundred five (105) feet.

Subject to restrictions set forth in deed to Rene L. Cote, recorded in said Registry of Deeds, June 13, 1956 as Document #15409."

The premises will be sold subject to any and all restrictions, easements, improvements, covenants, outstanding tax titles, municipal or other public taxes, assessments, liens or claims in the nature of liens, and existing encumbrances of record superior to the mortgage, if any. Said premises will also be sold subject to all leases and tenancies having priority over said mortgage, to tenancies or occupation by persons on the premises now and at the time of said auction which tenancies or occupation are subject to said mortgage, to rights or claims in personal property installed by tenants or former tenants now located on the premises, also to all laws and ordinances including, but not limited to, all building and zoning laws and ordinances. It shall be the bidder's sole responsibility to ascertain all items described in this paragraph and no representations are made concerning compliance with applicable zoning, building, sanitary or other state and/or municipal regulations.

TERMS OF SALE: TEN THOUSAND AND 00/100 ($10,000.00) DOLLARS will be required to be paid in cash, or by certified or bank cashier's check by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance of the purchase price in connection with the sale shall be paid in cash, or by certified or bank cashier's check within thirty (30) days of the date of the sale and the Deed transferred contemporaneously therewith. A buyer's premium equal to five percent (5%) of the successful bid will be paid by the successful bidder and incorporated within the purchase price. The purchaser at the sale shall be required to sign a Memorandum of terms of sale containing the above terms at the Auction sale. The purchaser will be responsible for all closing costs, Massachusetts deed excise stamps and all recording fees.

The sale may be postponed or adjourned from time to time, if necessary, by the attorney for the mortgagee at the scheduled time and place of sale. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, will be announced at the sale.

Westfield Bank,
Present Holder of said Mortgage
By: /s/Jonathan C. Sapirstein
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: October 16, 2026
11/06, 11/13, 11/20/2026

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. HD26P2341 EA
Estate of:
Roman Tadeusz Bernat
Date of Death: 07/22/2026
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 **xxxx Bozena H Bernat 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 **Bozena H Bernat of Chicopee, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/03/2026. 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: November 05, 2026

Rosemary A Saccomani,
Register of Probate
11/13/2026

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TRIAL COURT
SUPERIOR COURT DEPARTMENT
HAMPDEN, ss
Case No. 2679CV00399

ESTATE OF
TERESA CARTIER
Plaintiff
v.
JOANNE SOWA, deceased
Her heirs, successors, and assigns
DEBORAH L. CLEVELAND, deceased
Her heirs, successors, and assigns
DONNA M. BEDARD
Her heirs, successors, and assigns
Defendants

ORDER OF NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: Joanne Sowa, Deborah L. Cleveland, and Donna M. Bedard and their heirs, successors, and/or assigns:

You are hereby notified that a civil action has been filed by the Estate of Teresa Cartier, by its Personal Representative Michael Cartier, in which you are named as a Defendant. Wherein Plaintiff is seeking service of process by publication. This complaint concerns property in Chicopee, Massachusetts once owned Joanne Sowa, Deborah L. Cleveland, and Donna M. Bedard. Said property is known as 14 Lawrence Road, Lot 71-B, Chicopee, Massachusetts. See Hampden County Registry of Deeds Book of Plans 315 Page 17. Plaintiff seeks a judgment declaring that Plaintiff holds 100% clear, marketable and record title to the property known as 14 Lawrence Road, Chicopee, Massachusetts.

This complaint may be examined at the Hampden County Superior Court, or a copy obtained from Plaintiff's Attorney.

If you intend to make any defense, you are hereby required to serve upon the Plaintiff's Attorney, Sean T. Powers, Esq., Powers Law Group, LLC, whose address is 680 Westfield Street, West Springfield, MA 01089 an answer to the Complaint on or before the 9th day of December 2026, next, the return day, hereof, and a copy thereof must be filed in this court on or before said day.

If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for relief demanded in the Complaint. Unless otherwise provided by Rule 13(a), your answer must state as a counterclaim any claim which you may have against the Plaintiff which arise out of the transaction or occurrence that is the subject matter of the Plaintiffs' claim, or you will thereafter be barred from making such claim in any other action.

It appearing to this Court that no personal service has been made on the heirs, successors, and/or assigns of Joanne Sowa, Deborah L. Cleveland, and Donna M. Bedard and that after a diligent search Plaintiff has served the living Defendant, Plaintiff can determine, that there are no other such persons upon whom they can lawfully make service.

It is ORDERED that notice of this suit be given to them by publishing a copy of this notice three consecutive times in either the Chicopee Register and/or Chicopee Herald, a newspaper general circulation in Chicopee in the County of Hampden and said.

Dated this 16th day of October in hte year 2026.

Hon. Jeffrey J. Trapani,
Justice
10/30, 11/06, 11/13/2026

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. HD26P2347EA
Estate of:
George A Dulchinos
Date of Death: 07/09/2026
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 **Lisa M Dulchinos of Springfield, 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 **Lisa M Dulchinos of Springfield, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/04/2026. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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

Date: November 05, 2026

Rosemary A Saccomani,
Register of Probate
11/13/2026

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. HD26C0173CA
In the matter of:
Tyrese William James Hampton
CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A **Petition to Change Name of Minor** has been filed by **Tyrese William James Hampton of Chicopee, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

Tyler William Marchie

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Hampden Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/01/2026.** This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

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

Date: October 27, 2026

Rosemary A Saccomani
Register of Probate
11/13/2026

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. H026P2345EA
Estate of:
David Howard Honea
Date of Death: 06/26/2026
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Mary L. Parent 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 **Mary L. Parent of Chicopee, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/02/2026. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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

Date: November 04, 2026

Rosemary A Saccomani,
Register of Probate
11/13/2026

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 20th, 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.

2026 Zhejian Senling Moped
VIN: LFETCLDLXT1405722
Rosie Veazquez
561 S Canal St Apt 531
Holyoke, MA 01040

2022 Jiangsu Baodiao Moped
VIN: L2BB9NCC5NB113207
San Justino Navedo Natal
26 Prospect St
Ludlow, MA 01056

2021 Cana F1MA
VIN: HZ2TCDM43T1020946
Samaria Otero
77 Drexel St.
Springfield, MA 01108

Moped
VIN: LJ4TCKPC461085619
Unknown

1995 Kawaskai ZX600- F
VIN: JKAZX4F13SA005257
Sean Conroy-Laboeuf
1062 Park St Apt 3
Palmer, MA 01069

2002 Honda Cbr 600 F4
VIN: JH2PC35022M300626
Alexander Burdsall
100 Timberline Rd.
New Hartford, CT 06057

2025 Taizhou Qiantin
VIN: HODTAEG13SX123774
Tanisha Moreno
79 Bay St., #2C
Springfield MA 01108

2025 Taizhou Moped
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79 Bay St. #2c
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2014 Ford Focus
VIN: 1FADP3F22EL120921
Aaa Insurance
PO Box 8368
Essex, VT 05451

2012 Nissan Altima
VIN: 1N4AL2AP7CN407846
Alberto Rodriguez
18 Percy St. #1
Chicopee, MA 01020

2009 Buick Lacrosse
VIN: 2G4WC582991148875
Joel Dietrich
19 Hadley Village Rd., Apt. D
South Hadley, MA 01075

2013 Yamaha Xvs1300
VIN: JYAVP32E1DA003402
Michael Mahitka
385 Brookfield Rd.
Brimfield, MA 01010

Tao Sanmen Yaun Moped
VIN: LL0TCPHXL6003012
Francisco Sempri Ramos
70 Westford Ave.
Springfield, MA 01109

1985 Mercedes Benz 300
VIN: WDBAB33C7FA272293
Alexander Delvalle
96 1/2 Meetinghouse Rd.
Chicopee, MA 01013

1986 Dodge D150
VIN: 1B7HD14T5GS004917
Robert Dunn
61 Boyer St.
Springfield, MA 01109

2017 Ram 1500
VIN: 1C6RR7KT4HS584469
Henry Mikucki
20 William St.
Westfield, MA 01085

2005 Hyundai Elantra
VIN: KMHDN46D55U070660
John Velazquez
39 Newport St., Unit B
Springfield, MA 01119
11/06, 11/13, 11/20/2026

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VIN: 1GCCSBF91B8136473
Devin Buss
6 Bungalow St.
Southwick, MA 01077

2006 Saturn Ion Level 3
VIN: 1G8AW15FX6Z117377
Carlos Otero
123 Margerie St.
Springfield, MA 01109

2008 Porsche Cayenne
VIN: WP1AB29P68LA37010
Helen Raptis – Bertine
PO Box 385
Rochdale, MA 01542

2009 Toyota RAV 4
VIN: JTMBK31V89D004057
Sonia Calero Torres
19 Camp St., Apt. 1
Worcester, MA 01603

1991 Utility Trailer Mfg Base
VIN: 1UYVS2536M2070709
Asm Trucking Inc.
279 236th St. 2
Bronx, NY 10470

2022 Freightliner Cascadia 126
VIN: 3AKJHHDR7NSNF8561
Asm Trucking Inc
268 E 237th S 3A
Bronx, NY 10470

2018 Mercedes CLA 250 Black

VIN: WDCTG4EB7JJ439602
Daphney Beljour
677 Alta View Ct.
Columbus, OH 43085

Flatdeck Trailer
VIN: NCX1098902
Eb Carports Inc.
1415 Fancy Gap Rd
Mount Airy, NC 27030

2007 Kawa VN 900
VIN: JKAVN2C1578001909
Crystal A. Morales
53 Hastings St.
Springfield, MA 01108

2004 Toyota Corolla
VIN: 2T1BR32E64C197258
Riana Duffy
11 Volpe Dr., Apt. 55
Chicopee, MA 01013

2006 Chevrolet Hhr
VIN: 3GNDA23PX6S510450
Linda J. Ellsworth
121 Dowd Ave., Apt. 31
Canton, CT, 06019
11/13, 11/20, 11/27/2026

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2005 Chevrolet Trailblazer
VIN: 1GNDT13S952186992
Luis Carrucini Roberto
611 Cheeseman Court
Newport News, VI 23608

2015 Chevrolet Malibu
VIN: 1G11F5SL6FF127101
Kaila Coppedge
389 Hamilton St., Apt. 3
Southbridge, Ma 01550

2006 Toyota RAV 4
VIN: JTMBD33V166020561
Yvonne Provost
583 Pochassic Rd.
Westfield, MA 01085

2008 Subaru Forester
VIN: JF1SG65648H704984
Robert Henderson
1139 Westfield St., Apt. 40
West Springfield, MA 01089

2006 Shan Jmstar
VIN: LJ4TCKPZ76J001510
Unknown
10/30, 11/06, 11/13/2026

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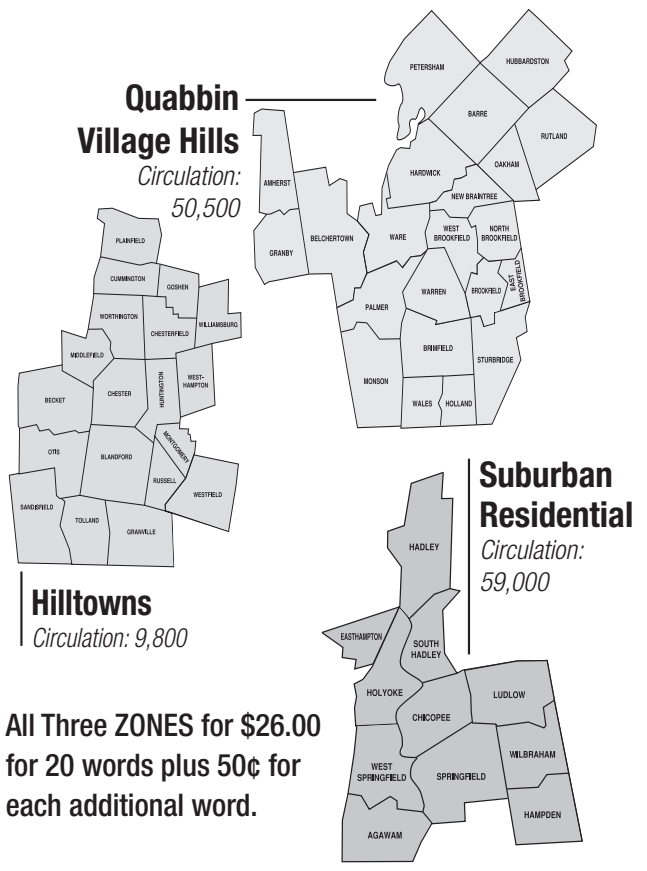
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