Harmony House is the first of its kind in New England

By Chad Jewett  Staff Writer

CHICOPEE – When residents come to Chicopee’s Harmony House for end-of-life care, they will be entering a home – the result of the countless volunteer hours and steady determination that made the house possible.

The first of its kind in New England, Harmony House provides comfort in a warm, family atmosphere to those that can’t afford to go elsewhere. And it all started with Ruth Willemain.

“Ten years ago, while I was a nursing home and hospice volunteer, I’d go in and listen to all these people telling me, ‘Ruth, if you didn’t come visit me I wouldn’t have any company at all,’” Willemain said. “One woman asked, ‘Ruth, would you come to my funeral? I don’t want to be alone in church’ – that’s when I knew something had to be done.”

Willemain shared her vision with retired Reverend Edwin Larsen, pastor of St. Peter’s Lutheran Church in Holyoke, kicking off a decade-long effort that eventually lead to a ceremonial ribbon-cutting in front of the ranch-style house that stands as Harmony House’s first location.

“From then on it’s just been one person after another,” Willemain said. “So many people who have given their time, their God-given gifts, their energy, to promote Harmony House to the best of their ability.”

And indeed, the humble three-bedroom home is a monument to those who have pitched-in: the family that

PVPC seeks volunteers to test Connecticut River water quality

By Chad Jewett  Staff Writer

SPRINGFIELD – The Pioneer Valley Planning Commission is calling for volunteers to aid in its Connecticut River Water Quality Monitoring for the 2017 season.

The PVPC, which is the designee regional planning body for Hampden and Hampshire counties, will use these volunteers to sample water on the lower part of the Connecticut River to test for boating and swimming quality. Sampling will take place from the second week of July to the first week of October, with samples collected weekly on Wednesdays at 7 a.m. Samples are then brought to the PVPC office in Springfield by 9 a.m.

Volunteers are needed for sampling sites at the Pioneer Valley Yacht Club in Longmeadow, Pynchon Point Park in Agawam, the Pioneer Valley Riverfront Club and North End Bridge in Springfield, the Medina Street Boat Ramp and Davitt Bridge in Chicopee, and the Jones Ferry Boat Ramp in Holyoke.

“The monitoring project, which is now in its ninth year, results in water quality data that provides a more complete picture of the river’s health and understanding about sources of contamination,” said Patrick Beaney, PVPC’s manager of public affairs.

Regional emergency dispatch plan advances

By Chad Jewett  Staff Writer

CHICOPEE – A potential regionalization plan that would see the emergency dispatches for Chicopee, East Longmeadow, Longmeadow and Hampden housed within a single 911 communications district took another step forward last week as the City Council approved a mayor’s order paving the way for the city to enter into such a plan.

The measure also authorized the mayor to “negotiate, revise, amend and execute the regional 911 emergency communication district agreement” with those towns.

The plan would consolidate emergency dispatch technology and personnel at the Chicopee public safety complex under the title “Western Massachusetts Emergency Communications District.” The center dispatch facility will be called the Western Massachusetts Emergency Communications Center (or WESTCOMM) and will be legally separate from the municipal complex and the Chicopee police and fire departments.

The initial agreement, should it be ratified by all four communities, would be for five years, renewable in five-year increments thereafter. Upon signing, any community looking to withdraw from the agreement will need to declare their intentions two years in advance. The District will be governed by a board made up of one chairperson from each community; in
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CHICOPEE – The City Council voted Tuesday, June 20, to approve a $350,000 appropriation for the replacement of a DPW fuel management system on Baskin Drive. One of the last high-ticket items of the fiscal year, which ended on June 30, the funds will be taken from the city’s undesignated fund balance or “free cash” account.

“The DPW fuel depot on Baskin Drive needs some rehabilitation and repair in order to remain in compliance with state and federal regulations,” DPW Superintendent Jeffrey Neece said.

The catalg of work needed at the Baskin Drive site includes site demolition and preparation, a new fuel storag etank and attendant equipment, a fuel station canopy, a fence and slide gate, electrical work, and the replace ment of the station’s two 10,000-gallon underground storage tanks. The replacement work is estimated to cost $333,580.

Discussion at the June 20 meeting centered around the way in which the appropriation would help the city resolve issues at the site, which Councilor James K. Til lotson noted had drawn the attention of the EPA.

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Mayor Richard J. Kos made a similar point in his briefing to the council, calling the replacement work a “complete addressing of issues.”

The City Council also approved an $80,000 appro priation for a flood dike mower designed for use on steep slopes.

“This mower will be used to maintain and mow the flood control dike system as required by the Army Corps of Engineers,” wrote Neece in his official request of the equipment. “The current mower is old and has reached the end of its useful life with numerous breakdowns, and has proven difficult to obtain replacement parts if available at all.”

“This style mower plays a crucial part in maintain ing our flood control systems,” he added. The appro priation will come from the city’s undesignated fund balance or “free cash” account.

The DPW also approved $5,000 for street surveying and descriptions, which will make the city eligible for more state and federal Department of Transportation Chapter 90 funds. The council also approved $10,000 for design services needed to make the city’s Parks Department eligible for the 2018 Massachusetts Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC) grant.

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Staff Writer

LUDLOW – In Steve Fred erick, Ludlow’s newly-appointed town engineer and director of the Department of Public Works, the town is adding a public servant with plenty of experience overseeing the efforts that keep a commu nity moving forward.

“It was the city engineer for Chicopee for 18 years,” said Frederick. “Prior to that I was an engineer for the Massachusetts Department of Transportation in Northampton, and that position start ed with a couple smaller engineer ing firms in the Pioneer Valley.”

Frederick is a Ludlow native, where he still resides, is also a retired lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy Reserve. “I started out in the Seabees as a builder and after college received a direct commission in the Civil Engineer Corps.”

An alumnus of Chicopee Pub lic Schools, Frederick received an associate’s degree in Civil Engi neering Technology from Spring field Technical Community Col lege and a bachelor’s degree in Science in Civil Engineering from Southeastern Massachusetts University (now UMass Dartmouth). Following nearly two decades of similar work in Chicopee, Frederick will now bring that experience to Lud low.

“Ludlow appeared as a good fit for my professional background. I wanted to step away from engineering and work more with the broad spectrum of duties within a DPW. And with the department being small enough, I can still keep my hand in the engineering side of the house.”

— Ludlow DPW Director Steve Frederick

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The first local community newspaper to publish in print form and online, the Holyoke Sun, will announce its move to a digital format and weekly publication. The newspaper will no longer be printed on a weekly basis, but instead will publish online only.

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The Dispatch District will be proportional, with Chicopee – by far the most populous of the communities – receiving a larger share of costs.

The calculation of costs is based on annual operating, capital, operating reserve and capital reserve budgets of the Dispatch District, as well as the population of all the participating communities, calculated at 68.83 percent.

Chicopee’s combined percentage of the total population of all the participating communities is 30 percent, based on the community’s total 911 annual call volume, as a percentage of total 911 call volume, as a percentage based on the community’s total 911 call volume for the entire District,” according to the official language of the agreement. Any community whose share is below 10 percent or $100,000 will not be responsible for those costs.

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“Hopefully these cameras will help police locate suspects.

“We find that the cameras have a greater deterrent effect,” said Mayors’ Caucus Chairwoman Mary Murphy. “It’s a win-win,” said Councilor Stan Walczak.

Commonwealth Places is a collaboration effort from MassDevelopment and Patroncity that leverages public support for placemaking projects through crowdfunding and a matching grant from MassDevelopment. The program engages residents in the development of strategic projects in their towns and cities.

The program has supported successful campaigns across the Commonwealth, from Northampton to Hyannis. Communities, nonprofits, and other entities can learn more about these successful projects by donating to ongoing campaigns, and apply at www.massdevelopment.com/commonwealthplaces.

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Commonwealth Places campaign launched for Chicopee Center Gateway Project

The Chicopee Register – MassDevelopment and the city of Chicopee have announced a new campaign through the civic crowdfunding platform Patroncity and the Commonwealth Places initiative. The Chicopee Center Gateway Project campaign will fund downtown beautification efforts in Chicopee, including signature banners, flower planters and other landscaping, and a signature public art bus shelter. This project will build on the momentum of other redevelopment efforts in the city to make Chicopee a more attractive place for residents, businesses and visitors.

“The Gateway Project will help downtown Chicopee catalyze local business development and enhance the city’s sense of community by beautifying its streetscape,” said MassDevelopment Vice President of Real Estate Services Amanda Maher.

“The Commonwealth Places initiative, Commonwealth Beautification Campaign is now gathering places for residents and inspires individuals to invest in their surroundings, and we look forward to the same success in Chicopee as we have seen with our past projects.”

If the campaign reaches its crowdfunding goal of $17,000 by Aug. 13 at midnight, it will win a matching grant with funds from MassDevelopment’s Commonwealth Places program. Learn more and donate at www.Patroncity.com/ Chicopee.

“We’re looking forward to having a location downtown that is going to be warm and inviting not only for existing residents but also hopefully to encourage new ones to come,” said Mayor Richard J. Kos.

“Beautifying these areas will send a message to our community that revitalization is happening and that there are exciting things taking place in downtown Chicopee,” said Jessica Roncarati-Howe, president of the Chicopee Chamber of Commerce.

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OPINION

Reducing the Cost of Prescription Drugs

As a young parent, I am outraged by the idea that a family could be forced to choose between paying for food and their child’s medication. I understand the financial stress that families face, and it is heartbreaking to think that a parent might not be able to provide for their child’s basic needs. This is a national issue that requires urgent attention.

For years, I have been fighting to bring down prescription drug costs. My legislation aims to tackle the root causes of the high cost of prescription drugs and ensure that Americans can afford the medications they need. My bill would provide for greater competition in the drug market, increase transparency, and reduce the administrative burden on patients.

I believe that we need a comprehensive approach to address prescription drug costs. We need to ensure that drug companies are held accountable for their pricing and that consumers have access to affordable options. My bill also includes provisions to increase competition among drug manufacturers and to reduce the cost of generic drugs.

I am proud to be a part of this fight. Our goal is to make sure that every American has access to the medications they need without breaking the bank. I urge all Americans to support my legislation and to join me in this important fight.

Let’s work together to make prescription drug costs more affordable and to ensure that every American can afford the medication they need to lead healthy lives.
COMMUNITY CALENDAR

This calendar is intended to promote free events in Chicopee or events directly benefiting Chicopee. For more information, please visit our website (www.chicopeeregister.com) or contact us at 413-594-9318.

TRIPS

LUDLOW GOLDEN SENIOR CLUB: Rhode Island Lighthouse Cruise on Wednesday, July 19. Enjoy a 2-hour cruise on the Sleeping Bear. Lunches at the Quaker Club serving New England baked cod or scented chicken cutlet. The price is $91 per person. Departing at 9:30 a.m. from the Unity Club, State Street, and returning about 5 p.m. Please call Albina at 413-543-2374 to reserve a seat.

THE POLONIANE CLUB presents the following trips:
- LOTTIE’S GETAWAY presents ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., AND THE JIMMY MAZZ SHOW. Sept. 19-21, 2017. Includes: RT/return transportation, dinner, gratuity, two nights at the wonderful RESORT HOTEL & CASINO. $25 slot play bonus. Departing from 9:30 a.m. from the Unity Club and Jimmy the Mazz Show. Motorcoach departs at 7:45 a.m. from Sotz Park in Chicopee and at 8:30 a.m. from Big Y in Ludlow. Cost: $297 p.p. double or triple.

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day evenings from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Chicopee Comprehensive High School band room. Please visit our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/ChicopeeAreBand) to learn more.

SHARE YOUR SITE: Volunteer to read, shop or walk with a blind or vis- ion impaired person in your community. Call the Massachusetts Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired at 1-888-613-2777 for details.

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Governor nominates Frederick Baran to Chicopee District Court

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Chicopee man arrested in bank holdup

MOUNT HERMON - Laura Elizabeth Bertrand, of Chicopee, was arrested on the spot of a bank robbery that occurred at the United Bank on Montgomery Street on June 23, Robert Buckley, 501 Granby Road, was apprehended along the Riverbend Medical Group building at 444 Montgomery St. and charged with unarmed robbery.

Upon entering the building, K9 Officer Ryan Romanczyk and Olic Corey Fournier and a Massachusetts State Police trooper ordered the man to stop and turn around and then told him to turn around and was sent to the police headquarters where he was held on $25,000 bail. 

Costello named to Saint Michael's College dean's list

WORCESTER - Kacey A. Legare, of Chicopee, has been named to second honors on the Clark University Spring 2017 semester dean's list. Students must have completed 12 or more semester hours and must have a grade-point average of 3.30 quality point average.

Local students named to Fairfield University dean’s list

FAIRFIELD, Conn. - The following Chicopee students received dean’s list honors for the Spring 2017 semester at Fairfield University. In order to be placed on the dean’s list, students must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours in a semester, have no outstanding incomplete or incomplete grades for that semester, and have attained a semester grade-point average of 3.50 or higher. These students include:

Legare earns honors from Clark University

Jaracz, Doctor of Pharmacy degree (cum laude); Sana Safeer, Doctor of Pharmacy degree (cum laude); Rachelle Lynne Croston, Doctor of Pharmacy degree (cum laude); Sana Safeer, Doctor of Pharmacy degree (cum laude); and Daniel R. Flesher, Doctor of Pharmacy degree, (cum laude).

Gauthier graduates from MHG Institute of Health Professions

BOSTON - Chicopee native Amanda Gauthier received a Master of Science in Literacy and Language degree from MHG Institute of Health Professions. Gauthier was among the 557 students in the Class of 2017 who graduated from the Boston graduate school on May 6.

U1R students named to dean’s list

KINGSTON, RI - The University of Rhode Island is pleased to announce that more than 2,900 undergraduates have qualified for the Spring 2017 dean’s list. The following Chicopee students were named to the dean’s list: Michelle P. Duquette, of Chicopee, graduated from Christian Brothers High School.

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Chicopee Police blotter

PUBLIC SAFETY

Christopher Thomas Silvin Road after a witness reported seeing the suspect, identified as Christopher Thomas, of 20 Porter St., at the residence then flying down the street. Olic. Yamil Montanez found the party walking on Montauk Road and engaged his

_{Public Safety Section}_

Call for suspects person leads to B&E arrest

CHICOPPEE – A 24-year-old Chicopee man was arrested last Wednesday after a report of a suspect and following a search of a home on Silvin Road. Ofc. James Lord and Ofc. Christopher Thomas searched the residence and came upon a suspect who had fled the residence. The suspect, identified as Christopher Thomas, of 20 Porter St., was taken into custody and charged with breaking and entering.

_Staff Writer

Bertrand makes head of school’s list at College Mount Hermon

DURHAM, N.H. – The following Chicopee students have been named to the dean’s list at the University of New Hampshire for the Spring 2017 semester: Michelle Lacrotz (Highest Honors); Thomas Costello (Highest Honors); Sara Dynmek (High Honors); Yamilex Bencosme (High Honors).

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fares. "Water quality information is posted shortly after sampling at www.connectic utriverus and is useful not only for recrea- tionals but also help us to understand water quality trends in these locations over the longer term. This year's water quality monitoring program is being funded via proceeds from a Clean Water Act lawsuit filed by the Connecticut River Watershed Council and Earhrise Law Center in 2015. In 2016, Chug Farms of What- tervil, to a settlement of a Clean Water Act lawsuit charging that the bean-sprout farm had long dumped polluted wastewater into the Connecticut River. Several cities along the Connecticut River, including Chicopee, Holyoke and Springfield, feature CSOs, or combined sewer overflow systems, which expel ex- cess sewage into the Connecticut River. An agreement reached this week between Chicopee and state and federal environ- mental agencies gives the city a temporary reprieve on its mandated sewer update deadlines. Chicopee will now have until 2024 and 2026, respectively, to complete phases 2B and 5C of its Long-Term Com- bined Sewer Overflow Control Plan, a citywide effort to replace CSOs.

Those interested in volunteering are encouraged to contact Patty Gambardini at (413) 718-6045 or pgambardini@pvpc.org.

Residents warned about Chicopee Electric Light scam

CHICOPPEE Police are warning residents to be wary of individuals posing as Chicopee Electric Light employees in an attempt to gain entry into homes. Residents are being reminded not to allow anyone claiming to be a CEL employee access to their home unless they are able to produce a company photo ID, are wearing CEL log books or who are driving a CEL municipal vehicle. Verification can also be obtained by calling CEL at 598- 8311 or Chicopee Police at 592- 6341.

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SOCCER

Pacers get jump start, take down Rams

By Nate Rosenthal
Sports Correspondent

GRANBY – In a matchup of B division teams, the Chicopee Pacers took care of a very game Granby team by a 3-0 score. But the game was a lot closer than Chicopee scored a goal early in the game and that held up. They would add a second later in the second half and their final goal came in the last minute of the game.

The Pacers did control the play throughout the game, getting many more shots on goal than the Rams. But for the efforts of Ryan Walz, this game would have been a lot more lopsided. But that is the nature of summer soccer. The players are out there to keep some continuity and get ready for the upcoming fall season. The Pioneer Valley Summer league does just that.

The Pacers came out shooting and in the first two minutes, Murtadha Noori and Lukosz Soja sent shots that went over the goal. The first shot that was stopped by Walz came in the fifth minute off the foot of Noah Melendez from 15 yards out. Dylan Moriarty was wide left for Granby in the fourth minute and Jeremy Trembly was wide right in the sixth. Trembly got one in on Phil Kaczor in the ninth minute from 25 yards, which he stopped by coming out to get it. Soja and Pedro Duarte had wide shots for Chicopee in the eighth and 10th minutes.

Keeping the ball in the Granby zone, the Pacers took the lead in the 12th minute. Brennan Dost received the ball on the left side taking a pass from Jared Wilkinson, who was on the other side. He drove an 18-yarder past Walz. Chicopee had a 1-0 lead.

The action slowed down for a while after that, with the ball in the middle of the field. In the 18th minute, Chicopee had another shot on goal, this time by Noori, stopped by Walz. Moriarty also put one on Kaczor in the 20th minute. A minute later, Sean McCormick sent one over the goal for the Pacers. In the 24th minute, Kaczor came out to grab a shot by Aaron Blanchard, who let it go from 30 yards. A minute later, it was Bailey Seymour, who sent a shot from 15 yards over the goal. Chicopee

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BASEBALL

EITC puts up runs early, defeat Wilbraham

By Nate Rosenthal
Sports Correspondent

CHICOPEE – Extra Innings/ Everest Vodka played its third game at Szot Park this year, the home field of its predecessor, the Chicopee Falls Tigers. It was good for them as they put up nine runs in the first three innings and then held on for a 9-6 victory over Wilbraham Funeral Home in Tri-County action.

When they put up a five spot in the third, this game appeared to be head into blow out territory, but Funeral Home would none of that. They scraped their way back into the game after closing to 9-6, they had the tying run in the on-deck circle. Both teams scored a run in the first. While Wilbraham went out in order in the second, the host team put up three in the bottom of the frame and then opened up a 9-1 lead with five in the third. Funeral Home scored three in the fifth to close the gap somewhat and made

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BASEBALL

TURF BATTLE

Trystian Tylden sends a free kick deep into West Springfield's end.

Joe Quinn battles for the ball in the middle of the field.

Chicopee – In one of their final games before the July 4th holiday break, Chicopee battled West Springfield in B-Division action last week at Clark Field at West Springfield High School.

Bailey Seymour tries to keep possession and work around a defender to shoot on goal.

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had a chance in the 32nd minute, when Dost was wide left and then on the rebound, Sam Quinn was wide right. In the final minute, Luc Chaunvi found a free kick from 25 yards for Granby.

The action picked up in the second half. Kaczor picked up a loose ball in the second half, but could not push the ball out to do so. In the fourth, Dost was wide right and a minute later, Max Piekos had goal from 15 yards. It was not until the eighth minute that Granby had a shot and it was on the left post. Wilbraham scored on a rebound from 20 yards. Dost was wide right in the 10th, as McCormick a minute later. In the 17th minute, Duree was wide to the ell.
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Sara Kapinos promoted to business manager at Bob Pion Buick

CHICOPEE – Bob Pion Buick GMC is excited to announce the promotion of Sara Kapinos to business manager. She had been with the dealership for almost 7 years before leaving for a career in private school admissions. In 2015, Kapinos returned to the dealership where she has continued to thrive.

“Sara always had a special connection to the customers. With this promotion, she will be able to continue to build those connections, as well as develop the staff into a cohesive team,” shares Bob Pion, grandson of founder Frank Pion.

As business manager, Kapinos will be managing the whole sales operation. This will not only include looking at sales strategies and training the staff, but she will continue to develop long-term customer relationships.

“It gets exciting by being able to help someone get what they truly want when they need it for a vehicle, without all the run-around,” Kapinos said.

A Chicopee native, she is a proud mom to 11-year-old Ava and 13-year-old Evan.

Young millennials top list of worst behaved drivers

New study shows that 88 percent of young millennials engage in risky behavior behind the wheel

A new report from the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety found that 88 percent of young millennials engaged in at least one risky behavior behind the wheel in the past 30 days, earning the top spot of worst behaved U.S. drivers. These dangerous behaviors, which increase crash risk, included texting while driving, red-light running and speeding. These findings come as U.S. traffic deaths rose to 35,092 in 2015, an increase of more than 7 percent—the largest single-year increase in five decades.

“Alarmingly, some of the drivers ages 19-24 believe that their dangerous driving behavior is acceptable,” said Mary Maguire, AAA Northeast director of public and legislative affairs. “It’s critical that these drivers understand the potentially deadly consequences of engaging in these types of behaviors and that they change their behavior and attitudes in order to reverse the growing number of fatalities on U.S. roads.”

By rank and by age group, the percentage of drivers who reported engaging in speeding, red light running or texting while behind the wheel in the past 30 days included:

- Drivers ages 19-24: 88.4 percent
- Drivers ages 25-29: 79.2 percent
- Drivers ages 30-34: 75.2 percent
- Drivers ages 35-39: 70.3 percent
- Drivers ages 40-44: 69.3 percent
- Drivers ages 45-49: 56.7 percent
- Drivers ages 50-54: 43.7 percent
- Drivers ages 55-59: 40.4 percent
- Drivers ages 60-64: 36.7 percent
- Drivers ages 65+: 26.0 percent

Texting While Driving

Drivers ages 19-24 were 1.6 times as likely as all drivers to report this study on texting while driving in the last 30 days (86 percent versus 50 percent). Drivers ages 25-29 were nearly twice as likely as all drivers to report having typed or sent a text message or e-mail while driving (59.3 percent versus 31.4 percent).

HCC Registration Express July 22

HOLYOKE — Holyoke Community College will be holding a “Registration Express” event on Saturday, June 22, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., when prospective students can apply, take the computerized placement test, meet with an academic adviser and register for classes—all in one day. Registration Express is held outside the HCC Admissions office, on the second floor of the Frost Building. The Fall 2017 semester begins Tuesday, Sept. 5. Prospective students who need to take a placement test should arrive by 10 a.m. Those who have previously taken the test, or have already taken college-level English or math, can stop by any time between 8 a.m. and noon. The HCC Admissions office is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., in the Student Services Center, first floor.

For more information, please contact HCC Admissions at 413-552-2321 or admissions@hcc.edu.