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since 2010 following the retirement of Burkott.

Desmarais – one of three candidates for the position – was selected for the job following an intense evaluation and hiring process that began with an assessment conducted by an independent panel consisting of past and present fire chiefs, followed by interviews with Mayor Kos, who made the final selection.

The newly appointed fire chief expressed his gratitude for the permanent appointment.

“I’d like to thank Mayor Kos for having confidence in me and appointing me as permanent fire chief,” Desmarais said. “I have enjoyed working as the provisional fire chief for the last year-and-a-half, acclimating myself to the position. I will continue to strive to further enhance the department to the best of my ability in my role as the permanent chief. I am proud of the hardworking, dedicated members of the fire department, and it is my pleasure to serve the City of Chicopee as chief of the Fire Department.”

In December, the City Council voted to increase the number of active city firefighters from 101 to 105.

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after he was pulled over for having a revoked license. Abair also had in his possession 17 tablets of clonazepam, a drug often abused by those addicted to opioids.

Ofc. Wilk stressed vigilance for citizens looking to do their part in stemming these robbery numbers.

“Be aware. Report things [you] see that don’t seem right. People know their neighborhoods and their neighbors. Lock [your] doors,” Ofc. Wilk said.

He also noted the many ways that the Chicopee Police Department is working to lower these numbers, including increased use of social media and public outreach to keep residents of Chicopee informed and aware.

“Working together works,” Ofc. Wilk added. “A community that works with their police department is

a safer, stronger community.”

Chicopee’s most recent reported robbery took place on Dec. 19 at the Golden Blossom Floral Shop on Grattan Street in the city’s Aldenville neighborhood, with the suspect grabbing money from a cash register during a transaction. The suspect is described as a white male in his 20s with dark hair and a moustache, roughly 5’7” tall. The man is believed to have left the scene in a brown/gray mini-van.

Many of the Massachusetts cities on Protect America’s list are former manufacturing centers that have experienced long-term economic downturns as companies have either shuttered or have relocated their production overseas. The last three decades have seen cities like Chicopee, Holyoke and Pittsfield struggle to find their footing in a post-industrial economy wherein traditional manufactur-

ing jobs are growing more and more scarce.

According to the United States Census Bureau, an estimated 13.3 percent of Chicopee’s population lives below the national poverty line, which is a higher proportion than the state average of 11.5 percent. Chicopee’s median income per household was estimated at \$47,684, well below the national median household income of \$56,516 and even further below the Massachusetts median household income of \$68,563.

According to Protect America – which, it should be noted, is a private home security company that specializes in burglary prevention – residents of Chicopee are 66 percent more likely to be burglarized than the national average, with a burglary taking place in the city every 829 minutes.

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can do because the state hasn’t come up with any rules and regulations. I don’t think the state expected it to pass. So as a result...they got caught short-handed because they didn’t have [any] rules, [any] regulations; nothing,” Tillotson said. “I would certainly like to see it get handled the way we handle liquor licenses: you can only have so many in the city based on population. The worst thing we could have would be to have one on every corner. We ought to have restrictions as to where we put them: not near schools, not near churches, not near playgrounds, places like that. Right now we’re not anywhere near ready to do anything.”

“I think the moratorium is basically telling the state, ‘give us some guidelines, give us some

control, give us some help at this level,” Tillotson added. “We can always change the moratorium if the state comes up with something wonderful and everybody’s ready to move; we can change it from January 2018 to the end of this year if we want. This resolution isn’t cast in stone. It just says to the state – give us some help here, let us have some control. We don’t have any control now, so until such time as we have something, a moratorium is in place.”

Councilor-At-Large Robert J. Zygarowski expressed a more hard-lined endorsement of the moratorium.

“I’m against marijuana period. But this recreational [marijuana] – we’ve got to control it a lot more,” he said.

However, Ward 1 Councilman Adam D. Lamontagne expressed doubts about the moratorium.

“I have some concerns about [the moratorium] being till Jan. 1, 2018,” he said. “I’m pretty confident that this council can put in place some rules and regulations prior to a year from now. It was a ballot question. It passed. Putting a moratorium on it for a year, I do have some concerns about that.”

“The question passed in Chicopee by wide margins,” Lamontagne later added, referring to the 2016 ballot victory for legalized marijuana that found Chicopee voters approving legalization by an 8 percent margin. “I could see us waiting till we have our local rules and regulations in place, but the question passed. And I really can’t go along with this in good conscience – to hold off a whole year.”

“The people have spoken,” Lamontagne reiterated. “And that’s the part that concerns me the most with this. I want there

to be regulations, I want there to be certain codes in place saying ‘so far from each school’ and so forth, but I think this is a little too strict for my liking.”

Mayor Richard J. Kos, in his briefing to the City Council, endorsed the proposed delay.

“The city has been pretty proactive,” Mayor Kos said. “As you know, we have under construction now a medical marijuana facility on East Main Street that anticipates being open if not this summer, then early fall, so it’s not like we’re trying to not have these [marijuana facilities] – but we at least want to have a moratorium so that your concerns about zoning, about location...can be addressed.”

“We have to treat it just like the marijuana dispensaries,” said Ward 6 Councilman Timothy S. McLellan. “We’re going to have to zone it out and make sure it’s where we want it.”

“This is a good way for us to get it on the table and let the state know that we’re concerned and that we want some answers sooner rather than later,” he added.

State Ballot Question 4, which called for legalization of use, production and sale of recreational marijuana in Massachusetts, passed with a statewide 54-46 percent margin this past November. The initiative passed with a similar margin in Chicopee, with 53.8 percent of voters approving legalized recreational use and sale of the drug.

Governor Charlie Baker recently signed a bill that would further push back the opening of recreational facilities from the beginning of 2018 to mid-2018, a delay characterized as an attempt to give the state more time to establish the kinds of controls and infrastructure requested by municipalities like Chicopee.

◆ MILLING ABOUT AT RIVERMILLS ◆

Alzheimer’s Caregivers Support Group

The Chicopee Council on Aging at RiverMills Center offers a monthly support group for caregivers of those with Alzheimer’s disease. Anyone who cares for someone with Alzheimer’s or dementia is encouraged to attend. Alzheimer’s specialist Gerri Bennett, R.N., leads the discussion. The Alzheimer’s Caregivers Support Group meets the third Wednesday of each month (Jan. 18 & Feb. 15) from 3:30-5:30 p.m. in the classroom at RiverMills Center, 5 West Main St. For more information, contact Social Services Coordinator Laurene Kendall at 534-3698, ext. 118.

‘Living Again’ Support Group

The Chicopee Council on Aging offers a monthly support group for those who have suffered the loss of a loved one. Anyone who wants to have the support of others going through similar losses and an opportunity to discuss ways of coping is encouraged to attend. Irene Remillard, a certified bereavement leader, leads the discussion. The ‘Living Again’ Support Group meets the second Tuesday of each month (Jan. 10 & Feb. 15) at 1 p.m. in the classroom at RiverMills Center, 5 West Main St. For more information, contact Social Services Coordinator Laurene

Kendall at 534-3698, ext. 118.

Carb Counting at Breakfast

This diabetes-friendly discussion on Thursday, Jan. 19, at 8:30 a.m. will give you the tools to count carbs at breakfast as well as ideas for what would be a good, balanced breakfast. Eggs dish, fresh fruit, coffee or tea. Suggested donation \$2. Sign up at RiverMills Center in person or by calling 534-3698. For more information, contact Violet Suska, at 534-3698, ext. 117.

January Birthday Party Program

The Chicopee Council on Aging will sponsor a birthday party for those born in the month of January on Friday, Jan. 27 at 1:15 p.m. at RiverMills Center, 5 West Main St. Singer Dave Mindell will perform. Cake, ice cream and punch will be served. Everyone is welcome, no matter their birthday month. Tickets are \$1 for people who do not have birthdays in the month of January. Those who have January birthdays get in free with a birthday coupon. Tickets sold day of event only at RiverMills. Transportation for Chicopee older adults is available through the senior center transportation office by calling 536-5733 at least a week in advance.

◆ NOTICES ◆

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-8600

Docket No. HD16P2241EA

Estate of:

Carol Ann Perrot

Date of Death:

02/19/2015

INFORMAL PROBATE

PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Vincent E Delgado of Indian Orchard, MA

Hyman G Darling of

Springfield, MA

has been informally

appointed as the Personal

Representative of the estate to

serve with 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. 1/12/17

AUCTION NOTICE
Sheridan Street
Self Storage Facility
Operator’s Sale

for non-payment of
Storage Charges

Pursuant to the Power of Sale contained in M.G.L. Chapter 105A, Section 4, the following properties will be sold at PUBLIC AUCTION on WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2017 at 12:30 p.m., on the premises of Sheridan Street Self Storage, 105 Sheridan Street, Chicopee, MA. All household furniture, trunks, books, clothes, appliances, tools, antiques and miscellaneous items held for:

Rony Martinez #227 and Inez

Rydzak #BY03.

Tenants may claim their merchandise up to time of sale by

paying their debt and vacating the

premises.

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The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-8600
Docket No. HD16P2343EA**
Estate of:
IRENE ROSE BARCLAY
Also Known As:
IRENE R. BARCLAY
Date of Death:
October 27, 2016
**INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Russell S Carpenter** of Poquonock, CT

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Russell S Carpenter of Poquonock, CT

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. 1/12/17

**AUCTION NOTICE
Chicopee Self Storage
Facility Operator's Sale
for non-payment of Storage
Charges**

Pursuant to the Power of Sale contained in M.G.L. Chapter 105A, Section 4. The following properties will be sold at Public Auction on **WEDNESDAY JANUARY 25, 2017 at 12:00 p.m.**, on the premises of Chicopee Self Storage, 649 Meadow Street, Chicopee, MA. All household furniture, trunks, books, clothes, appliances, tools, antiques and miscellaneous items held for #D419 DOMINGO E. CABRERA.

Tenants may claim their merchandise up to the time of sale by paying their debts and vacating the premises. www.storageauctionusa.com, lic#3183 1/12, 1/19/17

**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 Tuesday, January 31, 2017 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.

2000 VOLKSWAGEN PASSAT GLS

VIN: WVWMA23BXP220725
Nancy Pasquini
171 Debbie Lane
Westfield, MA 01085

2004 TOYOTA TACOMA DOUBLECAB

VIN: 5TEHN72N44Z339419
David Matyseck
17 Bristol St
Westfield, MA 01085

2008 FORD F550 SUPER DUTY

VIN: 1FDAF57RX8EC31924
Sunwood Builders
84 Potwine Ln
Amherst, MA 01002

2012 KAWASAKI EX250-J

VIN: JKAEXMJ13CDA96975
GE Capital Retail Bank
332 Minnesota st, Ste W600
St Paul, MN 55101

1999 HONDA CIVIC LX

VIN: 2HGEJ6579XH576785
Ismael Medina
24 Talcott Ave
Springfield, MA 01109

2015 TOYOTA COROLLA

VIN: 2T1BURHE9FC240535
Amy Miklasiewicz
159 Corocoran Blvd
Springfield, MA 01118

1998 BMW 528I AUTOMATIC

VIN: WBADD6322W-BW42364
Nicholas Sanchez
95 Pochassic Rd
Westfield, MA 01085

2009 SCOOTER

VIN: L8YTCAPF99Y072979
No Owner Information

1982 BOAT & TRAILER

VIN: GALPE142M82H
Michael Boardway
50 Southampton Rd 2c
Westfield, MA 01085

1995 AUDI A6 QUATTRO 2.8 AWD

VIN: WAU- GA84A9SN072671
Michael Sullivan
16 School St
East Longmeadow, MA 01028

1996 HONDA ACCORD

VIN: 1HGCD5698TA210625
Taylor Bobbe
217 Union St
Springfield MA 01105

1996 FORD THUNDERBIRD

VIN: 1FALP62W8TH159650
Justin Brooks
75 Old Westfield Rd
Granville, MA 01034

1996 NISSAN PATHFINDER

VIN: JN8AR05Y7TW037836
Carl Laporte
65 Belmont Ave Apt 2L
Springfield, MA 01108

1996 ACURA 3.23 TL

VIN: JH4UA3657TC009170
Kevin Cherrinton
470 Memorial Dr
Chicopee, MA 01020

1997 HONDA ACCORD EX

VIN: 1HGCE1893VA008605
Lexus Piguroa
6 Stephens St
Chicopee, MA 01022

1997 FORD F150

VIN: 1FTDX1768VNA90117
Jeffrey Routhier
57 Orchard St
Westfield, MA 01085

1998 NISSAN SENTRA XE/GXE

VIN: 3N1AB41D0WL047261
Nadine Rodriguez
73 East St Apt 204
Ludlow, MA 01056

1998 HONDA ACCORD LX

VIN: 1HGCG5649WA221777
Lisa Carter
155 Belmont Ave Apt 1L
Springfield, MA 01108

1999 BMW M3

VIN: WBSBG9332XEY81773
No owner records found

1999 CHRYSLER SEBRING LX

VIN: 4C3AU42N7XE143620
Sara Lopez
14 Baril Lane
Chicopee, MA 01013

1999 MERCURY COUGAR

VIN: 1ZWFT61L6X5616322
German Mendez Concino
157 Dickinson St
Springfield, MA 01108

2000 BMW 323i

VIN: WBAAM3346Y-CA88412
Angel Quinones
134 Oak St
Holyoke, MA 01040

2000 MITSUBISHI MIRAGE

VIN: JA3AY26C3YU012513
Mary Rucks
531 Bacon Cir
Springfield, MA 01119

2000 NISSAN MAZIMA GLE/GXE/SE

VIN: JN1CA31A8YT207557
Amber Jozefowicz
16 Northern Dr
Chicopee, MA 01020

2000 TOYOTA AVALON

VIN: 4T1BF28B9YU016934
Amie Collins
470 Chapel St
Lee, MA 01238

2000 TOYOTA COROLLA VE/CE/LE

VIN: 1NXBR12EXYZ404582
Shawn Delgado
300 Goodwin St, 2nd FL
Springfield, MA 01151

2000 VOLKSWAGON CABRIO GLS

VIN: 3VWD- C21V4YM807173
Ramon Silverio
193 Springside Ave
Pittsfield, MA 01201

2001 NISSAN QUEST GXE

VIN: 4N2ZN15T81D825017
Estefani Zoler
5826 N American St
Philadelphia, PA 19120

2002 BIG TOW B5 MODEL CAR TRAILER

VIN: 4KNUB16242L160417
Schworer & Co Landscapes Inc
112 Myrtle St
Norfolk, MA 02056

2002 FORD FOCUS SE/SE COMFORT

VIN: 1FAFP34P32W360416
Jill Wetherell
274 Meadow St
Agawam, MA 01001

2002 HONDA CIVIC EX

VIN: 2HGES25742H574537
Rios Luis Albert
275 Chestnut St, #602
Springfield, MA 01104

2002 VOLVO S40 1.9T

VIN: YV1VS29512F862468
Christopher Zarlengo
24 Irene Dr
Westfield, MA 01085

2003 AUDI A4 1.8T AVNT QUATTRO AWD

VIN: WAUVC68E53A180975
Douglas Hugabone
126 Elberon Ave
Pittsfield, MA 01201

2003 FORD FOCUS SE COMFORT/SE SPORT

VIN: 1FAFP34Z63W229757
Shane Duffy
33 High St
South Hadley, MA 01075

2003 KAWASAKI ZR750-H

VIN: JKAZRHDH143A010864

2003 NISSAN SENTRA XE/GXE

VIN: 3N1CB51D43L779371
Caylin Cove
55 Birch Park Circle
West Springfield, MA 01089

2004 CHRYSLER SEBRING LXI

VIN: 1C3EL55R24N330673
Chad Sullivan
47 1/2 Shepard St
Westfield, MA 01085

2004 FORD TAURUS SE

VIN: 1FAPP53U44G106472
Christopher A Gabriel
4 Phelps Rd
East Windsor, CT 06088

2004 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE

VIN: 1J4GW48S94C429128
Leandra Stevenson
250 Centre St Apt 1L
Indian Orchard, MA 01151

2005 FORD ESCAPE

VIN: 1FMYU93115KD27367
Dan Meavoy
6 Franklin St
Lee, MA 01238

2005 Land Rover Freelander SE

VIN: SALNY22265A481391
Eblin Ucles
114 Blossom Rd, Apt 10
Syracuse, NY 13224

2006 CHEVROLET TRAILBLAXER LS/LT

VIN: 1GNDDT13S462266993
Raymond Peltier
547 Broadway St
Chicopee, MA 01020

2006 KIA SPORTAGE

VIN: KNDJF273067175819
Jonathan Avery
50 Southampton Rd
Westfield, MA 01085

2009 AUDI A4 QUATTRO

VIN: WAUSF78K59N031540
Lamar Holly
1249 Worcester St
Springfield, MA 01151

2011 FORD FUSION SEL

VIN: 3FAHP0JA5BR263552
Timothy Cartagena
512 Sunset #211
Muldraugh, KY 40155

2013 SCION TC

VIN: JTKJF5C70D3053965
Hem Lal Taimang
102 Meadow St
Westfield, MA 01085

2000 INFINITI G20

VIN: JNKCP11A6YT309695
Melisabel Pagen
17 Chmura St
Ludlow, MA 01056

2000 NISSAN MAXIMA GLE/GXE/ SE

VIN: JN1CA31D0YT763470
No Owner Information found

2000 VOLKSWAGEN PASSAT

VIN: WVWPD23B-6YP290842
Natasha Marrero
29 Quincy Ave, Apt 2
Chicopee, MA 01020

2001 SAAB 9-5

VIN: YS3ED58E513042387
Frederick Christian
93 Long Plain Rd
Leverett, MA 01375

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Massachusetts Turnpike TOLL PLAZA DEMOLITION AND ROADWAY RECONSTRUCTION Project

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING SCHEDULE

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) has been in the process of demolishing all existing toll plazas as part of the implementation of All Electronic Tolling (AET) along the Massachusetts Turnpike. MassDOT is holding four public meetings to provide information about the next stage of roadway reconstruction, and what to expect as the project continues.

Within the project overview MassDOT will discuss: project progress, timeline for completion, what to expect as the project moves into the spring and summer months and other project related issues. These meetings will ensure that users of the Massachusetts Turnpike and neighboring communities are fully informed about the construction process to minimize any public inconvenience.

If you are unable to attend a meeting, a copy of the presentation will be available at <https://www.massdot.state.ma.us/allelectronicolling>. Public comments and questions may also be submitted by email AETinfo@dot.state.ma.us

All meetings will be held from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. and are scheduled as follows:

• Wednesday, January 11th – Westborough Town Hall, 34 West Main Street

Plaza Focus: Sturbridge / I-84, Worcester/Auburn/I-290, Worcester/Rt. 146, Worcester/Millbury, Westborough/I-495, Framingham, Natick/Rt. 30 (Snow date: January 25th)

• Wednesday, January 18th – Brighton

WGBH – Yawkey Theater, One Guest Street
Plaza Focus: Weston, Allston/Brighton, Ted Williams Tunnel (Snow date: January 26th)

• Monday, January 23rd – Northampton

District 2 Highway Office, 811 N. King Street
Plaza Focus: Westfield, Westfield, West Springfield / I-91, Chicopee, Springfield / I-291, Ludlow, Palmer (Snow date: January 24th)

• Tuesday, February 7th – Lenox

District 1 Highway Office, 270 Main Street
Plaza Focus: West Stockbridge and Lee (Snow date: February 9th)

Locations are accessible to people with disabilities. MassDOT provides reasonable accommodations and/or language assistance free of charge upon request (including but not limited to interpreters in American Sign Language and languages other than English, open or closed captioning for videos, assistive listening devices and alternate material formats, such as audio tapes, Braille and large print) as available. For accommodation or language assistance, please contact Katy Zazzera by phone (857) 368-8986 or by email (Kathryn.Zazzera@dot.state.ma.us). Requests should be made as soon as possible prior to the meeting. For more difficult to arrange services including sign language, CART or language translation or interpretation, requests should be made at least ten (10) business days before the meeting. 1/12, 1/19/17

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
Docket No. HD13P1474PM**

In the matter of:
**Gladys Midura
Of: Chicopee, MA
Protected Person/
Disabled Person/
Respondent
CITATION GIVING
NOTICE OF
CONSERVATOR'S
ACCOUNT**

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, you are hereby notified pursuant to Rule 72 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court, that the Third account(s) of **Allison Bartlett-O'Donald** of Holyoke, MA as Conservator of the property of said Respondent has or have been presented to the Court for allowance.

You have the right to object to the account(s). If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court on or before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of **01/24/2017**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to object to the account(s). If you fail to file the written appearance and objection by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you, including the allowance of the account(s).

Additionally, within thirty days after said return day (or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order), you must file a written affidavit of objections stating the specific facts and grounds upon which each objection is based and a copy shall be served upon the Conservator pursuant to Rule 3 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court.

You have the right to send to the Conservator, by registered or certified mail, a written request to receive a copy of the Petition and account(s) at no cost to you.

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

WITNESS, Hon. Anne M Geoffrion, First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 27, 2016
Suzanne T. Seguin
Register of Probate
1/12/17

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