

Velis delivers some appreciation to Soldiers' Home residents

Senator John C. Velis will deliver letters from students throughout Western Massachusetts to residents at the Holyoke Soldiers' Home in honor of Veterans Day. This is the third year that Velis has organized the initiative, which has 18 different schools participating from Westfield, West Springfield, Agawam, Easthampton, and other communities.

"I am thrilled to be able to continue this tradition that I know means so much to the residents at the Holyoke Soldiers' Home," Velis said. "This year we have between 1,500 to 2,000 letters from students of all ages participating, from Pre-K all the way up to high school. This is an excellent, hands-on opportunity for students to learn and reflect about the importance of Veterans Day while bringing our communities together. It is so great to see this tradition continue to grow each year throughout schools in our district."

"At the Roberta G Doering School in



State Sen. John Velis delivers appreciation letters for veterans from students throughout the region. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Agawam, our 540+ students wrote letters and thank you notes to the Veterans at the

Holyoke Soldiers Home to be delivered by Senator Velis on Veterans Day," Kathleen

Goyette-Jediny, a sixth grade teacher in the Agawam Public Schools system, said. "Our students have been preparing for months for our annual 'Bring a Vet to School Day' event, and the thank you letters and cards only added to their appreciation of all of our Veterans and their contributions to our country. In Agawam, we will continue this honored tradition of 'Remembering, Honoring, and Teaching'."

Due to this year's overwhelming response by local students and educators, Velis will also be sharing additional student letters with active-duty military members currently stationed overseas with the help of Westfield resident Jillian Battles, a sophomore at Westfield High School. Each year, Battles and her family organize donation drives to create care packages for soldiers overseas. Local students' letters will be included in these care packages alongside toiletries, packaged snacks, blankets, and books collected by Battles.

LIHEAP receives \$159 million to help families with heating costs

Congressman James P. McGovern (MA-02) announced recently in a press release that Massachusetts has been awarded \$159 million in funding for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program.

Administered through the Administration for Children and Families at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, this funding will help low-income individuals and families pay for home heating costs this winter and cover unpaid utility bills. These funds will also

help families make cost-effective home energy repairs to lower their heating and cooling bills.

"LIHEAP has been essential to ensuring that Massachusetts families can stay warm during the winter," said McGovern. "Our number one priority is working to lower costs and getting money into the pockets of working families, and that's what this LIHEAP funding will do for thousands of households across the Commonwealth."

The \$158.9 million awarded to Massa-

chusetts includes \$118 million from regular LIHEAP funding, an extra \$36 million in supplemental funding from Congress, and \$3.7 million in funding from President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

For more than 40 years, LIHEAP has provided federally funded assistance to help individuals and families maintain safe and healthy indoor temperatures.

LIHEAP helps low-income households pay home heating and cooling bills, prevent energy shutoffs, restore services,

make minor energy-related home repairs, and weatherize homes to make them more energy efficient.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced the release of \$4,492,719,317 through LIHEAP to all 50 states, the District of Columbia, three territories, and more than 125 tribes.

Individuals interested in applying for energy assistance can visit energyhelp.us or call the National Energy Assistance Referral hotline toll-free at 1-866-674-6327.

Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING AGAWAM CITY COUNCIL

The Agawam City Council will conduct a Public Hearing on **Monday, December 5, 2022, at 7:00pm**, in the Veterans' Hall of the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main Street, Agawam, MA to consider TR-2022-67 which is the adoption of a Residential Tax Factor pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 56 as submitted to the City Council by the Mayor on November 3, 2022.

TR-2022-67 is available for public inspection by emailing the office of the City Clerk for an electronic copy at vgioscia@agawam.ma.us

BY ORDER OF:

Christopher C. Johnson
President of the City Council
11/17, 11/24/2022

**Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and
Family Court
50 State Street**

Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD22P2118EA
Estate of:

**Gretchen W. Soucy
Date of Death: 07/31/2022
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 **Robert W. Ritchie of South Hadley 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: **Robert W. Ritchie of South Hadley 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 proceed-

ing. 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 12/01/2022.**

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. **Barbara M. Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: November 17, 2022
Rosemary A Saccomani
Register of Probate
11/24/2022

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50 State Street
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Docket No. HD22P2478EA
Estate of:
**Olida Cremonti
Date of Death: 10/16/2017
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 **David**

Cremonti of West 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: **David Cremonti of West Springfield MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

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