

Hampden could merge opioid funds with other communities

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HAMPDEN – Following a national settlement, cities and towns throughout the state are splitting hundreds of millions of dollars, as part of a larger sum paid for by opioid manufacturers and distributors, but Hampden won't see much of that.

Town Administrator Bob Markel provided an update during the Nov. 14 Board of Selectmen meeting.

"The opioid funds are going to be distributed by a law firm in Virginia over the next five years. The town is not receiving all that much. The first year I believe is \$254," he said.

Whatever money the town does receive must be spent fighting the opioid epidemic. To be most effective, Markel

said the state is encouraging towns such as Hampden to partner with other communities.

"In checking with other administrators in the region, other towns have significantly more in opioid distribution, and we're going to get together," he said. "We have to comply with the guidelines, meaning we have to expend the money in pursuit of some kind of opioid abatement program."

Right now, "nothing is happening," but Markel is hopeful that numerous communities will come together and pool their resources to establish programs that address the opioid problem.

Selectboard Chair John Flynn supports the strategy.

"With such a limited amount at our disposal, it's better to treat it regionally so we can pool it together. Makes sense," he said.

St. Cecilia Knights of Columbus installs new officers

WILBRAHAM – At its October meeting, Council 10195 held its Installation of Officers for its 2022 - 2023 fraternal year. District 8 Deputy Robert Chartier presided at the ceremony. There were several of the Officers' wives in attendance who participated by presenting medals to their officer husbands.

The slate of Officers for this fraternal year are: Grand Knight - Ralph Abbott ; Deputy Grand Knight - Ron Hale; Financial Secretary - Ken Lynch ; Treasurer - Dr. Dave Manning ; Chancellor - Chris Plasse ; Advocate Dick Butler ; Warden - Mike Mazucca ; Guards - Robert Heap and Joe Lawless ; Trustees - John Hegarty , Deacon Jim Ziemba , Jim Rooney - Chaplain Rev. John Conors ; Lecturer Jared Demetri.

The Council is actively recruiting new members to join in its many charitable faith-based activities. The Knights encourage any man age 18, or over, who either wishes to join the Knights or desires more information about our Saint Cecilia Council to speak with any of our Officers or other member Knights.



(Photo courtesy of Don Flannery)

NFPA urges extra caution when preparing your feast this Thanksgiving

As Thanksgiving nears, the National Fire Protection Association urges added caution when preparing the holiday feast, as Thanksgiving Day represents the leading day of the year for home cooking fires. Between three and four times as many cooking fires occur on Thanksgiving Day as a typical day of the year.

"Thanksgiving is a hectic holiday, with multiple dishes cooking and baking at the same time, along with lots of guests, entertaining, and other distractions in the home that can make it easy to lose sight of what's on the stove or in the oven," Lorraine Carli, vice president of Outreach and Advocacy at NFPA, said. "Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home cooking fires, so we strongly encourage people to keep a close eye on what they're cooking and to minimize the likelihood of getting distracted."

NFPA data shows that cooking was the leading cause of reported home structure fires and civilian fire injuries and the second-leading cause of civilian fire deaths and direct property damage, on an annual average between 2015-2019. On Thanksgiving Day alone, an estimated 1,400 home cooking fires were reported to U.S. fire departments in 2019, reflecting a 228 percent increase over the daily average.

"The good news is that the vast majority of cooking fires are preventable," Carli said. "By taking simple steps and precautions to minimize the likelihood of having a cooking fire, everyone can enjoy a festive, fire-safe Thanksgiving."

Following are tips and recommendations from NFPA to help people cook safely this Thanksgiving:

Never leave the kitchen while cooking on the stovetop. Some types of cooking, especially those that involve frying or

sautéing with oil, need continuous attention.

When cooking a turkey, remain at home and check it regularly.

Make use of timers to keep track of cooking times, particularly for foods that require longer cook times.

Keep things that can catch fire like oven mitts, wooden utensils, food wrappers, and towels at least three feet away from the cooking area.

Avoid long sleeves and hanging fabrics that can come in contact with a heat source.

Always cook with a lid beside your pan. If you have a fire, slide the lid over the pan and turn off the burner. Do not remove the cover because the fire could start again. Let the pan cool for a long time. Never throw water or use a fire extinguisher on the fire.

For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed. Only open the door once you're confident the fire is completely out, standing to the side as you do. If you have any doubts or concerns, contact the fire department for assistance.

Keep children at least three feet away from the stove. Kids should also stay away from hot foods and liquids, as steam or splash from these items could cause severe burns.

In addition, NFPA strongly discourages the use of turkey fryers that use cooking oil, which can cause devastating burns. For a safe alternative, NFPA recommends purchasing a fried turkey from a grocery store or restaurant or buying a fryer that does not use oil.

For this release and other announcements about NFPA initiatives, research and resources, please visit the NFPA press room.

PUBLIC NOTICES

WILBRAHAM PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

The Wilbraham Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on **Wednesday, December 7, 2022, at 5:45 PM** in the Town Office Building, 240 Springfield Street, on the application of Christopher Parent, to authorize the construction of a detached accessory building (shed/cabana) at 7 Porter Drive, with a building footprint of 800 square feet. This proposed structure will exceed the total allowed accessory building footprint of 480 square feet and require a special permit under section 4.4.8 of the Wilbraham Zoning By-law as indicated on plans and further specified on information on file in the Planning Office and posted for public viewing on the Planning Board page of the Town of Wilbraham website at www.wilbraham-ma.gov/123/Planning-Board. Both in person and virtual participation are available to the public. To view and participate in this public hearing virtually on your computer, at the above date and time, go to <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/971281717>;

Meeting ID No.: 971-281-717. To call into the hearing via telephone, dial: (866) 899-4679 and use the Access Code: 971-281-717.

John McCloskey
Chair
11/17, 11/24/2022

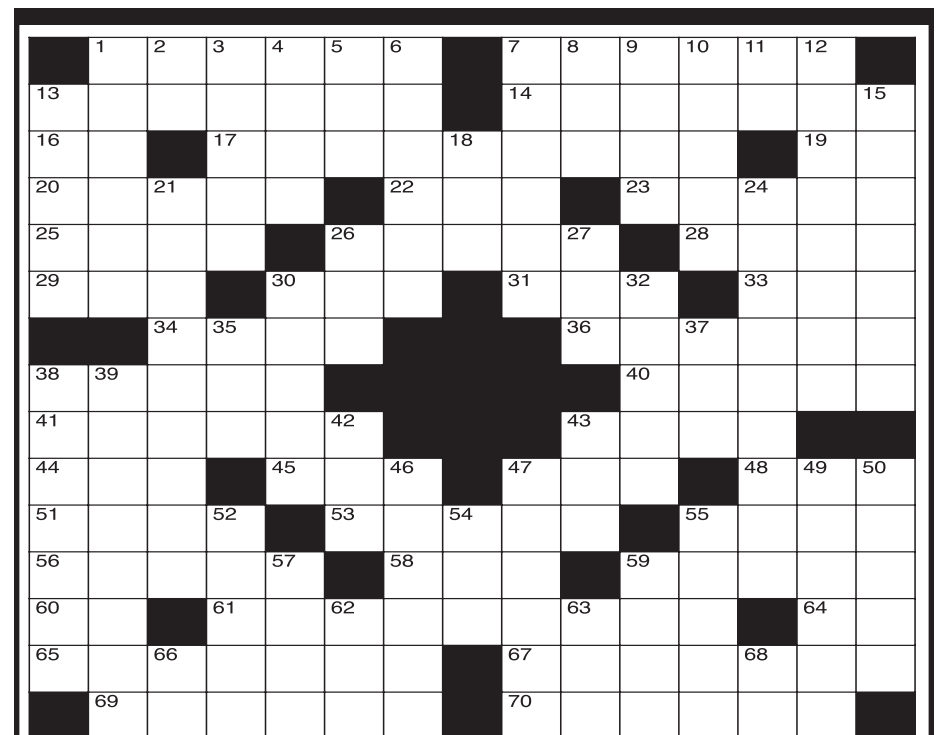
Wilbraham Community Preservation Committee Annual Public Hearing

The Wilbraham Community Preservation Committee will hold its annual Public Hearing on **Thursday, December 8, 2022 at 6:00 pm** at the Wilbraham Town Hall, 240 Springfield Street in the Board of Selectmen conference room. The purpose of the hearing is to provide a forum to gather input from the general public as it relates to Community Preservation efforts in Wilbraham in the categories of Open Space, Historic Buildings and Resources, Recreation, and Community Housing. Members of other municipal boards and committees, as well as, Wilbraham Town employees are encouraged to attend. The hearing will be followed by a regular meeting of the Community Preservation Committee. The

agenda for both the hearing and regular meeting will be posted on the Town Hall outdoor bulletin board and on the towns website at <https://www.wilbraham-ma.gov/> at least 48 hours prior to the meeting time and date. The committee may be contacted at epc-chair@wilbraham-ma.gov.

John Broderick
Chair CPC
11/24, 12/01/2022

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. India's "City of Lakes"
- 7. Large marine mammals
- 13. Used to carry belongings when traveling
- 14. Rechristens
- 16. Equally
- 17. Heavy plant-eating mammals
- 19. Millinery
- 20. Japanese immigrant to N. America
- 22. Deep, red-brown sea bream
- 23. Norse gods
- 25. Peppermint and pekoe are two
- 26. Auguste ____, founder of positivism
- 28. Self-immolation by fire ritual
- 29. High-resolution microscope (abbr.)
- 30. Wide metal vessel used in cooking
- 31. V-shaped open trough
- 33. People of southern Benin
- 34. People of southern Ghana
- 36. It's a significant creed
- 38. Period between eclipses
- 40. Furies
- 41. Emerged
- 43. Philippine Island
- 44. Where wrestlers battle
- 45. Unhappy
- 47. Central European river
- 48. Language
- 51. Semitransparent gemstone
- 53. Forming in a bottom layer
- 55. Distinct region
- 56. Broad blades
- 58. Leavened bread
- 59. Influential cosmetics exec
- 60. Exclamation of surprise
- 61. Era free of war
- 64. One who helps professors
- 65. Idealistic
- 67. Ornamental plants

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Beloved hound
- 2. Equal to 100 grams
- 3. S-shaped moldings
- 4. Hawaiian cliff
- 5. Everyone has one
- 6. Subatomic particle
- 7. Ghost
- 8. Adult female bird
- 9. Greek temple pillars
- 10. Emits coherent radiation
- 11. Measures the width of printed matter
- 12. Musical interval
- 13. Tantalizes
- 15. Places of worship
- 18. An unskilled actor who overacts
- 21. One who volunteers to help
- 24. Precaution
- 26. Beverage holder
- 27. Very long period of time
- 30. Bullfighting maneuvers
- 32. More critical
- 35. Sends packing in a boxing match
- 37. Taxi
- 38. Decorative Russian tea urn
- 39. North American Great Plains natives
- 42. Seize
- 43. A passage with access only at one end
- 46. Cut a rug
- 47. Devil rays
- 49. Bubble up
- 50. Veranda
- 52. Outcast
- 54. Car mechanics group
- 55. Realm
- 57. A place to get off your feet
- 59. Popular music awards show
- 62. Consumed
- 63. A way to make cooler
- 66. Thus
- 68. Indicates it's been registered