

Free soil testing kits offered

AGAWAM – Healthy soil is the foundation for successful gardening and the first step to cultivating healthy soil is to have the soil tested. The Department of Public Works will be offering a limited number of Soil Sampling Tests to residents in Agawam. Collecting soil samples only takes a few minutes and has many benefits to help save money on the lawn, garden and landscape care.

The free soil sampling kits will include test fees for a Routine Soil Analysis and Nitrate measurements, conducted by the UMass Extension Soil and Plant Nutrient Testing Laboratory. The Routine Soil Analysis is the most popular analysis offered at the lab. This analysis measures soil pH, nutrient levels, and other chemical properties. Most often it's used to determine the

limestone and fertilizer needs for a soil. It can also be used to diagnose problems, or to find out whether the lead level is elevated in the soil. Nitrate testing provides an excellent way to evaluate the available Nitrogen in the soil, therefore helping to prevent the overuse of fertilizer.

Residents should visit the Department of Public Works at 1000 Suffield St., to request a soil sampling kit, while supplies last. Kits will include a pre-paid testing form, detailed sampling instructions, packaging for the soil, and a pre-addressed mailing envelope. Residents will be responsible for postage. For additional kit information call 413-821-0624. For more information regarding the UMass soil and plant nutrient testing, visit <https://ag.umass.edu/services/soil-plant-nutrient-testing-laboratory>.

Town of Agawam to participate in friendly textile competition

AGAWAM – The Town of Agawam is excited to announce its partnership with the Hartsprings Foundation and Town of West Springfield in a friendly competition to collect used unwanted textiles. In an effort to reduce the amount of textiles entering our waste stream and supporting Hartsprings Foundation's mission of financially supporting Big Brothers and Big Sisters, Hartsprings will be sponsoring the friendly competition. The community that collects the most textiles in weight will win a \$500 donation to a program within their community. The \$500 donation will be made out to either the Agawam Municipal Scholarship Fund or West Springfield High's Terrier Closet Program.

Residents and supporters of the Town of Agawam are encouraged to donate their

bagged or boxed used clothing, linens, hats, shoes, belts, towels, curtains, drapes, and other cloth items, on either or both of the two drop off dates between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. the Department of Public Works, 1000 Suffield St., Saturday, Nov. 4 or Saturday, Dec. 2.

Acceptable donations include clothing, bedding, draperies, table cloths, towels, shoes, hats, mittens, gloves, etc.

A Hartsprings truck will be at the DPW for collection and the driver will help residents transfer donations from their vehicles. Hartsprings Foundation, Inc. is a registered non-profit that collects used goods and through the sale of those goods, financially supports Big Brothers Big Sisters mentoring programs in Massachusetts and Connecticut. www.hartsprings.org

Obituary

Edward J. Smith



Edward J. Smith, 86, entered into eternal rest on Tuesday, October 24, 2023 surrounded by his loving family at Baystate Medical Center. Born in Springfield, son of the late George and Veronica (Starzic) Smith, he grew up in Springfield and attended Springfield schools and Springfield Technical Community College. A 38-year veteran of the food industry, Ed began his career as a part timer at the former First National Grocery Store in high school, working his way up to store manager over the next decade. He managed numerous stores in Connecticut and Western Massachusetts before moving on to Food Enterprises, New England's largest food broker in 1970, where he retired as vice-president. Ed was elected to the Connecticut Food Association Board of Directors and served as an officer for two years. In 1995 he was named Person of the Year by the Connecticut Food Association. He also coached for the Agawam Athletic Association and coached for several years of basketball and girls softball. He was a member of the Polish Club in Feeding Hills where he was the president for two years, the chairman of the board for four years, and the secretary in the 1980's. Ed was also a member of the Knights of the Grip, serving for five years as an officer and for two years as president.

Ed was all about family. Whether it was at the cabin on Wildcat Rd or at the house on the lake in Ludlow VT. Vermont was in his bones and where he reset with his family. He loved to travel and spent many family vacations at Myrtle Beach or Florida. But his grandchildren were his most precious

gifts. He loved to watch his grandkids play sports or go to their school events, he was always front row. He loved them with a fierce passion. He loved parties and a good social event, especially at his beloved Polish Club where so many friends became like family. Ed will be forever remembered for his soft-spoken grace and dignity throughout the many decades of his life. He was a true gentleman with the kindest heart who will be so missed by all who knew and loved him. He was a faithful communicant of Sacred Heart Church. He leaves the love of his life, his wife of sixty-four years, Ursula J. (Kida) Smith, two sons, Stephen J. Smith of Avon, CO, Jeffrey E. and his wife, Christene Smith of Feeding Hills, a daughter, Robin Ann Smith of Agawam, two brothers, George Smith of New Hampshire, Robert Smith of Easthampton, a sister, Gloria Christofori of Chicopee, five grandchildren, Kelsey, Christopher and Adam Trenti, Bodie and Cole Smith along with many nieces and nephews and numerous fur grand babies. The funeral was held Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2023 at 9 a.m. from the Agawam Curran Jones Funeral Home, 745 Cooper Street followed by a Mass at Sacred Heart Church at 10:00am. The burial will follow in Springfield Street Cemetery. Calling hours were Monday, Oct. 30, 2023 4 to 7 p.m. For online condolences, please visit www.curranjones.com. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Dakin Humane Society, www.dakinhumane.org, or Thomas J. O'Connor Animal Control and Adoption Center, www.tjconnoradoption-center.com.

Public Notices

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
Docket No. HD23P2192GD
In the interests of
Joshua Grayson Santiago
of Agawam, MA
Minor
NOTICE AND ORDER:
Petition for Appointment
of Guardian of a Minor
NOTICE TO ALL
INTERESTED PARTIES**

1. Hearing Date/Time:
A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 10/23/2023 by Kathleen A Joubert of Agawam, MA will be held 11/28/2023 08:30 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing. Located: Judge Randle - In Person: 50 State St., Springfield, MA 01103 Courtroom 3 - 4th Floor

2. Response to Petition:
You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:
File the original with the Court; and
Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.

3. Counsel for the Minor:
The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.

4. Counsel for Parents:
If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are

indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.

5. Presence of the Minor at Hearing: A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.
Date: October 23, 2023

Rosemary Saccomani
Register of Probate
11/02/2023

**Legal Ad
AGAWAM
CONSERVATION
COMMISSION**
The Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 6:00 PM** at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the Notice of Intent Application of DePalma for work to be performed at South Westfield Street (Parcel ID E4 2/10 & E4 2/2), subject to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act.
By Order of
Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
AGAWAM
CONSERVATION
COMMISSION
11/02/2023

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD21P1069EA**

**Estate of:
Paula J Sullivan
Also known as:
Paula Jean Sullivan
Date of Death: 03/27/2021
CITATION ON
PETITION FOR
ORDER OF COMPLETE
SETTLEMENT**
A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by Anne G Chernick of Springfield, MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account, a determination of testacy and heirs at law 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 11/27/2023.**
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. Barbara M. Hyland, First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 23, 2023

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Notice of Private Sale
Notice is hereby given by USA Towing, 71 Garden St.,

Feeding Hills, MA 01030, sale of a motor vehicle pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. C. 255, Section 39A, that on November 6, 2023 at 8:00 a.m., at USA Towing, said motor vehicle will be sold at a private sale to satisfy the garage keeper's lien for towing, storage and costs of sale.
2000 Dodge Dakota
VIN: 1B7HG2AZ9YS767733
No plates on vehicle
Last known reg. owner:
Jody Curtis
33 Avondale Ave.
West Springfield, MA 01089
10/19, 10/26, 11/02/2023

**Town of Agawam
Invitation to Bid**
The Town of Agawam invites sealed bids for pedestrian upgrades at the intersection Silver and Suffield Streets (Route 75). Work will include the following: mill and overlay, new pedestrian curb ramps, pedestrian signals with countdown timers, signal posts and foundations, APS push-buttons and a single point video detection. Other work will include pavement markings, minor utility adjustments, and improved roadway signage. A bid package will be avail. beginning Wed. Nov. 1, 2023 at 10:00 AM at the Department of Public Works Office, 1000 Suffield Street, Agawam, MA 01001 or by email to bids@agawam.ma.us Bids will be received until: **2:30 P.M. on November 16, 2023**
There will be a **non-mandatory pre-bid conference on Tuesday November 7, 2023 at 9:00 AM** in the DPW Conference Room 1000 Suffield Street Agawam, MA 01001. Prevailing Wage Rates apply. Each bidder must submit with the bid a bid

deposit equal to five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Labor and Materials Payment Bond in the amount of 50% of the contract total.
11/02/2023

**AGAWAM
CONSERVATION
COMMISSION
LEGAL AD**
The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on **Thursday, November** 11/02/2023

9, 2023 at 6:15PM at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear the Request for Determination of Applicability of Champagne on property at 28 Cynthia Place.
By Order of
Henry A. Kozloski,
Chairman
AGAWAM
CONSERVATION
COMMISSION
11/02/2023

Agawam Advertiser News
OBITUARY POLICY

Turley Publications offers two types of obituaries.
One is a free, brief **Death Notice** listing the name of deceased, date of death and funeral date and place.
The other is a **Paid Obituary**, costing \$225, which allows families to publish extended death notice information of their own choice and may include a photograph. **Death Notices & Paid Obituaries** should be submitted through a funeral home to: obits@turley.com.

Exceptions will be made only when the family provides a death certificate and must be pre-paid.

