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## PUBLIC NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

**PROJECT:** The Applicant is proposing to rehabilitate and expand the roadway surface along Route 9/West Main Street from the Ware/West Brookfield Town Line east to Pierce Road in West Brookfield, Massachusetts. The objective of this approximately 2.1-mile project is to upgrade the existing roadway infrastructure which includes widening to extend the service life and improve traffic flow as well as increase safety for automobiles and cyclists. Proposed improvements include: road widening (road center will remain essentially the same); mill and overlay; providing dedicated shoulders for bicycles throughout the project; improving the existing storm drainage system structures and installing/replacing deep sump catch basins, reinforced concrete pipes; and, construction of retaining walls. Safety improvements include installing guardrails, new signs and

recessed polyurea pavement markings/stripping throughout the roadway corridor for improved automobile awareness.

**LOCATION:** Route 9/ West Main Street, West Brookfield, MA

**PROPOSER:** Town of West Brookfield Highway Department & Massachusetts Department of Transportation

**The undersigned is submitting an Environmental Notification Form ("ENF") to the Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs on or before 07/31/23.**

**This will initiate review of the above project pursuant to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act ("MEPA", M.G.L. c. 30, s.s. 61-62I). Copies of the ENF may be obtained from:**

Town of West Brookfield  
Highway Department  
James Daley  
2 East Main Street,  
P.O. Box 372  
West Brookfield, MA 01020  
(508) 867-1417

**Copies of the ENF are also being sent to the**

## Conservation Commission and Planning Board of Town of West Brookfield where they may be inspected.

The Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs will publish notice of the ENF in the Environmental Monitor, will receive public comments on the project for 20 days, and will then decide, within ten days, if an environmental Impact Report is needed. A site visit and consultation session on the project may also be scheduled. All persons wishing to comment on the project, or to be notified of a site visit or consultation session, should write to the Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs, 100 Cambridge St., Suite 900, Boston, Massachusetts 02114, Attention: MEPA Office, referencing the above project.

**By Town of West Brookfield Highway Department & MA Dept. of Transportation (Proponent) 08/04/2023**

# - obituary -

## Allyn "Al" Mathieson, 78

BURKBURNETT, TX – Allyn "Al" Mathieson, of Burkburnett passed away Saturday, July 29, 2023, at the age of 78.

The family will receive friends from 6 until 8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 6, 2023, at Owens and Brumley Funeral Home in Burkburnett. A Celebration of Life will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 7, 2023, at Owens and Brumley Funeral Home in Burkburnett.



Interment with military honors will follow at Burkburnett Memorial Cemetery.

Al was born on Feb. 12, 1945, in Ware to the late James and Frances (Parker) Mathieson. He proudly served his country in the United States Air Force, where he retired, and then went to work for Lockheed.

He married Myrna Dilbeck on Sept. 9, 1966, in Burkburnett. Al touched many lives, and helped numerous people while in the military.

The couple travelled all over the world while Al was in the military. He

always made good decisions for his family, and Myrna was never far from his side.

Al was funny, sarcastic, caring, and loving to everyone he met. Now he is no longer hurting, and he is riding that helicopter up to go fishing with his brothers.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and brothers Paul, Gary, and Carl Mathieson.

Al is survived by his wife Myrna; daughters Andrea and Melanie; grandson Tyus; and granddaughters Isabella and Makena.

The family requests that memorial donations be made in Al's name to the veteran's charity of your choice.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.owensandbrumley.com](http://www.owensandbrumley.com).

## DEATH NOTICE

**Mathieson, Allyn  
Died July 29, 2023  
Celebration of Life Aug. 7, 2023**

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- Ladyfish genus
- It's good to take them
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- Members of U.S. Navy
- Card game resembling rummy
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- Member of a Semitic people
- Left
- Woman's cloak

- S. American plant
- Prohibit
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- Dish soap brand
- Ottoman military commanders
- Ancient Greek City
- Makes unhappy
- Discuss again
- Medical instrument
- Promote
- A beloved carb
- Tag the base runner to get him out
- Prehistoric people
- Large African antelope
- Vehicle
- Georgia rockers
- Scientific instrument (abbr.)
- A major division of geological time
- Attempt

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- Plant of the nettle family
- Fit to be sold
- Rather
- Collected
- A baglike structure in a plant or animal
- Patella
- Ageless
- Lists of course requirements
- Pokes at
- TV network
- They \_\_\_
- Cooking hardware
- U.S. Army title
- Iron-containing compound
- Swiss river (alt. spelling)
- Former French coin
- Electronic countermeasures
- Taxi

- Helps little firms
- Woeful
- Midway between northeast and east
- Glowing
- Tasks which should be done
- An informal body of friends
- Intrinsic nature
- Neural structures
- Brews
- Where ships unload cargo
- Singer
- Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- Southwest Scotland town
- Most worthless parts
- Viscous
- Put to work
- Old world, new
- Swiss river

## PLAY | FROM PAGE 1

Sunday, after debuting earlier in the month.

The story involves three students going on an educational journey discovering the incredible stories and experiences of underrepresented people in the history of the towns of Southbridge, Springfield, and Worcester. The actors portraying these students are fifth grade students of Old Sturbridge Academy.

Each character wanted to learn about their ancestors and family history and not just the histories from the settlers' perspective. In the story, the ending result was the three students learning more about themselves, the community, and society as it exists in both the past and present.

The students performed with passion and pride and were given a standing ovation with the play's creators bowing alongside them.

After the play had completed, co-writer and director of the story, Jasmin Rivas, who is also the director of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Access at Old Sturbridge Village, hosted a question and answer session for the audience to learn more about the upbringing of the play.

Members of the audience were interested to know what inspired the creation of "Not So New New Englanders". According to Rivas, it all started with asking the essential question, "What would be a great way to highlight these stories?"

Rivas acknowledged the students as the innovators of the play when they made a presentation to a board of trustees and wanted to highlight the stories of people from various cultures who are part of the local communities of Massachusetts.

"The students were great collaborators," said Rivas. Reflecting on the time the students were presenting the story idea in front of educators.

Their goal was to tell stories of these three communities (Southbridge, Springfield, and Worcester).

Rivas shared how important the play was to her and shared her story and her journey growing up. She mentioned that the author of the inspiring book, "The New New Englanders", Robert Brown was also her fifth-grade teacher.

His book inspired Rivas and other storytellers as he documented many families of local communities, includ-

ing Southbridge that are of Albanian, Greek, Polish, Portuguese, Italian, Puerto Rican, Vietnamese, and African American heritage. The play shared the backgrounds of people living in these communities and the creators of the play wanted to bring more people together and share their stories as well.

"Bringing more people together to share their stories and background... we are a beacon for people," said Rivas.

Alongside Rivas during the question and answer was stage manager, Frances Baker-Tucker. Her shared passion for telling stories got Baker-Tucker to be a part of a great cast and crew for the play.

Baker-Tucker enjoys her work at Old Sturbridge Village, and thinks it is a great historical atmosphere to preserve the history of all cultures in the communities nearby.

"Tell important stories at a museum," said Baker-Tucker.

These important stories included the recorded interviews of Phoutsone Ketnouvong and Gloria Juanita May Peeler (Gentle Running Deer). Their real-life stories became part of the play's educational discovery of the students learning about the experiences of members of their neighboring communities.

The cast and crew of "Not So New New Englanders" featured co-writers, Aprell May Daily, Rivas and James Connelly.

Rivas was also the director of the play and Baker-Tucker was the stage manager. The audio and visual technician was Charles Diaz.

Baker-Tucker was also the lighting technician alongside Kenady Sloan. Carrie Midura was the play's costume designer.

For the cast, Rowan Vail played the roles of the Narrator and Mr. Johnson. Jade Ofori, Mila Fors, Paige Sheffield, and Parker Sheffield portrayed the students.

Elaina Cardenas played Elaina, Steven Cardenas played the AO Worker, Rowan Vail, Grace Richardson and Katerina Pacheco-Wolf played the Protesters.

The creators of "Not So New New Englanders" thanked Old Sturbridge Village for hosting the play. In addition, they thanked the following organizations for their support: African Community Education, Empowering People of Inclusive Communities, the Greater Worcester Community Foundation, and Pa'Lante.