

Smola's district receives \$1,263,562 in additional state funding

BOSTON – State Rep. Todd Smola (R-Warren, Ranking Member, Ways & Means Committee) is pleased to announce that the state is distributing \$100 million in grant funding to assist cities and towns with their transportation infrastructure needs, which will provide the towns in his district with a combined \$1,263,562 in funding assistance.

"The allocation of \$100 million in grant funding will support vital transportation infrastructure projects in our cities and towns. This significant investment will enhance the quality of life for Massachusetts residents and empower municipalities to address critical road and bridge repairs, ensuring safer and more efficient transportation," Smola said in a press release.

The latest round of funding supplements the annual Chapter 90 appropriation for municipalities,

which was finalized by the House and Senate on July 27 and signed into law on Aug. 3. That legislation provided Smola's district with a combined \$2,139,008 for road and bridge repairs in Fiscal Year 2024.

Smola noted that the new round of transportation infrastructure funding was authorized by the Legislature through a line item inserted into the FY 24 state budget, which was signed into law on Aug. 9. The funding is being distributed using a two-prong formula, with \$50 million being awarded using the traditional Chapter 90 formula, which factors in a community's local road mileage (58.33%), population (20.83%) and employment (20.83%). The remaining \$50 million will be distributed based on each community's share of road mileage.

Listed below is what each municipality in Smola's district received

through Road Mileage, the Chapter 90 formula, and in total through additional funding.

Brimfield, \$106,488, \$69,430, \$175,918; Holland, \$59,708, \$39,358, \$99,066; Palmer, \$144,602, \$116,361, \$260,963; Sturbridge, \$131,129, \$106,627, \$237,756; Wales, \$38,962, \$25,968, \$64,930; Ware, \$142,714, \$106,127, \$248,841; and Warren, \$105,206, \$70,882, \$176,088.

Cities and towns can use the new grant funding to pay for a variety of construction, preservation, and improvement projects. This includes installing sidewalks, bicycle lanes, crossing signals, and other transportation infrastructure work.

For additional information please contact e Smola by emailing Todd.Smola@mahouse.gov or calling 617-722-2100.

obituaries

Ralph R. Young, 64



WARE – Ralph R. Young of Ware, died on Saturday, Jan. 6, 2024, at his home, at the age of 64.

He leaves his wife of 42 years, Patricia A. (Howe) Young; their son, Mark and his companion Alyse Mokrzycki; six grandchildren, Ayden Young, Tanya Gaskins, Schayleigh Young, Averie Young, Layce Mancuso, and Easton Langlois. He also leaves his brothers, Patrick, John, and Kenneth Young, all of Idaho.



He was predeceased by his daughter Rebecca, just a year ago to the day, that he died, as well as his sister, Kathleen Sicard. He was born in Holyoke, son of the late Ralph and Elizabeth (Conway) Young.

Ralph grew up in Idaho, and was a veteran of the U.S. Army enlisting at the age of 17.

He worked as a Corrections Officer for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for several years.

Death notices

Gallagher, Brendan
Died Dec. 8, 2023
Services Jan. 13, 2024

Young, Ralph R.
Died Jan. 6, 2024

In his spare time, Ralph enjoyed playing cards with friends as well as hunting and fishing. He loved his large family of grandchildren.

Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30 Pleasant St., in Ware is assisting his family with arrangements.

An online guest book is available at charbonneauafh.com.

Monson Savings Bank donates to Miracle league

MONSON – Monson Savings Bank is congratulating their friends at Miracle League of Western Massachusetts on a job well done during the 2023 baseball season.

The community bank was a full season sponsor of the Miracle League of Western MA's 2023 season, donating \$1,000 to the local organization.

Dan Moriarty, Monson Savings Bank president and CEO, joined Ernie Fitzell, Co-Founder of Miracle League of Western MA, and Brian Feeley, Miracle League of Western MA Board President, at a game this season to root the players on.

"Congratulations to all the Miracle League players on a job well done in the 2023 season. Your friends at Monson Savings Bank are always here cheering you on," said Moriarty in a press release. "Kudos to the Miracle League of Western Massachusetts on all the hard work put into organizing this season's games and activities. As a lifelong athlete myself, I know firsthand just how rewarding it can be to be a part of a team and be involved in sports. Your organization ensures that kids of all abilities can experience that."

The Miracle League of Western MA was formed in 2015 by Ernie



Dan Moriarty, Monson Savings Bank president & CEO; Ernie Fitzell, Co-Founder of Miracle League of Western MA; and Brian Feeley, Miracle League of Western MA Board President.

and Tammy Fitzell. Miracle League of Western MA is a baseball league for children ages 4-19 with physical and/or cognitive disabilities. The organization gives children of all abilities the chance to play baseball, be a part of a team, and have fun.

To learn more about the Miracle League of Western MA, visit: <https://miracleleaguewestma.com/>.

"Thank you, Dan, for joining us at our game. And thank you to Monson

Savings Bank for your support," said Fitzell. "Your support helped to make the 2023 season a success."

Brian Feeley also expressed his gratitude to Monson Savings Bank.

"We are so grateful to have partners like Monson Savings Bank," said Feeley. "Without their support, we would not be able to do what we do here at the Miracle League of Western MA."

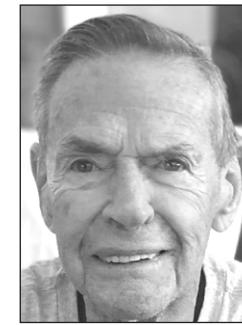
Brendan Gallagher, 84



PALMER – Brendan John Finnegan; nieces: Mary Pat Gallagher of Palmer, formerly of Ware, died with his side on Friday, Dec. 8, 2023, at CareOne in Millbury, at the age of 84.

He was born in Worcester, son of George V. and Marion J. (Hall) Gallagher and moved to Ware with his family as a small child. He attended Ware Public Schools, graduating in 1958 from Ware High School where he played varsity basketball and was selected a Western Mass all-star player in 1958.

He leaves a brother, William F. Gallagher and his wife Maureen of Palmer; two sisters, Gail M. Finnegan of Paxton with whom he lived his last few months and Deborah M. Lydon of Charlton; a brother-in-law David Lynch of Palmer; his nephews: Timothy Lynch, Kevin Lynch, Mark Gallagher and



John Finnegan; nieces: Mary Pat Finnegan, Kathleen Finnegan-Smith, Deirdre Shea, Sheila Witt, Kathleen Gallagher, Sharon Blazejowski, Eileen Smith and Emma Adkins; many grand and great-grand nephews and nieces.

Preceding Brendan in death were his sister, Patricia M. Lynch; nephew Kenneth P. Gallagher; brothers-in-law John F. Finnegan and Raymond T. Lydon.

Brendan served in the U.S. Marine Corps attaining the rank of Lance Corporal.

He shared many stories with his family about his time on board the USS Hermitage during a United Nations Goodwill tour to South America and Africa. The end of the tour was diverted to participate in the Cuban Missile Crisis blockade.

He worked for Noonan Energy in Palmer, retiring in

2015.

His extended family was important to him. He enjoyed family gatherings, where he could be heard singing Irish ballads and laughing at a good joke.

Brendan was a man of deep faith with trust in God. He was a devout Catholic and active member of St. Thomas of the Apostle Church in Palmer.

A Funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 13, 2024, at St. Thomas of the Apostle Church, 1076 Thorndike St., Palmer. Calling hours are at the church from 9:30-11 a.m. before the Mass. Burial with Military Honors will be in the spring at New Saint William Cemetery, Ware.

Arrangements are in the care of Rice Funeral Home, 300 Park Ave, Worcester. In lieu of flowers, donations in Brendan's memory may be made to St. Thomas of the Apostle Church, 1076 Thorndike St., Palmer, MA 01069.

public notices

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF WARE
Public Hearing – Monday, January 29, 2024 6:00 PM in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at Ware Town Hall, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA
<https://zoom.us/join> or join by phone.
Phone Number: 929-205-6099
Meeting ID: 784 604 1861;
Password: 01082
Proposed FY 2024 CDBG Application
The Ware Community Development Authority will conduct a Public Hearing on **January 29, 2024 at 6:00 PM in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at Ware Town Hall, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA** regarding a proposed FY2024 application to the Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) for up to \$950,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds. This meeting is hybrid and the public is welcome to attend in person, or through the Zoom link or phone number provided above.

The Town is encouraging input on community needs and projects which would benefit from grant funding. The projects currently being considered include:

- Pleasant Street Parking Lot Improvements
- Accessibility Improvements to Town buildings
- Cottage Street Infrastructure Improvements
- Housing Rehabilitation and/or Aging in Place
- Public Social Services

Additional projects may be discussed and may be included in the

grant application.

All persons with questions or comments regarding the grant application will have an opportunity to be heard. Ware Town Hall is handicapped accessible. Persons who require special accommodations to attend the hearing should contact the Town at (413) 967-9648, ext. 118 one week prior to the hearing. Those unable to attend can send written comments to Paralee Smith, Director of Planning and Community Development at Ware Town Hall, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA 01082 or psmith@townofware.com. For further information contact Erica Johnson at the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission at 413-781-6045 or ejohnson@pvpc.org. 01/11, 01/18/2024

LEGAL NOTICE
MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Stephen G. Smith, also known as Stephen Smith to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for NetBank, its successors and assigns, dated July 25, 2005 and recorded in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 8367, Page 10 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage Citibank, N.A., not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee of New Residential Mortgage Loan Trust 2019-RPL3 is the present holder by Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Nominee for NetBank, its Successors and Assigns to Bank of America, N.A. dated April 16, 2018 and

recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 12929, Page 72, and Assignment from Bank of America, N.A. to U.S. Bank National Association, not in its Individual Capacity but Solely as Trustee for the NRZ Pass-Through Trust VII dated June 5, 2019 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 13281, Page 241, and Assignment from Bank of America, N.A. to Citibank, N.A., not in its Individual Capacity but Solely as Owner Trustee of New Residential Mortgage Loan Trust 2019-RPL3 dated December 7, 2020 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 13902, Page 340, and Assignment from U.S. Bank National Association, not in its Individual Capacity but Solely as Trustee for the NRZ Pass-Through Trust VII to Bank of America, N.A. dated January 5, 2023 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 14775, Page 276, and Assignment from Bank of America, N.A. to Citibank, N.A., not in its Individual Capacity but Solely as Owner Trustee of New Residential Mortgage Loan Trust 2019-RPL3 dated

December 30, 2022 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 14777, Page 148, and Assignment from Bank of America, N.A. to Citibank, N.A., not in its Individual Capacity but Solely as Owner Trustee of New Residential Mortgage Loan Trust 2019-RPL3 dated May 2, 2023 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 14850, Page 168, and Assignment from U.S. Bank National Association, not in its Individual Capacity but Solely as Owner Trustee of New Residential Mortgage Loan Trust 2019-RPL3 dated July 12, 2023 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 14910, Page 285, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 37 Pleasant Street, Ware, MA 01082 will be sold at a Public Auction at **2:00 PM on February 2, 2024**, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises

described in said mortgage, to wit:

A certain tract or parcel of land situated in Ware, Hampshire County, aforesaid bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a stone post on the North line of Pleasant Street and the Easterly side of Bank Street, it being the S.W. corner of the tract hereby conveyed;

Thence Northerly on the Easterly line of Bank Street about one hundred twenty seven and one-half (127 1/2) feet to an iron pin in the ground at the foot of a bank;

Thence Easterly in a straight line at the foot of said bank about one hundred twenty seven and one-half (127 1/2) feet from and parallel with the North line of said Pleasant Street about sixty-three (63) feet to an iron pin in the ground on the Westerly line of land formerly of Elizabeth W. Sturtevant;

Thence Southerly on the westerly line of land formerly of said Sturtevant about one hundred Twenty-seven and one-half (127 1/2) feet to the North line of Pleasant Street and at the southwest corner of land for-

merly of said Sturtevant;

Thence Westerly on the North line of Pleasant Street about sixty three (63) feet to the point of beginning.

BEING the same premises conveyed to the Mortgagors herein by deed of Cynthia Armstrong dated December 10, 2005 and recorded in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 6935, Page 152.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 6935, Page 152.

The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

Terms of the Sale: Cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in

order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Citibank, N.A., not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee of New Residential Mortgage Loan Trust 2019-RPL3
Korde & Associates, P.C.
900 Chelmsford Street
Suite 3102
Lowell, MA 01851
(978) 256-1500
Smith, Stephen G.,
22-040424
01/11, 01/18, 01/25/2024

LEGAL NOTICE
In accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General Law 105A, in order to satisfy past due rents and other expenses, the contents of the following storage units will be auctioned.

The contents of Jared Hague and Jonathan Huston will be auctioned off at Secure Storage, 167 West St., Ware, MA at **9:00 a.m on 1/20/24**.

Any questions or inquiries call 413-800-6278.
01/04, 01/11/2024

Please check the accuracy of your legal notice prior to submission (i.e., date, time, spelling). Also, be sure the requested publication date coincides with the purpose of the notice, or as the law demands. Thank you.

Ware River 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.

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