

Jewish Federation offering assistance to SNAP recipients

SPRINGFIELD – The Jewish Federation of Western Massachusetts is proud to join with Jewish Family Service of Western Massachusetts and Rachel’s Table of Western Massachusetts in leading a community-wide food drive to support local families who may face food insecurity as a result of the ongoing federal government shutdown.

Due to the shutdown, millions of Americans—including families, seniors, and people with disabilities—are at risk of not receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits

in November. This includes many of our own neighbors here in Western Massachusetts.

Together with Jewish Family Service, Rachel’s Table, area synagogues, and our partners across the lower Pioneer Valley Jewish community, the Federation is working to help meet urgent local needs by coordinating the collection and distribution of essential food items. People can contribute by donating at designated drop-off sites—the Jewish Family Service, Springfield Jewish Community Center, Sinai Temple, and Temple Beth El—or by send-

ing items directly through an Amazon Wish List.

“The Jewish Federation of Western Massachusetts is committed to standing with our neighbors during times of uncertainty,” said Adam Solender, Interim Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Western Massachusetts. “When families are faced with the impossible choice between paying bills or putting food on the table, our community steps forward. This food drive represents the Jewish values of compassion and collective responsibility in action.”

The Federation also

stands with the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA), which welcomed recent federal court rulings allowing the use of emergency contingency funds to help ensure that millions of families continue receiving SNAP benefits in November. These funds provide critical, short-term stability for households that depend on them to feed their families.

However, these resources are limited and may not cover the entire month for all recipients. JFNA and the Jewish Federation of Western Massachusetts urge Congress to act swiftly and on a bipar-

tisan basis to ensure that SNAP benefits remain fully funded—whether through an emergency appropriation or a broader resolution to end the shutdown. Swift action is essential to prevent deeper hardship and to uphold our shared commitment to supporting the most vulnerable members of society.

“Hungry families can’t wait,” Solender added. “Every donation, and every act of generosity helps strengthen the safety net that sustains our community. Together, we can ensure that no one is left behind.”

Community members

are encouraged to drop off non-perishable food items at any of the following locations:

Jewish Family Service – 15 Lenox Street, Springfield

Springfield Jewish Community Center – 1160 Dickinson Street, Springfield

Sinai Temple – 1100 Dickinson Street, Springfield

Temple Beth El – 979 Dickinson Street, Springfield

Donations may also be made through the Amazon Wish List at:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2W7Z-1RTM4DSDS/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex

Wistariahurst to hold open house, holiday festive market Dec. 6, 7

HOLYOKE – There’s snow pile like Wistariahurst during the holiday season!Wistatiahurst’s upcoming Holiday Open House and Festive market is perfect for those pine-ing for some holiday cheer, gifts from local businesses and artists, and family fun. The museum will be open Dec. 6 and 7 from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for this joyous event. The halls will be decked with the splendor of the holiday season, complete with our massive Wisty Railroad train set running throughout Wistariahurst’s gallery. Visitors will be able to explore the first floor of the museum, listen to holiday-themed music, and dis-

cover one-of-a-kind goodies from local vendors and artists. The festive market will feature a variety of products such as art, jewelry, and other amazing items perfect for your gift exchanges this year. Our Holiday Open House is guaranteed to bring joy to your world with historical fun and holiday cheer. \

But that’s not all. Guests can enjoy family friendly activities like a holiday storytime, family photos in our historic carriage, and get a holiday balloon animal. There’s something for everyone to enjoy- snow-one will be left out of the fun.

Wistariahurst Museum’s 5th Annual Holiday Open

House and Festival Market truly offers something for everyone, and we’re so excited to welcome the entire community to join us and share in the joy of the season. Our event is a time for celebration and a time to make cherished memories, so we’ve made sure to make admission to this event free and open to the public. Don’t fir-get to join us at this event on Dec. 6 and 7 from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Wistariahurst Museum! It’s the most wonderful time of the year.

This event is sponsored in part by the Adams Foundation of South Hadley, Bank ESB, Duryea Electric, and Holyoke Gas and Electric.

Family physiatry opens at HMC

HOLYOKE – HMC Family Psychiatry opened on Nov. 3, located at 3640 Main Street, Suite 204, in Springfield. The office is currently scheduling appointments and accepting new patients.

Physiatry, or Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (PM&R), treats patients with illnesses and injuries that impact mobility and day-to-day functioning with non-surgical treatments. Led by Paul Azimov, DO, HMC Family Psychiatry will provide care for patients with chronic pain and rehabilitation needs. Common conditions that may warrant a referral to the family physiatry team include joint problems, spinal disorders, headaches, and acute pain.

“We are excited to bring this new service to Holyoke Medical Center. Dr. Azimov and his team bring knowl-

edge and expertise that will be an asset to the HMC community and will have a positive influence on the health and wellbeing of our patients,” said Spiros Hataras, President and CEO of Holyoke Medical Center and Valley Health Systems.

Dr. Paul Azimov completed a Bachelor of Science from Wilkes University in Pennsylvania before completing a Doctor of Osteopathy at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed a Residency in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr.Azimov has been serving patients of Western Mass since 2005.

“My goal as a physiatrist is to improve the quality of life for my patients. We care for every patient as a unique individual, knowing that treatments work differently

for each person,” said Dr. Azimov. “What I want patients to know is that I will do everything that is within my power to help them.”

Troy Chilson, PA-C, will join Dr. Azimov at HMC Family Physiatry. Chilson completed a Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies at Springfield College and has been practicing in the area since 2007. His experience includes Physiatry, Orthopedics, Urgent Care and Emergency Medicine.

“We really do a good job at looking at the whole person to identify where their pain is coming from, to get to the root cause of what the problem is and not just mask it with medication,” says Chilson.

To learn more or make an appointment, please call 413.224.6420.

Legion hosts ‘The Greatest Generation: A Tribute to the Heroes of World War II’

WEST SPRINGFIELD – The West Springfield American Legion will host Small Planet Dancers performing “The Greatest Generation: A Tribute to the Heroes of World War II.” The free program will be presented on Sunday, Nov. 16 at 2 p.m. Small Planet Dancers is a performance group headquartered in Westfield. The troupe is composed of 18 men and women and is under the direction of Josephine

Sarnelli, Artistic Director and choreographer.

The 90-minute program commemorates the history of the war through dance routines set to Big Band music and performed in authentic military and 1940’s dress. Included are readings about the Tuskegee Airmen, the Navajo Code Talkers and the 442nd Infantry. Familiar songs of the era are sung and accompanied on piano.

The program has been co-

ordinated by Marc Massey, Director of Veteran Services for the Town of West Springfield. The American Legion is located at 83 Park Avenue, West Springfield, MA.

This program is funded through a grant from the West Springfield Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. For more information write info@SmallPlanetDancers.org or call (413) 746-9067.

St. Joseph’s Church holding stuffed roast pork dinner Dec. 16

WESTFIELD – St. Joseph’s National Catholic Church at 73 Main Street in Westfield is hosting a community Stuffed Pork Roast Dinner on Sunday, Nov. 16 at 12 noon. Dinner will feature tender Stuffed Pork Roast, along with Apple Sauce, Glazed Carrots and Mashed Potatoes. The featured des-

sert will be fresh homemade Pumpkin Pie topped with Whipped Cream. Included beverages are Coffee, Apple Cider, and Bottled Water. Everyone is welcome.

Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under. To purchase tickets and reserve your place, text or telephone Cliff at

(413) 977-2007, and if leaving a message, provide your name and telephone number. Take-Out/Meals-To-Go will also be available for pick-up at 12:30pm. When ordering tickets, indicate if dinners are To-Go.

The deadline for purchasing tickets is Nov. 12. Everyone is invited.

Public Notices

AGAWAM ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St., Agawam, MA. on **Monday, December 8, 2025 at 6:30PM** for all parties interested in the request of P2SP Corp., which is seeking a Variance from the Town of Agawam’s Zoning Ordinances, Ch. 180-46C to allow for the construction of an addition with less than the minimum required rear set-back at the premises identified as 18 Springfield Street.

Doreen A. Prouty, Chairperson
Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals
11/13, 11/20/2025

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 Docket No. HD25P2303GD In the matter of: Frederick Joseph Gravel Of: Agawam, MA RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Theresa A Hebert** of Agawam, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that **Frederick Joseph Gravel** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that **Theresa A Hebert** of Agawam, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish

to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of **12/02/2025**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person’s right to make deci-

sions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

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

Date: November 04, 2025

Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
11/13/2025

LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING AGAWAM CITY COUNCIL
The Agawam City Council

will conduct a Public Hearing on **Monday, December 1, 2025, at 7:00pm**, in Veterans’ Hall at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main Street, Agawam, MA to consider TR-2025-85 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 Christopher C. Johnson on October 30, 2025.

TR-2025-85 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:

Rosemary Sandlin
President of the City Council
11/13, 11/20/2025

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 \$275, 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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