

NORTHAMPTON

Forbes Library hosts Rhythm and Rails

NORTHAMPTON – The Red Skies Music Ensemble presents Rhythm & Rails Northampton and the Iron Horse: A Social History in Tales and Tunes on Saturday, Dec. 6 at 2:30 p.m. at the Forbes Library, 20 West St.

Doors open at 2 p.m. This is the premiere of Rhythm & Rails, a multi-media performance featuring railroad-themed tunes that explore the complex history and impact of railroads on the lives, livelihood, landscape and culture of Northampton and the region from the 19th century until the present.

Drawing on research in local archives, and in collaboration with Jim Armenti and Jerry Bryant on music selections, writer/director Trudy Williams has created a show that weaves together a blend of narrative, live music, theatrical vignettes and projected archival images from the collections of Forbes Library, Historic Northampton and other local institutions.

Tunes are drawn from American roots, folk, ragtime, blues, jazz, pop, and rock, and will be performed by some of the area's most talented musicians. The cast includes Jim Armenti, Jerry Bryant, Joe Blumenthal, Tracy

Grammer, Rose Jackson, Cindy Naughton, Mark Roberts, Dan Scott, Tom Scott, Adrienne Wade, Rebecca Weiss, with Bill Cutler and Shirly Van Kanin, as well as special appearance by Maryliz Maldonado and Will Messier from the Corn Stalk Fiddle Choir directed by Cindy Naughton. Many of the songs are toe-tapping, others expressive and poignant. Some are familiar, others rarely heard today.

This timely program coincides with the East-West railway initiative, the renewed interest in rail travel to and from Northampton and the Mass Central Rail Trail.

Rhythm & Rails was created by Trudy Williams, Artistic Director of The Red Skies Music Ensemble, co-founded with George Bozwick to bring American public history to the stage.

Partners and/or research resources for this show include Forbes Library, Calvin Coolidge Presidential Library and Museum, Historic Northampton, as well as the American Antiquarian Society, Greenfield Historical Society and Hadley Historical Society.

The show is free. Reservations not required. Donations are appreciated.

REGION

MassDOT announces 'Name A Snowplow' contest

BOSTON – Massachusetts Department of Transportation announces their fourth annual "Name A Snowplow" contest for statewide elementary school and middle school students in Massachusetts.

Application deadline is Friday, Dec. 5 at 5 p.m. The contest seeks to solicit names for 12 MassDOT snowplows that will be in service for the upcoming 2025/2026 winter season.

The purpose of the contest is to celebrate the snow and ice season, recognize the hard work and dedication shown by public works employees and contractors and raise awareness about the vital role they play in keeping our roads safe during winter weather events. Winning selections will be announced by Friday, Dec. 19.

"Winter is coming and the Name A Snowplow contest is a fun way to engage with students and the communities we serve. It gives our future leaders a chance to show their appreciation for the vital role our workforce plays as we plan and prepare for potential snow and ice events," said Interim Secretary and MBTA General Manager Phillip Eng. "I'm proud of the dedication our crews show year-round and especially during the winter months. Operating a snowplow during winter storms is no easy task, so join us in celebrating their hard work by helping name the snowplows that keep the roads safe for everyone."

"I'm excited to announce the fourth annual Name a Snowplow Contest officially opens today and is

accepting submissions," said Undersecretary and State Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver. "To all Massachusetts students in kindergarten through eighth grade: we hope you will help us make this year's contest the best one yet by sending us your most creative suggestions."

Applications for the Snowplow Naming Contest can be submitted by using an online portal: <https://www.mass.gov/forms/name-a-snowplow-contest-submission>. There is no limit to the number of applications that can be submitted per school. The contest winners will be invited to participate in a scheduled snowplow unveiling event.

A selection panel composed of MassDOT employees will choose two elementary school class-

room winners that are located within each of the six Highway Division districts. The winning submissions will be evaluated based on two grade-level categories: kindergarten through fourth grade and fifth through eighth grade.

During the third annual snowplow naming contest last winter, the winning names were: Snowana, Control-Salt-Delete, Taylor Drift, Ice S'now More, Ice Ice Baby, It's Snow Problem, Mac N'Freeze, Blizzard Buster, C 3 P Snow, Snow Force One, Abominable Plowman, and Meltin' John. These names, which were placed on the sides of plow trucks a year ago, remain on those vehicles. People may visit <https://www.mass.gov/name-a-snowplow-contest-2025-26> for more information.

Clark Art Institute offers free admission Dec. 7

WILLIAMSTOWN – The Clark Art Institute, 225 South St., continues its First Sunday free series on Sunday, Dec. 7 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

In celebration of Hugh Hayden's sculpture, the End, December's First Sunday free theme is "Beasts and Bones." Admission is free from 10

am-5 pm and there are free special activities from 1-4 pm.

Hayden's massive artwork evokes the ribcage of a long-gone giant. From 1-4 p.m., visitors can draw "x-rays" and sketch skeletons, watch a recording of the artist discussing his artwork, and view the outdoor sculpture up close, guided

by the activity card.

A special Print Room Pop-Up featuring prints, drawings and photographs related to the theme will be on view in the Manton Study Center for Works on Paper from 1-3 p.m. Each First Sunday Free visitors are welcome to make a mini sculpture inspired by one of the six sculptures in the

exhibition and add it to the Clark's growing Ground/work 2025-inspired mural.

Admission and activities are free. For accessibility questions, people may call 413-458-0524. For more information, people may visit clarkart.edu/events. Family programs are generously supported by Allen and Company.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Town of Blandford Conservation Commission Public Notice

At its regularly scheduled public meeting on **Tuesday, December 9, 2025, at 6:00 PM** at the Blandford Town Hall, 1 Russell Stage Road, the Blandford Conservation Commission will consider a Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) received from Gail and Thomas Szatrowski as the Applicants. The RDA is related to a proposed seasonal dock installation and thinning/pruning of vegetation to create access paths to the dock. The project location is 17 Brookman Drive, Otis Reservoir Waterfront in the Town of Blandford. The Conservation Commission will make its determination in accordance with the provisions of the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. c 131, Sec. 40 (as amended).

Project plans and additional information are on record in the Office of the Conservation Commission.

Richard Gates, Chair
Town of Blandford
Conservation Commission
11/27/2025

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No.
HD25P2396EA
Estate of:
Helen T Foden
Date of Death: 10/12/2023
CITATION ON PETITION
FOR FORMAL
ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Michael D Foden of North Miami, FL** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: **Michael D Foden of North Miami, FL** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in **un-supervised administration**.

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 12/15/2025**. 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.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 17, 2025
Rosemary A Saccomani,
Register of Probate
11/27/2025

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Matthew F. Montague and Happy Montague to Peter E. Montague and Mary P. Montague, Trustees of the Peter and Mary Montague Living Trust, said mortgage being dated June 6, 2014, and recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 11659, Page 145, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the

same will be sold at Public Auction at **2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, December 9, 2025**, upon the premises described in said mortgage, namely 61 Chesterfield Road, Westhampton, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

A certain parcel of land in Westhampton, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, with the improvements thereon, located on the easterly side of Chesterfield Road, and being shown as Lot A on a plan of land entitled, "Plan of Land in Westhampton, Massachusetts Prepared for Peter E. Montague," prepared by Holmberg & Howe, Inc. dated May 17, 2013 and recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 229, Page 121, to which plan reference may be made for a more particular description.

Containing 6.50 acres of land, more or less

Being the same premises conveyed to the Mortgagors by deed from Peter E. Montague and Mary P. Montague, Trustees of the Peter and Mary Montague Living Trust, Dated July 2, 2009, recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds immediately prior hereto, and subject to the right of first refusal in said deed.

Said premises will be sold subject to and/or with the benefit of any and all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, improvements, covenants, outstanding tax title, municipal or other public taxes, assessments, liens or claims in the nature of liens, rights of parties in possession, and existing encumbrances of record created prior to the mortgage, if any there be, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the Deed.

No representations, express or implied, are made with respect to

any matter concerning the premises which will be sold "as is".

The successful high bidder will be responsible for paying the Massachusetts State Documentary Tax Stamps, all closing costs and all recording fees.

TERMS OF SALE: The highest bidder in the sale shall be required to deposit cash, bank treasurer's check or certified check in the amount of **TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000.00)** at the time and the place of the sale of the premises to qualify as a bidder (the present holder of the mortgage is exempt from this requirement) to be held by the Mortgagor. The successful bidder will also be required to deposit an additional sum equal to ten percent (10%) of the amount bid less the \$25,000.00 deposit (but no less than \$25,000) with the Mortgagor's auctioneer, Aaron Posnik & Co., Inc., 31 Capital Drive, West Springfield, Massachusetts 01089 or the Mortgagor's attorney as may be directed within five (5) days of the date of the sale to be held by the Mortgagor, and the balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified or bank treasurer's check at the closing which shall occur within thirty (30) days after the date of foreclosure sale, time being of the essence, unless the Mortgagor agrees otherwise. The successful bidder at the sale will also be required to pay a buyer's premium of 5% and shall sign a Memorandum of Terms of Sale containing the above terms at the auction sale.

In the event that the successful bidder at the public auction shall default in purchasing the within described property according to the terms of this Notice of Mortgagee's Sale and/or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale executed at the public auction, the Mortgagor reserves the right, at its election, to sell the property to the second highest bidder at

the public auction provided that Mortgagee, in its discretion, may require (1) said second highest bidder to deposit the amount of the required deposit as set forth herein within three (3) business days after written notice to the second highest bidder of the default of the previous highest bidder, (2) the second highest bidder to execute a Memorandum of Sale, and (3) the closing to occur within twenty (20) days of said written notice, time being of the essence unless the Mortgagor agrees otherwise. The Mortgagor reserves the right to sell any parcel or any portion thereof separately, or in any order that Mortgagee may choose and/or to postpone this sale to a later time or date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the sale and to further postpone any adjourned sale date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the adjourned sale date.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the time and place of the sale.

The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Peter E. Montague and Mary P. Montague, Trustees of the Peter and Mary Montague Living Trust
Present Holder of said Mortgage

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Its Attorney
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11/13, 11/20, 11/27/2025

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the Blandford Town Hall, 1 Russell Stage Road, the Blandford Conservation Commission will consider a Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) received from NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy Service Company as the Applicant. The RDA is related to the proposed replacement of 47 existing utility poles, removal of 3 existing utility poles, and installation of 5 new midspan poles within or near areas subject to protection under the MA Wetlands Protection Act in the roadway right of way of North Street in the Town of Blandford as part of the larger Blandford DER project. The Conservation Commission will make its determination in accordance with the provisions of the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. c 131, Sec. 40 (as amended).

Project plans and additional information are on record in the Office of the Conservation Commission.

Richard Gates, Chair
Town of Blandford
Conservation Commission
11/27/2025

Town of Huntington Conservation Commission Notice of Public Hearing

The Huntington Conservation Commission will hold a public meeting on **December 3, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Huntington Town Hall to review a **Notice of Intent** submitted by Paul and Sandra Saner. The proposed activity is to redevelop the property by demolishing the existing house and rebuilding a new house on the same approximate footprint near Norwich Lake. This hearing is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 131 Section 40 of the Wetland Protection Act.

Huntington Conservation Commission
11/27/2025

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