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Candidates for 2026 HoopHall announced

SPRINGFIELD – The Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame announced the list of eligible candidates for the Class of 2026, featuring several high-profile first-time nominees.

Notable new candidates for the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame Class of 2026 include the 1996 USA Basketball Women’s National Team, Mike D’Antoni, Jamal Crawford, Elena Delle Donne, Blake Griffin, Joe Johnson, Candace Parker, Bruce Pearl, and Kelvin Sampson. Marv Albert, Mark Few, Doc Rivers, and Amar’e Stoudemire are among returning eligible candidates.

“The candidates for the Class of 2026 have each left an indelible impact on the game of basketball,” said John L. Doleva, President and CEO of the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame.

“Through defining performances, influential leadership, and achievements that helped elevate the sport on the national and international stage, this year’s ballot recognizes those whose legacy continues to shape how the game is played, coached, and celebrated.”

The first look at the list of eligible nominees was provided by “NBA Today” on ESPN, hosted by Malika Andrews, with Ramona Shelburne, Tim Bontemps, Kendrick Perkins, and Shams Charania in studio. A complete list of eligible candidates can be found below.

Finalists chosen from the applicable Category Screening Committees for the Class of 2026 will be announced at a later date. The entire Class of 2026 will be unveiled during a nationally televised broadcast on Saturday, April 4, during Final Four Weekend.

The Finalist and Class Announcement times and broadcast networks will be announced by Monday, Feb. 9.

Enshrinement Weekend will begin at the Mohegan Sun on Friday, Aug. 14, with the Tip-Off Celebration and Awards Gala, followed by the Enshrinement Ceremony the next day at Springfield’s historic Symphony Hall.

All VIP Packages, single-event tickets to the Ceremony, Tip-Off Celebration, and Awards Gala, as well as other ancillary events, will go on sale on Saturday, Apr. 4. All packages and tickets will be available for purchase at hoophall.com.

The complete listing of events and pricing will be released on Monday, Feb. 9.

DPW hosts used holiday light collection

AGAWAM – Frustrated with broken holiday lights, or just have a bunch that no longer suits your needs? No matter what the reason, resist the urge to throw old holiday lights in the curbside trash or recycling collection cart.

Holiday light strings are known as “tanglers” in the recycling industry. Tanglers are things like plastic bags, ropes, cords, hoses, wires, and light strings that jam sorting machinery by wrapping around the equipment, which is dangerous for workers.

Light strings may be delivered to the Department of Public Works front office from Dec. 1 to Jan. 16. This program is for light strings only: incandescent, LED and “icicle” light strings with wires and attached bulbs. Boxes, bags, and packaging must be removed before placing lights in the recycling container.

Alternative options for recycling light strings would include mail back programs such as HolidayLEDs.com or Christmas-light-source.com

Agawam Day in Florida tradition continues

ST PETERSBURG, FL – The 45nd annual “Agawam Day in Florida” will be held on Wednesday, March 4, 2026 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Former Agawam residents, old friends, classmates and relatives will meet at Fort DeSoto National Park, St. Petersburg, FL, for a reunion, picnic, raffles, hugs and to share old memories.

For more information, contact: Hank Drewnowski call/text 860-462-7273 or email - hdrew2452@gmail.com.

DEATH NOTICE

Shawn Timothy Byrne
December 19, 2025
Panama City, Florida

Town nurse announces last-chance flu shots

Home visits available to be scheduled for homebound seniors.

Don’t be sick for the holidays, get vaccinated today.

Please call Nurse Pam at 726-9722 to schedule an appointment.

Public Notices

**Town of Agawam
Moore Street and
Valley Street
Phase 1 Infrastructure
Improvements
Bid # 25-450-019
LEGAL AD**

The Town of Agawam, through its Department of Public Works (DPW), the Awarding Authority, is seeking bids from qualified contractors for roadway and associated infrastructure improvements for its Moore Street and Valley Street Phase 1 Infrastructure Improvements Project, which consists of removal and replacement of 475 linear feet of sewer main, manholes and laterals, 550 linear feet of water main, service connections, fire hydrants, gate valves, full depth road construction, and all associated work for Valley Street (east) and the northern portion of Moore Street.

The project is estimated to cost **\$602,222.78** and the total number of days until Final Completion is estimated to be ninety (90) days.

Contractors must be pre-qualified by the MassDOT’s Highway Division Prequalification under the provisions of Section 34 of Chapter 90 and in accordance and 700 CMR 14.00 to be an eligible bidder. All proposals submitted by a bidder who is not pre-qualified by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Highway Division, Prequalification Program in the class of work for **“SEWER and WATER”** will be rejected by the Owner.

Wages are subject to Massachusetts minimum wage rates as per M.G.L. Chapter 149, Section 26 to 27H inclusive, and federal minimum wage rates pursuant to the Davis-Bacon Act, whichever pays more.

Mailed and hand delivered sealed bids will be received until **11:00 am, Wednesday, January 28, 2026** at the Town of Agawam Department of Public Works Municipal Annex, 1000 Suffield St., Agawam, MA 01001, Attn: Jennifer Bonfiglio, CPO after which time all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids shall be filed in a sealed envelope bearing the title **“Moore Street and Valley Street Phase 1 Infrastructure Improvements Project, Bid #25-450-019”** and delivered pursuant to the project’s instructions.

General bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount and made payable to the Town of Agawam. Work is anticipated to start as soon as practical.

Construction Plans and Technical Specifications with the required Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available on **Wednesday, January 7 at 12:00 pm** by request through the Town of Agawam, Office of Procurement, Jennifer Bonfiglio, Chief Procurement Officer, (413) 726-9742 or bids@agawam.com. A paper copy of the contract documents will be held and is available for examination at the Department of Public Works, Public Works Municipal Annex, 1000 Suffield Street, Agawam, MA 01001 but must be coordinated with Gina Carestia (413) 821-0600.

This project is being funded through the City’s FY’2024 CDBG Grant from the State Executive Office of Housing & Livable Communities, under the U.S. Department of Housing Urban and Development pursuant to Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974.

The lowest qualified and most responsible bidder shall be awarded the project. The Town of Agawam reserves the right to reject all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding. No obviously unbalanced bid will be considered in awarding this contract. Additional information regarding this bid may be obtained by contacting Jennifer Bonfiglio, CPO, at the Town of Agawam 413-726-9742.

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**TOWN OF AGAWAM
Public Hearing –
Thursday, January 15, 2026,
at 6:00 PM
FY 2024 Performance Hearing
& FY 2026 Application Forum**

The Town of Agawam, in association with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, will conduct a performance hearing regarding the town’s ongoing FY24 Community Development Block Grant Programs. The hearing will take place at **6:00 PM on Thursday January 15, 2026**, in person at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

The hearing will review the projects funded through the town’s FY24 Community Development Block Grant Program including engineering designs for infrastructure improvements on Moore and Valley Streets, as well as the first phase of Moore and Valley Streets construction. These activities received funding through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities, Massachusetts CDBG program.

This hearing will also serve as the first public forum to solicit community input on potential activities to be included in a potential Agawam FY26 Community Development Block Grant application. All community members and stakeholders are invited to share thoughts on potential CDBG-eligible activities to be included.

The Senior Center is accessible. Persons who require special accommodations for the hearing should contact the town at least one week prior to the hearing date at (413)-726-9737. For further information contact Joe Hagopian at PVPC at (413) 781-6045 or jhagopian@pvpc.org. 01/01/2026

**Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and
Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
Docket No.
HD20P0752PM
In the matter of:
Agnes Bulifant
of Agawam, MA
Protected Person/
Disabled Person/Respondent
CITATION GIVING
NOTICE OF
CONSERVATOR’S
ACCOUNT**

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, you are hereby notified pursuant to Rule 72 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court, that the **First and Final** account(s) of Susan A McCoy, Esq. of Springfield, MA as Conservator of the property of said Respondent has or have been presented to the Court for allowance.

You have the right to object to the account(s). If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **01/14/2026**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to object to the account(s). If you fail to file the written appearance and objection by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you,

including the allowance of the account(s).

Additionally, within thirty days after said return day (or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order), you must file a written affidavit of objections stating the specific facts and grounds upon which each objection is based and a copy shall be served upon the Conservator pursuant to Rule 3 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court.

You have the right to send to the Conservator, by registered or certified mail, a written request to receive a copy of the Petition and account(s) at no cost to you.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person’s right to make decisions 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: December 17, 2025
Rosemary A. Saccamoni
Register of Probate
01/01/2026

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ARE NOW ONLINE

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- Access archives and digital tear sheets by newspaper title.
- Find a quick link to the state of Massachusetts’ public notice web site to search all notices in Massachusetts newspapers.

Public notice deadlines are Mondays at noon,
Fridays noon for Monday holidays.

visit www.publicnotices.turley.com

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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.