

Sports

More players wanted for new team in Pioneer Valley League

SOUTH HADLEY – The Pioneer Valley Baseball League, an adult baseball league for players who are age 18 and over, is now fully open for registration for the 2026 season.

New players are especially wanted for the new sixth team. There are several spots open for that sixth team, so players interested in joining the league should get signed

up as soon as possible to claim a spot.

The adult league will be administered by the Quabbin Valley Baseball League, and a registration link is on the home page of the league's website www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org. Thought it will be under the Quabbin umbrella, there will be no major changes in how the league is operated.

This year, the PVBL will have a 22-game regular season schedule followed by a double-elimination playoffs. The league, which had five teams last year and had to utilize multiple byes throughout the season, will be fielding a sixth team this season.

The league is a wood-bat only league utilizing playing under regular baseball

rules though all players do bat. The league operates on a Saturday-Tuesday schedule. Games are played on Saturday mornings with 10 a.m. starts typical and on Tuesday evenings with start times in the 5:30 to 6 p.m. range. The league will start play in late April and run through the end of August. There are slots open for both full-time players and part-time players. The

fee for full-time players will be \$260 with part-time players getting up to 11 games for \$130. Fees paid go toward the operation of the league, paying for insurance, umpires, fields, and baseballs. No one profits in any way.

In addition to the new sixth team, there are limited open roster spots on the other teams in the league, so get your registration in as soon

as possible to participate in this season.

Games are played at ballfields throughout the region from as far south as Southwick's Whalley Field, through South Hadley's Beachgrounds and up north at Frontier Regional High School in South Deerfield.

For any questions, please go to the league website for more information.

Registration continues for new players in QVBL

SOUTH HADLEY – Registration for new players in the Quabbin Valley Baseball League, an over-28 recreational league, continues. The league is now headed for its open practices for new players and the new-player draft for players looking to join the league.

There will be open practices for all players but specifically targeted at new players scheduled for Mar. 29 and Apr. 4 at times and locations to be announced. The draft is currently scheduled to take place on Apr. 4 following that practice. Any players who sign up will be contacted directly for the time and location of the open practice.

For the 2026 season, the

cost will be \$215 and will include a 16th game added to the regular season schedule.

During the 2025 season, the league experimented with playing on Mother's Day Saturday as well as a weeknight game to allow players an opportunity to play under the lights. While the night games were very successful, the Mother's Day Saturday games were rained out.

Those elements will return along with a 16th game with an opponent to be determine as the league's board explores possibilities for interleague matchups with another league in the region.

The season is currently slated to start on Sunday, April 19 and following the success of

the six-team fall league last year, the league will also have a fall league in September and October this season.

The registration is live at www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org. Players must register and then pay the league dues via Venmo or contact the league leadership if an alternate form of payment is needed.

Aside from the weeknight and Mother's Day games, other games take place Sundays at 10 a.m. outside of Mother's Day, Memorial Day and July 4 weekends. Playoffs will be in August.

This is the 30th season for the league and league officials are looking to celebrate the anniversary with a couple of events.

ACAA New England Mosaic project underway

AGAWAM – The Agawam Community Artists and Artisans' 2026 New England Mosaic project is officially off and running.

This year's Mosaic theme is "New England Treasures."

Net proceeds from the project fund scholarships for Western Massachusetts high school and college students pursuing an education in visual arts.

The 2026 Mosaic project kicked off recently at eight local libraries and the West Springfield Senior Center.

The Mosaic effort invites the public to paint/create a small 6x6-inch canvas. Last year over

200 artists participated. The returned canvases are assembled onto a 24-foot Mosaic display and are sold at two events in August.

Whether this would be your first canvas or if you are a seasoned artist, we invite you to pick up a free canvas at any of the following libraries: Agawam, West Springfield, Westfield, Southwick, East Forest Park, East Longmeadow, Longmeadow, and Chicopee; or, at the West Springfield Senior Center. Details are included with each canvas.

You can paint, draw or apply anything to a can-

vas that illustrates what you love about New England. Canvases need to be returned by May 15.

Whether you create a canvas or not, please join us at our Mosaic Unveiling on Wednesday, Aug. 5, from 5 to 7 p.m., at the Agawam Municipal Golf Course.

There, you can view the Mosaic, perhaps see a canvas you would like, and support our scholarship.

The Mosaic will also be on display at the sixth annual Pioneer Valley Arts Festival, to be held on Aug. 21 and 22 at the Polish American Club in Feeding Hills.

Public Notices

AGAWAM ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE

Date: March 23, 2026

As allowed under the Town of Agawam's Charter, Section 2-8, Paragraph C and M.G.L. Ch. 40A, Section 8, 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, April 13, 2026 at 6:30PM** for all parties interested in Agawam MA Shoemaker Ln Solar LLC's appeal of the Inspector of Buildings Decision denial for a building permit to construct an agrivoltaic dual use solar array at the premises identified as 311 Shoemaker Lane.

Doreen A. Prouty, Chairperson, ZBA

03/26, 04/02/2026

Agawam Community Preservation Committee PUBLIC HEARING

April 1, 2026 at 6:00PM

Agawam Community Preservation Committee will hold its annual public hearing at the Agawam Senior Center Veterans Hall, 954 Main Street on **April 1, 2026 at 6:00PM**

03/19, 03/26/2026

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT HAMPDEN, Div.

Probate & Family Court Dept. HD26E0008PP

To Deborah A. Davignon, of Hampden County, Brian J Murphy, of Gallatin County (MT), Dennis G. Murphy, of Hampden County, Yolanda Murphy, of Hampden County, and to all other persons interested.

A petition has been presented to said Court by Paul D. Murphy, of Hampden County, representing that they hold as tenants-in-common in an undivided part or share of land lying in Feeding Hills, in the County of

Hampden, setting forth that they desire that all of said land may be sold at private sale or public auction for not less than Three Hundred and Eleven Thousand Dollars (\$311,000.00), and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof after full adjudication of the equitable claims contained in said petition and supplemental memorandum filed with the Court.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection in said Court at **Springfield** on or before 10:00 AM. on the return date of **April 27th, 2026**.

Witness, **Claudine T. Stoudemire**, First Justice of said Court, this 2nd day of March 2026.

Rosemary A. Saccomani, Register

03/26, 04/02, 04/09/2026

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. HD23P0770EA
Estate of:
Brenda Lee Larsen
Also known as:
Brenda L Larsen
Date of Death: 01/21/2023
CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT
A Petition for Order of

Complete Settlement has been filed by **Mary Lou Elliott of Alburg, VT** requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

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 04/24/2026**.

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.

WITNESS, Hon. **Claudine T. Stoudemire**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: March 17, 2026
Rosemary A. Saccomani, Register of Probate

03/26/2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
Docket No. HD25P2435PM
In the matter of:
Olivia Jane Rudd Of: Feeding Hills, MA
RESPONDENT
(Person to be Protected/Minor)
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION

FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO

G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 & §5-405

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by

Brian Rudd of Feeding Hills, MA

Samantha Rudd of Feeding Hills, MA

in the above captioned matter alleging that **Olivia Jane Rudd** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that

Brian Rudd of Feeding Hills, MA

Samantha Rudd of Feeding Hills, MA

(or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

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 **04/10/2026**. 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 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. **Claudine T. Stoudemire**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: March 12, 2026

Rosemary A. Saccomani, Register of Probate

03/26/2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
Docket No. HD25P2432PM
In the matter of:
Preston James Rudd Of: Feeding Hills, MA
RESPONDENT
(Person to be Protected/Minor)
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO

G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 & §5-405

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by

Brian Rudd of Feeding Hills, MA

Samantha G. Rudd of Feeding Hills, MA

in the above captioned matter alleging that **Preston James Rudd** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that **Brian Rudd of Feeding Hills, MA**

Samantha Rudd of Feeding Hills, MA

(or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

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 **04/10/2026**. 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.

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WITNESS, Hon. **Claudine T. Stoudemire**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: March 12, 2026

Rosemary A. Saccomani, Register of Probate

03/26/2026

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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.

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