

Florence Bank opens new branch in Holyoke

HOLYOKE – Florence Bank opened its fourth Hampden County branch at 1490 Northampton Street in Holyoke on July 6.

The new 2,500-square-foot branch, designed by H|AI Architecture in Northampton, has a spacious lobby, traditional teller stations, five offices, a drive-up teller window and a drive-up ATM.

“The Holyoke branch is an exciting new chapter in our 153-year history, and we look forward to supporting the people, families, organizations, and businesses of

the Paper City,” said President and CEO Matt Garrity. “We couldn’t be more thrilled to be opening our doors to Holyoke and to meeting new friends and neighbors in the coming weeks and months.”

Shadia Coley will serve as branch manager for the new location. Coley has over 10 years of banking experience and holds a bachelor’s degree in business administration and a master’s in business administration with a concentration in finance, both from Southern New Hampshire University. In

addition to managing Florence Bank’s newest branch, she will oversee business development, community outreach and engagement, and customer service.

Coley is excited for the new branch to be open. “Serving Holyoke is more than banking; it is investing in the people and dreams that make the community thrive. My goal is to empower, engage, and educate Holyoke,” she said.

In addition to Coley, five team members will staff the branch, where customers can be assisted by tellers,

meet with a customer service representative or apply for a mortgage. Katherine Ravenelle will be the Assistant Branch Manager, and Paola Sherman, the bank’s Spanish-speaking mortgage originator, will also be based in the new branch.

Florence Bank has nearly 6,700 customers living in Hampden County, including 1,100 business customers; over 1,200 of those customers in Holyoke. Garrity said the bank looks forward to deepening its impact in the region.

Morgan joins Mass Humanities as new Director of Development

HOLYOKE – Mass Humanities is thrilled to welcome Jillian Morgan to its staff as the humanities council’s new Director of Development. An expert in cultivating philanthropy in the nonprofit space, Morgan will lead fundraising and donor relations for the organization. Her hire comes at a pivotal time, with the National Endowment for the Humanities facing continued pressure from the federal government.

“We’re thrilled to welcome Jillian to our team,” said Brian Boyles, executive director of Mass Humanities. “Her unique expertise and her long commitment to the Valley will be invaluable as we deepen our partnerships in the region and continue to steward our resources to impact the entire commonwealth.”

Morgan previously served as the Director of Development at the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts from 2022-2026, where she brought in \$7M in annual donations. She also supported a \$30 million capital campaign for FBWM, as well as oversaw the annual March for the Food Bank with Mon-

Heritage in Bloom fundraiser tickets available

WESTFIELD – Stanley Park invites the community to join us for Heritage in Bloom: Stanley Park’s Annual Fundraiser, taking place on Saturday, Sept. 12 at 5 p.m. in the scenic Beveridge Pavilion.

This signature evening celebrates the history, natural beauty, and enduring legacy of Stanley Park while supporting the ongoing care and preservation of one of the region’s most treasured public spaces.

Guests will enjoy a memorable evening surrounded by the park’s gardens, beginning with light hors d’oeu-

vres during cocktail hour and a guided garden tour highlighting the beauty, history, and stewardship of the landscape. The evening continues with dinner stations and dessert catered by The Bubble Mug at the Pottery Cellar, along with a cash bar available throughout the event.

Festivities will also include expanded online and in-person raffles, a dynamic online auction, and the interactive Stanley Park Heritage Challenge, a team-based competition celebrating the park’s history, landmarks, wildlife, and

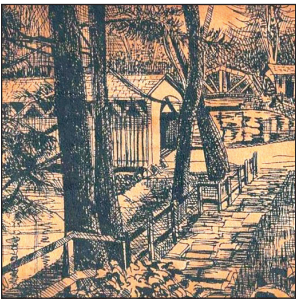
memorable moments from more than 75 years of community impact.

Stanley Park is also honored to welcome Ward Caswell, great-grandson of founder Frank Stanley Beveridge, as guest speaker. He will share reflections on the park’s founding vision and the shared responsibility of preserving this special community resource for future generations.

“Heritage in Bloom” celebrates the generations of donors, volunteers, staff, and visitors who have helped Stanley Park flourish. The event underscores a

simple message: heritage is what we inherit, and legacy is what we leave behind.

Tickets are now available for purchase online at: <https://spwi.betterworld.org/events/annual-fundraiser-heritage-bloom>



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develop the appropriate zoning ordinances needed to properly regulate data centers. The proposed ordinance contains a 90-day extension allowed if more time is needed to develop and put the ordinance through the legislative process, which would include planning board hearings as well as a city council public hearing.

Johnson emphasized in his memo to the council that he, to his knowledge,

has not received any contact from any developer looking to place a data center in Agawam. He said it is not a response to any proposed development and more of a proactive measure.

A BESS facility in the planning stages could be active in Agawam in about three years.

According to the city council agenda, a public hearing on the moratorium could be held at the Aug. 3 council meeting. However, the moratorium

would not go into effect until well into September because the ordinance will require two readings, meaning it could not be voted on twice until at least the first meeting in September. The city council only meets once in July and once in August due to its summer schedule.

Residents wishing to be heard on the matter should attend the public hearing. The planning board will have a hearing on the moratorium on Thursday, July 16.

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when the sun is not at its peak. Also, activities should be kept to low impact to prevent over exertion.

Additionally, many senior centers are open as cooling centers for the public during heat waves. The Agawam Senior Center, the Holyoke Senior Center, the RiverMills Senior Center and the Wilbraham Senior Center are just some of the options available.

These senior centers also offer a variety of activities to help keep seniors enter-

tained while also beating the heat.

The Agawam Senior Center, for example, has a performance by the band Solar Eclipse on July 14 at 5:30 p.m. (with free ice cream included) and Bunko (a dice game) on July 21.

The Holyoke Senior Center is offering Tai Chi lessons on Thursdays from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. from now through Sept. 3.

For those interested, the RiverMills Senior Center is also offering an ice cream social on July 17 at 1:30p.m. They also have a visit from

Paul Revere on July 28 at 2 p.m.

In addition to these activities, the senior centers also offer meals for people to come in, purchase and enjoy.

“Come in and eat, our meals are \$4,” Sullivan said. “There is no need to turn on your stove or oven and make your house warmer.”

The senior centers always welcome people to come by while they are open and take advantage of their activities and air conditioning. Utilizing them is a great way to beat the heat and have some fun.

Public Notices

**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.
HD23P0805EA
Estate of:
Thomas Ernest Cascio, Jr.
Also known as:
Thomas E. Cascio, Jr.
Date of Death: 03/01/2023
CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT**

A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by Jennifer Metz of Feeding Hills, MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account, and to construe the will all as more fully set forth in said petition 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 08/03/2026.

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: July 09, 2026
Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
07/16/2026

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
Docket No.**

**HD26P1302EA
Estate of:
Mary Shannon Kieter
Also Known As:
Mary J. Kieter
Date of Death: 04/18/2026
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Marjorie H. Savoie of Agawam, MA

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Marjorie H. Savoie of Agawam, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled

to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
07/16/2026

Sale of Motor Vehicle

Notice is hereby given by Languet Towing pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.255, Section 39A, that on **July 24, 2026** at 63 Ramah Cir S, Agawam the following Motor Vehicles will be sold at private sale to satisfy the garagekeeper’s lien thereon for storage, towing charges, and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicle.

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Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court**

**50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
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Docket No.
HD26P1453EA
Estate of:
Ronald S. Midura
Date of Death: 03/17/2021
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment** has been filed by **Bradley M. Dimiero of Holyoke, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as 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 08/03/2026. 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.

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. Claudine T. Stoudemire, First Justice of this Court.
Date: July 06, 2026
Rosemary A Saccomani,
Register of Probate
07/16/2026

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