

Obituary

Steven Richard Reed

1966-2026

Steven Richard Reed, age 59, passed away from complications of kidney cancer on July 15, 2026; at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield. Steven was born in Springfield, on August 10, 1966 to Elaine (Parent) (Reed) Bowler and Clyde Reed both of Agawam. He attended Agawam Schools and Whitingham Schools; graduating in 1984. By trade, Steven was a machinist working in several machine shops in the local area. He worked for 14 years at Tyco Health Care now



known as Cardinal Health in Chicopee. Steven moved to Westfield in 1999 to be close to his beloved wife of 25 years, LaRue "Lori" (Foard) Reed; Besides his wife he leaves his mother Elaine Bowler; a brother Scott Reed and his wife Aimee. He also leaves his nephews, Keegan Reed, Hayden Reed; and niece Kylie Reed; his mother-in-law, Judith Foard-Giucastro; brother-in-law Larry Foard his husband Eric Bowman and his two much beloved and spoiled

pooches Oreo and Mocha. He was predeceased by his step-father, Paul Bowler; and father-in-law Lawrence Foard. He will be missed deeply by his wife, family and friends for his heart of gold and grumpy but great sense of humor. As per Steve's wishes there will be no services. Southwick Forastiere Funeral & Cremation, 624 College Highway, Southwick. www.forastiere.com.

DEATH NOTICE

Steven Richard Reed
Died July 15, 2026

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rating hand weights makes it more challenging – as well as helping you work on your upper body. • Sit and stand without using your arms for 30 or so seconds. A dining chair or other straight-backed chair is good for this exercise. (Also works the upper legs and glutes.) Older adults who work on maintaining strength, balance and mobility have a better chance of remaining independent, being able to drive and aging in place. In addition, research is finding that older brains that are able to keep generating neurons are less subject to cognitive decline. Do your body and brain a favor by playing a little “Simon Says” every day. Teri (Dreher) Fryken-

berg, R.N., a registered nurse and board-certified patient advocate, is the founder of www.NurseAdvocateEntrepreneur.com, which trains medical professionals to become successful private patient advocates. A Monson, MA resident, she is the author of “How to Be a Health-

care Advocate for Yourself & Your Loved Ones” and her new book, “Advocating Well: Strategies for Finding Strength and Understanding in Health Care,” available at Amazon.com. Contact her at Teri@NurseAdvocateEntrepreneur.com to set up a free phone consultation.



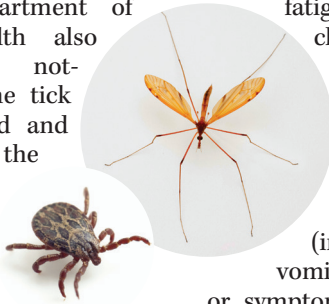
Director of Public Health offers tips on how to stay safe from ticks and mosquitos

By Quinn Suomala
Correspondent

As the weather gets warmer there is an increase in the number of ticks and mosquitos as people go about summer activities. It is important for people to be aware of protection against these insects to prevent illnesses, including West Nile Virus, Lyme disease and Alpha-gal Syndrome. The Director of Public Health in Wilbraham Ryan Paxton recommends that people check themselves, children and pets for ticks after going outdoors.

The key places to check are: inside and behind ears, along the hairline, the back of the neck, the armpits, the groin, the legs, and between the toes. To remove a tick utilize fine point tweezers and grab the tick as close to the skin as possible. Try to pull straight out, as moving at an angle can leave parts of the tick behind. Additionally, as is on the website for the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, people should avoid applying kerosene, petroleum jelly, nail polish or a hot match tip to remove a tick, as

those methods aren't effective and can result in injury. The Department of Public Health also recommends noting when the tick was removed and where on the body it was removed from. This information will be helpful if a person or pet needs to go to a doctor for treatment. A person should go to the doctor if they develop a rash where they were bitten or experience the common symp-



toms of tick-borne diseases (including fever, headache, fatigue or sore muscles). Someone should also go to the doctor if they have stomach or intestinal problems (including nausea, vomiting or diarrhea) or symptoms of an allergic reaction within a few hours of eating meat or dairy. It is also important to be aware of mosquito bites. The West Nile Virus is the most common mosquito-born illness in the United States.

However, this illness has not been reported in humans in Massachusetts this year. To prevent tick and mosquito bites a person can wear a light-colored long-sleeved shirt with long pants and tuck their pants into their socks. This helps to prevent a tick or mosquito from getting onto a person's skin and can help a person to spot a tick on their clothing. Avoiding outdoor activities between dusk and dawn during peak mosquito season also greatly lowers the risk of mosquito bites. The Department of Public Health also recommends

removing standing water in yards, as that is where mosquitos breed. This can include water in garbage cans, flowerpots, bird baths. Property owners can also utilize mosquito prevention services, including spraying private property with insect repellent to help reduce the amount of insects. Additionally, people should use bug repellents that contain DEET on their skin. There should be no more than 30-35% DEET in repellents for adults and no more than 10-15% DEET in repellents for children.

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tially get larger attendance. Agawam's event has always been large and like many of the Agawam Night Out events, features police, fire and EMS, and often features demonstrations and their cruisers, fire trucks, and ambulances on display. Agawam has also often displayed its DPW and other town vehicles for display, and has added multiple food and other business vendors along with many activities for children. The Summerfest summer concert series has

usually held a concert on the same night in the band shell, but with the event moving to a Friday evening, there will be a movie in the park following the conclusion of Agawam Night Out. The free movie is scheduled to be “Hoppers” and popcorn will be provided to those who attend. Families and the entire communities are encouraged to come out, meet the police, fire, and other public safety officials that serve the community. The event is for everyone, though there will be many activities geared toward children.

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fence in the town where such fences may not pose any safety hazard or create a private nuisance,” Russo said in his resolution. The state building code allows fence heights of up to seven feet without needing to obtain a special permit. The council approved the first meeting at their July 13 meeting after having no major objections to the proposed change. The council also held a public hearing which yield no major barriers. The zone change did receive the okay from the

Planning Board, which held a public hearing last month. The Legislative Sub-Committee also did not find any issues with allowing higher fences in the community, are being proposed to allow residence to have more privacy within their properties if they choose. According to the ordinance, any fence or fall that exceeds the height requirement without a special permit can be deconstructed and removed by the town. While the bottom line is that fence heights will be allowed up to seven feet, the language reads that walls and fences can be between

“The current town code has inhibited the construction of residential privacy fence in the town where such fences may not pose any safety hazard or create a private nuisance.” - Agawam City Council President Anthony Russo

four feet and six-and-half feet, but any fence higher than seven feet shall require the special permit. The ZBA will still be the authority that handles any special permits a resident seeks for building a fence that is higher than the allowed heights. The first reading approved by the council included at least eight votes, a super

majority required in order to pass any type of ordinance or zoning change. Now, the final approval is set for the city council's August meeting. Two readings, or votes, are required in order to fully pass an ordinance change. The council will simply re-vote on Aug. 3 at their next meeting to finalize the passage of the ordinance change.

Public Notices

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
Docket No.
HD26P1302EA
Estate of:
Mary Shannon Kiefer
Also Known As:
Mary J. Kiefer
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 adminis-

tered 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. 07/23/2026

Sale of Motor Vehicle
Notice is hereby given by Lan-gonet 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. 2005 Buick Lesabre VIN: 1G4HP52K25U276668 Alfred Dimauro 4 Colony Drive Hampden, MA 01036 07/09, 07/16, 07/23/2026

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
Docket No.
HD26P1409EA

Estate of:
MARCIA TANGREDI
Also Known As:
MARCIA C. TANGREDI
Date of Death:
MAY 20, 2026
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner DINO M. TANGREDI of Watertown, MA a Will has been admitted to informal probate. DINO M. TANGREDI of Watertown, 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. 07/23/2026
Sale of Motor Vehicles
PUBLIC NOTICE
Under G.L. C. 255 Sec. 39A
Notice is hereby given by USA Towing, 71 Garden St., Feeding Hills, MA, 01030, sale

of a motor vehicle(s) pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. C. 255, Section 39A, that on August 31, 2026 at 8:00 a.m., at USA Towing, said motor vehicle(s) will be sold at a private sale to satisfy the garage keeper's lien for towing, storage and costs of sale . 2017 Nissan Altima VIN: 1N4AL3AP1HC266698 Plate: 453-BCB-LA Last Known Reg. Owner: Marc Merriman, 5337 Clearpoint Dr. Slidell, LA 70460 2006 Jeep Cherokee VIN: JHS58N96C312313 No Plates with vehicle Last Known Reg. Owner: Anthony Flores 35 Lonhill St. Springfield, MA 01108 07/23, 07/30, 08/06/2026

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