Wistariahurst Museum to hold holiday open house

HOLYOKE – Wistariahurst's upcoming Holiday Open House and Festive Market is back for a 6th year and perfect for those pineing for some holiday cheer. The museum will be open Dec. 5 and 6 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for this joyous event. The halls will be decked with the splendor of the holiday season, complete with our massive Wisty Railroad train set running throughout Wistariahurst's gallery. Visitors will be able to explore the first and second floors of the museum, listen to holiday-themed music, and discover one-of-a-kind goodies from local vendors and artists. The festive market will feature a variety of products such as art, jewelry, apparel, and other amazing items perfect for your gift exchanges this year. Our Holiday Open House is guaranteed to bring joy to your world with historical fun and holiday cheer.

But that's not all! Guests can enjoy family-friendly activities like a holiday storytime, family photos in our historic carriage, live music from the Brookline Trio on Dec. 6, and holiday balloon animals. On the second floor of the museum, the Tenement Room and Skinner Servants Room exhibits will be open for guests to explore.

Wistariahurst Museum's 6th Annual Holiday Open House and Festival Market truly offers something for everyone, and we're so excited to welcome the entire community to join us and share in the joy of the season. Our event is a time for celebration and a time to make cherished memories, so we've made sure to make admission to this event free and open to the public. It's the most wonderful time of the year.

Interested sponsors or vendors should contact info@wistariahurst.org.





LEFT: The new Holyoke Veterans Home opened up on Oct. 29. The home addresses many modernization needs of the previous facility.
Above: The new building costs $465 million with $400 million coming from a state bond authorization. The facility serves veterans throughout the region.

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lon, a hobby room, a chapel, a great room, and a central kitchen. For specialized care, a dedicated 30-bed memory care unit provides expert support for veterans with cognitive impairments.

Outside, residents will have access to four therapeutic gardens and walking areas designed to support physical and emotional well-being. A poignant new Memorial Garden at the campus entrance will honor veterans who passed away at the Home, especially those lost during the COVID-19 pandemic.

It's rooted in local heritage and advanced sustainability, the foundation and outdoor retaining walls are constructed from authentic Goshen stone. Built to LEED Gold certification standards and net-zero energy ready, the building features a geothermal heating and cooling system, solar energy integration, occupancy sensors, high-efficiency windows, and natural ventilation.

Lastly, according to officials, veterans and staff are transitioning into the new building in phases to ensure continuity of care and minimize disruptions. The second phase will introduce a 40-person adult day health program to serve both residents and veterans living in the surrounding community, with full project completion anticipated in summer 2028.

As previously initial residents have been welcomed in as of Nov. 10 following final VA inspections, with the phased move-in process allowing staff and residents to acclimate to the modernized living quarters while final landscaping and exterior work continue toward full campus completion.

Public Notices

AGAWAM ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE

The Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on **Monday, December 14, 2026 at 6:30 PM** for all parties interested in the request of Pavel Kuzmenko, who is seeking a Variance from the Town of Agawam's Zoning Ordinance, Ch.180, Section 33 (A) to allow a front setback with less than the required frontage at the premises identified as 61 Valley Street.

Doreen A. Prouty, Chairperson
Agawam Zoning
Board of Appeals
11/19, 11/26/2026

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Also known as:
Vasiliki C Mantzoros
Date of Death: 09/24/2026
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 **Nicole Bacile of Enfield, CT** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Nicole Bacile of Enfield, CT** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised 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 12/04/2026. 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: November 05, 2026
Rosemary A Saccomani,
Register of Probate
11/19/2026

Agawam City Council Public Hearing

The Agawam City Council will conduct a Public Hearing on **Monday, December 7, 2026, at 7:00pm**, in Veterans' Hall at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main Street, Agawam, MA to consider TR-2026-69 which is the adoption of a Residential Tax Factor pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 56 as submitted to the City Council by the Mayor Christopher C. Johnson on November 12, 2026

TR-2026-69 is available for public inspection by emailing the office of the City Clerk for an electronic copy at vgioscia@agawam.ma.us

BY ORDER OF:
Anthony J. Russo
President of the City Council
11/19, 11/26/2026

Protect yourself from scammers

Scammers may know your details. That doesn't make their offer legitimate.

When you've lost money to a scam, an offer to recover it can feel like a lifeline. Scammers count on that hope.

The recent $6.3 billion cryptocurrency theft at Binance also compromised data belonging to thousands of customers. Stolen information can help scammers identify potential targets and make fake recovery offers sound legitimate.

Be cautious of unsolicited callers or messages promising to recover funds.

How this scam works

An unsolicited caller or message poses as a lawyer, government official, or fraud department representative. They promise to recover your money—but first, you must pay a fee, cover a supposed "tax," or share account information.



Using information from data breaches or other fraudsters, they may already know your name, account details, or how much you lost. Knowing your details doesn't make them trustworthy.

5 ways to protect yourself:

• Don't pay to get paid. An unsolicited recovery offer that requires an upfront fee is a red flag. Government agencies don't charge you to investigate fraud.

• Verify independently. If an unsolicited caller claims to represent an organization, end the call and contact the organization through its official app, the number on your monthly statement, or a website you know is genuine. Check claims of BBB Accreditation directly at BBB.org.

• Keep account access private. Never share passwords, verification codes, or your crypto wallet's recovery phrase (the secret words used to restore access). Don't move funds to a "safe" wallet at an unsolicited caller's request.

• Act quickly if you sent money. Contact your bank, payment provider, or crypto exchange immediately to ask about your options. Recovery isn't guaranteed.

• Don't believe everything you see. Scammers are great at mimicking official seals, fonts, and other details. Just because a website or email looks official does not mean that it is. Caller ID is commonly faked.

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