

## FLORENCE

### Florence Bank presents Candice Somar with Community Support Award

FLORENCE – The Florence Bank announces its recent presentation of its 2026 Community Support Award to Candice Somar of Springfield, Assistant Vice President and Springfield Branch Manager.



Candice Somar

The Community Support Award was established by the bank in 1997 as a means of formally recognizing team members who are active in the community and give their personal and professional time to local nonprofit organizations.

Each year, the award recipient selects an organization of his/her choice, and the bank donates \$500 to that organization on

the recipient's behalf. Somar chose to support Ella's Feline Rescue Mission in Springfield because she loves cats and applauds Ella's mission.

She supports many other nonprofits in the region with her time, serving as a board member for Greater Springfield Habitat for Humanity, as ambassador for East of the River Chamber of Commerce, is on the Caribbean American Heritage Committee and as a volunteer for Revitalize CDC and Ronald McDonald House.

Somar has 27 years of banking experience and manages Florence Bank's Allen Street branch location in

Springfield, supporting business growth and community development.

"We are pleased to shine a spotlight on Candice because we are proud of all the important work she does in the community," said Matt Garrity, President and CEO of Florence Bank. "She is a team member who actively supports and volunteers for area nonprofits, assisting the communities they serve and is well-deserving of the Community Support Award"

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### Padelford becomes Senior VP/CFO at Florence Bank

FLORENCE – The Florence Bank announces Eric Padelford of Dalton, is senior vice president/chief financial officer.

Padelford will succeed senior vice president/treasurer Sarah Darling, who will be retiring in June after 40 years of service to the bank.

Prior to joining Florence Bank, Padelford was executive vice president and chief operating officer at Pittsfield Cooperative Bank in Pittsfield, where he oversaw all operational, financial and technological functions for the organization.

"Eric has successfully managed multiple bank divisions and has a proven track record of achievement in each of those key areas," said Matt

Garrity, president and chief executive officer. "I look forward to Eric joining our senior leadership team and am excited to see his vision for our finance and facilities divisions."

Padelford holds a Bachelor of Science degree in information technology from the State University of New York Empire State College and a Master of Science degree in data science from Eastern University in Pennsylvania.

Garrity also reflected on Darling's distinguished four-decade career at Florence Bank.

"In her 40 years of ser-



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vice, Sarah has always represented Florence Bank with the highest degree of professionalism and integrity. We'll miss her financial acumen and keen insight but wish her all the best as she embarks on her next journey."

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### Florence Community Band holding concert June 21

FLORENCE – The Florence Community Band will host their Community Band Festival at the Look Park Pines Theater in Northampton on Sunday, June 21 at 3 p.m.

The concert is free; there is a vehicle fee to enter the park. Musicians, who would like to participate should email priscilla@flore-

encecommunityband.com.

Band director Priscilla Ross says, "Calling all musicians, to continue celebrating our 25th Anniversary, we are reprising our Community Band Festival of days old. Join us on Sunday, June 21 at the picturesque Look Park Pines Theater for the rehearsal in the morning, lunch, and then the concert.

We can't wait to play with you."

Florence Community Band has long-standing roots in the Pioneer Valley and has an active playing membership of 75 musicians. With a commitment to community and musical excellence, FCB continues to grow and flourish as a welcoming place for all.

## PLAINFIELD

### Annual Firefighter's Barbecue, road race to be held on Sept. 6

PLAINFIELD – The Plainfield Volunteer Firefighter's Association hosts the 55th Annual Firefighter's Barbecue and 50th Plainfield Road Race on Labor Day weekend, Sunday, Sept. 6.

Barbecue tickets are now available from any Plainfield firefighter, EMT or fire association member. People should not wait until the day of the event to purchase their ticket. This is Plainfield's largest annual gathering.

The meal includes barbecued chicken local baked potatoes and corn-on-the-cob, as well as homemade Coleslaw, dinner roll, slice of watermelon and a beverage.

Cost is for \$20 per

adult and \$10 per child under 12. The barbecued chicken, baked potato and corn on the cob are all cooked on a giant open fire pit built by firefighters two years ago. The cooking fire starts at 6 a.m., cooking through the morning to be ready for a 1 p.m. serving time.

The day's event will include a giant silent raffle with tickets on sale at the food tent. There is live music featuring the Curtis Rich Review, who has a Plainfield resident performer.

The 50th Plainfield Road Race, started in 1976, is a 1.1-mile loop around the center of town on a deceptive difficult course. Registration is free and day

of event. Race start time is 1:15p.m. Winners of both the overall race and children under 12 get their names inscribed on race bowels that are on display at the Shaw-Memorial Library throughout the year.

The giant silent raffle is put together during the summer months preceding the barbecue by the volunteer fire association members, who seek donated items throughout Western Mass. If people would like to donate an item, new items only, packaged and sealed, they should contact a firefighter or EMT or drop off the item Thursday evenings at the Safety Complex at 38 North Central St. after 7 p.m. Raffle winners are picked the day of the event.

## SOUTH WORTHINGTON

### Sevenar's Academy eager to hold July 12 concert

SOUTH WORTHINGTON – The Sevenar's Academy, 15 Ireland St., just off Rte. 122, will hold six concerts beginning Sunday, July 12 and running through Sunday, Aug. 16 at 4 p.m.

Their "Family and Friends" opener marks the 250th anniversary of the birth of the USA. The program will feature a fantastic array of

American music, including Gershwin, Copland, Joplin, Blake, Braggiotti, Waller, Schoenfield, Bolcom, Brubeck, and songs of late Sevenars co-founder Rolande Young Schrade.

Rorianne Schrade, Lynelle James, and Christopher James will be at the pianos, and violinist Alex Walls, pianist/composer Clifton J. "Jerry" Noble, Jr., and bass-baritone

John Henry Thomas will add their tremendous gifts.

From riffs on "Yankee Doodle" to more serious fare, there will be lots of fun!

For individual biographies, please visit their websites: alexiswallsmusic.com, cliftonjnoblej.com, lynellejames.com, rorianne.com For more information on the program, people may visit: <https://www.sevenars.org/july12>.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### TOWN OF HUNTINGTON WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION HUNTINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for the construction of the "Town of Huntington, MA SCADA System Upgrades Project" will be received by the Town of Huntington, Water and Sewer Commission, Town Hall, 24 Russell Road until 2:00 p.m. local time on July 09, 2026 at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. Sealed Bids must have outer envelope marked as "Town of Huntington, MA SCADA System Upgrades Project".

The work consists of the installation of a new SCADA system including new equipment, panels, and enclosures at the water treatment building. Bids shall be on a lump sum basis as indicated in the Bid Form.

All Bids for this project are subject to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 149, Section 44A - 44J inclusive as amended.

In accordance with Section 44D of Chapter 149 of the General Laws of Massachusetts as amended, the prospective General Bidders must submit with their Bid, a certificate of eligibility issued by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM), showing that the Bidder has been approved to bid on projects of the size and nature as advertised herein. Prospective General Bidders must also submit an updated statement summarizing their record for the period between the latest DCAMM certificate and the date of the Bid submittal. The DCAMM certificate of eligibility to be submitted by the General Bidder shall be for the category of work defined as "Electrical".

Bidding Documents may be obtained electronically from the Tighe & Bond website at: [http://www.tighebond.com/Projects\\_Out\\_to\\_Bid.php](http://www.tighebond.com/Projects_Out_to_Bid.php)

Prospective bidders must complete a one-time registration process on the web site in order to receive log-in credentials.

Bidders must log in to the web site to download bidding documents for the project. Bidders will be added to the "planholders" or prospective bidders list upon downloading the bidding documents for the project.

All general bidders shall furnish with their bid a bid deposit in the form of a bid bond in the amount of 5% of the total amount for the Bid and made payable to the Town of Huntington.

Minimum Wage Rates as determined by the Commissioner of Department of Workforce Development under the provision of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 26 to 27D, as amended, apply to this project. It is the responsibility of the Contractor, before Bid opening, to request, if necessary, any additional information on Minimum Wage Rates for those trades people who may be employed for the proposed Work under this Contract.

Consulting Engineer: Tighe & Bond, Inc. 53 Southampton Road Westfield, MA 01085 413-562-1600

06/18/2026

### LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF HUNTINGTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) of the Town of Huntington will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 29, 2026 beginning at 6:00 pm in Stanton Hall.

The Public Hearing is scheduled for 6:00 pm for the Special Permit Application of Holly Neylon DBA The River House Bar & Grill of 93 Pomeroy Road, Montgomery, MA to reopen the former Rapids Bar & Grill under a new name at 200 Worthington Road, Parcel # 326-1A.

The Special Permit Application will be available to view by appointment in the office of the Selectboard during regular business hours after June 15, as well as at the Public Hearing.

Zoning Board of Appeals Town of Huntington 06/11, 06/18/2026

### Chesterfield Planning Board Notice of Public Hearing

A public hearing will be held for a Special Permit Application from Verizon Wireless on behalf of SBA Communications, on Monday, July 6 at 6:30 PM in the Town Offices, 422 Main Road, Chesterfield, MA. The proposed plan at 53 Bofat Hill Rd., Chesterfield, MA is to add a 10' antenna extension and 8' lightning rod to an existing 18' cell tower; a back-up 50 kw diesel generator; flood lighting; and related construction. A copy of the proposed plan is available for viewing and a notice is posted at the Town Clerk's office.. 06/18, 06/25/2026

Please check the accuracy of your legal notice prior to submission (i.e., date, time, spelling). Also, be sure the requested publication date coincides with the purpose of the notice, or as the law demands. Thank you.

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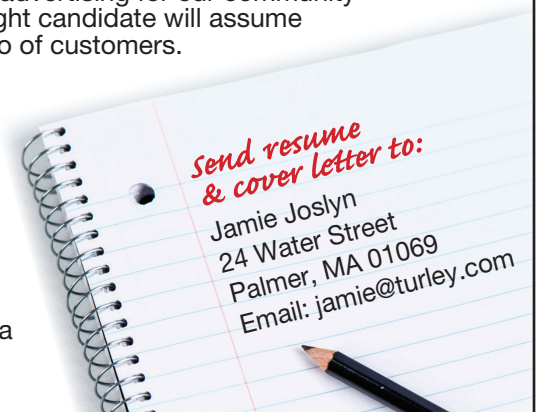
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