

Second Chance Animal Services helps more than 64,000 pets in 2025

EAST BROOKFIELD – Second Chance Animal Services announced today that the nonprofit helped a record breaking 64,143 pets in 2025, far surpassing its previous annual high of 56,000.

This milestone marks one of the most impactful years in the organization’s history. Every Second Chance veterinary hospital experienced growth in the number of pets helped, with some locations assisting thousands more animals than in prior years. This is a remarkable triumph for the nonprofit hospitals that continue to break down barriers to access to veterinary care by offering affordable care to everyone and additional subsidies to those that qualify.

In 2025, Second Chance’s adoption team responded to an increase demand for care for pets with complex and long-term medical needs, including several large-scale rescue efforts such as the 52 cats taken in from a single home and the intake of 26 golden retriever moms and their puppies who were under two weeks old at the time of rescue. The organization supported an unusually high number of mothers with underage puppies and kittens who required extended foster care before becoming adoption ready. These intensive cases resulted in a slight decline in the number of pets adopted. As a no kill shelter, Second Chance does not euthanize pets for space and remains committed to provid-

ing care for animals who need time, medical treatment, and specialized support.

“We were hoping to reach 60,000 pets helped, but in the last two months things truly skyrocketed,” said Sheryl Blancato, Founder and CEO of Second Chance Animal Services. “Each year we think we may start to level out, and each year we reach new heights. It is incredibly exciting for the pets we are able to help every day, but it is also a sobering reminder of the growing challenges facing pets and the people who love them.”

Blancato added that Project Keep Me, which provides temporary boarding and care for pets while domestic violence survivors secure safe housing and while veterans focus on in-patient treatment, saw need more than double in 2025. The program helps ensure that pets and the people who love them can stay together by offering peace of mind during times of crisis and transition, allowing families to heal and reunite without the added fear of losing a beloved companion.

Demand also rose sharply for the Second Chance pet food pantry program, which now supplies pet food to 26 local human food pantries. New partner pantries joined the program in 2025, and requests for pet food surged as more pet owners faced financial hardship. The pantry

Palmer Police Logs

Sunday, Jan. 4
10:15 a.m. – Annoying/ Obscene phone calls, North St.
4:23 p.m. – Accident w/ property damage, W. Ware St.
9:25 p.m. – Fraud, Main St.
10:28 p.m. – Burglar alarm, Tables Restaurant, Palmer St.
Monday, Jan. 5
9:42 a.m. – Gas leak/ odor, Thorndike St.
11:59 a.m. – Vandalism, Second St.
2:30 p.m. – Fire, Barker St.
9:52 p.m. – Arrest, Anthony Joseph Brosseau, 43, charged with operating under the influence of liquor, second offense, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, light violation, failure to stop, and speeding.
Tuesday, Jan. 6
10:22 a.m. – Accident w/ property damage, Palmer St.
11:57 a.m. – Arrest, Destiny Anne Marie Marlow, 27, charged with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, three counts of children in a motor vehicle without a car seat, lights violation, and number plate violation
5:09 p.m. – Disorderly conduct, Baystate Wing Hospital, Wright St.
6:47 p.m. – Disorderly conduct, Baystate Wing Hospital, Wright St.
7:28 p.m. – Drug/narcotics violation, Shearer St.
8:11 p.m. – Accident w/ property damage, Stimson St.
Wednesday, Jan. 7
1:04 a.m. – Fire, Michael Dr.
9:06 a.m. – Vandalism, Boston Rd.
9:45 a.m. – Accident w/ property damage, Tables

Restaurant, Palmer St.
10:03 a.m. – Accident w/ property damage, Shearer St.
3:34 p.m. – Accident w/ property damage, Three Rivers Rd.
9:42 p.m. – Missing person, Main St.
Thursday, Jan. 8
2:28 p.m. – Accident w/ property damage, Pathfinder Tech, Sykes St.
3:14 p.m. – Harassment, Palmer Public Library, N. Main St.
4:19 p.m. – Larceny, Baystate Wing Hospital, Wright St.
8:52 p.m. – Gas leak/ odor, Park St.
10:13 p.m. – Threat report, Vigeant St.
11:10 p.m. – Threat report, Walnut St.
11:29 p.m. – Threat report, Grove St.
Friday, Jan. 9
4:45 a.m. – Burglar

alarm, Steaming Tender Restaurant, Depot St.
6:16 a.m. – Breaking and entering, Cabot St.
12:25 p.m. – Animal complaint, Old Farm Rd.
2:36 p.m. – Animal complaint, Pinney St.
6:47 p.m. – Accident w/ property damage, McDonald’s, Thorndike St.
6:50 p.m. – Larceny, Pine Hill Dr.
Saturday, Jan. 10
12:11 a.m. – Disturbance, S. Main St.
1:57 a.m. – Arrest, Tyler Colby White, 32, charged with possession of a Class B drug, and not having an inspection sticker
9:53 a.m. – Burglar alarm, Thorndike St.
3:22 p.m. – Accident w/ property damage, Central St.
3:27 p.m. – Water leak, Barlow St.
9:58 p.m. – Larceny, Kelley St.

Railroad Hobby Show returns to Eastern States Exposition

REGION – America’s largest railroad-themed trade show will be back at the Eastern States Exposition fairgrounds in West Springfield on Jan. 24 and 25, 2026.

Occupying four buildings and 400,000 square feet of space, The show covers all facets of the railroad hobbies - model railroads in all scales, railroad art and photography, railroad history and preservation, tourist railroads, railroad artifacts, and railroad books and videos.

Major railroad publications and model railroad manufacturers attend the show, and many use the Railroad Hobby Show as the setting to introduce new products.

In addition, operating models of Thomas, Lego trains, and the ever-popular wooden train sets are all at the show.

The Railroad Hobby Show is sponsored by the Amherst Railway Society.

For additional information and show tickets, visit: railroadhobbyshow.com.

Monson Fire Logs

Here is the fire log for the Monson Fire Department for the week of Jan. 5 through Jan. 11, 2026. The department responded to 24 EMS calls and 5 Fire calls.

On Wednesday, Jan. 7 at 8:11 a.m. the department responded to 15 Homer Drive for the co alarm activation. The department returned to service at 9 a.m.

On Wednesday, Jan. 7 at 10:59 a.m. the department responded to the area of 157 Upper Palmer Road for the motor vehicle crash. The department returned to service at 11:41 a.m.

On Thursday, Jan. 8 at 2:51 p.m. the department responded to 12 Aldrich Road for the lockout/public assist. The department returned to service at 3:24 p.m.

On Saturday, Jan. 10 at 7:12 a.m. the department responded to the area of Sandhill Road at Wilbraham Road for the motor vehicle crash. The department returned to service at 7:39 a.m.

On Sunday, Jan. 11 at 8:20 a.m. the department responded to 92 Cote Road for the gas leak. The department returned to service at 8:40 a.m.

Public notices

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
Docket No.
HD25P2287EA
Estate of:
Joseph F. Handzel
Also Known As:
Joseph Francis Handzel
Date of Death: 08/13/2025
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Laura A. Davis of Palmer, MA**

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Laura A. Davis of Palmer, 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.

01/15/2026

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE’S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Teresa Wieslawa Hrynkiw to H&R Block Mortgage Corporation, dated September 21, 2005 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 15355, Page 570, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from: H&R Block Mortgage Corporation to Option One Mortgage Corporation, recorded on December 21, 2005, in Book No. 15587, at Page 81 Sand Canyon Corporation f/k/a Option One Mortgage Corporation to Deut-

sche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Soundview Home Loan Trust 2005-OPT4, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-OPT4, recorded on January 30, 2013, in Book No. 19661, at Page 194 for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at **10:00 AM on February 9, 2026**, on the mortgaged premises located at 114 Peck Brothers Road, Monson, Hampden County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT: Lot 4 A certain parcel of land on the southeasterly side of Peck Bros. Road, Monson, Hampden County, Massachusetts, known and designated as Lot 4 on a plan entitled “Plan of Lots in Monson, Mass., Surveyed for Lawrence D. Tassinari, Scale 1” = 100’, Jan. 11, 1982, Kenneth C. Sherman, Engineer-Surveyor, Palmer, Mass.”, which plan is recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book of Plans 203, Page 121, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pin in the southeasterly line of Peck Bros. Road at the westerly corner of land now or formerly of Cynthia A. Lloyd (see Book of Plans 177, Page 116);

thence S. 51° 41’ 30” E. along a stone wall, twenty-eight and 69/100 (28.69) feet to a point; thence S. 62° 27’ 30” E. continuing along said stone wall, ninety-nine and 28/100 (99.28) feet to a point;

thence S. 75° 21’ 30” E. continuing along said stone wall, one hundred two and 84/100 (102.84) feet to a point;

thence S. 66° 39’ 15” E. two hundred seventy-one and 56/100 (271.56) feet to a point in a stone wall, the last four courses being along land now or formerly of said Lloyd;

thence S. 29° 54’ 15” W. along land now or formerly of Lawrence D. Tassinari, one hundred thirteen and 00/100 (113.00) feet to an iron pin at the easterly corner of Lot 3;

thence N. 75° 56’ W. along Lot 3, five hundred seventy-six and 09/100 (576.09) feet to an iron pin in the southeasterly line of said road; thence N. 45° 6’ E. along said road, two hundred nineteen and 94/100 (219.94) feet to the point beginning, all as shown on said plan. Containing 1.847 acres.

Lot 4A A certain parcel of land

on the Southeasterly side of Peck Bros. Road, Monson, Mass., known and designated as Lot 4A on a plan entitled, “Plan of Lots in Monson, Mass., surveyed for Lawrence D. Tassinari dated January 11, 1982, Revised June 10, 1983, Kenneth C. Sherman, Engineer-Surveyor”, which plan is recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book of Plans 210, Page 58, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pan in the southeasterly line of said road at the southwesterly corner of land now or formerly of Thomas J. Barry, Jr., and Annette B. Barry, being Lot 4 on a plan in Book of Plans 203, Page 121;

thence S. 75° 56’ E. one hundred ninety and 00/100 (190.00) feet along last named land to a point;

thence S. 70° 24’ 45” W. one hundred four and 16/100 (104.16) feet along remaining land of Gene W. Burbee et ux to iron pin;

thence N. 28° 41’ 45” W. seventy-two and 26/100 (72.26) feet along last named land to a point;

thence N. 71° 1’ W. fifty-four and 43/100 (54.43) feet along last named land to the iron pin at the point of beginning, as shown on said plan. Containing 4,150 square feet of land.

Together with the right to maintain the existing leach field on remaining land of Gene W. Burbee and Louann M. Burbee.

For mortgagor’s(s’) title see deed recorded with Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 9247, Page 25. These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., New-

ton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

DEUTSCHE BANK
NATIONAL TRUST
COMPANY,
AS TRUSTEE FOR
SOUNDVIEW HOME LOAN
TRUST 2005-OPT4,
ASSET-BACKED
CERTIFICATES,
SERIES 2005-OPT4
Present holder of said mortgage
By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES,
P.C.
150 California St.
Newton, MA 02458
(617)558-0500
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01/15, 01/22, 01/29/2026

**TOWN OF PALMER
LICENSING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING**

The Palmer Licensing Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 2, 2026 at 5:10 PM at the Palmer Town Building, 4417 Main Street, Palmer on the application from Kavita, Inc DBA Jane Alden Convenience Store located at 1469 North Main Street, Palmer MA for a new all-alcohol off-premises license through Special Legislation under Chapter 76, Acts of 2025.

Any persons interested in being heard should appear at the time and place above stated.

Town of Palmer
Licensing Commission
01/15/2026

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
Docket No.
HD25P2517EA
Estate of:
Wilfred L. Jarvais
Also Known As:
Wilfred Lee Jarvais
Date of Death: 11/01/2025
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Peti-

tion of Petitioner **Shelly Savicki of Wales, MA**

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Shelly Savicki of Wales, 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.

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The Palmer Licensing Commission will hold a public hearing on **Monday, February 2, 2026 at 5:00 PM** at the Palmer Town Building, 4417 Main Street, Palmer on the application from J. Lukos, Inc DBA Luke’s Beer and Wine located at 1478 North Main Street, Palmer MA for a new all-alcohol off-premises license through Special Legislation under Chapter 76, Acts of 2025.

Any persons interested in being heard should appear at the time and place above stated.

Town of Palmer
Licensing Commission
01/15/2026

**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. HD25E0051PP
CITATION**

To Margery J. Wilburn, of Carroll County, Taneytown, Maryland, as herself and as Personal

Representative of William Stanton; James E. Stanton, as himself and as Personal Representative of Sandra Stanton, Jacqueline A. Stanton, and Donna Stanton, all from Hampden County; Ralph I. Stanton, Jr., and Prudence Neilsen, both of Worcester County; Janet Arborio, of Hartford County, and to all other persons interested.

A petition has been presented to said Court by Charles L. Stanton, of Brimfield, representing that they hold as tenants in common in an undivided part or share of land lying in Brimfield, 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 Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars, 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, should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield before ten o’clock in the forenoon on the **5th day of March 2026**, the return day of this citation.

WITNESS, BARBARA M. HYLAND, Esquire, First Justice of said Court, this 31st day of December 2025.

01/08, 01/15, 01/22/2026

**TOWN OF PALMER
LICENSING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING**

The Palmer Licensing Commission will hold a public hearing on **Monday, February 2, 2026 at 5:20 PM** at the Palmer Town Building, 4417 Main Street, Palmer on the application from Ernestina’s LLC located at 2054 Bridge Street, Palmer MA for a new all-alcohol on-premises license through Special Legislation under Chapter 76, Acts of 2025.

Any persons interested in being heard should appear at the time and place above stated.

Town of Palmer
Licensing Commission
01/15/2026