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Body worn cameras have shown some levels of safety in terms of the studies that’s been done on them, like use of force incidents, for example. Departments that have implemented them have noticed differences in use of force incidents, maybe because officers are more prone to exercise deescalation efforts because they know they are on camera and the same for the public.

It’s not a fix all, but it has a measure of improvement and safety in terms of public accountability, and in terms of public trust it increases credibility of an agency. As far as the total cost, I think we have to develop the program first and put something on paper and negotiate with our unions first, both patrol and supervisors, before we can look at possible grants to cover this,” said Brennan.

The following question by Gennette revolved around centralized dispatch for the community, “Our municipality has the infrastructure to either join the state centralized dispatch system or operate a regional dispatch service for surrounding towns as a potential revenue generator; the prior chief supported the latter. As the incoming chief, do you view regional dispatch as a core operational responsibility of your role, something you would personally lead to completion or something you would delegate?” asked Gennette.

Brennan stated that dispatch function is a core responsibility, one of the core responsibilities of the LPD, and parts are currently being delegated. “If you’re talking about a change in operations and moving from our current centralized dispatch to a regionalized dispatch, the last chief as you mentioned, becoming a host for a regional center would definitely require more command oversight and less delegation,” said Brennan.

Gennette clarified and asked if Ludlow was in the position to be a host community for centralized dispatch and Brennan answered yes, “It’s feasible, I think we can take one to even two departments, that would be critical. We actually discussed this with our dispatchers who the majority would be on board, and I think our dispatch is excited to do something like that. We have a good product here in Ludlow and some other departments may be struggling so I think we can regionally accommodate at least one or two departments,” answered Brennan.

Gennette’s last question revolved around his own view of the LPD and stated the following, “The department is fully staffed, officers are well trained and competitively compensated, and vehicles and equipment are modern and in good condition. In a context where the baseline is already strong, how do you approach budget development going forward? Specifically, how do you distinguish essential spending, nice to have enhancements, and areas where restraint and reallocation is appropriate?” asked Gennette.

Brennan answered that any part of the budget plan is identifying those essential things first and explained the following items like personnel costs, overtime costs, yearly training, and general expenses. Vice Chairperson William Rosenblum asked Brennan what his mission for the Town is and Brennan ended by saying he would hope to leave the department in good hands, promote and give the resources to the LPD to help them succeed, and have the Town be confident in them by problem solving and address it the best they can.

“I want the public to feel like their problems are resolved in a professional manner,” said Brennan.

On the Town of Ludlow LinkedIn page, the following congratulated Brennan for his achievement and highlights the importance of supporting local law enforcement and first responders. “This is a significant milestone not only for Chief Brennan but also for the community. His dedication and commitment to public safety will undoubtedly lead to positive changes in our Town. We are excited to see the vision and leadership he will bring to the LPD. Together, we can support our local law enforcement and work towards a safer, stronger Ludlow.”

project funded through the town’s FY22/23 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program including the Robert Street Neighborhood improvements and Housing Rehabilitation program. The hearing will involve open discussion regarding how the Town will re-program remaining funds in the grant post completion of construction. This activity received funding through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities, Massachusetts CDBG program.

This hearing will also serve as the first public forum to solicit community input on activities to be included in a potential Ludlow FY26 Community Development Block Grant application. All community members and stakeholders are invited to share thoughts on potential CDBG-eligible activities to be included.

All persons with questions or comments regarding the grant application will have an opportunity to be heard. Those unable to attend can send written comments to the Ludlow Town Administrator, 488 Chapin Street, Ludlow, Ma 01056, Attn: Marc Strange. The Town Hall is mobility accessible. Persons who require accommodation should contact the town at least one week prior to the hearing date at (413)-583-5600 ext. 1200. For further information contact Sarah Maroney at PVPC at (413) 781-6045 or smaroney@pvpc.org. 01/28, 02/04/2026

Legal Notice Town of Ludlow

Ludlow Special Town Meeting of October 6, 2025– Case #12032 Warrant Articles 4 and 8 (General) and 10 and 11 (Zoning) were approved by the Attorney General’s office. “Such Bylaws have been posted according to the Bylaws and copies are available at the Town Clerk’s Office”.

****see full context of text in Town Clerk’s office.**

Posted in all 6 polling locations and at the Ludlow Town Hall.

Precinct 1: Harris Brook Elementary School
Precinct 2: Paul R. Baird Middle School
Precinct 3: Ludlow High School
Precinct 4: East Street School
Precinct 5: First Church in Ludlow
Precinct 6: Paul R. Baird Middle School
1/14, 1/21, 1/28/2026

OBITUARY

Erika A. Desautels 1939-2025

LUDLOW – Sadly, Erika (Erndt) Desautels, 86, passed away suddenly on Dec. 19, 2025, in Ludlow, Massachusetts. Born on Nov. 26, 1939, in Karbitz, Czechoslovakia she immigrated to the United States as a young girl in the aftermath of WWII. Erika graduated from the High School of Commerce and went on to work many jobs before retiring from MassMutual.



Throughout her life, Erika found joy in the little things like going to tag sales, camping and doting on her cats. She was known for her green thumb and could often be found tending to her garden filled with vibrant flowers. Her love of flowers and gardening was only exceeded by the cherished times she spent with family. They traveled together often and some favorites were time at the beach and among the mountains of Vermont.

Erika’s life was enriched by those she held dear. She is survived by her devoted family, her husband Paul, her

children Kathy Rado Stelmack, Edward Rado, Kimberly Desautels and partner Gordon Carr and Michele Desautels. She will be forever missed by her adoring grandchildren Paige and Cameron Murphy and Zachary Stelmack. She also leaves behind many other cherished family members and friends who will miss her deeply.

She was predeceased by her mother Bertha (Tomola) Edelman; brother Joseph Erndt; first husband Edward J. Rado; and son-in-law Karl Stelmack.

Family and friends are invited to a Celebration of Life in her honor held on Feb. 8, 2026, at 12 p.m. at the Villa Rose Restaurant 1428 Center St, Ludlow. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Furever Homes for Felines <https://fureverhomes-forfelines.org/donate> or Shriners Hospital, 516 Carew St, Springfield, MA 01104 or <https://www.shrinerschildrens.org>. For more information, please go to www.kapinosmazurfh.com.

DEATH NOTICE

Erika A. Desautels
Died Dec. 19, 2025
Celebration of Life
Feb. 8, 2026
Kapinos-Mazur
Funeral Home

The Ludlow Register OBITUARY POLICY

Turley Publications offers two types of obituaries. One is a free, brief **Death Notice** listing the name of deceased, date of death and funeral date and place. The other is a **Paid Obituary**, costing \$275, which allows families to publish extended death notice information of their own choice (with a word limit of up to 500 words) and may include a photograph.

Death Notices & Paid Obituaries should be submitted through a funeral home to: obits@turley.com.

Exceptions will be made only when the family provides a death certificate and must be pre-paid.

PUBLIC NOTICES

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
Docket No.
HD26P0023EA
Estate of:
Ellen T. Goncalves
Date of Death: 12/17/2025
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Elizabeth J. Sady of Whitesboro, NY.**

Elizabeth J. Sady of Whitesboro, NY

Alexander A. Goncalves of Ludlow, 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.
01/28/2026

**TOWN OF LUDLOW
Public Hearing
Tuesday, February 17, 2026
6:15 PM**

**Town Hall
488 Chapin Street,
Ludlow, Ma
Performance/
Re-Programming of the
FY22/23 Ludlow
Community Block Development
Grant and FY26 Application**

The Ludlow Select Board will conduct a public hearing on **February 17, 2026, at 6:15 PM** at the Town Hall, 488 Chapin Street, Ludlow, MA and via cable television or live stream. Instructions are available on the town’s website. You may also access the meeting by audio by calling 1-617-758-8793, attending via Uber conference.

The hearing will review the

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Sunday school for adults,
Young single adults(18-30) and teens (11-18)
1st & 3rd Sunday of
the month from 11-12 noon
Adult Religious/Marriage and Parenting
for Women- 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month
from 11-12 noon
Adult Religious/Marriage and Parenting
for Men- 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month
from 11-12 noon
Classes for Single Adults(18-30)
2nd & 4th Sunday
of the month -11- 12 noon
Classes for Young Men(11-18)
2nd & 4th Sunday
of the month 11-12 noon
Classes for Young Women (11-18)
2nd & 4th Sunday of the month - 11-12 noon
Children’s classes: Sunday school & singing time
every Sunday(3-10) 11- 12 noon
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CHRIST THE KING CHURCH

**41 Warsaw Ave., Ludlow
413-583-2630**
Pastor Rev. Raymond A. Soltys
Saturday Vigil Masses – 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
Sunday Masses – 7:30 a.m.; 8:45 a.m. (Polish);
10 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.
Sunday Evening Mass – 5:30 p.m.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

**25 Parker St, Indian Orchard,
413-543-3627**
Very Rev. Piotr Calik
**Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday, 9 a.m. —1 p.m.**
**CLOSED FRIDAY
MASS SCHEDULE**
Monday 8:00am
Tuesday 8:00am
Wednesday No Mass
Thursday 6:00pm
Friday 6:00pm
Saturday 4:00pm
Sunday 8:30am (English) 10:15am (Polish)
Confessions: Saturday - 3:15–4 p.m.

ST. ELIZABETH PARISH

**191 Hubbard St., Ludlow
413-583-3467**
Pastor – Rev. Msgr. Homer P. Gosselin
In Residence – Rev. Norman Bolton
Deacons: Normand Grondin, Keith Davies
Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Visit our website at www.stelizabethludlow.org
Like us on Facebook Check out our Parish App
Wednesday, Jan. 28 – Daily Mass – 7:30 AM (C)
Holy Mother Choir – 4:30 (C), Scouts – 6 PM (ER)
Cub Scouts – 6 PM (FLBH)
Bible Study – 6:30 PM (JR)
Thursday, Jan. 29 – Daily Mass – 7:30 AM (C)
Friday, Jan. 30 – Daily Mass– 7:30 AM (C)
Saturday, Jan. 31 –Confessions – 2:30 PM (C)
Saturday Vigil Mass – 4 PM (C)
Eucharistic Revival Pot Luck Supper – 6 (FLBH)
Sunday, Feb. 1 – Daily Masses at 7:30 AM
9:15 AM, 11 AM and 5 PM (C)
Confirmation Class – 8 AM (JR)
Faith Formation – 10:15 AM (FLBH/ST)
Lifeteen – 6 PM (JR)
Monday, Feb. 2 – Daily Mass – 7:30 AM (C)
Faith Formation – 6 PM (JR)
Tuesday, Feb. 3 – Daily Mass - 7:30 AM (C)
Middle School Youth Ministry – 3:30 PM (JR)
St. Rita Choir – 4:00 (C)
Pasta Committee Meeting – 6 PM (ZR)
Parish Eucharistic Revival Comm. Mtg – 6:30 (JR)
Bereavement Support Group – 6:30 PM (ER)

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**438 Winsor St., Ludlow
413-583-2312**
Father Pedro DeOlivera
**Office hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m.
to 5:00 p.m., closed 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.**
Sunday Masses – 9 a.m. (Portuguese);
11 a.m. (English)
Monday and Wednesday Morning
Masses – 8:30 a.m. (Portuguese)
Tuesday and Friday Masses – 5:30 p.m.
(Portuguese)
Saturday Vigil Mass – 4 p.m. (English)
First Saturday of the Month – 8:30 a.m.
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Website: www.ludlowfirst.com

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FAITH COMMUNITY CHAPEL

**A Church of the Nazarene
485 East Street, Ludlow
(413) 583-7875**
Email: FCCPastorLisa@gmail.com
Lead Pastor: Rev. Lisa Morrison
Associate Pastor: Gary Coombs
Sunday Morning Discipleship Groups
meet at 9:45am
Worship service meets at 11am
OTHER MEETINGS
Tuesdays: Zoom Bible Study 7pm
Fridays: After School Club for Children 5pm
AA Group 7pm

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**CATHOLIC CHURCH
45 Newbury St.
Ludlow, MA 01056
Phone: 413-583-2140**
Pastor: Father Andriy Krip
Liturgy schedule:
Wednesday 9 a.m., Friday 9 a.m.
Rosary for Peace in Ukraine
on Wednesday at 6 p.m.