

Wilbraham Friends of the Library Clothing and Household Textile Drive to benefit all

WILBRAHAM - Wilbraham Friends of the Library (WFOL), a non-profit committed to raising funds for the Wilbraham Public Library, is holding a clothing and textile drive on Saturday, Oct. 17 from 8 a.m. to Noon.

During back-to-school season, remember the WFOL as you sort through your kids closets and drawers. And don't stop there... clean out that linen closet and the old dresser in the guest room. Bag up all the extra clothing and textiles that are just clogging up your home. Clothing, shoes, purses, sheets & blankets, curtains - give them a new

lease on life!

Millions of pounds of clothing and household textiles used to end up in U.S. landfills each year. Current Massachusetts laws ban disposal of textiles, easing the burden on landfills but leaving some to wonder just what to do with it all. The WFOL Clothing & Household Textile Drive gives you the opportunity to take responsible action through donations and upcycling.

The Friends will receive a per pound payment for these items which will go directly to the library for programs, museum passes, equipment, and other needed items. The

donated items will be given a second life with new owners - at an affordable price - instead of adding to the already overwhelming landfill situation.

Join us with your clothing drive donations on Oct. 17, learn more about the Friends, and receive a coupon for a free book at our Annual Book Sale which is scheduled to take place in May 2027.

For more information on the Wilbraham Friends of the Library visit them on the web at <http://wilbrahamlibrary.org/friends.asp>, on Facebook or via email at wfol.info@gmail.com.

WALK RETURNS

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Jay Dalessio for her involvement.

"Most fulfilling is spreading the message that people who are struggling with addiction aren't alone. I think it's just really fulfilling to talk to people at events and to hear their stories and to spread our message," Euber said.

Euber stressed the importance of making positive choices.

"I feel like a lot of people see ATI as a checkbox or something to just do to put on your college resume, but I think it's so much more than that. The walk is just a bunch of people that are all gathering as kind of in agreement to stay above the influence and to stay safe and to just make good choices that are going to help people in the long run," Euber said. "But also, encourage people who may not be making good choices to make good choices and it's just an important message overall."

Henry Oh, a junior, is in his second year with the club. He's enjoyed taking part in the varying events the club does throughout the year.

"I really enjoy participating, helping out and that's why I kept on going," Oh said.

Oh said he's happy to be a part of the movement to help the youth, offering this advice to anyone who is struggling.

"I would say don't give up. Keep going no matter how hard it can be; it's worth it in the end," Oh said.

He also hopes the community comes out for the event.

"Definitely come check it out. It's a great time, it's for a great cause and love to

see a lot of people there," Oh said.

Connor Tillberry, a senior, has been with the club for three years and joined through friends, with the message of combating addiction and bullying resonating with him.

"What's important is it's taking kids who are still in high school and it's educating them and these kids are helping organize events to help educate even adults who might not be aware and it's just educating them about the very real problem that is the opioid crisis, that is bullying and we're doing all sorts of events to help raise money to combat some of these issues," Tillberry said.

Tillberry said the annual walk has fulfilled him in seeing the impact of hundreds of people coming out to support and thousands of dollars being raised.

"To have that much success with one of the events is just very nice to see because this is probably our biggest outreach with the community and it's just the biggest organization we get and a lot of that money goes to it," Tillberry said.

He encouraged fellow students to join.

"I would say do it. I would just say do it because even if you join—and a lot of people, they're hesitant to join clubs because they may already have a sport, they may already have some sort of commitment they have after school—but the club year-round, there's a variety of events and there's going to be something that comes up to where they're going to be able to help out," Tillberry said.

For Celayna Ledvina, she joined ATI for the very first time this year. She grew up in foster care, has also over-

come her own struggles and wants to help promote the club's message to others and instill it in herself.

"I want to be a police officer when I grow up, so I want to do it not only for other kids but to just keep me on the right track too," Ledvina said.

Ledvina has enjoyed seeing the kindness and respectfulness from classmates and having the chance to get to know them better. Also, gratitude for Dalessio's encouragement and his work with the club.

She also understands why other teens are struggling.

"It makes sense why they struggle. It really does. There's not a lot of places for them to go and really connect and feel secure without the phone being the main driving point," Ledvina said. "I would say, what you center, put in the center of your life. It could be your family and then you say, 'Oh, I do things for my family.' 'Oh, I do things for money.' 'Oh, I do things for sports.' It could be anything. For me, it's for my siblings. At the end of the day, a good coping mechanism of mine was finding a new center in my life. Not social, not school, not the grades. My siblings come first. So, every time I'm going through a hard moment, I think of them; I think of how I can be better for them and make a better future for us."

Ledvina encouraged students to make sure they take care of their mental health, be themselves and think for themselves. Her message was this.

"Just walk with pride, stride. I love the core values of Minnechaug," Ledvina said. "Those really touch on a lot and as long as you walk with confidence, you'll start living with confidence."

GARDEN

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raised beds get hot, and tend to dry out quickly, so perhaps that is the culprit for "some then done." Drought then a deluge could force the blossoms to fall off.

I'll be sure to keep this in the forefront of my mind as I plan next year's garden. Soaker hoses and more organic matter may help.

As I was processing the tomatoes I stopped twice to save some of the seeds of two of my favorites. If you grew open pollinated, non hybrid tomatoes and plan to start your own seeds indoor next spring, you'd be silly not to save your own seeds!

Cut open a tomato –

scoop out the goop and put it in a small jar with a few drops of water. Wait a few days until mold forms on top and then dump into a sieve and separate out the seeds.

Allow to dry on paper towel and then store in an envelope marked with the variety and date. You just saved yourself some cash, too!

The only thing I have to say about my cabbage is that I wish I had grown more of it. All of my Crucifers – broccoli, cabbage and kale worked out so tremendously well under insect netting that I will definitely grow it that way again next year.

No worms at all. Planting a few early cabbages and

some later ones was smart to spread out the kraut.

Next year I'll just add a few more to my plot.

Alas, the harvest season is in full swing. I am so incredibly grateful for my garden and what I can preserve for use in the off season.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 34 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

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sions. If you're unable to participate this time, there will be future clinic opportunities.

The cost is \$40.00 for eight hours of non-certified instruction. Space is limited to 12 participants per session.

All proceeds from the instructional clinics will go towards funding the Senior Pickleball program.

To register, please call the Hampden Senior Center

to be placed on the list for your requested time slot.

Your registration will be confirmed once payment is received.

Thanks to the Hampden Parks & Rec Department for court time.

Farm Share Program brought to you by Red Fire Farm. SNAP/HIP and CASH Shares are available.

Located in Granby, MA, Red Fire Farm is a year-round local source for high-quality food and garden

plants using organic principles that result in safe food and a healthy environment. If you are interested in participating in the Farm Share Program, please contact Wendy for a new Membership Agreement.

Shares will be available twice a month on THURSDAYS, ending December 15th. Local deliveries in Hampden & East Longmeadow are available. Call to speak with Wendy about any questions or for enrollment paperwork.

PUBLIC NOTICES

**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. HD25P2328PM
Estate of:
Avery J. Mattocks
CITATION ON GENERAL PROBATE PETITION**

To all interested persons:
A Petition has been filed by: **Steven R Mattocks of Wilbraham, MA** requesting instructions regarding Conservator's duties and responsibilities, all as more fully set forth in said petition.

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 October 13, 2026.**

WITNESS, Hon. **Claudine T. Stoudemire**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 08, 2026
Rosemary A Saccomani, Register of Probate
09/17/2026

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 October 13, 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.

WITNESS, Hon. **Claudine T. Stoudemire**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 08, 2026
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**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. HD26P1899EA
Estate of:
Laura Morton
Date of Death: 02/11/2021
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointmen** has been filed by **Russell W Morton of Hampden, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Russell W Morton of Hamp-**

den, MA 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 10/01/2026.** 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: September 03, 2026
Rosemary A Saccomani, Register of Probate
09/17/2026

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CLUES ACROSS

1.

Egyptian bull god

5.

A young canine

8.

North Carolina university

11.

"Oddbod" actor Tom

13.

Midway between northeast and east

14.

A place to shop

15.

Mysterious "Severance" family

16.

Single Lens Reflex

17.

Malaria

18.

Informal loan organizations

20.

Twitching

21.

Holm oak

22.

Willing to consent

25.

In an early way

30.

Stuck it out

31.

Language in Ghana

32.

Obtain

33.

Ancient Greek currency

38.

One point east (clockwise) of due north

41.

Popular baseball movie

43.

Group of islands

45.

Church building

47.

Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea

49.

Late AC/DC frontman

50.

Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation

55.

Thick piece of something

56.

Breakfast food

57.

One mole of solute per kilogram of solvent

59.

Ancient Greek City

60.

Bitterly regret

61.

Don't forget it

62.

Dishonorable man

63.

Affirmative

64.

"__" and flows"

CLUES DOWN

1.

Bridge-building degree

2.

Expression of sorrow or pity

3.

Lizard species

4.

Turkish leader title

5.

A way to bother

6.

Blank

7.

A fine, closely woven cotton fabric

8.

Sports broadcaster Ian

9.

Popular whodunit board game

10.

Alkali flats mineral

12.

Large African antelope

14.

It's delivered most days

19.

Satisfy

23.

Water soaked soil

24.

Of a past era

25.

Chest muscle (slang)

26.

Ribonucleic acid

27.

Doctor of Education

28.

Coffee receptacle

29.

Where rockstars work

34.

International airport in Connecticut

35.

Russian river

36.

It's used to make cabins

37.

OJ trial judge Lance

39.

A means to persuade

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Short poem

41.

A way to begin hostilities with

42.

Multi-function radar (abbr.)

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Joints

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Blatted

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Swedish rock group

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Millisecond

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Doctors' group

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Trunk of a tree

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Tattle

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Metrical foot

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