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## Pushback on several articles at town meeting

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SOUTH HADLEY – The town came together last week to vote on and discuss the new by-laws, revisions, and other articles

within a warrant from the boards and committees of the town.

The town held a special town meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 13, with the Select Board, Planning Board, Town Administrator Lisa Wong, and many other members of the town.

### Article 1: Preliminary Business: Appointing a new seat and annual reports

John Hine brought forward the need for the filling of a seat on the Redevelopment Authority, and people came forward to nominate people for the seat, and

unanimously, Madison Dresler was accepted for the seat.

Nate Therian from MPIC gave the annual report, and provided updates on how the committee has seen the goals of the Master Plan move and fluctuate in the town.

The four main goals of the Master Plan are to make South Hadley become a community where everyone thrives, to become a community that preserves natural and cultural re-

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## New bench increases accessibility

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SOUTH HADLEY – The town has many walking paths and bike trails throughout, and yet, one thing stands out along these routes: places to stop and rest.

The members of the Bike Walk Committee have been working diligently over the past month to put together a plan to place benches around the town, with a goal for as many as possible.

“It would be wonderful to get these strategically placed around town,” said Bike Walk Committee Chair Ruth Camuse. “Having these benches, even just a few at a time, will make a difference. Baby steps.”

The space around the bench is level with the sidewalk and is wide around it in order to make room for a wheelchair or stroller and is officially ADA Accessible.

The tiles and curb were all donated by local landscaping and construction companies, and the bench was purchased through M.E. O’Brien, a business that sells playground equipment.

The workers on the District 1 Water District, and members of committees and the Water Commissioners stepped forward to graciously organize and fund the bench and its installation.

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“Having these benches, even just a few at a time, will make a difference. Baby steps.”

Turley Photos by Emily-Rose Pappas  
Andy Rogers, Jeff Cyr, Town Administrator Lisa Wong, Marilyn Gass, Lucia Foley, and Ruth Camuse with the new bench, proud of the hard work of all who got together to make the bench possible.

## Public input sought for Route 202/33 Corridor

By Tina Lesniak  
Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY - With one more community forum to go, the town of South Hadley is starting to piece together what the community would like to see in the Route 202/33 corridor with what the town might need. On Nov. 14, the town and consultants held a community forum to gather input on zoning issues, concerns, and possible uses for the area.

“There is a wide range of opinions on what sort of changes are needed and a vision for the corridor. We are asking people to think about land uses - residential, commercial, mixed-use, and open space - and the built form, the style and placement of a structure on a parcel in relation to the road,” explained Anne Capra, director of planning and conservation for South Hadley. “The consensus at this point in terms of what people would like to see is that they want any changes to support quality of life for residents that live along

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Mary Lou Guarnera, Julie Gentile, and John Hine with KC Forbush holding the check at the end of the August 14 tournament, which now totals \$3,088.

## Historic golf tournament held

### Funds raised for local food pantry

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SOUTH HADLEY — Golf is one of the most fun ways to spend a beautiful day outdoors, and it is made even better when it is a fundraiser for a good cause.

Since 2019, Orchards Golf Course has hosted a Pro-Am Tournament in order to raise money for local food pantry, Neighbors Helping Neighbors, which works to bring food to opening South Hadley and Granby.

The history of the Pro-Am is

found rooted in the goal to raise money for the club to continue functioning, and was used that way from 1979 to 1999.

The tournament attracted players from all over, including British Open champion Mark Calcavecchia, and PGA Champions Jeff Sluman, Ken Green, and Jim Chancey.

“It was an important event form the community that attracted many local sponsors, volunteers, and plenty of fans. It was fun,” said William “Bill” Armistead, the author of the book “The Orchards: One Hundred Years”.

The Pro-Am was structured to support The Orchards, and the tournaments usually brought in about \$10,000 for the club.

“But now the net proceeds don’t go back to ghettos Club; they go to a local charity,” Armistead wrote. “From 2019 to 2021 the Club donated more than \$10,000 to Neighbors Helping Neighbors, a food pantry in South Hadley.”

The Pro-Am was transformed into a charitable fundraiser by general manager at the time, Chris Tallman.

This past year, for 2024, the Club was able to raise just over \$3,000 for Neighbors Helping Neighbors, and is looking forward to hosting these tournaments every year to help this valuable food pantry.

“It really shifted from just a

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# Town to hold event for Hazard Mitigation Plan

SOUTH HADLEY - Residents, businesses, and surrounding community members are invited to learn about and provide input on the Town of South Hadley Hazard Mitigation Plan. This public meeting will be held during the Select Board meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 3 at 7:15 p.m. at the South Hadley Town Hall, 116 Main Street. Participants can also join virtually on Zoom.

The purpose of the Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) is to assess South Hadley's natural hazard risks and provide an action plan to reduce the Town's vulnerabilities. The Hazard Mitigation Plan is being completed by the Town with assistance from the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) and is funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Upon completion, the plan will be submitted to the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) and FEMA for review and approval. A FEMA-approved HMP makes the community eligible for federal and state mitigation grant funding.

The meeting will include a discussion of natural hazards and climate impacts in South Hadley, the draft plan, and the proposed mitigation actions.

Municipal officials and PVPC staff will be available to answer questions and respond to input about the plan and planning process. The meeting provides an opportunity for community members to share thoughts and provide input. All members of the public, representatives from surrounding communities, and other interested parties are invited to attend the event.

The draft Hazard Mitigation Plan can be viewed on the Town's website.

For more information about this event, please contact PVPC's Mimi Kaplan at kaplan@pvpc.org or (413) 781-6045.

### ABOUT THE PVPC

Since 1962, the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission has been the designated regional planning body for the Pioneer Valley region, which encompasses 43 cities and towns in Hampden and Hampshire Counties. PVPC is the primary agency responsible for increasing communication, cooperation, and coordination among all levels of government as well as the private business and civic sectors to benefit the Pioneer Valley region and to improve its residents' quality of life.



A beautiful sunset over the golf course.

Submitted photo

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golf event to become more charity-driven," said Dan Morgan, a member of the committee for the tournament. "It's nice to be able to reach out and help Neighbors Helping Neighbors with such a historic event."

"The tournament provides a substantial amount of money for our pantry," said Mary Lou Guarnera, the director of Neighbors Helping Neighbors. "The money is so helpful so that we can provide for the growing need, and it is growing."

The pantry works hard to be able to provide for the community both non-perishable and perishable foods like dairy, produce, eggs, and meat to the community, and any money they receive is used for these essential food

items.

"We think we have the most wonderful community ever, and to have all of these people come together willingly to help the pantry in their spare time is amazing," Guarnera said.

The money raised is used to purchase food from the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts, and NHN currently provides over 2,100 service visits per month, and with the community's support, helps to keep this mission going.

Since 2019, these tournaments have raised well over \$12,000 for Neighbors Helping Neighbors, money that will surely be used to help benefit the hundreds of people who need the assistance of the pantry.

"It's great from a historic standpoint, and to be able to play

with local pros in the community, and to support Neighbors Helping Neighbors at once is what makes this just so special," said KC Forbush, another member of the committee.

"We're looking forward to next year's event in September, with Neighbors Helping Neighbors once again as the beneficiary," said Morgan.

The Orchards, alongside Alden Credit Union as the flagship sponsor, has helped to ensure that NHN is able to receive all the help it needs, and are looking forward to many more years to come for this tournament.

So, mark your calendars for September, and be on a lookout for the official date so you can take part in a historic golf tournament, then in the end, means so much more than just golf.

## SHPD chief office hours

SOUTH HADLEY—The South Hadley Chief of police has added office hours for November and December.

**December**  
Dec. 4, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Neighbors helping neighbors parking lot  
Dec. 10, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the South Hadley Library, Canal Street



### THANKSGIVING REVIEW

"Hi Paul, she was great! Lots of plump meat and just enough fat to help prevent her from drying out. We will be having leftovers for a very long time."  
— Beth from Belchertown

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# MESMS PTO brings fun to its students

By Tina Lesniak  
Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY - Now in its second year, the Michael E. Smith Middle School (MESMS) PTO has a full slate of initiatives and events planned for the students to enjoy.

"This is the second year the PTO has been active at MESMS, so we are in our infancy of raising and building funds," explained PTO Member Pamela Proulx who has two daughters in the eighth grade. PTOs, including ours at MESMS, need money to help fund field trips and activities at the school, but we also want to make sure we can provide events that are free or at a minimal cost so events can be attended by all students who are interested."

Last year, its very first year,

the PTO hosted many fun activities for the kids including the Pillo Polo event and the very first Snow Ball Dance, as well as end-of-the-year activities for all the students. This year, Pillo Polo returned on Nov. 21, complete with prizes for the best team name, best uniform and most school spirit. The students danced the night away at the Fall Fling on Nov. 1 and will dress up in their finest for the second Snow Ball Dance this winter.

"[Pillo Polo] is a fun way for kids to have fun and active while building community and relationships with schoolmates. Last year it was a big hit, and we hope to build upon this and make it a tradition that the students and staff alike look forward to," said Proulx. "School dances provide an opportunity for relationship building outside the academic

setting which is important for community building."

In addition to events for the students, the PTO also hosts celebrations for teacher appreciation week in May with a breakfast, luncheon and thank you cards for the staff.

Proulx works mostly with the seventh and eighth-grade parents but has seen more involvement from the fifth and sixth-grade parents, most likely due to their recent experience with Mosier Elementary PTO.

"As with most after-school committees and groups, it can be challenging for caregivers to attend meetings with multiple obligations that families are juggling," explained Proulx. "However there is a great and wider breadth of support for volunteering at events and fundraising participation. We are hopeful as

we are in our second year that we will continue to grow and provide support to the MEMS school community."

Proulx and the other PTO members work under the leadership of President Elizabeth Kouffie and Vice President Danielle Jajko to brainstorm and plan the initiatives and events for the year. The best way to get involved is to attend meetings but the PTO is also open to other ways caregivers can show support that better fit their schedules and needs.

"Our President Elizabeth Gosselin Kouffie and Vice President Danielle Jajko are great leaders and would work creatively to ensure a parent or caregiver can participate if they are willing but their schedule does not line up specifically with a meeting or event," said Proulx.

As the MESMS PTO looks

forward to the rest of the year and the years to come, it is important to all of them involved to create a robust PTO that is there to support the school community.

"When families are involved with their children's school it behooves all stakeholders to include students, staff and families," said Proulx. "It really takes a village, with the main goal for school to be a place where students succeed not only academically but socially and emotionally. Part of that success comes with building community and relationships. It is important to have traditions and events that students look forward to and can build positive memories at school."

For more information, visit the MESMS PTO page on Facebook.

## South Hadley to create first Affordable Housing Trust Board

SOUTH HADLEY—Calling all residents! South Hadley is forming our first Affordable Housing Trust and they need residents to help shape the future of affordable housing in our community. An Affordable Housing Trust is a vital tool for addressing local housing needs. It will create and preserve affordable

homes by managing funds and partnering with developers, nonprofits, and other stakeholders to make housing more accessible for all.

We're looking for volunteers with expertise in:

- Real Estate
- Development
- Banking & Finance

- Affordable Housing
- and residents who live in affordable housing are encouraged to apply

If you're passionate about making a difference and have the skills to guide South Hadley's housing future, consider applying. Help us ensure that South Hadley remains a vibrant, inclu-

sive, and affordable place to live. Applications are due by Dec. 20 at 11 a.m.

For more information, or if you're interested in applying, contact Anne Capra, Director of Planning & Conservation, at [acapra@southhadleyma.gov](mailto:acapra@southhadleyma.gov)

## Holiday Bazaar this weekend

SOUTH HADLEY – The Center Church, UCC, 1 Church St, annual Holiday Bazaar is on Saturday, Nov. 23, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 24, noon to 4 p.m.

The Fellowship Hall will be filled with Christmas and winter decorations. There will be a large assortment of trees, ornaments, stockings, candles, lights, Santa's, snowmen, baskets, tins, ceramic houses, serving dishes, wrapping paper, and list goes on, at bargain prices. There will be a special selection of gifts.

The bazaar will be hosting a variety of craft vendors. A highlight is the 40 plus selection homemade cookies. Some of the treats we making in our kitchen are jams, fudge sauce, bread pudding, glazed nuts, and herb mixes, as well as a luncheon of soups. For the kids, they will be able to make a craft to bring home.

Shop at Bazaar to enjoy the best place to get unique merchandise for decorating and gifts.

## Toy, food drive runs through Dec. 10

SOUTH HADLEY – South Hadley Fire Fighter's Relief Association is holding a toy and food drive through Dec. 10.

Non-Perishable food and toy donations may be dropped off at South Hadley Fire District 1 at 144 Newton St.

Food donations benefit Western Mass Food Bank and toy donations benefit children of South Hadley. Please do not contact the fire department regarding recipients or distribution of toys.

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the corridor and strengthen local business opportunities."

Capra said that attendance at the three community forums has been good with people "eager to share their thoughts and concerns about how changes could impact them."

The goal of potential work on this corridor is to improve the quality of life for the residents who live there while also growing business and development.

Martha Terry, a route 202/33 advisory committee member, added that the forum attendees expressed a desire to keep residential areas residential and not to have any zoning changes to business. According to Terry, the

corridor already allows for businesses by special permit.

"Attendees cited the already dangerous, congested traffic dilemma along routes 202 and 33, so adding more businesses or dense housing will only exacerbate this situation," explained Terry. "Recommendations for a lower speed limit along this corridor were offered and well received."

The final community forum will take place on Jan. 16 at 6 p.m. at South Hadley Public Library. At that time, the group hopes to present some draft zoning concepts and design guidelines for public review and comment. Those would be available for several months while they also go before the planning

board.

"Ideally, we would like to send something to town meeting in May 2025, but the process will proceed at a pace necessary for community members to be involved in developing zoning proposals and design guidelines supported by the community," said Capra.

Community members can visit <https://community.innesasoclied.com/south-hadley> to view an interactive map that allows them to provide comments on specific areas.

"This is an important chance to weigh in on opportunities to improve the corridor and create the kind of change you want to happen in your neighborhood," noted Capra.



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# Opinion



## Older Veteran asks about Special Social Security credit for military service

Dear Rusty:

I served in the U S Army from January 1958 to February 1961.

What increase should I receive for those years and who do I call and at what phone number?

Signed: Proud Veteran

Dear Proud Veteran:

First, thank you for your military service. I expect you are referring to the "special extra credits for military service," which are available to some who served in the US Military in earlier years. It is important to note that these "extra credits" take the form of an adjustment to your military pay record while serving and are not an incremental amount added to your monthly Social Security benefit because you served.

Military pay has been subject to deductions for Social Security since 1957. Thus, while serving between 1958 and 1961 you paid SS tax on your military earnings. But, for purposes of determining your Social Security benefit, your military earnings record would be increased by \$300 for each quarter you served on active duty, up to a maximum of \$1,200 increase per year of service.

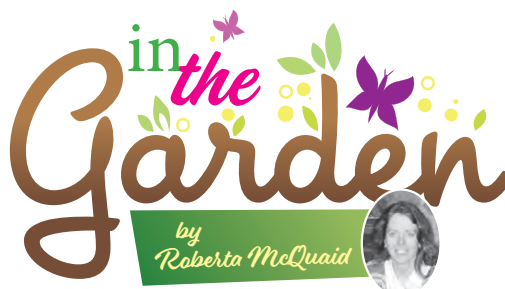
That means for 1958 - 1960, when calculating your SS benefit, \$1,200 would be added to your military earnings record for each year you served. FYI, for those who served after 1967, this adjustment was automatically made by Social Security. But for service years prior to 1967, as in your case, you would need to inform Social Security of your service when you claimed SS and provide a copy of your military form DD-214, your discharge papers. SS would then make the appropriate adjustment to your military earnings record prior to calculating your benefit amount. And, for clarity, additional credits for military service are not available to those who served after 2001.

A key point to understand is that this adjustment to your military pay may or may not affect the amount of your Social Security benefit. Social Security determines your benefit amount based on your highest earning 35 years over your entire lifetime, adjusted for inflation.

If, after you served in the military, you had at least 35 years of civilian employment where you earned more than your military pay, it is probable that your military pay is not included when calculating your Social Security benefit. If that is the case, it is likely that the "special extra credits for military service" would have no effect on your Social Security payment. If, however, your military pay including those special extra credits for any year is more than you earned in civilian life, then you can contact Social Security (1-800-772-1213), provide them with a copy of your DD-214, and ask that they recalculate your Social Security benefit to include the extra credits for your years of military service.

Again, thank you for your service to our country, and please do not hesitate to contact us again if you have any further questions. FYI, you may also find the "For Veterans" section of our AMAC Foundation website by visiting [www.amacfoundation.org](http://www.amacfoundation.org).

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## Wrap it up!

I spent this past weekend trying to wrap things up. Before we know it the holidays will be upon us and there will be little time to spend in the garden.

I had, and sadly still have, areas yet to clean up, last minute bulbs to plant and statuary and tools to put into storage. One major concern is how dry it is.

Read on to learn about some chores that should be tackled before the ground freezes.

Honestly, in all my years of gardening I have never felt the need to water in spring bulbs after planting them. This year is the exception.

What about our newly planted perennials, trees and shrubs? Just to be safe, get out the hose and give them a good soaking.

If weather permits, move a slow running hose from shrub to shrub over the course of a few hours. This is especially critical for our broad leaf evergreens such as rhododendrons, azaleas, and Pieris.

Remember the damage on older rhododendrons a few winters back? Some large specimens lost a third or more of their overall size!

Much of that was caused by excessive cold and winter winds that desiccated (removed moisture from) the foliage and left it susceptible to injury. Antidesiccant sprays are available from nurseries and garden centers. These products leave a waxy layer of film over the leaf, locking in its moisture.

Did you purchase any shrubs, roses or otherwise that were so beautiful you couldn't resist, even though they were only marginally hardy in our area (zones 6 or higher)? These need special attention.

Pound some stakes into the ground just outside the drip line of the plant. Wrap the stakes with burlap and stuff it full of straw, salt marsh hay, or shredded leaves, anything that will insulate yet not pack down and cause rot.

Never use plastic; this material creates a greenhouse of fluctuating temperatures that will surely kill the plant. Climbing plants such as roses or clematis can be removed from their trellises, tied in loose bundles and wrapped in a similar fashion as above.

Many of our evergreen shrubs suffer un-

der the weight of ice and snow. Smaller specimens can be protected by making "A-frame" tents out of plywood and placing them over the susceptible plant. Use hinges rather than nails to construct them; storage during the off-season will be a breeze.

These types of enclosures also provide a great deal of wind protection. Paint them to blend in with the landscape.

Other articles have covered the importance of winter mulch to protect strawberries, fall mums, garlic, and spring flowering bulbs among others. Large evergreen branches do well to cover bigger areas. I have used them successfully to weigh down other light mulches such as straw or chopped leaves for twice the protection.

Remember, this task is best accomplished after the ground freezes, with our goal being to keep it frozen, thereby avoiding thawing spells that heave plants from the ground.

During the winter voles and field mice can wreak havoc on young fruit trees by tunneling through the snow to the bark in search of food. Their gnawing will girdle the tree and if excessive enough will eventually kill it.

Remember, the layer of tissue just below the bark is the tree's "plumbing"! Protect the trunk by wrapping it with one-quarter inch hardware cloth or commercially made trunk protectors. Remove the protectors in the spring.

Unfortunately, I neglected to protect young trees one fall and that was all it took. A poor tree was gnawed almost completely around the trunk. I was surprised it had enough energy to leaf out the following spring, but less surprised to see it wither and die not a month later.

In case you were wondering, yes, my bulbs for Old Sturbridge Village did finally come in. I wish they could talk. What a story they would tell.

I think they have honestly traveled more in the last six weeks than I have in my entire life. Holland to New York to Alabama to the Bahamas to New Jersey and then to a shoe store in New York City. Yes, a shoe store.

A good Samaritan saw my name on the packing slip and called to say she received them. Regardless, I am happy they finally arrived in Sturbridge. I am hopeful that they will all be planted (and watered in) within the next couple of days!

*Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 32 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](mailto:pouimette@turley.com) with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.*

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sources, promote resiliency and sustainability, and to increase communications between town entities and the public.

Therian shared the progress that MPIC has made, but also the challenges it continues to face to address in the years to come.

“Meaningful progress will require sustained focus, time, and probably new forms of cooperation,” Therian said.

Michelle Theroux, the chair of the Redevelopment Authority, came forward to share with those in attendance that they had put together a memorial fund to honor the legacy of late Frank DeToma, who passed away in January 23 after a two-year battle with cancer.

“He was enthusiastic about local politics and civic engagement,” Theroux said. “He served South Hadley well, as a selectboard member, as a district two water commissioner for more than 30 years, as well as serving on multiple town committees, including the redevelopment authority.”

The Frank DeToma South Hadley Falls Memorial Fund is seeking donations in order to further Frank’s mission for the Fall’s “beautification, redevelopment, and engagement of Falls residents and businesses,” Theroux said.

You can find more information about the memorial fund through the redevelopment authority and can donate by check to the South Hadley Redevelopment Authority.

**Article 2: Capital Budget**

Jeff Cyr of the Selectboard moved to approve of Article 2 as it is written for the capital budgets for the fiscal years of 2023, 2024, and 2025.

There is a proposed \$182,000 for Buttery Brook Park, and \$46,00 for a new school van, as well as other transfers and reductions in fundings for various other town projects, repairs, and equipment’s.

The Appropriations Committee and Capital Planning Committee moved to share their support for this article and the closure and reallocating funds within the Article.

The motion passed by majority vote.

**Article 3: Wastewater Capital Budget**

Cyr moved that \$200,000 from the Waste Water Treatment Plant enterprise fund receipts, and Waste Water Treatment Plant earnings in the sum of \$440,000 for a total of \$640,000 in order to be used to replace the VAC truck.

The Appropriations Committee and Capital Planning Committee voiced support and approval for the reallocation of funds, and the town meeting members voted, passing it unanimously.

**Article 4: Landfill Capital Budget**

Cyr moved for a transfer of \$240,000 from Enterprise Fund Receipts and \$500,000 from Landfill Retained Earnings for a total of \$740,000 to be used instead for new trash and recycling carts.

This funds transfer is necessary so that the town can purchase the carts, and have them ready for use by July 1, 2025 after a change in trash and recycling pickup.

By unanimous vote, the Appropriations Committee and Capital Planning Committees supported the Article as written, and town meeting members also voted to pass it unanimously.

**Article 5: Unhitched Trailer Bylaw**

Clerk Carol Constant proposed a new bylaw brought up by the Traffic Review Committee, which is composed of the town administrator, assistant town administrator, police chief, and the Department

of Public Works.

“This is an issue that the committee has come across a few times and noted that there was not any existing language covering unhitched trailers,” Constant explained. “The new language defines what an unhitched trailer is, and what is permitted and not permitted on public ways.”

The Bylaw Review Committee approved of the new bylaw by a vote of three to one.

A few members of the community, however, voiced opposition to the bylaw, as they own boats. The bylaw passed with a majority vote in the affirmative, 57 to 35 in opposition.

**Article 6: Animal Impoundment**

Nicole Casolari made a motion to approve of the Article as written in response to a hearing the Selectboard had regarding nuisance and dangerous dogs.

The new bylaw contains reasons for impoundment, as well as steps the owner can take to reclaim the dog after finding the town did not have a specific bylaw regarding the impoundment of a dog.

The Bylaw Review Committee approved of the new bylaw by a vote of three to one.

The bylaw includes the impoundment of many different kinds of domestic animals, as well as the types of animals that could be impounded.

Members of the community shared their disapproval of the bylaw, stating that it is too broad, and that there are not many escalating consequences, especially considering a dog maybe barking too much and being impounded, and other areas.

The meeting moved into a vote, and by majority vote, the bylaw was not passed.

**Articles 7 and 8: Nuisance Bylaw Amendments**

For Article 7, Selectboard Chair Andrea Miles moved to pass the request of the Conservation Commission and Board of Health at the May Annual Town Meeting into one singular article for both requests.

“Those boards proposed this measure as a way to encourage pollinator-friendly landscaping,” Miles said.

The Bylaw Review Committee approved of the bylaw by a vote of three to one.

Members of the community came to share they found it not needed, while others came forward to share an amendment to the motion to state that property owners are responsible for the upkeep of their properties.

After deliberations, John Hine came back to restate the intentions to remove section A but keep Section B of the Article.

“...Replace it with all property owners will be responsible to keep their property in a reasonable state of repair. Yard waste will be composted or otherwise properly disposed of. Rubbish and litter will be eliminated from the property,” Hine said.

The amendment was voted on, and did not pass, and after some additional discussion the bylaw was approved by majority vote.

Article 8 was put through with enforcement language to amend Chapter 179, which is a new bylaw that defines unreasonable noise, and enforcement action to be taken.

The Bylaw Review Committee approved of the new bylaw by a vote of three to one. The bylaw passed by majority vote.

**Zoning Bylaw: Articles 9, Open Space**

Diane Mulvaney, the Planning Board Chair, presented an amendment to the zoning bylaw Chapter 235-31 Flexible

Development and Attachment 1 Use Regulations Schedule regarding open space.

Anne Capra presented a slide show presentation to define a flexible development bylaw, which is the new terminology to define a residential housing development around protected open space.

“We want to promote desirable housing production and open space protection,” Capra said, explaining the board’s goals to make the best use possible of the space.

The amendments proposed will add local food production, reduce lot sizes from five acres to three, add references to a newly proposed “Common Drive Bylaw”, and relocate open space standards to the newly propose “Common Open Space Bylaw.”

Members of the Planning Board continued to share the benefits of this flexible development bylaw plans.

“The reason for this bylaw is because we’re trying to address a pretty big issue that we’re seeing nationwide,” said Rob Watchilla from the Planning Board. “Not enough housing units are being constructed nationwide, especially in Massachusetts.”

The main goal is to take a housing and zoning bylaw from twenty years ago and making it more applicable to today.

Several members of the community came forward to share their support of the zoning bylaw, sharing how the decrease in acreage could decrease housing costs, however many shared concerns about the protection of the mature trees and how it’ll affect wildlife.

There was real concerns regarding the current housing costs, and space, and how the changing of the developments will affect that, and many other concerns.

“Here we are... still talking about the need for affordable housing... we need to understand and accept, that whether our population is increasing or not, times are changing. We need to change with them,

and we need to adopt proper strategies to be able to keep our children here, to keep our seniors here, and to make our community as available and affordable as we possibly can,” said Ira Brezinsky.

“I truly want this to be a way for us to produce more housing that is affordable and to bring small, young families in,” said Nicole Casolari. “And again, I actually would agree with the idea of tabling until the spring to work out those concerns of assuring affordable housing.”

With many different facets to this bylaw, it was finally taken to a vote, and by majority vote, the bylaw did not pass.

**Zoning Bylaws: Articles 10, 11, and 12**

Planning Board Chair Diane Mulvaney and Planning and Conservation Director Anne Capra presented the Common Drive Bylaw listed under Article 10, which would create a singular, common drive through a parcel of land.

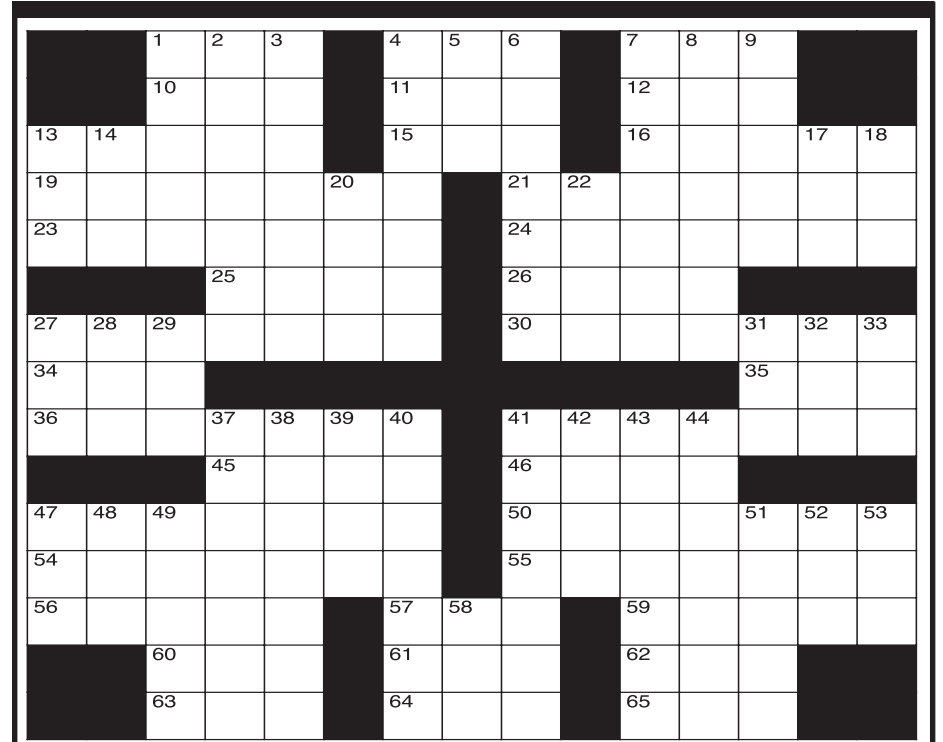
After hearing the thoughts of the community members, it came to a vote and did not reach 2/3 majority, and it failed.

Mulvaney and Capra presented Article 11, which changes the definition of Common Open Space, and provides more consistent standards for these Open Spaces with two sections: the dimensions of the open space and the uses for the common open space.

After hearing concerns and comments from the community and gathered members, the bylaw came to a vote and did not pass.

The final piece, Article 12, regarding the Multifamily and Multiple dwellings an amendment, and Mulvaney and Capra described it as an existing bylaw, and how this amendment will require open space and that front entrances do not open up onto main roads.

The community and members of boards deliberated, and then cast their votes, resulting in a failure of reaching the required two-thirds vote and did not pass.



**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Defunct airline
- 4. Beverage container
- 7. A team’s best pitcher
- 10. Unit of liquid capacity
- 11. It comes before two
- 12. Male child
- 13. Type of wheat
- 15. One’s mother
- 16. Upper side of an organism
- 19. United is one
- 21. Extraction process
- 23. A being with lesser divine status
- 24. People living together in a community
- 25. Luxury automaker
- 26. This (Spanish)
- 27. Semitic language
- 30. Period for a defined purpose
- 34. Wander aimlessly in search of pleasure

- 35. Up in the air (abbr.)
- 36. American marsupial
- 41. Decadent dessert
- 45. Aquatic plant
- 46. About aviation
- 47. Summer footwear
- 50. Rugged mountain ranges
- 54. With tin
- 55. Cut on the surface of a hard object
- 56. Wrapped in cloth
- 57. Defensive nuclear weapon
- 59. “American Idol” contestant Clay
- 60. Midway between east and southeast
- 61. Court decision “\_\_\_ v. Wade”
- 62. Born of
- 63. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 64. Actress \_\_\_ -Margaret
- 65. Not even

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Heat unit
- 2. \_\_\_ Faulkner, American writer
- 3. Guatemalan town
- 4. Of funny things
- 5. Actress \_\_\_ de Armas
- 6. Agents of one’s downfall
- 7. Takes forcibly
- 8. Body lice
- 9. Large nest of a bird of prey
- 13. Unhappy
- 14. Popular holiday dessert
- 17. Habitual drunkard
- 18. Used of a number or amount not specified
- 20. Complications
- 22. Fail to win
- 27. Before the present
- 28. Musical genre
- 29. Flurry
- 31. 007’s creator
- 32. Indiana Pacer Toppin
- 33. Midway between north and northeast
- 37. Feeling
- 38. Damage another’s reputation
- 39. Mottled citrus fruit
- 40. Beauty product
- 41. They man first, second and third
- 42. Harness
- 43. Herb
- 44. Expressed concern
- 47. Mississippi scientific area (abbr.)
- 48. Consumed
- 49. Nostrils
- 51. Gathered fallen leaves
- 52. Express good wishes
- 53. Monetary unit of Brunei
- 58. Japanese Buddhist festival

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### Preliminary certification of Fiscal 2025 property valuations

SOUTH HADLEY—The South Hadley Board of Assessors has completed a quinquennial revaluation of all property for Fiscal 2025. The proposed valuations (assessments) have received preliminary certification by the Department of Revenue's (DOR) Division of Local Services (DLS), Bureau of Local Assessment (BLA).

The Assessors have met the guidelines set forth by DOR and the preliminary assessments reflect "full and fair cash value" as of Jan. 1, 2024, in accordance with MGL Chapter 40, Section 56.

The Assessors analyzed the calendar year 2023 sales to value properties as of the assessment date for single family and condominiums. Other classes of properties, due to a limited number of sales, were reviewed over a two-year period. Commercial and Industrial values are derived using an income capitalization method after utilizing income and expense information received from property owners earlier in the year. Most properties have seen an increase in value based on an active market.

The analysis of market sales indicated an average percent increase in single

family homes of 5.2%, condominiums seeing an average of 10.5%, two and three families of 7.0%, and apartments seeing an average of 9.8%. Commercial and Industrial properties rose an average of 3.5%.

The new fiscal 2025 assessments are available for public review beginning on Friday, Nov. 8, 2024 through Friday, Nov. 15, 2024. They may be viewed in person at the Assessors Office located in Town Hall at 116 Main Street. These assessments are also available at the South Hadley Public Library located at 2 Canal St. Monday-Wednesday 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., Thursday & Friday 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lastly, the new assessments will be available on-line during this time-period on the Assessors page of the Town's website as well as the Fiscal 2025 Revaluation Information page within the Assessors webpages.

Residents should contact the Assessor's office during the public disclosure period to ask questions, review and discuss changes in the proposed values. Staff will be available during regular business hours to assist and answer questions related to the revaluation.

### Annual craft fair Nov. 23

BELCHERTOWN—Come enjoy our 3rd annual Craft Fair / Bake Sale for some holiday shopping with 40 crafters on Nov. 23 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The craft fair / bake sale will be at the Family Moose Lodge, 244 Fuller St., Chicopee.

There will be food to purchase for lunch and afterwards indulge in some baked goods for dessert. There will also be a raffle for everyone to participate in. Proceeds benefit American Cancer Society, Quabog Valley Relay for Life.

### Holiday Stroll welcomes Santa and Mrs. Claus on Dec. 6

SOUTH HADLEY—The Holiday Stroll is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 6 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the South Hadley Commons. This year will mark the 36th Anniversary. Santa and Mrs. Claus will kick off the evening with our annual tree lighting and will be arriving from District 2 Fire station with the South Hadley High School Marching Band. Musical performances will be held on the Gazebo courtesy of Berkshire Hills Music Academy. Face painting, hot cocoa, puppetry making, games and goodies continue to bring this magical evening together. Tower Theaters is participating this year with Two Free 30 minute short Movies, Trolls Holiday and Angela's Christmas.

The Stroll continues to be one of the largest annual attended events held on the

Commons. So many families with friends come to celebrate the start of the holiday season. The South Hadley and Granby Chamber is so grateful to have local businesses who continue to support each other and our efforts to bring our local Community together. Events such as this allow the Chamber to also support our non-profit community with annual contributions. This type of success is only made possible through the generous donations and in-kinds we receive from members of our business community. This speaks to the commitment and willingness to support the traditions that continue to make us thrive.

Please join us as we celebrate the start of the Holiday Season!

For a schedule of events scan this QR code.



### Baystate Wing Auxiliary selling lotto calendars

PALMER—The Baystate Wing Hospital Auxiliary is currently selling their January 2025 Lotto Calendars. The one-month calendar, which costs \$5 each or 3 for \$10, has a daily winning amount of \$100 with special drawings on Jan. 1 and Jan. 31.

For over 65 years the Baystate Wing Hospital Auxiliary has been actively supporting local healthcare through its sponsorship of special events and sales from the Baystate Wing Hospital Gift Shop located on the first floor of the hospital.

The calendars will be on sale beginning October 29 at the Baystate Wing Hospital gift shop. Funds raised by the annual Lotto Calendars support the Auxiliary's scholarship program and their philanthropic efforts that benefit Baystate Wing Hospital.

Whether you are looking for something special for a patient, a gift for a special occasion, or an item for the home, the Baystate Wing Hospital Gift Shop offers many unique, hand-selected items. For more information about the Lotto Calendar visit the gift shop located on the first floor of the hospital or call 413-370-8169.

### Pioneer Valley Artists to Exhibit at Northampton Center for the Arts

REGION—The Quabbin Art Association (QAA) is hosting its first ever New Artists-New Perspectives exhibit at the Northampton Center for the Arts (NCFA), featuring nineteen emerging artists from nine Pioneer-Valley Universities, Colleges, and Community Colleges. The exhibit runs Dec. 4, 2024 through Jan. 3, 2025, at NOHO Arts, 33 Hawley Street, Northampton.

Northampton Center for the Arts and the Quabbin Art Association will also host a Meet the Artists Reception at the exhibit on Dec. 13, from 5 to 8 p.m.

This new initiative is funded by the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) Festivals and Projects grant and awards a \$250 cash stipend and 2-year QAA membership to each participating artist. Projects like this one—funding opportunities for young artists to share their unique perspectives and styles with the public—reflect the Quabbin Art Association's mission to support the arts in Pioneer Valley.

Congratulations to all of the new student artists that will be featured in the up-coming exhibit:

Rhaymi Porter—American International College; Caly Van Leeuwen and Eads

Fouche—Amherst College; Elms College—Sarah Paradee and Catalyna Alexopoulos; Valentina

Cacaj, Mari Champagne and Erin Shabunin—Greenfield Community College; Emma Aiken and

Malyna Dansereau—Holyoke Community College; Lize Brown, Sophia Jakobson and AJ

Treat—Mount Holyoke College; Christopher Sanabria and Nhu Truong—Springfield College;

Jenezy Ortiz and Heeju Yoon—The University of Massachusetts; Ariana Masterjohn—Western

New England University; and Maddison Deboise Wetherell—Montserrat College.



We hope this holiday finds you surrounded by those you love and hold dear. Thank you for giving us so much to be grateful for this holiday season and all year; we appreciate your loyal support.

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An array of delicious shakes and smoothies to try, made write at the center, perfect for before or after any workout.



The aerial bands ready to be brought down and used to help make any workout more fun.

# Fitness center brings in new aerial exercise opportunities

By Emily-Rose Pappas  
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SOUTH HADLEY — When it comes to working out, it can oftentimes be a daunting task, however, it doesn't need to be scary.

April McClure, the owner of Get Movin' Fitness here in town, has found a way to ensure that the people who come to take classes feel comfortable, welcome, and supported.

McClure has been teaching group fitness classes in 1992 at the age of 15, and for thirty years now have found new ways to fall in love with teaching.

"What inspires me about the members and the people I serve is that they are committed, they are serious about their health and well-being, and they trust me," McClure said.

The people who come to take classes at Get Movin' Fitness can find something perfect for them, and go at their own pace, and can always find encouragement and fun from a supportive

team. "They get the results they were hoping for when they first started," McClure said. "Whether it be gaining energy, losing a few pounds, or moving more, we make it happen with consistency, belief, and a positive mindset."

She teaches classes like Pilates, Zumba, small group coaching, cycling, kettle bell and weights, Pound, stretching, cardio, and strength training all to fun and upbeat music.

But most excitingly, has introduced new aerial bands to the fitness center. Aerial bands are strong, and can easily hold up to 1,000 pounds to support all kinds of tricks, stretches, and exercise.

"What excites me the most about having the aerial hammocks installed is that I am able to offer a service that can really help... And I feel that each participant will have the opportunity to do moves that they can't typically do."

The aerial bands are an exciting addition and serve to make classes more accessible for everyone. They help support you

with balance, help strengthen your core, and can help alleviate stress on your back and hips by giving you something to hold on to.

The aerial bands even make perfect hammocks or swings, and make any workout even more fun, and their addition is truly something that sets apart Get Movin' Fitness from others.

"I personally like a challenge, and being able to perform tricks," said McClure. "I was previously a gymnast, and I love going upside down... I'm not too sure that my body could handle that, but I am definitely able to do tricks in the hammock!"

The location at 577 Granby Road opened for the first time in February of 2020, right at the start of the pandemic, with only a handful of members, but has since grown to more than 50.

"I really like helping people feel better, and I know for me working out boosts my endorphins, and it adds positivity into my life, and I want to do that for other," said McClure.

There is a fantastic shake and



April McClure demonstrating her skills on one of the aerial bands, with her trusty giant friend Halo fast asleep behind her.

smoothie bar, where you can choose from a variety of delicious flavors, and add-ins, and more to enjoy before or after your workout with some protein.

"I would recommend just coming in with an open mind, and go at your own pace and

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# Nonprofits look for volunteers at special library fair

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GRANBY – Nonprofit organizations are truly what keep our communities together, providing free events, preserving our histories, or filming the town meetings.

The nonprofit organizations, because of their lack of regular funding, require the community to step in and help, providing volunteer work, help, or funds.

In total, Granby has fourteen nonprofit organizations working to make the community a better place, and of those fourteen, nine came to the library for a special event.

The library hosted a special fair to give these organizations a spotlight so that the community can be aware of the projects they are completing, and what help they are in need of.

“This was the first one ever,” said library director Jenn Crosby. “It is the product of our Friends of the Library group talking about a need for more volunteer involvement and the Director of the GCAM, who was filming our meeting at the time, expressed interest in having an event to gain more interest for all nonprofit groups in town.”

The idea from Cáit Cullen, the director of the Granby Community Access Media, kicked off this new idea for a fair, and the



King Lion Dave and his wife Carole Cote with the Granby Lions Club.

Friends moved to reach out immediately.

The Friends of the Granby Public Library, Granby Public Schools’ PTO, the GCAM, Granby Lions Club, Granby Historical Association, Granby Preservation Society, the Cultural Council, and the Mathew J. Vieu Memorial Fund.

“It was great to network with the other local nonprofit groups that I don’t typically get to see or hear from, being so busy at the Library all of the time,” Crosby said.

Each of the organizations had a table set up of information about their groups, and a sign-up sheet for volunteers, and there were plenty of tasty treats to enjoy.

The Friends of the Granby Public Li-



Cáit Cullen and Anthony Muse with the Granby Community Access Media group.

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brary is open for more volunteers to help with planning events, and they are looking forward to a few special events for the holidays.

On November 16, they will be hosting a fin pastel art workshop for all to enjoy and is coming up fast, so mark your calendars.

On December 7, they will have a knit and gift basket sale with a hot chocolate bar in the morning, and donations for the sale are being accepted until December 6.

The Granby Public School’s PTO is hosting several fundraisers at restaurants and is having a wreath drive for the holidays. You can find more information about

their upcoming events on their Facebook page, including an Ice Cream with Santa the first week of December.

The GCAM is looking for volunteers for recording events and meetings around town and provides free production and editing training. Anyone interested can reach out to Cáit Cullen at director@granbymedia.com.

The Granby Lions Club works hard to provide community services once a month, and this month, they will be helping to install new fencing in town. You can find a GoFundMe for the community

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Terry Lajoy holding up the posters for the Preservation Society, showing their hard work at working to keep Kellogg Hall standing



Crystal Dufresne and her two awesome helpers with a table about the Mathew J. Vieu Memorial Fund.



Members of the Granby Cultural Council looking for volunteers.

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Members of the Water District 1 hard at work digging out the space for the new bench and tiles to be put in.



Workers from Water District 1, Russ Jerome, Sam Bernash, Jeff Leureault, and Scott Leureault, the builders who helped make this beautiful space into what it is.



The first, of hopefully many, benches that will serve as a rest along the walking and biking routes through the town.

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The benches are built into the Master Plan of the Bike Walk Committee to create more community security, and they are able to do this through creating spaces of rest along walking and biking paths for people to utilize as needed.

The Master Plan segment which details this, reads as follows: "Work with other Town entities to create a plan for locating/developing outdoor gathering spaces and seating, and advocate for public outdoor seating/areas as a priority in all new business and housing projects. Develop and maintain a master map of all outdoor seating and gathering areas.

Also in the Master Plan is the directive to "Develop a campaign for residents to sponsor specific benches to increase seating areas for older pedestrians."

"People are going to be more likely to walk when they know there are places to rest," Camuse said.

"I think its bringing together town boards and committees to make the town better," said Andy Rogers. "We found this was something lacking in the community, and we wanted to bring it into the town. We just love all of the collaboration."

"My goal is to make South Hadley a more connected community," said Town Administrator Lisa Wong. "Especially physically, and that includes making walking and bike space have a bench like this for places of rest."

The bench is up, and commemorates a long time of different town members, community members, and local organizations and businesses coming together as a unified group to bring something new to the town.

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have a good time, and every time you do it, it'll get easier," said McClure.

McClure offers many different classes and trainings, and you'll find beginners and intermediates in the same class. "Go at your own pace," she says.

Get Movin' Fitness is a place where you can learn something new, and keep learning new things as you learn also from the people taking the classes with you.

"My favorite think about Get Movin' Fitness is that it is a positive, welcoming environment that promotes a healthy lifestyle, friendships, and good vibes only," said McClure.

"I really like that it has a club-like feeling where us ladies can come together, get in a good workout, and then go back to the hustle and bustle of life feeling relieved and strong."

You can find Get Movin' Fitness typically open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and closed on Sundays.

There is a free community day on Nov. 30, the Saturday after Thanksgiving from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. They are also holding a Basket Brigade, collecting food donations for Neighbors Helping Neighbors.

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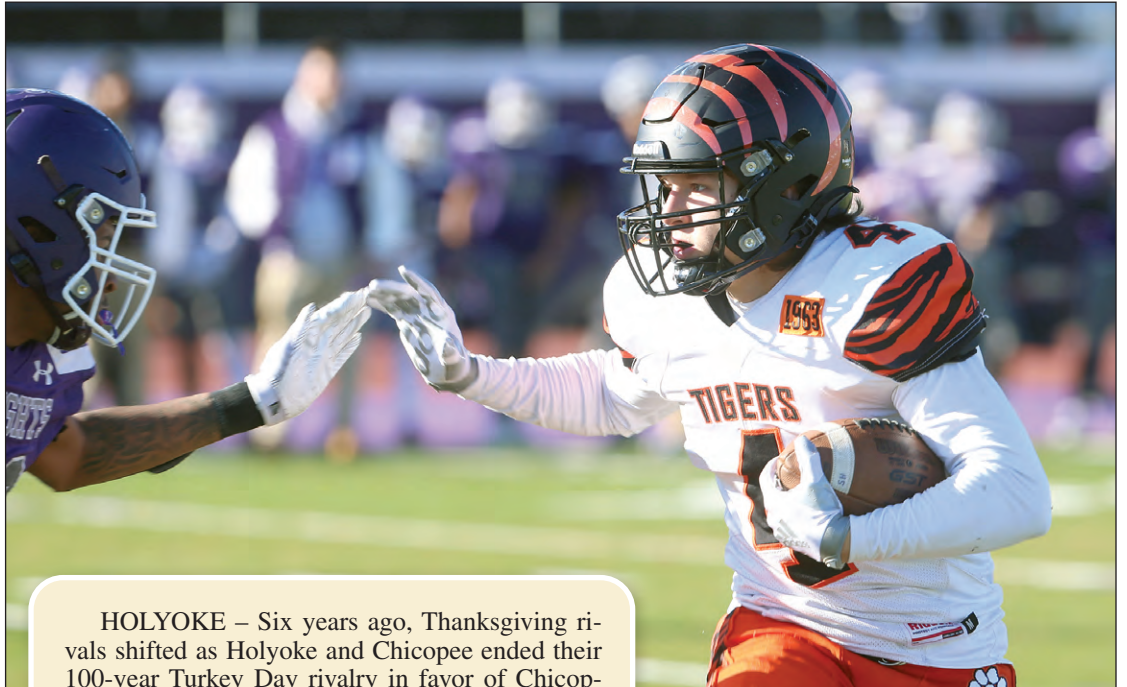
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## Tigers hope to keep winning on Thanksgiving



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Noah Marion takes off toward the left sideline.



Owen Dawson prepares to stiff-arm a Holyoke opponent.



Brayden Koske gets a big block for the Tigers.

**HOLYOKE** – Six years ago, Thanksgiving rivals shifted as Holyoke and Chicopee ended their 100-year Turkey Day rivalry in favor of Chicopee and Chicopee Comprehensive holding their “Sword Game” on Thanksgiving.

With the change, Holyoke and South Hadley now “Battle for the Bridge” for the seventh time. South Hadley has had a distinct advantage over Holyoke since the new rivalry started, winning five of the first six games, including the last two. The only Holyoke win so far in the series was in 2021.

Last year, at a sun-splashed Roberts Sports Complex, South Hadley had a big win over Holyoke 20-6. All of the scoring took place in the second half as the Tigers scored a touchdown in the third quarter to take the lead. Holyoke would score in the fourth, but the Tigers managed a pair of touchdowns to get the game out of reach late. For Holyoke, Nathan Pok had a 10-for-25 day passing for 133 yards. Owen Dawson led South Hadley with 142 yards rushing on 19 carries with two touchdowns. Noah Marion scored a touchdown for the Tigers as well and Julius Hebenth had 69 yards rushing.

This year, Holyoke has had a tough year with a 3-7 record overall. South Hadley will enter at 5-4. The Tigers are coming off a win against Pathfinder while Holyoke lost its last game in Week 10 against East Longmeadow.

Kickoff will be at South Hadley High School at 10 a.m.



Julius Hebenth takes the handoff and heads up the field during last year's matchup.



Jasiel Ramos and Brady Currier get a tackle.



Noah Marion gets the handoff.

### HOLYOKE vs. SOUTH HADLEY

South Hadley leads series 5-1

- 2023: South Hadley 20-6
- 2022: South Hadley 60-36
- 2021: Holyoke 36-30
- 2020: No game - COVID
- 2019: South Hadley 50-26
- 2018: South Hadley 28-20
- 2017: South Hadley 34-21

### Holyoke Football (3-7)

- Thursday, Sept. 12 – Pittsfield 36, Holyoke 12
- Thursday, Sept. 19 – Agawam 21, Holyoke 14
- Saturday, Sept. 28 – Holyoke 51, Taconic 12
- Friday, Oct. 4 – Longmeadow 35, Holyoke 6
- Thursday, Oct. 10 – Holyoke 20, Minnechaug 14
- Friday, Oct. 18 – Chicopee Comp 23, Holyoke 12
- Friday, Oct. 25 – Central 62, Holyoke 0
- Friday, Nov. 1 – Westfield 52, Holyoke 21
- Thursday, Nov. 7 – Holyoke 22, Putnam 20
- Thursday, Nov. 14 – E. Longmeadow 35, Holyoke 20
- Thanksgiving Game*
- Thursday, Nov. 28 – at South Hadley 10 a.m.

### South Hadley Football (5-4)

- Friday, Sept. 13 – Wahconah 26, South Hadley 6
- Friday, Sept. 20 – South Hadley 27, Greenfield 14
- Friday, Sept. 27 – Chicopee Comp 22, South Hadley 8
- Friday, Oct. 4 – Pittsfield 46, South Hadley 6
- Friday, Oct. 11 – South Hadley 31, Ludlow 12
- Thursday, Oct. 17 – South Hadley 33, Taconic 2
- Thursday, Oct. 24 – Putnam 42, South Hadley 19
- Friday, Nov. 1 – South Hadley 47, Chicopee 20
- Friday, Nov. 8 – at Palmer
- Friday, Nov. 15 – South Hadley 27, Pathfinder 9
- Thanksgiving Game*
- Thursday, Nov. 28 – vs. Holyoke 10 a.m.

## Rams fall in second round of state tourney



Marcela Tapia goes after a loose ball.

Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli



Margaret Crawford brings in the bouncing pass.



Eleanor Szlosek traps the ball.



Cassandra Flaherty brings the pass in.

WARREN – The Granby High School girls soccer team were able to reach the second round of the Division 5 state tournament. The Rams were on the field for both games, first traveling to nearby Quaboag

Regional High School and capturing a 2-0 win on Wednesday, Nov. 6. Following that, the Rams traveled to Eastern Mass. for a matchup at Georgetown. Granby would fall 4-0 in that matchup. Granby's season ended at 9-10.



Carli Zobka competes for the 50/50 ball.

## Railers notch road win in Canada

TROIS-RIVIÈRES, QC – The Worcester Railers HC (6-6-0-0 12pts) beat the Trois-Rivières Lions (5-3-2-0, 12pts), on Saturday by a final score of 5-4 in front of a crowd of 1,936 at the Colisée Videotron. The Railers are back on the ice next at the Colisée Videotron taking on the Trois-Rivières Lions on Sunday, November 17th at 3:00 p.m. EST.

It was Trois-Rivières who scored first when Jakov Novak (2-1-3) scored on the power play at 15:30 in the first making it a 1-0 score going into the second. Jakov Novak found the back of the net for a second time in the second period 12:03 into the frame. The Railers then made it 2-1 with a power play goal from Matthew Kopperud (1-1-2). Under a minute into the third Riley Piercey (2-0-2) scored on the power play to tie the game up at 2-2. The Lions took the lead 3-2 9:41 into the third with a goal from Logan Njihoff (1-0-1). Jonathan Yantsis (1-0-1) then added another on making it 4-2. Anthony Repaci then got one through (2-2-4) 13:02 into the third. Anthony Repaci struck again making it a tie game at 4-4 17:44 into the third. Riley Piercey got the game winner with 22 seconds remaining in overtime making the final score 5-4.

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## Owls finish football season with .500 record

WESTFIELD – Westfield State senior running back Dylan Disabella (Granby, Conn.) punctuated the Owls' senior day with 241 yards rushing and three TD's to power Westfield to a 22-7 win over Fitchburg State.

Westfield closes the season 4-6 overall and 4-5 in the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference under first-year head coach Lou Conte, Jr. Fitchburg ends its first season under coach Izzy Abraham at 2-8, 1-8 in the MASCAC.

Disabella and the Owls methodically ground out the win, as he finished with 35 carries, and scored on a 7-yard run in the first quarter, and a 21-yard run in the second quarter to grab a 14-0 lead at the half. He added a seven-yard TD run in the third quarter. He finishes the year as the Owls leading rusher with 763 yards and 7 rushing TD's on 143 carries, switching into the primary ball-carrier role for Westfield after a mid-season injury to Sean Willis (450 yards). Disabella also led the Owls in receiving for the season with 14 catches for 240 yards and two more TD's.

The Owls tacked on a 28-yard Cooper Harvey (Niskayuna, NY) field goal to take a 22-0 lead in the fourth quarter, before Fitchburg finally got on the board with 31 seconds left in the contest on a 50-yard Devin Lebron (Ledyard, Conn.) to Jeremy

Allik (Natick, Mass.) completion.

Westfield dominated in time of possession, 42:42-17:18, and had 342 yards of total offense compared to 216 for the Falcons. The game also featured eight fumbles and two interceptions between the two teams, and a combined 26 flags for 227 yards in penalties.

Ryan Scott (Dalton, Mass./Wahconah) started at QB and finished 4-10 for 72 yards passing. He was relieved by Lucas Pickard (Dalton, Mass./Wahconah) in the second half, who was just 1-1, but that was a 38-yarder to Jordan Lanoue (Belcher-town, Mass.). Jacob Swinehart (Holyoke, Mass.) finished with three catches for 63 yards.

Fitchburg's offense was led by 55 yard rushing from Matthew Aguirre (Laredo, Tex.). Emilo Cabey (Boston, Mass./Dover Sherborn) caught three balls for 48 yards. Starter Rocky Marchitelli (Gunnison, Colo.) was 6-12 for 58 yards passing, but had to leave the game after receiving a second unsportsmanlike conduct foul. Lebron relieved him and completed 3 of 10 passes for 50 yards and a td.

Westfield's Eric Lovell (Barnstable, Mass.) picked off a pair of Lebron's passes, including a 24-yard return to the Falcons' 7-yard line in the third quarter that set up Disabella's

third score of the day. Senior DT Cade Nelson (Shrewsbury, Mass.) led the Owls with seven tackles with 1.5 TFL, and Justyn Gardener (East Hartford, Conn.) added six stops and half a sack. Dylan Zuerblis (Wethersfield, Conn.) netted 1.5 sacks.

The Falcons defense was led by 13 tackles and a sack from Sebastian Burmester (German-town, NY), with John McGarry (Highland Lake, NY) adding eight stops.

Westfield State honored its 27 seniors before the game, and all who were healthy for the game played with the big lead late in the fourth quarter.

Jacob Applebee, Gavin Bull-ock, Dylan Clark, Curtis Dion, Dylan Disabella, Sean Ferguson, Gabriel Fernandez, Justyn Gardner, Nikolas Giotsas, Chris Greene, Jordan Lanoue, Adam Legere, Max Margeson, Anthony Messoro, Cade Nelson, Tim O'Connor, Gilberto Rodriguez, Ethan Russell, Connor Schlittler, Blake Simpson, Jake Swinehart, Casey Tang, Matthew Varteresian, Nate Walton, Noah Will, Malachi Wright, and Alvin Yvon comprised the Owls senior class recognized in the pregame ceremonies.

Westfield finished with four wins, one more than the 2023 campaign, and their best total since the fall of 2018 when the Owls finished 5-5.

## Late goals get T-Birds much-needed win

SPRINGFIELD — The Springfield Thunderbirds (6-8-1-0) got a clutch late-game goal from their captain en route to a 4-2 win over the Charlotte Checkers (7-4-0-1) on Saturday night at the MassMutual Center. Springfield picked up its first set of back-to-back wins this season in the process.

The T-Birds played a stout defensive opening period against the AHL's most potent offense, keeping the Checkers to just nine shot attempts and one unsuccessful power play opportunity. Vadim Zherenko has a stable start to his night, denying each Charlotte shot that reached the blue paint.

At the other end, former T-Birds head coach Geordie Kinnear also had his team locked in defensively. The Checkers also killed off one Springfield power play, and Ken Appleby had answers for each of the T-Birds' seven first-period shots.

2:30 into the second, one of the newcomers to North America got Springfield the night's first tally. Leo Loof brilliantly maneuvered himself down the right wing into the slot, moving the puck to his forehand and rattling a shot off the post. While Loof did not have luck on his

side, his fellow Swede Simon Robertsson did, as the rookie arrived in the slot, found the loose puck, and snapped it past a fallen Appleby to give Springfield the 1-0 lead. It was Robertsson's first AHL goal, and it marked the first time in three games that Springfield tallied the first marker.

The Springfield power play, which had not scored since Nov. 2, got into the action next at 5:57, as Aleksanteri Kaskimäki uncorked a one-timer from the right circle off a setup from Samuel Johannesson. Marcus Sylvegard parked himself in front of the net and deftly tipped the shot past Appleby for his second man-advantage goal of the season, and the T-Birds lead moved to 2-0.

A late penalty and subsequent unsportsmanlike conduct call put Charlotte on the power play for four minutes at the tail end of the middle stanza. With just 1.8 seconds left in the frame, Trevor Carrick held a clearing attempt in and snapped a shot past Zherenko to bring the Checkers to within a goal heading into the third.

The visitors built off that goal at the 2:23 mark of the third when Marek Alscher moved up

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## Select Board addresses town concerns after STM

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GRANBY – The Select Board held various appointments and discussion of the Recall Bylaw, the gravel pit, opioid task force, the veteran's memorial, and more.

The November 12 meeting was held by Chair Crystal Dufresne, and she was accompanied by Clerk David A. Labonte and member Glen N. Sexton, as well as Interim Town Administrator Christopher Martin.

### Update on Veteran's Memorial

The Granby Veterans Memorial Committee, the Friends of Granby Veterans, and the Granby American Legion Post 266 have been working to restore the Veterans Memorial in the center of town, and are seeing great

Members of the Committee came to the Select Board to provide an update on the construction of the memorial, and came to the board to share updates.

Sargeant Jason Richard came to present the information, as well as provide updates that State Representative Mindy Domb was able to secure funding to put towards the construction on the gazebo.

They also discussed the idea of hosting a tree lighting in the gazebo, and how to go about organizing the electricity usage and circulation for the lighting of this tree.

### The Recall Bylaw

A member of the community came to the Select Board with a concern regarding the recall bylaw and its

This bylaw is a bylaw that allows for voters within the town of Granby, after a certain period of time, to recall a member that has been elected into an office through a three-step process.

Recall elections allow for the voters to remove one of these elected official from office before the end of his or her term, following the three-step guidelines within

the bylaw.

One of the members of the community that came forward to discuss his concerns shared his concerns about the bylaw, and what changes could be made.

The senate council at the time that it was submitted that it was too short, and per an email from current Sen. Oliveira's senate council shared it was too long of a time period.

"I would rather give us more time to properly perform a recall vote than to change the bylaw again to a short period of time," said Town Administrator Christopher Martin.

The board made a motion to vote to leave the bylaw as written, with the 64-day minimum to call for the recall, and it passed between the three members after no further discussion.

### Opioid Task Force

Martin brought up the installation of an opioid task force to the board, and shared that they have not officially appointed members to the task force, and the desire to appoint that sooner to "address the issues of opioids in the town of Granby."

Dufresne presented the list of people that she and Susan Knightly had in mind to appoint to the task force, and asked to make a motion to appoint these community members to the task force.

They included Police Chief Kevin O'Grady, Deputy Director of the Fire Department Tyler Yvon, School Guidance Counselor Sarah Bierden, School Social Worker Charlene Korza, Veterans Services Officer David Mendoza, School Resource Officer Zacharie Gilley, Susan Knightly as a citizen member, and Crystal Dufresne to act as a non-voting member.

The board moved to approve of the members of the opioid task force and to set it into motion.

### Concerns for The Wine Haus

Two members of the community living on Batchellor Street expressed concern during the public hearing segment about

The Wine Haus, and the gravel pit itself happening on and around the property causing noise and health concerns for the residents.

The selectboard heard from Jay Joyce, who came to the board with a concern regarding local business, The Wine Haus, which he came to the board with the concern of the legality of their operating.

The board assured him that they are aware of the situation, and are working towards a final decision, and that it is within executive session and not at this time.

### Town Administrator's Report

Christopher Martin brought to the board various correspondence, including a request for resignation from a full-time police officer and permission to advertise for an opening.

The board approved of the resignation request, and for the approval of Chief O'Grady to put up the advertisement for the opening.

Martin also brought up the idea of regional dispatching, and if that is something the board would be interested in for the town of Granby.

The police department also requested the addition of a part-time dispatching position to add to the four full-time positions in order to fill in the gaps of where that extra help is needed.

The board approved of the addition of a part-time position to the dispatching team.

### New and Regular Business

The Board reviewed and signed the amendment with the I.B.P.O. Local 321 Contract, to hear a request from the Union regarding dispatch shift coverage.

A Union member clarified that the request would be that open dispatching shifts would be offered to dispatchers within the Union before non-Union employees. The board voted and approved of the request, and the Union members present signed the document.

The board moved to approve of the various departmental reports with an editorial change and reviewed and approved

the various maintenance warrants and meeting minutes.

The board also reviewed the Building Commissioner Correspondence, and addressed the fees and bylaws sent in.

The board reviewed the bylaw and proposed changes to be forwarded to the Planning Board for review, that requires a change to some bylaw amendments, under Mass General Law 40a Section 5 and amending the definition for an accessory dwelling unit.

They motioned to send along the bylaw amendments to the Planning Board in order to review these amendments.

The board reviewed the fees and their increases, and the board discussed whether this change would be good for the town of Granby or not.

The board moved on to approve and sign the annual report for the fiscal year 2024 for the Green Communities, and that they are inviting them to a special meeting to celebrate the reduction of energy usage by 20%.

The board affirmed appointments for the upcoming Charter Days events, including the ones who requested to become members, and the board moved to accept these new members.

Martin brought up a request from our current veterans' services officer who is looking to retire, and Martin reached out to surrounding towns and their veterans services, and received a request to join their services.

The cost of joining this group veteran's services agency would be about \$200,000, which is in the budget. The board made a motion for Martin to reach out to the veterans services intermunicipal Central Hampshire Country Veterans Services district to join them.

The board also reviewed a request from the Parks Department for a new position, and moved to have this be pushed into the new year in order to deal with other town matters beforehand for the tentative second meeting in January.



Terry Johnson, the president of the Historical Association with a mural of their history in photographs and newspaper stories.

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projects, as well as other ways to help the community and their Facebook.

The Granby Historical Association is excited for a special Christmas celebration at the Quirk House on December 7, 8, 14, and 15 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., where people can learn about the old traditions of Christmas pasts.

The Preservation Society works hard to preserve the historic buildings within the community, one of them being Kellogg Hall, and will host a special Festival of Trees at the Hall. Look out at their Facebook page for more information on this special event.

The Mathew J. Vieu Memorial fund is run by Crystal Dufresne and the family of veteran Vieu in order to memorialize his service to our country, and to celebrate his life. Yearly, they host OORAH runs, and the proceeds go towards helping veterans in need.

"I love our unique Granby community, and I think it's important to show-



Xander Huff with the Friends of the Granby Public Library, ready to hand out lots of stickers with his friend, Anabel Evran taking the photo.

case to the townspeople how they can get more involved and help," said Crosby. "Having all the groups in one place at one time was a perfect opportunity to do so."

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from the blue line to find a loose puck in a scramble and score his first AHL goal to tie the game, 2-2.

The stalemate carried into the back half of the final frame, and a pair of matching minors set the teams up at 4-on-4 hockey with less than six minutes to play. Almost immediately, the T-Birds rose to the occasion. Hunter Skinner raced to the right point to hold a puck at the blue line. With no hesitation, he whipped a pass diagonally to a streaking Matthew Peca on the left-wing side. Appleby denied Peca's first at-

tempt with the pad, but the captain corralled the rebound and swept it into an empty net, restoring the T-Birds lead, 3-2, with 5:29 to go.

With Appleby pulled in the closing minutes, Charlotte kept pressing the issue, but Zherenko and the T-Birds defense stiffened. Dylan Peterson blocked a last-ditch effort, cleared the defensive zone, and tapped the puck into the empty cage to wrap up Springfield's win.

Zherenko earned his first win since Oct. 12 with 25 stops on the night, while Appleby had 22 saves for Charlotte.

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Trois-Rivières scored a power play goal for the lone first period goal. Jakov Novak (6th) got one by John Muse of Worcester to make it a 1-0 game. The Lions would go back on the power play later in the period following a hooking call on Connor Welsh, but the Railers penalty kill was able to successfully kill the penalty off. Shots favored Trois-Rivières 11-7 in the first period.

The Railers had to start the second period off on the penalty kill following a slashing call on Griffin Loughran late in the first. Although the Railers successfully killed this penalty off to start the second, the Lions extended their lead to 2-0. It was Jakov Novak (7th) scoring again for the Lions as he ripped one through from the right circle. Matthew Kopperud (4th) cut into the Trois-Rivières lead with his power play goal making it 2-1 Trois-Rivières. Neither team would score through the rest of the second leaving the score at 2-1 headed into the third. Shots favored Worcester 11-9 in the second.

The Railers got another power play opportunity in the second and were able to tie

it up at 2-2 as Riley Piercey (5th) tapped in a rebounded shot just 52 seconds into the third. The Lions went on to take the 3-2 lead with a goal from Logan Nijhoff (2nd). Jonathan Yantsis (1st) went on to make it 4-2 Trois-Rivières with his goal 11:21 into the third. The Railers cut the Lion lead to one with a goal from Anthony Repaci (8th) 13:02 into the third period. Anthony Repaci (9th) was not done there as he scored again on the power play to tie the game at 4-4 with 2:16 remaining in the third. With his goal, Anthony Repaci passed Barry Almeida at 150 for the franchise record in points scored with 151 (74G, 77A). Repaci's goal would be the final score of the third, forcing overtime. Shots were even at 17 for both teams.

It took almost the entire overtime period for a team to win this one. Matthew Kopperud had an opportunity late into the overtime period but his shot hit off the left post. Riley Piercey (6th) then took the puck down all alone and scored the game winner, giving the Railers the 5-4 overtime win. Worcester outshot Trois-Rivières in overtime, and Trois-Rivières outshot Worcester 40-39 in the game.

# Winter wonderland comes to showcase Christmas traditions



The fireplace at the Quirk House, decorated beautifully and the stockings hung by the chimney with care.

RIGHT: A sneak peek of the adorable little Christmas village set up to see and explore.

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GRANBY – Coming up in December, the Historical Association will be hosting a special celebration at the Quirk House, showcasing the many traditions of Christmas.

The history of the beloved holiday, as well as many of its traditions, will be showcased, and spectators will be able to walk through the rooms of the house to learn more and see the beautiful decorations.

The house, turned into a Christmas Wonderland, will have many sights to see, and

will be open for the special event through two weekends on December 7, 8, 14, and 15 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The event is free, but donations are accepted in order to help the Historical Association continue its mission of keeping Granby's history alive.

Mark your calendars for this self-guided tour, and treat yourself to the gift shop, mini raffle, and more. They are accepting donations for the raffle, and you can reach out to Terry Johnson via email at granbyhistorical@outlook.com to donate an item.



Turley photos by Emily-Rose Pappas

## Wildfire notice for outdoor users

REGION—Massachusetts is dealing with widespread wildfires and severe drought, both of which heighten the risk of additional fires. MassWildlife staff are assisting the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and local fire departments in the ongoing effort to contain wildfires across the state. When venturing into the woods, MassWildlife is advising all outdoor users to take the following precautions to keep yourself and others safe:

- Stay away from active fires. Some may appear out but

could still have a fire burning underground. Call 911 to report new fires.

- Extinguish and dispose of smoking materials such as cigarette butts appropriately.
- When visiting wooded areas, park vehicles away from dry grass and leaves and do not block access gates.
- Avoid recently burned areas because of the risk of falling trees weakened by fire.
- If you see or smell smoke, be safe and leave the woods. Fire can move quickly under windy conditions.
- Refrain from any outdoor

activity involving open flames. There is a ban on outdoor open burning statewide.

In addition to taking precautions while enjoying the outdoors, your actions at home can make a difference in preventing wildfires and conserving water. About 45 percent of Massachusetts homes are in or near areas at severe wildfire risk, meaning that any significant fire will put people and property in danger. To help reduce the risk, you can find tips on water conservation and fire prevention at [www.mass.gov](http://www.mass.gov).

## MAC holiday craft fair set for Nov. 30

MONSON—The Monson Arts Council's 45th annual holiday craft fair, which features hand crafted items. The fair will open on Saturday, Nov. 30 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The fair presents 70 artisans, crafters and non-profit organizations who all offer a variety of items.

The crafters are located in four buildings in downtown Monson. Crafters are set up in Memorial Hall, the House of Art, and the Universalist and Methodist Churches. All locations offer a wide variety of gifts, decorations and collectibles, including stained glass, bath products, books, candles, dry flowers, clothing, holiday decorations, jewelry, quilts, soft sculpture, hand

crafted greeting cards, pottery, and much more. The annual fair is a major fundraiser for the Monson Arts Council as well as several other non-profit groups. Luncheon will be served in Memorial Hall, and the Methodist Church. A Girl Scout Carol Community Sing will take place in front of Memorial Hall at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 30. This holiday music precedes Santa's arrival on a fire truck at approximately 4:30 p.m. Once he arrives, all children may meet Santa Claus in person in the Town's Fire Station where cocoa and cookies will be served. For information or directions please call Wendy Murakami at 413-896-8666.

## Virtual support groups for those with cancer

PALMER – During a cancer journey patients and their families often benefit from the support of others. Virtual support groups are being held now and through 2025, by Camille St.Onge, LICSW and oncology social worker.

For many years, people had to travel to a predetermined location to attend cancer support group meetings. As a result of restrictions during the COVID-19 pandemic virtual support groups began meeting entirely online, with participants joining through video conferencing platforms

like Zoom. Today, many people prefer this method because it offers flexibility, and convenience, and allows them to access support from where they are without needing to physically travel to a meeting location.

"Sharing concerns with a support group can be a beneficial way for people facing cancer to get the help they need to cope with the physical and emotional concerns that arise during and after a cancer diagnosis," said St. Onge. "While support and self-help groups can vary greatly, groups

share one thing in common, they are a place where people can share personal stories, express emotions, and be heard in an atmosphere of acceptance, understanding, and encouragement."

The support groups are designed to help patients, their families and caregivers cope with the challenges of a cancer diagnosis.

Virtual Support Group offered include: General Cancer Support Group: first Wednesday of each month, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Partners in Caregiving: sec-

ond Wednesday of each month, 5 to 6:30 p.m.; Expressive Writing through Cancer, third Wednesday of each month, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Breast Cancer Support Group, fourth Wednesday of each month, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

All meetings are currently held virtually and are made possible by funds raised by the Walk of Champions. For more information contact Camille St.Onge, LICSW, Oncology Social Worker by calling 413-239-7239 or by email at [cstomagin@gmail.com](mailto:cstomagin@gmail.com).

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2G4WB52K331297267 Violet Reynolds 192  
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Mary Ibekilo  
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Benjamin Harrison  
103 W Hamilton St  
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Vernon Miller  
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2012 Dodge Avenger  
1C3CDZAG0CN255745  
David Holt  
107 Summer St  
Adams MA 01220

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2HGFA1F58AH306300  
Francisco Diaz  
6 Riverview Pl., Apt 3L  
Chicopee MA 01013

2017 Hyundai ELANTRA  
KMHD84LFOHU156489  
Christina Ostrander  
63 Washington Ave., Apt 8  
North Adams MA 01247

2008 Nissan Altima  
1N4AL21E38N472019  
Vanessa Reina Rodriguez  
29 Bingham St  
Bristol CT 06010

2011 Hyundai ELANTRA  
KMHDH4AE8BU114041  
Christopher West  
12 Eastwood Dr  
Springfield MA 01129

2009 Chrysler Town and Country  
2A8HR541X9R505497  
Hampton Taxi Service LLC  
19 Maple St  
Easthampton MA 01027

2007 BMW 3 Series  
WBAVC93527K030959 Dawn Frappier  
11 Acushnet Ave., Apt 102A

Springfield MA 01105  
1972 MG MGB MK III  
GHN5UC265990  
Christopher Holt  
15 Harwood Dr  
Pocasset MA 02559

2003 Honda Accord  
1HGCM55623A132771  
Raquel Felix  
51 Union St., Fl 1  
Westfield MA 01085

2011 Bashan Moped  
LHJTLBBN7BB002165  
George Cordero-Ortiz  
458 South St  
Holyoke MA 01040

2008 Honda Pilot  
5FN9YF18608B027390  
Ernest Bovi  
14 Briarcliff Ln  
Centerville MA 02632

2002 Chevrolet Silverado  
2500HD  
1GCHK29152E175483  
David Stanley  
72 Essex St., Apt C  
Holyoke MA 01040

2008 Honda Civic  
2HGFA16558H529839 Angel Davila Soto  
60 Center St., Apt 4R  
Holyoke MA 01040  
1997 Acura TL

JH4UA3650VC000247 Jazica Wyche  
101 Mulberry St., Apt G8  
Springfield MA 01105

1999 Toyota 4Runner  
JT3HN87R0X0239800 Abel De Jesus Carranza Moncada  
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5NMSG73D47H070994  
Johnathon Loring  
366 Houghton St., Apt 1  
N. Adams MA 01247  
2013 Buick Regal

2G4GS5EV8D9244836  
William Hairston  
72 Barrett St., Unit 108  
Northampton MA 01060

1975 MBG Roadster  
GHN5UF378083  
Owner Unknown  
Address Unknown

2011 Kia Soul  
KNDJT2A28B7198800  
Denisha Lafontaine  
17 John St  
Holyoke MA 01040

2013 Volkswagen Jetta  
3VW2K7AJ4DM297860  
Monica Cyran  
PO Box 175  
Hadley MA 01035

2002 Ford Ranger  
1FTZR45EX2TA36269  
Elizabeth Martinez  
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2005 Chrysler Town and Country  
2C8GP54LX5R123831  
Michael Lester  
PO Box 917  
Chicopee MA 01014

1984 Chevrolet Motorhome  
Chassis  
1GBJP37WXE3323087  
Michael Rosa  
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Greenfield MA 01301

2002 Subaru Legacy  
4S3BH635527305208  
Kimberly Garber  
40 Hall St  
N. Adams MA 01247

2007 Saturn Vue  
5GZCZ63417S855081 Justin Doucette  
31 Willie St  
Haverhill MA 01832

2011 Chevrolet Equinox  
2CNALDEC1B6406686  
Roselyn Lopez  
133 Rowley St  
Agawam MA 01001  
2008 Honda Civic

2HGFG11808H541641 Kiara Rodriguez-Natal  
526 South St., Apt 2L  
Holyoke MA 01040

2003 Subaru Forester  
JF1SG65643H739887  
Tania Negron-Guilbe  
52A Gilyard Dr., Apt A  
Waterbury CT 06706

4-wheeler  
LZXSCKL2458051429  
Adrian Gonzalez  
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2001 Dodge Dakota  
1B7GG22X01S222656  
Collin Avery  
1586 Memorial Ave., Apt 2A  
W. Springfield MA 01089

2015 Nissan Sentra  
3N1AB7APXFL638516  
Nydasha Rodriguez  
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Chicopee MA 01013

2006 Acura MDX  
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Josue Cuevas Berrios  
177 Elm St., Apt 4R  
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WDBUH87X59B364801  
Christian Richardson  
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2004 Chrysler Pacifica  
2C4GM68454R539173 Luz Santiago  
PO Box 5089  
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1983 LandscapeTrailer  
SIZM80  
1ZE1SLT11DN000065  
Mariano Dross  
PO Box 804  
Chicopee MA 01014

2 Wheel Trailer  
VIN Unknown  
Owner Unknown  
Address unknown  
2007 Ford F-150

1FTPW14527FA26583  
Isaac Carrero  
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Holyoke MA 01040

2005 Dodge Caravan  
1D4GP45R45B319697  
Alex Soto  
189 Clemente St  
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2005 Chrysler 300

2C3AA53G25H132854  
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2002 Lexus ES 300  
JTHBF30G720079027 Alexis Nicolini  
10 Hilltop Dr  
Beverly MA 01915

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2C3KA43R88H145581 Eva West  
660 S. Bridge St., Apt 3L  
Holyoke MA 01040  
2008 Honda Civic  
2HGFG11888H566853 Angel Guzman  
300 Walnut St., Apt 204  
Holyoke MA 01040

2009 Mercury Mariner  
4M2CU97G19KJ23438  
Cassandra Pendleton  
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### TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Conservation Commission will hold a Public Meeting pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act and the Local Wetlands Bylaw to consider a Request for Determination filed by Beverly Wilson to remove trees within Riverfront Area of the CT River. The project location is 6 Edgewater Ln (Map 44, Parcel 26).

The meeting will be held on **Wednesday, December 4, 2024 at 6:00pm virtually**. Login information will be provided with the posted agenda on the Town website.

A copy of the Request for Determination is on file in the Conservation Commission office, Room U6, in the Town Hall, and is available to the public for inspection

between the hours of 8:30 - 4:00 P.M. Mon - Fri. Plans are also available online at [www.southhadley.org/603/Project-Plans](http://www.southhadley.org/603/Project-Plans).

Any person interested or wishing to be heard should appear at the time and place designated.

Neva Tolopko  
Conservation Chair  
11/22/2024

### TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF HYBRID PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Board will hold a hybrid public hearing on **Monday, December 2, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.** to consider an application to **amend** a previously approved Site Plan Review and Stormwater Management Permit filed by South Hadley Plaza, LLC, 40 Island Pond Road, Springfield MA 01118, to develop a new free-standing retail store with garden center and outdoor display at 501 Newton Street, Assessor's Map 28 Parcel 200, pursuant to the Zoning Bylaw Article XII (Site Plan Review); and the Zoning Use and Dimensional Regulation Schedules.

The public hearing will be held through hybrid format with in-person attendance to be located in the multipurpose room of the South Hadley Senior Center, 45 Dayton Street South Hadley MA 01075. Virtual attendance will be hosted through the log-in information below:

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The project location is within the Woodlawn Plaza shopping center within the Business A-1 Zoning District. The project's original application for Site Plan Review and Stormwater Management Permit was approved in 2021 and the current proposed amendments include changes to site lighting and layout.

The application is on file in the Planning & Conservation Department Office (Room U6) in Town Hall and is posted at [www.southhadley.org](http://www.southhadley.org) on the Planning Department page under 'Permit Applications'- 'Site Plan Review' under section 'Newton Street (501) - Rocky's Hardware' or can be viewed at: <https://www.southhadley.org/1179/Site-Plan-Review>. Any person interested in, or wishing to be heard, should appear/join the hearing at the time and in the manner designated. This meeting is being conducted remotely consistent with Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023 which extends the March 2020 Governor's Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law MGL Ch. 30A Sec. 20 until March 31, 2025.

Joanna Brown, Clerk  
South Hadley Planning Board  
11/15, 11/22/2024



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- The Journal Register • Quaboag Current • Ware River News

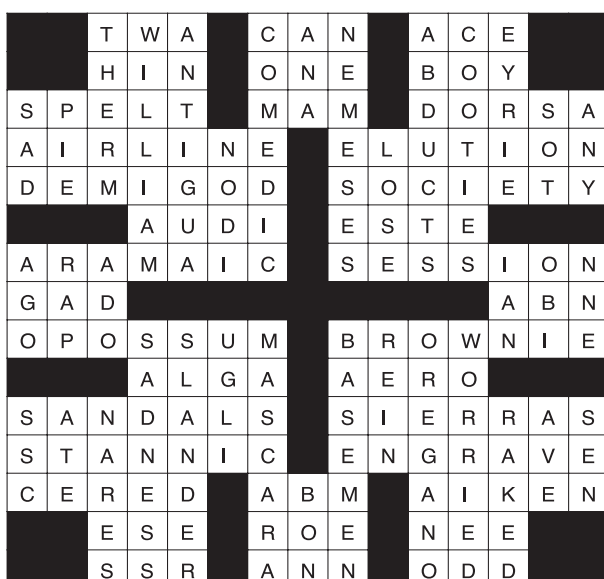
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# Artist shares pastel art techniques

By Emily-Rose Pappas  
Staff Writer  
epappas@turley.com

GRANBY – Greg Maichack, a local artist, came to the library over the weekend to share techniques to create a special class for the community to enjoy.

Maichack is a portraitist and painter and enjoys working in mostly pastels. He is a part of many different art guilds and associations, and travels all around New England to share with others his pastel techniques with an easy-to-follow class.

From beach scenes to seahorses to copies of famous art pieces, there is no limit to what you can create with the medium of pastels.



Greg Maichack showing how to create the smudging techniques for the wave.

“My love of drawing led me to explore pastel since drawing - or mark making and color - meet in this medium,” said Maichack. “Subtle gradations of hue and tone can be obtained while not losing the expressive qualities of line. Also, since pastel is close to pure pigment, vibrant colors can be achieved.”

He shared his inspiration comes from great artists like Leonardo da Vinci, “...who used pastels as enhancements to his charcoal and red-chalk drawings.”

“Although falsely considered fragile, a pastel portrait in the Gallery of Art in Dresden has survived more than 250 years,” Maichack said.

He taught his class at the library to share the many different techniques he’s used, and in his class, teaches participants how to smudge, blend colors, and choose colors in order to create a beautiful, vibrant piece.

“This was so much fun, and I really learned a lot about these art materials,” said one person who came for the class.

“He’s a very patient teacher, and I came in not feeling very confident, and I am pretty happy with the result, thanks to him,” said another.

The two-hour workshop included professional-grade Rembrandt pastels, French pastel pencils, and royal blue acid-free paper to make the pastel sketches of an ocean wave.

Maichack also provided step-by-step guidance to create a



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The ladies gathered for a relaxing Saturday learning to create a beautiful ocean wave out of pastels.



Greg Maichack walking around the room, providing guidance where needed, and encouragement abounds.

seascape, and even some clever techniques to create water spray on the wave with the pastel itself.

You can find more about his upcoming workshops on his website, <http://gregorymaichack.com>, to find out more about him, his classes, and gallery of beautiful pastel art works.



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