

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Hampden Probate and Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
Docket No. HD23P1982GD  
In the interests of  
Anaira A. Rodriguez  
of Holyoke, MA  
Minor**

**NOTICE AND ORDER:  
Petition for Appointment  
of Guardian of a Minor  
NOTICE TO ALL  
INTERESTED PARTIES**

**1. Hearing Date/Time:**  
A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 09/22/2023 by **Widalis Rodriguez** of Holyoke, MA will be held **04/09/2024 08:30 AM Review Hearing**. Located: **Hampden Probate & Family Court, 50 State Street, 4th Floor, Springfield, MA 01103.**

**2. Response to Petition:**  
You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:

File the original with the Court; and

Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.

**3. Counsel for the Minor:** The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.

**4. Counsel for Parents:** If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.

**5. Presence of the Minor at Hearing:** A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests. Date: January 9, 2024

**Rosemary A. Saccomani**  
Register of Probate  
02/09/2024

**Notice of Public Hearing**  
The Ordinance Committee of the Holyoke City Council will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 6:30pm** to hear a special permit application extension ACMJ Inc to build and operate a marijuana cultivation and processing establishment at 532 Main St (026-03-012) Meeting will take

place at Holyoke City Hall 536 Dwight St and can be accessed remotely via www.zoom.us Meeting ID 838 4251 5233 Meeting Passcode 202874 or by call in at 1-646-558-8656 with same Meeting ID and Passcode. For an electronic copy of this application or to provide comments for the public hearing, please contact City Council Admin Asst Jeffery Anderson-Burgos at Anderson-BurgosJ@holyoke.org or by phone 413-322-5525.

Ordinance Chair  
Israel Rivera  
02/09, 02/16/2024

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Hampden Probate and Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413)748-7758  
Docket No. HD23P0278EA  
Estate of:  
Christopher Thomas  
Brayley**

**Date of Death: 12/28/2022  
CITATION ON  
PETITION FOR  
ORDER OF COMPLETE  
SETTLEMENT**

A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by **Edward Brayley** of Chicopee, MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account, a determination of testacy and heirs at law and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 03/15/2024.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M. Hyland, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: February 02, 2024  
**Rosemary A. Saccomani**  
Register of Probate  
02/09/2024

**CITY OF HOLYOKE  
REQUEST FOR  
QUALIFICATIONS  
RFQ #2024-38E  
Central Fueling Station  
Replacement Design  
and Feasibility**

The City of Holyoke (City) is requesting qualifications from firms to provide professional engineering services relating to the replacement of the existing Central Fueling Station in Holyoke, Massachusetts. The firm selected for this project shall have a demonstrated ability to execute this type of project and provide the City with the technical assistance required to make informed choices in developing and implementing this project. The city is looking for the design to be substantially complete by June 30th, 2024, with a full completion date no later than September 30th, 2024. Construction will need to be completed no later than June 30th, 2026.

**This project is funded with Federal Funds. Respondents will be verified for eligibility to receive Federal Funds and must comply with all Federal Requirements including Part 200.**

RFQ documents can be obtained electronically through the City of Holyoke's Purchasing Department by submitting an email request. Responses will also be submitted by email. RFQ documents will be available from tomorrow@holyoke.org or sweeney@holyoke.org on Monday, February 5, 2024 at 12:00 AM (local time).

Proposals shall be submitted in person to the Office of Purchasing and are due on Thursday February 29, 2024 by 2:00 PM. Late applications will not be accepted.

The City reserves the right to reject any and all submissions, to waive any minor informalities & technicalities, or to cancel the bid if it is in the public interest to do so. **PLEASE NOTE THE CITY WILL NOT BE DOING A WALK THROUGH OF THE FUELING STATION.**  
02/09/2024

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Hampden Probate and Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413)748-7758  
Docket No. HD24C0030CA  
In the matter of:  
Malachi Joseph Bodkin**

**CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME**

A Petition to Change Name of Minor has been filed by **Malachi Joseph Bodkin** of Holyoke, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

**Malachi Joseph Guiteau-Bodkin**  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Hampden Probate and Family Court** before

**10:00 a.m. on the return day of 02/22/2024.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: January 25, 2024

**Rosemary A Saccomani**,  
Register of Probate  
02/09/2024

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Hampden Probate and Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
Docket No. HD23D1052DR**

**Elaine Madera Miro vs. Edwin Campos Ramos  
DIVORCE SUMMONS  
BY PUBLICATION  
AND MAILING**

To the Defendant:  
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown.

The Complaint is on file at the Court.

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. **SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.**

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon:

**Elaine Madera Miro**  
**91 Tokeneke**  
**Holyoke, MA 01040**

your answer, if any, on or before **04/09/2024**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M. Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: January 8, 2024

**Rosemary A. Saccomani**  
Register of Probate  
02/09/2024

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Hampden Probate and Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
Docket No. HD24P0193GD**

**In the matter of:  
Jessica Marcial  
Of: Holyoke, MA  
RESPONDENT  
Alleged Incapacitated Person  
CITATION GIVING  
NOTICE OF PETITION  
FOR APPOINTMENT OF  
GUARDIAN FOR  
INCAPACITATED  
PERSON PURSUANT TO**

**G.L. c. 190B, §5-304**

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Valley Springs Behavioral Health H of Holyoke, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that **Jessica Marcial** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

**You have the right to object to this proceeding.** If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of **02/28/2024**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M. Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: January 30, 2024  
**Rosemary A. Saccomani**  
Register of Probate  
02/09/2024

**LEGAL NOTICE  
CITY OF HOLYOKE  
GAS & ELECTRIC  
DEPARTMENT  
UTILITY LINE  
MATERIAL -  
1894 LINE STRUCTURES**

Sealed bids for furnishing the above material will be received by Holyoke Gas & Electric Dept. until **2:00 p.m. February 29, 2024**, at the Office of the Manager, 99 Suffolk St., Holyoke, MA 01040, at which time proposals will be publicly opened

and read.

Additional information may be obtained from:

**Chi Wong**  
Holyoke Gas & Electric Dept  
99 Suffolk St.  
Holyoke, MA 01040  
(413) 536-9308  
cwong@hged.com

The right is hereby reserved to reject any or all proposals, or to accept any proposal that in the opinion of the Manager may be in the best interest of the City of Holyoke.

Please mark sealed envelopes "**Bid for Utility Line Material - 1894 Line Structures**" and address them to:

**James M. Lavelle, Manager**  
Holyoke Gas & Electric Dept.  
99 Suffolk St.

Holyoke, MA 01040  
02/09/2024

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Hampden Probate and Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413)748-7758  
Docket No. HD24C0029CA**

**In the matter of:  
Gabrielle Moriah Bodkin  
CITATION ON PETITION  
TO CHANGE NAME**

A Petition to Change Name of Minor has been filed by **Gabrielle Moriah Bodkin** of Holyoke, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

**Gabrielle Moriah Guiteau-Bodkin**  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Hampden Probate and Family Court** before **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 02/22/2024.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: January 25, 2024

**Rosemary A Saccomani**,  
Register of Probate  
02/09/2024

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

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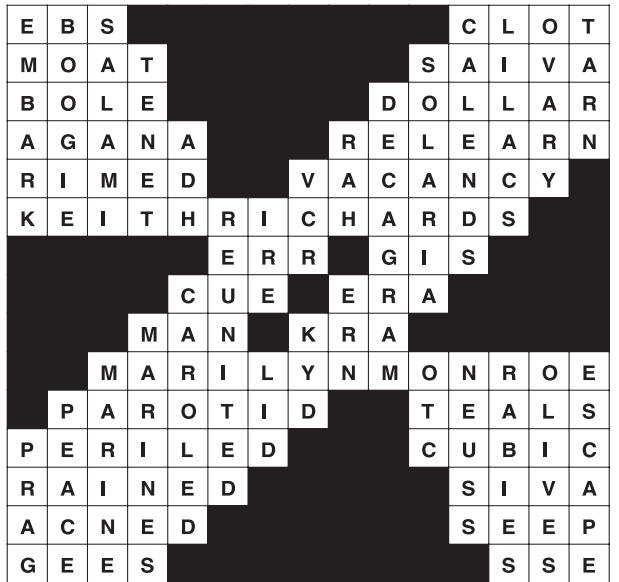
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## HELP WANTED

### ASSISTANT TOWN ACCOUNTANT

The Town of Palmer is seeking applicants for the full-time position of Assistant Town Accountant. The applicant should have a working knowledge of accounting theory and accrual concepts along with strong organizational, interpersonal, and analytical skills as well as experience with Microsoft Office. Previous experience using MUNIS accounting software is a plus. Complete job description can be found at <https://townofpalmer.com/jobs>. Please e-mail a cover letter and resume to [gpotter@townofpalmer.com](mailto:gpotter@townofpalmer.com) or via mail to the Town Accountant's Office at 4417 Main Street, Palmer, MA 01069. This position will remain open until filled. *The Town of Palmer is an EOE/AA employer.*

**CLASS A DRIVER.** Triaxle dump trailer work. Local deliveries, minimum 40 hours, rate based on experience. **RB Enterprises, Ludlow, MA. 413-583-8393.**

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### FOR RENT



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## SECURITY, from page 4

claiming your Social Security until you either earn less or reach 67 years of age.

If you already have 26 years contributing to Social Security from "substantial earnings," your WEP reduction will already be mitigated and any additional years of substantial earnings from which SS payroll taxes are deducted will result in an even smaller WEP reduction.

If you can achieve 30 years of SS contributions from substantial work earnings, WEP will no longer apply. So, you may not be "stuck with" the WEP reduction permanently, but you will need to contact Social Security to request that your WEP reduction amount be reviewed in light of any addi-

tional years of SS-covered earnings. This should be done after you submit your income taxes each year you have additional SS-covered earnings.

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## INSURANCE, from page 1

employer and the employees would have been significantly less than what we had actually paid out," Casey said.

Based on an analysis done, the total costs incurred by the city between fiscal year 2020 and FY22 would have been \$2.4 million less had it had a self-funded health insurance model.

If the city had kept these savings, they would have lived within the trust for the health insurance. The benefit of a trust for health insurance would be to create savings for years where health insurance costs increased, to potentially keep that cost lower.

"It would help ensure that those years that are really good, great, and those years where we have seen double digit increases in premium costs, we would have enough money to potentially tamp that down," Casey said.

According to Casey, this self-funded healthcare system would be similar to the way the city's retirement fund works.

With the finance committee's recommendation to the council of adopting the state law to create the necessary trust, this process is able to move forward. Casey hopes to receive the city council's

approval at one of their February meetings.

However, even once the city council approves the adopting of the state law, that does not guarantee that the self-funded system would immediately be adopted.

"If this were to move forward and the council were to adopt this it is not going to happen overnight," Casey said. "There's still other things to be done and there would be other opportunities for the council to have input."

For one, Casey and others working on this project would need to find trustees for the trust. They also have to create a trust document.

There would also need to be appropriations made.

Additionally, the decision would require agreement from the Section 19 Committee.

The Section 19 Committee is also known as the Public Employee Committee. It is made up of the water

## NOTICES, from page 9

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Hampden Probate and Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413)748-7758  
Docket No. HD24P0244EA  
Estate of:

Edward John Topor  
Also known as:  
Edward J Topor  
Date of Death: 03/30/2023  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Christine H. Bednarski of Springfield, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Christine H. Bednarski of Springfield, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 03/04/2024.**

This is **NOT** a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection

followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland, First Justice** of this Court.  
Date: February 05, 2024

**Rosemary A. Saccomani**  
Register of Probate  
02/09/2024

**Notice of Public Hearing**  
The Ordinance Committee of the Holyoke City Council and the Planning Board will hold separate public hearings to hear a zoning ordinance change proposal to allow cannabis businesses beyond the IG zone and allow priority for social equity applicants and those negatively impacted by war on drugs. Ordinance Committee meeting will take place on **Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 6:30 pm** at Holyoke City Hall 536 Dwight St and can be accessed remotely via [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us) Meeting ID 838 4251 5233 Meeting

## Public Notices

Passcode 202874 or by call in at 1-646-558-8656 with same Meeting ID and Passcode. Planning Board meeting will take place on **Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 5:30 pm** at City Hall Annex, 20 Korean Veterans Plaza, Room 403, and can be accessed remotely via [ww.zoom.us](http://ww.zoom.us) Meeting ID: 836 3939 8493 or by call in at 1-646-558-8656 with same meeting ID. To provide comments to the Ordinance Committee, please contact City Council Admin Asst Jeffery Anderson-Burgos at [Anderson-BurgosJ@holyoke.org](mailto:Anderson-BurgosJ@holyoke.org) or by phone 413-322-5525. To provide comments to the Planning Board, please contact Jeff Burkott at [JBurkott@holyoke.org](mailto:JBurkott@holyoke.org)

Ordinance Chair  
Israel Rivera  
Planning Chair  
Mimi Panitch  
02/09, 02/16/2024

### City of Holyoke PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Holyoke Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom.com**; ID: 836 3939 8493 CALL IN \*646 558 8656 to hear, pursuant to the Holyoke Zoning Ordinance Sec 6.1.9, a Special Permit to allow for a common driveway located on 525-527 Pleasant Street (091-00-073).

For a complete copy of the application contact Planning at 322-5575.

APPLICANT:  
Alex Vilkhovoy  
PLANNING BOARD:  
Mimi Panitch  
02/09, 02/16/2024

## Frozen Polish Food Sale on Feb. 10

INDIAN ORCHARD – A Frozen Polish Food Sale, featuring Pierogi, Golabki and Kapusta, will be held at Immaculate Conception Church Hall at 25 Parker St. in Indian Orchard on Saturday, Feb. 10 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

All are welcome to come and purchase.



department, the gas and electric, the school department and the city of holyoke proper.

"All of the collective bargaining units in the city come together and they bargain as one unit when it relates to benefits and health insurance," Casey said.

*"All of the collective bargaining units in the city come together and they bargain as one unit when it relates to benefits and health insurance,"*

**- Treasurer Rory Casey**

Therefore this committee would also need to agree to the idea of self-funded insurance.

Casey also mentioned that they would look into the renewal rates for both health insurance models to ensure that the numbers remained consistent before committing one way or another.

"We would be able to request both renewal rates for a fully-insured plan and a self-insured plan and we would be able to review them and decide," Casey said. "If we get the numbers and it's looking like this isn't going to be as beneficial as we had hoped or thought based on the renewal rates, it's a non-starter, we're not moving any further."

Moving forward, Casey hopes to nail down a plan of action during March and early April, so that they would be ready for open renewal in mid to late May.

This would allow everyone to be enrolled and "ready to go" for July 1, which would be the start date for the new insurance model, should it go to plan.

The finance committee unanimously agreed that the city should continue to explore this option, as it could be greatly beneficial for the city.

Additionally, Holyoke would not be the only city to have this health insurance model. In fact, self-funded health insurance has grown increasingly popular around the country.

"I'm generally warm to doing it because most large employers now often use self-funded," City Councilor Kevin Jourdain said. "In fact in Massachusetts it's about two thirds self-funded and one third fully funded and in many states, Connecticut for example, it's like 85% of employer groups are self-funded and most government structures are self-funded."

With the unanimous support from the finance committee, this topic will go to the city council for them to discuss at an upcoming meeting.