

Springfield Thunderbirds bringing back Community Caravan

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds are proud to announce the return of the T-Birds Community Caravan, with support from MassMutual, marking the third annual summer tour designed to bring the excitement of Thunderbirds hockey to communities across the region.

This year’s Caravan will include three stops throughout the Greater Springfield area during the summer months, continuing the initiative’s mission to keep the T-Birds top-of-mind in the offseason while deepening the team’s connection to local families and fans. This summer’s Caravan dates are as follows:

- Saturday, July 19 - Sonny’s Place, Somers, CT - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Saturday, August 9 - Amelia Park Ice Arena, Westfield - 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

*The Westfield Community Caravan will also feature the annual T-Birds Street Hockey Tournament on the outdoor deck hockey court at Amelia Park. The Street Hockey Tournament features teams of players ages 9-12. To register your team, click here.

“After a fantastic continuation of the program last summer, we’re thrilled to bring back the Caravan and keep building on its success,” said Thunderbirds President Nathan Costa. “We’re equally excited to welcome back MassMutual as a partner and thank them for embracing our mission of being champions in the community beyond the Thunderdome.”

Each free-to-attend event will feature appearances by Thunderbirds mascot Boomer, team staff, and a lively mix of interactive

games, street hockey, family-friendly activities, and local vendors. Fans can also enjoy delicious food options, with each Caravan date spotlighting a local nonprofit beneficiary, helping to raise awareness and support for impactful community organizations.

“We’re delighted to support the Springfield Thunderbirds not only on the ice but also throughout the local community,” said Dennis Duquette, head of community responsibility at MassMutual and president of the MassMutual Foundation. “Their caravan provides terrific activities for local kids and families, and we’re proud to be a part of it.”

The Springfield edition of the Caravan will be collecting donations benefiting The Gray House. Among the requested items

are baby food, diapers and wipes, school supplies, and non-perishable food items. The Thunderbirds will also be hosting food drives at the July and August Caravan stops. The July Caravan at Sonny’s Place will benefit the Enfield Food Shelf in Connecticut, while the August Caravan in Westfield will collect items for the Westfield Food Pantry.

Additional information for all Community Caravans will be released in the coming weeks via the Thunderbirds’ website and social media channels.

For more information on upcoming events, including the Community Caravan, stay tuned to the T-Birds on social media @ThunderbirdsAHL, or visit the Community Tab on www.SpringfieldThunderbirds.com.

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Ferrentino was hit by a pitch. Then right fielder Cam Rivest, who’s the varsity baseball coach at Ludlow High School, hit a sacrifice fly scoring another run.

St. Joe’s broke the ice an inning later.

Fitzgibbons, who hit a hard ground ball into left field leading off the fourth inning, scored when centerfielder Aaron Little, who played baseball at Ludlow High School, hit a sacrifice fly.

Second baseman Nate Carillon continued the St. Joe’s rally with a walk and catcher Bobby Trigilio was hit-by-a-pitch loading the bases with one-out. Just like they did in the first and third innings, People’s Bank ended the inning with a double play.

“Our defense was awesome tonight,” Ferry said. “We turned three double

plays early in the game.”

Gaines, who allowed one run on three hits in four innings, was relieved by fellow lefty James Flahive, who’s normally a starter, at the start of the fifth inning.

“Danny has been one of our top starting pitchers for a very long time,” Ferry said. “It’s still early in the season and we knew he could give us at least four strong innings.”

Flahive, who threw 70 pitches over the final three frames, was credited with the win. He didn’t allow any runs on two hits.

People’s Bank final two runs were scored in the fifth and sixth innings on sacrifice flies from designated hitter Johny Gegetskas and Platner.

The third meeting of the regular season between the two teams was scheduled to be played at Mackenzie Stadium on Tuesday night.

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soccer at Chicopee High School, and is still a member of the Pioneers. He also plays for the men’s soccer team at Bryant University.

The Pioneers had a couple of scoring chances during the first half of last Tuesday’s match.

In the eighth minute, Robbie Lyons fired a shot from the top of the box, but Vermont goalie Niklas Herceg managed to make the save.

A little more than ten minutes later, a Lyons free kick sailed wide

Herceg made another save following a shot attempt from Augustine Boadi during the 32nd minute.

Vermont Green took a 1-0 lead 11 minutes later.

The scoring play began with Stephane Njike sending a crossing pass into the box from the left side. Then Joseph Picotto flicked a shot into the back of the net past Western Mass goalie Cam Hall.

The Pioneers had an

opportunity to score the tying goal in 52nd minute when Boadi sent a pass to Lyons, but his shot went over the crossbar.

In the 73rd minute, Jared Smith’s free kick just missed going into the net.

With the Pioneers still trailing by a goal late in the second half, Vermont goalie

Niklas Herceg received a yellow card from referee Elvis Jandric.

Molinari thought his team should’ve been given a free kick following the card, but the referee gave the home team a goal kick instead.

“It should’ve been a free kick for us because the referee gave their goalie a yellow card,” Molinari said. “The referee made a mistake and it’s a very tough loss for

low card,” Molinari said. “The referee made a mistake and it’s a very tough loss for

Following the match, Molinari and several of the Pioneers got into a heated argument with Jandric in the middle of the field.

The home team sealed their victory when Hall

attempted to make a diving save on a shot taken by Tyler Trimnal. The ball bounced away from the Pioneers keeper and Njike put the ball into the back of the net sending the Vermont Green supporters into a frenzy.

The Pioneers did get back into the win column following a 2-0 win against the

Boston Bolts.

The Pioneers goals were scored by Jorge Veintimilla and Jiana.

The second meeting between Vermont Green and Western Mass. is scheduled to take place at Lusitano Stadium on July 11. It’s also the regular season finale for the Pioneers.



Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com
Robert Lyons crosses the field.



Gustavo Barbosa traps the ball and heads up the field.



Augustine Boadi hustles up the field.

Public Notices

City of Holyoke
Notice of Public Hearing
The Holyoke Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom.com**; ID: 83639398493; CALL IN 1 646 558 8656 to hear, pursuant to the Holyoke Zoning Ordinance, a Special Permit for a Parking Reduction (Sec 6.1.7) and a Special Permit to vary Dimensional Regulations (Sec 8.8.4), submitted by Vila Nova Properties, located at 718 Dwight Street (006-06-009).

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

HD25C0198CA
In the matter of:
Jayden Michael Cauley-Heard
CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
A **Petition to Change Name of Adult** has been filed by **Jayden Michael Cauley-Heard of Holyoke, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:
Jayden Michael Cauley-Guzman
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 07/08/2025.**
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: June 10, 2025
Rosemary A Saccomani
Register of Probate
06/27/2025

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The complete application may be viewed through the Holyoke

Planning Dept M-F, 8:30-4:30 p.m.
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The Holyoke Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom.com** ID: 836-3939-8493; Call in *67 646 558 8656 to hear applications submitted by MIFA Victory Theatre, for the property located at 81-89 Suffolk St (012-06-006/-007) pursuant to the Holyoke Zoning Ordinance, Section 10.0, a Major Site Plan Review (File #169); pursuant to Section 6.4.6.4, a

Special Permit for an **Increase In Sign Size and Multiple Signs** (2025-22); and pursuant to Section 6.1.7, a Special Permit for the Reduction of Parking Requirements (2025-23).

The proposed **Victory Theatre** renovations include a 5,935 s.f./18,755 gsf square foot building additions for offices, performance area, and loading dock and other associated site improvements.

For a complete copy of the application and site plan, contact the Planning Department at (413) 322-5575.

APPLICANT:
SLR International Corp.
c/o John Hammer;
MIFA Victory Theatre
c/o Donald Sanders
PLANNING BOARD:
Mimi Panitch, Chairperson
06/20, 06/27/2025

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Wednesday, July 2

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