

First-ever Paper Festival to take place June 7

HOLYOKE – The inaugural Holyoke Paper Festival is set to bring a one-day celebration of art, paper, and place to downtown Holyoke on Saturday, June 7 at the De La Luz Soundstage, 114 Race Street.

This new event celebrates Holyoke’s unique identity as The Paper City, once producing an estimated 80% of the writing paper used in the U.S. during the late 1800s. Today, artists and community members continue to be inspired by Holyoke’s history of innovation, its vibrant arts scene, and its powerful connection to the Connecticut River and the land of the Pocumtuc, Agawam, and Nonotuck peoples.

Festival attendees can look forward to a full day of programming including a

fine art exhibition, interactive workshops, guest speakers, local tours, and more—all highlighting the legacy and future of paper as a creative medium. Entries to the art exhibition have been received from artists across the country, underscoring Holyoke’s national significance in paper and printmaking culture.

The Holyoke Paper Festival is made possible by support from MassDevelopment, the Holyoke Local Cultural Council, Holyoke Community College, and local business and property owners.

To learn more about the festival or to get involved as a sponsor, volunteer, or donor, visit www.holyokepaperfestival.com for the latest updates and details.

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more Kids Beginner Spanish classes taught by SHHS students.

For book recommendations, or for other questions, email Jenny_jarch@cwmar.s.org.

Teen Programs at SHPL

Our Teen Takeaways continue this month with Herb Gardening. Sign up once and get a new Takeaway every month!

Our Teen Book Club Booktroverts continues and this month features Project Nought by Chelsey Furedi. There is no in-person meet up. Enjoy the book on your own time. Copies are available in the Teen Room to check out.

Catch up on the Jurassic

Park film series before the new movie comes out July 2. The original three movies will be shown Fridays in May:

Jurassic Park 3 on May 30 at 3:30 p.m.

Popcorn to snack on during all movies! Movies will take place in the Teen Room. Look for the Jurassic World moves in June! Any questions please email Bethany (broberts@cwmar.s.org).

Gaylord Memorial Library Programs

For kids, we have Story Time every Friday at 10:30 a.m. with Miss Janet. Check out the new carpets in the children’s room!

We’ll also look forward to Story Yoga with Anne Stackhouse Browning on Saturday, May 31 at 10:30 a.m.

Thomas J. Kennedy, 85



Thomas J. Kennedy, 85, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family. Born in Holyoke in 1939, he attended Sacred Heart School. After high school he enlisted in the Marines, but was injured and honorably discharged. Back home he worked construction and paid his way through college. He attended Western New England University where he was both academically driven and active in the community. He was involved in the school newspaper and in starting the WNE basketball team, where he was Captain. He graduated attaining a Bachelor’s Degree and continued his studies at Elms College, where he acquired a Master’s in Education. He became a teacher, eventually landing in South Hadley where he taught for many years. He loved teaching and had a profound impact on many of his students, many of them reaching out years later to visit “Mr. K” and thank him.

He married Judy Dusek in 1968. They started a family and had 3 children. Thomas was proud to grow up and live his entire life in Holyoke. He wanted to give

back to the city he loved and was elected to 2 terms (1976-1980) as an Alderman at Large, where he was a strong advocate for the creation of the Volleyball Hall of Fame and promoted many quality of life issues like the preservation of green space and trying to get people to see the potential of Holyoke with its river, canal system, mountain and historic architecture. He was a decade-long member of the Western Massachusetts Regional Health Planning Council, working to make healthcare more accessible to all, as well as an officer for SHEA, helping to protect worker’s rights. He also was a former member of the Lions Club and Toastmasters International. He loved God, his family, Holyoke, Irish music and the music of Jim Reeves, Red Sox baseball, nature and poetry. He published a book of poetry in 1984.

Anyone who had the pleasure of being a part of Tom’s life knew that he was full of life, love, understanding, and forgiveness. He took the teachings of Jesus to heart and tried to live his life accordingly. He had a lot of appreciation for the world

and the many different kinds of people living in it. He welcomed anyone into his home.

He is predeceased by his parents, Walter and Mary (O’Connor), as well as his siblings John Kennedy, Maureen Swierzewski, Joan Drennan, and Kathleen O’Sullivan. He leaves behind his wife Judy, son Kevin and his wife Stephanie, son, Thomas, and daughter, Kara Duff. Grandchildren Ryan, Ethan, and Sophia Kennedy and Aaron and Gabriel Duff as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Finally, his good friends, especially Walter, Patrick, and Roger. A special thanks to Peter and Sharon. As well as to Holyoke Hospice VNA particularly Danielle and Melissa. Thank you also to Western Mass Elder Services especially Monique, Kyle, Monica, and Mary. Additional thanks to Father Albert of Our Lady of the Cross.

The Funeral was held on Saturday, May 24, 2025 from the Barry J. Farrell Funeral Home, 2049 Northampton St., Holyoke followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at Our Lady of the Cross Parish Church. Burial will be held at a later date.

DEATH NOTICE

Thomas J. Kennedy
Died May 16, 2025
Barry J. Farrell
Funeral Home

Town Reminder OBITUARY POLICY

Turley Publications offers two types of obituaries.

One is a free, brief **Death Notice** listing the name of deceased, date of death and funeral date and place.

The other is a **Paid Obituary**, costing \$275, which allows families to publish extended death notice information of their own choice and may include a photograph.

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

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

Polish Food Sale at Immaculate Conception Church

INDIAN ORCHARD – A Polish Food Sale will be held on Saturday, June 14, 2025 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church Hall, 25 Parker St.

Indian Orchard, MA. Golabki (Three) for \$12, Kapusta (Large) for \$10, Pierogi (12) Pierogi Available: Cabbage, Potato & Cheese \$14,

Sweet Cheese, Blueberries \$15 Everyone is welcome to come and purchase.

Public Notices

TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF HYBRID PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Board will hold a hybrid public hearing on **Monday, June 9, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.** to consider an application for Special Permit filed by Mael Walkowiak, 16 Philip Circle Granby, MA 01033, for a Special Permit for construction of a mixed-use building to include 675 sq. ft. of commercial space, three one-bedroom residential units, and two two-bedroom residential units at 36 Bridge Street, Map 5C Parcel 21, pursuant to the Zoning Bylaw Article IX (Special Permits); 255-7 (Existing uses, buildings and structures; nonconforming uses); 255- 45 (South Hadley Falls Overlay District); and the Zoning Use and Dimensional Regulation Schedules. The application also proposes a sign to be illuminated with gooseneck lights pursuant to the Zoning Bylaw 255-85 (Signs).

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:

URL to join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83748700752?pwd=RPBbq71u6x9P0UY1IbbQWllfqv607V.1>

Or join by phone: +1(301) 715 8592 Webinar ID: 837 4870 0752 Passcode: 903241

The project is located within the Business B zoning district and is within the South Hadley Falls Overlay District and the South Hadley Falls Smart Growth Zoning District.

The application is on file in the Planning & Conservation Department Office (Room U6) in Town Hall and is posted at www.southhadley.org on the Planning Department page under ‘Permit Applications’- ‘Special Permit’ under section ‘**Bridge St (36) - Redevelopment**’ or can be viewed at: <https://www.southhadley.org/1181/Special-Permits> Any person interested in, or wishing to be heard, should appear/join the hearing at the time and in the manner designated.

Brad Hutchison, Clerk
South Hadley Planning Board
05/23, 05/30/2025

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY CENTER STREET NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The Town of South Hadley invites sealed Bids for the Center Street Neighborhood Improvement Project.

The Center Street Neighborhood Improvement Project will provide a series of upgrades to the existing drainage, sidewalk and roadway infrastructure in Center, Graves and Warner Streets in South Hadley to provide improved sidewalks and roads, as well as to help ensure proper and effective storm water management to all households in the Center Street Neighborhood.

This project is being administered by the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) and funded by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC), FY24 South Hadley Community Development Block Grant Program.

Electronic bids for the Center Street Neighborhood Improvement Project shall be submitted to BidDocs Online, Inc. until **Wednesday, June 18th, 2025, at 2:00 PM EDT**, at which time they will be publicly opened online. Complete instructions for filing bids are included in the project manual.

Contract Documents may be viewed electronically beginning **Wednesday, May 28th, 2025, at 9:00 AM EDT**, at www.bid-docsonline.com and hard copies requested at Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, 60 Congress Street, Springfield, MA 01104 (413-781-6045).

Bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit in the amount of five (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount, considering all alternates, and made payable to the Town of South Hadley.

All bids for this project are subject to the provisions and minimum wage rates required by M.G.L. c.30, §39M as amended, and M.G.L. c.149, §§26 to 27H, inclusive. All applicable Federal minimum wage rates and applicable Federal labor standards shall also apply pursuant to the Davis-Bacon Act. When both State and Federal wage rates are applicable, the higher rate must be paid.

The Awarding Authority encourages, to the extent feasible, the use of minority-, women- and disadvantaged-owned business-

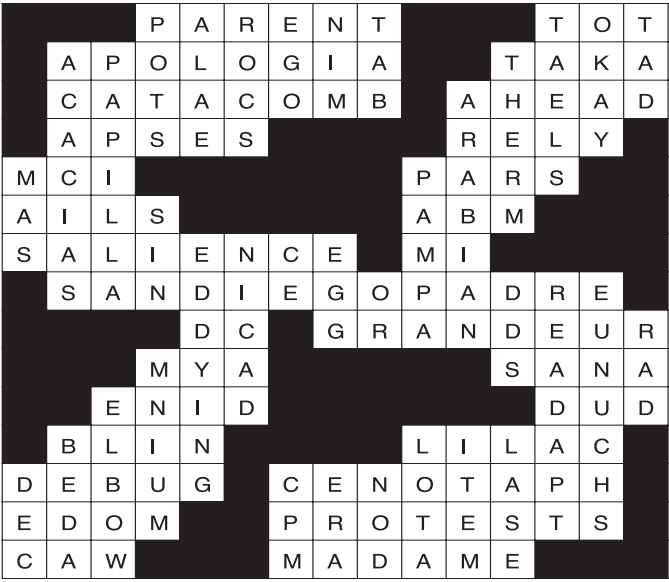
es for work under this contract and likewise encourages, to the greatest extent possible, that all bidders take affirmative steps to ensure training and employment for lower-income project area residents and award of subcontracts to HUD-defined Section 3 businesses. Bidders on the work shall make a good faith effort to achieve the goals of the Federal Minority and Women’s Business Enterprise (MBE/WBE) policy regarding utilization of MBEs and WBEs in order to be deemed a responsible bidder.

Bids may be changed or withdrawn prior to the bid opening, but not within the sixty (60) days subsequent

to the bid opening, by submission of such a change in writing in a sealed envelope, identifying the submitting party and indicating that it contains a correction of the bid for the Center Street Neighborhood Improvement Project, South Hadley, MA.

The lowest qualified responsible bidder shall be awarded the contract subject to availability of funds under the EOHLC Block Grant program. The Town of South Hadley, the Awarding and Contracting Authority, may cancel this Invitation for Bid (IFB), in whole or in part, at any time that such an act is deemed in its best interest, reserves the right to waive any informality in the bidding or to reject any and all bids in total or in part as may be deemed to serve the best interest of the Town, and will not be responsible for any costs incurred by a bidder in preparing and submitting a bid in response to this IFB.

THIS PROJECT IS BE-



ING ELECTRONICALLY BID AND HARD COPY BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Please review the instructions in the bid documents on how to register as an electronic bidder. The bids are to be prepared and submitted at www.biddocs-online.com.

A pre-bid conference will not be held for this project. Questions regarding the bid specifications should be directed in writing to Evan Mastroianni or Joseph Hagopian, at emastroianni@pvpc.org or jhagopian@pvpc.org no later than **Friday June 13th, 2025, at 2:00 PM EDT.** 05/30/2025

Town of Granby, Massachusetts Conservation Commission
The Granby Conservation Commission will hold Public Hearings pursuant to the Wetland Protection Act (MGL Chapter 131, Section 40) on **Tuesday, June 10, 2025** to be held at 1 Library Lane-Old Carnegie Library-Top Floor to consider the following:

1. **7:30 PM-NOI**-filed by Red Fire Farm, for the proposed project that would be demolition of existing barn and construction of new barn with associated gravel parking area for -30 cars. New septic and public water supply is also proposed. All proposed work is limited to the buffer zone only.

Members of the public can attend virtually by phone at +1 (312) 757-3121 using **Access Code:** 282-289-421 or by visiting <https://global.gotomeeting.com/>

join/282289421.

Anyone wishing information and/or to be heard on this matter should appear at the time and place designated. The complete materials (including text and maps) relative to this “NOI” are available for inspection during regular business hours at the Selectmen’s Office located in the Granby Senior Center Building, 2nd Floor, 10-B West State Street. Additionally, copies of the application may be inspected on the Conservation Commission’s web page at www.granby-ma.gov.

William Shaheen, Chair
Granby Conservation Commission
05/30/2025

Town of Granby, Massachusetts Notice of Public Hearing

A public hearing will be held on **Monday, June 02, 2025** at 10 West State Street, Granby, MA at **6:15 P.M.** concerning the vote to enact Chapter XXV of the Town of Granby General Bylaws, entitled “Stormwater Management” on June 9, at the continued Annual Town Meeting

“To see if the Town will vote to enact Chapter XXV of the Town of Granby General Bylaws, entitled “Stormwater Management” for the purpose of regulating illicit connections and discharges into Granby’s storm drain system and to regulate stormwater runoff from new development and redevelopment projects. This is necessary to protect, maintain, and enhance the public health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens, as well as the qual-

ity of groundwater and surface water bodies of Granby. Along with associated Regulations, the purpose of this Bylaw is to bring Granby into compliance with state and federal requirements relating to stormwater discharges, particularly its U.S. EPA National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit, a copy of said proposed Chapter XXV bylaw is on file with the Town Clerk or take any other action in regard thereto.”

The complete materials relative to this hearing are available for inspection during regular business hours (9:00 am - 3:00 pm – Monday –Thursday and 9:00 am –noon on Friday) at 10 West State Street, Granby MA.

Glen Sexton
David Labonte
Mark Bail
Granby Selectboard
05/23, 05/30/2025

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. Thank you.

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