

SEPT. 5

Sewer issues addressed

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HOLYOKE – Interim Department of Public Works Director Mary Monahan is refuting the ongoing allegations and general frustration from Connecticut state lawmakers who have claimed the Paper City has released millions of gallons of raw sewage into the Connecticut River via Controlled Sewage Overflow (CSO).

This comes as it was first reported Aug. 29 through a television report that showed Connecticut State Rep. Tami Zawistowski (R-61) alleged that, “Holyoke alone dumps seven million gallons into the river in just one day, which occurred earlier this month and several times previously. When there is heavy rain, it is more than sewage, and other towns have done it too.” The state representative then included a majority of the Pioneer Valley bearing similar responsibility as she claimed, It’s Chicopee, West Springfield, and Springfield

on different days. They all have issues that have come out in the past years,” she said.

Monahan responded to the allegations, saying the data put forth isn’t being reported accurately.

“I think the legislators in Connecticut downstream from us, misunderstood, what’s happening in their water downstream from us, they specifically called out a heavy rain fall date, in their letter, where they are alleging that Holyoke discharged 7 million gallons of untreated waste water into the CT River, as result of the CSO, and that’s an inaccurate reading of that reporting,” she admitted. Monahan then went on to explain that the 5 million gallons of that originally reported 7 million figure, which has been a point of ire, was actually permitted discharges that received primary treatment via a CSO treatment facility at the Paper City’s wastewater treatment plant, before it was discharged into the CT river.

SEPT. 12

City hosts Sheriff Shuffle 5K at Ashley Reservoir

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HOLYOKE – Last Saturday, Sept. 7, more than 500 people braced the elements to take part in Hampden County Sheriff Nick Cocchi’s ‘Sheriff Shuffle 5K’ to raise awareness and funds for domestic abuse. However, the night before, the Paper City experienced an unforeseen microburst storm that almost led to the initial cancellation of the event, as the extreme weather left the Elks Lodge property and adjacent areas covered in massive downed trees and the facility without power. Despite the challenges, perseverance prevailed as the 26th annual road race carried on, and it was a resounding success.

Reflecting on the Herculean effort put forth by all first responders and calling upon the vast wealth of resources from the Hampden County Sheriff’s office, while spotlighting the leadership of Holyoke’s resources and the part they played in assisting in clean-up efforts, was Cocchi.

“At around 6 p.m.

on Saturday, this road race wasn’t going to happen,” he said. “And I got a phone call, and they said, ‘Hey, I think you have to think about postponing the event’,”. Cocchi quickly responded by noting, “The Sheriff’s office doesn’t quit.” Cocchi then revealed he deployed the Hampden County Sheriff’s Office Arborist Program, the Hampden County Sheriff’s

Workforce Initiative, along with the Community Restitution Crew to assist in the ongoing restoration efforts. “They worked around the clock and are still working right now to clear all of the debris, all the brush, and to take down the dangerous trees,” Cocchi said. “And I have to tell you, Holyoke Gas and Electric (HG&E), Holyoke Water, and the Holyoke DPW

were phenomenal across the board.”

Cocchi also touched upon the indomitable spirit of the citizens of Hampden County by revealing that everyone who participated would be part of establishing a ‘movement’ in support of the victims and survivors of domestic violence, while shedding light on the families affected by the initial tragedy.



Turley photo by Brendan Rooney
Startling line with Boomer, Hampden County Sheriff Nick Cocchi delivering remarks as supporters watch on

SEPT. 19

Department of Public Works working to keep city going, address infrastructure issues

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HOLYOKE – Holyoke DPW interim director Mary Monahan is working hard to help further the city’s various infrastructure responsibilities.

She recently discussed some of the working pieces in effect from subjects such as renewed contracts, and the valuable partnership she has built with Holyoke Mayor Joshua Garcia, highlighting

the future of Holyoke going forward, as the element of renewable green energy now is a main driving factor of production and industrial growth, that the Paper City continues to showcase.

“I’ll begin by stating that in my position, it should be noted that in any municipality, nothing works without the DPW,” Monahan admitted. “That includes your roads, bridges, maintenance, public safety, and public health, as each element is tied directly

to the core of the DPW.”

Monahan then put out a call for action to the general public and elected officials to “ramp up” and bring further attention to the acknowledgement of how critical the DPW in all of its functionality truly is, before drawing the realization that when budgets are being proposed to be trimmed, the DPW is the first casualty, something Monahan offered perspective on.

“I think part of it is because we are that unseen

agent of making things happen,” she said. “Our work is generally on the side, but we notice that when we don’t do certain things, such as facilitating trash pick-up, fixing potholes, we are drawn into the spotlight with a negative perception; however, the more important stuff isn’t what always gets noticed.” She did respond to that criticism by highlighting some of the new technology at disposal along with reiterating the pro-

ocols that the DPW must follow saying, “It’s a quiet process that can sometimes involve fixing a sinkhole that the neighbors noticed, that you probably didn’t if you drove down the street, but if the public noticed we are out there, and that can be a big issue depending on what’s underneath the sinkhole,” Monahan said. “And when it comes to figuring out what the deeper issue could be the foreman or supervisor sticks his camera phone into

the hole to take a picture, to highlight how big the issue we’re potentially dealing with is, then based on how big that hole is, we can determine if we need a steel plate over it, to wait to find a funding source to fix it, or holy cow this is a problem right now,” Monahan added. She also noted that in the case of those ‘big’ emergencies, staff will be pulled from other problems to come and assist in digging up the road, and ensure it’s safe to travel.

Public Notices

Holyoke Community Preservation Committee
Notice of Public Meetings
The Holyoke Community Preservation Committee will hold two (2) public meetings on **January 14 and 21, 2026 at 6:00 pm over zoom**, for the public to learn about and comment on projects seeking funds. For the zoom link please contact klaymann@holyoke.org. See proposals at https://holyokecpac.org 01/02/2026

LEGAL NOTICE
CITY OF HOLYOKE
GAS & ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT
ELECTRIC LINE CONTRACTOR – 15KV Spacer Cable Installation
Sealed proposals for the above contract will be received by Holyoke Gas & Electric Dept until **2:00 p.m., February 3, 2026**, at the Office of the Manager, 99 Suffolk St, Holyoke, MA 01040, at which time proposals will be publicly opened and read.
Prevailing Wage Rates:
Rates which apply to the work shall be paid to all people engaged in work under this contract.
Bid Deposit:
A Bid Deposit equal to 5% of bid must accompany all bids and may be in the form of a cer-

tified, treasurer’s, or cashier’s check payable to HG&E from a responsible bank or trust company; cash; or a bid bond from a licensed surety payable to HG&E.
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 Electric Line Contractor – 15kV Spacer Cable Installation”** and address them to:
James M. Lavelle
Holyoke Gas & Electric Dept
99 Suffolk St
Holyoke, MA 01040
01/02/2026
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.

HD25P2677EA
Estate of:
Kathleen K Hurley
Date of Death: 09/30/2025
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 **Andrew Hurley of Holyoke, 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 **Andrew Hurley of Holyoke, 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 01/23/2026. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and

objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE
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: December 26, 2025
Rosemary A Saccomani,
Register of Probate
01/02/2026
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.
HD25P1051EA
Estate of:
Bobby Joe Stovall
Also known as:
Bobby Stovall
Date of Death: 03/17/2024
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
To all interested persons:
A Petition for S/A - Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by **Tyrone Hardnett-Stovall of Amherst, 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 **Tyrone Hardnett-Stovall of Amherst, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in unsupervised administration.
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WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 24, 2025
Rosemary A Saccomani,
Register of Probate
01/02/2026

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