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to provide complimentary high-capacity WiFi to its patrons throughout its community center.

“Comcast has been an incredibly generous and dedicated partner of the Greater Holyoke YMCA, and their continued support has been instrumental in helping us open the tech center,” said Conor Bevan, Chief Executive Officer of Greater Holyoke YMCA.

Comcast’s support is part of Project UP, the company’s \$1 billion initiative to connect people

to the Internet, create digital opportunity, and build a future of unlimited possibilities. This includes digital programs such as Internet Essentials, Lift Zones, and Digital Navigators.

“Comcast is proud of its longstanding commitment to Holyoke and the relationships we’ve built with local organizations like Greater Holyoke YMCA, which are opening doors to transformative digital skills building and workforce development opportunities,” said Carolynne Hannan, Senior Vice President of Comcast’s

New England Region. “We recognize the critical role that the Internet plays in achieving economic mobility and personal growth, which is why we’re investing in partnerships that empower residents to shape their own futures.”

Internet Essentials provides high-speed Internet to qualifying low-income households for as low as \$14.95/month. Since 2015, Comcast’s Internet Essentials has connected more than 801,000 low-income Massachusetts residents to broadband service at home.

Harmony House hosts April 23 All-You-Can-Eat Pizza fundraiser

CHICOPEE – Local nonprofit Harmony House of Western Massachusetts invites the community to its upcoming Pizza for a Purpose fundraiser on Thursday, April 23 from 5 to 8 p.m. at View Street Tavern, 92 View Street in Chicopee.

This family-friendly event will directly support Harmony House’s mission of providing a home with compassionate end-of-life care and companionship to hospice patients in

need. Guests can enjoy all-you-can-eat pizza, along with raffles, a cash bar with local celebrity bartenders, and a 50/50 drawing.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for children ages 3–17, and free for children 2 and under. Tickets can be purchased at the door or online in advance. View Street Tavern is generously donating the pizza and space for this event, ensuring that funds raised directly support Harmony House and

its residents. Harmony House is seeking additional sponsors to help meet its fundraising goal. Visit HarmonyHouseWMA.org/PizzaNight to purchase tickets or become a sponsor.



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long time I mean months, not weeks, and the proposed changes might be analogized to household repairs: the sooner you can get them fixed, the better.” Panitch also shared that a summary of the proposed changes, along with explanatory materials and parcel maps, has been posted online by the city, and revealed that Mayor Garcia and the Planning Board was fundamental in finding funding opportunities since the end of 2023, to support the project, which lines up with what the mayor has campaigned on since his first days in office, that zoning efforts has been a key step in setting a clearer direction for Holyoke’s future growth.

“I made a clear commitment to the people of Holyoke that we would update our long-overdue Comprehensive Plan — what many have traditionally known as a master plan — to

guide our city’s future with intention, clarity and community input,” Garcia said. “For too long, Holyoke has operated without an updated roadmap for growth and development. That is now changing.”

It has been reported and publicly noted that the official zoning process will be a lengthy one, set to transpire over the course of 6-9 months, in which several rounds of zoning changes will be brought forth to be reviewed by the city council. At this moment, the first phase currently includes nearly 40 proposed updates, which range and vary from technical and grammatical improvements to incorporating substantive updates that clarify definitions, align ordinance language with use tables, and modernize how the city will approach permitting.

In addition, according to the official summary, one proposal would allow the City Council to retain authority

over special permits related primarily to neighborhood character, while permits that are more technical or dimensional in nature would be reviewed by the Planning Board. Meaning, several zoning districts would also be consolidated. Pivoting to another, it was noted that parcels zoned R1A (a single-family residential designation) would be converted to R1, and then the updated R1 district would adopt the more permissive dimensional requirements of the existing R1A zone. The changes conveyed that this addition was intended to simplify the zoning map and move more parcels into compliance without altering allowed uses, according to comments gathered from the city council.

Upon looking at additional proposals, it was made public that some would eliminate the Residential Office and Limited Business districts, transferring those parcels into an updated Business

General district that incorporates the most lenient standards from the eliminated zones. A separate proposal would also rezone parcels along Dwight and Walnut streets into the Downtown Residential district, showing a sense of shifting organization potentially in the works.

Reflecting on the ongoing process was Panitch, who explained where things stood at this moment, citing the urgency for the public to offer feedback, which would allow proper amendments to be felt in the latest version of the proposed legislation.

“It made sense to get the basic proposals in front of the City Council and the public for review as soon as the drafting work was done,” Panitch said. “The proposal is much simpler than it looks at first glance, but there’s a lot of material there, and most people don’t start off with any knowledge of how the zoning ordinance works or what’s in it. Besides that, we want

and need the public’s help with this review. Because we understand that no first draft of legislation is perfect.” She then added, “With that said, there are going to be spots in the city where there’s (again, for example) a better zoning district for some parcels than what’s proposed here, or further changes that should be considered, allowing public review to bring these moments of awareness to the Council’s attention. Meaning changes to the proposal will almost certainly be made as part of this process, or as part of new zoning proposals,” Panitch said. She then continued her thoughts by admitting, “This is a positive thing; democratic self-government is supposed to give the public a voice, and anyway you can’t make decent public policy without as much information as you can collect. But it is going to be time-consuming, and as I started out saying, the best time to make repairs is as soon as you can.”

Panitch said. Lastly, to quell any lingering questions, that could arise the city’s website shared, “Property owners within 300 feet of any of the parcels proposed to be changes should have or will receive letters informing them of the proposed change(s), the date, time, location, and Zoom credentials of the hearings, the addresses proposed to be changed, and contact information for where they can send their questions or concerns to be added into the public record for these hearings.”

Looking ahead, the date to keep in mind going forward is April 14th, which is when the Planning Department looks to hold public hearings to allow residents to voice their concerns, ask questions, and offer additional feedback for the public record while standing witness to hearing further information from relevant city departments.

Public Notices

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, Section 5-304 Docket No. HD26P0659GD Commonwealth of Massachusetts, The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 In the matter of: Nakeyshaliz Colon-Ruiz of Holyoke, MA RESPONDENT

Alleged Incapacitated Person To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by DCF of Holyoke, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Nakeyshaliz Colon-Ruiz is in need of a Guardian and requesting that DCF of Holyoke, MA (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 AM on the return date of 04/24/2026. 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. Claudine T. Stoudemire, First Justice of this Court

Date: March 27 2026
Rosemary A. Saccomani, Register of Probate 04/10/2026

City of Holyoke
Office of Procurement
536 Dwight Street, Room 3
Holyoke, MA 01040
RFQ 2026-40
Financial Services Treasurer
Rebid

The City of Holyoke seeks proposals from qualified financial management and/or accounting firms to provide professional municipal financial reconciliation and governmental accounting services.

These services will assist the Treasurer’s Office in resolving outstanding account reconciliations for Fiscal Years 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026; completing Schedule A and Balance Sheet submissions for Fiscal Years 2024, 2025, and 2026; preparing documentation required for the City’s Single Audits; supporting the completion of the FY2024 audited financial statements; and training staff in the offices of the Treasurer, Collector, and Comptroller on best practices in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, the City’s Financial Policies and Procedures Ordinance, and the Massachusetts Treasurer and Collector’s Manual.

Starting on 3/30/2026 documents will be available from morrowj@holyoke.org by requesting electronically. SUBMISSIONS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN 4/21/2026 @ 2PM where they will be received electronically to morrowj@holyoke.org with <Submission for RFQ 2026-40> in the subject line.

This project is funded with interest earned on Federal Funds. Respondents will be verified for eligibility and must be registered with SAM.GOV

The city reserves the right to reject any and all proposals if it is in the city’s best interest. 04/10/2026

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. HD26P0726EA Estate of: John Alan Kelleher Date of Death: 02/21/2026 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Laura Kelleher 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 Laura Kelleher 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 05/04/2026. 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 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. Claudine T. Stoudemire, First Justice of this Court.

Date: April 03, 2026
Rosemary A Saccomani, Register of Probate 04/10/2026

City of Holyoke Notice of Public Hearing

The Ordinance Committee of the Holyoke City Council will hold a public hearing to hear a special permit application of Riverside Cannabis for a cultivation facility at 1 Cabot Street (048-01-010). Public hearing will be held on **Tuesday, April 28th, 2026 at 6:30pm** at Holyoke City Hall 536 Dwight St and can be accessed remotely via zoom.us Meeting ID 814 2916 9049 Meeting Passcode 749060 or by call in at 1-646-558-8656 with same Meeting ID and Passcode. For a copy of the application or to provide comments to the Ordinance Committee, please contact City Council Admin Asst Jeffery Anderson-Burgos at An-

derson-BurgosJ@holyoke.org or by phone 413-322-5525.

Ordinance Chair, Meg Magrath-Smith 04/10, 04/17/2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION
Swinging Bridges Auction Company Lic #2755
A Public Auction will be held **04/25/2026**. Unclaimed items to be sold at **9 A.M.** Pawn Depot Inc., 448 Appleton St., Holyoke, MA 01040. 20% buyers fee, 6.25% MA Sales Tax. 04/10, 04/17/2026

City of Holyoke Notice of Public Hearing

The DGR Committee of the Holyoke City Council will hold a public hearing to hear a Special permit application of Wrights Block LLC at 106-120 High St (013-01-006) to reconstruct a non-conforming structure to built two egress staircases at the rear for the commercial storefront units into the rear alleyway in footprint of existing staircases per 4.7.3. Hearing will take place on **Monday, April 27, 2026 at 6:30 pm** at Holyoke City Hall 536 Dwight St and can be accessed remotely via www.zoom.us Meeting ID 864 2739 0225 Meeting Passcode 652755 or by call in at 1-646-558-8656 with same Meeting ID and Passcode. For a copy of the application or to provide comments, please contact City Council Admin Asst Jeffery Anderson-Burgos at Anderson-BurgosJ@holyoke.org or by phone 413-322-5525.

DGR Chair, Richard Purcell 04/10, 04/17/2026

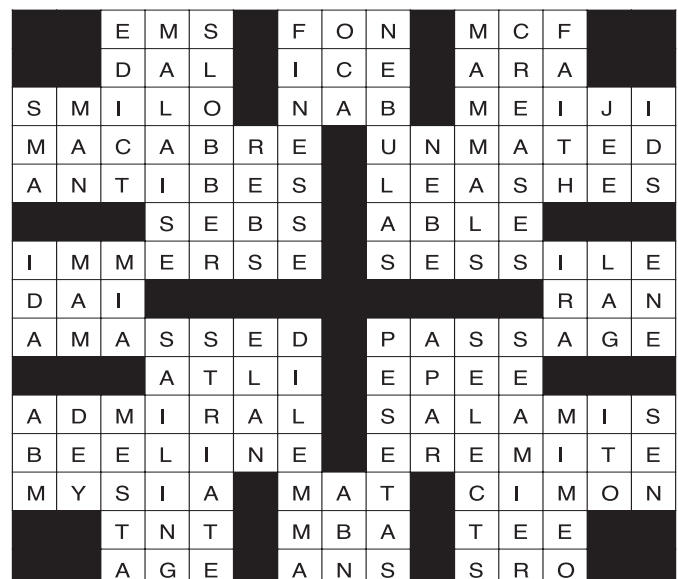
The Holyoke Sun
OBITUARY POLICY

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.



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- 2 Access archives and digital tear sheets by newspaper title.
- 3 Find a quick link to the state of Massachusetts’ public notice web site to search all notices in Massachusetts newspapers.

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