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ranked in the top of the NECBL last season but the pitching staff struggled, finishing with a team ERA of 4.93, the eighth best in the league. Raiola, who served as a pitching coach at Western New England University and in the Cape Cod Baseball League with the Yarmouth-Dennis Red Sox, seeks to heighten the threat of Valley's arms.

"One thing that's really important for us, and that I tell [the players] ... is that they leave better than they came," Raiola said. "... You should have something that you know that you need to do and that you don't do particularly well and we should be working towards solving ... so that when you leave, you leave better than we found you."

Raiola spent the 2015-

2019 seasons as head coach of the Blue Sox, and has been the head coach of the Elms College baseball team since 2020, where he's posted a 94-120 record.

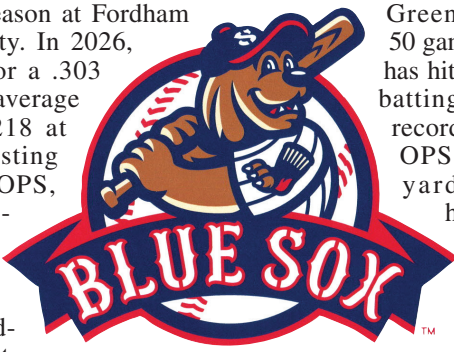
Raiola is no stranger to NECBL titles. Prior to his time in Holyoke, Raiola won a championship as a part of the Newport Gulls coaching staff in 2009, another with the Keene Swampbats in 2011, and made a championship appearance with the Sanford Mainers in 2014.

Raiola has exciting names to work with this summer from all over the country.

Returning for the Blue Sox is infielder Michael Elko. Elko suited up for Valley in 39 games last season, tallying 165 plate appearances. The Texas native earned 30 runs with 34 hits and finished the season off with a 0.252 batting average. A senior at the

University of Richmond, Elko's college season ended with 52 starts and was named the Atlantic 10 Baseball Player of the Week back in March.

Incoming Blue Sox shortstop Anthony Grabau has made headlines in his junior season at Fordham University. In 2026, he hit for a .303 batting average across 218 at bats, posting a .911 OPS, a promising



left-handed bat.

Grabau finished with nine home runs and 38 RBI and earned a spot on Baseball America's College Team of the Week on April 21 at shortstop after an 11-for-21 week where he hit for the

cycle. Grabau has been a defensive anchor at shortstop, starting all 55 games in the position and posting a .946 fielding percentage.

Behind the dish, junior Jacob Dilley has had a monster year at the University of North Carolina Greensboro. In 50 games, Dilley has hit for a .325 batting average, recorded a .960 OPS, left the yard for 10 home runs and recorded 38 RBI.

Dilley has spent less time behind the plate in 2026 but has moved around the field for UNCG, making appearances in the outfield and first base in addition to his catching duties.

Junior Gavin Degnan brings a solid bat to the Valley outfield from the University of Pennsylvania. Degnan drove in 41 over 42 games which led his team, and had a .306 batting average and a .898 OPS to go with it. Degnan went deep for seven home runs and at times was a threat on the basepaths, swiping 14 bags.

Raiola has also assembled a diverse bullpen with a wide range of arms. Coming from UMass Lowell, Jake LeFrancois posted a 2.03 ERA on a little over 11 innings pitched for the Riverhawks, emerging with potential to be a reliable arm for the Blue Sox. Right-handed pitcher Dylan Reid brings some more experience on the mound, logging nearly 60 innings pitched with a 3.77 ERA for Brown University. Averaging 4.9 innings pitched per game for

the Bears in 2026, Reid profiles as a durable arm and can compete deep into outings.

Returning to the mound for Valley is Justin Masteralexis. A Western Massachusetts native, the left-handed pitcher logged over 19 innings for UMass Amherst this past season. Masteralexis struck out 19 batters for the Minutemen and earned Atlantic 10 All-Rookie Team honors back in 2024.

"It's not just about picking the best players and the stats and all that, it's about getting the right guys," Raiola said. "[Seeing] how they mesh together, pull for each other and show up every single day.

The Blue Sox will kick off their 2026 season on June 4 at Mackenzie Stadium in Holyoke. First pitch is set for 6:30 p.m.

Public Notices

City of Holyoke Notice of Public Hearing

The Ordinance Committee of the Holyoke City Council and the Planning Board will hold separate public hearings to hear a zone change application from BG (business general) to DR (down-town residential) of Irfan Raheel at 172 Sargeant Street (060-06-001) to allow for second floor residential use. **Planning Board public hearing will be held on Tuesday, June 9th, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. remotely via zoom.us** with Meeting ID 836 3939 8493 or by call in at 1-646-558-8656 using same meeting ID. **Ordinance Committee public hearing will be held on Tuesday, June 30th, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.** at Holyoke City Hall 536 Dwight St and can be accessed remotely via zoom.us Meeting ID 886 8239 2822 Meeting Passcode 994415 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 Planning Board, please contact Brianna Tejada at tejadab@holyoke.org. For the Ordinance Committee, please contact City Council Admin Asst Jeffery Anderson-Burgos at anderson-burgosj@holyoke.org or by phone 413-322-5525.

Planning Board Chair
Lauren Niles
Ordinance Chair
Meg Magrath-Smith
05/22, 05/29/2026

City of Holyoke Notice of Public Hearing

The Holyoke License Board will be holding a Public Hearing on **Wednesday, June 3, 2026, at 5:15 pm.** You can join via Zoom.com; ID **83974921923**; CALL IN: *67 646 558 8656 or in person at **City Hall, 536 Dwight St. in the Old Tax Collector Office Room 6**, regarding the application for a **New Seasonal All Alcohol On-premises License for De Todo Un Poco Restaurant & Bakeshop LLC DBA De Todo n Poco 325 Main Street** pursuant to M.G.L. Ch.138.

Applicant:
Todo Un Poco Restaurant & Bakeshop
License Board:
Jose Correa, Chairman.
05/22, 5/29/2026

INVITATION TO BID ATTENTION DCAMM PRIME & SUB BIDDERS City of Holyoke Dishwasher Replacement Project

May, 2026 Bid #2026-57SD

Dishwasher Replacement Schools

Sealed bids for City of Holyoke Dishwasher Replacement Project, Holyoke, MA will be received on 6/16/26 for filed subs in the following trades: Plumbing, HVAC & Electrical. Submitters MUST have a DCAMM Sub Bidder Certificate of Eligibility. & 6/23/26 for DCAMM PRIME CONTRACTORS, online at ProjectDog.com please reference Project # **874918** until 2 PM prevailing time, at which any Bids received electronically and opened through the Projectdog Platform.

Bidding procedures shall be in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 30, Section 39 M as amended. This project may be funded in whole or part with federal funds.

A non-mandatory Pre-Bid briefing will occur on June 4, 2026 at 9:00am EST, visiting all schools and starting at Donahue Elementary School, 210 Whiting Farms Rd, Holyoke, MA 01040.

Attention is called to the minimum wage rates required to be paid for all labor on this project. Wage rates are established in schedules issued by the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, in accordance with Section 26A - 27D, or Chapter 149 of the M.G.L., as amended, and the U.S. Department of Labor in accordance with the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts. Said schedule(s) are included in the bid package and the contractor will be responsible for paying the higher of the two rates.

It is the responsibility of the Contractor, before Bid opening, to request if necessary, any additional information on Minimum Wage Rates for those trades people who may be employed for the proposed Work under this Contract.

Materials, equipment and supplies to be used on this project are exempt from sales tax to the extent provided by M.G.L. Chapter 64H, Section 6 (f).

Only eligible and responsible sealed bids on this project shall be received by the Awarding Authority from qualified Bidders submitted on forms furnished by the Awarding Authority and submitted to Projectdog.

The city reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
05/29/2026

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. HD23P2083EA Estate of: Marta Romero Date of Death: 08/23/2023 CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT

A Petition for **Order of Complete Settlement** has been filed by **Order of Complete Settlement of Westfield, MA** requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account 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 06/11/2026.

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.

WITNESS, Hon. **Claudine T. Stoudemire**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: May 01, 2026
Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
05/29/2026

CITY OF HOLYOKE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP 2026-38DPW Professional Design Services for Sewer System Improvements: CSO #7 Sewer Separation (Overflow Stormwater Grant Program) and Additional Sewer Rehabilitation (FY26 Community One Stop for Growth)

The City of Holyoke seeks proposals from engineering firms to assist with two sewer infrastructure improvements projects recently awarded grant funding including through both the Overflow Stormwater Grant (OSG) Program and the FY 26 Community One Stop for Growth Program (One Stop). Work under the OSG Grant Award will consist of the design development of combined sewer overflow system improvements within CSO #7. Work under the One Stop Grant Award will consist of the design development of sewer rehabilitation improvements in seven (7) different locations within the City to support planned development. Areas identified by the City will require CCTV inspections and survey such that plans may be developed to include both sewer lining where possible in conjunction with necessary spot repairs as determined by field investigations.

The selected consultant will be requested to complete field investigations, prepare design documents suitable for bidding, and assist with any permitting required for both projects.

Funding in the amount of \$250,000 is available for the CSO #7 sewer separation design funded under the OSG grant and all work shall be completed by April 30, 2027.

Funding in the amount of \$265,000 is available for the design of sewer rehabilitation work funded under the OneStop grant and all work shall be completed by December 30, 2026. Potential future funding may be funded in whole or part with Federal Funds.

Respondents will be verified for eligibility to receive Federal Funds and must comply with all Federal Requirements including CFR Part200.

Starting on May 26, 2026, RFP documents may be obtained electronically through the City of Holyoke's Purchasing Department by submitting an email request to Jaime Morrow, Chief Procurement Officer, at morrowj@holyoke.org.

A non-mandatory pre-submission meeting will be held on June 4, 2026 at 10:00 AM virtually. Participants may access the meeting using the following link: <https://meet.google.com/jss-uuou-rkx>

Proposers shall provide four (4) hard copies and one (1) digital copy in PDF format of the pro-

posal in a sealed envelope/box clearly marked: "RFP 2026-38DPW PROFESSIONAL DESIGN SERVICES FOR SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS". Copies of the proposed price proposal shall be included within a separate sealed envelope clearly marked "RFP 2026-38DPW PRICE PROPOSAL". The digital copy submitted shall contain two separate PDF's with one marked "[FIRM NAME]_RFP 2026-38DPW_Technical Proposal" and one marked "[FIRM NAME]_RFP 2026-38DPW_Price Proposal".

Proposals shall be submitted by **June 25, 2026 at 2:00 PM (local time)** to: City of Holyoke - Purchasing Department City Hall, Room 3, 536 Dwight Street, Holyoke, MA 01040.

The City reserves the right to reject any and all submissions, to waive any minor informalities and technicalities, or to cancel the solicitation if it is in the public interest to do so.

The City of Holyoke is an EEO/AA/MBE employer. Women and minority owned businesses are encouraged to apply.
05/29/2026

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. HD26P1112EA Estate of: Michael Soderbaum Date of Death: 03/09/2008 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 **John J Ferriter 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 **John J Ferriter 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 06/22/2026. 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: May 22, 2026
Rosemary A Saccomani,
Register of Probate
05/29/2026

City of Holyoke Public Hearing Notice

The Holyoke Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom.com** ID: 836 3939 8493; CALL IN *67 646 558 8656 to hear, pursuant to the Holyoke Zoning Ordinance, Section 6.4.6.4, a Special Permit for an Increase in Sign Size for **Stack- Holyoke & Main, LLC** at 679 Main Street and 689 Main & Beaulieu Street, Holyoke MA (055-00-009, -0091, -009.2).

For a complete copy of the application, contact the Planning Dept, M-F, 8:30-4:00p.m.

Applicant:
Stack- Holyoke & Main, LLC
Planning Board:
Lauren Niles, Chairperson
05/22, 05/29/2026



The Holyoke Sun OBITUARY POLICY

Turley Publications offers two types of obituaries.

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