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In The News

Fire service leaders educate about lithium-ion batteries

WEST SPRINGFIELD – Fire service leaders from across Western Mass and New England gathered at the Big E fair today to promote Fire Prevention Week and emphasize the safe charging of lithium-ion batteries. These batteries power countless devices we use at home and work -- and are also the cause of a growing number of fires.

Fire Prevention Week, the nation's longest running public health observance on record, runs from Oct. 4-10, 2026. This year's theme emphasizes the importance of safely charging these batteries by using the original equipment manufacturer's charging equipment, charging on a hard surface such as a table or counter, keeping large devices away from doorways and other emergency routes, and properly disposing of old batteries.

Hosted by West Springfield Fire Chief Christopher J. Bartone and joined by the National Fire Prevention Association, the state fire marshals of Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Vermont shared practical fire safety information in a press conference outside the Massachusetts Building as fairgoers watched and listened.

Chief Bartone kicked off the event with a reminder that working smoke alarms are a must in every household – especially as colder weather creeps in.

"As we turn on the heat and spend more time indoors, we start to see more late night and early morning fires that tragically lead to death and serious injury," he said. "Before we go any further, I want to emphasize the importance of working smoke alarms on every level of every home. Working alarms give you time to escape before a fire turns deadly, so be sure you can hear that beep wherever you sleep."

Massachusetts State Fire Marshal Jon Davine said that almost all of today's rechargeable devices use lithium-ion batteries, and that battery fires have become more common as they've grown in use.

"Across the country, battery fires jumped by almost 400% between 2020 and 2023. We saw the same thing in Massachusetts, with reported battery fires climbing from fewer than 20 to more than 130 in just a couple of years. And we're on track to have more battery fires reported this month than any other since we started collecting data. Lithium-ion batteries have a high energy density, meaning they pack a lot of power into a small device. That means any kind of damage, including heat from an unrelated fire, can cause them to explode in sparks and flames, spreading a fire faster and further."

Connecticut State Fire Marshal Lauri Volkert, Vermont State Fire Marshal Michael Desrochers, and New Hampshire State Fire Marshal Sean Toomey shared tips on reducing the risk of a battery fire:

• Be sure to use a battery intended for the device and the original manufacturer's charging equipment. Generic or aftermarket cords and chargers might be a little cheaper, but they may not deliver the right voltage or communicate with the battery effectively. This can lead to overcharging and catastrophic damage.

• When you're charging your device, place it on a hard, stable surface such as a table or countertop – not a bed or a couch, and never under a pillow or pile of clothes. Softer surfaces like these can trap heat and increase risk of fire.

• Larger batteries will cause more damage if they ignite or explode. That's why it's safer to store larger equipment like battery-powered scooters and e-bikes outdoors and out of the sun, if possible.

• If you must store them in the house, keep them away from doors, windows, and stairways. These are your emergency exits in case of fire, and they're the routes that firefighters will take if they need to gain entry.

• Keep an eye on your devices when charging them. Don't leave them unattended, especially for a long period of time, and always unplug them when the battery is fully charged.

• There are often signs that a battery is failing. If the device feels hot to the touch, if it starts to swell, or if it smells strange or starts to leak, stop using it and move it away from flammable items. If the battery begins to smoke, get to safety and call 9-1-1 right away.

• Today's battery fires can involve explosions of sparks and flames. They can release toxic smoke and gases. Recognizing the warning signs can help you protect yourself and your loved ones.

Bob Duval, New England Regional Manager of the National Fire Protection Association, said fire departments across New England have seen an increase in fires in trash and recycling trucks, as well as dumpsters and compactors. While the exact cause often goes undetermined, officials believe many of them involve lithium-ion batteries being damaged and igniting.

"The safest way to dispose of today's rechargeable batteries is through a battery recycling program," Duval said. "Don't place them in household trash or recycling. Bring them to your community's hazardous waste collection center that accepts them. You can find one near you atBatteryNetwork.org."

Trailer Trash performs benefit concert for Harmony House

CHICOPEE – The popular local band Trailer Trash is performing a concert to benefit Harmony House of Western Massachusetts, a nonprofit home providing compassionate end-of-life care and companionship to hospice patients in need. The concert will be on Friday, Nov. 6 at the Portuguese American Club located at 149 Exchange Street in Chicopee. Tickets can be purchased in advance online for $20 or at the door for $25. Doors open at 6:15 p.m., with the concert commencing at 7 p.m. Known for their high-energy performances, Trailer Trash will bring their modern country sound to the stage for an evening of music and dancing while raising funds to sustain the work of Harmony House. The event will also include raffles, food for purchase from Pizza Lino with a portion of proceeds being donated to Harmony House, and a cash bar.

The event is supported by local sponsors, including headlining sponsor Yankee Home. Additional sponsorship opportunities are available at www.HarmonyHouseWMA.org/trailertrashconcert or by emailing development@HarmonyHouseWMA.org.

Community members can also get involved with Harmony House by volunteering.

If you might be interested in providing care and companionship to our residents, organizing special projects to engage our residents, or supporting our fundraising efforts, please email admin@HarmonyHouseWMA.org. To learn more, please visit www.HarmonyHouseWMA.org.

Public Notices

Holyoke
Conservation Commission
Notice of Public Hearing

Pursuant to MGL Chap. 131 §40 and the Holyoke Wetlands Protection Ordinance, the City of Holyoke Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on **Thursday, October 8th, 2026, at 6:15 p.m. remotely via Zoom** at https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89521165144?pwd=cIeacg226QH8BVKaXl7cQs7FbH7seP.1 on a **Notice of Intent** filed by Tighe & Bond on behalf of Matthew Sokop and the City of Holyoke, MA for electrical upgrades to the existing Flood Pump Stations 1-7, sluice gate actuator replacements at Tailrace Structure #6 and the Tailrace Intake and Gatehouse Structures #24, as well as limited building-envelope repairs at Flood Pump Stations #5-7 at multiple sites. The proposed work will occur within the 200-foot wide riverfront area and the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Land Subject to Flooding.

Jeffery Horan, Chairperson
10/02/2026

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 Diablo Man, LLC for a marijuana manufacturing microbusiness to manufacture pre-rolls at 73 Sargeant Street Units 1-2 (028-07-013). Public hearing will be held on **Wednesday, October 14th, 2026 at 6:30pm** at Holyoke City Hall 536 Dwight St and can be accessed remotely via zoom.us Meeting ID 862 5645 0351 Meeting Passcode 549629 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 Anderson-BurgosJ@holyoke.org or by phone 413-322-5525.

Ordinance Chair
Meg Magrath-Smith
09/25, 10/02/2026

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Trial Court of Massachusetts
Juvenile Court Department
Worcester County
Juvenile Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
508-831-2000
DOCKET NUMBER:
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CARE AND PROTECTION, TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS

TO: Father of Jahmyra Ke-Yani Poteat:

A petition has been presented to this court by Department of Children and Families, seeking, as to the following child, **Jahmyra Poteat**, that said child be found in need of care and protection and committed to the Department of Children and Families. The court may dispense the rights of the persons named herein to receive notice of or to consent to any legal proceeding affecting the adoption, custody, or guardianship or any other disposition of the child named herein, if it finds that the child is in need of care and protection and that the best interests of the child would be served by said disposition.

You are hereby ORDERED to appear in this court, at the court address set forth above, on the following date and time: **11/18/2026 at 08:30 AM Status Hearing**

You may bring an attorney with you. If you have a right to an attorney and if the court determines that you are indigent, the court will appoint an attorney to represent you.

If you fail to appear, the court may proceed on that date and any date thereafter to a trial on the merits and adjudication of this matter.

For further information call the Office of the Clerk-Magistrate at 508-831-2000.

WITNESS: **Hon. Mary Beth Keating,** FIRST JUSTICE, DATE ISSUED: 08/20/2026,

Brendan J. Moran,
Clerk-Magistrate
10/02, 10/09, 10/16/2026

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 Red Barn Growers, LLC for a marijuana manufacturing establishment at 1 Cabot Street Unit 2B (048-01-010). Public hearing will be held on **Wednesday, October 14th, 2026 at 6:30pm** at Holyoke City Hall 536 Dwight St and can be accessed remotely via zoom.us Meeting ID 862 5645 0351 Meeting Passcode 549629 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 Anderson-BurgosJ@holyoke.org or by phone 413-322-5525.

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The Holyoke Sun
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