

Museum set to host annual Forestdale Cemetery tours

HOLYOKE – Step past the cemetery gates and peer behind the veil with Wistariahurst Museum as our volunteers channel the spirits of Holyoke's ancestors, leading you through the meandering paths of Forestdale Cemetery. Established in 1860, Forestdale Cemetery is a serene yet beautiful landscape and the final resting place for many of Holyoke's founding families, politicians, and other notables who helped breathe life into the city. Guests will walk amongst the monuments, markers, crypts, and crosses to discover the mystique of Holyoke's vibrant heritage.

The tours will be held on Saturday, Oct. 10 with tours starting at 3 and 3:20 p.m. More time slots may open as tours fill up. This tour will lead guests throughout the upper, paved level of the cemetery. A knowledgeable guide will share the meanings behind grave markers' iconography and will lead guests to the graves of notable figures in Holyoke history. Wistariahurst volunteers portraying these historical figures will share information about their lives and deaths. Cemetery Tours at Forestdale Cemetery include walking and standing on cement and gravel

walkways, with tours lasting around forty-five minutes to one hour. To fully enjoy this tour, we ask that guests wear comfortable shoes and weather-appropriate clothing. In the event of rain, the tours will be canceled, refunded, and not rescheduled. Wistariahurst Museum's Cemetery Tours blend history, concepts of the afterlife, and local connections to create an unforgettable outing. Tickets for this delightfully spooky and educational tour sell fast, so make sure to purchase your tickets before they're gone. Additional time slots may be available if the current time slots sell out.

Doors will open in Holyoke

HOLYOKE – On Saturday, Oct. 17, Doors Open Holyoke will welcome local residents and visitors alike to a day filled with history, fun and exploration. Now in its 6th year, Doors Open Holyoke gives the local community, history buffs and curiosity seekers a unique, behind-the-scenes perspective of the first planned industrial city in the United States. Modeled on similar events that started taking place in France in the early 1980's as a way to inspire more interest in places of historical, cultur-

al, and architectural significance, the upstart Holyoke initiative has been growing steadily every season. Enjoy a special day where all activities are free and open to everyone. Locations include tours of Holyoke City Hall's Ballroom, Victory Theatre, an Open House at Holyoke Fire Department (High St location), Wistariahurst Museum, the Children's Museum, Merry-Go-Round and the Volleyball Hall of Fame. Though scheduled activities take place between 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM, specific

operating hours differ across participating sites. Please visit Explore Holyoke for complete information. Doors Open is free to attend and is an all-ages function. "For residents as well as visitors, Doors Open is an opportunity to discover Holyoke's hidden gems," Mayor Joshua A. Garcia said, "and learn about our history, and connect with the institutions and places that shaped our city." Doors Open Holyoke is brought to you by the Office of Planning and Economic Development (OPED), the Tourism Advisory Committee and funded by the MA Gaming Community Mitigation Grant. Please contact Development Specialist Heather Kies at kiesh@holyoke.org to learn more.



Darkened Hallways returning to Wistariahurst

H O L Y O K E – Wistariahurst Museum is delighted to welcome guests for our Darkened Hallways Tours this fall. Guests will be immersed in an evening of spine-tingling discovery and feel the lingering energy of past inhabitants and workers who once occupied the museum's haunted halls. Our docent "ghost host" will lead visitors through the home by candlelight and will uncover

stories of the Skinner family, the tragedy that moved their home and business to Holyoke, and other chilling tales from the mansion's history. "These tours are a perfect opportunity to get to know the museum after dark," Megan Seiler, Museum Director, comments. This exclusive guided tour of Wistariahurst

Museum includes standing, walking, and transitioning between the first and second floors using our Grand Staircase in dim lighting. If you are interested in our Darkened Hallways Tours and have any questions about accessibility, please reach out to us at info@wistariahurst.org. This is a rare opportunity to experience a guided tour in the bewitching hours of the night.

Join us for an unforgettable exploration of the supernatural side of Wistariahurst. Unlock the secrets, embrace the mystery, and dare to tread where history meets the paranormal. Secure your spot for an evening that promises intrigue and spine-tingling excitement, these tickets sell fast so grab yours now! An additional tour may be added if the first tour sells out.

Fall fun with the bike/walk committee

SOUTH HADLEY– The bike/walk committee is having a Lithia Springs Vernal Pool Trek on Oct. 24 at 10 a.m. meet at the hikers lot next door to 502 Amherst Rd. in South Hadley. Join them for an Autumn trek to the Vernal pools. There will be a Halloween Bike ride on Oct. 31 at 1 p.m. to McCray's Farm for a

spooky Halloween treat. Meet at the South Hadley Center Pavilion across the street from The Village Commons. Costumes must be safe to ride in and helmets must be worn. On Nov. 14 at 10 a.m. join the bike/walk committee for a day of walking at the Ashley Reservoir. This will be a 2.3 mile walk with a 3.5 mile walk option as well.

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 pur-

chased 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
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 22nd, 2026, at 6:15 p.m. remotely via Zoom** at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89521165144?pwd=cleacg226QH8BVKaXl7cQs7FbH7seP.1> on a **Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA)** filed by Holyoke Revolver Club on behalf of Tom Serrichio for construction of a 85' x 15' pavilion on existing slab with no proposed ground disturbance or vegetation removal. Wetland delineation was approved under prior RDA in 2024. The proposed work will occur within the 100 foot buffer of a resource area.
Jeffery Horan, Chairperson
10/09/2026

**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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SUMMONS BY
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CARE AND PROTECTION,
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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
536 Dwight Street, Room 3
Holyoke, MA 01040
Invitation to Bid
IFB 2027-1PD PD
Lighting Upgrades**
The Work under this Contract consists of interior lighting upgrades at the Holyoke Police Department Building, including removal and proper recycling or

disposal of existing fluorescent lamps, ballasts, and selected complete luminaires; furnishing and installing ballast-bypass LED replacement lamps; furnishing and installing integrated LED flat-panel luminaires; furnishing and installing compatible wall dimmers and associated control wiring; testing; labeling; cleaning; closeout documentation; and all incidental work necessary to provide complete and operational lighting installations. Quantities are approximate and payment will be based on actual authorized and accepted quantities.
Starting on October 7th, 2026 at 10AM documents will be available electronically by requesting from morrowj@holyoke.org. **Bids will be received until 2PM on October 29th, 2026 at which time they will be opened publicly and read.**
This Project constitutes public-building work estimated to cost more than \$50,000 but not more than \$150,000. Bidding procedures and award of the Contract shall be governed by M.G.L. c. 149, §44A(2)(C), using the competitive bidding

procedures set forth in M.G.L. c. 30, §39M, and by all other applicable provisions of Massachusetts law. The estimated value of this Contract is approximately \$61,000.00. This Project is funded in whole or in part through the U.S. Department of Energy Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program. The Contractor and all Subcontractors shall comply with the federal requirements included in the Contract Documents that are applicable to the Work.
A non-mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 10:00 AM on October 15, 2026 at the Holyoke Police Station, 138 Appleton St, Holyoke, MA 01040. Attendance is encouraged but is not required as a condition of submitting a Bid. Bid Documents do not contain a room-by-room location schedule and as such, Bidders should use the walkthrough to observe fixture types, access constraints, ceiling conditions, emergency-lighting conditions, and other reasonably observable conditions affecting the Work.
Attention is called to the minimum wage rates required to be paid for all labor performed

under this Contract. Wage rates are established in the applicable schedule issued by the Massachusetts Department of Labor Standards in accordance with M.G.L. c. 149, §26 through 27H, and in the applicable wage determination issued by the United States Department of Labor in accordance with the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts. The applicable Massachusetts and federal wage schedules are included in the Contract Documents.
Every Bid shall be accompanied by a bid deposit in the amount of five percent (5%) of the Bid. The bid deposit shall be in the form of a bid bond, cash, certified check, treasurer's check, or cashier's check issued by a responsible bank or trust company and payable to the City of Holyoke.
The Work shall achieve Substantial Completion no later than December 30, 2026.
The Awarding Authority reserves the right to reject any or all Bids if it is in the public interest to do so and to waive informalities only to the extent permitted by applicable law.
10/09/2026

The Holyoke Sun

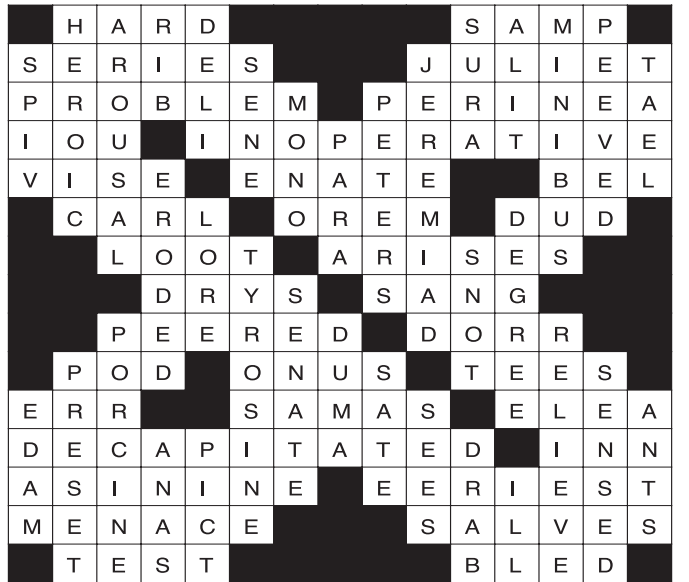
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Exceptions will be made only when the family provides a death certificate and must be pre-paid.



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