Dakin offering discounted adoption fees

SPRINGFIELD – Dakin Humane Society has announced that it will be reducing all adoption fees for available animals by 50% for the remainder of the month of November, according to Adoption Center Manager Alanna Regan.

Dakin had previously planned the reduced fee promotion for Nov. 10-14, but the shelter saw a large intake of pets in need of new homes during the first days of the promotion, so the adoption fee discounts will be continued through the end of November.

People interested in adopting a Dakin pet can visit https://www.dakinhumane.org/adopt-a-pet to see up-to-the-minute listings of which pets are available under the categories of "Cats," "Dogs," and "Small Animals." Dakin will be charging one-half of the adoption fee listed on each pet's page during this promotion.



"Typically, Dakin sees the most animals in our shelter during the warm weather months stretching from late spring into autumn," noted Regan. "However, we have had many animals brought to us recently, and our space is getting tight both in the shelter and in foster homes, so we run these promotions in hopes that it will drive people who are thinking of adopting a pet to come in and see if we have a new family member for them."

The Adoption Center at Dakin Humane Society is open to the public Tuesdays through Saturdays from 12:30-3 p.m.

Adoption fees for cats and dogs at Dakin include a variety of services and treatments, including a veterinary exam, spay/neuter surgery, age-appropriate vaccinations, microchip and registration, a rabies vaccine (if the pet is over 12 weeks of age), a free post-adoption veterinary exam at participating clinics, and a food starter pack.

About Dakin Humane Society

Dakin Humane Society, located in Springfield, is a 501 (c) (3) organization that delivers effective, innovative services that improve the lives of animals in need and the people who care about them.

Since its inception in 1969, Dakin has become one of the most recognized nonprofit organizations in western Massachusetts, and a national leader in animal welfare. In a typical year, the organization shelters, treats, and fosters more than 20,000 animals and has performed over 144,000 spay/neuter surgeries since 2009, making it one of New England's largest spay/neuter providers.

Dakin's Pet Health Center, a non-emergency veterinary resource for pet dogs and cats, has conducted more than 41,000 patient visits since it opened in 2022. Dakin is a local non-profit organization that relies solely on contributions from individuals and businesses that care about animals to bring its services to the community.

For more information, visit www.dakinhumane.org.

A holiday concert of family favorites to be held Dec. 5

AMHERST – Tis the season to enjoy holiday music. The Amherst Community Band will be presenting a concert Dec. 5 at 6:30 p.m. It will be held in town at Saint Bridget's Parish Hall in Amherst. Richard Cuoco will be the conductor.

.It is heartwarming to listen to the familiar music of the season. These are the songs that are appealing to everyone. Finding enjoyable family experiences can be challenging, but not when it comes to appreciating favorite holiday songs. Every song the band will play is a classic tune, recognizable to everyone.

The performance will end with an audience singalong, but most people will probably be singing along to all of the other selections as well. Classics such as White Christmas, Rudolph, A Charlie Brown Christmas, Let it Snow, Silver Bells, Have Yourself a Merry Christmas will be some of the selections. An anthology of Hanukkah songs to include Rock of Ages and Oh Hanukkah will be included too.

Rumor has it that Santa Claus has been studying conducting over the summer months. He'll be making a surprise visit and hopes to conduct one of the numbers. Afterwards, everyone can enjoy taking photos with Santa for a keepsake memento.

Bring the whole family as well as your neighbors. Be prepared to sing and enjoy the music of the season.

If you would like to play in this concert, information about how to join can be found on the website: amherstband.org where you will find the sign-up form.

The Amherst Community Band will bring the community together through its music once again.

For further information, contact Ira Brezinsky 413-219-5577 or email ibrezinsky@gmail.com.

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the public hearing, saying she believed new business, while creating jobs, would create a traffic nightmare.

"Although the job losses were painful, K-Mart's closing was a blessing inasmuch as we got a modicum of relief from the traffic and related air pollution," Norris said. "Neighbors were able to get out of their side streets onto Northampton Street with less hassle and delay than before.

"The October 2026 traffic study submitted by the Walmart developer is deficient because it did not assess the traffic impacts to Elmwood. It merely looked at ingress and egress to the K Mart Plaza. There was no analysis of the impacts north of the intersection of Northampton St and Whiting Farms Road. This is not a minor omission.

"That study estimates that 50% of the traffic to the new Walmart will come from Northampton Street north of the project area. That means 50% of the traffic coming to the Walmart goes through the streets of Elmwood."

She expressed real concern that the Walmart would have a negative effect on the neighborhood.

"Just plunk a Walmart Superstore in our backyard and say, "geez, too bad", but the zoning already permits this use," Norris said. "Will the neighborhood that we call home be allowed to degrade, while city leaders celebrate the tax revenues? I am no longer the city councilor representing Elmwood. But having spent 16 years on the council and a decade before that time grappling with this issue, what is in front of you is not feasible if you care about the people who live in Elmwood."

The meeting is continued to Dec. 1 where a vote could take place. The city council has already authorized the demolition of the old building.

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and supporting the many efforts that sustain our organization. Her commitment goes far beyond a single event; she is someone we can always count on. Her decades of service to the Committee and her community are truly remarkable, and we are incredibly proud to recognize her with the 2027 O'Connell Award."

Reardon is the proud mother of Geraldine Bresnahan and grandmother of Marin Bresnahan. Throughout her life, whether caring for patients, serving her hometown or supporting the traditions of the Holyoke St. Patrick's Committee, Reardon has consistently demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to giving back. Her generosity, leadership and dedication to others embody the spirit of the George E. O'Connell Award.

Reardon will be formally honored at the Coronation Ball & Awards Dinner on Saturday, Feb. 20, 2027, at The Log Cabin. Additional details and ticket information will be announced.

For additional information about the St. Patrick's Committee of Holyoke and the 2027 Parade festivities, visit www.holyokestpatricksparade.com.

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Rue Ratray. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the school office at 413-534-2060.

The juvenile was arrested on Maple St. Because of the age of the youth, no further information is available.

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Public Notices

CITY OF HOLYOKE
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Holyoke Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, December 15, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.** via **Hybrid** at City Hall Rm 6 at 536 Dwight Street and by Zoom.com; ID: 828 5434 1337; CALL IN 1 646 558 8656 to hear, pursuant to the Holyoke Zoning Ordinance, a Special Permit for a Parking Reduction (Sec 6.1.7) submitted by Chris Elliot (2026-16) located at 53 Elm Street (006-04-003).

For a complete copy of the application and site plan, contact the Planning Department at (413) 322-5575.

APPLICANT: Chris Elliot
PLANNING BOARD:
Lauren Niles, Chairperson
11/20, 11/27/2026

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 Dario Jara Ramones at 131-133 Westfield Road (122-00-071) to change the use from a two-dwelling to a three-dwelling use per 7.4.1. Hearing will take place on **Monday, December 3, 2026 at 6:30 pm** at Holyoke City Hall 536 Dwight St and can be accessed remotely via www.zoom.us Meeting ID 826 2872 5330 Meeting Passcode 978842 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
11/13, 11/20/2026

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 Salmar Realty Inc c/o Peter Martins for a drive-thru facility within a commercial development at 500 Easthampton Road Lot A (213-00-003) per 7.1.6. Hearing will take place on **Monday, December 3, 2026 at 6:30 pm** at Holyoke City Hall 536 Dwight St and can be accessed remotely via www.zoom.us Meeting ID 826 2872 5330 Meeting Passcode 978842 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.

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NOTICE OF SALE
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MORTGAGEE'S
SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 267-269 Sargeant Street, Holyoke, MA 01040

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Coterie Investment Group, LLC to TVC Funding, III, LLC, dated November 30, 2022, and recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 25161, Page 521, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment of mortgage from TVC Funding III, LLC to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee of OBX 2023-NQM10 Trust, dated July 21, 2026, and recorded with said Registry in Book 26431, Page 195,, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold by **Public Auction** at 1:00 o'clock P.M. on the 08th day of December 2026 at the mortgaged premises located at 267-269 Sargeant Street, Holyoke, Hampden County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

To wit: Beginning at a point in the Northerly side of Sargeant Street, Two Hundred (200) feet Westerly from the Westerly Side of Saint Jerome Avenue;

thence running NORTHERLY at right angles to said Sargeant Street, One Hundred (100) feet Westerly from the Westerly side of Saint Jerome Cemetery;

thence WESTERLY along the Southerly Line of said Cemetery, Fifty (50) feet;

thence SOUTERLY at right angles to the last mentioned line, One Hundred (100) fee to said Sargeant Street;

thence EASTERLY along said Sargeant Street, Fifty (50) feet to the place of beginning.

Being the same premises conveyed to the mortgagor by deed recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 24808, Page 25.

Premises to be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000.00) by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. High bidder to sign written memorandum of sale upon acceptance of the high bid. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid by certified or bank check at Friedman Vartolo LLP, 1325 Franklin Avenue, Suite 160, Garden City, NY 11530, within thirty (30) days from the date of the sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. In the event of an error in this publication, the description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB,
not in its individual capacity
but solely as Owner Trustee of
OBX 2023-NQM10 Trust
Present holder of said mortgage
By its Attorneys,
Friedman Vartolo LLP
1325 Franklin Avenue,
Suite 160
Garden City, NY 11530
11/13, 11/20, 11/27/2026

CITY OF HOLYOKE
GAS & ELECTRIC
DEPARTMENT
HYDRAULIC
STRUCTURES'
MAINTENANCE &
REPAIRS
ANNUAL CONTRACT

Sealed bids for the above will be received by Holyoke Gas & Electric Dept. until **2:00 p.m., December 10, 2026**, at the Office of the Manager, 99 Suffolk St., Holyoke, MA 01040, at which time bids will be publicly opened and read.

Bid Deposit:

A Bid Deposit in the amount of $17,500 must accompany all bids and may be in the form of a certified, 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.

Prevailing Wage Rates:

Rates, which are to apply to the work, are set by the Mass. Dept. of Labor & Industries.

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 for the best interest of the City of Holyoke.

Please mark sealed envelopes "**Bid for Hydraulic Structures' Maintenance & Repairs Annual Contract**" and address them to.

James M. Lavelle, Manager
Holyoke Gas & Electric Dept.
99 Suffolk St.
Holyoke, MA 01040
11/20/2026

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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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