

Scholarship, Fellowship applications available

WESTFIELD – The Horace Smith Fund, located in Westfield, Massachusetts has scholarship and fellowship money available for residents of Hampden County, MA. Graduating high school seniors and students already in college may apply for Scholarships of up to \$12,000. Those in their final year of college and previous college graduates pursuing advanced degrees may apply for Fellowships of \$15,000. Applicants must maintain at least a B average in college and be enrolled as full-time students.

Awards are made based on both academic achievement and merit. Of great importance is a personal written account of why the student feels deserving of financial assistance and their goals in pursuing higher education.

Last year, \$297,000 was awarded to 24 individuals. Scholarships were given to 18 graduating seniors from 11 Hampden County high schools. Three scholarships were also awarded to current college students to as-

sist them in completing their undergraduate degrees, and three fellowships were given to college graduates pursuing advanced degrees, who had graduated from Hampden County high schools.

The Horace Smith Fund was established in 1899 by the successful and generous philanthropist named Horace Smith, co-founder of Smith & Wesson, established in Springfield. The scholarships and fellowships are named for Walter S. Barr, a West Springfield businessman, whose widow left the bulk of the family estate to The Horace Smith Fund in 1950.

Completed applications must be received either electronically or by mail to The Horace Smith Fund at 16 Union Avenue, Suite 2K, Westfield, MA 01085 no later than March 15, 2026. Applications will also be available at local high school guidance offices, college financial aid offices, online at www.HoraceSmithFund.org or by phoning (413) 739-4222.

SHHS basketball teams, service club host NHN donation drive

SOUTH HADLEY – The South Hadley Service Club, in partnership with the boys and girls basketball teams, is hosting a donation drive to benefit Neighbors Helping Neighbors. Monetary donations as well as food items are greatly appreciated.

For ever \$1 donated, or each food item donated, you will receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win a \$25 gift card to a choice of the

following: Granby Grain, Odyssey Bookshop, Big Y, Chipotle Mexican Grill, Vanished Valley Brewing Co., Master Chef, Pizza Palace of Granby, Thai Place, Dunkin Donuts, and Randall’s Farm.

The drawings will be held during the halftimes of the following games: Boys Games: January 20 and 30; Girls Games: January 26 and 27, February 2, 6, and 9.

Free HCC line-cook training program begins Jan. 26

HOLYOKE – Holyoke Community College will be running both daytime and evening editions of its free, line-cook training program at the HCC MGM Culinary Arts Institute beginning Jan. 26.

The six-week daytime program starts Monday, Jan. 26, and runs until March 6. Classes meet Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The 11-week evening program runs from Jan. 26 until April 8 on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 5 to 9 p.m.

Additional spring semester line-cook training programs will start on March 30 (daytime), April 27 (evening) and May 11 (daytime).

“HCC tries to meet the needs of its students by offering multiple options for start days and times,” said Paul Sheehan, assistant project coordinator for culinary arts programs. “Over the last few years, we have offered our free line cook training as separate day and evening programs to help students find the schedule that works best for them.”

The program is designed for those already in the restaurant industry who want to upgrade their skills as well as unem-



Submitted photo

If you ever wanted to learn to be a line cook, free training is available at HCC.

ployed or underemployed individuals interested in starting new careers.

“We usually have a mix of young people entering the job market for the first time and people who are re-entering the job market, looking for a second career,” Sheehan said. “The course is perfect for anybody who’s looking for a job and has a passion for food and the dining industry.”

All classes meet in person at the HCC MGM Culinary Arts Institute at 164 Race St.

Participants will learn all the essential competencies they need to become success-

ful line cooks: knife skills; how to prepare stocks, soups, sauces, desserts, poultry, fish and meat; culinary math and measurements; moist and dry heat cooking methods; as well as workplace soft skills, such as building a resume and searching for jobs.

Offered as part of HCC’s Business & Workforce Development division, the line cook course is free to qualifying applicants.

For more information, or to fill out an inquiry form, please go to hcc.edu/line-cook.

Legal Notices

Town of Granby Massachusetts Conservation Commission

The Granby Conservation Commission will hold Public Hearings pursuant to the Wetland Protection Act (MGL Chapter 131, Section 40) on **Tuesday, February 10, 2026** to be held at 1 Library Lane-Old Carnegie Library-Top Floor to consider the following:

1. **7:30 PM-NOI**-filed by Vitaliy Babich, Owner, for the proposed construction of a Single-Family home in the Buffer

Zone to the BVW to located at Lot 9 Morgan Street and known as map 5-A- 2-4 in the Town of Granby.

Members of the public can attend virtually by phone at +1 (312) 757-3121 using Access Code: 282-289-421or by visiting <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/282289421>.

Anyone wishing information and/or to be heard on this matter should appear at the time and place designated. The complete materials (including text and maps) relative to this “NOI” are

available for inspection during regular business hours at the Selectmen’s Office located in the Granby Senior Center Building, 2nd Floor, 10-B West State Street. Additionally, copies of the application may be inspected on the Conservation Commission’s web page at www.granby-ma.gov.

William Shaheen, Chair
Granby Conservation Commission

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Turley photos by Tina Lesniak

The wastewater treatment plant will need to be rebuilt in the coming years.

The work you don’t see: How South Hadley’s DPW keeps the town running

By Tina Lesniak
Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY – The South Hadley Department of Public Works (DPW) is a constant, often unseen presence in daily life—one that quietly keeps the town running. From the moment residents take out their trash to the time snow is cleared from roadways after a storm, DPW crews are at work behind the scenes, ensuring essential services are delivered safely and efficiently.

“The DPW is a town department that provides everyday services that most residents take for granted,” said DPW Director John Broderick.

Those services span nearly every corner of the community: treating household wastewater and sewage, trash and yard waste collection, road and sidewalk maintenance, tree care, street sweeping, snow and ice removal, sewer and storm drainage repairs, public event setups and cleanups, and the maintenance and mowing of parks,

schools, and athletic fields.

“The list is almost endless,” Broderick said, emphasizing that Water District 1 and Water District 2 are separate town departments and not under Public Works.

Beyond day-to-day operations, the department is continually assessing infrastructure needs and addressing challenges before they become larger problems.

“DPW is constantly evaluating issues that arise, and doing our best proactively to minimize impacts,” Broderick said. One recent example is a \$3 million sewer lining project from Brainerd Street to Main Street, completed to reduce groundwater infiltration that places strain on the Wastewater Treatment Plant. In addition, Buttery Brook Park received upgrades in 2025, adding new amenities for residents to enjoy.

Looking ahead, the department faces several major, long-term projects critical to South Hadley’s future. Chief among them is rebuilding the Wastewater Treatment Plant

and its associated pumping stations, which are approximately 55 years old. “This is a 10-year project that will cost around \$40–\$50 million dollars,” Broderick said, but it is necessary to improve wastewater treatment processes for the next 40 years. Another transformative effort is the proposed full reconstruction of Main Street from the Chicopee line to Canal Street. The project, about a decade in design, carries an estimated \$11 million price tag and would include a shared path, new sidewalks, updated roadway layout, and amenities such as benches and new streetlights.

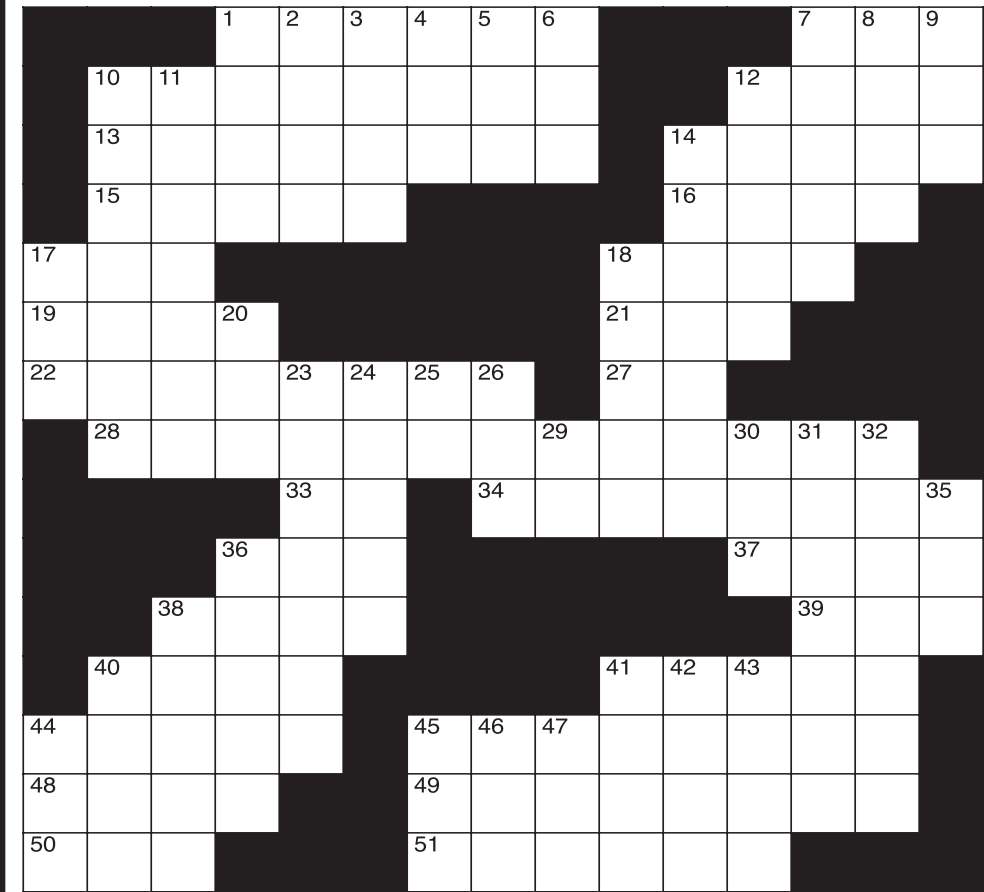
Managing these projects while responding to everyday service requests requires coordination and experience. According to Broderick, “The balancing act of requests, responsibilities, and residential demands happens seamlessly thanks to a very dedicated, experienced group of Public Works employees.” That teamwork is especially evident during severe weather

events. “The crews from the four divisions work together extremely well when a severe weather event occurs,” he said. “We can generally handle anything that Mother Nature throws at us.”

In addition to DPW-related projects, Broderick pointed to other major financial investments on the horizon, including a potential Mosier School renovation or rebuilding, a new South Hadley Electric Light Department building, and ongoing infrastructure, vehicle, and equipment replacements.

Ultimately, Broderick emphasized the value residents receive for their tax dollars. “Please understand that the DPW is the maintenance division for the tax dollars residents pay for living in the Town of South Hadley,” he said. “The employees are dedicated, trained professionals in their craft and are on-call 24/7/365.” While the work is often unpleasant, he added, it is essential—and something the community can take pride in.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



CLUES ACROSS

- Mechanical lever
- Rocky peak
- Leave a country
- Discount
- D.C. ballplayer
- Partner to “oohed”
- Engine sound
- Japanese ornamental box
- Fido is one
- Amounts of time
- DiFranco and Phyo are two
- Yearly tonnage (abbr.)
- Make secret plans
- “Tiny Bubbles” singer
- “His Airness”
- Morning
- Perfected
- Winger guitarist

- Beach
- Abba __, Israeli politician
- Self-immolation by fire ritual
- A way to save money
- Pulpit
- Make ecstatically happy
- Once more
- Works on
- Nocturnal S. American rodent
- State again
- Expression of disappointment
- Type of door

CLUES DOWN

- Yugoslavian communist leader
- Exchange rate
- High school dance

- Peter’s last name
- When you anticipate arriving
- Israeli city __ Aviv
- Margarine
- End-of-the-spectrum color
- Make poisonous
- Popular beverage
- Actress Lathan
- Where planes land and depart
- Political fundraising entity
- The distinctive spirit of a people or an era
- Buffer used in microbiology
- Light, open carriage
- Metrical feet
- Email subject line feature

- A street with lots of nightmares
- Rapper Rule
- River in Scotland
- One who settles a dispute
- Most chummy
- We all have our own
- Arab tribe
- Slap
- Ottoman military commanders
- Scottish or Irish Gaelic language
- Emit coherent radiation
- Sun or solar disk (Egyptian mythology)
- Inclined to
- Olfactory reference syndrome
- Chest muscle (slang)
- Body part