

HCC to hold Registration Express event on Jan. 11

HOLYOKE – Holyoke Community College will hold a special “Registration Express” event for the spring 2025 semester on Saturday, Jan. 11, when prospective students can apply for admission, take the college placement test, meet with an academic adviser, register for classes, and set up financial aid – all in one day.

HCC’s Saturday Registration Express event will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and takes place on the first floor of the Campus Center on the main campus at 303 Homestead Ave. and virtually over Zoom.

The spring 2025 semester begins Tuesday, Jan 21. HCC also has Flex Start dates on Feb. 3 (Spring Start II) and March 24 (Spring Start III). Full-term spring classes run for 14 weeks. Spring Start II classes run for 12 weeks. Spring Start III classes run for seven.

Registration Express will also be an opportunity for prospective students to learn about the state’s new program for free community college, MassEducate.

“Registration Express at Holyoke

Community College provides an opportunity for students to complete the admissions and registration process all in one day and all in one place,” said Mark Hudgik, dean of strategic recruitment initiatives, admissions, and financial aid. “Admissions, Financial Aid, and Advising counselors will be available to help students get ready for the spring semester.”

Those who can’t make it in person on Jan. 11 can still participate on those days virtually over Zoom.

The Registration Express Zoom link can be accessed through a link on the Registration Express page on the HCC website: hcc.edu/regexpress

Also, HCC offices will be open for extended hours, according to the following schedule: Jan. 6-9, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Jan. 10, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Jan. 13-14, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; (College offices closed Jan. 15 for Professional Day); Jan. 16, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Jan. 17, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Jan. 21-23, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday, Jan. 24, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

City to host annual Kwanzaa celebration

HOLYOKE – The City of Holyoke will host an observance of Kwanzaa on Saturday, Dec. 28, at 10 a.m. at City Hall.

Kwanzaa, which is observed annually the last week of December, celebrates African heritage and Kwanzaa’s seven principles: Umoja (Unity) To strive for unity in the family, community, nation, and race; Kujichagulia (Self-Determination) To define ourselves, name ourselves, create for ourselves, and speak for ourselves; Ujima (Collective Work and Responsibility) To build and maintain our community together and solve problems together; Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics) To build and maintain our own stores, shops, and other businesses and to profit from them together; Nia (Purpose) To make our collective vocation the building and developing of our community; Kuumba (Creativity) To do always as much as we can, in the way we can, in order to leave our community more beautiful and beneficial than when we inherited it; Imani (Faith) To believe with all our heart in our people, our parents, our teachers, our leaders, and the righteousness and victory of our struggle.

Holyoke’s observance, a partnership with Kwanzaa Collective in the Valley with Ayanna Crawford and Theresa Cooper-Gordon of Holyoke,

will include a candle-lighting ceremony, recognition of two community leaders, remarks by Professor H. Zahar Caldwell, an educator and cultural historian at Westfield State University who teaches in the fields of History, Black Studies, and Women’s Studies, and the reading of a proclamation by Holyoke Mayor Joshua A. Garcia designating December 26 through January 1 Kwanzaa Week in Holyoke.

The Kwanzaa observance is open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

For more information please call Holyoke Mayor’s Office, 413-561-1600 or Theresa Cooper-Gordon, 413-218-6842.



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Public Notices

City of Holyoke PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Holyoke Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, January 14, 2025 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, Special Permit applications for an increase in the height of both Temporary and Permanent Fencing (Sec 4.6.3.2) and an Increase in Sign Size (Sec 6.4.6.4) for the proposed South Street Plaza Coffee Shop/Drive-Thru Restaurant (File 158), submitted by Salmar Realty, Inc., to be located at 209 South St (080-00-039).

A complete copy of the application may be seen in the Office of Planning and Economic Development at 20 Korean Veterans Plaza, 8:30 am-4:30 pm, M-F.
APPLICANT:

Salmar Realty, Inc.

PLANNING BOARD:
Mimi Panitch, Chair
12/27/2024, 01/03/2025

CITY OF HOLYOKE PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Holyoke Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, January 14, 2025, 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 (Sec 6.4.6.4) a Special Permit for an Increase in Sign Size and Multiple Signs for Super Fresh, located at 235 South Street (oso-00-039), submitted by Gabriel Garcia.

The complete application may be viewed through the Holyoke Planning Dept M-F, 9-4 p.m.

APPLICANT:
Gabriel Garcia

PLANNING BOARD:
Mimi Pantich
12/27/2024, 01/03/2025

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. HD24A0131AD
In the matter of:
Abrianna Nicole Torres

CITATION
G.L. c. 210, §6

TO:
any unnamed or unknown parent and persons interested in a petition for the adoption of said child and to the Department of Children and Families of said Commonwealth.

A petition has been presented to said court by:
Tommy Vargas of Holyoke, MA

Thalia Ventura of Holyoke, MA

requesting for leave to adopt said child and that the name of the child be changed to

Abrianna Nicole Ventura
If you object to this adoption you are entitled to the appointment of an attorney if you are an indigent person.

An indigent person is defined by SJC Rule 3.10. The definition includes but is not limited to persons receiving TAFDC, EACDC, poverty related veteran’s benefits, Medicaid, and SSI. The Court will determine if you are indigent. Contact an Assistant Judicial Case Manager or Adoption Clerk of the Court on or before the date listed below to obtain the necessary forms.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT Springfield ON OR BEFORE TEN O’CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON: **01/17/2025.**

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: December 19, 2024
Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
12/27/2024

Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
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Docket No. HD24C0399CA
In the matter of:
Caitlyn Marie
Pisarski Vautrin
CITATION ON PETITION
TO CHANGE NAME
A Petition to Change

Name of Adult has been filed by **Caitlyn Marie Pisarski Vautrin of Holyoke, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

Caitlyn Marie Pisarski Vautrin
IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Hampden Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 01/17/2025.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: December 20, 2024
Rosemary A Saccomani
Register of Probate
12/27/2024

Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and
Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
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Docket No. HD24P2617EA
Estate of:
Robert Enoc Villani
Date of Death: 08/24/2024
CITATION ON PETITION
FOR FORMAL
ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by **Elizabeth F. Horree of Sandy Hook, CT** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Elizabeth F. Horree of Sandy Hook, CT** 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 01/16/2025.** 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. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: December 19, 2024
Rosemary A Saccomani,
Register of Probate
12/27/2024

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