

Health & Safety

Summer spurs increased rate of lawn mower injuries

American Family Care physician offers tips to safely navigate your lawn

SPRINGFIELD -- The hum of lawn mowers is a common sound of summer, making it easy to forget that these machines can cause serious harm if proper safety protocol isn't followed. In fact, approximately 80,000 lawn mower accidents occur annually in the United States, including over 6,300 among children under the age of 18. The medical experts at American Family Care, with locations in Springfield and West Springfield, are reminding local residents to use caution when op-

erating this equipment. "While mowing the lawn is a routine chore for many, lawn mowers can be dangerous and using them improperly can lead to devastating consequences," said Dr. Andrew Koslow, associate medical director of AFC for Massachusetts. "A lawn mower blade is extremely sharp and revolves rapidly, making it easy for someone to get critically hurt in the blink of an eye." The most common lawn mower-related accidents are linked to cuts, often caused by debris that is kicked out from under the mower. Injuries also happen when replacing mower blades or removing debris from the blades, touching

a hot surface on the mower or falling on a slippery surface while mowing. "The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that children be at least 12 years old to safely operate a walk-behind mower, and 16 to operate a riding mower," said Koslow. "However, parents should consider the individual child's coordination, maturity level and good judgment." Koslow offered the following safety tips to help prevent lawn mower injuries: Wear sturdy, closed-toe shoes, rather than flip-flops or sandals. Cover your eyes with goggles or sunglasses. Opt for long pants to protect

your legs from flying debris. Before mowing, walk the lawn and pick up large sticks, stones or other items that could jam the mower or become a projectile. Turn the mower completely off before removing debris from blades. If doing repairs or maintenance, disconnect the spark plug first. Normally this is done by removing the rubber boot that connects the spark plug to the wire and turning it around, so the back of the boot faces the spark plug. Never stick anything into the blade area while the lawn mower is powered on. Avoid touching the area around the mower's engine until it has time to cool down.

Minor abrasions and burns can be cared for at home but seek medical care for more serious burns or cuts that may require stitches. Amputations, deep cuts, eye injuries or severe burns require prompt emergency care. The medical providers at AFC Springfield and AFC West Springfield offer convenient, walk-in care seven days a week for patients of all ages. Services include urgent care for illnesses, sprains and strains; stitches for minor cuts and lacerations; diagnostic rapid tests and antigen tests for COVID-19; physicals and on-site x-rays.

Public Notices

AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION LEGAL AD
The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on **Thursday, July 25, 2024 at 6:00PM** at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St, Agawam, Ma. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear the Request for Determination of Applicability of Afonso on property located at 61 Hemlock Ridge.
By Order of:
Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION
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AGAWAM ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the Agawam Zoning Board

of Appeals will hold a public hearing at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St., Agawam, MA., on **Monday, August 12, 2024 at 6:30PM** for all parties interested in the request of Viktor Savonin, who is requesting a Variance from the Town of Agawam's Zoning Ordinances. Ch.180, Section 41 to allow for the construction of a residential dwelling on a lot with less than the required lot size at the premises identified as 131 Coronet Circle (formerly known as 71 Maynard St.).
Doreen A. Prouty
Chairperson, ZBA
07/18, 07/25/2024

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield MA, 01103 Docket No. HD20P0692PDM
In the matter of: Robert R Devins of Feeding Hills, MA Protected Person/Disabled Person/Respondent CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF CONSERVATOR'S ACCOUNT
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, you are hereby notified pursuant to Rule 72 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court, that the **Amended First account(s) of Paul Jenney of Feeding Hills, MA** as Conservator of the property of said Respondent has or have been presented to the Court for allowance. **You have the right to**

object to the account(s). If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **08/06/2024**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to object to the account(s). If you fail to file the written appearance and objection by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you, including the allowance of the account(s). Additionally, within thirty days after said return day (or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order), you must file a written affidavit of objections stating the specific facts and grounds upon which each objection is based and a copy shall be served upon the Conservator pursuant to Rule 3 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court. You have the right to send to the Conservator, by registered or certified mail, a written request to receive a copy of the Petition and account(s) at no cost to you. **IMPORTANT NOTICE**
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

Witness, Hon. **Barbara M. Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: July 02, 2024
Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
07/18/2024

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M.G.L. C. 255, Section 39A, that on **July 29, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.**, at USA Towing, said motor vehicle will be sold at a private sale to satisfy the garage keeper's lien for towing, storage and costs of sale. 2000 Buick Century VIN:2G4WY55J0Y1156519 No Plates w/ vehicle Last known reg. owner: Adam Pro 1191 E. 92nd St. Brooklyn, NY 11236 07/11, 07/18, 07/25/2024

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