

Public Notices

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508)831-2200
Docket No. WO24P3214EA
Estate of:
Scott J Avery
Date of Death: 07/01/2024
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Jo-Ann Grimaldi of Holden, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Jo-Ann Grimaldi of Holden, MA 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 10/15/2024. 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 regard-

ing 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. Leilah A Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 18, 2024
Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate
09/26/2024

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508)831-2200
Docket No. WO24P3288EA
Estate of:
Alan R Kossack
Also known as:
Alan Kossak
Date of Death: 08/04/2024
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 Anita Palmaccio of Lancaster, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Anita Palmaccio of Lancaster, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.
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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 10/22/2024. 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,

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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 24, 2024
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
09/26/2024

**Town of Barre
HEARING NOTICE
Petition For Joint or Identical Pole Locations**
Under the provisions

of the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 166, and any additions or amendments thereto, please be advised that at their meeting of **Monday, October 7, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.** held at the Henry Woods Building, 40 West Street, the Barre Board of Selectmen will consider a request to give

Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a NATIONAL GRID and VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC. (formerly known as NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY) be

and they are hereby granted joint or identical locations for and permission to erect and maintain poles and wires to be placed thereon, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as said Companies may deem necessary, in the public way or ways hereinafter referred to, as requested in petition of said Companies dated the 24th day of July, 2024.

All construction under this order shall be in

accordance with the following conditions:

Poles shall be of sound timber, and reasonable straight, and shall be set substantially at the points indicated upon the plan marked Hubbardston Road - Barre, Massachusetts.
#30979378

Filed with this order:
There may be attached to said poles by Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a NATIONAL GRID and Verizon New England Inc. such wires, cables, and fixtures as needed in their business and all of said wires and cables shall be placed at a height of not less than twenty (20) feet from the ground.

The following are the public ways or part of ways along which the poles above referred to may be erected, and the number of poles which may be erected thereon under this order:

Hubbardston Road- National Grid to install 1 JO pole on Hubbardston Road beginning at a point approximately 1950

feet East of the centerline of the intersection of Hubbardston Road and Sunrise Avenue. National Grid proposes to install 1 JO pole# 29 on Hubbardston Road for a new house in Barre, MA.

Also, for permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables, and wires in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as each of said petitioners may desire for distributing purposes.

If you have any questions, you can contact the Select Board's Office at (978) 355-2504 x 135.

For the Board of Selectmen
Sandra Hood
Administrative Assistant
09/26, 10/03/2024



Warm humid weather ramps up mosquito population

PALMER – Some mosquito bites will only itch, others can carry potentially dangerous illnesses.

In June, the eastern equine encephalitis virus was detected in mosquitoes in Carver, located in Plymouth County for the first time in 2024, according to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. "Although the communities in our region have not been identified on the warning list, it's still important to take steps to avoid mosquito

bites," said Dr. Joe Sills, chief of Emergency Medicine for Baystate Wing Hospital. "Some mosquitoes carry germs that can make people and some animals sick. In Massachusetts, the diseases linked to mosquitoes are West Nile virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis virus. Most people won't experience symptoms from either virus, but there are important differences to be aware of."

According to the Massachusetts Department

of Public Health, there are over 3000 different kinds, also called "species" of mosquitoes have been identified worldwide with more than 150 different kinds of mosquitoes found in North America. Fifty-one different kinds of mosquitoes have been found in Massachusetts. Mosquitoes are attracted to carbon dioxide, a gas that humans and other animals breathe out and they can follow a stream of carbon dioxide from as far as 50 feet away.

Mosquitoes need stagnant water to lay their eggs and what most people don't realize is the surprising number of areas around their own house where mosquitoes can find the stagnant water they need. All a female mosquito needs is a bottle cap of water to lay 100 to 200 eggs, once the eggs are laid, they hatch into larvae within 24 to 48 hours, so any temporary body of water that is present for more than a week can be a mosquito breeding habitat.

EEE is relatively rare in humans, although there are occasional outbreaks in certain regions of the country. Outbreaks of EEE usually occur in Massachusetts every 10-20 years. These outbreaks will typically last two to three years. The most recent outbreak of EEE in Massachusetts began in 2019 and included twelve cases with six fatalities. The outbreak continued in 2020 with five cases including one fatality. The risk of getting EEE is highest from late July through September when more mosquitoes are present and active.

"It is possible that some people who become infected with mosquito-borne viruses may

not develop any symptoms or in some cases only flu-like symptoms," said Dr. Sills. "The incubation period for the virus from the time of an infected mosquito bite to onset of illness ranges from four to 10 days and the illness can last one to two weeks. There is no specific treatment for EEE. Antibiotics are not effective against viruses and no effective anti-viral drugs have been discovered for the treatment of EEE," said Dr. Sills. "Severe illnesses are treated by supportive therapy, which may include hospitalization, respiratory support, IV fluids and prevention of other infections."

West Nile virus is a mosquito-carried virus most commonly spread to people through the bite of an infected mosquito. Because most people who are exposed to WNV have no symptoms, it is difficult to know exactly how many people have been infected. People who develop severe illness with WNV are most often reported. Between 2014 and 2023, 131 people were reported with WNV infection in Massachusetts. Eight of these people died. Cases have been identified from around the state.

"The majority of people who

are infected with WNV, approximately 80%, will have no symptoms," said Dr. Sills. "A smaller number of people who become infected, less than 20% will have symptoms such as fever, headache, body aches, nausea, vomiting and sometimes swollen lymph glands. Less than 1% of people infected with WNV will develop severe illness including encephalitis or meningitis.

There is no specific treatment for WNV infections," said Dr. Sills. "People with mild WNV infections usually recover on their own.

People with severe WNV infections almost always require hospitalization."

Dr. Sills encourages community members to follow The Department of Public Health tips that will help people protect themselves and their loved ones from illnesses caused by mosquitoes:

The hours from dusk to dawn are peak biting times for many mosquitoes. Consider rescheduling outdoor activities that occur during the evening or early morning.
Use a repellent with DEET (N, N-diethyl-m-toluamide), permethrin, picaridin (KBR 3023), oil of lemon eucalyptus [p-methane 3, 8-diol (PMD)] or IR3535 according to the instructions on the product label. DEET products should not be used on infants under two months of age and should be used in concentrations of 30% or less on older children. Oil of lemon eucalyptus should not be used on children under three years of age.

Wearing long sleeves, long pants, and socks when outdoors will help keep mosquitoes away from your skin.

Mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water. They can begin to multiply in any puddle or standing water that lasts for more than four days. If you have a bird bath in your yard, be sure to empty it daily and refill it with fresh water. Remove containers that may hold water in places that are hard to see such as under bushes, porches, decks or stairs.

Drill holes in the bottom of recycling containers that are left outdoors so that water can drain out.

Clean clogged roof gutters; remove leaves and debris that may prevent drainage of rainwater.

Turn over plastic wading pools and wheelbarrows when not in use.

Change the water in birdbaths every few days; aerate ornamental ponds or stock them with fish. Keep mosquitoes outside by having tightly fitting screens on all of your windows and doors. More information about different types of mosquitoes that can spread the virus can be found on the MDPH website by visiting mass.gov/dph/mosquito-borne-disease. For more information, people may visit Baystate Wing Hospital.

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The benefits of local newspapers

Local newspapers play vital roles in communities across the globe. The Information Age has changed the way many people get their news, but local newspapers continue to serve as valuable resources for readers interested in learning more about and becoming more involved in their communities.

While local publishers continue to adapt to the changes brought about by technology, the following are a handful of benefits unique to local newspapers.

Local newspapers keep readers up-to-date on their own communities. Globalization may be here to stay, but that does not mean local communities are no longer home to newsworthy events. National and international newspapers and 24-hour cable news channels can keep men and women up-to-date on national and world news, but in many instances, local newspapers are the only means people have to learn about what's going on in their own communities. Local politics impact residents' lives every day, and local newspapers cover local politics extensively.

Local newspapers benefit nearby businesses. Small business owners often connect with community members via local newspapers. A strong, locally based small business community can improve economies in myriad ways, creating jobs in the community and contributing tax dollars that can be used to strengthen local schools and infrastructure. And local newspapers do their part by providing affordable and effective advertising space to local business owners looking to connect with their communities.

Local newspapers can strengthen communities. Local newspapers are great resources for residents who want to become more active in their communities and learn more about community events. Local newspapers often showcase community events like carnivals, local theater productions and projects like park cleanups. These are great ways for readers to become more active in their communities and build stronger communities as a result.

Local newspapers can benefit children. National newspapers may have



little age-appropriate content to offer young children, but local newspapers tend to include more soft news items than national periodicals, and such stories typically are appropriate for young readers. According to Newspapers in Education, students who participated in an NIE group in Florida performed significantly better in spelling and vocabulary

than nonreaders. Additional studies have indicated that students who use newspapers in the classroom perform better on standardized reading tests than those who do not use newspapers in class.

Many local newspapers have played vital roles in their communities for decades, providing a go-to resource for local readers and business owners.

12 Weekly Newspapers Serving The Local Communities

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