# Public notices

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S

SALE OF REAL ESTATE By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Hollie L. Flannery, Thomas J. Flannery to Washington Mutual Bank, FA, dated May 16, 2005 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 15061, Page 61, as modified by a certain modification agreement dated April 6, 2006, and recorded with said Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 15920, Page 61 and as affected by a judgment dated October 25, 2019 and recorded with said Registry on November 15, 2019, in Book No. 22955, at Page 245, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, as receiver of Washington Mutual Bank f/k/a Washington Mutual Bank, FA to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National

Association, recorded on August 16, 2013, in Book No. 19975, at Page 1 for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at **Public** Auction at 10:00 AM on November 20, 2024, on the mortgaged premises located at 10 Pine Tree Drive, Holland, Hampden County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT: ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OR TRACT OF LAND SITUATE IN THE TOWN OF HOLLAND, COUNTY OF HAMPDEN, COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS AND BEING THE SAME REAL PROPERTY CONVEYED TO HOLLIE L. FLANNERY AND THOMAS J. FLANNERY BY DEED ON 07/25/1986 AS DOCUMENT NO. 49336 BOOK 6165 PAGE 586 AMONG THE OFFICIAL RECORDS

OF THE COUNTY OFHAMPDEN, COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Being more accurately described in the Judgment recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book

22955, Page 245, as follows: ALL THOSE CERTAIN PARCELS OF LAND IN HAMPDEN COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

PARCEL 1:

ТНЕ LAND HOLLAND, HAMPDEN COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS, BEING LOT SITUATED ON THE NORTHERLY SIDE OF PINE TREE DRIVE, AS SHOWN ON A PLAN OF WILLIAMS PARK, ENTITLED "REVISED PLAN OF LOTS 23, 24, 25, IN HOLLAND, MASS." BY ROBERT P. PARA, LAND SURVEYOR, DATED NOVEMBER 18, 1975, AND FILED WITH THE HAMPDEN REGISTRY OF DEEDS, BOOK OF PLANS 161, PAGE 77, AND MORE PARTICULARLY A N D BOUNDED DESCRIBED FOLLOWS:

SOUTHERLY BY PINE TREE DRIVE, 88.77 FEET; WESTERLY BY LOT #27, 100 FEET;

SOUTHERLY BY LOT #27. 50 FEET: WESTERLY BY MAYBROOK ROAD, 16

NORTHERLY BY LOT "B", A TOTAL OF 166.9 FEET, IN FOUR COURSES AND EASTERLY BY

PINE TREE DRIVE, 50 FEET. CONTAINING 6710 SQUARE FEET, MORE OR LESS. BEING SAME PROPERTY AS

CONVEYED FROM CHARLES D. STANLEY JR AND KIMBERLY G. STANLEY TO THOMAS J. FLANNERY AND HOLLIE L. CHURCH, AS JOINT TENANTS. AS DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK 5041 PAGE 239 DATED 12/04/1980 AND RECORDED 12/12/1980, HAMPDEN COUNTY RECORDS, COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

PARCEL II: THE LAND IN SAID HOLLLAND SITUATED AT THE NORTHEASTERLY CORNER OF MAYBROOK ROAD AND PINE TREEE DRIVE, BEING LOT 27 ON THE PLAN BY BENJAMIN TULLEY, ENGR DATED JUNE, 1963 AND FILED WITH HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS, BOOK OF PLAN 100, PAGE 76, AND BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS: NORTHERLY BY LOT

EASTERLY BY LOTS 24 ND 23 ON SAID PLAN 100 FEET:

25 ON SAID PLAN 50

SOUTHERLY BY PINE TREE DRIVE 60 FEET;

AND WESTERLY BY MAYBROOK ROAD 101.1 FEET, COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 10 PINE TREE DRIVE, HOLLAND, MA 01521

BEING ТНЕ SAME PROPERTY AS CONVEYED FROM FERDINAND G. VON KUMMER AND PAULA P. VON KUMMER TO THOMAS J. FLANNERY AND HOLLIE L. FLANNERY, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS TENANTS BY THE ENTIRETY, AS DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK 6165 PAGE 586, DATED 07/08/1986, RECORDED 07/25/1986, HAMPDEN COUNTY RECORDS, COMMONWEALTHOF MASSACHUSETTS. SUBJECT TO THE RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD. Subject to a first mortgage dated January 20, 2012 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds at Book 19215, Page

207 in the original principal

amount of \$75,686.00.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 6165, Page 586 and B5041, P239.

These premises will 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

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JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. Present holder of said mortgage By its Attorneys, HARMON LAW OFFICES,

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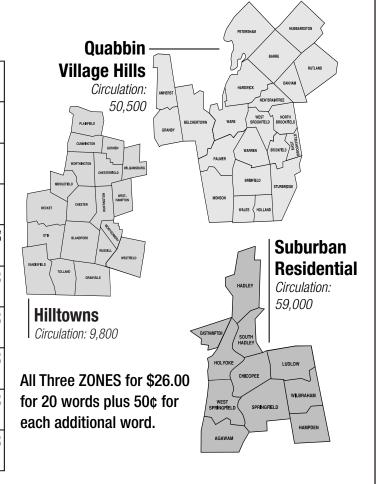
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projects in the state, following

two devastating hurricanes in the

southeastern United States that

are expected to cost \$300 billion

and have resulted in more than

that over the past two years,

Boston, Chelsea, and Revere

have already secured more than

\$75 million from the *Bipartisan* 

Infrastructure Law and the Infla-

tion Reduction Act for resiliency

projects that include building re-

silient transportation corridors in

Roxbury, greening the Chelsea

Creek waterfront, and making

the Massachusetts Bay Trans-

portation Authority Blue Line

more flood resistant. In total,

the commonwealth has secured

approximately \$200 million for

climate resiliency projects from

joined by Brian Swett, Chief

Climate Officer for the City

of Boston; Boston City Coun-

cilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata;

Roseann Bongiovanni, Noemy

Rodriguez, and John Walkey

from GreenRoots; and Dwaign

Tyndal, Executive Director of

Alternatives for Community and

our emissions as a country, we

could see more than six feet of

sea level rise by the end of the

century. That's sunny-day flood-

ing in neighborhoods from East

Boston to Back Bay. TD Garden

wouldn't be flooded with a sea

of fans—it would be flooded by

the sea itself. Back Bay will go

back to the bay," said Markey.

"Our task is twofold. One, cut

climate pollution by ushering in

a clean energy revolution unlike

any we've seen before, disman-

tling our dependence on fossil

fuels. And two, prepare for the

future by investing in resilient

buildings and strong communi-

ties. Thanks in part to the Infla-

tion Reduction Act and the Bi-

partisan Infrastructure Law, we

are well on our way to meet that

second goal. In Massachusetts,

serve at GreenRoots, are front-

line environmental justice com-

munities that are disproportion-

ately impacted by environmental

assault. On a daily basis, envi-

ronmental justice communities

throughout the United States

and in the Global South face

"Chelsea and East Boston,

two communities that we

we don't wait, we create."

"If we don't drive down

Senator Markey

those two laws so far.

Environment.

Senator Markey announced

250 deaths.

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# Public notices

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. HD24P2192EA Estate of:

**Paul Allen Laflamme** Date of Death: 09/19/2024 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Sarah A. Laflamme of Brookfield,

Sarah A. Laflamme of Brookfield, MA has been informally

appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the

Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner 10/24/2024

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. HD24P1253EA

Estate of:

Alysia Mercado

Date of Death: 05/22/2024

CITATION ON PETITION

FOR SALE OF

REAL ESTATE

BY A PERSONAL

REPRESENTATIVE

Real Estate has been filed by:

Wendi Mercado of Salem.

MA requesting that the

court authorize the Personal

Representative to sell the

decedent's real estate at a pri-

IMPORTANT NOTICE

obtain a copy of the Petition

from the Petitioner or at

the court. You have a right

to object to this proceed-

ing. 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

date, but a deadline by

which you must file a writ-

ten appearance and objec-

tion if you object to this pro-

ceeding. If you fail to file a

timely written appearance

and objection followed by

an affidavit of objections

This is NOT a hearing

11/20/2024.

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To all interested persons:

A Petition for Sale of

notice to you. WITNESS, Barbara M. Hyland, First Justice of this Court.

within thirty (30) days of

the return day, action may

be taken without further

Date: October 17, 2024 Rosemary A. Saccomani Register of Probate 10/24/2024

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. HD24C0324CA In the matter of: Tina M Huff CITATION ON PETITION

TO CHANGE NAME A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Tina M Huff of Holland, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their

Tina Marie Corvo 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 11/12/2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

Hon. WITNESS, Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court. Date: October 15, 2024

Rosemary A Saccomani Register of Probate

#### extreme weather events across the country Markey was joined on Oct. 15 in Boston by local officials and advocates to call for increased federal investment to bolster the climate resilience of regions at risk of sea level rise – exacerbated by devastation from climate change-fueled storms, as well as highlight ongoing resiliency

Senator Markey joined by City Councilor Gabriela "Gigi" Coletta Zapata; Brian Swett, Boston's Chief Climate Officer; Dwaign Tyndal, **Executive Director of Alternatives for Community and Environment;** and John Walkey, Noemy Rodriguez, and Roseann Bongiovanni from

Markey maps need for climate action following

GreenRoots.

increased frequency of severe storms, storm surge, sea level rise, drought, heat island impacts, wildfires and much more. We need federal leadership like that of Senator Markey's to prioritize policies and investments in climate resilience and climate justice, an end to fossil fuel use, and implementing greater renewable, resilient energy," said Roseann Bongiovanni, Executive Director of GreenRoots.

"Many of the people here

Senator Markey highlights federal investments in Massachusetts Climate Resilience, calls for investment in more resilient schools and hospitals and for a federal climate emergency declaration.

have immigrated as a result of natural disasters in their home countries, and with climate change, we know that natural disasters are only going to be increasing in number. When this happens, we need to ask the questions, 'Where are we going to go? What is going to happen to us?' These are the questions and worries that many of us have, not just for East Boston, but all over the country. We are the first generation feeling the effects of climate change and we may be

the last generation that can do

something about it," said Noemy

Rodriguez, Waterfront Initiative

Organizer at GreenRoots.

"We know that when climate change happens, the least among us are the first affected and the worst affected. We frequently say that people are a paycheck away from disaster. According to FEMA, just

an inch of floodwater in a home causes roughly about \$25,000 in damages. There are over 400,000 Massachusetts residents living in the hundred-year flood zone which means more than a one in four chance of having a flood during a 30-year mortgage period. If home ownership is the route to generational wealth that we would leave to the next generation, we need to be planning and prepared for this," said John Walkey, Director of Climate Justice & Waterfront Initiatives.

"Boston is deeply grateful for Senator Markey's unwavering leadership in securing critical federal funds that are bolstering our city's climate resilience. Thanks to our partners in the federal government, Boston has secured over \$60 million in grants for coastal resilience projects helping us protect our neighborhoods from rising sea levels and extreme storms. However, with the increasing frequency of extreme weather, much more work remains, and additional funding is essential to fully safeguard our city and its most vulnerable communities," said Brian Swett, Chief Climate Officer for the

City of Boston. The destruction of extreme weather events is disproportionately felt by black, brown, low-income, and immigrant communities, who are burdened historical disinvestment by and the compounded effects of legacy pollution and dangerous infrastructure sited in their neighborhoods. Under the Biden-Harris administration, including through the historic Inflation Reduction Act and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, federal funding has come to Massachusetts to help prevent the worsening impacts of climate change and support the Commonwealth's climate resilience efforts, but continued federal investment in resiliency and clean energy will be needed to help avoid worsening disasters and billion-dollar storm recoveries in the future.

Senator Markey has been working to ensure that Massachusetts is climate resilient and prepared for extreme weather events, which are only increasing in frequency due to climate change. On Oct. 4, Senator Markey joined Mayor Jennifer Macksey for a briefing on the Hoosic River Flood Mitigation Study, a project that aims to evaluate potential flood risk reduction measures and support development of a new flood mitigation system built with 21st-century engineering standards. Senator Markey led the effort to get the study included in the Water Resources Development Act, advocated for \$750,000 in funding for the Army Corps of Engineers this year, and has secured \$950,000 in the pending appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 2025.

In September, Senator Markey announced of \$472 million from the U.S. Department of Transportation to the MBTA to fully replace the North Station Draw One Bridge and renovate Platform F at North Station. The grant is the largest federal award the MBTA has won to date. The nearly half a billion-dollar grant will provide critical support for one of MBTA's top priority projects and a vital transportation asset to MBTA's north-side operations. It will also support more than 14,500 jobs, make the bridge more climate resilient by bringing it above projected sea-level rise, and lower emis-

In August, on the second anniversary of the historic Inflation Reduction Act, Senator Markey launched his Climate Hub, a centralized site with resources to help stakeholders navigate opportunities from both the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). Together, these two laws have created the largest and most significant climate and clean energy investments in history, putting the United States on a path to address the climate crisis, repair historic harms to disadvantaged communities, create good-paying union jobs in the clean energy economy, and work towards a Green New Deal future.

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> To apply in confidence please submit a cover letter and resume to Kenneth R. Martin, Consultant, at kenmartin1208@gmail.com with "Warren ED position" in the subject line.

The deadline is no later than the close of business on November 1, 2024. Late applications shall not be considered. More detailed information will be required of applicants that advance to the next level of consideration. Diverse applicants are encouraged to apply.

The Warren Housing Authority is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

# Stay alert for cryptocurrency scams when scrolling on TikTok

Money-flipping cons and investment scams have been on the rise for years, and since 2020, the Better Business Bureau has received more than 4,000 reports from consumers about investment scams, many of which involved cryptocurrency.

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Here's what you need to

# How the scam works

You're scrolling through TikTok when you receive a direct message from a user asking if you're interested in investing. The user's profile seems legitimate, and the company's website looks real.

You may also encounter a user sharing videos of piles of cash, saying you can earn that much money through cryptocurrency investments, too.

You decide to engage with the user, and they present you with a great cryptocurrency investment opportunity. For an initial investment of a few hundred dollars, your money could double or triple in just a few days! You ny. I trusted her and proceeded say yes and start the investment

process. At this point, the user will ask you to communicate off social media on a different messaging app. You'll be asked to send money through a digital wallet service and potentially purchase cryptocurrency and send it to

Then, they will "invest" the money for you, which allegedly starts multiplying immediately.

When you try to get your money back, the scammer will claim you must pay service fees. At first, these amounts may seem harmless and are just a few hundred dollars.

However, if you pay one fee, the scammer will likely continue to ask for more, always promising you will get much more back than you spend.

Unfortunately, these fees are fake, and any money you send will end up in the scammer's pockets. You won't be getting a return on your investment, and you won't be getting your initial deposit back either.

BBB Scam Tracker has received reports from people targeted by cryptocurrency scammers on TikTok. One person shared their experience:

"I was asked by a women on TikTok if I was interested in investing. I told her yes, but I was skeptical. She assured me she worked for a legitimate compawith a \$500 investment through bitcoin to an account with [company name redacted]. I was told after 24 hours I could withdrawal my profit. I had to pay 30% fee of \$2,150 then it would be deposited in my bank account in 24 hours. After 24 hours I received an email that I had to pay a 'gas fee' of \$4,250. At this point I knew it was a scam..."

#### How to avoid social media cryptocurrency scams

Use good judgment. Getrich-quick schemes and investments guaranteed to give you a huge return are nearly always scams. If an offer sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Do your research. Before you contact someone through TikTok or another social media platform, look up their name, phone number, and company name (if they have one) online and on BBB. org. The investment industry is highly regulated, so be wary if investments are unregistered with the SEC or other investment industry regulators.

You can also search on BBB Scam Tracker for scam reports. You'll likely find complaints online about it if they have conned

Don't give into scare tactics. If an "investor" contacts you, they may try to convince you the investment will only work if you act right now. Or, if you've already sent them funds, they may

threaten you with legal action if you don't pay their fees.

In any case, don't give in to

scare tactics. Recognize them as the hallmarks of a scam. Understand how wallet services work. Treat any

wallet service like cash. Once you send the money, there will be little you can do to get it back if you were scammed. Only use these apps with people

money you send through a digital

you know and trust. Find a trusted financial advisor to help you. If you are interested in investing, look for BBB Accredited financial consultants to help you. Working with a vet-

ted and reliable business can help you avoid investment scams on-Read BBB's tips on how to

find someone to help you manage vour finances.

# For more information

Learn more by reading BBB's investigation on investment scams. Read up on more investment scam techniques and money-flipping scams.

If you spot a scam on TikTok or elsewhere, report it to BBB Scam Tracker, even if you didn't lose any money. Your report helps boost consumer awareness about the issue.

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