

# Events & announcements schedule

## Theatre Guild of Hampden seeking directors

HAMPDEN – The Theatre Guild of Hampden is looking for directors for our 2024-2025 season.

For more information, call Mark Giza at 413-204-5333.

## Register to vote in upcoming town meeting and election

WILBRAHAM - According to Wilbraham Town Clerk, Carole J. Tardif, residents who are not registered voters, who wish to vote in the upcoming Town Meeting on Monday, June 3, 2024 and Town Election on Saturday, May 18, 2024 must register to vote by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 7, 2024. Registration hours are daily 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. On Tuesday, May 7, 2024, the last day to register, we will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Voter registrations can also be dropped in our drop box located be-

hind Town Hall, 240 Springfield St., or can be done online at registertovotema.com. Please contact the Wilbraham Town Clerk's Office if you have any questions at 596-2800, ext 200.

## Wilbraham Community Garden announces 14th Annual 'Plowing the Community Garden' event

WILBRAHAM - The Wilbraham Community Garden proudly announces the 14th Annual "Plowing the Community Garden" event. This event will take place on Saturday, May 4 from 11:00 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Wilbraham Community Garden located at 700 Monson Rd. in Wilbraham. There will be several teams of Draft Horses & Oxen including Hickory Hollow Working Steers, Mainely Drafts and Cedar Knoll Farm preparing the soil the slow old fashioned way utilizing walking and riding plows. The list of local vendors grows every day including

Little Oak Farm, Bryan Haleys Sauces and S & S Handmade Soap. Danas Main Street Tavern Food Truck will be on-site for lunch items for sale and the musical entertainment will be brought to you by The Murpyzs. Bring your camera and a chair and join us for a wonderful event. For more information or to be a vendor, please call Melissa Graves in the Conservation office at 596-2800, ext. 204.

## Wilbraham Hiking Club posts hikes for May and June

WILBRAHAM - The Wilbraham Hiking Club has posted its May and early June hikes on its pages at the TeamReach App. There are exciting options, including:

- a more challenging, quicker-paced hike at the Rice Nature Preserve in Wilbraham
- a birding walk at the McDonald Nature Preserve in Wilbraham
- a quicker-pace guided hike on the "back-roads" of the Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary in Wales
- and relaxed pace hikes in Wilbraham, Brimfield, and West Brookfield

For more information or to RSVP for a hike, please check the club's pages on TeamReach. To join the club on TeamReach, use the code WHC01095. If you do not use apps, you can join the club by writing to wilbrahamhiking@gmail.com

## Wilbraham Friends of the Library Annual Book Sale returns in May

WILBRAHAM - Wilbraham Friends of the Library (WFOL), are delighted to announce their annual book sale will be held May 1-4! The WFOL Annual Book Sale is a major fundraiser providing funds for programs for children, teens and adults as well as museum passes, furnishings and other library equipment.

Start your spring cleaning now and box or bag up your extra books, CDs and DVDs for us. Children's and adult books, fiction or non-fiction, hobby books etc. in good condition are all welcome. Due to space restrictions, we cannot accept encyclopedias, magazines or Readers Digest condensed novels.

As a thank you for their support, donors will receive a coupon good for two free books of their choice from the sale when donations are dropped off. Donations of books and materials will be accepted at the library from Friday, April 26 through Monday, April 29 during regular library hours.

For more information or questions about the sale contact friends@wilbrahamlibrary.org.

For more information on the Wilbraham Friends of the Library visit them on the web at <http://wilbrahamlibrary.org/friends.asp>, on Facebook or via email at friends@wilbrahamlibrary.org.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Department

HAMPDEN, Division  
Docket No. HD23PI 784PM

To all persons interested in the estate of Harry Macleod, of Wilbraham, in said County,

A petition has been presented to said Court for license to sell at private sale - public auction certain real estate of said Harry Macleod for his maintenance.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at 50 State Street, Springfield, MA before 10:00 in the forenoon on the 23rd day of May

2024, the return day of this citation.

Witness, **BARBARA M. HYLAND**, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this 16th day of April 2024.

**Rosemary A Saccomani**  
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tance of the projects as they're along major thoroughways in town, highlighting safety and up-to-date structure as the biggest priorities.

"Making sure a) during these events, people remain safe and if they need help, emergency services can get there and then after events like this, making sure that there's not a major impact, not months of impact to the town itself," Lyman said.

Tom Lautzenheiser, senior conservation ecologist with the Mass Audubon Society, elaborated on how the Laughing Brook Wildlife Sanctuary has been experiencing many of the flooding issues and its impacts.

"In the past, the bridge that's being replaced has acted, essentially, collecting enough debris to act sort of (like) a dam and potentially cause problems to the road. We've seen our trail system affected by flooding. 15 years ago or so, our whole driveway entry area was wiped out in a flood (and) required a whole new configuration," Lautzenheiser said.

Lautzenheiser expressed excitement at working with the town, the MVP process and Conway School "to see what changes we can make at the sanctuary" and alleviate the "watershed scale issues."

"There's only so much we can do at Laughing Brook itself, but it's exciting to know that the town is thinking about this on kind of a systems-level and is working upstream on these low-impact development green infrastructure, interface solutions. Activities to both improve water quality and control the volume of water that's just coming down the river and affecting the stream and the adjacent floodplain and the community downstream," Lautzenheiser said.

Mary Monahan has helped Howard Stein Hudson coordinate the MVP grant program, sharing how Hampden is in their fourth year of getting grant assistance.

Monahan explained the bridge replacement project is a key component.

"The bridge on Main Street, in the current funding year, in addition to the green infrastructure, the design of the bridge on



Turley photos by Kristin Rivers

## Lyon Waxman, graduate student at the Conway School of Ecological Landscape Design, takes photos along the East Brook during the April 10 site visit.

Main Street with the goal of replacing the bridge is a key task in this project. That's an issue the town has faced for probably decades," Monahan said. "It was first identified in the town's Hazard Mitigation Plan as being a priority and then the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness program became an opportunity for the town to further study that need and, now, to get funding to actually design a new bridge to address that flood obstruction."

Card wants the community to know the project has residents' health and safety in mind along with the planet.

"There's a lot of negotiating between those stakeholders that has to happen and that's a lot of the fun and the challenge of the work," Card said. "Nature's been engineering for much longer than humans have and so there's a lot of benefits that can be found in working with what nature has engineered. So, we're considering a lot of those options as we're working with HSH and the other stakeholders on this project."

Waxman hopes the projects offer solutions.

"We hope that we can offer some solutions to be able to help the town itself with the issues they've been dealing with and hopefully that's combining together, collaborating with the town and with HSH to bring those plans into successful implementation," Waxman said.