

Wilbraham Fire Dept. knocks down early-morning house fire

Fire does not appear suspicious; home damaged by fire

WILBRAHAM - The Wilbraham Fire Department battled a two-alarm house fire located at 939 Monson Road, Chief Michael Andrews said on Jan. 25.

"The fire does not appear suspicious, but the exact cause remains under investigation," Chief Andrews said. "Fortunately, the home had working smoke alarms and everyone made it out safely."

The homeowner called 911 reporting the home was on fire at 3:05 that morning. On arrival, firefighters observed fire showing from the home. Firefighters made an aggressive interior attack and had the fire under control in about 30 minutes. They continued to extinguish hotspots for more than an hour. The home suffered severe fire and water damage.

The origin and cause of the fire are under investigation by the Wilbraham Fire Department and State Police fire investigators assigned to the State Fire Marshal's office.



Photo courtesy of Wilbraham Fire Department

The fire departments of Ludlow, Palmer, Three Rivers, Monson, Hampden, Westover AFB and East Longmeadow provided mutual aid at the scene. The Department of Fire Services deployed a Rehab unit to support firefighter health and safety in temperatures around zero degrees.

Scantic Valley Water District Expansion Open House Informational Meeting

HAMPDEN - On February 12, 2025, the Scantic Valley Water District (SVWD) Commissioners will hold an informational meeting for residents to discuss the expansion of the SVWD to homes located within an area defined by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection as potentially impacted by PFAS contamination.

If you currently participate in the private well testing program you should receive an invitation letter in the mail with additional details about the upcoming meeting and the project. The meeting will be held at the Hampden Town House between 7 and 8:30 p.m.

This open-house style meeting means that you can arrive anytime between 7 and 8:30 p.m. and stay as long or as short of a time as you need.

The SVWD Commissioners and the SVWD's consulting engineer will be in attendance along with project details and plans for your review.

Please direct any questions to WaterComm@hampdenma.gov.

Police Departments make illegal narcotics arrest

WILBRAHAM/HAMPDEN - On Friday, January 24, 2025, at approximately 7:15 a.m., members of the Wilbraham Police Department along with the assistance of the Hampden Police Department and a canine from the Hampden County Sheriff's office executed two search warrants for illegal narcotics.

One search warrant was executed at a location in Wilbraham and the other was at a location in Hampden. These warrants were the result of an investigation into the possession and sale of illegal narcotics.

During the execution of these search warrants officers recovered several illegal narcotics, packaging materials, cutting agents and paraphernalia. Also located were two high-capacity firearms, ammunition and body armor.

Nicholas Shea, 18, of Hampden was arrested and charged with the following:

1. Possession of a large capacity firearm (2 counts)
2. Possession of a large capacity feeding device (4 counts)
3. Illegal possession of a firearm (2 counts)
4. Violation of a drug free school zone
5. Conspiracy to violate the drug act
6. Sale or Possession of a class D substance within 300' of a school
7. Minor in possession of alcohol

8. Possession of a Class B substance (Oxycodone)
9. Possession of a Class B substance (Aderol)
10. Possession of a Class C substance (Psilocybin Mushrooms)
11. Possession of a Class E substance (Xanax)
12. Possession of a Class A substance with intent to distribute (Fentanyl)
13. Possession of a Class C substance with intent to distribute (Xanax)
14. Possession of a Class B substance with the intent to distribute (Oxycodone)
15. Possession of a Class B substance with the intent to distribute (Adderall)
16. Possession of a Class A substance with the intent to distribute (Fentanyl)
17. Possession of a Class B substance with the intent to distribute (Psilocybin Mushrooms)
18. Possession with the intent to distribute Class D substance (marijuana)
19. Possession of a Class B substance (Cocaine)
20. Possession of a Class B substance (Crack cocaine)
21. Possession with the intent to distribute Intoxicating Vapors
22. Possession of a firearm without a license.

PUBLIC NOTICES

WILBRAHAM PLANNING BOARD

The Wilbraham Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on **Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at 6:00 PM** in the Town Office Building, 240 Springfield Street, on the application of Derrin & Lynn Grimard for a Special Permit (SP25-01) to exceed the size and garage door limitations in Sections 3.9.2.2 and 4.4.8 of the Wilbraham Zoning By-Law to allow construction of a 624 square foot (21' in height) detached accessory building (garage) with two garage doors on property owned by Derrin & Lynn Grimard located at 7 Kensington Drive as shown on plans on file in the Planning Office and posted for public viewing on the Planning Board page of the Town of Wilbraham website at www.wilbraham-ma.gov/123/Planning-Board. Both in person and virtual participation are available. To participate virtually go to <https://meet.goto.com/915564309> or call 866-899-4679 (Access Code: 915-564-309).

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Dussault located at 15 Valley View Drive as shown on plans on file in the Planning Office and posted for public viewing on the Planning Board page of the Town of Wilbraham website at www.wilbraham-ma.gov/123/Planning-Board. Both in person and virtual participation are available. To participate virtually go to <https://meet.goto.com/915564309> or call 866-899-4679 (Access Code: 915-564-309).

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WILBRAHAM PLANNING BOARD

The Wilbraham Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on **Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at 5:45 PM** in the Town Office Building, 240 Springfield Street, on the application of All Energy Solar for a Special Permit (SP24-04) as required under Section 3.9.1.3 of the Wilbraham Zoning By-Law and Ridgeline-Hillside District approval under Section 9.3 of the Zoning By-Law to allow a ground-mounted solar energy system with a total footprint area exceeding 1,000 square feet to be installed and operated as an accessory use to the existing single-family residence owned by Andrew Marecki located at 655 Ridge Road as shown on plans on file in the Planning Office and posted for public viewing on the Planning Board page of the Town of Wilbraham website at www.wilbraham-ma.gov/123/Planning-Board. Both in person and virtual participation are available. To participate virtually go to <https://meet.goto.com/915564309> or call 866-899-4679 (Access Code: 915-564-309).

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LEGAL NOTICE Sale of Motor Vehicle Under G.L. c. 255 Sec. 39A

Bach Towing Inc., 165 Benton Drive, East Longmeadow, MA is holding a private sale of the following vehicle on 02/06/2025 at 2:00 p.m. to satisfy our garage keepers lien thereon for storage and towing charges and expenses of Notices of Sale. Danielle Van Allen 26 Bristol St. Ludlow, MA 01056 2012 Ford Focus SE VIN# 1FAHP3F24CL179273 01/16, 01/23, 01/30/2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

This ad is pursuant to MA Gen. Law Ch.255, Sec. 39A as of **February 7, 2025** the following motor vehicle will be for sale to satisfy a garage keepers lien: Vehicle: **2005 Mercedes E** VIN: WBAVLIC59EVY17128 COLOR: Gray LKO: Ludero Monterio 67 Fuller St., Apt. 1 Brockton MA 02301 R & S Assoc. Inc PO Box 543 Wilbraham MA 01095 413-596-4374 01/23, 01/30, 02/06/2025

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ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR

Council on Aging for the Town of Oakham is seeking an experienced Activities Coordinator. Miscellaneous duties to include supporting current programs and developing new programs to increase attendance and participation of the growing aging population in the Oakham Senior Center. Up to 12 hours per week (flexible) \$20.00/hr. depending upon experience. Resume should be sent to **Admin@Oakham-Ma.gov**, or mailed to **Board of Selectmen, Town of Oakham, 2 Coldbrook Road, Oakham, MA 01068.**

COA COORDINATOR for Town of Westhampton. Description available online at www.westhamptonma.gov. Applications accepted until position filled.

HAMPDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT is now accepting applications for a **FULL-TIME police officer**. Review of applications begins immediately. Visit www.hampdenpolice.com for more information. EOE

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Middlefield, MA. Part-time, ~960 hrs/yr, \$36-40,000 range. Email resume+ cover letter highlighting strengths/ flexibility to Administrative Assistant: **middlefield.assistant@gmail.com**

HELP WANTED

TOWN OF BARRE

Cemetery Clerk
The Town of Barre is seeking qualified applicants for the part-time position of Cemetery Clerk. This position is approximately 10 hours per week and the minimum hourly rate is \$15.00/hour and the maximum hourly rate is \$18.02/hour. A full job description is available upon request. Applicants must have HS Diploma or GED, with a minimum of two to three years' experience in office setting, or equivalent combination of education and experience.

Interested applicants should submit a letter of interest to: **Tammy Martin, Town Administrator, 40 West Street, Suite 697, Barre MA 01005** or **townadmin@townofbarre.com**.

For further information, please contact the Board of Selectmen's Office at (978) 355-2504 x135. A.A./E.O.E.

WILBRAHAM UNITED CHURCH is hiring a sexton three evenings, 7-10 hours per week, \$16 per hour. Additional compensation for hours needed for weddings and funerals.

Please send resume to **admin@wilbrahamunitedchurch.org**

More information found at www.wilbrahamunitedchurch.org/about-us/

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