

Boards and Commissions

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City of Holyoke Boards and Commissions

(last updated Jan. 14, 2011)

[Board of Appeals](#) -

Elbert Bowler, term expires July 1, 2012

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Dexter A Gess, term expires July 1, 2013

John Pierce, term expires July 1, 2011

Kevin Haarmann (associate), term expires July 1, 2011

There shall be established a board of appeals in accordance with the provisions of section 811 of chapter 211 of the Acts of 1936, to consist of three members and three associate members, to be appointed and confirmed in accordance with the provisions of such chapter. The board of appeals shall also act as a board of appeals under both the building and zoning ordinances of the city.

Board of Assessors

Anthony Dulude, term expires February 2014

Deborah Brunelle, term expires February 2013

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Conservation Commission

Gordon Alexander, term expires Feb. 1, 2013

Bernice Bowler, term expires Feb. 1, 2014

Josh Knox, term expires Feb. 1, 2013

Rory Casey, term expires Feb. 1, 2013

Eileen Leahy, term expires Feb. 1, 2012

Mary Moriarty, term expires Feb. 1, 2012

Sue Ellen Panitch, term expires Feb. 1, 2014

Council on Aging

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Norma Bagnall, term expires Aug. 28, 2011

Daniel Bresnahan, term expires Aug. 28, 2011

Kyong Cruz, term expires Aug. 28, 2011

Dawn Hosford, term expires Aug. 28, 2011

William Kerwin, term expires Aug. 28, 2011

Karol Krayeski, term expires Aug. 28, 2011

Barbara Levin, term expires Aug. 28, 2011

James Manning, term expires Aug. 28, 2011

Shirley Morrison, term expires Aug. 28, 2011

Phyllis Parlengas, term expires Aug. 28, 2011

Karlene Shea, term expires Aug. 28, 2011

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Sandra Swan, term expires Aug. 28, 2011

Council on aging ordinance passed on April 1, 1958. Twelve members all residing in Holyoke, serve without compensation, chairman of council will be designated by the mayor, may only serve terms of one year.

Cultural Council

Esthela Bergeron, term expires Feb. 17, 2014

Kimberly Counter, term expires Feb. 17, 2012

Debra Barboza, term expires Feb. 17, 2014

Jodi Lyn Cutler, term expires Feb. 17, 2014

Timothy Damon, term expires Feb. 17, 2014

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Catherine Dower-Gold, term expires Feb. 17, 2013

Mark Dunlap, term expires Feb. 17, 2012

Daniel Fitzgerald, term expires Feb. 17, 2014

Barbara Heisler, term expires Feb. 17, 2012

Tricia Marie Hennessey, term expires Feb. 17, 2013

John Kane, term expires Feb. 17, 2014

Constance Kennedy, term expires Feb. 18, 2013

George Murphy, term expires Feb. 17, 2012

The Local Cultural Council (LCC) Program is the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, humanities, and sciences annually. The program promotes the availability of rich cultural experiences for every Massachusetts citizen. Administered by 2,400 municipally appointed volunteers, the LCC network consists of 329 councils serving all 351 Massachusetts cities and towns. Each year, local councils award more than \$2 million in grants to more than 5,000 cultural programs statewide. These include school field trips, afterschool programs, concerts, festivals, lectures, theater, dance, music, and film. LCC projects take place in schools, community centers,

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libraries, elder care facilities, town halls, parks, and wherever communities come together. [In individuals, schools, and cultural organizations are eligible to apply for project support from their local council.](#)

Funding for cultural field trips is also available through the

[PASS Program](#)

, which subsidize the cost of admission for students to attend performances, educational tours and exhibits. Applicants should

[contact their LCC](#)

before completing an application. Exemplary LCC projects are eligible to be further recognized by the

[Gold Star Program](#)

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[Economic Development and Industrial Corporation](#)

David Bartley (at large sector), term expires June 30, 2011

Carl Eger Jr. (real estate sector) term expires June 30, 2012

David Healey (at large sector), term expires June 30, 2011

Matt Mainville (Low income sector), term expires June 30, 2012

Joseph McGiverin (municipal government), term expires June 30, 2013

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Michael Murphy (finance sector), term expires June 30, 2013

Fairfield Avenue Historic District Commission

(Chapter 18 Article III sec. 18-95)

Matthew Chenier (property owner), term expires July 1, 2013

Charles Davignon (realtor), term expires July 1, 2012

Olivia Mausel (mayor chosen), term expires July 1, 2013

Peter Papineau (architect), term expires July 1, 2012

Sandra Parent, term expires July 1, 2011

James Sutter, term expires July 1, 2011

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Wendy Weiss, term expires July 1, 2011

Fire Commission

Priscilla Chesky, term expires January 2013

William McCoy, term expires January 2012

Juan Pedrosa, term expires January 2014

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Gas and Electric Commission



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Raymond Feyre, term expires July 1, 2012

Robert Griffin, term expires July 1, 2014

Francis Hoey, term expires July 1, 2016

How was the Holyoke Gas & Electric established? In 1879 Thomas A. Edison invented the incandescent lamp and light in abundance became available to America. Soon electric lights began to replace gas lamps, particularly for street lighting even in Holyoke. By 1890 Holyoke had three hundred street lights, 235 of which were electric lights. The electricity for the lights was supplied by the Holyoke Water Power Company. There were those in Holyoke who felt that the Water Power Company's charges were too high and that Holyoke should look to the construction of its own electric plant. Out of this situation came the idea of municipal ownership of the gas and electric department.

The Acts and Resolves of Massachusetts for 1891 enabled, any city was permitted to build or purchase a lighting plant for its municipal use or for the use of its inhabitants provided such action was approved by a two-thirds vote and signed by the mayor for two consecutive years and then ratified by a majority of the voters. The first step toward establishing a municipal plant for Holyoke was taken on December 15, 1896 when an order was passed by the City Council and signed by the mayor, James J. Curran. *Information obtained from, The Story of Holyoke by Wyatt E. Harper*

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Geriatric Authority

Helen Arnold (medical), term expires January 2012

John Counter, term expires November 2012

Charles Glidden (geriatrics), term expires January 2011

Raymond Murphy, term expires November 2011

Joseph O'Neill, term expires November 2013

Alan Taupier (legal/financial), term expires January 2013

Chapter 554 Acts of 1971 ~ An Act authorizing the establishment of a Geriatric Authority of Holyoke and providing for the financing thereof. Adopted by Board of Aldermen Sept. 21, 1971 ~ three members appointed by the Mayor, three members appointed by the City Council and one member appointed by the six members. Amendment Chapter 1097 Acts of 1973 ~ no member shall serve more than nine consecutive years.

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Handicap Advisory Board

Barbara Heisler, term expires March 3, 2011

Elizabeth Larivee, term expires March 3, 2011

Al Lehmann, term expires March 3, 2011

Donald Welch, term expires March 3, 2011

Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40 Section 8J

[Health Commission](#)

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Dr. Edward Barowsky, term expires Feb. 1, 2014

Katherine Liptak, term expires Feb. 1, 2013

Dr. Robert Mausel, term expires Feb. 1, 2012



Bruce Mitchell, term expires Jan. 1, 2012

Duncan Mackiewicz, term expires Jan. 1, 2012

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Olivia Mausel, term expires Jan. 1, 2012

James Sheehan, term expires Jan. 1, 2014

Glenn Sullivan, term expires Jan 6, 2014

Carol Walsh, term expires Jan. 1, 2013

John Walsh, term expires Jan. 1, 2013

1972 Chapter 40, Section 8D, Adopted Nov. 20, 1972. An Act recommending the establishment of a Historical Commission for the City of Holyoke.

[Holyoke Housing Authority](#)

Michael Falcetti, term expires Apr. 5, 2012

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Patrick Higgins, term expires Apr. 5, 2014

Marilyn Sanabria, term expires Apr. 5, 2015

Gilberto Sotolongo, term expires Apr. 5, 2013

Aaron Wilson, term expires May 12, 2011

[License Board](#)



Jose Correa, term expires June 1, 2016

Andrea Brunault-McGuinness, term expires June 1, 2014

Eileen Brady Leahy, term expires June 1, 2012

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Parks and Recreation Commission

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Jennifer Gilburg, term expires June 30, 2013

John McAndrew, term expires June 30, 2012

Roger Reidy, term expires June 30, 2011

The parks and recreation commission shall have control of the public playgrounds and parks with authority to acquire land in fee or otherwise, by gift, purchase, or by the right of eminent domain, or to lease the same; and to conduct and promote thereon play, sport and physical education; and for this purpose to employ such teachers, supervisors and other officials as it may deem best and determine their compensation.

Planning Board

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Mark Joy, term expires July 1, 2015

John Kelley, term expires July 1, 2012

Mark Lubold, term expires June 30, 2013

Owen McLaughlin (Associate), term expires June 30, 2016

Miriam L. Panitch, term expires July 30, 2011

Eileen Regan, term expires June 30, 2014

A planning board shall be established under the provisions of chapter 211 of the Acts of 1936, such board to consist of five members to be appointed and confirmed in accordance with the provisions of such chapter. The planning board shall have the powers, duties and responsibilities provided in chapter 211 of the Acts of 1936.

Board of Public Works

Richard Berrena, term expires Feb. 1, 2012

Jose Garcia, term expires Feb. 1, 2013

David Moore, term expires Feb. 1, 2014

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The board of public works shall have cognizance, direction and control: (a) of the construction, location, repair, care and lighting of streets, ways and sidewalks; (b) of the construction, alteration, repair and care of public buildings; (c) of the construction, alteration, repair and care of main drains or common sewers; (d) of the construction, alteration, repair, care and maintenance of public bridges; (e) of the care, superintendence and management of the public grounds, except public parks, belonging to said city, and of the shade and ornamental trees growing therein. The said board may require that no person or corporation authorized by the city council to dig up any public street or sidewalk in said city shall begin such digging before furnishing to such board of public works security satisfactory to them to restore such streets or sidewalks to their former condition. The said board of public works, except as herein otherwise provided, shall have exclusively the powers and be subject to the liabilities and penalties imposed by law upon road commissioners of towns. The general superintendent of public works under the direction of the said board of public works, shall supervise all work of the public works department and shall have sole charge of carrying out the orders and policies of said board. He shall perform such other duties, not inconsistent herewith, as the city council may prescribe.

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PVTA Advisory Board



Kevin Jourdain, term expires June 30, 2011

Redevelopment Authority

Thomas Creed, term expires Nov. 1, 2011

Patricia Duffy, term expires Sept. 3, 2010

Carl Eger, term expires Nov. 1, 2014

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Gladys Leborn-Martinez, term expires Nov. 1, 2012

Jacqueline Watson, term expires Nov. 1, 2013

Retirement Board

Russell McNiff

Daniel Owens

Raymond Depelteau

John McCarthy

Brian Smith (ex-officio member)

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Soldiers' Memorial Commission

William Bevan, term expires Sept. 1, 2012

James B. J. Hoar, term expires Sept. 1, 2012

Henry Jennings, term expires Sept. 1, 2013

Ralph Lefebvre, term expires Sept. 1, 2011

Cesar Lopez, term expires Sept. 1, 2012

Frank Mooney, term expires Sept. 1, 2012

Nello Rota, term expires Sept. 1, 2011

Established Acts of 1929, Chapter 113

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Registrars of Voters

Odette Czaplicki, term expires March 31, 2013

Hayley Dunn, term expires March 31, 2012

Preston Macy, term expires March 31, 2011

The board of registrar of voters shall provide for the registration of voters at office of such board at any and all times when such office is open for business and when such registration is not prohibited by law, and at such other times and places as such board may deem necessary.

Water Commissioners

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John Barrett, term expires January 2012

Francis Dwyer, term expires January 2014

Mark Naidorf, term expires January 2013

[Whiting Street Fund](#)

Maria Burke, term expires Jan. 2013

Patrick Lavelle Jr, term expires Jan. 2014

John Pietrzykowski, term expires Jan. 2012

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Who was [Whiting Street](#) ? Whiting Street was a heavy, vigorous man, never known to be sick. The Street family, Whiting, a brother and two sisters, lived in a big unpainted farmhouse on the northern stretch of the road. Whiting was given to saving and took much joy in the accumulation of wealth. The old farm supplied the family with most of the necessities of life and the owner worked hard. When he died it was found that he had left a fortune in trust for the worthy poor of Holyoke. Many a destitute family over the past century has had occasion to bless his name and his widely heralded saving.

from,

Holyoke, by Wyatt E. Harper.

*Information obtained
The Story of*

The City of Holyoke signifies its acceptance of the provisions of the will of the late Whiting Street, of Northampton, so far as its interest appears therein by reason of any bequests or endowments to be paid to it under said provisions and subject to the conditions thereof. The principal of said fund or funds shall be faithfully held and kept good, and the income thereof shall be expended annually for the purpose mentioned in said will and for no other purpose. Whatever sum or sums may be paid to the city by the executors or trustees of said will in compliance with the conditions thereof, shall be placed in the hands of the city treasurer, whose bond shall be made sufficient in amount to ensure the safe keeping of all of said fund or funds, and he shall pay over the income thereof, to such person or persons, in such amounts as may be ordered by the board of commissioners aforesaid, for the relief of the worthy poor of the city who are not city paupers, nor in the almshouse.

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