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Hampton Inn - Chicopee from 8:30 - 10:30am. \$40 members/\$50 non-members (typically a \$99 course) For more information or click to [Sign up here](#)

Member Spotlight



Polish national Credit Union's mission is to grow lasting relationships to improve people's lives. From the everyday to the unexpected, they are their for their

members. They are also proud of their partnership with the community, and their recent merger with Chicopee Municipal Employees Credit Union has only deepened that dedication. They serve the community through a branch in Chicopee Comprehensive High School, the donation of a new Book Mobile to the city, support of senior picnics and Bright Nights trips and dedication to the Chamber and over a hundred other area nonprofits. Their employees define their company and exude a sense of pride in their community's success.

[Learn more about PNCU](#)

Business Expo - New Location!

Join the Greater Chicopee, Holyoke, Easthampton and Northampton Chambers for the Spring Business Expo at the David M. Bartley Center at Holyoke Community College. Free and easy parking available. Reserve your table for \$150. Fee includes a 6' skirted table with 4 admission passes. Tickets to attend are \$10 pre-registered. [Register here](#)

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Downtown Business Assistance Program

Mayor Richard J. Kos along with Michael Vedovelli, Director of Community and Economic Development, announced a Downtown Business Assistance Program designed to provide financial assistance to Businesses located in the recently approved West End Housing Development Incentive Zone (WEHDZ). The program will provide funding to business owners to make improvements that result in the creation of jobs, assistance to low and moderate income persons, or the removal of architectural barriers.

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May 19th
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Westover Update

On January 18, that signature howl, whine, and growl of the C-5's four engines got much closer to disappearing altogether, as the Air Force's last C-5B Galaxy departed here and headed to the venerable airlifter's manufacturer to get its second life as a modernized C-5M.



Local media and public affairs photographers and videographers huddled at the control tower to capture another military aviation milestone at Westover. The C-5's takeoff was the end of an era as the last B-model made its way south to become the last of eight C-5s to be modified to M-models. All eight modernized C-5s, equipped with newer, quieter and more powerful engines, are scheduled to be fully operational at Westover by June 2018.

The remaining fleet of 52 C-5Bs will see a new life with the engines and modifications throughout the 1980s-era airframes. The first C-5M is expected to join the historic Westover flight line in late spring.

[View the historic take off here](#)

BusinessWest - Difference Makers

BusinessWest magazine, the bimonthly business journal covering Western Massachusetts, will honor its Difference Makers for 2017 on March 30 at the Log Cabin Banquet & Meeting House in Holyoke.

The Difference Makers program was established in 2009 to recognize individuals and groups that are, as the name suggests, making a difference in the Western Mass. region.

[This year's honorees are:](#)

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