

# STOCKBRIDGE

## BAC to move out of Pittsfield location

STOCKBRIDGE – Berkshire Art Center, the region’s leading nonprofit visual arts education organization with its primary location in Stockbridge, today announced it will transition out of its small annex at the Brotherhood Building on North Street in Pittsfield.

The decision reflects BAC’s commitment to strengthening its long-term impact and deepening how it serves the community through expanded scholarships, partnerships and new flexible programs. While the Pittsfield studio space will close, BAC emphasizes that it is not pulling back from the city. Instead, the organization is reimagining how it engages the community in more sustainable and collaborative ways. Plans are underway to expand pop-up programming and partnerships with schools, cultural institutions, artists, and local organizations throughout the city.

Looking ahead, BAC is developing a reimagined approach to community engagement across the Berkshires, combining flexible programming with innovative partnerships. Under new leadership, the vision is to expand access to high-quality visual arts experiences for people of all ages and backgrounds, positioning BAC as a place where creativity not only lives, but thrives in new and unexpected ways.

“Berkshire Art Center remains deeply committed to Pittsfield,” said Laura Thompson, Executive Director of BAC. “This change allows us to focus resources where they make the most difference and to bring art experiences directly into the community. By expanding scholarships, transportation support, and partnerships, we can better respond to the needs

of Pittsfield residents and ensure that more people have meaningful opportunities to engage with the visual arts.”

That commitment is already reflected in action, by making programming accessible at Citizens’ Hall, BAC’s 1870 schoolhouse in Stockbridge. Earlier this summer, BAC received support from the Massachusetts Cultural Council to provide scholarships and transportation reimbursements for Pittsfield students to attend April camp. Ongoing partnerships with Berkshire Bank, Lee Bank and Greylock Federal Credit Union have enabled the center to offer scholarships for adults and children to participate in studio classes. Additionally, BAC is grateful to the Pittsfield City School District for welcoming BAC’s teaching artists back into its after school programs, a partnership that has thrived for over 18 years.

BAC will also continue to offer its robust range of classes, workshops and events at its Stockbridge campus and other strategic locations, ensuring that Pittsfield residents have multiple pathways to engage with the arts. More details about expanded Pittsfield programming will be announced later this year. For updates on upcoming programs and opportunities to participate, people may visit [www.berkshireartcenter.org](http://www.berkshireartcenter.org).

Berkshire Art Center is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing high-quality, accessible visual arts education and experiences for people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds. With its main campus in Stockbridge, BAC nurtures creativity, builds community, and fosters lifelong engagement with the arts across the Berkshires.

# CUMMINGTON

## Rep. Sabadosa hosts Town Hall

## Family Contra Dance event set to take place on Oct. 17

CUMMINGTON – State Representative Lindsay Sabadosa will hold a Town Hall discussion on Monday, Sept. 29 at 6-8 p.m. at the Cummington Town Hall, 33 Main St.

The event will feature updates on the legislative session, specific policy updates, and a question and answer session. All are welcome to attend.

CUMMINGTON – A family Contra Dance will be held in the Cummington Community Hall, 33 Main St. on Friday, Oct. 17 from 7-9 p.m.

This is a beginner and family friendly event; smoke and alco-

hol free. All dances are taught. Admission is by donations. All amounts are welcome large or small. Caller is Steve Howland with Annika Amstutz and George Wilson, fiddles and Becky Hollingsworth, piano.

This is supported in part by a grant from the Cummington Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. People may email [showland@mac.com](mailto:showland@mac.com) or call 413-522-3320.

# FLORENCE



Over 30 team members from Florence Bank marched in Springfield Puerto Rican Parade. Submitted photo

## Florence Bank team marches in Puerto Rican Parade

FLORENCE – Over 30 team members from Florence Bank marched in the 35th Annual Springfield Puerto Rican Parade in September and the bank was also a \$2,500 Merengue event sponsor.

Two bank vehicles accompanied the marchers on the 1.9-mile route that began at the intersection of Main Street and Wason Avenue and proceeded downtown. The parade drew roughly 4,000 marchers and a crowd of 10,000 spectators.

After the parade, held

each year to empower the community by celebrating Puerto Rican culture and preserving its heritage, spectators enjoyed cultural music, food and a variety of vendors. Florence Bank had a presence among the vendors.

“It was a really cool event,” said Paola Sherman, the bank’s community loan originator who has a focus on serving the area’s Latino community. Sherman inspired her colleagues to march in the parade.

“There was good ener-

gy,” she said.

Sherman, who started in her role at Florence Bank a year ago, moved to the region from Argentina 15 years ago as someone, who didn’t speak English.

“I know it’s hard to move here with a different culture and language,” she explained. “I can help with any questions customers, who don’t speak English have. I help people through the process.”

President and CEO Matt Garrity said the bank is proud to support community events that celebrate

cultural heritage. “We want to be a good neighbor in all the communities we serve and do our best to connect with residents, businesses and nonprofit organizations on a local level,” he said.

Florence Bank is a mutual savings bank chartered in 1873. Currently, the bank serves the Pioneer Valley through 12 full-service branch locations in Florence, Northampton, Easthampton, Williamsburg, Amherst, Hadley, Belchertown, Granby, Chicopee, West Springfield and Springfield.

# PUBLIC NOTICES

## TOWN OF WILLIAMSBURG LEGAL NOTICE

A Public Hearing will be held at **6:00 PM on Thursday, October 9, 2025** in the Williamsburg Town Offices, 141 Main St., Haydenville, MA to consider the following: The application of Branching Tree of Walpole, MA, for a Special permit, as required by Section 5 of the Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Williamsburg, to construct two additional connected structures to the existing dwelling located at 201 Main St., Williamsburg, Assessors Map K, Lot 126.1.

Kelly Blaser, Chairman  
Zoning Board of Appeals  
09/18, 09/25/2025

## TOWN OF MIDDLEFIELD Senior Center Crawlspace Structural Repairs and Renovations – Phase II Invitation to Bid

The Town of Middlefield is accepting Bids from state certified general contractors to make repairs and renovations to the crawlspace area in the Town Senior Center located at 169 Skyline Trail in Middlefield, MA 01243. Work will include selective building demolition, existing building services MEP/FP selective demolition and new services, construction of an access door to the crawlspace, installation of ventilation equipment, the installation of insulation in the crawlspace, insulation of utility lines, and related work included in the plans and specifications.

Bid documents will be available commencing on September 29, 2025, by contacting the Town Assistant Administrator at [middlefield.assistant@gmail.com](mailto:middlefield.assistant@gmail.com), or by calling the Middlefield Town Hall at 413-623-2079 ext.2. Bids can also be picked up at the Select Board Office in person, from the Middlefield Administrative Assistant on Mon-

days from 1:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. and Wednesdays from 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. The Select Board Office is located in the Town Hall, 188 Skyline Trail Middlefield MA 01243. There is no cost for the first set of Bid Documents.

A Pre-bid Site Visit will be held for all interested parties on October 6, 2025, at 10:00 A.M. at the front entrance to the Senior Center, 169 Skyline Trail Middlefield, MA 01243.

**The Bid deadline is October 15, 2025, at 2:00P.M.** Bids will be opened immediately after the close of Bidding. The project will start immediately after award (approximately October 22, 2025) and shall be completed no later than December 12, 2025.

Note: Massachusetts Prevailing Rates are required to be paid on this project.

Questions can be directed to Curt Robie, Member, Select Board by calling 413-623-2079, 413-374-2082, or by email: [middlefield.CDR@gmail.com](mailto:middlefield.CDR@gmail.com).  
09/25, 10/02/2025

## 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 Justin Day to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Inland Bank and Trust, dated December 17, 2015 and recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 12155, Page 171, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Inland Bank and Trust, its successors and assigns to Wells Fargo Bank N.A., recorded on September 27, 2018, in Book No. 13089, at Page 30 Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. to J.P. Morgan

Mortgage Acquisition Corp., recorded on February 2, 2021, in Book No. 13965, at Page 108 J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Corp. to DLJ Mortgage Capital, Inc., recorded on May 19, 2022, in Book No. 14556, at Page 212 DLJ Mortgage Capital, Inc. to J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Corp., recorded on November 1, 2024, in Book No. 15273, at Page 290 DLJ Mortgage Capital, Inc. to J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Corp., recorded on June 20, 2025, in Book No. 15452, at Page 123 J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Corp. to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for RCAF Acquisition Trust, recorded on June 20, 2025, in Book No. 15452, at Page 126 for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at **2:00 PM on October 14, 2025**, on the mortgaged premises located at 14 Pleasant Street, Huntington, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT: The land in Huntington, in the County of Hampshire and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the southeasterly corner of land now or formerly of James Kirby at a stone post on the westerly side of Pleasant Street, so-called;

thence SOUTHERLY on said Pleasant Street one hundred and nineteen (119) feet to a stone post at land now or formerly of Mary E. Graney;

thence WESTERLY on land of said Graney about ninety-eight (98) feet to a stone post at land formerly of Fred P. Stanton;

thence NORTHERLY on land formerly of Fred P. Stanton one hundred and nineteen (119) feet

to a stone post at land of said Kirby;

thence EASTERLY on land of said Kirby about ninety-eight (98) feet to a stone post, it being the place of beginning.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 12155, Page 168. 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.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and

place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCAF ACQUISITION TRUST Present holder of said mortgage By its Attorneys,  
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.  
150 California St.  
Newton, MA 02458  
(617)558-0500  
26241  
09/18, 09/25, 10/02/2025

**Town Of Russell 2026 Tax Classification Hearing Legal Notice**

There will be a Tax Classification Hearing held at the Board Of Selectman's Office at Russell Town Hall **Tuesday, September 30, 2025@ 6:00 p.m.** to discuss the determination of the Fiscal Year 2026 tax rate of the residential, commercial, industrial, open space, and personal property as set forth in Chapter 40, Section 56, as amended by Chapter 79 Acts of 1982 and Chapter 79 on the Acts of 1983, General Laws of Massachusetts.

The Board of Selectmen and Assessors will be present to provide relevant data and information.

All interested persons may present their views at this hearing.

Town of Russell  
Board of Selectmen  
September 25, 2025  
09/25/2025

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