

PITTSFIELD

Lani Willmar becomes ERC fellow at Berkshire1

PITTSFIELD – 1Berkshire announces the arrival of its new Economic Recovery Corps fellow, Lani Willmar.

The ERC Fellowship is a national program run by the International Economic Development Council thanks to funding from the United States Economic Development Administration. For the next year, Willmar will be working with the Economic Development team at 1Berkshire, in partnership with the Berkshire Innovation Center, to inject additional capacity to assist existing and new efforts



Lani Willmar

focused on supporting and accelerating the region’s innovation economy.

1Berkshire is one of only 64 host organizations across the country selected to host an ERC fellow, making it an exciting and rare chance to leverage highly skilled and passionate professional capacity for regional good.

The ERC Fellowship role in the Berkshires is focused on four primary areas, including: Bridging

opportunities for youth to engage significantly in entrepreneurial activities within small and innovative businesses in the region. Helping to build additional connective tissue across partners and qualified referral resource providers across the four counties of Western Massachusetts. Identifying and pursuing new funding and technical assistance opportunities to bring into the region to support current and future business success. Sharing the authentic narrative of existing innovative businesses, entrepreneurs, and powerful stories being written across the region’s diverse economic landscape.

Willmar is a Vietnamese American entrepreneur, who began her journey in the Berkshires as a QuestBridge Scholar for low-income, first-generation students at Williams College. As the founder of Ethos Pathways and Ethos Admissions, she leads two youth-centered social impact organizations focused on education access, climate justice and workforce development.

Drawing on both lived and professional experience, she strives to bridge gaps in educational and economic mobility for students. She brings a decade of expertise building cross-sector youth development programs along with private tech-sector experience in early stage talent acquisition and scaled hiring. Willmar’s work draws from both a global and local lens including her time as a Fulbright Scholar in rural Slovakia working with beekeepers and at an agriculture trade school and most recently as

a member of the Berkshire Innovation Center’s Stage 2 Accelerator. Her work is grounded in her lived experience and driven by a deep commitment to youth agency, class solidarity and place-based economic resilience.

1Berkshire Vice President of Economic Development, Dr. Ben Lamb notes “We are ecstatic to have Lani joining our team, and based on how quickly she has embraced this role, we can’t wait to see, and share, all the high-impact work that she collaborates with us on over the next 12 months.”

Flying Cloud Institute offers free science and art event

PITTSFIELD – Flying Cloud Institute will lead a free, hands-on science and art community event for students in grades K-8 and their families at the Berkshire Innovation Center on Thursday, Oct. 23 from 5-7 p.m.

This is the sixth Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math Challenge Night led by FCI, with support from the Berkshire

STEM Pipeline and the BIC. The event coincides with Massachusetts eighth Annual STEM Week to boost students’ interest in STEM fields and is part of the MA Lights On After School celebration.

“Flying Cloud Institute invites local families to celebrate creativity and innovation with us. It will be so much fun and family members can really get into the hands-on activities, too,”

said FCI Executive Director Maria Rundle.

Students and their families will spend the evening problem-solving together in ways that involve exploring, tinkering, and creating. In addition to creative science and art projects with Flying Cloud educators, several local experts and organizations will participate. Staff members from Berkshire Museum will explore how a physics zip line works, while BeatNest School demonstrates electro music stations and Berkshire Design presents a design challenge.

Participants will explore 3-D scanning and printing with Berkshire Innovation Center representatives and Bottomless Bricks will help students design and build using LEGO elements. Staff from Berkshire Art Center, Greenagers, Hancock

Shaker Village, Mass Audubon and Latinas413 will also be leading kid-centered challenge activities.

Complimentary refreshments will be served. Families are encouraged to register online at flyingcloudinstitute.org, but it is not required for this free event.

This event is made possible thanks to contributions. Those who want to be a community sponsor or donate items to the event,

PUBLIC NOTICES

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of Huntington
Office of the Collector
Notice of Tax Taking

TO THE OWNERS OF THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED LAND AND TO ALL OTHERS CONCERNED YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on **November 10, 2025 at 10 o'clock a.m.** at the Collector's Office, City Hall, PO BOX 550, Huntington, MA 01050, pursuant to the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 60, Section 53, the following described parcel/s of land will BE TAKEN FOR THE Town of Huntington for non-payment of taxes due thereon, with the interest and all incidental expenses and costs to the date of taking, unless the same shall have been paid before that date.

Sue Fopiano, Collector

Property Location: 40 HARLOW CLARK RD
Assessed Owner(s): BRADFORD BUILDERS INC
Tax Bill #: 568 Map/Parcel ID: 446 24 0

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing approximately 170755 square feet of land and being a part of the premises recorded at Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 14520 Page 227

2025	REAL ESTATE TAXES	708.28
	WATER/SEWER LIENS	0.00
	INTEREST	77.42
	ADDITIONAL CHARGES	100.00
	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	885.70

Property Location: 11 MAIN ST
Assessed Owner(s): TURTLE BEND PROPERTIES LLC
Tax Bill #: 813 Map/Parcel ID: H1 54 0

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing approximately 6534 square feet of land and being a part of the premises recorded at Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 15245 Page 228

2025	REAL ESTATE TAXES	1,973.14
	WATER/SEWER LIENS	0.00
	INTEREST	178.98
	ADDITIONAL CHARGES	100.00
	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	2,252.12

Property Location: 5 MAIN ST
Assessed Owner(s): TURTLE BEND PROPERTIES LLC
Tax Bill #: 814 Map/Parcel ID: H1 56 0

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing approximately 4356 square feet of land and being a part of the premises recorded at Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 15245 Page 228

2025	REAL ESTATE TAXES	1,492.30
	WATER/SEWER LIENS	0.00
	INTEREST	135.37
	ADDITIONAL CHARGES	100.00
	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	1,727.67

Property Location: 72 COUNTY RD
Assessed Owner(s): HAMLET HOMES LLC
Tax Bill #: 1479 Map/Parcel ID: 444 13 B

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing approximately 224900 square feet of land and being a part of the premises recorded at Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 11584 Page 181

2025	REAL ESTATE TAXES	4,104.10
	WATER/SEWER LIENS	0.00
	INTEREST	520.75
	ADDITIONAL CHARGES	100.00
	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	4,724.85

Property Location: 184 GOSS HILL RD
Assessed Owner(s): NATIONAL FARM & FORESTRY LLC
Tax Bill #: 2933 Map/Parcel ID: 328 9 D

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing approximately 732417 square feet of land and being a part of the premises recorded at Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 14267 Page 180

2025	REAL ESTATE TAXES	16.73
	WATER/SEWER LIENS	0.00
	INTEREST	1.14
	ADDITIONAL CHARGES	85.00
	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	102.87

Property Location: 186 GOSS HILL RD
Assessed Owner(s): NATIONAL FARM & FORESTRY LLC
Tax Bill #: 2934 Map/Parcel ID: 328 9 E

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing approximately 577344 square feet of land and being a part of the premises recorded at Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 14267 Page 180

2025	REAL ESTATE TAXES	16.57
	WATER/SEWER LIENS	0.00
	INTEREST	1.12
	ADDITIONAL CHARGES	85.00
	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	102.69

Property Location: 188 GOSS HILL RD
Assessed Owner(s): NATIONAL FARM & FORESTRY LLC
Tax Bill #: 2935 Map/Parcel ID: 328 9 F

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing approximately 474586 square feet of land and being a part of the premises recorded at Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 14267 Page 180

2025	REAL ESTATE TAXES	16.46
	WATER/SEWER LIENS	0.00
	INTEREST	1.12
	ADDITIONAL CHARGES	85.00
	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	102.58

10/16/2025

Town of Blandford
Public Hearing Notice

Pursuant MGL, CH. 40A Section 9 the Blandford Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing at the Blandford Town Office, 1 Russell Stage Road, Blandford, MA 01008 at 6:05 Pm on **Thursday, October 30, 2026**. This hearing is scheduled under the following Blandford Zoning By-laws Section VIII Ground Mounted Large Scale Solar Photovoltaic Installations and Section XVI, Battery Energy Storage Systems. The hearing is to consider the Town’s adopting a **Temporary Moratorium** on Large Scale Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations and Battery Energy Storage Systems. The moratorium will be in effect through **May 31st 2026** or the date on which the Town

adopts amendments to the Zoning By-laws concerning Large Scale Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations and Battery Energy Storage Systems whichever occurs earlier.

During the moratorium period, the Town Shall undertake a planning process to study, review, analyze and address what revision to the Zoning By-laws relative to Large Scale Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations and Battery Energy Storage Systems are needed or desirable to allow for and regulate such use consistent with applicable law while protecting the Town’s environmental resources and furthering its planning goals. Or take any other action in relation thereto

Any person interested or wishing to be heard should appear at

the time and place designated. If unable to attend please submit comments, in writing, to the Blandford Planning Board at 1 Russell Stage Road, Blandford, MA 01008. Failure to make recommendations on the matter for review shall be deemed lack of opposition thereto. A copy of the proposed articles is available for review at the Blandford Post Office and Town Hall.

A copy of Article I: Temporary moratorium on the Construction of Large-Scale Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation and Battery Energy Storage Systems may be found at https://TownofBlandford.com/planning.

Greg Garfield, Chair
Blandford Planning Board
10/16, 10/23/2025

Please check the accuracy of your legal notice prior to submission (i.e., date, time, spelling). Also, be sure the requested publication date coincides with the purpose of the notice, or as the law demands. Thank you.

GOSHEN

Vaccination clinic on Nov. 19

Wellness on Wheels bus will be on site

GOSHEN – The Hilltown Community Development in partnership with the Hilltown Community Health Center will offer a flu and Covid vaccination clinic on Wednesday, Nov. 19 from 1:30-4:30 p.m. in the Goshen Town Hall, 40 Main St.

People should bring their insurance card. There is no charge for the vaccinations, but people’s insurance will reimburse the service provider. No appointment is required. If people would like to pre-register for this clinic they may call

Colleen Kicza at 413-296-9763 or email ckicza@hchcweb.org. There will be pediatric, regular and high dose flu and Covid is Moderna.

During the vaccine clinic the Baystate Health Wellness on Wheels Bus will also be at the Town Hall. The WOW Bus offers prevention screening for high blood pressure and diabetes, healthy eating and active living education and resources, at home blood pressure cuffs for eligible individuals and resource and answer to health questions. It will be there from 1:30-4:30 p.m. in the parking lot across from the Town Hall, located at 40 Main St.

Country Journal news, photo publication policy

As a community newspaper our focus has always been local news. While we try very hard to run upcoming events as a public service whenever space allows, space does not allow us to run an upcoming event repeatedly. Our policy is to limit publication of upcoming events to one article in advance of the event and, space permitting, a second brief reminder article the week prior to an event, and to run those articles in only one section of the paper, and not in multiple sections simultaneously.

All such public service announcements and photos are subject to space limitations and deadlines, therefore publication cannot be guaranteed. Whenever copy for the week exceeds allotted space, news copy will take priority, and public service copy is the first area to be cut. We also reserve the right to edit for style and space, and are under no obligation to print lists of sponsorships, or articles that arrive after deadline, unless time and space allows.

Deadline is Friday at NOON.

