PITTSFIELD

‘Festival of Trees’ takes place weekends Nov. 21 to Dec. 28

PITTSFIELD – Berkshire Museum and Hancock Shaker Village announce a unique collaboration for the 2025 Festival of Trees program, entitled Festival of Trees: Barn to be Wild.

This annual festive tradition typically sees Berkshire Museum hosting dozens of trees decorated by local organizations, businesses and individuals, all inspired by that year’s theme. Festival of Trees “Barn to Be Wild” will run every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Nov. 21 to Dec. 28 at Hancock Shaker Village, 1843 West Housatonic St. It will be closed on Friday, Dec. 26. Admission tickets are $20 per adult. Children 12 and under, Berkshire Museum members and Hancock Shaker Village members are free. Other discounts and special offers can be seen at Hancockshakervillage.org.

This year, Berkshire Museum has partnered with fellow Berkshires-based cultural institution Hancock Shaker Village to bring their event offsite to the village’s scenic historic grounds while Berkshire Museum is under renovation. “This is an amazing opportunity for both organizations,” said Berkshire Museum Executive Director Kimberley Bush Tomio. “Festival of Trees is such a beloved holiday event in the Berkshires, and this collaboration allows us to keep the tradition alive while working with such an incredible organization.”

This year’s theme, “Barn to Be Wild,” honors the work of host site Hancock Shaker Village and its unique farm and architectural heritage. Home to the iconic Round Stone Barn and recognized as the oldest working farm in Berkshire County, Hancock Shaker Village celebrates the history and legacy of the Shakers, a religious group that lived communally and espoused values of equality and pacifism. It is the most comprehensively interpreted Shaker site in the world, spread across 750 acres and featuring 20 historic buildings, barns and structures. The working farm plays a key role in the Village’s education programming with interpretation set around the gardens, farm practices, and many animals that reside on site.

“This is an exciting year of growth for Hancock Shaker Village and the Berkshire Museum with transformational building projects underway at each site,” said Carrie Holland, Director and CEO at Hancock Shaker Village. “This presents us with a very unique moment to lean into the spirit of collaboration and co- produce a creative interpretation of a decades-long Berkshires tradition.”

To learn more, people may visit berkshiremuseum.org or hancockshakervillage.org. Questions about accessibility, parking or any other venue-related questions can be directed to Hancock Shaker Village by calling 413-443-0188.

Businesses, organizations and individuals interested in participating with a tree may email Berkshire Museum development and membership manager William Demick at wdemick@berkshiremuseum.org or call 413-443-7171, extension 382.

NPC hosts nonprofit resource fair at Berkshire Innovation Center

PITTSFIELD – The Nonprofit Center of the Berkshires hosts a nonprofit resource Fair at the Berkshire Innovation Center on Monday, Oct. 27 from noon-4 p.m.

Sponsored by Berkshire Funding Focus, CORE 401(k) Program, and Lamar Advertising, this free networking event features a broad range of vendors and two “Meet the Donors” panels.

Over thirty vendors will have tables on the ground floor of the BIC including: 1Berkshire Berkshire Leadership Program, Acrisure, Adirondack Payroll Services , Berkshire Funding Focus, Cartlann Digital, Community Television of the Southern Berkshires, Convivo LLC, CORE 401K, Impact Hacker, Jillian J Events, Little Green Light, Liz Albert Strategic Fundraising, MassDevelopment, Miss Hall’s Horizons Program, Mountain Magnolia Marketing, Northern Berkshire Community Television, Only In My Dreams Events LLC, Precision Bookkeeping by Coral, Randall Trophies LLC, Red Ball Promotions, Roger Magnus Research, S Brown Consulting LLC, SMS Consulting, Southern Berkshire Shopper’s Guide/ The Berkshire Eagle, The Love of T Foundation Inc., Tiffany Thibodeau Consulting, Tricia McCormack Photography, TSNE (Third Sector New England), Woodlife Farm Market and Wright Collective.

“We’re excited to expand this event and expect a good turnout because of the combined offerings of the resource fair and Meet the Donors,” said Liana Toscanini, founder of the Nonprofit Center of the Berkshires. In the Berkshire Innovation Center auditorium nonprofit attendees will have the opportunity to meet Massachusetts funders including Mass Cultural Council, MassCollab, MassDevelopment, Sincere Foundation and The Women’s Fund of Western Massachusetts. At 3 pm. Berkshire Funders take the stage including: Adams Community Bank, Berkshire Bank, Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, Greylock Federal Credit Union, Jewish Women’s Foundation, Lee Bank, Milltown Foundation, MountainOne and NBT Bank. The audience will hear directly from funders about philanthropy trends, funding focus and guidelines, and tips for applying.

Nonprofits can network with service providers, funders and each other, walking away with useful information and valuable connections. While the Nonprofit Resource Fair is targeted to nonprofits, anyone can attend and walk-ins are welcome. The fee is $20. Those that register in advance will be eligible to win door prizes. To register, people may visit https://npcberkshires.org/product/nonprofit-resource-fair-meet-the-donors/.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Goshen
Conservation Commission
Legal Notice

The Goshen conservation commission will hold a public meeting under the provisions of the wetland protection act (MGL chapter 131 section 40) on **November 3, 2025 at 6 PM** at the Goshen Town Hall to review a **Request for the Determination** filed by Robert Schrader for 22 Westshore Dr., Goshen. The work to be reviewed is a plan to repair septic system at 22 Westshore Dr.
10/23/2025

Town of Worthington
Conservation Commission
Notice of Public Hearing

In accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, the Worthington Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing in response to a Request for **Determination of Applicability (RDA)** regarding the work associated with the installation of an agricultural fence within a wetland and buffer zone, as part of a proposed ground-mounted solar photovoltaic facility at 190 Ridge Road.

The Hearing will be held **Thursday, November 5, 2025, at 7:00 PM** in the Selectboard meeting room at Town Hall, 160 Huntington Road.
10/23/2025

Town of Chester
Conservation Commission
Notice of Public Hearing
Thursday, October 30, 2025
09:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, the Wetlands Protection Act, the Chester Conservation Commission will review the following:

Request Amendment to Order (WE# 131-0075) submitted by Salvini Associates LLC, on behalf of Joeseph and Heidi Couture for a single-family home build and septic installation at 66 Crane Road.
10/23/2025

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 moritorium 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

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
Docket No. HD25P2111EA
Estate of:
John Pease Tuttle
Date of Death:
August 31, 2025
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Raymond L. Tuttle of Westfield, MA**

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Raymond L. Tuttle of Westfield, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
10/23/2025

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Town of Worthington
Public Hearing Notice

The Town of Worthington will hold a public hearing at Town Hall **November 4, 2025, at 6:30 PM**, to discuss the discontinuance of winter maintenance on the following roads from **November 15, 2025, to May 1, 2026**:

Almon Johnson Road	Feakes’ Driveway (#98) to West Street
Dingle Road	Prucnal’s Driveway (#8 at Old North Road) to Hall’s Driveway (#142)
Goss Hill Road	Lombard’s Driveway (#264) to Chester Line
Kinne Brook Road	Red Bucket’s Driveway (#584) to Chester Line
Patterson Road	Justamere’s Driveway (#248) to Chester Line
Prentice Road	Dasser’s Driveway (#130) to Fairman Road
South Worthington Road	Beyond Dufault’s Driveway (67)
Starkweather Road	River Road End will not be plowed
Thayer Hill Road	Sweeney’s Driveway (#150) to Ryan’s Driveway (#215)
West Street	Barbehenne’s Driveway (#829) to Chester Line

Virtual access:
https://www.gotomeet.me/CharleyRose/selectboard-meeting
10/23/2025

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Country Journal
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