

NORTHAMPTON

Hosmer Gallery lists exhibit

NORTHAMPTON – The Forbes Library, 20 West St., will exhibit Lasting Impressions Artwork by Judith Wolf, Susan Byrne, Kate Jenkins and Mel Petty in the Hosmer Gallery located on the second floor and accessible by elevator.

The exhibit will be on view from Tuesday, March 3 to Monday, March 30. An artists reception will be held Thursday, March 5 from 6-8 p.m. Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Friday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. The gallery is closed Sundays and holidays. People may visit forbeslibrary.org/info/hours for any updates.

Forbes Library competes in ‘Minute Madness’

NORTHAMPTON – This year Forbes Library, 20 West St., is competing against 18 other Massachusetts public libraries in the Fifth Annual Minute Madness, a bracket-style tournament in which they’ll go head-to-head with other libraries to see who can read the most minutes.

March 1-12 is Round 1, a “free for all” round in which they compete for one of 16 places on the bracket. This is an All-Ages competition and all kinds of reading counts: books, graphic novels, audiobooks, magazines and newspapers.

Help Forbes bring glory to western Massachusetts by reporting how many minutes you’ve read during each round via this Google form. For Round 1, please report your minutes by March 12 at 11am.

The second of two jug-

gling workshops will be held on Tuesday, March 17 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. The workshop was rescheduled from Jan. 26 and 28. People will learn the fundamentals of juggling in a relaxed, supportive environment. This beginner-friendly workshop series, led by Joseph Goldin, covers basic patterns, hand-eye coordination techniques and fun skill-building exercises.

March Saturday matinees are held every Saturday during March beginning March 7 starting at 11 a.m. in the Community Room. All film genres for all walks of life, all available to stream for free via Kanopy. Food and drink are welcome in the Community Room, people may bring a brunch.

“An Open Door: Temple Grandin (2024)” will be shown on March 7. This acclaimed documentary cele-

brates Dr. Temple Grandin’s pioneering work in animal welfare, autism advocacy and neurodiversity through her unique perspective as a visual thinker on the autism spectrum.

Other Saturday films are March 14 “My Life as a Zucchini” (2016), March 21 “Hunt for the Wilderpeople” (2016) and March 28 “Cemetery of Splendor” (2015).

Threshold Circle: End of Life Discussion with end of life doula Alison Keller and Alyssa Walters takes place Saturday, March 7 from 1-3 p.m. Registration is appreciated, but not required.

Gallery of Readers on Saturday, March 7 from 4-5:30 p.m. presents a monthly reading. This is free and open to the public. This month’s readers are Robin Barber & Kathie Fiveash.

This event will also be live streamed on the Forbes Library YouTube channel.

Chromebook Workshop Series led by Hannah Cox, digital Navigator at Northampton Open Media takes place Tuesdays, March 10 to 31 from 2-3:30 p.m. vSpace is limited; registration is required. Participants will gain new digital skills and strengthen their understanding of Chromebooks in this workshop series. Attend all four workshops to receive a Google Chromebook, free of charge. Devices will be provided for all participants.

History of Jazz Singing: The Voices and the Styles takes place Tuesdays, March 10-April 28 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. This eight-week course examines the history and nuances of Jazz singing. They’ll outline key concepts

in how vocal expression has been defined and perceived in Jazz and follow the steps in its development. It is led by jazz scholar and educator Ben Young and co-sponsored by Pioneer Valley Jazz Shares, Turn It Up and Northampton Jazz Festival.

Sourdough Class with Hearthstone Artisan Bakery will take place on Tuesday, March 10 from 6-7:30 p.m. Registration is required to attend. Nicholas D’Alessandro from Hearthstone Artisan Bakery will lead the class. He will explain exactly what a sourdough culture is, how to maintain one in a home kitchen, the common errors people make and how to incorporate it into a favorite recipe. They will take home a healthy sourdough starter for themselves. They should a small container.

STOCKBRIDGE

Chamber of Commerce elects new officers at annual meeting

STOCKBRIDGE – The Stockbridge Chamber of Commerce elected new officers and honored members during the annual meeting held at the Berkshire Botanical Garden on Wednesday, Feb. 18.

Barbara Zanetti, executive director of the chamber, said officers elected for the 2026-2027 term included President Amanda Barcnas, Prado de Lana Sheep Farm, Vice President Avie Maloney, Once Upon a Table, Assistant Vice President: Amy Oberfield, Stockbridge Coffee & Tea, Treasurer: Philip Celentano, Trustco Bank, Secretary: Kelly Palmer, Marian Service Corp. Seven others will be

joining the board as members-at-large, Michael Beck, Berkshire Botanical Garden; Wendy Pearson, Stockbridge Library Association; Douglas Goudey, Wheeler & Taylor; Stacey Gravanis, The Red Lion Inn; Margit Hotchkiss, Norman Rockwell Museum; Amy Aldrich, Tanglewood and Michelle Teillon, Chesterwood. These members sit on the board as advisory members.

Amanda Barcnas, chamber President gave thanks to members individual and collective efforts this past year. She recognized new businesses, highlighted chambers’ marketing efforts, special events and thanked the town of Stockbridge for

their continued support.

Special recognition during the evening was given to Business Member Lee Bank; resigning president, Pamela Boudreau and long-term treasurer, Douglas Goudey. For more than 170 years, Lee Bank has remained an independent community bank grounded in exceptional service, sincerity of purpose and simplicity in banking. As they have expanded across the region, these core values have remained constant. Lee Bank lives these values daily by empowering employees, supporting customers, and reinvesting in our local area. Their commitment to the community dates back to

1852; since then, their contributions and sponsorships have supported a wide range of organizations and initiatives throughout Berkshire County.

Pamela Boudreau has been an exceptionally active member of the Chamber. She has served on the chamber board of directors for the past four years as President, following one year term as Vice President and brief initial term as a Member at Large.

Douglas Goudey has been an integral part of the chamber for over 30 years. He has served in various capacities on the Executive board, but primarily as Treasurer and is now transitioning into an advisory role.

Michael Beck, Co-Executive for the Berkshire Botanical Garden, hosted the evening’s event. Established in 1934 as the “Berkshire Garden Center” and revered as one of the older public display gardens in the Northeast, Berkshire Botanical Garden is a not-for-profit, membership-supported educational organization encompassing 24 acres of land at the intersection of Routes 102 and 183 in Stockbridge. The Garden is open year-round for classes, lectures, workshops and exhibits and the display gardens can be visited daily May through October. For more information, people may visit www.berkshirebotanical.org.

Grange hosts March dinner

STOCKBRIDGE – The Stockbridge Grange is having a community dinner on Sunday, March 8 featuring corned beef and cabbage, carrots and bread with dessert choices of chocolate cream or lemon meringue pie.

Dinner is \$17 per person and is take-out only with noon-1:30 p.m. pick up at the Stockbridge Grange Hall at 51 Church St. Orders may be made by calling 413-243-1298. Inclement weather postpones the meal for a week.

Grange dinners are held to raise money for non-profit projects and building maintenance.

PUBLIC NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF HUNTINGTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) of the Town of Huntington will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, March 19, 2026 beginning at 6:30 pm** in Stanton Hall.

The Public Hearing is scheduled for 6:30 pm for the one year evaluation of the Special Permit Application of Jonathan Groff of 38 Russell Road to operate a new trailer sales, repair, parts and rental business (including U-Haul franchise) at 38 Russell Road (former Smith’s Sled Shop), Huntington, Parcel # H3-28-0.

The Special Permit Application will be available to view by appointment in the office of the Selectboard during regular business hours, as well as at the Public Hearing.

ZONING BOARD
OF APPEALS
TOWN OF HUNTINGTON
03/05, 03/12/2026

Notice of Chester Special Permit Granting Authority Public Hearing Special Permit Review for Cell Tower Modifications at 65 Old State Highway, Chester, MA 01011

The Planning Board of the Town of Chester, as the special permit granting authority, will hold a public hearing to conduct a special permit review for a proposed modification of the cell tower located at 65 Old State Highway, Chester, MA.

The public hearing will be held as follows:

**Place: Chester Town Hall,
15 Middlefield Road,
Council on Aging room
Date: March 11, 2026
Time: 5:00 pm**

The special permit review is for a proposed modification of the existing cell tower as follows: Remove fifteen antennas and six 1 5/8” coax cables. Install six 1 5/8” coax cables, two OVPs

and one 1 1/4” 3 x 6 hybrid and one 1 5/8” 6 x 12 hybrid cable. 02/26, 03/05/2026

TOWN OF CHESTER Public Hearing Monday, March 23, 2026 6:00 PM Town Hall 15 Middlefield Road, Chester, MA 01011

Proposed Joint FY26 CDBG Application with Holland

The Town of Chester, in association with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, acting as lead community on behalf of itself as well as the Town of Huntington, will conduct a public hearing regarding the FY26 Community Development Block Grant Program. The hearing will take place at **6:00 PM on Monday, March 23rd, 2026, in person at the Town Hall, 15 Middlefield Road, Chester, MA 01011.** If the meeting is cancelled due to inclement weather, the hearing will take place during the rescheduled Board of Selectmen meeting.

The public is encouraged to attend this hearing to discuss the town’s joint FY26 application to the Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities for up to \$1,150,000 in available Community Development Block Grant Funds. All persons with questions or comments regarding the grant application will have an opportunity to be heard. Those unable to attend can send written comments to the Chester Board of Selectmen, 15 Middlefield Road, Chester, MA 01011, Attn: Andrew Alward.

The Town is encouraging input on community needs and projects which would benefit from grant funding. Projects currently being considered include a joint housing rehabilitation program, public social services and water main designs on streets potentially including Maple Street, Maple Ave, Andrews Ave and Main Street. Additional projects may be discussed and may be included in the grant application.

Persons who require special

accommodation for the hearing should contact the town at least one week prior to the hearing date at (413) 354-7760. For further information contact Joe Hagopian at PVPC at (413) 781-6045 or jhagopian@pvpc.org. 03/05/2026

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF HUNTINGTON PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Planning Board of the Town of Huntington will hold 2 public hearings on **Monday, March 23, 2026 beginning at 6:00 pm** in Stanton Hall for changes to the Huntington Zoning Bylaw, according to MGL Chapter 40A, Section 5.

The first Public Hearing will include 1) Adding a definition for Large Scale Ground Mounted Commercial Solar installations to Section I.F. Abbreviations & Definitions, 2) Adding language to Section IV.T. ...Solar Bylaw... Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations to clarify the power source allowed for such commercial installations, 3) Changing Section V. Special Permits to specify most “Use” Special Permits to

expire (and require renewal) in five (5) years, rather than the currently specified four (4) years.

The second Public Hearing will begin at 6:15 pm and will cover changes voted in favor of at the 2025 ATM, but which may need to be voted again at the 2026 ATM because of potential procedural deficiencies in 2025 required by MGL Chapter 40A, Section 5. These changes are: 1) Removing page numbers from the Header of the Zoning Bylaw, leaving page numbers in the Footer, 2) Numerous revisions and additions, including a new Section I.V.S: Accessory Dwelling Unit Bylaw (ADU) to replace the now obsolete Section I.V.S: Accessory Family Dwelling Unit Bylaw (AFDU) required by the Affordable Homes Act, Chapter 150, Sections 7 and 8 of the Acts of 2024 by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Replacing that bylaw also requires changing Section I.F. Definitions and Sections IV.B.1b. and IV.B.1e. under “Residential Uses”, 3) Minor revisions to Section IV.I. Signs, to clarify original intent of former changes and 4) Minor revisions to Section V. Special Permits, to clarify original intent of former

changes. All text changes will be available for review at the Public Hearing and at Town Hall **by appointment only** during regular business hours (Monday-Thursday 10-3).

PLANNING BOARD
TOWN OF HUNTINGTON
03/05, 03/12/2026

TOWN OF HUNTINGTON Public Hearing Wednesday, March 25, 2026 5:00 PM Town Hall 24 Russell Road, Huntington Proposed FY26 CDBG Application

The Town of Huntington, in association with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, will conduct a public hearing regarding the FY26 Community Development Block Grant Program. The hearing will take place at **5:00 PM on Wednesday, March 25th, 2026, in person at the Town Hall, 24 Russell Road, Huntington, MA 01050.** If the meeting is cancelled due to inclement weather, the hearing will take place during the rescheduled Selectboard meeting.

The public is encouraged to attend this hearing to discuss the

town’s FY26 application to the Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities for up to \$950,000 in available Community Development Block Grant Funds. All persons with questions or comments regarding the grant application will have an opportunity to be heard. Those unable to attend can send written comments to the Huntington Selectboard, 24 Russell Road, PO Box 430, Huntington, MA 01050, Attn: Jennifer Pelouquin.

The Town is encouraging input on community needs and projects which would benefit from grant funding. Projects currently being considered include the phase I construction of the Blandford Hill Infrastructure Improvement Project. Additional projects may be discussed and may be included in the grant application.

Persons who require special accommodation for the hearing should contact the town at least one week prior to the hearing date at (413) 512-5200. For further information contact Sarah Maroney at PVPC at (413) 781-6045 or smaroney@pvpc.org. 03/05, 03/12/2026

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