

PUBLIC NOTICES

Town of Chester Conservation Commission Notice of Public Hearing
Sunday, July 19th, 2026 10AM – 12PM,
Town Hall-COA Room
Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, the Wetlands Protection Act, the Chester Conservation Commission will review the following:
RDA submitted by Lynn Proulx, 187 RT. 20, Septic replacement
RDA submitted by Denis Proulx, 170 Johnson Hill Road, Septic replacement
RDA submitted by MassDOT Hwy Division for work on RT. 20
07/16/2026

NOTICE OF DESTRUCTION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION RECORDS
Notice is hereby given that

Gateway Regional School District Office of Pupil Services will be destroying the special education records of students who graduated or left school in 2019. If you or your child received special education services and you wish to obtain the special education file, please call 413-685-1017. Records will be destroyed on August 4, 2026.
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Town of Blandford Request for Bids
The Town of Blandford is accepting bids for the Porter Memorial Library Addition and Renovation Project. Project documents available 7/8/2026 through www.biddocs.com. Please reference project B26-3Z6X. All bidders must use BidDocs.com for all bidding processes.
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TOWN OF HUNTINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS PARKING REGULATIONS
Approved by Selectboard on 5/6/2026, Effective 8/10/2026

SECTION 1 STOPPING, STANDING, PARKING
SECTION 1-1 General Prohibitions
No person shall allow, permit or suffer any vehicle registered in his name to stand or park in any street, way, highway, road or parkway under the control of the Town of Huntington in violation of any of the Traffic Rules or Orders adopted by the Selectboard and in particular in any of the following places except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the direction of a police officer or traffic sign or signal. Vehicles found parked in violation of the provisions of this Section may be moved by or under the direction of an officer and at the expense of the owner to a place where parking is permitted.

a. Within an intersection.

b. Upon any sidewalk.

c. Upon any crosswalk.

d. Upon the roadway in a rural or sparsely settled district.

e. Upon a roadway where parking is permitted unless both wheels on the right side of the vehicle are within twelve (12) inches of the curb or edge of the roadway, except upon those streets which are designated as one-way streets. On such one-way streets vehicles shall be parked in the direction in which said vehicle is moving and with both wheels within twelve (12) inches of the curb. This shall not apply to streets or parts of streets where angle parking is required by these regulations.

f. Upon any roadway where the parking of a vehicle will not leave a clear and unobstructed lane at least ten (10) feet wide for passing traffic.

g. Upon any street or highway within ten (10) feet of fire hydrant.

h. In front of any private road or driveway.

i. Upon any street or highway within twenty (20) feet of an intersecting way, except alleys.

j. Within fifteen (15) feet of the wall of a fire station or directly across the street from such fire station provided signs are erected acquainting the driver of such restriction.

k. Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when such stopping, standing, or parking would obstruct traffic.

l. Within twenty-five (25) feet of the nearest rail of a railroad crossing when there are no gates at such crossing, or otherwise within five (5) feet from the gate.

m. On a bridge and the approach thereto.

SECTION 1-2 Penalties
Parking violations shall be subject to fines as per the current Town of Huntington Parking Violation Form used by the Huntington Police Department.

SECTION 1-3 Authorization of Police
It shall be the duty of the Police Officers of the Town of Huntington to enforce the provisions of this Article. Violators of this Article shall be punished in accordance under the authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 22.

SECTION 1-4 Liability for Damage During Removal or Storage
The contractor shall be liable to the owner for any damage arising out of negligence caused to a vehicle in the course of removal and storage.

SECTION 1-5 Police to Keep Record of Towed Vehicles
The Police Department shall keep a record of all vehicles towed or removed under the provisions of this Article. Such record shall be retained for one (1) year and shall contain the following information:

1. The registration of the vehicle.

2. The location from which it was towed, and time and date of tow order.

3. The location to which it was moved.

4. The fee charged for towing.

5. Name of towing contractor, if any.

6. Name and rank of officer who authorized towing.

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PITTSFIELD

Community coffee chat takes place July 21

PITTSFIELD – On Wednesday, July 22 Chat Topic, an informal drop-in session from 8-9:30 a.m. outside Dunham Mall, 100 North St., brings together downtown stakeholders to learn about opportunities for volunteerism, sponsorship, business involvement and upcoming events.

Registration for DPI Community Coffee Chats is not required but is appreciated. The registration deadline is Tuesday, July 21 at noon by visiting at downtownpittsfield.com.

“Our Community Coffee Chats are more than networking. They’re about giving small business owners practical tools, local resources and a place to connect with one another. Each session focuses

on real-world topics identified by our businesses, from insurance and workplace policies to technology, financing and volunteer opportunities. By bringing people together to share knowledge and experiences, we’re helping build a stronger, more connected business community,” saysRebecca Brien, managing director, Downtown Pittsfield, Inc.

“1Berkshire embodies our name. We believe in the value of a united Berkshire business community, and we know that the best things we do as a region, we do together. We’re thrilled to partner with Downtown Pittsfield Inc. for the Community Coffee Chats because these gatherings create real connections locally to potential collaborators, funders, mentors, volunteers, friends, and more. It’s amazing what you can accomplish over a cup of coffee,” says Kevin Pink, deputy director of Economic Development, 1Berkshire.

People may email Downtown Pittsfield, Inc. at rbrien@downtownpittsfield.com or call 413-443-6501 with questions.

Since 1983, Downtown Pittsfield, Inc. has been the recognized leader, facilitator and principal advocate for downtown. DPI has developed strategies and programs, mobilizing resources resulting in a creative, lively, sustainable environment.

DPI is a membership organization consisting of property owners, businesses,

residents, cultural & entertainment venues, restaurants and non-profit organizations who have joined forces to increase economic activity by promoting downtown as a great place to live, work, and play. DPI works in partnership with the various city departments which has led to major streetscape projects, parking improvements, and marketing initiatives.

The mission of Downtown Pittsfield, Inc. is to strengthen and promote Downtown Pittsfield, Inc.’s membership through advocacy, collaboration, and celebration.

For more information on Downtown Pittsfield, Inc., people may visit downtownpittsfield.com or call Downtown Pittsfield, Inc. at 413-443-6501.

St. Joseph’s Polish Picnic returns July 19

PITTSFIELD – The St. Joseph’s Polish Picnic returns to the grounds of St. Joseph’s Church at 414 North St., on Sunday, July 19 from noon-5 p.m., continuing a 60+ year tradition.

The Polish Picnic is one of the last ethnic festivals in the Berkshires and the event is expected to draw several thousand people. The picnic has free admission and is open to the public.

A highlight of the Polish Picnic is the homemade Polish food prepared by St. Joseph’s parishioners. The food includes Pierogi, Kapusta, Golumbki and Kielbasa. American food and adult beverages will also be available for purchase.

Entertainment, consisting of Polish music, will once again be provided by the popular Eddie Forman Orchestra beginning at 1 p.m. People should bring a lawn chair to relax and enjoy the music or get up and dance a polka.

An outdoor Polish Mass will kick off the festivities at 11 a.m. The Polish Picnic will be from noon-5 p.m.

KiddyLand will provide games and activities for children. Raffles will also be available for adults, and new this year, there will be craft vendors.

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SCOTTISH

than 6,500 people attended last year.

Named for Blandford’s original settlement, “Glasgow Lands” or “New Glasgow,” founded by Ulster Scots in 1735, the festival outgrew its hometown, moved to Westfield in 1999 and settled at Look Park in 2004.

Today, there’s something for everyone: world-class pipe band competitions, Highland dancing, heavy athletics, dozens of vendors, Celtic music, living history, animal exhibits and the ever-popular Children’s Glen. Adults enjoy sold-out whisky tastings and the lively Celtic Pub, while families return year after year. Proceeds support local nonprofits and scholarships for piping, drumming and Highland dance.

The Heart of the Festival
A proud member of Clan Gordon, Pat and her husband Bob started the dance and athletic competitions, organized the children’s games, recruited volunteers, built stages, painted walls, whatever it took.

Langmore remembered Pat’s determination.

“Pat hand-made about two dozen St. Andrew’s flags, which lined North Street leading up to the Games. Thinking the event would not recur and, Pat told me, against Bob’s advice, they sold those flags. So, the next year Pat made two dozen more.”

Their younger daughter Sheila was one of the early Highland dancers. Today, the Bob Lucas Memorial Trophy is awarded annually

The Pipe Band performs.

to the winner of the Master Athlete competition.

Beyond the Festival
Pat never rested on her laurels. During her decade as Society president, she helped build the Sugar House at the Blandford Fairgrounds, documented Blandford’s historic cemeteries and gravestone carvers and photographed every house in town, creating the foundation for the Society’s “Then and Now” library, organized by road and documenting Blandford’s homes and families.

Pat and Bob Lucas are buried in Blandford’s Hill Cemetery.

Their legacy lives on each July as thousands gather to celebrate a festival that began with one simple idea. It’s another reminder that Blandford may be a small town, but it has a remarkably big history and often its biggest ideas reach far beyond its borders.



This man participants in a competition at a Scottish festival.

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