

PITTSFIELD

Downtown Pittsfield offers free dance

PITTSFIELD – Downtown Pittsfield, Inc. welcomes back Rhythmscape, a free outdoor summer dance series that transforms Downtown Pittsfield into a vibrant gathering place where music, movement and culture come together.

The series will take place on Dunham Mall, 100 North St., on select Sunday evenings from 6-8 p.m. throughout the summer.

Schedule of instructors are Sunday, July 26:Sandra Zarate teaches Zumba®; Sunday, Aug. 9 Soul Line Dancing with Berkshire Sole Society founded by Erica Shrader; Sunday, Aug. 23 Luana Dias David teaches Salsa; Sunday, Sept. 6 Brazilian Day with the Quilombo Experience and Sunday, Sept. 20 to be announced.

Each Rhythmscape event features a different dance style led by talented local instructors, inviting participants to experience traditions and rhythms from around the world while celebrating the rich cultural fabric of the Pittsfield community. From Latin and Brazilian rhythms to other global dance forms, every session offers an opportunity to learn, connect, and move together.

Open to all ages and experience levels, Rhythmscape encourages everyone, whether stepping onto the dance floor for the first time or returning as an experienced dancer, to join in the celebration. No partner or previous dance experience is required.

More than a dance class, Rhythmscape is an invitation to build community. This series is supported by Downtown Pittsfield, Inc., Wandering Dance Festival and Mill Town Foundation.

For more information, people may visit downtownpittsfield.com or call Downtown Pittsfield, Inc. at 413-443-6501. Food vendors will be on site on select Sundays to be determined.

Berkshire Lyric presents two concerts

Berkshire Lyric presents its chamber choir, Ubi Caritas, in two choral concerts to raise money for Berkshire County food pantries on Sunday, Aug. 2.

The identical concerts will take place over the course of the same afternoon on Aug. 2 starting with a 3 p.m. concert in St. Mark’s Church in Pittsfield, followed by a 5 p.m. concert in St. Joseph’s Church on Elm Street in Stockbridge.

There is no admission charge, but a free will offering will be taken to directly benefit food pantries that are supported by these parishes in Berkshire County.

This year is the 14th season for Ubi Caritas, and in that time the chorus has raised over \$17,000 working with a dozen local faith communities to support local food programs. The singers comprising Ubi Caritas are also part of the 120 voice Berkshire Lyric Chorus that will be singing Faure with the Boston Symphony at Tanglewood on Friday, Aug. 7.

For more information about the Aug. 2 concerts, people may visit www.BerkshireLyric.org or call 413- 298-5365.



Submitted photo
Berkshire Lyric’s chamber choir, Ubi Caritas, presents two concerts to raise money for Berkshire County food pantries.

First Fridays Artswalk happens Aug. 7

PITTSFIELD – The First Fridays Artswalk in downtown Pittsfield continues its five-month season May through September on Friday, Aug. 7 from 5-8 p.m. as part of the city of Pittsfield’s First Fridays at Five.

Participating venues on Friday, Aug. 7 include Clock Tower Artists, Framework by Downtown Pittsfield, Inc., Hotel on North, Indie Readery and Records, Lichtenstein Center for the Arts, O.U.R Resurge, Sanctum Gallery, Solarium Plant Shop and the Soda Chef.

People may download the Downtown Pittsfield App in the App Store or on Google Play to follow a virtual walking tour of art on your cell phone.

They may join the Clock Tower Artists at 75 South Church St. on Friday, Aug. 7 from 5 -8 p.m. to explore fresh artwork, meet the makers and celebrate summer creativity.

Stroll the historic third floor and connect with over 20 professional artists working across a wide range of mediums. People will enjoy original artwork, creative conversations and a warm, welcoming community of artists in the heart of Pittsfield.

Artists include Karen Carmean, Deborah H. Carter, Lucie Castaldo, Joan Palano Cioffi, Randy Foulds, Marion Grant, Nava Grunfeld, Caroline Kelley, Mollie Kellogg, Eric Korenman, Bruce Laird, Lisa Loustaunau, Mark Mellinger, Linda Petrocine, Sally Tiska Rice, Ilene Richard, Audrey Shachnow, Stanley Singer, Ariel Smith, Sharon Walthew, Stefanie Weber and Carmel Wilson.

CATA’s “I Am a Part of Art” will be on view at the Lichtenstein Center for the Arts, 28 Renne Avenue, now through Friday, Aug. 28.

“I Am a Part of Art” is one of the largest annual exhibits by artists with disabilities in the country-featuring paintings, drawings, photographs, sculptures and more by over 250 artists with disabilities from across Berkshire County and Columbia County, New York. In their works, created in Community Access to the Arts’ year-round programs, CATA artists express their unique perspectives and draw us into their world, revealing the power of art to nurture inclusion and connection.

On view at the Lichtenstein Center for the Arts, now through Aug. 28 on Wednesday through Friday from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and by appointment. CATA artwork is available for sale and supports CATA artists.

Complementing the exhibition are sacred Tibetan sand paintings by Tenzin Wangchuk, a former senior monk and artist for His Holiness the Dalai Lama.

Presented by Sanctum Gallery, a program of Healing Hearts Sanctuary, the exhibition will also feature artist talks, guided meditations, music, and other community programs throughout the month. Admission is free, and all are welcome.s

Berkshire Art Center will host “Kid Artwork Across All Ages, from the Summer in the Studios Program at Berkshire Art Center” at Framework by Downtown Pittsfield, Inc. located at 437 North St. There will be an opening during the Aug. 7 First Fridays at Five from 5-8 p.m.

Hotel on North, 297 North St., will feature Autumn Phoenix Photography for the month of August.

Downtown Pittsfield, Inc. and First Fridays Artswalk will feature Maru Domínguez as the August “Art in the Park” artist. Maru will present a special “Faces of Pittsfield Community Art Experience” for the Aug. 7 First Fridays at Five from 5-8 p.m.

“Art in the Park” is supported in part by the Feigenbaum Foundation. “Art in the Park” is supported in part by a grant from the Mass Cultural Council, and a grant from the Pittsfield Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Town of Westhampton Conservation Commission
The Westhampton Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing pursuant to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act M.G.L. CH 131, Sec. 40, to consider the **Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA)** filed by Douglas and Jane Deihl for the installation of a new septic system at 10 West Shore Rd. on Pine Island Lake in Westhampton, Mass.
The meeting will be held on August 5, 2026 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall in Westhampton, Mass.
07/23/2026

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS Town of Middlefield 188 Skyline Trail, Middlefield, MA 01243
Separate sealed BIDS for the construction of selective building demolition, installation of a new building electrical service and transfer switch, relocation and upgrade of existing electrical panel to 200 amps, installation of additional electric outlets, lighting and emergency lighting, construction of an access door to the crawlspace, construction of a new two-storey addition to include a new lift to the second floor, the installation of insulation in the crawlspace, construction of four roof systems to protect exits and accessible ramp, installation of new windows and related work included in the plans and specifications. The estimated project cost is \$725,000. There will be a base Bid for work and four Add Alternates included in the Bid documents. The add Alternates will include:
Add Alternate 1: Identify the cost to paint the exterior of the building. See Spec. Section 0911 Exterior Painting.
Add Alternate 2: Identify the cost to furnish and install the electrical generator as shown on the Electrical Plans.
Add Alternate 3: Identify the cost to furnish and install a new interior electrical panel (near the furnace room, lev.1), as shown on the Electrical Plans.
Add Alternate 4: Identify the cost to furnish and install 8 new single bulb lights in the Crawl Space, as shown in the Electrical Drawings.
Bid documents will be available commencing on July 23, 2026, by contacting the Town Assistant Administrator, Mark Doane at middlefield.assistant@gmail.com or by calling the Middlefield Town Hall at 413-623-2079 ext.2. Bids can also be picked up and dropped off at the Select Board Office in person, from the Middlefield Administrative Assistant on Mondays from 9:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. and Wednesdays from 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. and Fridays from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.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 July 27, 2026, at 10:00 A.M. at the front entrance to the Senior Center, 169 Skyline Trail, Middlefield, MA 01243. The Filed Sub-Bid deadline and opening is Monday Aug. 3, 2026, at 2:00 P.M. at the Middlefield Town Hall located at 188 Skyline Trail. Completed Sub-Bids and General Bids can either be dropped off at the Middlefield Administrative Assistant Office located in the Middlefield Town Hall, 188 Skyline Trail, Middlefield, MA in sealed, marked envelopes or they can also be submitted electronically by email to the Middlefield Town Assistant Administrator, Mark Doane at middlefield.assistant@gmail.com.
Filed Sub Bids will include Painting and Electrical and must be received at the office of the Selectboard, Town of Middlefield or submitted by email to Mark Doane at middlefield.assistant@gmail.com until 2:00 P.M. on Monday, August 3, 2026. At that time, Filed Sub Bids will be opened and read. A copy of the results will be sent to all Bidders that have requested Bid Documents.
General Bids must be received at the office of the Selectboard or submitted by email to Mark Doane at middlefield.assistant@gmail.com by Monday, August 10, 2026, at 2:00 P.M. General Bids will be opened on Monday Aug. 10, 2026, at 2:00PM at the Middlefield Town Hall located at 188 Skyline Trail. Review of Bids will take place immediately after Bids have been opened. The project will start immediately after award (approximately August 12, 2026) and shall be completed no later than April 5, 2027.
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.
07/23, 07/30/2026

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 Huntington Invitation for Bid Replacement of Garage and Personnel Entry Doors at Highway Garage
The Town of Huntington seeks sealed bids from qualified contractors for the replacement of garage and personnel entry doors at the Highway Garage. The complete invitation for bid package is available by emailing bids@huntingtonma.us or at the Town Administrator Office located at Huntington Town Hall, 24 Russell Road in Huntington by appointment. **Sealed bids must be received by Thursday, August 6, 2026 by 2:00 p.m.** by mail to Town Administrator, Town of Huntington, PO Box 430, Huntington, MA 01050; or delivered to the Town Administrator office. The Town reserves the right to reject any or all bids if it is deemed in the best interest of the Town. The Town of Huntington Selectboard will be the contracting authority.
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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 Bid-Docs.com for all bidding processes.
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TOWN OF WORTHINGTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC TREE HEARING

Town of Huntington Invitation for Bid Heavy Equipment and Operator Services for FY2027 Highway, Water, and Sewer Projects as Needed
The Town of Huntington seeks sealed bids from qualified contractors for heavy equipment and operator services for FY2027 Highway, Water, and Sewer projects as needed. The complete invitation for bid package is available by emailing bids@huntingtonma.us or at the Town Administrator Office located at Huntington Town Hall, 24 Russell Road in Huntington by appointment. **Sealed bids must be received by Thursday, August 6, 2026 by 2:00 p.m.** by mail to Town Administrator, Town of Huntington, PO Box 430, Huntington, MA 01050; or delivered to the Town Administrator office. The Town reserves the right to reject any or all bids if it is deemed in the best interest of the Town. The Town of Huntington Selectboard will be the contracting authority.
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Notice is hereby given pursuant to MGL c.87, s.3 concerning the cutting of public shade trees. A public hearing will be held on **Thursday, August 6, 2026, at 6:30 PM** at the Town Hall, 160 Huntington Road, Worthington, MA.
The purpose of the hearing is to allow public input regarding a request by the Town of Worthington to remove numerous trees on Lindsay Hill Road beginning approximately .4 miles west of Ridge Rd./ Buffington Hill Rd. intersection and continuing west approximately .4 miles to the top of the hill.
Work on this section of Lindsay Hill Road is needed to improve drainage and to facilitate year-round maintenance. Trees to be removed are marked with white paint and are of various species ranging in size between 2” and 28”.
07/23, 7/30/2026

Town of Chester Conservation Commission Notice of Public Hearing RESCHEDULED Monday, July 27, 2026 from 1-4 PM, 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
07/23/2026

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