

STOCKBRIDGE

Berkshire Art Center announces fall classes, workshops

STOCKBRIDGE – Berkshire Art Center invites artists of all ages and experience levels to embrace the changing season with a vibrant lineup of fall 2026 classes and workshops.

With programs offered at Citizens’ Hall in Stockbridge as well as partner locations including Berkshire Music School, WANDER Berkshires, and the Mass Audubon’s Canoe Meadows Wildlife Sanctuary, BAC’s fall season celebrates creativity through ceramics, painting, drawing, printmaking, mixed media, photography and more.

Ceramics students will find exciting opportunities to develop their skills this fall. Faculty Artist Paula Shalan returns with Tableware: Creating with Soft Slabs, where students create functional pottery such as mugs, tumblers, and bowls, as well as Cut, Add, and Stretch: Creating with Soft Slabs, which explores more contemporary approaches to hand-building.

Jess Cropper-Alt teaches Timeless & Tactile: Handbuilding Traditions, while Donna Bernstein leads Wheel Throwing for All!, an all-levels course featuring demonstrations, individualized instruction, and ample studio time.

For those looking to try

clay for the first time, Lorimer Burns offers Try Your Hand at the Pottery Wheel, a welcoming two-hour introduction to wheel throwing. BAC also offers fun, social workshops including Wall Pocket Party, perfect for beginners, friends, couples, and families with children ages 10 and up and Pottery Night: Beer Stein Social, an evening of creativity and community where participants craft their own handmade ceramic beer stein.

Mixed media and printmaking enthusiasts will find an inspiring variety of offerings throughout the season. Jody King Camarra teaches Color Theory Through Collage, Print Lab: Collagraph, Drypoint and Relief, Working in a Series: Creating Cohesive Collages, Monoprint Magic, and concludes the season with the festive workshop Handmade Holidays: Winter Layers in Gel Plate Printmaking.

Additional printmaking opportunities include Eco-Printing: Basics and Beyond with Malloreay Caron, where students create beautiful botanical prints using real flowers and leaves, Gelatin Plate Printmaking with Johanna Merfeld, an introduction to playful experimentation with layering, texture, stencils, and image transfers, and Image Transfers and Mixed Media, where Diane

Firtell shares versatile techniques that can stand alone or enhance existing artwork.

Photography lovers can celebrate the beauty of autumn alongside Thad Kubis, whose seasonal workshops include Photography of Daniel Chester French’s Studio at Chesterwood in Stockbridge and Photographing Fall Colors in the Berkshires at Canoe Meadows Wildlife Sanctuary in Pittsfield.

Painters and drawing enthusiasts will discover classes ranging from foundational techniques to expressive exploration. Jill McLean returns with Watercolor Foundations and Watercolor Landscapes at Berkshire Music School, along with shorter, 1-day workshops including Berkshire Polaroids in Watercolor and Handmade Holidays: Watercolor Bookmarks.

Wednesday Nelena Sorokin offers Creative Writing & Abstraction, where students use stream-of-consciousness writing to inspire expressive abstract paintings, along with Painting Basics, Two-Dimensional Composition Workshop, and the popular Abstract Painting: Color, Design and Spirit. Artists looking for a relaxed, supportive studio environment can also enjoy the return of Friday Painting Studio, fea-

turing a new and more accessible tuition rate and experienced facilitators who provide encouragement, feedback, and creative community while participants work on independent projects.

BAC’s popular monthly workshop series at WANDER Berkshires in Pittsfield also continues this fall. Held on the second Saturday of each month, these welcoming two-hour sessions invite participants to sketch, paint, journal, and experiment in a relaxed community setting-no long-term commitment required. The series begins September 12 with Commonplace Visual Journaling led by Kaily Ritz, followed by Mini Nature Assemblage Boxes with Johanna Merfeld on Oct. 10, Indoor Urba Sketching with Jill McLean on Nov. 14, and concludes Dec. 12 with Watercolor Reset for the New Year, led by BAC Executive Director Laura Thompson.

For a complete schedule of classes and workshops or to register, people may visit www.berkshireartcenter.org/classes.

Berkshire Art Center (formerly IS183 Art School) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting and advancing creativity in the Berkshires through classes, workshops, and community art programs for all ages, backgrounds, and skill levels.

PITTSFIELD

MassDEP penalizes Tree Service Company for violations

BOSTON – The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection issued a \$35,000 fine to Kelley Brothers Enterprises, LLC, for solid waste and wetlands violations associated with unauthorized operations at the closed Pittsfield South Landfill.

MassDEP discovered that the company expanded portions of its tree processing operation onto the closed municipal landfill without the approvals required under Massachusetts solid waste regulations. The company stored wood chips and other tree materials on the landfill, disturbed portions of the landfill cap, installed unauthorized stormwater infrastructure and created an unpermitted stormwater discharge that affected an adjacent bordering vegetated wetland.

“Environmental

requirements are in place to protect both residents and natural resources,” said Michael Gorski, director of MassDEP’s Western Regional Office in Springfield. “These unauthorized activities threatened to compromise both the environment and the landfill cap. MassDEP expects corrective action to address these violations and full compliance moving forward.”

Kelley Brothers Enterprises agreed to the terms of MassDEP’s consent order and will pay the \$35,000 penalty. The company also agreed to remove all materials and equipment from the landfill property, restore disturbed portions of the landfill and adjacent wetlands, obtain the necessary environmental approvals and complete corrective work under MassDEP oversight.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

TOWN OF WILLIAMSBURG
Zoning Board of Appeals
A Public Hearings will be held at **5:30 PM on Wednesday, September 9, 2026**, in the Williamsburg Town Offices, 141 Main St., Haydenville, MA to consider the following application: The application of Julie Elias of 13 High St., Assessors Map K, Lot 74.0 to demolish, rebuild, and enlarge a pre-existing non-conforming garage on a pre-existing, non-conforming lot as required by Section 12.0e of the Williamsburg Zoning Bylaw.
Kelly Blaser, Chairman
Zoning Board of Appeals
08/20, 08/27/2026

TOWN OF GOSHEN
Conservation Commission
In accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 131 Section 40 of the Wetlands Protection Act the Goshen Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Monday, August 31, 2026 at 6 p.m.** at Town Hall, 40 Main Street, Goshen, MA for a Notice of Intent filed on behalf of Wendy Berg, 51 Aberdeen Road, for a retaining wall replacement.
08/20/2026

Goshen
Conservation Commission
The Goshen Conservation Commission will hold a public meeting under the provisions of the Wetlands Protections Act (M.G.L. Chapter 131 Section 40) on **August 31st, 2026 at 6:00 PM** at the Goshen Town Offices to review a **Request for Determination** filed by Talon Zdaniewicz for at 124 Spruce Corner Road, Goshen MA. The work to be reviewed is a proposed residential garage.
08/20/2026

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
CHESTERFIELD
PLANNING BOARD
A public hearing will be held at **6:30 PM on Thursday, August 27, 2026** in the Davenport Town Offices, 422 Main Road, Chesterfield, MA to hear public comments on a final Battery Energy Storage (BESS) Zoning Bylaw to regulate BESS of capacities up to 100 Mwh whether Co-located, Freestanding or Accessory, in any zoning or overlay districts. This bylaw can be found on the town website, www.townofchesterfieldma.com, and/or in the Town Clerk’s Office.
The meeting can also be attended by Zoom at: <https://us06web.zoom.us/>
Sarah Hamilton
Acting Chair,
Planning Board
08/13, 08/20/26

LEGAL NOTICE
of PUBLIC MEETING
Williamsburg
Conservation Commission,
Haydenville, MA 01039
The Williamsburg Conservation Commission, in accordance with MGL Chapter 131, Section 40, the Wetlands Protection Act, will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, September 2nd, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.** via Zoom using Meeting ID 885 935 4972, and at the Williamsburg town offices, 141 Main St, Haydenville, MA to review a Notice of Intent for the Reconstruction of Mountain Street submitted by the Town of Williamsburg. The subject area or activity is located along a 2.84-mile segment of Mountain Street. The limits of the project start at the town line between Williamsburg and Whately and continue south into Williamsburg proper.
08/20/2026

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
HAMPDEN, Div.
Probate & Family Court Dept.
HD26E0036PP
To Melissa J Reid, of Hampshire County, and to all other persons interested

A petition has been presented to said Court by Robert S. Reid, of Morris County, NJ, representing that they hold as tenants in common in an undivided part or share of land lying in Chester, in the County of Hampden, setting forth that they desire that all of said land may be sold at private sale for not less than Two Hundred Forty Thousand dollars (\$240,000.00), and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided at private sale, and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof after full adjudication of the equitable claims contained in said petition and supplemental memorandum filed with the Court.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection in said Court at **Springfield** on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **September 17th, 2026**.

Witness, **CLAUDINE T. STOUDEMIRE**, First Justice of said Court, this 23rd day of July 2026.
Rosemary A. Saccomani,
Register
08/06, 08/13, 08/20/2026

Town of Chesterfield
Date: August 12, 2026
ATTORNEY GENERAL’S NOTICE
Pursuant to G.L. c. 40, § 32
Town of Chesterfield - Case No. 12276
Annual Town Meeting of May 11, 2026
Articles # 28, 29, and 30
Attorney General’s Limited Authority to Waive Procedural Defects in the Notice of the Planning Board Hearing
Pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 40, § 32, if the Attorney General finds there to be any defect in the procedure of adoption or amendment of any zoning by-law relating to the form or content of the notice of the Planning Board hearing prescribed by G.L. c. 40A, § 5, or to the manner or dates on which said notice is mailed, posted or published as required by that section, then instead of disapproving the by-law or amendment by reason of any such defect, the Attorney General may elect to proceed under the defect waiver provisions of G.L. c. 40, § 32. Under those provisions, the Attorney General is conditionally authorized to waive any such defect.
Defect Determined in Notice of Planning Board Hearing
The Attorney General has determined that the planning board hearing notice relating to the above Articles failed to comply with the notice requirements for such hearing established by G.L. c. 40A, § 5. Section 5 provides in part (with emphasis added):
No zoning...by-law or amendment thereto shall be adopted until after the planning board in a...town has...held a public hearing thereon...at which interested persons shall be given an opportunity to be heard.... Notice of the time and place of such hearing, of the subject matter, sufficient for identification, and of the place where texts and maps thereof may be inspected shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the...town once in each of two successive weeks, the first publication to be not less than fourteen days before the day of said hearing, and by posting such notice in a conspicuous place in the...town hall for a period of not less than fourteen days before the day of said hearing. Notice of said hearing shall also be sent by mail, postage prepaid to the executive office of housing and livable communities, the regional planning agency, if any, and to the planning board of each abutting city and town....In cases involving boundary, density or use changes within a district, notice shall be sent to any such nonresident property owner who has filed such a request with the city or town clerk and whose property lies in the district where the change is sought.
Based on the materials submitted to this Office, we have identified the following defect: the Planning Board hearing notice that was posted did not contain information about the place where the text (and maps if any) of the proposed zoning amendments could be inspected, as required by G.L. c. 40A, § 5.
For this reason, the 90-day period prescribed for the Attorney General’s review of Articles 28, 29, and 30 is suspended in accordance with G.L. c. 40, § 32.
Attorney General’s Election to Proceed Under the Waiver Provisions of G.L. c. 40, § 32
The Attorney General has elected to proceed under the limited defect waiver authority conferred by

G.L. c. 40, § 32.
Suspension of Review of Zoning By-Law Amendments
The 90-day period prescribed by law for the Attorney General’s review of local by-laws is therefore suspended in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 40, § 32.
Posting and Publication of This Notice
The Town Clerk shall post a true copy of this Notice in a conspicuous place in the Chesterfield Town Hall for a period of not less than 14 days and shall publish a copy once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Chesterfield.
Filing of Claim That Defect in Notice Was Misleading or Otherwise Prejudicial
Within 21 days of the date on which this Notice is published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Chesterfield, any resident of the Town of Chesterfield, or the owner of any real property in the Town of Chesterfield, or any other party entitled to notice of the planning board hearing may file with the Town Clerk a written statement that the notice defect was misleading or otherwise prejudicial. The statement must include the reasons supporting the claim that the defect in the Planning Board Notice was misleading or otherwise prejudicial. This statement must be actually on file with the Town Clerk not later than 21 days from the date on which this Notice is published in the newspaper.
Town Clerk’s Certification of Compliance with This Notice
After the expiration of the 21-day period, the Town Clerk shall submit to the Attorney General a true copy of this Notice with a certification of compliance with the publishing and posting requirements of the preceding paragraph, and a certification that either (a) no claim was filed within the 21-day period, or (b) one or more claims were filed within the 21-day period. The Town Clerk shall submit to the Attorney General true copies of any such claim(s).
Resumption of Attorney General’s Review
Upon receipt of one original copy of this Notice with the Clerk’s certification, the 90-day period provided for the Attorney General’s review under G.L. c. 40, § 32, shall resume. If no claim is made, the Attorney General has the discretion to waive any such defect; if any claim is made, however, the Attorney General may not waive any such defect.
Notice: By not filing a claim under this provision, a person shall not be deprived of the right to assert a claim of invalidity arising out of any possible defect in the procedure of adoption or amendment, as provided in G.L. c. 40, § 32, and in G.L. c. 40A, § 5.
Date: August 12, 2026
Very truly yours,
ANDREA JOY CAMPBELL
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