

# PITTSFIELD

## Berkshire Green Drinks host MassWildlife speaker

PITTSFIELD – Jennifer Longsdorf, the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program Coordinator at MassWildlife, will speak at the September Berkshire Green Drinks event on Wednesday, Sept. 11 at 6 p.m.

This free hybrid event will take place online via Zoom and in person at BEAT's Environmental Leadership & Education Center, 20 Chapel Street, Pittsfield. The in-person social gathering will begin at 5:30 p.m. and the presentation and Zoom meeting will start at 6 p.m. After the presentation, the in-person attendees will have the opportunity to use an Echo Meter Touch on BEAT's balcony to see what bat species are flying

around at night.

Bats are fascinating and unique creatures that play a critical role in many environments around the world. However, dramatic population declines have put bats in the spotlight. Discover how human activity and White-nose Syndrome have decimated bat populations. Join BEAT and Jennifer Longsdorf to learn the general facts and help dispel common myths and fears about the most underappreciated and misunderstood mammal on Earth. Jennifer will end with some tips on how to help conserve and protect these ecosystem superheroes.

People may RSVP at: [tinyurl.com/Sept2024-Berks-Green-Drinks](http://tinyurl.com/Sept2024-Berks-Green-Drinks). A grad-

uate of the University of New England in Maine, Longsdorf has been with MassWildlife for nearly 13 years as the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program Coordinator. During this time, she has been involved with a variety of conservation and restoration projects, aiding northern red-bellied cooters, bald eagles, peregrine falcons, and coastal waterbirds, among other species. For the past several years, Jennifer has mainly served as MassWildlife's bat conservation program coordinator and wildlife rehabilitation program manager.

Berkshire Green Drinks, formerly Pittsfield Green Drinks, is an informal gathering on the second Wednesday of

the month that is free and open to everyone with any environmental interest. A guest speaker talks about an environmentally related topic for approximately 30 minutes beginning at 6 p.m.; the presentation is followed by a discussion and question and answer.

The drinks aren't green, but the conversations are. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join and bring along questions. Berkshire Green Drinks is sponsored and organized by the Berkshire Environmental Action Team. For more information regarding Berkshire Green Drinks, people may email Chelsey Simmons at [chelsey@thebeatnews.org](mailto:chelsey@thebeatnews.org) or call 413-464-9402.

## Downtown Pittsfield celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

PITTSFIELD – Placita Latina, The Funk Box Studio, Dance with Luana, THECOLLAB, Katunemo Art Collective, Hot Plate Brewing, Pancho's Mexican Restaurant, Latinas413, Tito's Mexican Bar & Grill and MassDevelopment's Transformative Development Initiative announce the first-ever Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration in Downtown Pittsfield.

This celebration will honor the stories, cultures and contributions of community members of the Berkshires who have heritage from Spain, Mexico,

the Caribbean and Central and South America.

The celebration includes activities planned through the two month period. Activities include on Sept. 8 at 5 p.m. a dance class and performance lead by Andres Ramirez, owner of The Funk Box Studio at Dunham Mall; on Sunday Sept. 15 at 5 p.m. Cumbia at Placita Latina with "Media Noche" a Berkshire based Cumbia band and on Sunday Sept. 22 from 5-7 p.m. Salsa and Bachata classes with Luana Dias in Dunham Mall.

Other events are: on Friday, Sept. 27 from 5-7 p.m. An art workshop in Spanish led by Katunemo Art Collective at THECOLLAB community space; on Wednesday, Oct. 2 from 7-9 p.m. storytelling and open mic in Spanish hosted by Latinas413 at Hot Plate Brewing and on Saturday, Oct. 12 at 7 p.m. Tornado Musical Music Performance at Tito's Mexican Bar and Grill.

Berkshire County's Latin American and Hispanic immigrant population is growing. This celebration aims to honor, recognize and support the contributions

of the Hispanic population in the district and county by sharing music, dance, and food with the community. It also seeks to foster a sense of belonging and create opportunities for new immigrant business owners and artists.

This celebration is part of MassDevelopment's TDI for Gateway Cities which is working to revitalize North Street by promoting cultural and economic growth. Special thanks to Downtown Pittsfield Inc. and the City of Pittsfield for their support organizing this event.

## WASHINGTON

### DCR conducts work at Bash Bish Falls State Park

MOUNT WASHINGTON – Beginning now through Friday, Sept. 6, the Department of Conservation and Recreation will be conducting work at Bash Bish Falls State Park.

The park will remain open during the duration of the work, DCR urges visitors to use caution around work areas and construction equipment.

## OTIS

### Transfer station closed for Labor Day holiday, Sept. 2

OTIS – The Transfer Station will be closed on Monday, Sept. 2 for Labor

Day. The Transfer Station will be open on Tuesday, Sept. 3 from 7 a.m.-3 p.m.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### Town Of Russell 2025 Tax Classification Hearing Legal Notice

There will be a Tax Classification Hearing held at the Board of Selectman's Office at Russell Town Hall **Tuesday, September 3, 2024@ 6:00 p.m.**

To discuss the determination of the Fiscal Year 2025 tax rate of the residential, commercial, industrial, open space, and personal property as set forth in Chapter 40, Section 56, as amended by Chapter 79 Acts of 1982 and Chapter 79 on the Acts

of 1983, General Laws of Massachusetts.

The Board of Selectmen and Assessors will be present to provide relevant data and information.

All interested persons may present their views at this hearing.

Town of Russell  
Board of Selectmen  
08/29/2024

Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Hampden Probate and  
Family Court  
50 State Street

Springfield, MA 01103  
(413)748-7758  
Docket No. HD24P1770EA  
Estate of:  
Summer W Robbins

Date of Death: 05/13/2024  
CITATION ON PETITION  
FOR FORMAL  
ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Bret Hartley of Blandford, MA and Tasha Hartley of Blandford, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Bret Hartley of Blandford, MA and Tasha Hartley of Blandford, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration.**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/17/2024.** This is **NOT** a hearing date,

but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**  
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not

required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon.  
**Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: August 20, 2024  
**Rosemary A Saccomani**,  
Register of Probate  
08/29/2024

## EARLY DEADLINES

In observance of Labor Day,  
**Public Notices & Classifieds**

EARLY AD DEADLINE  
Place your public notice  
no later than 12 noon  
**Friday, August 30**

– Thank you!

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## OBITUARY POLICY

Turley Publications offers two types of obituaries.

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*Exceptions will be made only when the family provides a death certificate and must be pre-paid.*

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