

PITTSFIELD

'It's Alive' to celebrate Halloween season on Oct. 19

PITTSFIELD – Downtown Pittsfield, Inc. announces the return of Downtown Pittsfield... It's Alive! to celebrate the Halloween season on Saturday, Oct. 19 and will feature two parts: a Kids' Zone on the St. Joseph's Church lawn from noon-3 p.m. and a Night Circus from 4-7 p.m. on Dunham Mall, North Street and School Street.

Downtown Pittsfield It's Alive! Kids' Zone on the St. Joseph's Church lawn will feature a bounce house, Halloween-themed arts and crafts, games, face painting, giveaways, live entertainment and more. Terry A La Berry and Puggy will play a concert for children and families from 1-2 p.m. There will be live stilt

walking from noon-12:30 p.m. and a hula hoop play area from 1:30-2:30 p.m. with LaLoopna Hoops and a Star Wars-themed performance by Opal Raven Cirque at 12:15 p.m. and 2:15 p.m.

There will be free activities provided by Berkshire Art Center, Berkshire Athenaeum, Berkshire Museum, Berkshire District Attorney's Office, BeatNest, Child Care of the Berkshires ParentChild+ program, Flying Cloud Institute, Foster MA/Adopt MA, NBT Bank, Pittsfield Cultural Plan, Pittsfield Public Schools and the Susan B. Anthony Birthplace Museum. Downtown Pittsfield, Inc. will host a Halloween canvas painting activity. All Kids' Zone activities are

free and costumes are encouraged. There will be a bake sale on site for snacks.

The It's Alive! Night Circus from 4-7 p.m. will feature live music by the Housie Shakers, fire dancing with Opal Raven Cirque, belly dancing by Rosebud Red, a beer garden at Hot Plate Brewing Co., food vendors (Marie's North Street Eatery, Otto's Kitchen & Comfort and Cravins Ice Cream), free Tarot and Rune readings, free Caricatures by Matt Bernson, free face-painting for adults and select vendors including Always Love, Auntie Janet's Gifts, Fandom Forge, and Truffles by Tarah. Tarot is with A. Whim and Rune readings are by Damon.

The rain location for the Downtown

Pittsfield... It's Alive! Kids' Zone will be inside the McKay Street Parking Garage and the rain location for the Night Circus will be Hot Plate Brewing Co.

Downtown Pittsfield... It's Alive! is presented by Downtown Pittsfield, Inc. thanks to support from Mill Town Foundation, MassDevelopment's TDI (Transformative Development Initiative), The Feigenbaum Foundation, Pittsfield Cultural Council and the City of Pittsfield.

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

Downtown Pittsfield, Inc. presents Katunemo Exhibition

PITTSFIELD – Downtown Pittsfield, Inc. and Framework, 437 North St., will feature a new "Katunemo Exhibition: Who We Are" for the month of October as part of the Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration in Downtown Pittsfield.

The show will be on view Monday-Friday now through Thursday, Oct. 31 by visiting the Downtown Pittsfield, Inc. offices at 431 North Street during normal

business hours. Who We Are highlights the diverse backgrounds of immigrant artists living in the Berkshires, offering a glimpse into their stories and celebrating their unique contributions to our community.

Artists include: from Colombia Camilo Cardenas, Camila Cuevas, Emmanuel Arguelles Vagas, Felipe Romero, Juanita Latorre, Melchor Films, Shelsy Rodriguez; from Argentina Andrea

Puebla, Aylene Dominguez Clara Guatta, Maru Dominguez and from Ecuador Angie Soasti, Micaela Sasti, and Ruben Uribe.

For more information, people may call Downtown Pittsfield, Inc. at 413-443-6501.

The mission of Downtown Pittsfield, Inc. is to strengthen and promote Downtown Pittsfield, Inc.'s membership through advocacy, collaboration and cel-

ebration.

Since 1983, Downtown Pittsfield, Inc. has been the recognized leader, facilitator and principal advocate for downtown. DPI is a membership organization consisting of property owners, businesses, residents, cultural and 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.

CUMMINGTON

Friday cafe set for Oct. 11 features Carrie Cranston and Carla Ness

CUMMINGTON – The next cafe on Friday, Oct. 11 will begin with a "Spoken Words" set in which Carrie Cranston and Carla Ness will talk about the Cummington Historical Commission exhibit "Courage in Cummington: Abolition."

They will guide to a deeper look at the abolitionist movement in Cummington. Then John Walker Jr. and Shevaun Keogh

Walker will perform an eclectic sampling of roots music that will primarily include folk and blues. They will perform some of their original tunes as well as some by their favorite musicians such as Bob Dylan, Simon and Garfunkel, Bonnie Raitt and more.

The show is from 7-9 p.m. at the Village Church in beautiful down-

town Cummington in the heart of the Cummington Cultural District. The event is free, donations are appreciated, snacks are provided, BYO drinks. The show will take place in the intimate Vestry space. Masks are welcome and encouraged. Once again brought to you by the friendly folks at the Village Church who believe music can be a powerful force for building community.

Friday Night Cafe receives promotional support from the Cummington Cultural District and is supported in part by grants from the Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Hinsdale-Peru, Plainfield, Williamsburg, Windsor and Worthington Cultural Councils, local agencies which are supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

OTIS

Trunk or Treat takes place Oct. 26

OTIS – Trunk or Treat will take place Saturday, Oct. 26 from 6-8 p.m. at Otis Ridge, 159 Monterey Road. People wishing to participate are required to decorate their car and hand out goodies. Set up starts at 4 p.m. To sign up to par-

ticipate, people should email townofotisrec@gmail.com. They should include their name, contact number, trunk theme and vehicle make, model and color. People bringing a trailer should let that be known so spaces can be coordinated.

Historical Commission, Preservation Trust to host Elizabeth Massa

OTIS – The Otis Historical Commission and Otis Preservation Trust will host the first Notice Otis cultural event of the 2024-25 year, featuring Elizabeth Massa, Director of Parks and Trails, town of Chester, speaking on "Western Mass Hilltown Hikers" on Thursday, Oct. 17 at 7 p.m. via zoom.

A question and answer session will follow the talk. Admission is free but pre-registration is required.

The Hilltowns of Western Massachusetts are an outdoor museum of history. Many state forests and conserved properties contain relics of early colonial settlements, as well as factories, dams and transportation including the first state coach turnpikes and the Western Railroad.

Western Mass Hilltown Hikers, Inc. provides monthly free group guided hiking tours of various locations in Western Massachusetts. The organization offers detailed maps so that visitors may explore the Hilltowns and experience the natural beauty of the mountains, forests, fields and waterbodies of Western Massachusetts. The 501c3 registered non-profit also provides volunteer trail maintenance including routine brush and

storm clean up, as well as trash collection for local outdoor passive trail recreation.

The Hilltown Hikers offers free presentations to civic groups, other non-profit organizations, libraries and schools. WMHH is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes to engage in all legal activities relating to the development, maintenance and operation of recreational hiking and outdoor adventure in Western Massachusetts.

Otis Preservation Trust works with the Otis Historical Commission to organize and preserve the history and heritage of Otis for future generations by supporting efforts to preserve, restore, repurpose and educate about buildings, monuments, lands and memorabilia of Otis. OPT is a not-for-profit (501c3) organization operated for fundraising and educational purposes.

The event is via Zoom on Thursday, Oct. 17 at 7 p.m. To register for Zoom attendance or for more information, people may visit www.otispreservationtrust.com or www.townofotis.com. There is no charge to attend this event, but pre-registration is required. Donations are welcome.

LEE

Bridge painting takes place on I-90

LEE – The Massachusetts Department of Transportation announces bridge painting operations will be performed on the I-90 bridge over Route 20 in Lee now through Thursday night from 7 p.m.-5:30 a.m. Work will conclude on Friday, Oct. 11 at 5:30 a.m. Two lanes of traffic will be maintained during the work with a lane shift. The Route 20 eastbound on-ramp to I-90 will be closed at all times during this work. Traffic will be detoured to the nearby Route 20 westbound on-ramp to I-90.

Appropriate signage and messaging will be in place to guide drivers through the work area. Drivers traveling through the affected area should expect delays,

reduce speed, and use caution. All scheduled work is weather dependent and subject to change without notice.

For more information on traffic conditions, travelers are encouraged to: Download the Mass511 mobile app or visit www.mass511.com to view live cameras, travel times, real-time traffic conditions, and project information before setting out on the road. Users can subscribe to receive text and email alerts for traffic conditions. Dial 511 and select a route to hear real-time conditions. Follow @MassDOT on X, formerly known as Twitter, to receive regular updates on road and traffic conditions.

PUBLIC NOTICES

MIDDLEFIELD ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE

The Middlefield ZBA is holding a public hearing on **Tuesday, October 29, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. at the Middlefield Town Hall** regarding the application of Jana L. Gross and Michael A. Bero for a finding under MGL Chapter 40A, section 6 and Middlefield Zoning Bylaw section 3.2.3 in order to install a garden shed at their property located at 162 Skyline Trail, Middlefield, MA, Deed Book No. 14974,

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Maureen Sullivan, ZBA Chair
10/10, 10/17/2024

Town of Huntington Invitation for Bid Highway Garage Roof Coating

The Town of Huntington seeks sealed bids from qualified contractors for coating the roof of 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, October 31, 2024 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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