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"Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall." *F. Scott Fitzgerald*

September 29, 2021

Friends of the Suncook River - Membership Drive

The Friends of the Suncook River (FOSR), founded nearly 20 years ago, is a non-profit 501(C)(3) corporation based in the Barnstead - Pittsfield area, but covering the entire length of the river. The Suncook River is a 35.7-mile-long tributary of the Merrimack River.

The focus of the Friends of the Suncook River has varied under the changing interests of its past directors and officers but, in general terms, the mission of the Friends of the Suncook River is to maintain a healthy Suncook River watershed by educating and engaging citizens in its history, recreation, and protection. On a more personal level the mission is: "To enjoy the Suncook River and share in the experience with like-minded friends, family, and associates."

The Suncook River begins at the outlet of Crystal Lake in Gilmanton, passing through the Suncook Lakes in Barnstead, then through the towns of Pittsfield and Chichester. The river then forms the town boundary between Pembroke and Allenstown. Before reaching the Merrimack River, the Suncook River drops 70 ft and was responsible for the water-powered growth of the villages of Pittsfield and Suncook.

On May 16, 2006, the Suncook River, responding to the highest rainfall amounts in at least 70 years, rose to flood level and carved a new river channel in the town of Epsom. Two previous channels around Bear Island were left dry as the river broke into an active gravel pit half a mile to the east. The new river course, approximately a mile long, is the largest

channel change in a river in New Hampshire since systematic topographic mapping began in the state in the early 20th century.

So, if you enjoy fishing, swimming, boating, photography on the Suncook River.... If you live along the Suncook River and it impacts your property.....If you care about



your environment and the Suncook's natural beauty.....If you want to meet like-minded people who also enjoy the Suncook....If you are interested in the wildlife and plants in and around the Suncook....If you want to stay informed about what's happening along the river.....If you want to be pro-active in the protection & conservation of the Suncook....If you are a student or adult wanting to build a record of environmental awareness and become involved in non-profit organizations, then please step forward and help save The Friends of the Suncook River, Inc. Receiving non-profit status is a difficult and time-consuming task, and the demise of any non-profit organization focused on New Hampshire would be a terrible loss.

The FOSR has been inactive since before the outbreak of the Covid 19 virus and needs to be re-built from the ground up. Officers, directors, and members are needed as per the requirements of non-profit corporations. Please step forward and help save this non-profit New Hampshire organization. Contact Paul Oman in Pittsfield at pauloman555@yahoo.com Paul Oman



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Sunday, October 3rd, Class of 2022, 2nd Annual Car Show, Pittsfield Middle High School, 23 Oneida St, 11am to 3pm. All makes and models are welcome. Join us and support PMHS Class of 2022; show off your sweet rides. \$10 entry fee. Raffles, trophies, and concessions! E-mail

Jenncall1084@yahoo.com for more information.

Sponsored in part by: *Rust Rods Car Club, Amesbury, Massachusetts.*

Tuesday, October 5, 9-11am Infant Toddler Diaper Pantry, at the First Congregational Church.

Entrance is through the Chestnut Street parking lot.

The Pittsfield Senior Center will be moving out of its current location. We are hoping to stay in Pittsfield and are working on a few locations. The last day for events at the current Center was Friday, September 24. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Carol Schiferle at cshiferle@bm-cap.org or call 435-8482.

The Josiah Carpenter Library is very thankful to have been the recipient of beautiful color-printed posters to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. This educational exhibition recounts the events of September 11, 2001, through the personal stories of those who witnessed and survived the attacks. Told across 14 posters, this exhibition includes archival photographs and images of artifacts from the Museum's permanent collection. Visit the poster exhibition during our normal business hours—Mondays and Thursdays from 10am-6pm, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 2-6pm and Saturdays 10am-2pm.

The Pittsfield Historical Society continues to raise funds for the new Museum and Headquarters. A commemorative garden on the Museum grounds is being worked on. A "BUY-A-BRICK" project affords an opportunity for people to buy a brick to honor yourself, loved ones past or present, or whomever you wish to remember. The bricks are \$100 each and may be engraved. Please visit www.pittsfieldhistory.com for a donation form and instructions. For more information, please call 798-3984.

B.C.E.P. Solid Waste facility Seasonal hours are in effect through Sept. 30. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday - 7:30am - 4:00pm Scale closes at 3:45pm; Saturday 7:00am - 2:00pm Scale closes at 1:45pm. Thursday 7:30am - 6:00pm Scale closes at 5:45pm through September 30, 2021. Closed Sundays and Mondays.

Pittsfield School Board Resignation Letter

Jessica Drouin shared the following letter with the Pittsfield Post, and requested publication.

September 8, 2021

It is with great sadness that I notify the school staff and the community that I can no longer fulfill my duties as a school board member. I will be resigning from my elected position effective September 8, 2021

I would like to take a moment and thank the community for the opportunity to be a member of the Pittsfield School Board. It has been a great pleasure, though challenging at times, to serve on the school board and fight for what I felt was best for the students of the Pittsfield School District. Being a member of the school board has become a toxic environment for me. Therefore, I feel I must resign.

At this time I would like to say that I fear for the students of Pittsfield and the road that the District is on. I can only hope that the person that is chosen to take this seat has the passion and strength to fight for what is best for the students, current and future. *Jessica Drouin*

Outcome of September 23 School District Meeting

The 78 residents in attendance voted 58 to 20 to allow the school district to spend the additional \$358,696.00 allocated by the State of NH.

This authorization will not impact the tax rate that will be set in the coming weeks.

The spending plan for the additional funds is posted on the school district website. If you have concerns or suggestions about the school district budget, please contact a school board member, or interim superintendent Bryan Lane. <https://www.pittsfieldnhschools.org>

Parks and Recreation Drawing Winners

At Pittsfield Celebrates Homecoming, Olivia Pelletier won the drawing for a Season Family Pass for the Recreation Area's 2022 summer season. Annabelle Scoid, Amy Harris, and Kali King won the drawing for a hamburger at Harvest Fest. Congratulations to all. You may pick up your ticket at the concession area on October 23.

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"A Stone Story" continued from Sept 22nd edition...

In mid July, Keith brought up the town loader and we hand loaded 3 buckets of ledge from my place to the Clough Rd. project. I was ready again for Keith and the backhoe by early August. We needed 2 more capstones; Brian brought them up with the town loader and we had the cap's placed by 2pm!

Mid August Keith brought the last load of stone, one loader bucket to finish the back-fill. He also cleaned up the scrap granite. I finished the back-filling by August 26th. The town cleaned up the extra dirt and brought in gravel to fill up to the capstone and stonework. August 31st. It's beautiful.



Brian and Keith helped me get the elevation of the stonework correct. I drove by the completed project the other day. I'm so happy to see what can be accomplished when me, the Town, and Camp Graylag get together.

This is what a Stoneman, working with a road crew with the backing of a Town, can do.

Nick and Sam Basset, Camp Graylag, Noel, Brian Keith, Peter, Scotty - could not have done it without you all!

Thanks for Everyone's Cooperation! What's Next? *Dan the Stoneman*

Select Board Review September 14, 2021

We voted to hire a promising young applicant, Dillon Sargeant, as EMT and Firefighter in the Fire Department.

Road striping should get underway this fall.

Two tax deed waivers were granted for taxpayers participating in a payment plan and are up to date.

We accepted an engineering contract with a Londonderry firm to upgrade our waste water treatment plant, which is suffering from many age-related issues.

Nicole St. George was approved as a volunteer at Parks and Recreation. This department thrives on generous volunteers.

Three Notices of Intent to Cut were signed for logging operations around town.

With budget season at the doorstep, the Selectboard will go to weekly meetings for department budget reviews. The BoS puts together a proposed town budget, which is then handed over to the Budget Committee for their fine tuning. It is their budget that actually gets voted on by residents next March. *Carl Anderson*

Richard A. Boyd

Richard A. Boyd, Pittsfield High School Class of 1960, passed away in Oklahoma on September 10, 2021. At the age of 17 he joined the Air Force and was stationed at Clinton-Sherman Air Force Base in Oklahoma. In 1964, he married Lana Beth O'Neill. They had four daughters. He left the Service after four years and began a career in law enforcement, rising to the rank of Lieutenant on the Oklahoma City Police Force.

Richard was instrumental in founding the Oklahoma City Fraternal Order of Police, serving as secretary and president. He also served four years as the Oklahoma FOP president and in 1979, began serving four years as national treasurer. In 1983 he was elected national president.

During his career Richard was invited to the White House under three sitting presidents. He was a congressional lobbyist and played a key role in passing the Fair Labor Standards Act and the Brady Bill.

He was inducted into the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Hall of Fame in 2009.



Cook's Corner

Pork Tenderloin with Apples and Roasted Acorn Squash

Don't you just love Fall? It's apple season and all those great squashes are plentiful. Here's a two-fer that hits up both. For the pork tenderloin, you can easily substitute pork chops (bone-in or boneless), because this recipe is really all about the scrumptious sauce. And I'm including my go-to idea for Acorn squash. Try to shop locally if you can. Stop by The Barnstead Farmers Market or Danis for your pork and squash (best Acorn squash I've ever had I found at Danis); drive up to Applevue Orchard for your apples; and check to see when Laurie Houle opens up Leavitt's Cider Mill for your cider. It should be opening soon, and her cider is epic.

If you have great family recipes and favorites that you'd like to share, please send your ideas in to the *Pittsfield Post*. We would love to hear from you! Bon appetit!

Pork Tenderloin with Apples

1 pork tenderloin pkg (2 pieces), cut into medallions

OR pork chops, bone-in or boneless

Olive oil or vegetable oil

Salt & pepper

$\frac{3}{4}$ tsp dried rosemary

2 Gala or Honey Crisp apples, peeled, cored and thinly sliced

1 cup chopped onion

1 Tbsp garlic, minced

1 Tbsp + 1 tsp cornstarch

$2\frac{1}{2}$ cups apple cider

2 tsp Dijon mustard

Cut the pork tenderloin into medallions, about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch thick and season with salt, pepper and $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp of the dried rosemary. In a large skillet, heat about 1 Tbsp or so of cooking oil over medium-high heat. Working in batches, saute the pork until browned on both sides and cooked through, about 3+ minutes per side.

Transfer the pork to a platter and keep warm.

To the same skillet, add the apples, onion, and garlic; cook for 5 minutes. Combine cornstarch and cider in a bowl and whisk until smooth. Now add the cider mixture to the skillet. Stir in $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp salt and $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp dried rosemary and some fresh ground black pepper. Simmer for 1 to 2 minutes until thickened. Now add the mustard and stir to combine.

Serve the pork topped with the apple mixture.

Roasted potatoes, mashed potatoes or wild rice are lovely alongside this dish. And treat yourself to a roasted acorn squash, too.

Roasted Acorn Squash

1 good-sized Acorn squash (make sure it has at least one orange spot on the outside)

2 to 4 Tbsp butter, softened

Salt & pepper

2 to 4 Tbsp good quality maple syrup

Heat oven to 375 degrees.

Cut the squash in half horizontally and scoop out the seeds and tough fibers.

Rub the softened butter across both squash halves, then season with salt & pepper. Place on a foil lined baking sheet, cut side up, and roast for 1 hour.

Before serving, add a little more butter to each half and drizzle with maple syrup. *MP Christakos*



Josiah Carpenter Library Logo

The winning logo was selected by a landslide!

A special thank you to Pittsfield's own, Denise Grattage, graphic designer and entrepreneur of Grattage Graphics, for her amazing work on all three logo choices. Check out her website at www.grattagegraphics.com

Classifieds

Cordwood for Sale

$3\frac{1}{2}$ cords of seasoned, mixed hardwood. Delivery available within a 10-mile radius of Pittsfield. \$300/cord, \$25/cord delivery.

Raw Milk for Sale

Local organic raw milk for sale with weekly pickup at Matras Maple sugar house. Can also accommodate larger, one-time purchases for cheese-making or other products. Please support NH agriculture. Price is \$5/half-gallon. Contact Willie at 603-724-9427 or email wmatras@gmail.com if interested.

Daycare Openings

Current openings for infants and toddlers at daycare in downtown Pittsfield. Over 20 years experience. Please call 435-0871. Leave message.

OCTOBER 2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mondays, 10am-6pm Josiah Carpenter Library

11am-2pm, 4-6pm Pittsfield Food Pantry

11am-7pm Town Hall

Tuesdays, 2pm-6pm Josiah Carpenter Library

10am-4pm Pittsfield Clothes Closet

8am-4pm Town Hall

Wednesdays, 2pm-6pm Josiah Carpenter Library

10-4pm Pittsfield Clothes Closet

1-4pm Town Hall

Thursdays, 10am Library Story Hour

11am-2pm Pittsfield Food Pantry

10am-6pm Josiah Carpenter Library

8am-4pm Town Hall

Fridays, 8am-4pm Town Hall

Saturdays, 10am-2pm Josiah Carpenter Library

10am-1pm Pittsfield Clothes Closet

1, Friday, 4:30pm PMHS Varsity Boys Soccer Game, Drake Field

2, Saturday, 1pm PMHS Varsity Girls Soccer Game, Drake Field

3pm PMHS Varsity Boys Soccer Game, Drake Field

3, Sunday, 11am PMHS Class of 2022 2nd Annual Car Show, PMHS

4, Monday, 4:30 PMHS Varsity Boys Soccer Game, Drake Field

7:30pm American Legion Peterson-Cram Post 75 meeting, Town Hall

5, Tuesday, 9-11am Diaper Pantry, First Congregational Church

6pm Selectboard Meeting, Town Hall

6, Wednesday, 4:30 PMHS Varsity Boys Soccer Game, Drake Field

6:15pm Suncook Valley Rotary Club Meeting, Dominicks

7, Thursday, 6pm Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting, Town Hall

8, Friday Pittsfield School District will be closed

9, Saturday Josiah Carpenter Library will be closed

11am PMHS Varsity Girls Soccer Game, Drake Field

1pm PMHS Varsity Boys Soccer Game, Drake Field

11, Monday Josiah Carpenter Library and Pittsfield School District will be closed for Columbus/Indigenous People Day

12, Tuesday, 6pm Selectboard meeting, Town Hall

6:15pm Parks and Recreation meeting, Town Beach, rain location - Town Hall

13, Wednesday, 6pm Community Development Committee, Town Hall

14, Thursday, 1pm Trustees of the Trust Funds meeting, Town Hall

7pm Planning Board meeting, Town Hall

18, Monday, 4:30 PMHS Varsity Girls Soccer Game, Drake Field

19, Tuesday, 9-11am Diaper Pantry, First Congregational Church

6pm Selectboard meeting, Town Hall

20, Wednesday, 10:30am Library Trustees meeting, Josiah Carpenter Library

6:15pm Suncook Valley Rotary Club meeting, Dominick's

21, Thursday, 5:30pm School Board meeting, PMHS Media Center and public access via Zoom

22, Friday, 10am *Pittsfield Post* Volunteers meeting, Bicentennial Room, Pittsfield Community Center or Town Recreation Area

6:30pm Joy Church in the Park Community Cookout, Dustin Park

23, Saturday, Noon Harvest Fest, Town Recreation Area on Clark Street, a Trunk-or-Treat event will be held in the evening at the PES parking lot.

28, Thursday, 6pm Planning Board Work Session with CNHRPC

7pm Conservation Commission meeting, Town Hall

26, Tuesday, 6pm Selectboard meeting, Town Hall

31, Sunday, 5-7pm Halloween Trick-or-Treat

*Do you have a meeting or event you want to share?
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- Prepare material for other areas of production
- Bag goods

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- Able to speak, read and write English
- Have basic knowledge of computers or tablets
- Able to use and understand a ruler and measurements
- Must be able to stand/walk, bend, reach and work with your hands for full shift
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