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"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched – they must be felt with the heart." - *Helen Keller*

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Pittsfield Photos on Display at the Josiah Carpenter Library

Hello, my name is Nina. I'm a Pittsfield resident and amateur photographer. I took up photography as a hobby years ago with film cameras. I definitely consider myself one who is still learning and practicing (digital makes it so much easier to practice as I often take 10-20 shots – or more – of a particular image, playing around with composition and various camera settings).

When I purchased a digital camera I was looking for a class to learn about the nuts and bolts of the new digital arena. I stumbled across the Ash Street Group (ASG) which meets twice a month out of the Hooksett Library. A nice group of individuals with a wide range of experience and interests within photography – birds, flowers, landscapes, architecture, abstracts, etc. We have challenges which encourage me to "get out there" and "look/think outside of the box" as well as demos on various topics. We also have an ongoing gallery exhibit on the lower level of the Hooksett Library where we can show off our favorite images.

This inspired me to have a 'mini' gallery of my own at our very own Josiah Carpenter Library. I hope you enjoy my collection of winter images. These images were taken in 2020 and 2021. Most of the images were taken after an ice storm except for photos of a pine branch, stream and waterfall. I find that weather is a great motivator to get out and explore.....snow, rain, thunder clouds all create great moods which might change an otherwise "ordinary" image into something special. I think this little collection of images demonstrates that you don't need to travel far to find interesting subjects! Some of my favorite topics are mushrooms, old barns/sheds, old (abandoned) cars, cemeteries, abstracts, and long exposures. *Nina*

A note to readers: You may be thinking - I want to see a photo or two..... Visit the library and you can view the display of wonderful local photographs!

Happy
Groundhog Day!



Town of Pittsfield Online Payment Options

The Town Offices have added new options to conduct business online. Our website has tabs on the home page which link with nhtaxkiosk.com and eb2gov.com for the following services:

- "Auto Registration" - has a new look - pay for motor vehicle registration renewals, calculate estimates, and now options for duplicate registrations & replacement decals.
- "Dog Licenses" - has a new look - renew dog licenses and upload rabies certificates and now an option to register a new dog.
- "Vital Records" - request birth, death, marriage and divorce certificates.
- "Property Taxes" - pay property and sewer invoices.
- "Code Compliance Payments" - pay for building, electrical, mechanical and plumbing permits as well as Planning Board and Zoning Board application fees.
- "Citation Payments" - pay for locally issued parking tickets and dog civil forfeitures.
- "Misc Payments" - pay for cemetery lots and Parks & Recreation fees.

Supporting documents such as rabies certificates and scans of your photo ID may be directly uploaded through the upgraded dog and vital records modules. Other forms and applications may be scanned and emailed, mailed, faxed, or dropped in the drop box next to the Town Hall door. Once we receive notification of your payment, we will process your request and mail you the documents/receipts. *Town of Pittsfield*

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Suncook Valley Sno Riders club will meet on Wednesday, February 2 at 7pm at St. George's shop on High Street in Pittsfield. Please bring a chair if you would like to sit.

Movie Night at Joy Church (55 Barnstead Rd, Pittsfield) is hosting a free family movie night on Friday, February 4 at 6:30pm. We will be watching "Mitchells vs Machines". The whole community is invited. There will be free popcorn and snacks for everyone. We hope to see you there!

Suncook Valley Rotary Club will meet on Wednesday, February 2 at 7pm at the Historical Society Building. For more information, please contact Fallon Reed at Fallon.Reed@gmail.com or Jessica Drouin at Jessica26drouin@gmail.com.

Candidate Letters: The Chamber of Commerce will not be sponsoring the "in person" Meet the Candidates Night this year. All Candidates should receive a letter from the Chamber when registering at the Town Hall asking them to submit an introductory letter that the Chamber will submit to The Post and also post on the Town and Chamber websites- to help the candidates get their name out and also to help the public to know who is running for elected positions. IF you did not receive a letter, please contact Andi Riel at 435-6346 or pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com.

Senior Center Update: There are some changes happening at Pittsfield Area Senior Center!! (located at 55 Barnstead Rd.) Starting in March there are going to be new hours. Hours of operation will be: Monday, Wednesday thru Friday 8:00am- 1:00 pm and Tuesday 9am-1pm. Bingo: Monday and Thursday 9:30am-11:00am, Community Lunch: Monday and Thursday 11:30 am, Cribbage: Wednesday 10:00 am to 11:30 am, Art: Friday 10:00am-12:00pm, Book Club: Fourth Friday every month 10:00 to 11:30am and Exercise: Walking (see below) Monday & Wednesday thru Friday 8am-1pm. On Monday there will be no walking during bingo. The center continues to have volunteer opportunities available, call 603-435-8482 to learn about becoming a volunteer.

Indoor Walking: Do you want a safe, flat, and temperature controlled place to walk? Come to the Pittsfield Senior Center. If you walk around the center and the church sanctuary eight times you have walked about a mile! The Center hours are Monday thru Friday 8am to 2pm. The only time that is not available to walk are Mondays and Thursdays from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. So please come in and get your exercise safely.

PHS Alumni Association is seeking new members. If anyone is interested in joining the leadership committee of the Alumni Association (only 4 meetings per year), please email us at PHSAlumni@pittsfieldnhschools.org We would love to have you join us.

American Legion Peterson Cram Post 75 will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, February 7, at 7:30pm at the Town Hall.

Pittsfield Panther Pride – come support the basketball team Friday, February 4 at 6:30pm- Varsity Boys vs Derryfield.

Happy Birthday wishes to Ruth Lawrence last Sunday, Dan Foote on Tuesday, and to two of my favorite ladies – Maureen Van Horn on Wednesday and Reny Boyd on Friday. I hope you all enjoy your special day!



School Board Update

The Board would like to thank student representative Matthew Swenson for his presentation of the Site Council's proposed changes to the current dress code policy. Discussion ensued and Superintendent Lane agreed to collect the Board's thoughts on this policy change to bring back to the Site Council for further consideration.

Additionally, the Board heard from Director of Student Services, Jessica Bickford, about the compliance of our special education department with state and IDEA laws.

Superintendent Bryan Lane brought forward information about a targeted masking policy, Pittsfield's continued support of an opioid litigation, as well as a proposal from Harriman regarding the evaluation of the PES and PMHS buildings for a feasibility study as follow up from the tuition study.

The Board discussed a curriculum advisory committee and a request was made to make Board meetings available via Zoom moving forward. Mr. Lane will coordinate that through a Google Meet made available prior to meetings.

As always, we encourage people to attend our next meeting, Thursday, Feb. 3, at 5:30pm at PMHS. Additionally, the school district's Deliberative Session will be held the following Thursday, Feb. 10, at 6:30pm at PMHS. *Molly Goggin*, mollymoultonbrooks@gmail.com 603-387-1396

Cook's Corner

Frozen Topped Bananas

Wrapping up our series for 'no bake' desserts, Jean Cram, who happily inspired this theme, shares her recipe for frozen bananas. These are delicious and so fun to make! Be sure to include the kiddos, they'll enjoy dipping the bananas and rolling them in the topping mix. They'll love getting creative with the toppings too! Enjoy!

- 2 firm ripe bananas (peeled)
 - 1 C semisweet chocolate chips
or dark chocolate (chopped)
 - 2 T vegetable oil
 - 3/4 C combined toppings (any chopped nuts,
dried fruit, granola, shredded coconut, or
sprinkles.)
1. Line baking sheet with parchment paper.
 2. Cut bananas in half (widthwise) and insert popsicle stick into each banana half and place on baking sheet. Freeze for 15 minutes.
 3. Melt chocolate with oil in a bowl in the microwave at 50% power for 2-3 minutes. Stir a few times with spoon until melted and smooth.
 4. Holding popsicle stick, roll each banana half in melted chocolate. Quickly sprinkle the desired toppings on them.
 5. Now freeze until chocolate sets 30-45 minutes. Serve immediately or freeze for up to 1 week in airtight container. - *Jean Cram*

To my constituents in Pittsfield,

The House is continuing to work in committee, on the 2022 bills. My committee isn't drawing the crowds that more accessible committees do - we frequently have only one person testifying! On CACR 30, a constitutional amendment to elect up to five inspectors general, the sponsor didn't show up and the one public member raised enough concerns that we voted immediately to kill it.

We did get somewhat of a crowd for HB1587, which changed the average final compensation calculation for police, fire, and corrections personnel who were employed but not vested in 2011, when the retirement system was overhauled. This results in a slightly larger pension for them, especially if they worked a lot of overtime or got a promotion late in their career.

Lots of other detailed bills that can't fit here - get my newsletter for more details. *Representative Carol McGuire*, Mcguire4house@gmail.com 782-4918

Select Board Review January 25, 2022

Fire Chief Pszonowsky wrote a grant request for a Nitrox pump that was awarded to Pittsfield. The \$5,000 requires a public hearing before acceptance. Having this pump will allow Pittsfield medics to provide the pain killer immediately and at lower cost to the town. The hearing is scheduled for our meeting on Feb. 22. Anyone with questions or comments is urged to attend.

A generous donation to the Quintin B. Berkson Scholarship was accepted.

The library trustees came to us with a request to have a contract review with four other towns to share a "Library of Things". It is our understanding that the items in this category will be "things" that a typical household might use on an occasional basis, and cover a wide range of "things". Anyone having questions about borrowing from this library would probably be best served by contacting the Carpenter Library.

The annual Town Meeting Warrant (ballot) was approved and it, along with the Town report, are off to the printer.

A request by the property owners to restore a couple of involuntarily merged lots was granted. One timber tax was levied and an application for Veterans & Service-Connected Disability Tax Credit was approved.

Another reminder that the deliberative session of town meeting will be held in the High School gym on Saturday, Feb. 5, at 10am. In keeping with the school policy, masks are required for everyone attending. We may record audio and video of the meeting which voters will be able to access from the town website; however, actual participation will be in-person only. Voting takes place March 8, also at the high school gym. *Carl Anderson, Selectman*



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Function Rooms available for Rent
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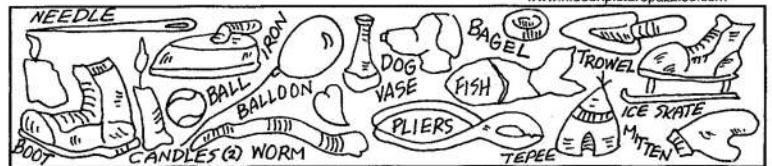
Vintage Hill, LLC is seeking part time help to assist in all aspects of keeping a home (preparing and serving meals, medication supervision, hygiene support, housekeeping and laundry). Looking for compassionate team players with strong organizational skills (particularly in the kitchen), willing to learn and work weekends and/or weekday evenings. Call (435-5133) or stop by (10 Berry Avenue, Pittsfield) to apply.



Advertising in the Post

Costs begin at \$5.00 for a brief classified ad.
Guidelines and order forms are located at
www.pittsfieldpost.org

Groundhog Day Hidden Pictures



Express your Opinion!

Do you have opinions you would like to share?

Submission Guidelines

- ▶ Identify yourself and provide contact information.
- ▶ 300 words or less; exceptional information may exceed the word limit at the discretion of the Post Content Team.
- ▶ Topics may include events, issues, and opportunities about or affecting Pittsfield.
- ▶ Please be civil, factual, specific, and clear. No submission is guaranteed publication.

Deadline is noon on Friday via
pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org

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No registration required.

Just show up Mondays at 6AM ready to go!

Location: 303 Clough Road Pittsfield, NH

\$25 - Includes Student Package

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