

PITTSFIELD POST

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"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose." Dr Seuss

August 31, 2022

State Primary Election Tuesday, Sept. 13, Pittsfield Middle High School Gymnasium 7am - 7pm

Absentee ballot applications are available in the Town Clerk's office or through the Town of Pittsfield website. Absentee ballots will be mailed upon receipt of the completed application.

Please note: Oneida Street is one way to the Middle High School. Berry Avenue is one way leaving the school.

The entrance will be the gymnasium side door to the left of the lobby doors. Traffic through the polling place will be one way with the exit on the opposite side of the gymnasium.

No public restroom facilities.

Poll workers will be available to provide direction and answer questions.

Please call or e-mail the Town Clerk's office with any questions or concerns prior to Election Day.
(603)435-6773 ext 1 or eanthony@pittsfieldnh.gov

NH House of Representatives and NH Senate Candidate Survey

To provide our readers with information about the candidates seeking to be selected by Pittsfield voters during the NH Primary, the *Pittsfield Post* content volunteers decided to ask seven questions of the Republican candidates for NH Senate District 17 and NH House of Representatives Merrimack County District 13. We focused our attention on the Republicans because the Democrats who would like to represent Pittsfield are running unopposed during the September 13 primary. We are very grateful that all of the candidates responded to our survey; their answers begin on page four.

We selected the questions from the *2022 Citizens Count Candidate Survey*. *Citizens Count* is a nonprofit organization created to serve New Hampshire citizens by:

- providing objective information about issues and candidates
- promoting the civil exchange of opinions in a variety of forums, online and in person
- connecting citizens with their elected officials

This week we have included the responses of the two Republican candidates for the NH Senate; the August 24 *Post* contains the survey response for the Republican candidates for the NH House of Representatives. The August 24 *Post* can be read at www.pittsfieldnhcommunitycenter.org On September 13, voters in the Republican and Democratic primaries will vote for just two of the candidates for the NH House, and one for the NH Senate. Prior to election day in November, we plan to ask both the Democrat and Republican candidates additional questions and publish their answers. Do you have a question you would like us to ask? Email us your questions! pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org



**Friday September 30
5pm Dustin Park**

**Pittsfield Celebrates
PMHS Homecoming**

**and Police Department
Community Night Out**

Parade, Activities, Food,
Outdoor Movie



The Post Volunteers will be observing Labor Day.

The next **PITTSFIELD POST** will be published on September 14, 2022.

Town Crier Andrea Riel 603-435-6346
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Tuesday, September 6, 9-11am: First Congregational Church Infant Toddler Diaper Pantry. Please use the parking lot entry off Chestnut Street. The pantry will be accepting donations of diapers and wipes. For information call 603-435-7471.

The F B Argue Recreation Area closed for the summer on August 23. Thank you to all who used the facility and helped to make for a successful summer season!

Pittsfield's Main Street Variety store is collecting items for backpacks for Back To School. Please drop off items at the store.

The Pittsfield Historical Society's new museum at 4 Oak Street is now officially open!. If you were unable to attend the Open House, please check out the video of the ceremonies which is posted in the society's website: <https://pittsfieldhistory.com> The Museum is open Tuesday mornings between 9am and noon, or call the museum at 603-435-8004 to arrange a time to visit.

Thursday, September 22 9am - 1pm the Senior Center will hold an open house. There will be bingo, then a free lunch with music provided by Bill Parker. For info, call Anne at 603-435-8482

Save the Date! The Pittsfield Conservation Commission will be holding a Roadside Litter Clean-Up on Saturday, September 17, with a rain date on Saturday, September 24. It will start at 9am and end at 12pm. We welcome individuals, families, businesses and service organizations to help keep Pittsfield the beautiful place that it is. More information will be forthcoming.

Victory Workers 4-H group and The Dowboro Farm have created a farm stand at 615 Dowboro Road in Pittsfield! The Young Entrepreneurs Program gave 4-Hers the opportunity to apply for grant money to start our own businesses. The farm stand is a great place for us to be able to sell our products. We have an abundance of homemade items and fresh vegetables for sale. The participants of the program are helping run the farm stand, and we are open Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 9:30am-6pm.

Happy Birthday to Chris Plante on Wednesday and Ted Mitchell on Friday. I hope you have a great day.

Meet Bruce Graham, the old-fashioned Cordwainer

Bruce Graham, who makes historically accurate 18th-century footwear, will be explaining the intricate process and also presenting a brief history of Pittsfield's shoemaking trade. Shoemaking was a vital trade in Pittsfield for individuals and later companies.

Please join Bruce for this information and entertaining program on Wednesday, September 14, at 7:00pm, at the Pittsfield Historical Society at 4 Oak Street.

This program is free and open to the public.

Dear Voters of Merrimack House District "Lucky" 13,

My name is Tonjah Kelm. I intended to run, as a moderate Democrat, for the NH State House of Representatives seat for "lucky" District 13 in Merrimack County. Due to sudden and unexpected personal circumstances, this is not feasible, currently. I do not feel it is appropriate or fair to any of you to fundraise and campaign for myself, if there is any chance, I will not be able to carry out the entire term.

My name will still appear on the ballot in Pittsfield for the Primary election, but please do not vote for me. I am confident the other candidates, Sally Kelly and Dan "The Stoneman" Schroth will do an excellent job of representing the Pittsfield and Chichester communities. I hope one day in the future, I can serve you all. Sincerely, *Tonjah Kelm*



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Cook's Corner
Shortcut Boston Cream Pie
– Oh My!

Well my friends, Labor Day Weekend is upon us and it's time to bid Summer a fond farewell. Here's a terrific dessert that is sure to please your family and friends for your Labor Day cookout. Boston Cream Pie was my beloved Dad's absolute favorite and my sweet Mom used to make this from scratch. Her pie was delicious, don't get me wrong, but it was very time-consuming to make. This version comes together quickly and it's scrumptious! I make this in a rectangular 9 x 13 pan, but you can certainly make this in a round cake pan – it's more 'pie like'.

Also, with the change of seasons around the corner, please send your favorite Fall recipes to us! We're looking for soups, stews, chilis, chowders, anything with apples or pumpkins, roasted meats, etc. We would love to hear from you and publish your ideas!

Shortcut Boston Cream Pie – Oh My! Cake

- 1 (15.2 oz) box yellow cake mix
- 1 cup water
- 3 large eggs
- ½ cup vegetable oil
- 1 (3.4 oz) box instant vanilla pudding mix
- 1 & 2/3 cup heavy cream
- ½ cup milk
- 1 tsp vanilla extract

Ganache

- 1 & 1/3 cup dark chocolate morsels (about 8 oz)
- ¾ tsp vanilla extract
- 2/3 cup heavy cream
- 2 tsp light corn syrup
- Pinch of salt

Center rack in oven and heat to 350. Grease a 9x13 inch baking pan and set aside.

For the cake, in a medium bowl, whisk cake mix, water, eggs and oil until smooth. Transfer to the prepared baking pan and smooth out the top. Bake until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean, about 25 to 30 minutes.

Let the cake cool for 5 to 10 minutes. Using the handle end of a wooden spoon, poke holes all over the cake, spacing them about 1 inch apart and poking all the way to the bottom.

In a medium bowl, whisk pudding mix, heavy cream, milk and vanilla extract until combined. Immediately pour the mixture over the warm cake and spread into an even layer, pressing down gently into the holes. Refrigerate the cake until the pudding is set – about 2 hours.

For the ganache: Combine chocolate morsels and vanilla extract in a medium, heat-proof bowl. In a saucepan, bring the heavy cream, corn syrup and salt to a simmer and then pour over the chocolate mixture and let sit for 2 minutes, do not stir.

After 2 minutes, stir the chocolate until smooth and glossy, then pour over the chilled cake and spread into an even layer. Refrigerate the cake again for at least 1 hour, or until the ganache sets.

Select Board Review August 23, 2022

We met with the new town moderator, Carol Dodge, to discuss the upcoming primary election and the procedures that are in place when using the school gym. We're not seeing any issues, but we want to be diligent and never have any Pittsfield results questioned. All should go well.

Our September meeting schedule was altered due to the election falling on one of our usual sessions, so we have opted to add a meeting the on 20th, with another the following week (27th) if necessary. In October we will have to meet weekly in order to get through the budget in a timely fashion. With escalating costs for nearly everything, trying to remain fiscally responsible will be a monumental task.

We locked in a fixed price for electricity at \$.179 for kwh. Most of us had mixed emotions about contracting a price, but it's only for 15 months, so if the price goes lower it won't be forever that we are bound to this price. None of us have seen anything that would make us think this major expense will not continue to rise.

A Notice of Intent to Cut Timber was approved and a timber Tax Yield Assessment was also approved.

Carl Anderson



Scott Bryer, NH State Senate Candidate

I am running for State Senate District 17 because I can make a difference for the citizens.

As a former Northwood Selectman for 21 years and a current member of the Northwood Police Commission I am familiar with the problems our communities face in the current economic crisis.

I am employed as an Administrator at the Department of Safety's Road Toll Bureau and am responsible for the administration of the state's motor fuel taxes which is one of primary revenue sources for the State's Highway Fund. I have been with the

Department of Safety since October 2000. Prior to that I worked as a Senior Financial Audit Manager with the Office of Legislative Budget Assistant, Audit Division conducting financial and compliance audits of the State's Executive Branch Departments and the Judicial Branch's Court System.

I am a Certified Public Accountant and a Chartered Global Management Accountant with over 34 years of accounting and finance experience in state and local government. I can bring these skills to the State Senate if elected.

I've been married to my wife Cindy for 27 years. We have one daughter, Taylor, who is a Navy Reservist Hospital Corpsman and a full-time student at UNH.

Should the state do more to encourage municipalities to remove zoning barriers to housing development? Yes, the State should do more to encourage municipalities to remove zoning barriers to housing development. New Hampshire has an affordable housing shortage. The cost to the first-time homeowner is becoming unsustainable for most young people starting out. In order to retain a younger workforce, the state needs to do more to provide reasonable housing for all residents.

Do you support the state's current system of public school funding, with each district's total funding primarily dependent on local property tax revenue? There is a great desire for local control of schools. However, the population of school children is declining in most towns within this area. That being said, the current system of public school funding dependent on local property tax is not adequate. The state needs to look at alternative revenue sources that provide local property tax relief.

Do you support the "Education Freedom Account" program, which gives students access to the per-pupil share of state school funding to spend on private school or home school expenses? Yes, the Education Freedom Accounts gives parents who wish to supplement the cost of their child's education control at a location of the family's choice.

Should New Hampshire ban abortions during the second trimester (e.g. after 15 weeks gestation)? No abortions should not be banned during the second trimester. Ultimately this decision should be decided by the patient and their physician based upon circumstances related to the patient's health and that of the unborn child. Currently abortion is legal in New Hampshire up to 24 weeks which coincides with the approximate time when the fetus is viable. My position is that the current law in the State should remain unchanged. There should only be a provision in the case of rape or incest but other than that I would not support anything that increases abortions after 24 weeks.

Should NH pass stricter gun control laws? No, I would not support stricter gun laws in NH. The State needs to increase mental health services to the public.

Should the New Hampshire government do more to address climate change? The State has been responsive to climate change. The state has encouraged and been supportive of electric vehicles, and emissions at power plants are being reduced. The State's Department of Environmental Services primary function is to protect our State's environment for the public good and has resources to properly monitor the environment. Current levels are adequate in the State.

Do you support the option of mail-in ballots for all voters, not just absentees? No, I do not support the option of mail-in ballots for all voters. *Scott Bryer*

Howard Pearl, NH Senate Candidate

Thank you for the opportunity to share my positions with the voters. Below are my responses to your questions.

Should the state do more to encourage municipalities to remove zoning barriers to housing development?

Yes. New Hampshire has a housing shortage and all local government leaders should work together to determine how to adjust regulations to allow for smart and efficient growth in our communities.

Do you support the state's current system of public school

funding, with each district's total funding primarily dependent on local property tax revenue? Yes. The system is far from perfect but many other alternatives have been discussed and they all rely on more broad based taxes which I am firmly opposed to as it would be an economic disaster for New Hampshire. We should continually pursue expanding school choice opportunities for families.

Do you support the "Education Freedom Account" program, which gives students access to the per-pupil share of state school funding to spend on private school or home school expenses? Yes. Parents should be able to access the funds that come out of their own pocket for education for what they believe is the best way to educate their child. The state should be striving to expand parental rights in education as much as possible, not remove parental rights, as has been attempted by the federal government bureaucrats in Washington.

Should New Hampshire ban abortions during the second trimester (e.g. after 15 weeks gestation)? I support New Hampshire's current law which bans the abhorrent practice of late term abortions. I will review other legislation when and if it is proposed.

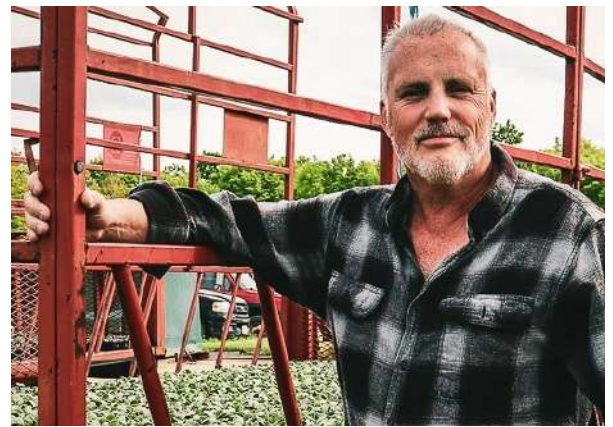
Should NH pass stricter gun control laws? No, I will always defend and support our Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms.

Should the New Hampshire government do more to address climate change? No. Climate change alarmists and activists are using their crusade to drive up the cost of energy and electricity which is at an all-time high. Granite Staters are starting to lock in their home heating oil rates for the winter and many cannot afford the outrageous prices. We need to reduce the cost of energy not give in to climate change alarmists

Do you support the option of mail-in ballots for all voters, not just absentees? No. New Hampshire has one of the best and successful election systems in America. We need to keep our system in place and not allow a Washington takeover of our elections as Washington has tried to do this past year. *Howard C Pearl*

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Michael Norwood

On August 18, 2022 Michael Norwood passed away peacefully in his home in Barnstead, NH, in the company of his wife Rachel, after a long battle with cancer. Michael was born in Augusta Maine on July 14,

1968. The son of Louanna Lucas and Timothy Lucas Sr., he was a kind and wonderful man who made the world light up around him. He always had a joke or a story and could make even the saddest person laugh. He was a hard worker always doing everything he could to provide for his family. He had a very kind heart and always went out of his way to help people and to make sure everyone knew they were loved. He was a wonderful husband, amazing father, stepdad, grandfather, brother, son, and friend. He is predeceased by his mother, Louanna Lucas of Northwood and his brother, Norman Norwood of Lewiston, Me. He is survived by his loving wife Rachel Norwood, his two sons, Mike Jackson and Scott Norwood, his two stepchildren, Nicholas Lounsbury and Madeline White, his granddaughter, Michaela Jackson, his sister, Amanda Euber, brothers Robert and Carl Norwood, Timothy Lucas Jr., and father Timothy Lucas Sr., as well as many nieces and nephews. He is deeply loved by all and will be dearly missed. A memorial service will be held at Joy Church in Pittsfield on September 10 at 2pm with reception to follow.

Vote Jim Allard for Re-election to the NH House of Representatives!

Here's what separates him from his challengers:

Both Wood and Aures claim to be "two true NH conservatives" when in reality Jim Allard is the true conservative candidate who is native to the Granite State; born in Boscawen and raised in the White Mountain village of Lincoln in the 1950s when it was still a hardscrabble pulp mill town, not a tourist trap. Wood and Aures representation that they are true conservatives comes into question over their support of the Education Freedom Account program. Jim Allard realizes that the towns of Pittsfield and Chichester cannot afford to "have their cake and eat it too". The EFA program siphons money from town's tax revenue to help pay tuition to alternative schools, thus reducing the money to educate the rest of the kids in public school. THAT DOESN'T MAKE RUNNING THE PUBLIC SCHOOL ANY CHEAPER, so the town must raise not only enough taxes to pay for the public school but also levy MORE TAX to pay those sending their kids to alternative schools. Whether in its own public school (like Pittsfield) or tuitioning kids to another public school (like Chichester) both options are already overly burdensome. Allard isn't opposed to school choice, but believes TRUE fiscal responsibility accepts the fact that we cannot afford to have taxpayers foot the bill for public AND private student education. Jim demonstrates true Yankee experience, thrift and conservatism consistently on the Pittsfield select board.

Another thing that separates Jim Allard from the others is that he doesn't engage in hyperbole or exaggeration of so-called facts.

Importantly, Allard is a solid supporter of Governor Chris Sununu, whereas neither of the other two candidates align themselves with Sununu's governorship. Please re-elect Jim Allard! *Carl Anderson*

Note to Readers: Due to the *Post's* publishing schedule Cyril Aures and Clayton Wood will not be able to respond to this endorsement prior to the NH Primary.

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The Pittsfield Fire Association and Support Group would like to thank everyone for joining in the raffle that was held during Balloon Rally. The winner was Alan Enario of Pittsfield. All of your donations are greatly appreciated and will be put to immediate and good use to help our fire department and first responders. Thank you!



Pittsfield Pool Crew 2022



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Grow, Learn, Read Daily Activity
 Josiah Carpenter Library

31 WRITING

Draw and write outside with chalk.

SEPTEMBER 2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mondays,

- 10am-6pm** Josiah Carpenter Library
- 11am-2pm, 4-6pm** Pittsfield Food Pantry
- 11am-7pm** Town Hall

Tuesdays,

- 12:30-6pm** Josiah Carpenter Library
- 10am-4pm** Pittsfield Clothes Closet
- 9am-Noon** Pittsfield Historical Society
- 8am-4pm** Town Hall

Wednesdays,

- 12:30-6pm** Josiah Carpenter Library
- 10am-4pm** Pittsfield Clothes Closet
- 1-4pm** Town Hall

Thursdays,

- 10am** Story Hour at the Town Beach
- 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, Thursday 4:30pm PMHS Girls Varsity Soccer Game vs Holy Family, Drake Field

5:30pm School Board meeting PMHS Media Center

6pm Zoning Board of Adjustment, Town Hall

2, Friday, 6:30pm Family Movie Night, Joy Church

5, Monday, 7:30pm American Legion Peterson Cram Post 75 Meeting, Town Hall

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

4:30pm PMHS Girls Varsity Soccer Game vs Somersworth, Drake Field

7, Wednesday, 6:30pm Suncook Valley Rotary Club Meeting, Pittsfield Historical Society

8, Thursday, 7pm Planning Board Meeting, Town Hall

10, Saturday, 8:30-9:30am Community Breakfast, Joy Church

12 Monday, 11am Meet with the Police Department at the Senior Center

4:30pm PMHS Girls Varsity Soccer Game vs

Mount Royal, Drake Field

6:30pm Josiah Carpenter Library Mead and Read Book Club, Over the Moon Farmstead

13, Tuesday, 7am-7pm State Primary Election, PMHS Gym

6:15pm Parks and Recreation meeting, Recreation Area, Clark Street

14, Wednesday, 5pm PMHS Girls Varsity Soccer Game vs Epping

7pm Pittsfield Historical Society presents *18th Century Footwear*

15, Thursday, 11am ServiceLink presentation at the Senior Center

4pm PMHS Boys Varsity Soccer Game vs Wilton-Lyndeborough, Drake Field

5:30pm School Board meeting, PMHS Media Center

17, Saturday, 9am-Noon Roadside Clean Up Day

19, Monday, 11am Meet with Fire Department at the Senior Center

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

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

6:30pm Suncook Valley Rotary Club meeting, Pittsfield Historical Society

22, Thursday, 9am-1pm Senior Center Open House

4:30pm PMHS Boys Varsity Soccer Game vs Mount Royal

6pm Planning Board Work Session, Town Hall

7pm Conservation Commission, Town Hall

23, Friday, 10am Pittsfield Post Volunteer Meeting, Recreation Area on Clark Street

26, Monday, 9am-3pm VNA Senior Health Clinic, Community Center, call 224-4093 ext 5815 for an appointment

27, Tuesday, 6pm Selectboard meeting, Town Hall

28, Wednesday, 5pm Community Development Committee meeting, Town Hall

29, Thursday, 4pm PMHS Boys Varsity Soccer Game vs Sunapee, Drake Field

30, Friday, 5pm Pittsfield Celebrates PMHS Homecoming and Police Department Community Night Out, Dustin Park

*Do you have a meeting or event you want to share?
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