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"Children have a full time occupation. It's called PLAY! Let them be occupied by it from their early years until their twilight years." - Vince Gowmon

Pittsfield Parks and Recreation Updates

The Pittsfield Parks and Recreation Commission met recently to start planning for the summer season at the F B Argue Recreation Area.

Pending Select Board approval, the area will open on the last day of school which right now is scheduled for June 21. We will open at 12:00 that day for swimming. We plan on being open from 12 to 5 daily seven days a week. The area will be supervised by the director and the assistant director along with lifeguards and beach attendants. The fee will again be $1.00 daily for Pittsfield residents and $1.50 for out-of-town visitors. A family season pass will be available for $50. We are hoping to be able to offer swim lessons again this summer. CDC guidelines will be followed for mask wearing and social distancing. We plan on having the concession stand operating and being able to use the playground and beach and swim toys. We hope that you will come to enjoy this beautiful area again for some summer fun. Activity days will be planned and advertised. In conjunction with the Old Home Day Committee, we will have a free swim day and cookout (for a small fee) on Saturday, July 24.

This summer, we would like to try something new for seniors/adults. We are considering having senior game time a couple mornings a week. Some of our ideas for activities are corn hole, bocce ball, ladder ball, Kan Jam, disc golf, and croquet, but we are open to suggestions. We would be interested to find out if there is any interest in doing these activities. You can contact Minni Plante@ 603 290-4068 or minnibump@gmail.com if you would be interested, have questions, or have suggestions. Or contact any parks and recreation committee member.

We will update you with more details as we get closer to opening. Minni Plante

Spring Wildflower Nature Walk
Graylag Nature Preserve

Join wildlife biologist Ellen Snyder for a walk around Graylag Nature Preserve in search of spring blooming shrubs and wildflowers, to listen and watch for birds, and to observe other nature sightings, as well as learn about the Wild Goose Pond watershed.

Where: Graylag Nature Preserve
320 Clough Road, Pittsfield, NH
When: Saturday, May 1, 2021
Time: 9:00 am to 11:30 am
Space is limited so register now!

For more information, call us at (603) 435-5555 or check out www.graylag.org/programs

American Legion Field of Honor

Do you have a policeman, fireman or someone in the military that you would like to recognize?

The Peterson-Cram American Legion Post 75 will be holding a “Field of Honor” composed of American flags to recognize all these heroes.

Each flag will have a ribbon on top to symbolize the service of the person being recognized; blue for police, red for fire and white for military. For a donation of $3.00 each flag and ribbon and will fly from May 16 - June 1 in front of the Pittsfield Police Department. All proceeds will go towards a scholarship for a graduating Pittsfield Middle High School student.

To purchase a flag for someone special to you, contact: Mickey Vien at 603-540-0296, Gerard LeDuc at 603-470-6942, or Mike Cabral at 603-866-1742.
Pittsfield Town Crier
Andi Riel, 435-6346
pittfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com

Pittsfield Youth Baseball/Softball

(PYBA) invites YOU to join us in a Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast on Sunday May 9. Let PYBA Board Members do the cooking for you and your family, bring a blanket to picnic out on the fields and enjoy homemade pancakes and local to Pittsfield REAL maple syrup!

Not only do we want to honor the Mothers who do so much for us, but also raise some funds for PYBA at the same time. We appreciate your support! This will be a fun community event.

We are asking that you purchase tickets in advance so we can plan how many yummy pancakes and fixings to cook. Tickets will sell out fast! And guess what? There is even an option for your out of state friends and family to still support with a donation!

Supporting PYBA helps to keep costs low to players, maintains our beautiful fields, and pays for insurance, umpires, and upgrades! We thank you for joining us and there are a TON of fun surprises in store!

Tickets: https://pybamothersday.eventbrite.com

Saturday May 8, 9:30 - 11am PMHS Tuition Study Committee Community Forum at the Pittsfield Middle High School Lecture Hall. The purpose of the forum is for the Tuition Study Committee to present information and seek input. All community members respectfully asked to attend, and participate! *Please note that masks and social distancing will be required.

Pittsfield Flower Power – The beautiful hanging flower baskets will grace our downtown in early June. Each year we receive generous product discounts from Pleasantview Gardens and donations that help cover the cost of the soil, fertilizer and our watering buggy upkeep! If you would like to contribute, please make checks payable to Pittsfield Hanging Basket Flower Fund and mail to Donna Keeley, c/o Citizen Bank Flower Fund, 256 True Rd. Pittsfield 03263.

Thank you!

The Pittsfield Historical Society's 'Buy a Brick Project' is helping cover the costs of building the new museum. The project gives you an opportunity to support the Historical Society and honor someone you care about. Bricks are $100 each and may be engraved with 3 lines of 18 characters. Please visit www.pittsfieldhistory.com for a donation form and instructions, or please call 798-3984.

A 4-H Community Service Project, led by Jeremiah Chapman, continues to request donations that benefit folks who utilize Meal on Wheels. Items requested are: size 9 or 10 manila envelopes, books, birthday cards, stamps, puzzle books (preferably word searches and crosswords), individually wrapped snacks, coffee, tea, baskets of any size and small gift items. Donations may be dropped off at the Library until June 1.

2021 Dog Licenses - Please register your dogs by April 30th. The town offers a number of options:

On-line through the "dog licenses" link www.pittsfieldnh.gov/town-clerk-tax-collector/pages/dog-licenses
In-person, drop box or mail:
Pittsfield Town Hall 85 Main St. Pittsfield, NH 03263

Globe Community Fund
Is your organization a 501(c)(3)? If yes, have you heard about the Globe Community Fund? Established by the former fourth-generation family owners of Globe Manufacturing Company in Pittsfield, the donor-advised fund is administered by the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. The fund's purpose is to enhance community wellbeing with a focus on the towns of Pittsfield, Barnstead, Epsom, Northwood, Gilmanton, and Chichester. For more information and an application, email the fund at GlobeCommunityFund@globefiresuits.com

Happy Birthday wishes to Lee Miller and Matt Engelmann last Sunday, to Linda Rafael last Monday, to Sean Foster on Tuesday and a special Happy Birthday wish to Jeannette Engelmann on Saturday. I hope you all enjoy your special day!

Double Word Puzzle #25 by Diana Westgate

Find the word that satisfies both definitions.

1. Not high __________________ Cow sound
2. Land parcel __________________ Fate
3. Knight's armor ____________ Bills and letters
4. German currency ____________ Target
5. Fire creator ____________Tennis contest
6. Important ________________ Stuff
7. Month ______________________ Allow
8. Unkind _____________________ Average
9. Displace ________________Vote on an article
10. Execute perfectly ___________ Finger part

The answers are on p. 5
Cook's Corner

Beefy Baked Ravioli

Here's another family friendly, easy and quick to the table dinner that I think you and your crew will enjoy. Feel free to add mushrooms to the sauce, I often do. And if the sauce tastes 'right' to you, omit the sugar. Really all you need to round out this tasty meal is a nice salad and some tasty garlic bread. Since you worked so hard to get this done, make sure you line up someone else to do the dishes!

1 lb ground beef
1 (14 oz) jar spaghetti sauce
1 (14.5 oz) can diced tomatoes, drained
1/2 to 1 tsp dried oregano
½ to 1 tsp dried basil
1/8 tsp crushed red pepper flakes
1 Tbsp balsamic vinegar
1 tsp sugar
1 (13 oz) package bite sized cheese ravioli, thawed if frozen
2 cups shredded Mozzarella cheese
¾ to ½ cup grated Parmesan cheese

Heat oven to 450.
Cook the ground beef in a large skillet, drain and return to the pan. Add the spaghetti sauce, tomatoes, oregano, basil, red pepper flakes, balsamic vinegar and the sugar; stir to combine.

Spread 1/3rd of the meat sauce in the bottom of a 9 x 9 inch baking dish. Arrange ½ of the ravioli over the sauce, sprinkle ½ of the shredded Mozzarella. Then make another layer of meat sauce, ravioli and cheese, ending with more sauce.

Cover with foil and bake for 30 minutes.

Mangia my friends! - MP Christakos

Select Board Review April 13, 2021

Spent the first hour reviewing the income/asset limits for elderly tax exemptions. Other towns are all over the place in their formulas but a major factor for us was how much tax is being “lost” due to exemptions. “Lost” is a misnomer because the rest of the taxpayers are left to make up the shortfall. Only Northwood has a higher “lost” number and adjusting our qualifying levels would push our total even higher. We made no adjustments, but it should be revisited annually.

We had no choice but to raise the sewer-use assessment. It’s been ten years at the present rate and operating at a shortfall. We’re bracing for an overhaul of our entire sewer system which has outlived its’ expected 25-year lifespan by 15 years, but is on the verge of failure. This is one of the biggest issues on Pittsfield’s financial horizon.

Public works director Gurley came in to review proposed summer paving jobs, including Norris Road in its entirety and sidewalks on South Main and Catamount Streets. Snow plowing policies regarding doing portions of roads that are not part of voter approval from town meeting actions over the years was discussed. The town has no obligation or right to plow or maintain any road not so approved and the practice will cease this year after proper notification to those affected.

We approved an expenditure to Central NH Regional Planning to prepare an update of the subdivision and site plan review regulations. The planning board, ZBA and select board are all adamant that these reg’s should be understandable to any “common man” on the street. Matt Monahan at Central NH Planning described Pittsfield’s as the region’s most difficult to understand, apply, or process. An overhaul by professionals should help applicants and board members alike. Carl Anderson

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HELP WANTED
The Pittsfield Parks & Recreation Commission is now accepting applications for lifeguards, beach attendants, and gate keepers for the 2021 summer season at the Forrest B. Argue Recreational Area. Weekends are a must.
Applications are available on the town website, www.pittsfieldnh.gov, or can be picked up at the Town Hall at 85 Main Street, Pittsfield, NH 03263. Deadline is Friday, April 30, 2021.

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Answers to Double Word Puzzle #25
1. Not high – low – Cow sound
2. Land parcel – lot – Fate
3. Knight’s armor – mail – Bills and letters
4. German currency – mark – Target
5. Fire creator – match – Tennis contest
6. Important – matter – Stuff
7. Month – May – Allow
8. Unkind – mean – Average
9. Displace – move – Vote on an article
10. Execute perfectly – nail – Finger part

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