

# PITTSFIELD POST

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"Volunteers are love in motion." Author Unknown

July 21, 2021

## CONGRATULATIONS

### Roberta Maxfield

#### *Pittsfield 2021 Citizen of the Year*

Congratulations to Roberta J. Maxfield (otherwise known as Bertie) on being selected as the 2021 Pittsfield Citizen of the Year!

Bertie has been an active, engaged, caring and generous community member for many years. She is always willing and eager to jump in and help with anything anyone asks of her. For many years, she was one of the friendly faces that greeted you when you did your local banking. She knew everyone by name and made you feel welcome. At no time does Bertie hesitate to help anyone that needs a ride to a doctor's appointment, to run errands or just needs company. She is always sending cards or visiting those in hospitals or nursing homes or those shut in at home. She always shows up with a cheerful smile. Bertie is very active at the Park St. Baptist Church. She has served as the church treasurer, Sunday School teacher, and Sunday School Superintendent. For the town's annual Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration, she organizes the coordination and distribution of ALL of the cookies for the event (and there are A LOT of cookies!). She and her crew make the BEST Hot Chocolate and she even grabs a tray and braves the cold temperature to make the rounds in Dustin Park to pass out the goodies. Bertie and the same Church crew sponsor the "Breakfast at Park St. Baptist Church" for the annual Old Home Day event. Whatever the call – she says yes with a smile! She is probably most known for her role as Supervisor of the Checklist – which she has been doing since 1978... that's 43 years! She is the School District Treasurer and Assistant Town Treasurer.

Bertie has always supported all of the activities her family has been involved with. Over the years, she has been a Girl Scout leader; she has helped with Boy Scouts; she was active with the Pittsfield Youth Baseball Association when her children were playing ball. She was a member of the PHS Booster Club, the Pittsfield Women's Fire Auxiliary and the Rainbow Girls. She has helped with placing the American Flags on Veterans' graves for Memorial Day.

A few notable descriptions from the nomination letters for Roberta were- "she exemplifies the spirit and commitment to our community that has helped make Pittsfield a town that looks out for and helps one another every day." "She is one of those people that when you meet her, you never forget her –her warm smile, her



warm hello, her busy little self..." "Bertie is selfless and will go above and beyond in helping her friends, neighbors and strangers in need." "I can't think of anyone more deserving..."

Bertie is always putting other people's needs first. She is a dedicated and reliable person and will always help whenever and wherever needed. Pittsfield is lucky and fortunate to have such a caring and giving person living in our Community. Thank you and Congratulations to Roberta J. (Bertie) Maxfield for making Pittsfield a better place to live.

### *Congratulations*

*on being named the*

*2021 Pittsfield Citizen of the Year!*

**Town Crier** Andi Riel, 435-6346  
[pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com](mailto:pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com).

The **Josiah Carpenter Library** is excited to announce that the next StoryWalk® featuring the humorous children's book *Down by the Sea with Mr. Magee*, by Chris Van Dusen is available for your walking and viewing pleasure. Book pages have been mounted in windows throughout downtown to enjoy during a stroll through town.. Families can grab a map from the mailbox that is attached to the community bulletin board at Dustin's Park. As you return to the library to read the last page of the book, stop in to pick up a free gift.

### **Pittsfield Senior Center Programs**

- Monday:and Thursday: Bingo 10am- \$1 to play. Bring your own water or coffee.
- Tuesday: Chair Yoga:10:45am. Please recognize that it is summer and sometimes due to heat the class is canceled. This is for the safety of the participants.
- Wednesday: Cribbage and Game Day
- Friday: Virtual Bowling 10:00am.

Please call the Center at 435-8482 to make reservations for the activities. Space is limited. Masks are still required and you'll be asked to complete a signed waiver.

**Tuesday, July 27, 10:30 AM:** Picnic at Pittsfield town pool, 35 Clark Street. Parks and Recreation is offering a variety of games that can be played or you can come and just sit outside and have lunch. Don't forget – there are meals to go. Call the Center for information – every Thursday you can pick up a hot meal or freshly made meal for "curbside pickup". 435-8482

As the **Pittsfield Senior Center** opens up it is in need of volunteers. Volunteers are for different days of the week, at different times. Training is provided, if interested please call 435-8482. The work is easy and gratifying and only takes one to two hours a week. Some of the volunteer positions needed: Reading out loud to the visually impaired, checking people in the center, art and crafts associate, help in the kitchen, computer assistance and managing different games.

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 will be sold for \$100 each and may be engraved with 3 lines of 18 characters each

for a 4"x8" brick. Please visit [www.pittsfieldhistory.com](http://www.pittsfieldhistory.com) for a donation form and instructions. For more information, please call 798-3984.

The week of **July 19th thru July 24** will be **SPIRIT WEEK at the FB Argue Recreation Area.**

July 19th- 'Merica Monday

July 20th- Twin Tuesday

July 21st- Wacky Wednesday

July 22nd- Throwback Thursday

July 23rd- Hawaiian Friday

July 24th- Old Home Day

- Outfit contests will be judged at 3pm each day. Best outfit will win a prize

We have some "Adult Only" time at the recreation area when adults can enjoy the area, play lawn games, swim, and socialize with other adults without the children being there. The adult only evening sessions will begin Thursday, July 22 from 5 to 7. Let your recreation commission members know if you have suggestions.

**Happy Birthday** wishes to Margaret Towle on Tuesday! A **Very Special Happy Birthday** wish to my niece, Crystal Foster last Sunday! I hope you each had a great day.

### **Dear Crabby:**

How come so many Civil war battles were fought in National Parks? *Curious in NJ*

### **Dear Curious:**

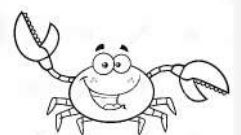
National Parks are located on good highways – easy to get to.

National Parks have lots of room for tents and military stuff.

National Parks have plenty of drinking fountains and clean washrooms.

And they have distinctive names, which makes it easier for the Generals to keep track of where the troops are. *Crabby*

Got A Question for Crabby? Email it to [pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org](mailto:pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org)



## Thank You, Dan Schroth, for Rebuilding the Library Steps

The Josiah Carpenter Library is deeply grateful to Dan Schroth, Joel Schroth and the Public Works Department for repair of the library steps. Dan and Joel generously volunteered their time during hot summer weather to undertake the significant repair. Dan donated all the ledge rock to support the steps, and even wrote a detailed chronicle of the project that clearly shines with his deep satisfaction from a job well done and helping our community.

The steps were relocated during the 2005 renovation that provided handicapped access to the building. The reason for the repair is succinctly described by Dan: "I have been a stone man for 35 years and have stood behind my work. .... Obviously this project had a design flaw. There wasn't one flat rock holding up the back of the granite steps. It was set on marbles; I mean ¾" crush stone. .... [Now there is] a lot of rock behind the steps, all beautifully built to hold each step." *Leslie Vogt*



# Pittsfield Old Home Day SAT., JULY 24, 2021



## Getting back into the *swing* of things!!



12pm **FORREST B. ARGUE RECREATION AREA**  
(aka, Town Pool/Beach Area)

(12-2pm) COOKOUT - \$3/PERSON

(1 Burger/Cheeseburger or 1 Hot Dog,  
Chips and Drink)

FREE SWIM TIME

Bocce Ball, Corn Hole, Volleyball and Ladder Ball  
games will be available to play

Come on Down and spend the afternoon!!!

1:30pm **KIDS BIKE PARADE**  
(at the Town Pool/Beach Area – Clark St.)

Decorate your BIKE, Scooter or wagon and come  
on down to the Pool and join in the parade.  
Prizes for the top three winners!

Time **CITIZEN OF THE YEAR CAR PARADE –**  
TBD Watch for updates!

\*\*\*\*\* **AT DRAKE FIELD** \*\*\*\*\*

7:45pm **PITTSFIELD 2021 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR  
PRESENTATION**

**BOSTON POST CANE RECIPIENT  
PRESENTATION**

8:00pm **NEVERS BAND CONCERT**  
Come to Drake Field, bring your chair or  
blanket and enjoy the concert!!

DUSK **FIREWORKS (9:15pm)**

*As with many events, our Old Home Day planning  
was affected by Covid-19. We hope you will understand  
and support our abbreviated version of Old Home Day this year!  
We are hoping that next year things will be back to normal!*

**Old Home Day Concert and Fireworks Rain Date: Sunday July 25 Same Time**

## Cook's Corner

### Shrimp Salad Roll

Here in New England we have our famous "lobstah rolls", but down in the South, they are faithful to their shrimp. I collected this recipe about 25 years ago from a little waterfront dive in Georgetown, South Carolina. It's a classic Low Country specialty. I like to serve these with roasted potatoes, either regular or sweet potatoes, or French Fries or our favorite chips. Pair these with an icy cold brew, extra napkins and enjoy a kick-back, summertime delight. Bon appetit!

1 Tbsp butter

20 large, raw shrimp, peeled & deveined (about 1 lb)

¼ cup mayonnaise

1 tsp fresh, grated lemon rind

1 Tbsp fresh lemon juice

2 tsp chopped, fresh parsley

1 & ½ tsp fresh, chopped tarragon, OR 1 tsp dried tarragon

¼ cup finely chopped celery

½ tsp ground black pepper

¼ tsp kosher or sea salt

4 good quality hot dog buns, preferably top split

8 Boston lettuce leaves

Lemon wedges for serving

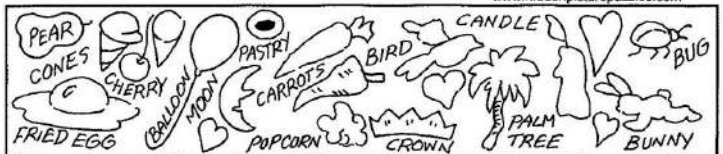
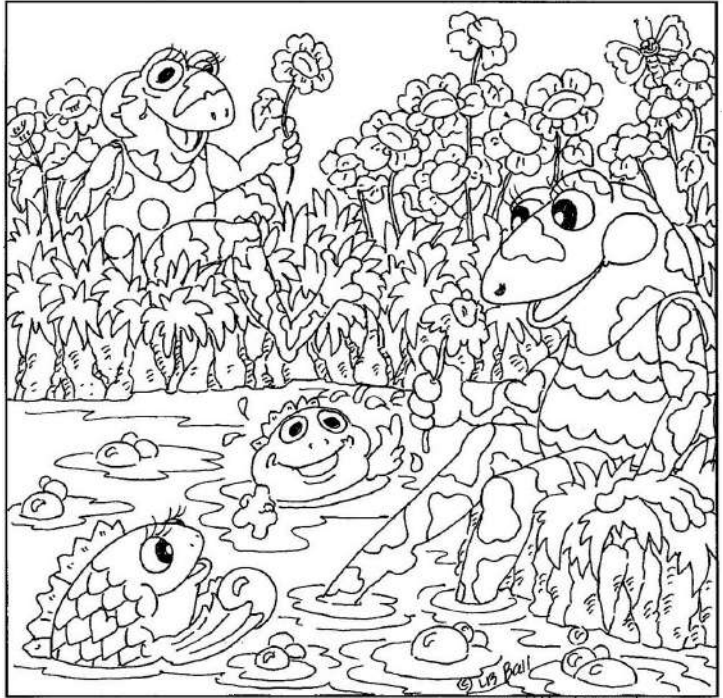
Heat butter in a large skillet over medium-high heat; swirl to coat the pan. Add the shrimp and saute for about 4 minutes or until the shrimp are done. Place shrimp in a bowl and refrigerate for 15 to 20 minutes.

Coarsely chop the shrimp, then add the mayonnaise and the next 6 ingredients (through salt). Gently stir to combine.

Carefully open the hot dog buns without opening them all the way. Lightly spray the cut sides of the buns with cooking spray and heat under the broiler for about 1 to 2 minutes until they are lightly toasted. Top each bun with the lettuce then pile on the shrimp salad! Serve with lemon wedges. - MP Christakos

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