

PITTSFIELD POST

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"The thankful heart opens our eyes to a multitude of blessings that continually surround us" - James E. Faust

NOVEMBER 24, 2021

Second Anniversary of the *Pittsfield Post*



Wow, the *Post* has completed its second year of publication! The *Post* volunteers are still having fun putting together a weekly newsletter for our community - we are truly proud to live in Pittsfield. Give us a shout if you're interested in learning more about the creation of the *Post*; no matter what are your skills and interests you can definitely lend a hand. From pick up and delivery of the paper copies, creating content, desktop publishing, website design to email distribution - there's plenty of tasks to be shared. We are so thankful to all the readers, people who send articles and letters (especially stuff that makes us laugh!), advertisers, and donors. We promise to try and behave ourselves - and avoid accusations of demonstrating the terrible twos. All donations and sponsorship's are greatly appreciated (hint, hint). Thank you so much for another wonderful year! *The Post Volunteers*

Looking for a Gift?

The Pittsfield Historical Society's newest calendar would be a great choice!

The theme of the 2022 calendar honors the men and women of Pittsfield who have served in the Armed Forces. It contains 26 wonderful photographs of servicemen, servicewomen, and various memorials located throughout Pittsfield, and provides a brief history of our loyal soldiers who fought for their country. Although there were soldiers from Pittsfield who fought in the Revolutionary War, the earliest image available to the Society is of Asa Bartlett, a captain in the Civil War. The calendar ends with Richard A. Brooks, a corporal in the Vietnam War. In between you'll find history, insight, and perhaps even a relative! This year, give the gift of local history!

Calendars are available for sale at the Town Hall, Josiah Carpenter Library, and at the Historical Society's new museum on Oak Street on most Tuesday mornings (9-noon). You may also call or text Fuzz Freese at 603-848-4488, to arrange a purchase. The cost is \$15, payable by check or cash.

At Harvest Fest Folks Shared with the *Post* what they are Thankful For:



My dog, family, teachers and friends. Maia

Time spent with family in nature. Anonymous

My family. Anonymous

My family making it through the pandemic warm, fed, happy and relatively healthy. Sarah

My family and those who are so close to call family. They have been through so much and the love connections are so powerful. Anonymous

My children. They are kind, thoughtful, smart, my heros and best friends! I love you, Nevaeh, Quincy, Elijah, and Emily!

Being able to carve a pumpkin at Harvest Fest. Oliver

I am grateful for my fabulous husband my beautiful and amazing children and grandsons, and for all the new friends we have made here in Pittsfield who have made us feel so welcomed. MP

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Wednesday, November 24, 9am- (or until pies are sold out) The Victory Workers 4-H Club is sponsoring their Thanksgiving Pie Sale at Mike's Meat Shoppe, Upper City Road.

Friday - Sunday, November 26- 28, 10am -4pm
Sawyer's Holiday Open House 2021 at 520 North Barnstead Rd., Barnstead, NH (603-776-4551 or 603-496-9086) - Country Farm Home filled with New Hampshire handmade items, just in time for your Holiday Shopping!! Open Hours are: Friday, Nov. 26th, 9am-6pm; Sat., Nov. 27th, 9am-6pm; Sun - Nov. 28th 10am-4pm.

Tuesday December 3 9-11am Infant Toddler Diaper Pantry, at the First Congregational Church. Entrance is through the Chestnut Street parking lot.

A local youth would like to collect food items for the homeless for the holidays, and **Pittsfield Main Street Variety** is the drop-off location. Please consider donating in the next few weeks: easy-to-eat single serve items, fruit or pudding cups, pop tarts, Vienna sausages, chips, pretzels, granola bars, etc. Also personal care items: trial-size shampoos, soap, toothpaste, brushes, hats, gloves, feminine hygiene products, and deodorant would be appreciated.

Saturday December 4 at 3:45 pm the Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Decorated Wreath Contest at the Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration. Everyone is invited to bring a decorated wreath (anyway you'd like). The wreaths will be displayed outside and a team of judges will select the winner. The winner will be announced at 6pm after the Tree Lighting and will receive a \$50 CASH PRIZE. Please drop your wreath off by 3:45pm at the Gazebo in Dustin Park and please pick up your wreath by 6:15pm. Any wreaths that are not picked up will be donated to local groups. The contest is open to everyone! Get in the Holiday Spirit and show off your creativity. For more information, contact Andi Riel at 435-6346 or pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com.

The Pittsfield Players will hold auditions for their Kid's Theater Workshop production of *Godspell, Jr.* on Monday and Tuesday, December 13 and 14, at 4 pm each day at The Scenic Theater, 6 Depot St. in Pittsfield. Look for more information in the December 8th Post.

The Pittsfield Senior Center is transitioning between PYW and Joy Church. A few functions will begin at Joy Church, located on 55 Barnstead Road in Pittsfield. The first function is Bingo, Monday November 29, at 10am.

Senior center staff will be going between two different locations and ask that people not show up before 9:30am. Bingo will be held very Monday and Thursday at 10:00am. The Christmas Party will be December 16, at 10:00am. Please RSVP by December 3, so the meal can be planned. The holiday meal is pot roast with all the fixings. For information please contact Carol Schiferle at 435-8482.

The School District, Town Hall, and Josiah Carpenter Library will be closed on Thursday and Friday in observance of Thanksgiving.

I would like to wish everyone a wonderful **Thanksgiving Day** holiday. I hope you are able to spend some time with family and friends – we all need that!

Secret Santa Program

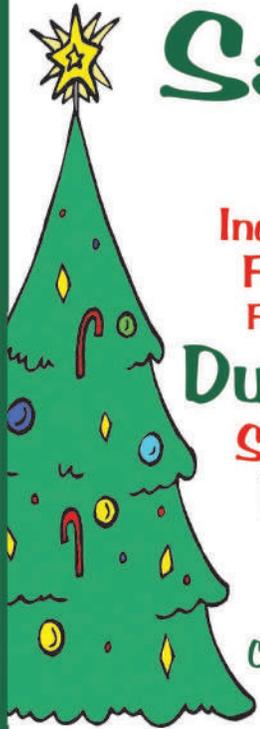
It's time again to start planning for Christmas. Sign-ups are now open for the **Secret Santa Program**. This program provides Christmas assistance for residents of Pittsfield in need. Children must be 14 years of age or under, must be residents of Pittsfield, and the parent or guardian that signs them up must have custody of the child. We will be accepting applications until November 30th. In order to have enough time to get all the gifts together, we cannot take any applications after that date. Again this year, due to Covid, we are asking that applicants call the fire station (435-6807) between 9am and 6pm, and one of the staff will take your information over the phone. At this time, we will not be accepting applications in person to limit contact. If no one is at the station to answer your call, please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as we can. We do ask for some patience at this time as the department is experiencing a heavier call volume than years past.



For those inquiring about how to assist with the **Secret Santa Program**, we are accepting donations of new, unwrapped clothing and toys at the fire station. Please call (435-6807) before coming down to be sure someone is in the building. We are also accepting monetary donations that can either be dropped off at the station or mailed to Pittsfield Secret Santa Program, PO Box 392, Pittsfield NH 03263. As always, a huge thank you to everyone that makes this program possible!

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

PRESENTED BY THE GREATER PITTSFIELD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Sat., December 4

PTO Breakfast with Santa at PES

7:30-10:00 am • PES Cafe • \$5 ea or 2 for \$8

Includes: Breakfast (Pancakes, sausage/bacon, & drink)

Fun Activity • Cocoa Bar • Digital photo with Santa.

For a donation to PES PTO, a printed copy of the picture is available

Dustin Park Main St • 4-6 PM

SANTA ARRIVES BY FIRE TRUCK 4:15 PM

Holiday Music • Christmas Caroling • Horse & Wagon Rides!

Candy Canes • Cookies • Hot Cocoa

Holiday Storytime at the Library from 4-6pm.

Come listen to your favorite Holiday stories and enjoy cookies and cocoa!



TREE LIGHTING ~ 6:00 PM

Sponsored by the Greater Pittsfield Chamber of Commerce • www.pittsfieldchamber.org

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Pittsfield Clothes Closet • South Pittsfield Community Club • Pittsfield Post Office • Main St. Variety • Jitters Café • Epping Well Co.

FOR INFORMATION CALL ANDREA 435-6346 or email pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com

Masks and Social Distancing Recommended • This is an OUTDOOR Event – Dress Warmly

Decorated Holiday Wreath Contest & Display \$50 Cash Prize

Presented by the Greater Pittsfield Chamber of Commerce

HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST

LET'S "LIGHT UP" PITTSFIELD!!!

All Pittsfield Residents Are Invited to Participate • NO ENTRY FEE - \$100 PRIZE

Judging Dec. 17 at 7pm

For info visit Greater Pittsfield Chamber Facebook page or pittsfieldchamber.org

To Register call or text Louie Houle at 603-848-1553



High school sophomores are invited to apply for Capital Area Student Leadership

High school sophomores who live and attend school in the Greater Concord area may apply for the highly-praised Capital Area Student Leadership Program (CASL). Offered annually by the Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce, this immersive program fosters leadership skills in motivated students and introduces them to prominent individuals in the business and nonprofit communities.

Students who enroll in the program gain experience in public speaking, an understanding of unique leadership styles, and exposure to professional fields. Beginning with an orientation in February, CASL comprises three session days in March, each focusing on an important topic such as local history, culture, and the judicial process. Utilizing Concord and surrounding towns as its "classroom," the program provides hands-on experiences, insight into the functioning of a working community, and dialogue with established professional leaders. "This is a great opportunity to learn from individuals who have successfully attained leadership positions and are using those positions for the greater good and giving back to their communities," wrote a member of the CASL class of 2021. "This could be the first step toward achieving your goals, so make the most of it!"

Since its inception 24 years ago, CASL has graduated more than 700 students from a dozen area high schools. It is the only immersive leadership program in the state for high school sophomores, and its graduates go on to impact the Greater Concord community in significant ways. Former CASL participants have received national awards for their volunteerism, led their school's Best Buddies—a program that facilitates relationships between students with disabilities and their peers—and spoken to hundreds of activists at the 2020 Black Lives Matter rally in Concord, all before graduating from high school.

High school sophomores in the Greater Concord region are encouraged to apply to CASL by visiting concordnhchamber.com/casl. A selection committee will review applications submitted by Wednesday, December 15, and visit schools to conduct interviews of prospective participants. This program is generously underwritten by Northeast Delta Dental. For more information, please contact the Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce at (603) 224-2508 or email programs@concordnhchamber.com.

To my constituents in Pittsfield,

This week, the redistricting committee met to vote on all the maps. First, we voted unanimously to interim study HB 51 (state senate districts) and HB 53 (executive council districts) since the Senate will deal with those districts. HB 55, on electing delegates to the state convention, is a purely Republican issue since the Democrats have opted out of electing their convention delegates. We amended the bill to require electing delegates in state representative districts, since the current plan for delegates is highly non-proportional to population, and this will keep us from needing to deal with it in the future. That, too, was a unanimous vote.

For HB 54, county commissioners, both parties had agreed on Hillsborough and Strafford counties, and the majority acceded to the minority plan for Belknap, Coos, Grafton, and Sullivan counties; the other four were different, with the minority plans mostly being the current map. On party line 7-8 votes, we rejected the minority plans for Carroll, Cheshire, Merrimack, and Rockingham counties, then passed the bill, 10-5, with two Democrats joining all the Republicans.

HB 52, congressional districts, and HB 50, House seats, were amended by the majority map, not amended by the minority map, and recommended to pass; all purely partisan, as expected. These will be voted on by the House in January, then off to the Senate – but changes, especially for the House map, are not likely. So, Pittsfield will elect two representatives with Chichester - and there's only one incumbent (Rep. Allard.) No floterial - my district is being changed to eliminate Pittsfield, but add Hooksett and Dunbarton. *Representative Carol McGuire*, m McGuire4house@gmail.com 782-4918

Pittsfield Area Senior Center Christmas Concert

11:30 am Wednesday December 8th

Musician Don Smith will be performing favorite Christmas songs. You may feel inspired to sing along! Following the concert, soup and salad will be served for a light lunch. The event will be held at the the Center's new location, 55 Barnstead Road, Pittsfield. So that the meal can be planned ahead, please call 435-8482 by December 1 to make a reservation.

DECEMBER 2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mondays, 10:00am Library Story Hour

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

8am-4pm Town Hall

Wednesdays, 12:30-6pm 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

1:50-2:40 PMHS Food Pantry

Saturdays, 10am-2pm Josiah Carpenter Library

10am-1pm Pittsfield Clothes Closet

1, Wednesday, 5:15pm Suncook Valley Rotary Club Meeting, Dominicks

7pm Suncook Valley Sno Riders Monthly Meeting, St. George Auto Body, High Street

2, Thursday, 5:30pm School Board Meeting, PMHS Media Center

6pm Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting, Town Hall

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

4, Saturday, 7:30-10am Breakfast with Santa, Pittsfield Elementary School

4-6pm Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration, Dustin Park

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

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

8, Wednesday, 11:30am Don Smith Christmas

Concert and Luncheon, Pittsfield Senior Center at Joy Church

5pm Community Development Committee, Town Hall

6-7:30pm NHHEAF Financial Aid Night for Seniors, PMHS

9, Thursday, 7pm Planning Board meeting, Town Hall

10, Friday, 7pm Christmas Concert "Our Favorite Carols", First Congregational Church

11, Saturday, 8:30am Community Breakfast, Joy Church

13, Monday, 4pm Pittsfield Players auditions for Kid's Theater Workshop *Godspell, Jr.*, Scenic Theater

5:30pm Soup's On, First Congregational Church

14, Tuesday, 4pm Pittsfield Players auditions for Kid's Theater Workshop *Godspell, Jr.*, Scenic Theater

6pm Selectboard meeting, Town Hall

6:15pm Parks and Recreation meeting, Town Hall

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

5:15pm Suncook Valley Rotary Club meeting, Dominick's

16, Thursday, 10am Pittsfield Area Senior Center Christmas Party and Luncheon, Joy Church

5:30pm School Board meeting, PMHS Media Center

7pm Planning Board meeting, Town Hall

20, Monday, 7pm PMHS Boys Varsity Basketball Game against Newmarket, PMHS Gym

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

22, Wednesday School District holiday break begins

24 & 25, Friday and Saturday BCEP, Town Hall, and Josiah Carpenter Library will be closed in observance of Christmas

28, Tuesday, 6pm Selectboard meeting, Town Hall

Do you have a meeting or event you want to share? Email: pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org

The Post is Counting on You!

Dear Readers: The *Post* needs your help to keep printing this weekly publication. When you're thinking about supporting our community, please send us a donation! Checks should be made out to: **Pittsfield Center Development Corporation, memo: Pittsfield Post P.O. Box 253, Pittsfield, NH 03263. Thank you!**

Cook's Corner
Sesame Chicken

SLOW COOKER

After all of that hard work you did in the kitchen for Thanksgiving, it's time to take a break. This recipe is so simple and easy and absolutely delicious. I know this will become one of your favorites. Serve the chicken and sauce over cooked rice (white or brown), garnish with sesame seeds and chopped scallions. We like to add a side of frozen stir fry vegetables, or you could stir fry fresh veges. One of my daughters like to add fresh broccoli florets, water chestnuts and shitake mushrooms to the slow cooker for the last 10 minutes of cooking time. Bon appetit! *MP Christakos*

- 1 & 1/2 lb boneless, skinless chicken breast cut into 3/4-inch pieces
- 1/2 cup honey
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 1 TBSP tomato paste, or 2 TBSP ketchup
- 4 tsp cornstarch
- 1 clove garlic, minced or 1/2 tsp garlic powder
- 1/2 tsp crushed red pepper
- 2 tsp toasted sesame seeds, for garnish
- Cooked rice for serving
- Chopped scallions for garnish

Lightly spray the slow cooker bowl with cooking spray. Spread chicken on the bottom of slow cooker bowl.

Stir together honey, onion, soy sauce, tomato paste (or ketchup), cornstarch, garlic and crushed red pepper in a bowl; pour over the chicken. Stir to combine. Cook, covered, on HIGH for 3 hours.



The *Pittsfield Post* volunteers will be spending time with their families during the holidays. The *Post* will not be issued on December 1, 2021, which is the Wednesday after Thanksgiving, as well as December 29, 2021 and January 5, 2022. Thank you for understanding!

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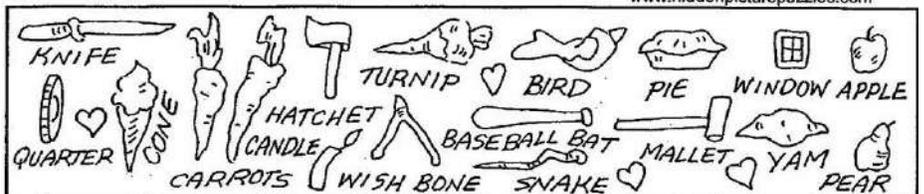
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