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“Be the sunshine, and lift everyone up like a hot air balloon.”

July 31, 2024

- Marisa Casciano

Selectboard Review - July 9

We discussed political signs being placed on town-owned property. NH law stipulates that signs have to be approved by the property owner adjacent to the road, and are not allowed on publicly owned land. Therefore, political advertising found on town-owned property will be removed and stored outside at the public works garage. If you have a sign missing, check with the highway department.

Certified Officer Michael Clark was rehired after an absence of several years by the police department. He's currently serving in Belmont.

A request for a waiver of a civil forfeiture for unlicensed dogs was denied. A junkyard license renewal was granted to Pittsfield Salvage. Other miscellaneous housekeeping items were dispatched. We reviewed the default budget under which we are operating and despite careful spending, find we must, in some cases, rob Peter to pay Paul. Continually rising prices put us further into a bind for funds. As seems usual, when we don't have money enough to operate an aspect of necessary town services, whatever they might be, the highway department takes the hit and money gets transferred out of their budget. Please keep that in mind when criticizing what we can afford to have them do on an already tight budget that gets reduced further to get us out of a numbers crunch. *Carl Anderson*



Thank You! Old Home Day Pancake Breakfast Was a Big Success

The Pittsfield Fire Association and Support Group thanks all of you who came to the pancake breakfast at the fire station on Old Home Day. We had a great turnout, the food was delicious, and it was a terrific fundraiser for our organization. We hope to see you all again next year. Thank you!

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Congratulations to **Larry Konopka** for being selected as the **2024 Pittsfield Citizen of the Year!** Thank you for all you have done and continue to do for our community!

August 2, 3, 4 - 42nd Suncook Valley Rotary Club Hot Air Balloon Rally at Drake Field, Pittsfield. Fri, Aug 2, 5:30pm; Sat, Aug 3, 5:30am - 5:30pm; Sun, Aug 4, 5:30am. **All events are weather dependent.**

Fri, Aug 2 - 3pm – 7:30pm - Helicopter Rides; 3pm – 10pm - Midway Carnival Ride; 4pm – 6pm - Silly Solutions Balloon Entertainment; 5pm - Live Music – Dusty Gray; 6:30pm - Live Music – The Bulkheads; 8pm - Night Glow (Starts at Dusk)

Sat, Aug 3 - 6am - Rotary Pancake & Egg Breakfast and Sunrise/Balloon Rise Yoga Flow w/ Powerful You Yoga; 9am – 11:30am - Touch a Truck & Meet a Mascot; 9am – 11:30am - Teddy Bear Tethering; 9:30am – 11am - Brushes & Balloons Paint Event; 10am – 7pm - Craft Fair – Sponsored by the Pittsfield Historical Society; 11am – 10pm - Midway Carnival Rides; 12pm - Anything that Floats River Raft Regatta Race; 12pm – 7:30pm - Helicopter Rides; 1pm – 1:30pm - Granite State Disc Dogs; 3pm – 3:30pm - Granite State Disc Dogs; 3:30pm – 5pm - Pilot Meet & Greet; 8:30pm - Night Glow (Starts at Dusk); 9:30pm - Fireworks (After Night Glow)

Sun, Aug 4 - 6am - Rotary Pancake & Egg Breakfast; 8am - Sponsors & Pilots Recognition; 9am - Frank H. Donovan 5K Road Race; 9am - Cow Chip Bingo – Sponsored by Victory Workers 4H. For full schedule and updates, visit the website

<https://nhballoonrally.org>

Registration is open for this years Suncook Valley Rotary Club Hot Air Balloon Rally "Anything That Floats River Raft Race". Sat, Aug 3 at 12pm at Drake Field Boat Launch. Cash prizes!

<https://nhballoonrally.org/events/river-raft-regatta/> for info and to register.

The Victory Workers 4-H Club is hosting its annual Cow Chip Bingo Contest on Sun, Aug 4, at 9am! A

freshly fed cow will be placed in a roped-off grid. Each ticket you purchase gets you a square on the grid. If the cow plops a chip on your square, you win \$500! In case of inclement weather or if the cow does not "plop" within an hour, a winner will be drawn by raffle ticket number. You do not need to be present to win. Questions? Call Pam Clattenburg 603-435-0772/Melissa Babcock at 603-496-3928.

Sun, Aug 4 - 9am - **The Frank H. Donovan 5K Road Race**. Register at...

<http://nhballoonrally.org/events/frank-h-donovan-5K> Registration (\$20) by noon Thur, Aug 1. Registration also available 8am on Sun, Aug 4 at the Drake Field Gazebo (\$25 Cash Only). Questions? Contact Libby & Keith Kun 603-505-1635 or frank5krun@gmail.com Cash prizes!

Mon, Aug 5 - 12pm, **Senior Center - Lunch and a Show** - Everybody knows the Dump Run Gang, but did you know Louella also has a band called Yesteryear? Anne has heard them at Open Mic many times and asked them to play. Come in, have lunch, and the music will start after, approximately between 12:15 to 12:30pm. You will enjoy yourself!

Sat, Aug 10 - 12-4pm - **Block Party** hosted by **Joy Church** at Drake Field. All are welcome to attend. There will be a free cookout, face painting, games, bounce house and more! Rain date is Sat, Aug 17.

Aug 1st - Aug 15th - Varsity Girls' Summer Soccer - All sessions will be from 9am to 11am. Arrive 15 minutes early to put your gear on and review the day's training schedule. The regular season will begin shortly after Aug 15.

PMHS Girls' basketball summer skill sessions for the Varsity level have started and will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:30 - 6pm. Middle School is holding skill sessions on Mondays from 6:30 - 8pm. Should there ever be changes to our schedule, they will be posted on the PMHS Girls' Basketball Program Facebook page, as well as the PMHS Athletics page.

Coach LaRoche has announced that the **Boys' PMHS Soccer program** will be holding skill sessions on Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8pm at Drake Field. If your son is attending PMHS and plans on playing soccer (either middle school or varsity), please have him come to the skill sessions.

Pittsfield Youth Athletics - The new deadline for registration is **Aug 4**. The team sponsorships slots

are filled, but anyone who would like to sponsor a banner at the field or have their logo on the website, please reach out. We are also looking for third- and fourth-grade coach/assistant coach and VOLUNTEERS. If you are interested, email pittsfielddyouthathletics@gmail.com REGISTER: <https://www.pittsfielddyouthathletics.com/>

Gabriel Douglas Anthony 21 Foundation was established by Gabe's family, after his death, to provide roadside safety equipment to all high school-aged drivers. Please visit the website <https://gda21foundation.org> to learn more about this wonderful foundation or, more importantly, to donate. You may also contact the Foundation at GDA21 Foundation, 98 Main St., Pittsfield, NH 03263; 603-470-6927 or email gda21foundation@gmail.com

Dowboro Farm, 615 Dowboro Rd. is open for the season - Thurs - Sat, 9:30am - 6pm; and Sun, 10:30-4pm. The **4-H Young Entrepreneurs** have stocked up the store!

PYW has changed to their summer hours! PYW is open for drop-in hours from 2-6pm on Mon, Tues, and Wed. Thurs is TRIP DAY. Fri - PYW is closed. Please contact Ashley or Zach at [603-435-8272](tel:603-435-8272) or email at info@pittsfielddyouthworkshop.org for more info about all the great things happening this summer.

Vintage Hill Autumn Craft Fair on Sat, Sept. 21 from 9-1pm. Contact vintagehill@metrocast.net or 603-435-5133 for a registration form. Registration fee is \$25 for inside space and \$20 for outside space. The deadline to register is Sat, Aug 31.

PHS Class of 1984 - It's our **40th Class Reunion** this year!! Save the date: Sat, Sept.14 at Murphy's Tap Room in Bedford. Invitations have been mailed and Facebook Event is live. Please RSVP as soon as possible. Contact Andi Grainger Riel at pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com or 603-435-6346 for info.

Happy Birthday wishes to Erich Engelmann on Tues, July 30; to Allison Yelle Buttafuoco and Val Guy on Thurs, Aug 1; to Diane Vaughan and Mary Thorpe on Fri, Aug 2. I hope you all enjoy your special day!

Happy Anniversary wishes to Aunt Elaine and Uncle Dave Cannon on Thurs, August 1.

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Cook's Corner Asian Chicken & Broccoli (Slow Cooker)



Many of us may think the slow cooker is used mostly in the colder months, but using your slow cooker in the summer is a great way to keep the kitchen cool on hot days. This recipe is super easy and will satisfy your craving for "Chinese Carryout." A nice salad of baby greens, thin sliced red onion and a few fresh orange slices, tossed in a light Asian-inspired dressing is a great side for this; but you could also pan fry some pot stickers or heat up some prepared, frozen egg rolls. Enjoy, *MP Christakos*

Ingredients:

½ cup chicken broth

1/3 cup soy sauce

3 TBSP packed brown sugar

2 TBSP rice vinegar

3 large cloves garlic, minced

1 TBSP ginger paste

1 TBSP toasted sesame oil

¼ tsp crushed red pepper flakes (optional, but recommended)

1 & ½ lb boneless, skinless chicken thighs, cut into ½-inch strips

1 medium onion, thinly sliced vertically

3 TBSP cornstarch

3 TBSP water

5 cups fresh broccoli florets

1 (8 oz) box shiitake mushrooms, sliced in half (optional)

1 TBSP toasted sesame seeds, for garnish

Hot rice or cauliflower rice for serving

Whisk together broth, soy, brown sugar, vinegar, garlic, ginger, sesame oil and crushed red pepper (if using) in your slow cooker bowl.

Add chicken and onion to the slow cooker, stir well to coat. Cover and cook on HIGH for 1 & ½ hours or on LOW for 3 hours.

Whisk together cornstarch and water in a small bowl. Stir into the chicken mixture. Add the shiitake mushrooms (if using) and stir. Add the broccoli florets to the top of the chicken mixture – BUT DO NOT STIR. If cooking on LOW, switch heat to HIGH. Cover and cook on HIGH for 25 minutes or until broccoli is crisp-tender.

Stir mixture before serving. Top each serving with toasted sesame seeds.

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*** adding a grade each year after**

Selectboard Review - July 23

Patrol Officer Justin Bishop's resignation from the PD was accepted with regret. He's done a great job for us, but personal circumstances required that he make a change in employment. Police Chief Joe Collins and Sgt. Devon Rego reported 70 traffic stops since our last meeting two weeks ago. The department is dedicated to doing their best to curb speeding in town, but, like everywhere, they've got their work cut out for them. As a side note - most people think the town receives revenue from traffic tickets, however that isn't the case. We get zero revenue from the court. Chief Collins also expressed his concern about numerous, ongoing, false, defamatory accusations being voiced in some circles around town and their potential effect on his officer's reputations and futures. The Selectboard has every confidence in our police department and share the Chief's concern that relentless, baseless slander can have negative consequences for innocent employees; therefore, we will consult with the town's attorney about possible prosecution of the offender(s). Any resident who has any question or concern about the Police (or any) Department is doing not only themselves, but the whole town, a disservice by regurgitating 'water cooler' hearsay rather than stepping up to the Chief or the Board of Selectmen. It's easy enough to do and we will investigate any valid concern.

Deputy Fire Chief and EMD Rob Freese expressed his appreciation to Public Works Director Noel Gourley for immediately responding to Rob's request for traffic cones and barricades when the state failed to come through with these items for Old Home Day, despite having been dependable in the past. The road agent was in the middle of a highway project, but in the spirit of cooperation that permeates throughout all Pittsfield's departments, he saw to it that the needs of public safety were met.

Melissa Babcock was congratulated on her job as Chair of the Old Home Day Committee. Job well done!

Jason Stone was hired as part-time Firefighter/EMT. Donna Keeley was appointed as volunteer for alternate Pittsfield citizen rep. on BCEP.

The Selectboard expressed unanimous support for the Health Officer's efforts to require cleanup of trash and garbage at the residence at the corner of Carroll and Main St.

Two timber yield tax warrants were approved. *Carl Anderson*



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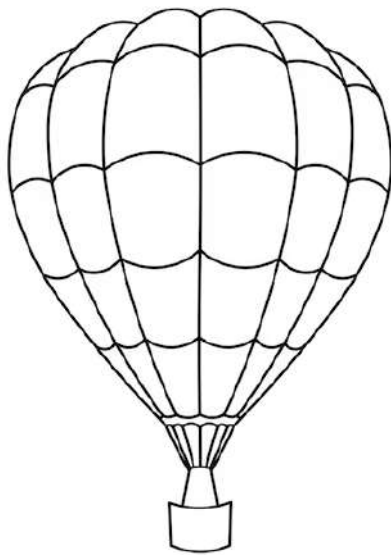
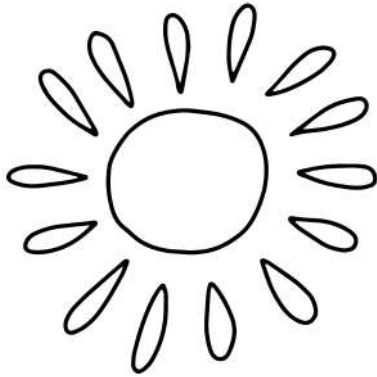
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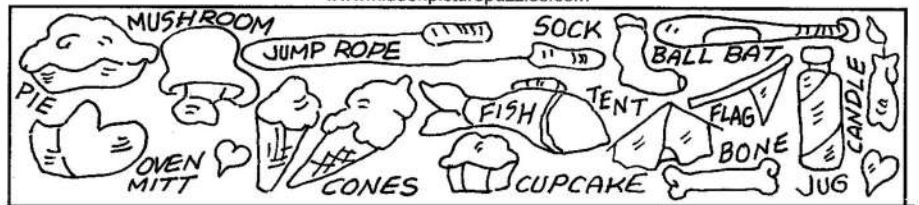


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Free cookout, music, face painting, games, bounce house

August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; margin-right: 20px;"> Senior Center Hours Monday & Thursday 8am -1pm Wednesday 7:30am-1pm </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Food Pantry 11am - 2pm 4pm - 6pm </div>				5:30pm 1 School Board Meeting 6pm Zoning Board Meeting, Town Hall	2 Balloon Rally 6:30pm Family Movie Night, Joy Church	3 Balloon Rally
4 Balloon Rally	Noon Dump 5 Run Gang Concert, Senior Center 6:30pm American Legion Peterson Cram Post 75, Town Hall	6 9-11am, Diaper Pantry, First Congregational Church	7 6:30 pm Rotary Club, Historical Society	8 7pm Planning Board Meeting, Town Hall	9	10 8:30am Community Breakfast, Joy Church Noon-4pm Joy Church Block Party, Drake Field
11 1-4 pm Pittsfield Historical Society Open House	12 4pm Josiah Carpenter Library Teen Book Club, Library 6:30pm JCL Mead & Read Book Club, Over the Moon 7pm Chamber of Commerce, Town Hall	13 6pm Selectboard Meeting, Town Hall 7:15pm Parks & Rec Meeting, Community Center	14 9:30am Josiah Carpenter Lib. Trustees Meeting 4pm Community Development Meeting, Town Hall	15 5:30pm School Board Meeting	16	17
18 7pm Pittsfield Players <i>Into the Woods</i> Auditions, Scenic Theatre	19 7pm Pittsfield Players <i>Into the Woods</i> Auditions, Scenic Theatre	20	21 6:30 pm Rotary Club, Historical Society	22 9am Your Health, Be Your Best Advocate, Senior Center 9am-3pm, VNA Senior Health Clinic, Community Center. Call 224-4093 ext. 5815 for appt. 4:30 6th Grade Orientation, PMHS 5:30pm PES/PMHS Open House 7pm Conservation Comm., Town Hall	23	24
25	26 First Day of School 5:30pm Community Supper, Congregational Church	27 6pm Selectboard Meeting, Town Hall	28 4pm Community Development Committee, Town Hall	29 6pm BCEP Committee, BCEP	30	31

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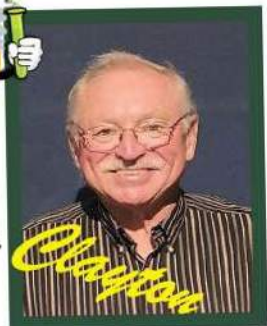
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