

# PITTSFIELD POST

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"And all at once, summer collapsed into fall." - Oscar Wilde

October 11, 2023

## Pittsfield Needs YOU!

### Volunteerism Keeps Pittsfield Running

#### Join a Group Now! (Part One of Three)



Research has shown that volunteering offers significant health benefits, for all ages. Volunteering improves physical and mental health; provides a sense of purpose and community; and helps develop new perspectives. Volunteering can also help you meet new friends, increase social and communication skills; and help you develop valuable new skills, all while having fun. This is a three-part series about volunteer needs and opportunities in our town, both at the government level, as well as other community organizations. In this first article, we focus on town government.

Town government has 26 employees, including full-time, part-time and seasonal resources. *Meanwhile there are more than 80 volunteer positions that are required to keep the Town of Pittsfield running optimally.* Your involvement is essential to running our town government functions, keeping our community moving forward, and ensuring that Pittsfield continues to be a great place to live, raise a family and build a business.

While it is proven that volunteering brings benefits to us as individuals, it is also true that the lack of volunteers across numerous Pittsfield government functions puts the town at a disadvantage. As costs are rising for many of the town's basic services, Pittsfield government relies even more heavily on volunteer support to understand these issues and assist in developing balanced, cost-effective solutions. Many of our government committees and boards are short staffed, making it more challenging to meet community demand, resulting in delays for decisions which are important to our residents and business owners.

#### ***Pittsfield Fire Department and First Responders***

The Pittsfield Fire Department has critical and urgent resource needs. Approximately 88% of the Fire Department's calls are medical/EMT related, the balance are fire and fire prevention. The department currently has multiple openings for volunteers. Volunteers are paid on a hourly basis for the hours they work, during their training and certification period. The Town of Pittsfield pays for the training and certification costs, once classes have been successfully completed. Training is about a one year commitment, and training classes can be scheduled with some flexibility. Once a volunteer successfully passes a state-offered training class or certification, the town reimburses 100% for the cost. Once a volunteer has passed certain training and certification, a full-time job offer with the Pittsfield Fire Department is made. All volunteer applicants are subject to a background check.

The Pittsfield Fire Department is a terrific group of trained professionals, possessing a wealth of knowledge, and tremendous team work and camaraderie. If interested, and for more detailed information, please contact Chief Peter Pszonowsky at [ppszonowsky@pittsfieldnh.gov](mailto:ppszonowsky@pittsfieldnh.gov), or at the Fire Station at 603-435-6807.

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## Town Crier

To have an event included in this column, call Andi Riel at 603-435-6346 or email [pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com](mailto:pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com)

**Wednesday, Oct. 11 at 7 pm at the Pittsfield Historical Society**, 4 Oak Street - Have you ever wondered what our local 4-H club is all about? Perhaps what happens there, what skills are taught, or how it came to be? If so, the Pittsfield Historical Society's next program is for you! Please join us on Wednesday, Oct. 11, as the Victory Workers 4-H Club tells the story about its long-standing history of the 80-year-old club. Ruth Kimball, mother to Pittsfield natives, Corine Miller and Carolyn Davis, founded the Victory Workers. Thanks to them, we have access to so many treasured memories. We will hear from them, from our current youth club members, and other guests to tell you the story. This program is free and open to the public. See you there...

**Thursday, Oct. 12 at 5:30pm the PES PTO** will meet at the PES Library.

**Saturday, Oct. 14, 8:30-9:30am** Free Community Breakfast at Joy Church, 55 Barnstead Rd. All are welcome.

**Saturday, Oct. 14, 11am-4pm** - Oktoberfest 2023 at The Little Red Hen Farm, 85 Norris Rd. Free event, food, live music, farm tours, cornhole, raffles and lots of local vendors.

**Saturday, Oct. 14, 11am-4pm** at the Senior Center - Please join Joy Church and the Pittsfield Senior Center for another fun event. Arts & Crafts! This is for all ages and everyone is welcome to stop in or stay. We will have different crafts at the tables. Come make something for yourself or for that someone special. The holidays are upon us. Snacks will be served.

**Monday, Oct. 16, at 6:30pm** at the Josiah Carpenter Library, a class, "Crochet Basics" by Morgan will be held. Spots are limited, so call 603-435-8406 to register. Supplies will be provided.

**Monday, Oct. 16, at 5:30pm** Community Supper – all are welcome to attend at the First Congregational Church. Cost is donation only.

**Friday, Oct. 20, 5-7pm** the PES PTO will host a Halloween Dance for Elementary School students.

**Saturday, Oct. 28, 5-6:30pm** the South Pittsfield Community Club (SPCC) Turkey Supper will be held at the Clubhouse, 444 Dowboro Rd. All you can eat – Turkey, Stuffing, Butternut Squash, Mashed Potatoes, Coleslaw, Rolls, Drinks and Homemade Pies. Eat In or Take Out. Adults - \$12, children ages 6-12 - \$8 and under age 6 free.

**Saturday, Oct. 28** the PES PTO will be sponsoring the 10th annual Trunk or Treat at the Globe/MSA parking lot. Set up time from 4-4:30pm and treating is from 6:30-8pm. (there is an Invite only sensory free time from 5-6pm). For Trunk Entry please contact PTO at [pto@sau51.org](mailto:pto@sau51.org) Please consider bringing a donation for PES Food for Kids. Baked goods and drinks will be available for a donation. PES PTO will be seeking donations for candy (the last event was nearly 500 children). CASH prize for best costume.

**Tuesday, Oct. 31, 5-8pm** Halloween Trick or Treat in the Town of Pittsfield.

**Save the date – Saturday, Nov. 11** for a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser to assist the Family of Ricky Belanger with medical and any other expenses. 3-7pm at Whitey's Barn, 229 Bear Hill Rd, Chichester. Adults- \$10, Kids- \$5. Menu includes: salad, garlic bread, spaghetti and sauce, dessert, soft drinks and coffee. 50/50 Raffle. For more information or to make a donation or assist, contact Whitey Foss at 603-731-8566, Ken Osborne at 603-724-0784 or Darlene Foss at 603-848-2669.

**The Pittsfield Historical Society 2024 Calendar** is now available for purchase at the Town Hall, Library and the Museum and the cost is \$15. The theme for the 2024 calendar is "Hotels, Boarding Houses, Resorts, Retreats and Summer Camps".

**Happy Birthday** wishes to Norm Tuttle on Friday, Oct. 13. Happy 90th Birthday (a little late) to Helen Schoppmeyer! Keep doing what you're doing!

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## Harvest Fest October 21

On Saturday, October 21, from 12-3pm (Rain date Oct. 28) the Pittsfield Parks and Recreation Commission is planning the annual Harvest Fest celebration at the F.B. Argue Recreation Area on Clark Street. The costume contest will be judged at 1:30pm during a costume parade. The announcement of the winner will be made at 2pm. The chili cookoff will begin at 12:30pm with the winners being announced around 2:30pm. We are still looking for Chili Chefs. Contact Minni [minibump@gmail.com](mailto:minibump@gmail.com) or Nicole [nastgeorge@yahoo.com](mailto:nastgeorge@yahoo.com) and we will send you the entry form. The first 10 people to register will be included in the Cookoff. Power strips for contestants to plug in their crock pots will be provided. Participants will bring the entry form with them to Harvest Fest – be sure to complete the section about known allergens. The public will purchase a \$1.00 ticket and will receive a voting card and then sample all the chilis and vote for their favorite (you can only vote once). Prizes will be awarded for the favorites. We are looking forward to celebrating some great Pittsfield area cooks.

Horse drawn wagon rides will be available throughout the afternoon. Journeys End Maple Farm will be available with their maple treats. Several craft vendors will be available selling their crafts. Games and activities, including facepainting, will be available for your entertainment. The Parks and Rec Commission will be selling snacks, drinks, hot dogs, and burgers. We will have 50 small pumpkins to carve/decorate. These will be available on a first come/first served basis. Come join us for some fall fun. We are looking for vendors and/or groups who would like to participate with this celebration of fall. Games and activities would be welcome. Contact any Parks Rec committee member if you would like to participate. If you have questions, please call Minni Plante at 603-290-4068. *Minnie Plante*



NH State Representatives Clayton Wood and Cyril Aures toured MSA Global here in Pittsfield. We met with MSA's Chief Operating Officer Robert Apel and toured the facility with Bethany in HR. We received a very warm welcome from the MSA Team. We met team members out on the production floor and we were very impressed with the smooth, well organized manufacturing process. MSA makes firefighter safety products, custom products, as well as repairs and cleaning of equipment.

MSA Global is hiring! They have approximately 15 openings and they will train anyone interested in becoming part of their team. You can contact MSA at (800)232-8323.

Contact Representatives Cyril Aures or Clayton Wood if you have any questions or needs in our communities Pittsfield/Chichester. *Cyril Aures and Clayton Wood*

## Town of Pittsfield News

Did you know you can get email updates and announcements from the Town of Pittsfield website? The folks at the town hall email all sorts of useful information. Announcements about community events, voter registration instructions, alerts when the winter parking ban will begin, the hours for trick or treat – really all the important stuff that keeps Pittsfield running smoothly. Now that the *Pittsfield Post* is published every two weeks, you can even continue to read the *Town Crier* every weekend, because they email the *Crier* too! So go ahead and subscribe to the *Pittsfield News* email; the subscribe button is at the bottom of the Town of Pittsfield website homepage [www.pittsfieldnh.gov](http://www.pittsfieldnh.gov) *Leslie Vogt*

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## **Town Government Volunteer Roles**

In March 1948, Pittsfield voters adopted the Municipal Budget Law and approved the creation of a **Budget Committee**. This committee has 12 members, appointed by the town, a Selectboard representative, and School Board representative. The purpose of the Budget Committee is to “assist voters in the prudent appropriation of public funds”. The Committee’s responsibilities include: review the proposed municipal and school budgets, hold a public hearing on the budgets, prepare committee recommendations on the town budget for citizen voters and action.

In addition to the Budget Committee, there are a number of other town governance groups that are vital to Pittsfield town operations on an ongoing basis. These include: **Capital Improvement** (annual analysis of town public capital asset needs and improvements); **Planning Board** (review and approve new and existing real estate development, subdivisions and site plans, zoning amendments, land use, etc); **Zoning Board** (review, consult and approve new real estate and changes to existing real estate holdings with regard to commercial and residential properties). Online and virtual training sessions are available for volunteers on these committees.

**The Community Development Committee** is focused on economic development for the town. This committee is focused on researching and sourcing regional, State and private funding to foster and stimulate economic development in Pittsfield, attract new businesses to our town, and improve our downtown area, thereby creating local job opportunities.

Following is a partial list of the most urgent volunteer openings, for Town government functions:

Budget Committee – 5 vacancies

Community Development Committee – 6 vacancies

Capital Improvement Committee – 3 vacancies

Planning Board – 4 vacancies

Zoning Board – 5 vacancies

Volunteering brings many rewards, large and small. There’s the knowledge and satisfaction derived from being an important part of keeping our community safe and running smoothly, as well as the great friends and relationships that are made through community service. Everyone is busy, but many of these volunteer needs only take a few hours per month, or in some cases, only meet 2 to 4 times per year. Please look deep and consider whether or not you can give back to this great town. Pittsfield needs you!

For more information regarding these and other town government volunteer opportunities, please contact Cara Marston at Town Hall or [cmarston@pittsfieldnh.gov](mailto:cmarston@pittsfieldnh.gov)

Stay tuned for part two regarding other volunteer needs, in our next issue. If you’re interested in being an integral part of our community, play a direct role in helping Pittsfield prosper and grow, there are many ways in which you can engage. *MP Christakos*

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## Cook's Corner

### Pretzel Pigs in a Blanket

There's a rumor going around that it's football season.....Well here's a fun treat to make for your next football party, or for any of your Fall get-togethers.



These little bundles are actually a lot of fun to make and served with your favorite dipping sauces, they are delightful appetizers. Get the kiddos involved in making the piggies. Bon appetit! *MP Cristakos*

- 4 oz sharp cheese (block of cheese)
- 1 (18 oz) ball fresh pizza dough
- 36 mini smoked sausages
- ½ cup baking soda
- 1 large egg yolk
- 1 TBSP water
- Coarse salt for sprinkling

Cut cheese crosswise into 12 (1/4 inch) slices, then cut each piece crosswise into thirds and set aside. Divide pizza dough into 36 equal pieces. Working with one piece at a time, flatten dough into an oval and press 1 piece of cheese into center. Top with a sausage, fold edges of dough completely around sausage and pinch tightly to seal.

Center a rack in oven and heat to 450. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Fill a large pot with 10 cups of water, whisk in the baking soda and bring to a gentle simmer over medium heat. Working in batches, drop 6 to 8 dough pieces into the pot and boil for 20 seconds. Remove with a slotted spoon and drain briefly on a paper towel lined plate, then transfer to the baking sheet, seam side down. Using a paring knife, make a shallow cut down center of each dough piece, being careful not to cut all the way through. Whisk the egg yolk and water in a small bowl, then brush the dough pieces with the egg mixture. Sprinkle the tops with coarse salt and bake in the oven for 10 to 12 minutes.

**Honey Mustard Dip:** Whisk 3 TBSP Dijon mustard, 3 TBSP mayonnaise, 3 TBSP honey and 2 tsp white vinegar together until smooth.

**Creamy Salsa Dip:** Stir 1/2 cup sour cream, 1/3 cup prepared salsa or pico de gallo, 2 TBSP fresh chopped cilantro and 1 tsp taco seasoning in a small bowl until smooth.

**The Josiah Carpenter Library** is in need of the following items throughout the year and would greatly appreciate any and all donations from patrons and town residents. Facial tissues, rolls of paper towels, unscented baby wipes, plastic spoons and forks, quart and gallon size zipper storage bags, printer paper, post-it notes, scotch tape refills, glue sticks, chunky toddler paint brushes, disposable tablecloths, craft pompoms, fine tip & broad tip markers, glue dots, jumbo craft sticks, sticky backed google eyes, white card stock, goldfish crackers, apple juice jugs, microwave popcorn, any individual serving size snacks. All of these items go to benefit the staff and visitors who participate in various adult and children's programming provided by the library. Donations from you would allow for the annual budget to provide more for patrons throughout the year.



**Post-It in the Post**  
Do you have an interesting story to share with your friends and neighbors? Are you part of a community group that has big news? Email: [pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org](mailto:pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org) by noon on Friday.  
Guidelines: [www.PittsfieldPost.org](http://www.PittsfieldPost.org)

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## School Board Update

The Board was proud to host the New Hampshire School Funding Fairness Project at our last meeting on Sept. 21. The presentation was well attended and sparked a lively discussion with community members. If you were unable to join us, we recorded the meeting and presentation. Also, the NHSFFP posted all of their presentation materials at their website <https://fairfundingnh.org/>

Our next regular meeting will be Thursday, Oct. 19, at 5:30pm in the PMHS library. We hope to see you there. *Molly Goggin*, [mgoggin@sau51.org](mailto:mgoggin@sau51.org)  
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## Conservation Easement Info Session

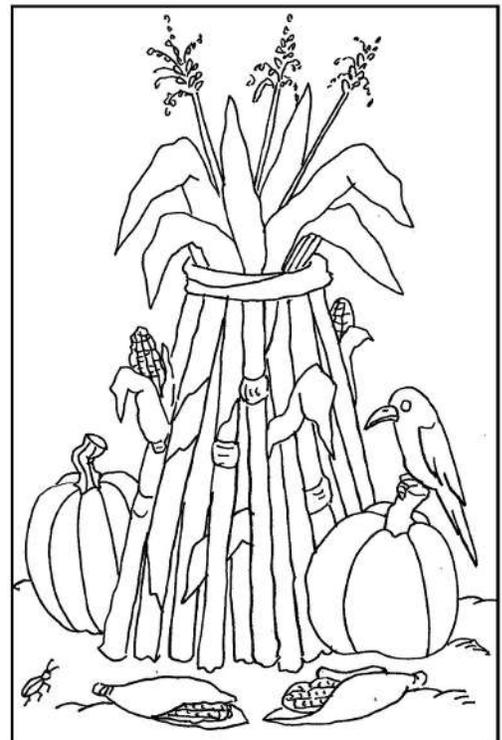
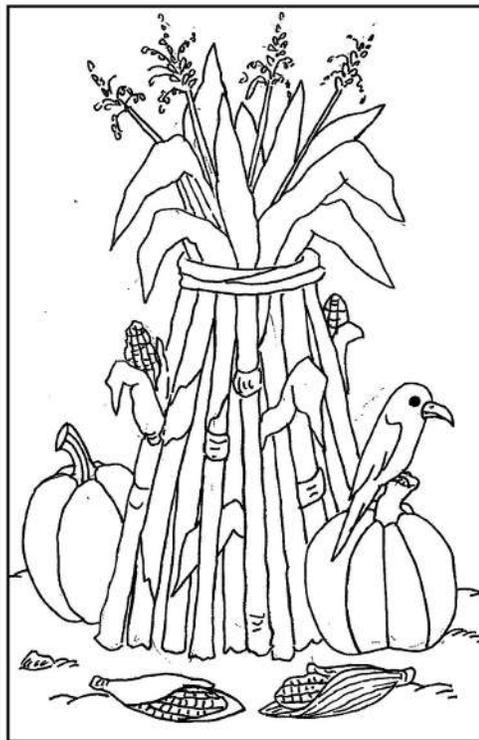
**Wednesday, October 25,  
6pm at Town Hall**

Join us while we dig into the details of putting land into conservation! The Pittsfield Conservation Commission is hosting Bear-Paw Regional Greenways current and former board members, Phil Auger and Frank Mitchell, who will demystify the world of conservation easements, gifts of land, income tax deductions, and deed restrictions. Plus, get the inside scoop on how Current Use Assessment works. This event is free and open to all. Walk-ins are welcome, but registration is encouraged:

[www.bear-paw.org/](http://www.bear-paw.org/)

### FALL CORN SCENE - FIND THE DIFFERENCES

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How many differences can you find?

## 5K at the Deerfield Fairgrounds to Benefit Catamount Womenaid

### Fall Fun Helps Neighbors in Need!

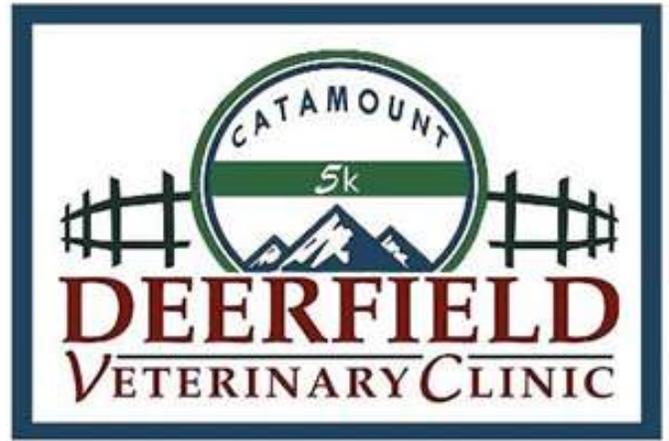
Catamount Womenaid will host the Deerfield Veterinary Clinic Catamount 5K on Sunday, Nov. 5, at 9 am at the Deerfield Fairgrounds. This race has become a favorite for runners and walkers of all ages and abilities. The off-road course offers a variety of surfaces and there is plenty of parking. The free Kids' Race starts at 9:45am.

Registration is open now at [catamountwomenaid.org](http://catamountwomenaid.org). The first 100 registrants will receive free hats and swag bags with goodies from area businesses. Preregistration race fees are \$27 for teens and adults; \$15 for kids 12 or under. Fees increase on race day. Snacks and water are free.

All race profits benefit Catamount Womenaid, a local grass-roots nonprofit that provides financial aid to individuals and families with urgent needs in Barnstead, Deerfield, Epsom, Northwood, Pittsfield and Strafford. This year Catamount Womenaid reached the milestone of \$100,000 in grants given to neighbors in need since its inception in 2011.

Generous sponsors, donors and volunteers have made this event possible since 2015. Major 2023 sponsors are Title Sponsor: Deerfield Veterinary Clinic; Community Sponsor: Northeast Delta Dental; Small Town Sponsor: J. Messina Excavating; and Neighbor Helping Neighbor Sponsors: Bickford's Sport Center, Bobcat of NH, Keeley Painting Company and Northeast Eye Care.

Keep up with race news on Facebook @catamountwomenaid and @catamount5k. Volunteers, donors and sponsors may contact [catamountwomenaid@gmail.com](mailto:catamountwomenaid@gmail.com)



## FREE Preschool for ages 3-5 years old!

Pittsfield Head Start is located next to the middle school and serves surrounding towns.

Hours are Monday-Friday 8:30 am to 12:30 pm.

Two meals provided daily at no cost to families.

Enrolling now for the 2023-2024 school year.

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### Custodian Wanted

PCDC is looking for a custodian for the Community Center

Applicants should be able to work a minimum of 10 hours a week. Floors and stairway sweeping and washing. General maintenance and on call for emergencies. Outside mowing and snow removal also needed. Call 603-435-6729 for questions and to arrange for an interview.

## Victory Workers Fall Festival Schedule

615 Dowboro Road, Pittsfield

**10am** Opens to the Public

Shooting Sports, Fall Photo Area, Animal Petting & Education, Scavenger Hunt, Dumb Dumb Hay Bale, Country Fair Promotions Area, Fiber Arts Exhibit, Arborist & Farm Stand Open.

**10-11am** Crafts "Make it Takes it's"

Bubble Gum Blowing Contest

Old Fashion Sack Race

Egg Spoon Race

Wheel Barrow Race

3 Legged Race

Face Painting

Pony Rides

**10:30am** Donut on a string

Honey Extraction Workshop

(free samples)

**11am** On the Stage

Fashion Show

Demonstrations

Public Speaking

Pet Rock Showmanship

**11:45am** Lunch will be ready

Soups and Sandwich

**12-1pm** Crafts

Games

Donut on a String

Pie Eating Contest

**12:30-1:30pm** Pony Rides

Face Painting

Bubble Gum Blowing Contest

**1:30pm** Honey Extracting

Workshop

**2pm** On the Stage: Repeat of

Morning Show

**2:45-3:30pm** Pony Rides

For our Community Service Project we will be collecting items for the Pittsfield Food Pantry. Please help us with this endeavor. This event is planned and carried out by 4-H Club members. *Keegan Huse*

Answers:

- 1 (3) extra leaves on corn shock
- 2 Extra corn tassel
- 3 Eye on bird
- 4 Position of bird
- 5 Shading on leaf
- 6 Stripe on binding leaves
- 7 Ear of corn on ground on right
- 8 Ear of corn on ground on left
- 9 Pumpkin stem
- 10 Pumpkin stripes
- 11 Pumpkin stripes
- 12 bug

# VICTORY WORKERS

## ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL

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