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“Struggle is a never ending process. Freedom is never really won, you earn it and win it in every generation.” *Coretta Scott King*

FB Argue Recreation Area Opening for the 2020 Season

The town beach at the FB Argue Recreation Area will open on Monday, June 22, 2020. Because of the Covid-19 pandemic, the operation of the area will be different this season. If the Parks and Recreation Commission determines that the state guidelines are not being followed, we will shut down immediately, and will advise the town administrator and select board of our decision.

The area will be open from 12- 5 Monday through Friday. There will be no concession stand, and no weekend hours. One bathroom on each side of the bath house will be open for use. This will make it easier to disinfect and clean, and will cut down on the number of people in the pool house at one time.

Social distancing while waiting to enter the area is mandatory. There will be a gatekeeper to take entrance money and help monitor the bathrooms. The gatekeeper will wear a mask and gloves. The cost for entrance will remain \$1 daily or a **non-refundable** family season pass can be purchased for \$50. The gate keeper will direct you to a table for use by your group.

There will be two beach attendants who will be responsible for maintaining Covid-19 guidelines, and supervising the use of bathrooms. We also will have two lifeguards on duty to supervise swimmers in the water. Beach attendants and lifeguards will be expected to wear a mask when they aren't able to social distance. Parents will be expected to supervise their own children, and will be responsible for ensuring their children are following guidelines. Before they enter the area all parents will be expected to sign a waiver documenting that they (and their children) will follow all area rules and Covid-19 guidelines and will not hold the town of Pittsfield or any of its employees responsible for illness. PARENTS WILL HAVE TO TAKE

RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR OWN CHILDREN or this will not work and we will have to close down.

Social distancing: The tables will be more than 20 feet apart, and each group of no more than 8 people will be assigned a table. Chairs may be set up around the table that your group occupies. No sitting on the beach will be allowed. Adults will be encouraged to wear masks when not in their table area. Children will be allowed to play on the beach as long as they are at least 6 feet away from non-family members. One person/family will be allowed in the water at a time, and there will be 6 feet between each person. If children are not able to keep away from each other in the water, the beach/water will be divided into 3 areas and groups will be allowed in the water by table group. When waiting in line for the diving board, all swimmers must maintain the required 6 foot physical distance. This will be strictly enforced.

The playground equipment will NOT be available for use, and we will not supply noodles or beach toys this season. People will need to bring any snacks, towels, beach toys, or noodles that their children will use. These will be only for your family to use. All snacks will be carry-in/carry-out. There will be no trash cans available.

Parents will be expected to make sure that their children are social distancing and following Covid-19 guidelines. If there is an issue with this, the family group will be asked to leave the area. If it happens a second time, the family will be told not to come back for the rest of the summer. If the Parks and Recreation Committee feels that this plan is not working, we will close the area. We want to be open for swimming and fun for the summer, but only if we can do it in a safe, health conscious way.

*The Pittsfield, NH Parks and Recreation
Commission*

Town Crier Andi Riel @ 435-6346
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June 21, 10 am The First Congregational Church, 24 Main St., Pittsfield is pleased to announce the reopening for services. Please wear a face mask if you have one (or one will be provided) and remember to distance yourself and follow instructions given by the ushers. Use the Main Street entrance, although you may park in the Chestnut Street lot. Those with wheelchairs or walkers may use the parking lot entrance. For more information, call the church office at 435-7471.

Sunday June 21, 5pm Pittsfield Middle High School Graduation at Fisher Cats Stadium, Manchester, NH. Tickets are required.

The **Pittsfield Food Pantry** is open on Mon and Thurs from 11-2pm and on Mon from 4-6pm – located at 55 Barnstead Rd.

The **Beautification Committee** has planted their gardens around town. If you are interested in joining the committee or helping in any way, please email Carol Lambert at lamb_frog1950@yahoo.com. If you would like to make a donation, please mail a check payable to the Pittsfield Beautification Committee and mail to Tina Fife 1394 Upper City Rd, Pittsfield NH .

The **PYW Pantry** will be open on Thursdays from 12-3pm. As always, if you have any special requests please feel free to reach out to Zach or Paula at 435-8272 or info@pittsfieldyouthworkshop.org.

The **Old Home Day Committee** invites EVERYONE to decorate their homes and businesses in the (what would have been the theme) RED-WHITE & BLUE!

Start now and keep the decorations up through July!

Good Wishes Happy Birthday wishes to Roberta Maxfield this past Sunday, I hope you have a great day. Congratulations to my nephew, Nathan Fries, Pembroke Academy 2020 Graduate! Good Luck at college next year! I know you will do GREAT things.



Pittsfield Fire Department 'Check-In'

Pittsfield friends and neighbors, would you like peace of mind that you or someone you know is checked in on? Do you know someone who might need a 'check-in' phone call now and then? Our own Pittsfield Fire Department staff will make a call for you or someone you care about. Call the Fire Department at 435-6807 to have a person added to the list!

Cooks Corner **Watermelon & Strawberry** **Lemonade**



Cold watermelon, fresh strawberries and tangy lemonade – nothing beats these summertime classics. Now you can enjoy all three of them together in one refreshing batch of goodness.

4 cups cubed, seedless watermelon
1/2 cup fresh strawberries, halved
1 cup of water
1/4 cup sugar
1/4 cup fresh lemon juice (from 2 lemons)

In a large bowl, combine the watermelon, strawberries, the water, sugar and lemon juice, stir gently to combine. Working in batches, add the fruit mixture to a blender. Cover and blend until smooth.

You can strain the pureed fruit through a fine mesh sieve for a 'clear', no pulp lemonade. Or you can leave it as is and serve over crushed ice as a smoothie. My personal favorite is to use the lemonade (unstrained) to make popsicles! And people at my house have been known to use this as a base for an adult beverage! Whatever way you choose to go, this is such a refreshing treat on a hot summer day! Enjoy.

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Josiah Carpenter Library **Summer Reading Program**

It's summer and reading is a perfect pleasure, so join us for *Imagine Your Story*. Each week there will be a new children's story hour and activity demonstration posted on the library's Facebook page. Children can visit the library to pick up a weekly activity packet, and we would love to see their creations! All ages, children through adults, can track their reading progress on a paper reading log, or on the app Readsquared. Each book you read, or if you locate a weekly downtown Pittsfield scavenger challenge, will earn a raffle entry for a prize of your choice. *Imagine Your Story* will begin on June 22 and last thru August 1; there's plenty of opportunity for visiting the library, solving challenges and of course reading!

Ready to Read Family Activity of the Week

Counting: Go for a walk. Pick something and count how many you see. (Cars, trees, flowers, clouds, birds, squirrels, etc.)

String of Words Puzzle #1 by Diana Westgate

Fill it in the blanks so that the second word in each line becomes the first word in the next line.

Clue: The number of spaces shown correspond to the number of letters in that word. The last word is the same as the first word. The solution is on the last page.

Left _____

_____ House

House _____

_____ Animal

Animal _____

_____ Jack

Jack _____

_____ Head

Head _____

_____ Right

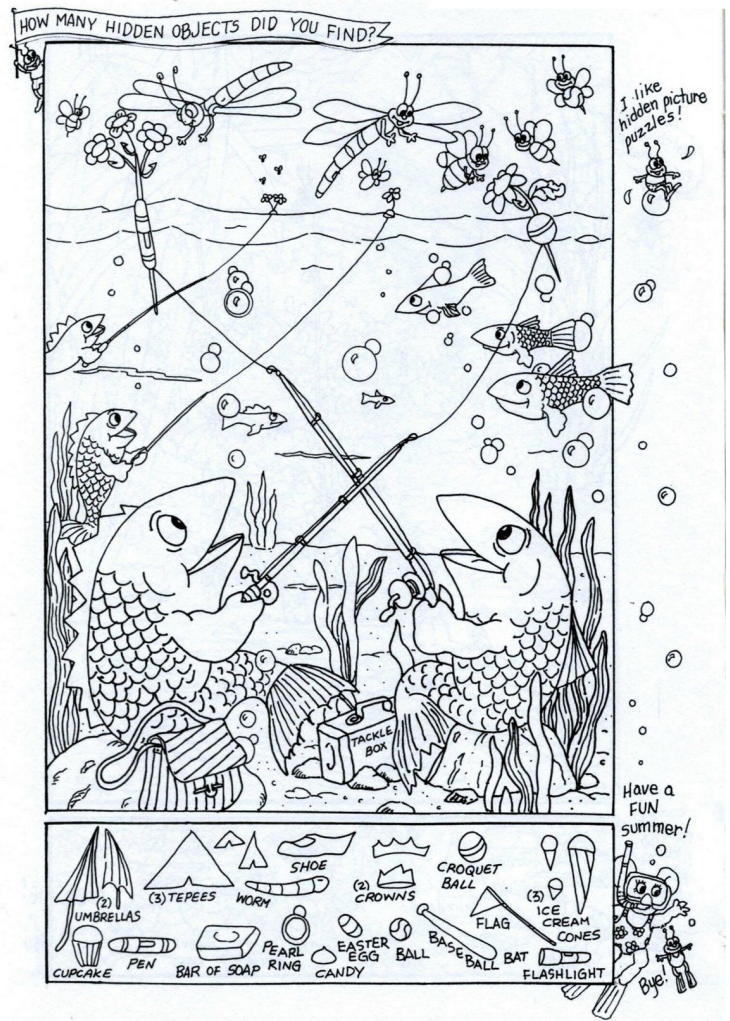
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JUNETEENTH

During the American Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln issued the preliminary Emancipation Proclamation on September 22, 1862. The Emancipation Proclamation was formally issued on January 1, 1863. It declared that all enslaved persons in the Confederate States of America in rebellion and not in Union hands were to be freed.

Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day, Jubilee Day and Cel-Liberation Day, is an American holiday celebrated on June 19. On June 19, 1865, the Emancipation Proclamation was read to newly freed African Americans in Texas by General Gordon Granger. Texas was the last Confederate State to have the proclamation announced, after the end of the American Civil War in April of that year.

Fishing for Fun by Liz Ball



Citizen of the Year



We're looking for Pittsfield's next "Citizen of the Year." Now is the time to nominate the person whom you believe deserves to be honored for actions and activities that benefit our town. Please send your nomination with a short note explaining why this person should be honored to Citizen of the Year, P.O. Box 173, Pittsfield, NH 03263. Nominations should be received by **Tuesday, June 30.**

Town Hall - Tax Collector

The Pittsfield Town Hall will transition to partial public hours starting Monday, June 15, 2020:

Monday: 2:00pm – 6:30pm

Tuesday: 8:00am – 12:00pm

Wednesday: 8:00am – 12:00pm

Thursday: 11:00am – 3:30pm

Friday: 8:00am – 12:00pm

Note: In order to minimize foot traffic in Town Hall, to maximize social distancing and to reduce the risk of exposure to both residents and employees, **we strongly encourage residents to continue to use the online options and drop slot.** More information may be found on the town website: www.pittsfieldnh.gov

The following Standard Operating Procedures will be in effect until further notice. These practices are based upon public health guidelines, and are designed to keep both our employees and the public safe.

In order to maintain a minimum social distance of 6 feet as recommended by the CDC

- only one person per service window will be permitted in the lobby area at one time

- 6 foot markers will be placed on the landing outside the town hall

Access to hand sanitizer will be provided in the lobby.

Customers are asked to wear a mask when inside the building.

Restrooms remain closed to the public.

The Town Hall staff will continue to be available by phone: (603)435-6773 or e-mail Monday from 11:00am – 7:00pm and Tuesday through Friday from 8:00am – 4:00pm.

How and what are you doing during our new normal?

Send the *Pittsfield Post* your news

Deadline is noon on Friday.

Email: pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org



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Cost begins at \$3.00 for a brief classified ad. Full guidelines and order forms are located at

www.pittsfieldnhcommunitycenter.org

Solution to String of Words Puzzle #1

Left Field
Field House
House Party
Party Animal
Animal Cracker
Cracker Jack
Jack Hammer
Hammer Head
Head Out
Out Right
Right Left

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