

PITTSFIELD POST

A FREE NEWSLETTER BY COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

"And the sun took a step back, the leaves lulled themselves to sleep and autumn was awakened." Raquel Franco

October 25, 2023

Allard Honored in Washington Ceremony



Colonel (retired) J. C. Allard was inducted into the United States Army Cadet Command's National Hall of Fame on October 9, in Washington, DC. He is the second New Hampshire native to be honored in this way, joining the legendary fighter pilot Brigadier General Harrison R. Thyng, who was also a Pittsfield resident. General Thyng was a 1939 graduate of the University of New Hampshire. Allard graduated from UNH in 1974. He served over thirty years of active duty, retiring in late 2004. From 2006 until 2013 Allard served as a Department of the Army Civilian working Army advertising and public affairs issues in New England for the U. S. Army Recruiting Command. This year's cohort of inductees included 18 serving and former officers from around the United States.

Each of these officers received their commission through the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program at their respective college or university. The Hall of Fame induction ceremony was presided by General Gary Brito, Commanding General of the Army's Training and Doctrine Command, and Major General Antonio Munera, Commanding General of Cadet Command. Colonel and Mrs. Gail Allard moved to Pittsfield in 2009 to follow a long-delayed dream of returning to New Hampshire and owning an eighteenth-century farmhouse.



WHATS UP @ PYW?

We had a great time at the Seacoast Science Center earlier this month!

Important dates to remember:

10/25: Pumpkin Carving! Pre-registration is required. Please email Ashley at ashley@pittsfieldyouthworkshop.org to sign up!

10/31: Be sure to visit the PYW Haunted House between 5:30 and 7:30 during Trick or Treat!

11/3: High School Only Night 6pm-8pm

11/10: No School! Join us for a day of Indoor Rock Climbing. Pre-registration is required. Permission slips are available at PYW.

Interested in volunteering at PYW? Email us at info@pittsfieldyouthworkshop.org Ashley Perron



Town Crier

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

Wednesday, October 25, learn about Conservation Easements, 6pm at the Town Hall. 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.

Thursday, October 26, The **Pittsfield Circle of Home & Family** group will meet at 6:30pm at the Pittsfield Community Center, lower level. If you are interested in joining the group or would like information, please contact Andi Riel at 435-6346 or pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com

Friday, October 27, Pittsfield **Celebration in memory of Bonnie Chagnon**—Please join us for Bingo from 4-5pm. Then, at 5pm have dinner on Bonnie (donated by her family). Please call 603-435- 8482 for information and to make your reservation. Pub Burgers will be served

Saturday October 28, The South Pittsfield Community Club (**SPCC**) **Turkey Supper** will be held from 5-6:30pm 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, October 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 starts at 6-8:30pm. For Trunk Entry please contact PTO at pto@sau51.org Please consider bringing a donation for PES Food for Kids. Baked goods and drinks will be available for a donation.

Tuesday, October 31, Halloween Trick or Treat in the Town of Pittsfield will be between the hours of 5pm-8pm. Don't forget to stop in at the Haunted House at PYW (Pittsfield Youth Workshop), 5 Park St. on Tues, Oct. 31 from 5-8pm!

PYW is back to its school year Drop-In hours – Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri 3-6pm, and Wed 1-6pm. Stop in and check out all the fun things happening at PYW! Please contact Ashley or Zach at 603-435-8272 or email at info@pittsfieldyouthworkshop.org for more info.

Saturday, November 4, Save the Date! The **Suncook Valley Rotary Club Penny Sale**, 5pm at the Pittsfield Middle High School. New format this year for the penny sale. Doors will open at 2pm - drawing starts at 5pm. This year you can select which items you put tickets in for! We're looking for donations for this year's Penny Sale! If you or a business are interested in donating item(s), let us know! For more information or to make a donation, please contact Fallon at suncookvalleyrotary@gmail.com or 603-731-6862 or Stephanie at 504-460-5200. Donations may be dropped off to Lori at Northway Bank in Pittsfield.

Sunday November 5, Deerfield Veterinary Clinic **Catamount Women Aid 5K**, Register NOW for free hat and swag bag....or day of, before 9am. Race begins at 9 sharp! Deerfield Fairgrounds. The course is on varied, off-road surfaces in a scenic, rural setting. Children under 8 years old may join in the free Kids' Run at 9:45. 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. The 5K benefits Catamount Womenaid, a local nonprofit organization that provides financial assistance to individuals and families with urgent needs in Barnstead, Deerfield, Epsom, Northwood, Pittsfield and Strafford. Catamountwomenaid.org On Facebook: @catamountwomenaid and @catamount5k.

Monday, November 6, Save the Date - The **Pittsfield Senior Center** (55 Barnstead Rd.) needs to hear from YOU. Please save the date and attend the community meeting at 12:30pm to give your comments and suggestions on what you'd like to see at the Senior Center. ALL are invited to attend.

Saturday, November 11, Save the date - **Spaghetti Dinner** fundraiser to assist the Family of Ricky Belanger with medical and any other expenses. From 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.

Peer support group hosted online by NAMI NH, (www.naminh.org) (**National Alliance on Mental Illness**), led by trained leaders using a format standardized by NAMI, no cost to NH residents. The support group meets the **first and third Tuesday** of the month from 6-7:30pm.. Please contact Pam at 603-320-1818 or pamelafallonbanks@gmail.com for information and Zoom link.

Bingo Every Sunday, 2:30pm. Support Youth Baseball/Softball and play Bingo. Great snack bar and other games of chance, benefits the youth of Pittsfield for the baseball/softball program. Doors open at noon and bingo starts 2:30pm at 48 Airport Road, Concord.

Happy Birthday wishes to Peter Tuttle on Tues, Oct. 24; to my nephew, Jackson Riel and to Janice Sargent on Wed, Oct. 25. I hope you all enjoy your special day.

Happy Anniversary wishes to Marissa & Justin Butterfield on Tues, Oct. 24; to my brother & sister-in-law, Tim & Terry Riel on Fri, Oct. 27; to Stacey & Kevin Wittenberg and Allison & Jim Buttafuoco on Sat, Oct. 28.



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The next Pittsfield Post will be published on November 8, 2023.



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.

Scan below, visit www.capbm.org, or call 603-225-3295 ext. 1127 for more information






SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH!

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
HALLOWEEN EVENT!

2-3:30pm

BOO!

Join us for activities, crafts, and snacks!
 Costumes Optional!

24 Main Street
 Pittsfield, NH
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Cook's Corner

Butternut Squash Soup with Crispy Chickpeas

Here's a lovely soup for Fall. It's easy to pull together and makes for a tasty and satisfying meal. Add some cornbread muffins or warm, crusty rolls and a green salad and you're all set. The crispy chickpeas are fantastic. You might want to double or triple those; the leftovers can be kept in an air-tight container in the fridge. They're terrific on salads and a very healthy snack. Enjoy! *MP Christakos*

- ½ cup chickpeas (garbanzo beans), drained and patted dry
 - 1 TBSP olive oil
 - Kosher or coarse salt
 - 1 medium butternut squash, peeled & cubed (about 4 cups)
 - 3 to 4 cups vegetable broth, plus more if needed
 - 2 TBSP cold butter
 - 1 TBSP brown sugar
 - 1/8 tsp cayenne pepper
 - 1 TBSP lemon juice
 - 6 TBSP heavy whipping cream (whipped into soft peaks if desired)
- Heat oven to 400. Spread chickpeas out on a rimmed baking sheet and drizzle enough oil to generously coat. Season with salt & pepper; give them a stir. Bake until they're crisp and golden brown, about 20 minutes.
- In a medium pot, combine cubed squash with enough vegetable broth to cover by ¾ of an inch. Bring to a rapid boil over medium-high heat. Reduce heat and gently simmer until thickest cubes are tender, about 20 minutes.
- Use a slotted spoon to remove squash from pot and transfer to a blender. Add 1 cup of the cooking broth and puree until smooth. Add cold butter and continue to puree until everything is incorporated. If necessary, add more cooking broth to loosen up the soup for desired consistency.
- Add brown sugar, salt, cayenne and lemon juice, and puree again. Adjust seasonings as necessary. Return the pureed soup to the now-empty pot and re-heat gently.
- To serve, ladle the soup into bowls, gently drizzle each bowl with whipping cream and top with the crispy chickpeas.



Suncook Valley Rotary Penny Sale

Please Save the date: Saturday, November 4. The PMHS gymnasium doors will open at 2pm, drawings start at 5pm. New set up this year! There are no banks, everything will be out on display, and you can walk around putting tickets in for the items you want a chance to win, rather than general drawings. \$5 for 1 sheet of 25 tickets, or \$20 for 6 sheets. There will be a Door Prize per sheet as well.

For more information or to make a donation, please contact us at suncookvalleyrotary@gmail.com or Fallon 603-731-6862, or Stephanie at 504-460-5200. Donations may also be dropped off to Lori at Northway Bank in Pittsfield. There will be donation bins at the penny sale to start collecting for the children's store! *Fallon Reed*

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Pittsfield Needs YOU!

Volunteerism Keeps Pittsfield Running And Volunteers Have Fun (Part Two of Two)



Welcome to Part Two of our series on volunteerism. In case you missed the first article, *The Pittsfield Post* is proud to play a role in highlighting the many opportunities that exist across our community to volunteer. In Part One we highlighted volunteer roles related to town government functions, all of which are critically urgent. You can find part one of this series in the October 11, 2023 issue of *The Pittsfield Post*, on our website, pittsfieldnhcommunitycenter.org

In Part Two, we outline volunteer needs for other community focused groups. Volunteering is proven to provide health benefits, both physical and mental. Some of the groups we spotlight in this article might be great for students, especially if they need community service hours to meet graduation requirements. **Pittsfield needs you.** This is our town. It's up to us to come together and make Pittsfield a truly great place to live. We need each other to take good care of our town and our community.

The Pittsfield Youth Workshop (PYW): PYW has many exciting and varied opportunities for potential volunteers. PYW is always looking for interested community members to lend a hand during Drop-In hours; directly interacting with the youth during out-of-school time. If working with teens isn't your thing, we also have other options to help out: cleaning, office help, running errands, picking up food in Manchester at the NH Food Bank, and preparing meals or snacks for our hungry teens. The PYW Board of Directors is also actively looking for qualified volunteers to participate in committee work, and to join the Board as a member. If you would like more information on how to help out, feel free to stop by the PYW, 5 Park Street, or call at 603-435-8272 and ask for Zach Powers or Ashley Perron.

Josiah Carpenter Library: The Library is a hub for our community. We're always looking to offer more for the residents of Pittsfield and surrounding towns. To continue to offer more variety, we are looking for volunteers to help make snacks for programs, set up and clean up at program events, prepare supplies for craft projects, support during programs, and more. Those looking to volunteer may call 603-435-8406 during business hours, Monday and Thursday 10am to 6pm; Tuesday and Wednesday 12:30pm to 6pm; and Saturdays 10am to 2pm. Call us today. We can't wait to hear from you!

Victory Workers 4-H Club: A well established and longtime organization in Pittsfield, this group has been serving youth for nearly 85 years. To continue to offer the full range of programs, the group needs volunteers to help out at events, judge projects made by youth, help with a variety of projects from arts and crafts, computers, sewing, woodworking, and everything in between. On occasion, the 4-H entrepreneurs also look for an adult to help them in the farmstand as well. Anyone looking to help in any way may call Melissa Babcock at 603-496-3928, or Pamela Clattenburg at 603-435-0772. Pittsfield needs you. This is our town. It's up to us to come together and make Pittsfield a truly great place to live. Join a group now! *MP Christakos*



Harvest Fest Postponed

Harvest Fest will be held on Saturday, October 28, 2023. The celebration will run from 12-3pm at the FB Argue Recreation Area on Clark Street. We are still looking for CHILI CHEFS for the Chili Cookoff. Contact Minni Plante or Nikki St. George to sign up. Come join us for some fall fun and games. *Pittsfield Parks and Rec*

Select Board Review

October 10 & 17

Budget season so we're meeting every week! Fun, fun, fun! Some people are 'numbers people' and thankfully we have several. Make no mistake, the 2024 town budget is going to be a challenge. It's no secret that the price of everything is much higher than last year and consequently is reflected in each department's projections. Wages statewide are up as well, so town employees expect and deserve competitive compensation. Everyone involved in the budget process keeps the taxpayer first and foremost, so as you can imagine, this year's budget will be a struggle to balance while being fair to all affected. In recent years, Pittsfield has reduced the tax burden to the point where it's no longer more highly taxed than neighboring towns. We'll strive to maintain that position for a long time coming.

In other business: on the 10th we had the second public hearing relative to the proposed sale of the vacant 36 Main St. lot with no one objecting. The board will deliberate on the 24th and vote yes or no at that time.

Chief Collins announced that Officer Don Bolduc has completed full-time training at the police academy and is now back at work here in town alongside the rest of our capable department. In response to a number of complaints we've received regarding speeding vehicles, the Board of Selectmen asked Chief Collins to direct whatever manpower he can to patrol the more dangerous areas of town. With a small department it's impossible to be everywhere at once and as has always been the case, some people will get away with speeding. Rest assured however, that if you're driving too fast and the 'blues' pop on behind you, you're likely going to get a ticket. Generously handing out speeding summonses was requested by the Board to bring this issue under control, so whichever side of it you're on, you can thank, or condemn us. *Carl Anderson*

Want to see the pictures in color?

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www.pittsfieldnhcommunitycenter.org



Annual Christmas Fair

Mark your calendar – this fair is considered one of the best in the area, according to past patrons! The Dorcas Guild of the First Congregational Church, 24 Main Street, will hold its **2023 Christmas Fair, Bake Sale and Silent Auction** Saturday, November 18, from 9am - 2pm. There are knits, crafts, ornaments, baked goods, the "Unique Boutique," and more! The auction ends when the fair ends at 2pm; successful bidders will be notified then. Both the rear (parking lot) and courtyard doors will be open. Wheelchair accessibility is through the rear door. For more info, call the church office at 603 435-7471.

Advertising in the POST

Costs begin at \$4.00 for a brief classified ad. Guidelines and order forms are located at www.pittsfieldnhcommunitycenter.org

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Help wanted
First Congregational Church
Childcare Attendant on Sundays from 9:45 to 11:45am.

Must be 18 yrs. old. Background check required. Pay is \$30 for the two hours. Please call 603-333-5290 or email: keysman02@aol.com





Post-It in the Post
 Community groups, businesses, and individuals, please send us your news, opinions, and creative work!
 Deadline is noon on Friday.

Email: pittsfieldnews@pnhcc.org
 Info: www.PittsfieldNHCommunityCenter.org

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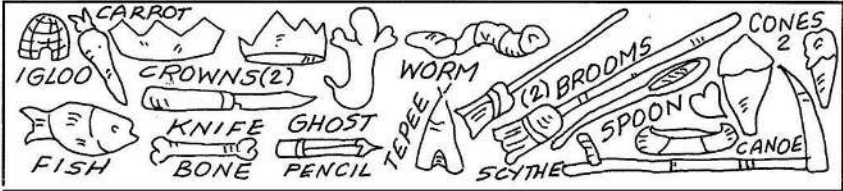
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November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5 7am Catamount Womenaid 5K, Deerfield	6 12:30pm Senior Center Planning Meeting 6:30pm American Legion, Town Hall	7 9-11am, Diaper Pantry, First Congregational Church 6pm Select Board, Town Hall	8 5pm, Community Develop. Com., Town Hall 6:30pm Brewing in NH, Over the Moon Farmstead	9 11am - 2pm Food Pantry 7pm Planning Board, Town Hall	10 Veterans Day, Town Hall Closed 7:30 pm Pittsfield Players, <i>Seussical -The Musical</i> , Scenic Theatre	11 8:30am Free Breakfast, Joy Church 7:30 pm Pittsfield Players <i>Seussical -The Musical</i> , Scenic Theatre
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