PITTSFIELD POST

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"If one door closes and another one opens, your house is probably haunted." - *Unknown*

October 29, 2025

Phyllis Conway -- Pittsfield Angel with a Heart of Gold

Most of you are familiar with The Clothes Closet on Carroll Street, but you may not be aware of the tremendous generosity of Phyllis Conway, the owner and manager of the shop. Last year, Phyllis donated over \$14,000 to various charities and groups in town; and so far this year she has donated over \$13,000 back to the community.

Some of the local places she has helped include the Pittsfield Food Pantry, Pittsfield Youth Workshop, Josiah Carpenter Library, Victory Workers 4-H Club, Old Home Day, Harvest Fest as well as several local youth sports teams. In addition to her regular contributions to organizations, Phyllis also provided three \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors; and she never fails to help fire victims and families in need, especially children.

The store was founded by Phyllis's mother about 40 years ago. It was initially located inside what is now Town Hall. After two years, they moved the shop to its current location where it has been in continuous operation for 38 years. All items are donated and priced as they come in. They offer different sales each week and in the back there's a section where you can fill an 8-gallon bag for \$5.00.

You'll find a very wide variety of goods including adult, children and infant clothing, shoes and boots, winter gear, household items, toys, games, puzzles, books, sporting goods, holiday items and decorations, Halloween costumes and much more. In addition to Phyllis, there are four volunteers – Annette, Liz, Pat and Wendy. The store is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm and Saturdays from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

With the holidays around the corner, plan to make a stop at The Clothes Closet and pick up a few goodies. Phyllis, you are an

inspiration! Thank you very much for your unwavering devotion to our community and your extraordinary generosity!



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Pittsfield Town Crier

Would you like an event listed? Contact Andi Riel at pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com or 603-435-6346

Thurs, Oct. 30, <u>5:30pm: Josiah Carpenter Library is</u> hosting a Read Aloud and Book Signing for NH

Author, Naomi Fredette. She is bringing her

Halloween Fun to Pittsfield. Join us on October 30th when she reads her new book, *Willow's Way*, and gets us in the Halloween spirit. Refreshments provided.

Costumes encouraged.

Fri, Oct. 31, 5-8pm: Trick or Treat in Pittsfield.

Fri, Oct. 31, 5-8pm: Don't forget to stop in at the **Haunted House at PYW** (Pittsfield Youth Workshop), Park St. The Youth at PYW brainstormed for the theme and built the Haunted House. Stop in and check it out!

Fri, Oct. 31, 5-8pm: Stop in at the **Scenic Theatre on Depot St**. The Pittsfield Players will be handing out candy for Halloween.

Fri, Oct. 31 & Sat, Nov. 1: Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Pittsfield and St. Joseph's Church, Northwood, are having their Annual Christmas Bazaar at St. Joseph's Church, 844 First NH Turnpike (Rte 4), Northwood, on Friday, October 31st 4-7pm and Saturday, November 1st 9am-2pm. Free Parking. Handmade crafts, baked goods, cookie walk, great raffles and gifts for purchase. Food will be available Friday evening and Saturday. Wear your costumes (Optional). Treats for kids.

Save the Date, Sat, Nov. 1: Join the Suncook Valley Rotary Club and your friends and neighbors at the annual Penny Sale, a time honored Pittsfield tradition. The doors open at 4pm at Pittsfield Middle High School Gym. There will be a concession stand, Magician "Tricky Dick" to entertain kids of all ages, and fantastic donated prizes from local businesses and your friends and neighbors.

Sun, Nov. 2: **FALL BEHIND** - Remember to turn the clocks back

Sun, Nov. 2: Deadline for ordering a **Thanksgiving Basket**. Joy Church is partnering with the End 68 Hours of Hunger organization to supply Pittsfield families with a thanksgiving basket. If you would like to be added to our list, please contact us at 603-755-6357. Deadline Nov 2nd.

Mon, Nov. 3, 6:30pm: Victory Workers 4-H Club will hold their monthly meeting at the PES GYM.

Mon, Nov. 3, 7pm: The Greater Pittsfield Chamber of Commerce will hold their monthly meeting at the Pittsfield Community Center, lower level.

Mon, Nov. 3, 6:30pm: The American Legion Peterson Cram Post 75 will meet at the Town Hall.

Tues, Nov. 4, 9-11am: First Congregational Church of Pittsfield, Infant Toddler Diaper Pantry. Each family receives diapers and one package of wipes. We have NB through size 6 diapers, pull ups and overnights. Parking lot off Chestnut Street. We appreciate donations!! Financial donations, donations of diapers (including open packages) and donations of wipes are always welcome. Please call 603-435-7471 if you have questions.

Tues, Nov. 4 & Thurs, Nov. 6, 7pm: Audition Dates for the Pittsfield Players' "Another Very Pittsfield Players Christmas" at the Scenic Theatre. His royal highness and her majesty invite you to a celebration of holiday frivolity and cheer. The Royal Jester will entertain the members of the Royal Court, and The Pittsfield Players will dazzle you with their acts of talent and skill. The Royal Court may be called upon to serenade our Royal Majesties with Christmas carols. In a showing of great generosity of spirit, His and Her Royal Highnesses call upon the Pittsfield Players' community to join together and provide food for those in need during these merry times. This year's Christmas show will be done in the style of a talent show as we present individual talent acts to our Royal Majesties. Costumes will be in the flavor of a Renaissance Royal Court. A couple of the acts have been pre-written and will incorporate a small group. Acts incorporating music will be asked to use Holiday music in the public domain. Age Range: 12 to 110. https://www.pittsfieldplayers.org/auditions

Wed, Nov. 5, 6:30pm: The Suncook Valley Rotary Club meets at the Pittsfield Historical Society, Oak St.

Wed, Nov. 5, 7pm: The Suncook Valley Sno-Riders will meet at the Pittsfield Fire Station.

Sat, Nov. 8, 8:30am-9:30am: FREE Community Breakfast at Joy Church, 55 Barnstead Rd. All are welcome.

Sun, Nov. 9, 1-4pm: The Pittsfield Historical Society, 4 Oak St. will be open to the public. Stop in and check out all the great items from Pittsfield's history.

Mon, Nov. 10, 6:30pm: The Josiah Carpenter Library Mead & Read Book Club will meet at the Over the Moon Farmstead, Upper City Rd.

Tues, Nov. 11, 6pm: Parks and Recreation Commission will meet at the Community Center. Contact Nicole St. George at 603-545-2402 for information.

Sat, Nov. 22, 8-3pm: Snowmobile Course sponsored by the Suncook Valley Sno-Riders for children 11 years old and older. Lunch will be provided. Pre-registration is required. Please contact Joe at 603-608-6977.

Sat, Nov. 22, 5-7pm: The Suncook Valley Sno-Riders will host a Ham & Bean Supper at the Pittsfield Community Center, 68 Main St. The cost is Adults: \$10, Ages 6-12: \$5 and ages 5 & under: Free. The menu will be ham, a variety of baked beans, mashed potatoes, coleslaw, rolls, drinks and lots of desserts. There will be prizes! For information, please contact Mary at 603-520-3693.

Save the Date, Sat, Dec. 6: Pittsfield Elementary School PTO will be hosting their Holiday Fair on December 6th. Emails have been sent out to vendors of our past events. We still have some space available. \$40 for an 8'x8' space. This event has two other events overlapping at the same time, with Santa and Mrs. Claus making an appearance for 3 hours. Location: Pittsfield Middle High School, 23 Oneida St. Email_pittsfieldnhptovendors@sau51.org for more information.

The 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 to donate. You may also contact the foundation at GDA Foundation, 98 Main St., Pittsfield, NH 03263, 603-470-6927 or email: gda21foundation@gmail.com

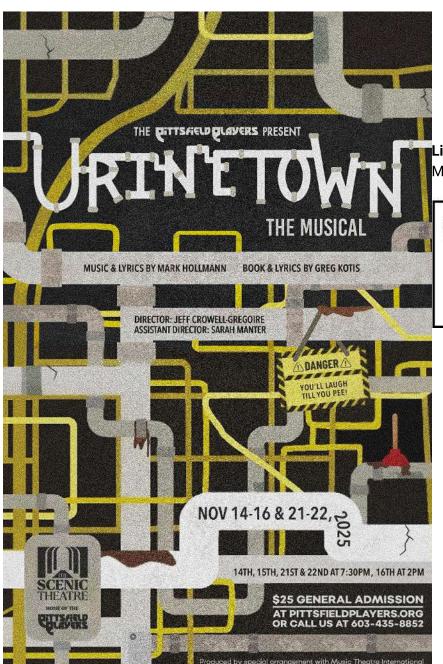
End 68 Hours of Hunger: Volunteer Drivers are needed. Pittsfield is looking for caring volunteers to deliver food to local youth on Thursdays from 9:30am-10:30am. Local delivery routes are around Pittsfield. For more information or to volunteer, please text or call 603-219-6343.

The **South Pittsfield Community Club's new shirts** are now available for purchase as part of a fundraiser to support the preservation and maintenance of the South Pittsfield Community Club building. Shirts come in a variety of colors, youth sizes, hooded, and quarter-zip sweatshirt styles. https://form.jotform.com/252705782497166

Leavitt's Cider Mill is NOW open for the 95th season at 49 South Main St. The hours are Saturdays and Sundays from 10am - 4pm.

The Pittsfield Firefighters Association is collecting donations of new, unwrapped toys and clothing for children ages birth to 14 years old for this year's Secret Santa Program. We provide toys and each child receives a warm outfit. Anyone wishing to make a donation can call the fire station (603-435-6807) between the hours of 9am and 5pm. We also accept monetary donations, and checks can be made out to Pittsfield Secret Santa Program, PO Box 392, Pittsfield, NH 03263. Thank you to everyone who helps make this program such a success!

Happy Birthday wishes to Juanita Smith Gouchenouer on Wed, Oct. 29; Michaela St. George on Thurs, Oct. 30; Logan Plante on Sat, Nov. 1; Dawn Facella and John Feeny on Tues, Nov. 4; Sheila Fries and Ernestine Fife on Wed, Nov 5; Brady Plante on Thurs, Nov. 6; Donna Cadose on Sat, Nov. 8; and Aunt Elaine Cannon on Mon, Nov. 10.





Save the Date: Sat, Dec. 6 - The Chamber of Commerce sponsored **Annual Christmas Tree**

Lighting Celebration, 4-6pm at Dustin Park. More info to follow!

Post-It in the Post Community groups, businesses,

and individuals, please send us your news, opinions, and creative work! Deadline is 9 a.m. Friday.

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We had a great hike at Castle in the Clouds on Friday, 10/10! Special thank you to Ashley's mom, Cynthia, for joining.





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1pm-4pm Pittsfield Historical Society Open House	6:30pm Library: Mead and Read Book Club meeting	5pm Selectboard Mtg.,Town Hall 6pm Parks & Rec	12 9:30am Library Trustee mtg 4pm Community Development Mtg	5:30pm PES/PTO mtg 7pm Planning Board mtg	7:30pm Pittsfield Players present Urinetown	7:30pm Pittsfield Players present Urinetown
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Cook's Corner - Egg Drop Soup & Spicy Pork Lettuce Cups

It's soup season, but I bet you're in the mood for something tasty that isn't pumpkin based. Here we go. This Egg Drop Soup with Chicken is delicious! It's super easy to make and so comforting. I prefer to use rotisserie chicken, but leftover boiled or roasted chicken is fine, too. Or, to keep it vegetarian, use vegetable broth and omit the chicken. Now for

these Spicy Pork Lettuce Cups, you are going to love these. If you don't have or don't want to use Fresno chilies, but you still want a little 'heat,' just increase the fish sauce by 1 teaspoon. I normally serve these in the lettuce leaves, but this is also great served over rice or cauliflower rice. Bon appetit!

Egg Drop Soup With Chicken

6 cups chicken broth

34 cup chopped scallions, plus more for garnish

1/3 cup plus 2 TBSP cold water

3 TBSP cornstarch

3 TBSP soy sauce

¼ tsp sugar

¼ tsp salt

3 eggs

1½ cups shredded, cooked chicken (rotisserie chicken works well here)

Bring broth and scallions to a boil in a large pot over medium-high heat.

Stir together 1/3 cup cold water, the cornstarch, soy sauce, sugar and salt in a bowl, until very smooth. Stir in the cornstarch mixture into the broth; boil, stirring for 1 minute. Reduce heat to low.

Beat eggs with remaining 2 TBSP cold water in a small bowl. Pour the egg mixture into the soup; cook, stirring with a fork until eggs are opaque, about 1 minute. Stir chicken into the soup; cook until chicken is heated through.

Serve soup with additional chopped scallions.



Egg Drop Soup

Spicy Pork Lettuce Cups

2½ TBSP soy sauce

2 TBSP lime juice

1 tsp fish sauce

1 tsp brown sugar

2 TBSP vegetable oil

1 lb ground pork

2 medium shallots, thinly sliced into rings

2 red Fresno chili peppers, seeded and minced (optional)

1 TBSP minced garlic

2 TBSP chopped fresh mint

16 large Bibb lettuce leaves

¼ cup roasted peanuts, chopped

Thin sliced radishes, cucumber and/or shredded carrot, for serving

Thai peanut sauce (store bought) for serving

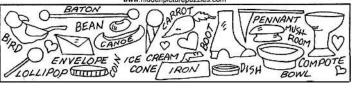
Whisk together soy, lime juice, fish sauce and sugar in a small bowl, set aside.

Heat oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add the pork; cook until browned and cooked through, 6 to 8 minutes. Drain if necessary. Add shallots, chili (if using) and garlic; cook, stirring constantly, until mixture is fragrant, about 2 minutes. Remove from heat; stir in soy mixture and chopped mint.

Divide mixture among the lettuce leaves; top with peanuts and additional toppings as desired.

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Christmas Bazaar

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Handmade crafts, baked goods, cookie walk, great raffles and gifts for purchase.

Food available Friday evening and Saturday.

Wear your costumes (optional). Treats for kids!





Modified Pittsfield Town Clerk/Tax Collector Public Hours

Monday 11:00am - 7:00pm

Tuesday 8:00am - 4:00pm

Wednesday - closed to public all day in order to meet administrative obligations

Thursday 7:00am - 4:00pm

Friday 8:00am - 4:00pm



Halloween Trick or Treat in the town of Pittsfield will be on Friday, October 31, 2025 between the hours of 5pm-8pm



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News of Note

Pittsfield currently has 49,000 square feet of commercial space for sale.

Three separate properties.

Total asking price is \$6.2 million.

These properties may not fetch the asking price but if they don't, there will likely be requests for property tax abatements.

Not good news at a time when the town needs to increase its commercial tax base.

The School Board has incurred a sizable budget over-run.

A long overdue audit will determine the exact amount, but it is somewhere between \$600,000 and \$1.8 million. It's not clear who will pay for this but it may involve the taxpayers.

The NH Supreme Court has ruled that Pittsfield must pay tuition for students who participate in the Open Enrollment program.

A number of Pittsfield HS students have elected to attend Prospect Mountain HS in Alton.

The tuition bill for them was reported by the Concord Monitor to be \$250,000.

Tuition costs will be a recurring expense, though now capped at 80% of Pittsfield's per student cost.

Not good news when the current school budget is already \$10 million.

Pittsfield is in line for some hefty waste water treatment expenses.

The currently operating lagoon treatment facility is in need of dredging to maintain acceptable discharge water quality.

Exact cost is not known but \$2 million has been mentioned.

In addition, the current plant is approaching obsolescence even with the overhaul.

A new treatment plant is needed, but so far is only at the early design stage.

No cost estimate yet but it will be in excess of \$30 million by the time construction begins.

Not good news after the town just got a large tax rate increase in 2024.



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The Pittsfield Players present

Urinetown, the musical!

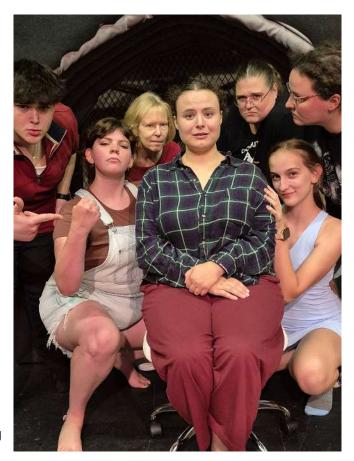
November 14, 15, 16, 21 & 22

Rehearsals have been in full swing for over a month now at The Scenic Theatre, home of The Pittsfield Players, with Director (and choreographer/set designer/music director) Jeff Crowell-Gregoire at the helm, supported by Assistant Director and Co-producer Sarah Manter; Musical Accompanist Emily McMaster; Choreographer Ro Gavin; Assistant Choreographer Miai Manter; Costume Lead Valerie Eaton; Assistant Costumer Amy Mitchell; Set Foreman Joel Dail and his helpers: Vicki Watson and Kevin Kennedy,;Set Concept/Decorators and Co-producers: Meggin Dail and Jean Gentile; Set Artist Carson Gage; Stage Manager Jim Roberts; Program Editor Fernando Bartolozzi; and the many, many helpers who have responded to set calls.

The rumors are true. We have probably the best bunch of talent right here in Pittsfield at The Scenic Theatre.

Though it seems that not many have heard of *Urinetown*, the musical, those who had heard of it and seen it came out in droves for the opportunity to audition. Those who have seen it and heard it as audience members will NOT be disappointed. Our Penny is unparalleled, Caldwell is overqualified, Hope is ..and Bobby, and Little Sally..and Lockstock and Barrel... well, we just can't say enough about this amazingly talented cast! Hope Cladwell- Cecily Schultz, Bobby Strong-Jakob Kolb, Caldwell B. Cladwell -Jim Bomersbach, Officer Lockstock - Kevin Kennedy, Officer Barrel - Drew Wilder, Penelope Pennywise - Ellie Gallo, Little Sally - Emily Guzzo, Senator Fipp - Jeff Long, Ms. McQueen - Emily Marsh, Hot Blades Harry/Joseph "Pa" Strong - Emma Blake, Little Becky Two Shoes - Maia Manter, Josephine "Ma" Strong - Elizabeth Kolb, Tiny Tom/Dr. Billeaux - Sam Diomede, Soupy Sue/Cladwell's Secretary - Ashley Long, Bobby the Stockfish/Exec #2 -Danielle Friedman, Billy Boy Bill/Exec #1 - Vicki Watson, Mrs. Millenium - Beth Champagne.

With that much talent, we have to have a great set to make the story pop. Thanks to AMC Carpentry for lending us some staging and for all the fantastic helpers proving that many hands make light work.



If you haven't seen *Urinetown the musical* before, if you're on the fence about whether you think you'll like it, this is your sign to start buying up those tickets before they're gone. The music is incredibly catchy. The talent in the cast is incredible. From costumes to choreography (by the way, one of our choreographers, Ro Gavin, is not only choreographing the NH Theatre Awards but directing it as well!), from direction to set details, *Urinetown* is the place you want to be this fall. November 14, 15, 16, 21 & 22 at the Scenic Theatre, Home of the Pittsfield Players, 6 Depot Street, Pittsfield, NH. Visit our website for more details and tickets www.pittsfieldplayers.org. We can't wait to see you there!

To the Citizens of Pittsfield:

We are indeed fortunate to call Pittsfield our home. Yes, there are challenges. Commercial/industrial development trails that of many of our neighboring towns. Property values lag behind other communities. We are the only New Hampshire town of our size even trying to provide a local high school for our students. These challenges mean higher taxes and strained budgets but, in ways large and small, these challenges are being addressed and anyone living in Pittsfield can be confident that their tax dollars are spent getting results. Over the next few weeks I plan to point to some of the areas where Pittsfield is succeeding and where Pittsfield residents are getting genuine value for the taxes they pay. And I choose to start with the Fire Department. We have a department that is run efficiently and effectively from the top down and is skilled and dedicated from the bottom up. The leadership team have become masters of writing grant proposals that have resulted in Pittsfield receiving all manner of cutting-edge equipment that give our first responders the ability to better protect every citizen of Pittsfield without impacting taxes. The department recently received an aerial ladder truck from Federal surplus, a piece of equipment that I've heard some question the need for. Allow me to share what I have learned about that need. With every passing month our need for that truck's capabilities grows. True, we do not yet have high-rise buildings to protect, but we do have an ever-increasing number of homes and businesses that are sheathed in metal roofing, and every day in every corner of Pittsfield, solar panels are added to rooftops. Firefighters in their protective clothing and carrying gear cannot walk on metal roofing or solar panels. The aerial ladder is here to mitigate that serious threat to life and property. I've also heard questions raised about plans to attach an addition to our fire station to house the new truck. Some time ago our firefighters formed their own association to do things for the enhancement of fire protection in Pittsfield. It is the association that plans to raise funds for the addition, without seeking any tax-payer funding. A devotion to public service can do a lot with the proceeds of a spaghetti dinner or several. A devotion to public service of this nature is nothing short of priceless, and we are lucky to have such neighbors. Any resident of Pittsfield can take heart that these are just a couple examples of the kind of bang for your buck and out-of-the-box thinking our public servants are giving us.

