

# PITTSFIELD POST

A FREE NEWSLETTER BY COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

"The future lies before you, like a field of fallen snow; be careful how you tread it, for every step will show." – *Unknown*

December 24, 2025



## 2025 Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration THANK YOU!!!



The Greater Pittsfield Chamber of Commerce would like to THANK ALL the organizations, businesses, volunteers and community members that worked to make the annual Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration day such a great success.

### THANK YOU!

\* PES PTO for hosting Breakfast with Santa and the Vendor/Craft Fair  
\* PMHS Boys & Girls Basketball teams (Heidi & Jay Darrah and Fawn Tyrell) for sponsoring the Children's Store

### AT THE TREE LIGHTING...

\* Zach Powers (PYW) and Mark Riel for playing the holiday music  
\* Pittsfield Players – Christmas caroling  
\* Stoneboat Farm – Horse & wagon rides \* Samantha Locke – Horse & wagon rides  
\* Joe Darrah - Assisting with horse & wagon rides and installing all the holiday banners  
\* Joe Darrah and his crew, Fuzz Freese, Zachary and any other volunteers who helped to shovel, sand and salt the walkways of Dustin Park  
\* All the cookie donations from the Victory Workers 4-H Club, Circle of Home & Family members, South Pittsfield Community Club members, Park St. Baptist Church members, and Friendly Diner.  
\* Parks & Recreation Committee – Donation of cocoa  
\* Roberta Maxfield & crew – Cocoa making & serving  
\* Jay & Heidi Darrah – Popcorn  
\* Bob Giegerich - AKA Awesome Santa  
\* Clayton Wood – Pictures with Santa  
\* Pittsfield Youth Workshop (PYW-Zach Powers & Ashley Perron) – Opening the building for inside space for Santa, hot food, Gingerbread House display and raffle & Decorated Wreath contest  
\* Josiah Carpenter Library Staff – Holiday Storytime and cookie tray  
\* Volunteers who made all the hot food – Ed & Laurie Vien, Dawn Facella, Jen Walter, Ted Mitchell, Tobi Chassie, Kathy McNamara \* Liz Dimmick – for serving the hot food all night \*  
\* Granite Image – Poster design and printing  
\* Pittsfield Fire Department – Mike Wolfe for providing heat and lights

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\* Pittsfield Police Department

\* Catamount Lodge #107 – Donation of Christmas tree for raffle

\*Globe/MSA - Generous donation

\*Sanderson Trust Fund - Generous donation

\*A special thank you to Louie Houle and Joe Darrah and crew for decorating the Christmas trees and hanging the wreaths in Dustin Park, and to Fuzz Freese for decorating the gazebo.

***A special thank you to Mark Riel for all the behind-the-scenes help with logistics.***

***Could not have done it without you!!***



### Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Join your friends and neighbors and bring the whole family to a wonderful traditional candlelight service Wednesday, Christmas Eve, 7 p.m., at the First Congregational Church, 24 Main Street, Pittsfield.

The service includes beautiful music by the Chancel Choir and the JuBellation Handbell Choir, carols, scripture lessons, the story of the first Christmas, the sanctuary shimmering in candlelight and the singing of "Silent Night." Include this lovely evening service in your holiday plans.

Parking and wheelchair access are available at the rear of the church at Chestnut Street. Additional parking is available at the Historical Society in unreserved spots. For more information, call the church office at 603 435-7471 and speak with Pastor Dennis Russell.



***Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to Everyone!!***

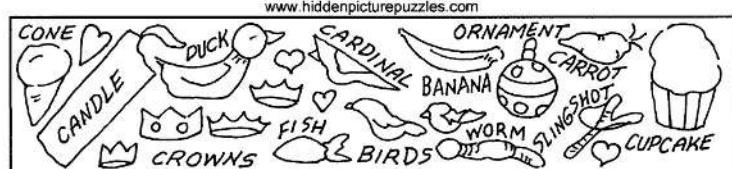
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### Pittsfield Historical Society's Annual Meeting.

Pittsfield Historical Society will hold its Annual Meeting on **Tuesday, January 13, 2026**, at the Society's headquarters on Main and Oak streets. The meeting will start at **6:30 p.m.**



**Pittsfield Town Crier** Would you like an event listed? Contact Andi Riel at [pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com](mailto:pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com) or 603-435-6346

**The Greater Pittsfield Chamber of Commerce** wishes to thank everyone who came out for the annual Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration. The winners of the Decorated Wreath contest were: Youth Division – Myla Baum (wreath #2), and Adult Division – Dawn Facella (wreath #3). The winner of the Live Christmas Tree (donated by Catamount Lodge #107) was Mike St. George. Happy holidays to all!

**Mon, Dec 22 - Fri, Jan. 2, 2026** – Pittsfield School District holiday break. To all the students, teachers and staff – have fun and enjoy your time off.

**Mon, Dec 22 - Fri, Jan. 2, 2026** – Pittsfield Youth Workshop is closed for the holidays and vacation. They will reopen on **Mon, Jan 5**.

**Wed, Dec 24, 7pm - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** - Join your friends and neighbors and bring the whole family to a wonderful traditional candlelight service Wednesday, Christmas Eve, 7pm, at the **First Congregational Church**, 24 Main Street. The service includes beautiful music by the Chancel Choir and the JuBellation Handbell Choir, carols, scripture lessons, the story of the first Christmas, the sanctuary shimmering in candlelight and the singing of "Silent Night." Include this lovely evening service in your holiday plans. Parking and wheelchair access are available at the rear of the church at Chestnut Street. Additional parking available at the Historical Society. For more information, call the church office 603 435-7471 and speak with Pastor Dennis Russell.

**Thurs, Dec 25 - Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday Wishes to All!**

**Wed, Dec 31 - HAPPY NEW YEAR'S EVE TO ALL!!**  
Here's to a wonderful 2026!

**Mon, Jan 5, 6:30pm – The Victory Workers 4-H Club**  
will hold their monthly meeting at the PES GYM.

**Mon, Jan 5, 6:30pm - The American Legion Peterson Cram Post #75** will meet at the Town Hall.

**Tues, Jan 6, 9-11am** - First Congregational Church of Pittsfield **Infant Toddler Diaper Pantry** will be open, providing diapers once per opening. Please call 603-435-7471 with any questions, including donation questions.

**Wed, Jan 7, 7pm - The Suncook Valley Sno-Riders** will meet at the Pittsfield Fire Station.

**Wed, Jan 7, 6pm - The PES PTO** will meet at the PES Cafeteria.

**Sat, Jan 10, 8:30-9:30am – FREE Community Breakfast** at Joy Church, 55 Barnstead Rd. All are welcome.

**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, 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](mailto:gda21foundation@gmail.com)

**Senior Center Schedule** (55 Barnstead Dr., Pittsfield NH 03263 located in Joy Church) Monday & Thursdays – 8-2pm, and Wednesdays 8am –1pm. Activities: Senior Lunch – M & TH at 11:45am; Bingo M, W & TH – 10-11:45am; Cribbage & Games – W-9-11am; Breakfast & Bingo - Wed at 9am; Walking at the Center - M, W, TH- 8am-1pm; Sweatin' to the Oldies - Mon at 8-8:45am (new time!) and Chair Yoga- TH at 9:30am (new time). ?'s call Anne at 603-435-8482 or Email: [aalbers-reilly@capbm.org](mailto:aalbers-reilly@capbm.org)

Every Saturday, **BINGO** hosted by **Pittsfield Youth Baseball/Softball Association Bingo**. Doors open at 3:30pm and bingo starts at 6pm at Circle 9 Ranch in Epsom.

**End 68 Hours of Hunger** - *Volunteer drivers are needed.* End 68 Hours of Hunger - Pittsfield is looking for caring volunteers to deliver food to local youth on Thursdays from 9:30am-10:30am. Local delivery routes around Pittsfield. There is also a need

for Food Packers (packing the food from shelves to the bags for delivery) on Thursdays from 9am -10am. For more information or to volunteer, please text or call Angela at 603-219-6343.

**The Pittsfield Conservation Commission** wants to hear from you! Please complete this anonymous survey to help us understand your joys, concerns and hopes regarding Pittsfield's natural spaces:  
<https://forms.gle/zyyFqpiWGBShEehs6>

**The Nex Trex plastic recycling program** will continue in our community and the **South Pittsfield**

**Community Club** is taking over the project next. If you're not familiar with the NexTrex recycling program, it's a program where schools and non-profits are challenged to gather 1,000 pounds of recyclable plastics, weigh them, upload the tallies online, turn them in to local retailers and "hopefully" receive a free bench if the goal is reached within a 12 month period! **\*\*Acceptable items\*\*** Acceptable plastics for this challenge include plastic grocery bags, bread bags, bubble wrap, dry cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves, ziploc and other resealable food storage bags, cereal bags, case overlap (such as case of bottled water), rock salt bags, pallet wrap, wood pellet bags and produce bags. Empty bags only. **\*\*Unacceptable items\*\*** Frozen food bags, chips bags, candy bar wrappers, net/mesh produce bags, pet food bags, pre-washed salad bags, hot dog or meat wrapping, six pack rings, PPE (gloves, masks). Drop-off locations: Bell Brothers Store, Danis Supermarket, Josiah Carpenter Library, Pittsfield Elementary School, Pittsfield Middle High School, Dowboro Farm Farmstand, and Clark's Grain Store.

There are currently TWO 3-year terms open on the **Town Budget Committee**. If you are interested in participating in this important part of our town's financial planning, please contact Moderator Jackson Marston or the Pittsfield Town Clerk/Tax Collector.

**Pittsfield Town Clerk/Tax Collector's change in public office hours effective October 15, 2025\*\***

Wednesdays the office will be closed all day to the public to meet administrative obligations.

Modified Town Clerk/Tax Collector Public Hours:

Monday 11am - 7pm,

Tuesday 8am - 4pm,

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

Thursday 7am - 4pm,

Friday 8am - 4pm

**Pittsfield Historical Society's 2026 Calendar** is now on sale! "Main Street: The North Side." Beginning at the dam site, we journey up Factory Hill to catch a glimpse of the businesses, shops, churches, and more that brought a flurry of activity to this small town, ending at the Tuttle Mansion. Calendars may be purchased at the Town Hall, Josiah Carpenter Library, or the Pittsfield Historical Society museum. The cost is \$15.

*P.S. These make great Christmas gifts!!*

**Happy Birthday** wishes to my nephew Tim Riel on Tues, Dec 23; to Denis Guy on Sat, Dec 27; to Sue Cormier on Wed, Dec 31; to Merrill Vaughan on Sat, Jan 3; and to Robin Davis on Tues, Jan 6.

**Happy Anniversary** wishes to Ed & Laurie Vien, and to my sister and brother-in-law, Michele & Peter Karwocki on Wed, Dec 31.

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

Pittsfield School District - Open Enrollment

The Pittsfield School Board will hold a public hearing pursuant to RSA 194-D regarding Open Enrollment.

January 8, 2026

6:00 p.m.

Pittsfield Middle High School Library

23 Oneida Street, Pittsfield, NH

By order of the Pittsfield School Board.



## Cook's Corner - Pizza Ring

Here's a delightful dish that's sure to please your family and guests over the holidays. This pizza "wreath" is easy to assemble and the kiddos will have fun helping. You can serve this as an appetizer or just add a nice big salad to make a full meal. Sending you all my very best wishes for a happy holiday season! Bon appetit! MP Christakos

- 1 lb bulk sausage
- 1 can (15 oz) pizza sauce, divided
- 1 & ½ cups shredded Mozzarella cheese, divided
- 4 oz Canadian bacon, OR pepperoni, chopped
- 2 tubes (8 oz each) refrigerated crescent rolls

Cook sausage in a large skillet over medium heat until no longer pink, breaking it into crumbles. Drain the meat, return to the skillet and stir in ½ cup of pizza sauce, 1 cup shredded cheese and the Canadian bacon or pepperoni.

Unroll crescent dough and separate into triangles. On an ungreased, 14-inch round pizza pan, arrange the triangles in a ring with the pointed ends toward the outside and the wide ends overlapping toward the center --- leaving a 4 inch round opening in the center. Press the overlapping dough to seal.

Spoon meat filling onto the wide ends of the dough triangles. Fold pointed ends of the triangles over the filling, tucking points under to form a ring (filling will be visible).

Bake at 375 for 12 to 15 minutes, or until golden brown and heated through. Sprinkle the top with remaining cheese. Bake an additional 5 minutes or until cheese is melted.

Serve with remaining pizza sauce in a dish placed in the center opening of the pizza ring.

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# JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>Food Pantry</b> Mon. 11am - 2pm 4 - 6pm Thurs: 11am - 2pm (603) 435-7300	<b>Senior Center Hours</b> Monday & Thursday 8am - 2pm Wednesday 8am - 1pm					
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>6:30pm</b> Victroy Workers 4-H Club, PES  <b>6:30pm</b> American Legion Peterson Cram Post 75 mtg.	<b>9-11am</b> 1st Cong. Church diaper pantry	<b>5:30pm</b> PES/PTO mtg  <b>7pm</b> Suncook Valley Sno-Riders mtg.	<b>4pm</b> Library Tween/Teen Book Club  <b>7pm</b> Planning Board mtg			<b>8:30 - 9:30am</b> Joy Church Free Community Breakfast
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<b>1-4pm</b> Pittsfield Historical Society Open House	<b>6pm</b> Parks & Rec mtg.  <b>6:30pm</b> Library: Mead and Read Book Club mtg.  <b>7 pm</b> Greater Chamber of Commerce mtg.	<b>5pm</b> Selectboard mtg., Town Hall  <b>630</b> Historical Society Annual mtg.	<b>9:30am</b> Library Trustee mtg <b>4pm</b> Community Development mtg. <b>6pm</b> Friends of Josiah Carpenter Library mtg. <b>7pm</b> Budget Committee mtg.	<b>5:30 pm</b> School Board mtg.		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	<b>5:30-6:30 pm</b> Community Supper, Congregational Church		<b>6:30pm</b> Suncook Valley Rotary mtg.	<b>4pm</b> Library Tween/Teen Book Club <b>6pm</b> ZBA mtg <b>7pm</b> Conservation Commission mtg.		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
		<b>5pm</b> Selectboard mtg., Town Hall	<b>4pm</b> Community Development mtg.	<b>5:30pm</b> Old Home Day Committee mtg.		<b>10am</b> Town Meeting Deliberative Session