

PITTSFIELD POST

A FREE NEWSLETTER BY COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

"August is proof that ice cream can solve almost anything." - *unknown* **August 5, 2026**

Looking for Pittsfield's 2026

"Citizen of the Year"

Who goes "above and beyond?"

Nominate your neighbor, friend, relative, or a colleague you feel deserves the recognition that comes with giving back to the town of Pittsfield.

Please send your nomination, including a brief explanation in support of your choice, to:

Citizen of the Year

P.O. Box 173

Pittsfield, NH 03263

Nominations should be received by Mon., August 10.

Pancake Breakfast Was a Big Success

Thank you!

The Pittsfield Fire Association and Support Group thanks all of you who came to the pancake breakfast at the fire station. We had a great turnout, the food was delicious, and it was a terrific fundraiser for our organization. We hope to see you all again next year. Thank you!



Voter Verification

New Hampshire law requires that the Supervisors of the Checklist verify the checklist every year. Any person on the checklist who has not voted in the past five years must re-register to remain on the checklist, unless the voter registered after the last state general election. The supervisors are sending notice letters to these voters at the address the voter provided when registering.

The Supervisors of the Checklist for the Town of Pittsfield will hold a session for re-registering voters who have not voted since April 1, 2021, accepting applications for new voter registration and/or accepting requests for the correction of the checklist:

Date: Monday, August 17, 2026

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Location: Pittsfield Town Hall, 85 Main Street, Pittsfield, New Hampshire

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Pittsfield Town Crier

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

It's time to nominate a person for **Pittsfield's Citizen of the Year!** Many people deserve to be honored for their actions and their commitment to Pittsfield. However, only one can be selected for 2026. This award is given to recognize the worthy individual (or couple) who has made our Pittsfield community a better place to live. Please submit (via mail) your nomination, with a note explaining why you think this person should be honored as Citizen of the Year for 2026. Nominations must be MAILED to Citizen of the Year, P.O. Box 173, Pittsfield, NH 03263. Nominations must be received by Monday, August 10, 2026.

Wed, Aug 5, 6:30pm – The **Suncook Valley Rotary Club** will meet at the Pittsfield Historical Society Headquarters, 4 Oak St.

Sat, Aug 8, 8:30-9:30am – **FREE Community Breakfast** at Joy Church, 55 Barnstead Rd.

Sun, Aug 9, 1:00-4:00pm – The **Pittsfield Historical Society** will be open to the Public. Please feel free to stop in and browse all the wonderful displays of Pittsfield history!

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

Mon-Fri, Aug 10-14, 5-8pm – Joy Church is having a **Free Vacation Bible School**, Aug 10th-14th, 5-8 pm. For registration go to <https://vbspro.events/p/5b666c>

Tues, Aug 11, 6pm – **Pittsfield Parks & Recreation Committee** will meet at the Pittsfield Community Center.

Wed, Aug 12 & Fri, Aug 21 – Come enjoy a **FREE day at the Town Pool** (F.B. Argue Recreation Area on Clark St.) for ALL school-age children. On Wed, Aug. 12 get Free Admission and \$1.00 for treats, and on Fri, Aug. 21 get Free Admission and a hotdog lunch. These free days are sponsored by the First Congregational Church.

Fri, Aug 14, 5:30pm - **Community Supper** at the First Congregational Church. Cost is by donation. Please join us for a delicious meal and a chance to meet some new friends.

Wed, Aug 19, 6:30pm - The **Suncook Valley Rotary Club** will meet at the Pittsfield Historical Society, 4 Oak St.

Pittsfield Old Home Day & Homecoming is **September 12** this year. The theme is "Roots & Wings - A tribute to our History and our Future". We are currently accepting registrations for the vendor/craft fair and the parade. Links for the forms can be found on the town website. <https://www.pittsfieldnh.gov/old-home-day-committee> Reach out to Melissa 603-496-3928 or Adam 603-219-7284 if you have any questions.

The Pittsfield Youth Workshop (PYW), 18 Park Street is open for Summer programming Monday-Thursday and is closed on Fridays. Drop-in hours are 2-6pm and trip times will be included on the permission slips. PYW will be closed for staff vacations the week of August 24th and back to our school year schedule on Monday, August 31. We'll be heading out on weekly trips, launching an Outdoor Adventure Club, playing lots of games, and doing some fun arts & crafts and STEM activities.! Give us a call (603) 435-8272 or text (603) 234-9788 if you have any questions, or just swing by and say hello! The food pantry at PYW continues to be stocked with snacks, beverages, mealtime essentials, and basic toiletries/self care products for PYW youth - open during Drop-in hours.

Senior Center (55 Barnstead Rd., located in Joy Church) - Community Lunch: Monday & Thursday 11:45am; Tai Chi: Monday and Thursday 8am & Wednesday 12pm; Bingo: Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 10-11:45am; Walking at Center: Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 8am-1pm; On occasion: Women's Group, Art Class, Crafts, Backgammon, Cribbage. For more information or if you have questions, call Anne at 603-435-8482 or email: aalbers-reilly@capbm.org

Join us every Saturday for 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 - If you would like to donate, please visit: www.end68hoursofhunger.org or our Give Butter donation platform: <https://givebutter.com/end68hoursofhunger> and make note Alton/Barn/Pitts or our local donation platform: <https://www.nhgives.org/story/60dk6f>

If you know of any families in Alton/Barnstead/Pittsfield needing food help, please have them email: barnsteadnh@end68hoursofhunger.org. There are no income requirements, just sign up. Families can also apply for our services via this link: <https://registration.end68hoursofhunger.org>.

If you would like to volunteer or donate, please contact Lori Mahar, Volunteer Admin for End 68 Hours of Hunger Alton/Barnstead/Pittsfield. Cell: 603-490-5254 or email: barnsteadnh@end68hoursofhunger.org.

The F.B. Argue Recreation Area (aka Town Pool/Beach area) is open for the season. The hours for the season are Mon-Fri, 12pm-5pm. The admission for residents is \$1.00; \$1.50 for non-residents, and children under 5 are free with a paid adult. Season passes will be available for \$50 for residents and \$60 for non-residents. The Town Beach area will be available for rent on the weekends for \$35 per day. Children under 10 years of age must be accompanied by a trusted adult, however, children over 10 may be at the Pool area without an adult with the completion of a waiver signed by the parent as well as the child. This year there will be a gatekeeper and director to oversee the area and run programs for the families. There will be NO staff watching the water. Adults will be responsible for watching their own children at ALL times. There will be NO Swimming lessons this year. If you have questions or need other information, please call 603-545-2402 or 603-435-7457 during hours of operation.

Dowboro Farm (home of many Victory Workers 4-H club items!), 615 Dowboro Rd is NOW open for the Season. Hours are: Wed – Sat from 9:30am – 6:30pm, and Sun from 10am-4pm.

The Community Cookbooks – filled with recipes from local family and friends of the Victory Workers 4-H Club, South Pittsfield Community Club and Josiah Carpenter Library are now available for purchase. The cost is \$15, cash or check (payable to Victory Workers 4-H). Pick up your copy at Dowboro Farm Store, Josiah Carpenter Library, South Pittsfield Community Suppers, Clark's Grain Store, or any Victory Worker 4-H family.

What should our community look like in 20 years?

Bear-Paw Regional Greenways wants to hear from you. Whether you hike, hunt, fish, paddle, farm, or simply value the forests, farms, trails, and open spaces that make our community special, your input can help shape the future of conservation in our region. Take our 10-minute community survey and help guide decisions that will impact the places you love for years to come. Visit bear-paw.org/survey

The Josiah Carpenter Library Summer Reading program is underway! Come sign up today. We have 17 amazing gift baskets and you can earn raffle tickets for them by reading your favorite books! Stop by to learn more! We are open Mondays and Thursdays 10-6, Tuesdays and Wednesdays 12:30-6 and Saturdays 10-2.

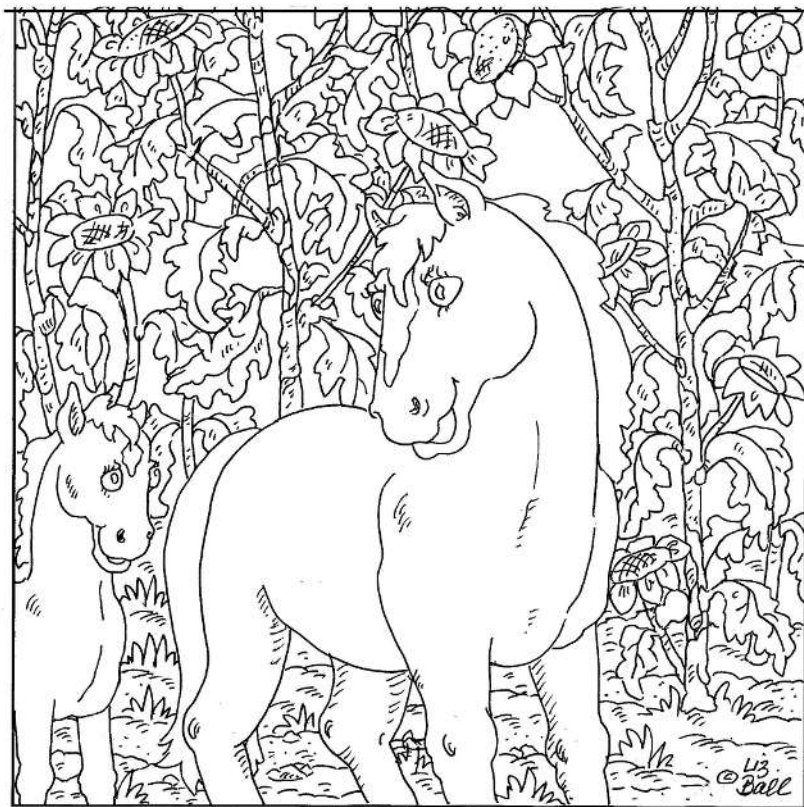
The Pittsfield High School Alumni Association is participating in the Old Home Day/Homecoming parade and we are looking for 1st – 3rd grade students who would like to dress up as what they would like to be when they grow up, and be in the parade with us! We can help with costumes if needed. Please let us know if you are interested by Fri, Aug. 21 by contacting Andi Riel at pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com or 603-451-8762 or Tobi Chassie at tchassie@gmail.com or 603-832-4240. We're also looking for ANY PHS ALUMNI to walk with or ride on the float!

Happy Birthday wishes to JoAnne Ward, Michael Tuttle, and to my fabulous brother-in-law, Andy Fries on Fri, Aug. 7; to Fred Hast on Sat, Aug. 8; to Sally Petalas on Sun, Aug. 9; to Dave Stasiak on Fri, Aug. 14; to Ray Webber, Melissa Potter, Stacy Davis on Mon, Aug. 17; and to Sally Wardwell on Tues., Aug. 18.

A VERY Special Happy Birthday wish to my sister, Michele Karwocki on Fri, Aug. 14.

Happy Anniversary wishes to Jeff & Diane Miller on Wed, Aug. 12; to Sally & Jeff Wardwell on Thurs., Aug. 13; and to my nephew, Tim & Tracey Riel on Mon, Aug. 17.

A VERY Special Happy Anniversary wish to my fabulous husband, Mark Riel on Wed, Aug. 19!



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Save the Date--Josiah Carpenter Library: 125th Anniversary!

On Wednesday, August 12, at 6:30pm, Melissa Babcock, Library Director, and Michaela St. George, student and former employee, will explore the history and the growth of Josiah Carpenter Library. This program, part of the festivities celebrating the Library's 125th Anniversary, will be at the Pittsfield Historical Society, 4 Oak Street.

Josiah Carpenter Library, dedicated during Pittsfield's first Old Home Week, August 17 - 21, 1901, was a generous donation from Josiah Carpenter, a prominent businessman. This classic-designed building cost approximately \$15,000. During the dedication ceremony, the library was given to and accepted by the selectmen of Pittsfield.

Please join Melissa and Michaela as they guide us through the past and present of this historic institution.





THE PITTSFIELD YOUTH WORKSHOP

Serving Grades 6-12
18 Park Street Pittsfield, NH

Join us for fun drop in activities and weekly trips!

Check out our Summer calendar and newsletter here:

<https://pittsfieldyouthworkshop.org/calendar/newsletter/>

Incoming 6th graders are welcome!

Membership packets and permission slips for trips are available for pickup at PYW!



Phone: 603-435-8272 Text: 603-234-9788

Email: info@pittsfieldyouthworkshop.org

Be sure to follow us on social media!



Some of the fun we are having this Summer!



Notes From Your Selectboard Meeting

Last Tuesday's selectboard meeting was the third using YouTube to reach a wider audience. There are still bugs to work out regarding camera coverage and sound quality but in general, Pittsfield seems pleased with the effort. Hopefully, we will get the hang of it and it won't take long to improve the quality of the video production.

Most important to every resident of Pittsfield was the board's ratification of three Fire Department hiring actions. That department has added a per diem paramedic to substantially strengthen medical coverage. Also added were two call members to the firefighting team. Call members used to be known as "volunteer" firefighters. These new members enhance our response capabilities across the spectrum of emergencies.

The Board was able to complete the process of selling the tax deeded property at 13 Barnstead Road. The auction recouped the taxes plus paid the expenses of conducting the auction. The property is restored to the tax rolls, and the new owners are anxious to get started with improvements.

Following the discussion of 13 Barnstead Road, the Board next discussed the proposed names for the two interior roads in the soon-to-be-developed "Huckins Village." The site is off Concord Hill Road. There are no issues with the naming of the two roads within the development, but Huckins Village is about to become a major residential area on the western edge of downtown Pittsfield.

On a very positive note, Pittsfield's Town Clerk's office completed a highly successful (some might say flawless) audit of their role as an agent for the Department of Motor Vehicles. Kudos to Erica for the handling of this vital service.

And a reminder of the Primary Election coming up on the 8th of September. Polling will be at the Middle/High School gym as usual. However, this Board will not have a regular meeting that evening due to member responsibilities at the polling place. Our meeting will move forward to the next Tuesday. September meetings of the selectboard will take place on the 3rd and 4th Tuesdays.

J.C. Allard, Pittsfield Selectboard

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH ~ *We have a place for you this Sunday 10 AM*

24 Main Street, Pittsfield, NH 03263 ~ Phone 603.435.7471 ~ Office hours Tue 10-2, Wed 8-12, Thurs 1-5, and by appt.



"It was you who set all the boundaries of the earth; you made both summer and winter." Psalm 74

Boundaries, we all need them and we all push them sometimes. The Psalmist reminds us that God designed the seasons to function within certain boundaries of growth and rest. Children are always testing their parents to find out what exactly they mean when they say no. Sometimes the testing works in their favor, sometimes it does not. Either way it helps to bring clarity to the boundaries. We see the clear need for boundaries in the natural world; rivers are bounded by banks, fires are kept on hearths and they serve their good purpose. But when they cross over those boundaries destruction happens. Christians recognize these disordered occasions as consequences of Sin and our separation from God's good plan. How about you, where have you pressed a boundary and gone too far? God is welcoming you back to discover health and balance and so are we. Come take your place this week.

+Dennis Russell

THERE'S A PLACE FOR YOU THIS SUMMER

Sun. 10A—Worship (Nursery Available)

11A—Lite Lunch (not just coffee & cookies)

Tue. 8A—Men's Breakfast @ Friendly Diner

A group of guys just talking shop

Wed 10a-2p Women's Craft Group

knitting, crocheting, sewing, etc. lessons available

SECOND FRIDAY COMMUNITY SUPPERS—5:30P

August 14th

Meal is free but donations are accepted
for a different ministry each month



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2026-27 Theme
Good Company

Some Topics: Be Interruptible, Crucial
Conversations, Decoding Desire, Stay
True, Motherhood is leadership, True
Self Care, and much more

A new community for moms

Starting September 2026

First & Third Tuesdays

10-12p.

All moms welcome

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AUGUST 10-21	AUGUST 12	SUNDAY, AUGUST 23 RECEPTION 1-3
SELF-GUIDED TOURS OF LIBRARY WITH LABELED HISTORICAL DATA. VISIT DURING OUR REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS MON/THURS 10-6 TUE/WED 12:30-6 SAT 10-6	THE HISTORY OF JOSIAH CARPENTER LIBRARY A PRESENTATION AT PITTSFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY 6:30 PM	TOUR THE LIBRARY. LEARN ABOUT THE HISTORY AND PRESENT DAY PROGRAMS AND OFFERINGS REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

HELP FILL THE TIME CAPSULE!
TIME CAPSULE WILL BE AT ALL OF THE EVENTS ABOVE

Bring something specific To Pittsfield

- Ticket stub to a local show/sporting event
- Menu/Flyer or Business card from local business
- A local Picture from 2026
- A small Pittsfield Trinket or Memorabilia
- Recent Issue of Pittsfield Post

Bring something specific to the Library

- Favorite title/author from 2026
- Picture of/from favorite 2026 library program/activity

Express your Opinion!

Do you have opinions or questions you would like to share?

Submission Guidelines

- Identify yourself and provide contact information.
- 300 words or less; exceptional information may exceed the word limit at the discretion of the Post Content Team.
- Topics may include events, issues, and opportunities about or affecting Pittsfield.
- Please be civil, factual, specific, and clear. No submission is guaranteed publication.

Deadline is 9 a.m. on Friday via News@PittsfieldPost.org

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Cooks Corner -- Greek Chicken Salad Wedges

Summer time is salad time and here's a recipe for a delightful hot-weather meal. This one is delicious for lunch or dinner. If you don't have rotisserie chicken, you can just boil or roast 2 boneless, skinless chicken breasts and then shred; or use leftover chicken. Enjoy and bon appetit! *MP Christakos*

2 cups shredded or chopped rotisserie chicken
 ½ red onion, finely chopped
 ½ of a cucumber, sliced lengthwise, then into thin half moons
 ½ pint cherry tomatoes, halved
 1 yellow or green bell pepper, chopped into bite sized pieces
 Romaine lettuce hearts, cut into wedges lengthwise
 1 tsp kosher salt

1 tsp black pepper
 6 TBSP red wine vinegar
 2 TBSP Dijon mustard
 4 tsp honey
 1 TBSP dried oregano
 ½ cup olive oil
 Feta cheese crumbles
 Crispy onions, croutons or pita chips

Mix chicken, onion, cucumber, tomato and bell pepper in a bowl.

Whisk salt, pepper, vinegar, Dijon, honey and oregano in another bowl, then whisk in the olive oil until well combined.

Add some of the dressing to the chicken mixture and toss well.

Top romaine lettuce wedges with the chicken mixture. Top with the feta cheese crumbles and, if using, top with crispy onions or croutons or pita chips. Drizzle with more dressing.

We are proud to endorse Sarah Rogers for Merrimack County Attorney.

Sarah is a lifelong Merrimack County resident, raised in Pittsfield, who has dedicated her career to public service. Sarah previously served as an Assistant Merrimack County Attorney, where she prosecuted cases, protected victims, and worked closely with local law enforcement. Sarah is supported by our law enforcement community in general.

As a law clerk, Sarah learned the ins and outs of the court system and assisted judges in making important legal decisions in complex criminal cases. As an attorney for CASA NH, she advocated for children who were abused and neglected. Sarah also understands government through her work as a division director for the State at the New Hampshire Office of Professional Licensure and Certification, giving her valuable insight into how county offices serve the public.

Sarah's combined experience successfully prosecuting child abusers, high profile criminals, and serious crimes proves she has the integrity, judgment, and experience to lead the County Attorney's Office.

Please join Representatives Aures and Wood in supporting Sarah Rogers for Merrimack County Attorney. Please vote Sarah Rogers for County Attorney in the Republican Primary on September 8.





Cyril and I are very proud of the 2026 session and the key bills that we voted for that became law. Our efforts focused heavily on taxes, education, housing, public safety, election administration, and regulatory reform. Here is a concise summary of the most significant laws that we voted for.

Lower Taxes and Property Tax Relief - HB 1300 – Taxpayer Protection Act: Gives voters the opportunity to decide whether to adopt property tax caps without capping school spending through ballot questions while also limiting school district central office administrative spending. The goal is to provide taxpayers with greater control over education spending and property taxes. **HB 155 Small Business Relief Act:** Raises the Business Enterprise Tax exemption, reducing taxes on many small businesses and encouraging economic growth. **HB 1433:** Creates a business tax credit to encourage employers to invest in childcare, helping families while expanding the state's childcare workforce.

Cutting Government Red Tape - HB 1168: Reduces regulatory requirements on employers to make hiring and business operations easier. **SB 564:** Modernizes building codes and streamlines development regulations to encourage housing construction. **HB 1771:** Simplifies regulations for childcare providers while maintaining safety standards, helping increase childcare availability. **SB 418:** Eases regulations on homestead food producers, making it easier for small agricultural businesses to operate.

Expanding Housing - HB 1042: Increases the housing finance authority cap to support additional affordable housing development. **HB 1681:** Establishes statewide standards for tiny homes, expanding housing options.

Education and Parental Rights - HB 1815: Clarifies the state's definition of an adequate education, placing that authority with the Legislature rather than the courts. **HB 1816:** Improves state oversight of financially distressed school districts. **SB 491:** Expands Education Freedom Accounts (EFAs) and supports career and technical education opportunities. **SB 430:** Requires schools to respond honestly and completely to parents' written requests for information about their children, generally within 10 days, while preserving mandatory reporting requirements when a child may be at risk. **HB 1503:** Improves school safety by funding digital mapping systems for emergency responders.

Public Safety - HB 1279: Strengthens legal protections for self-defense. **HB 59:** Increases protections for firefighters, EMTs, and law enforcement officers by strengthening assault penalties. **HB 1469:** Expands efforts to combat human trafficking through increased oversight of massage establishments.

Healthcare Reform - HB 1735: Expands New Hampshire's Right to Try law, giving patients with serious illnesses greater access to experimental treatments. **HB 705:** Requires greater transparency in health insurance pricing and coverage. **SB 134:** Establishes work requirements for certain Medicaid recipients.

Election Integrity - HB 1062 authorizes the New Hampshire Secretary of State to conduct random, statistically sound audits of the citizenship qualifications of registered voters to verify that only U.S. citizens are registered. **SB 223:** Requires valid government-issued photo identification to obtain a ballot. **HB 1541:** Requires secure ballot containers in every voting precinct. **HB 340:** Clarifies restrictions on electioneering by public employees.

Support for Veterans and Families - HB 1494: Increases optional local property tax credits available to veterans, combat veterans, and surviving spouses. **HB 1460:** Protects children's online privacy by prohibiting the sale of minors' personal data.

Sincerely,

your State Representatives Cyril Aures and Clayton Wood

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