

PITTSFIELD POST

A FREE NEWSLETTER BY COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

"In the New Year, never forget to thank your past years because they enabled you to reach today! Without the stairs of the past, you cannot arrive at the future." *Mehmet Murat Ildan* --Turkish playwright

January 7, 2026

Pittsfield School Board

Moves to One Meeting Per Month Beginning in January

Beginning in January, the Pittsfield School Board transitions to a one-meeting-per-month schedule. The revised meeting dates and times have been approved and are intended to streamline board operations while continuing to ensure transparency, accessibility, and effective governance.

The updated School Board meeting calendar, along with agendas, minutes, and supporting materials, will continue to be posted on the District's website at:

<https://www.sau51.org>

Community members are encouraged to use the website as the primary source for official Pittsfield School District and School Board news, including meeting notices, public hearings, and district updates.

As the District moves into the second half of the school year, current areas of focus include budget finalization and planning for the upcoming fiscal year, facilities and safety planning, and ongoing work to strengthen special education services and instructional programs. Additional information on these topics will be shared through regularly posted School Board materials and public meetings.

The Pittsfield School District appreciates the continued engagement and interest of the community and looks forward to productive collaboration in the months ahead.

Posted by the Pittsfield School Board

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The *Pittsfield Post* is a non-profit, free newsletter that serves Pittsfield citizens, businesses, town government, town schools and charitable organizations. The Post publishes relevant news, information, and special interest stories that impact residents, keeping the community informed and engaged.

The *Pittsfield Post* is published bi-weekly, in both print and digital formats, through the efforts of a volunteer team of residents.

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News@Pittsfieldpost.org

Pittsfield Town Crier

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

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

Wed., Jan. 7, 6:30pm - The Suncook Valley Rotary Club will meet at the Pittsfield Historical Society, 4 Oak St.

Thurs., Jan. 8, 5:30pm - The PES PTO will meet at the PES Cafeteria.

Thurs., Jan. 8, 6pm - The Pittsfield School Board will hold a public hearing pursuant to RSA 194-D regarding Open Enrollment. Pittsfield Middle High School Library, 23 Oneida St. By order of the Pittsfield School Board.

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

Sun., Jan. 11, 1-4pm – Pittsfield Historical Society Museum is open to the public. Please stop in and view all the wonderful items from Pittsfield's history.

Mon., Jan. 12, 6:30pm – The Josiah Carpenter Library Mead and Read Book Club will meet at Over The Moon Farmstead, Upper City Rd.

Tues., Jan. 13, 6pm – The Parks & Recreation Commission will meet at the Community Center. For more information, please contact Nicole St. George at 603-545-2402 for information.

Tues., Jan. 13, 6:30pm - Pittsfield Historical Society will hold its Annual Meeting at the Society's headquarters on Main and Oak streets.

Mon., Jan. 19, 5:30pm – Community Supper at the First Congregational Church. Everyone welcome - donations appreciated.

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

The **Pittsfield Youth Workshop (PYW)**, 18 Park St., is open for Drop-In Hours - Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri from 3-6pm and Wed 1-6pm. Stop in and check out the schedule. 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. For more information, contact Zach Powers or Ashley Perron at (603) 435-8272 or Text at 603-234-9788.

Senior Center Schedule (55 Barnstead Rd., located in Joy Church). Weekly schedule: Community Lunch: Monday & Thursday, 11:45am; Sweatin to the Oldies: Monday & Wednesdays, 8am; Bingo: Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 10-11:45am; Walking at Center: Monday, Wednesday & Thursday, 8am-1pm; Women's Group: Mondays, 9-9:30am; Chair Yoga: Thursday, 8am; Breakfast and Bingo: Wednesdays, 9am, and Knitting/Crochet: Thursday 9-9:30am. For more information or if you have questions, call Anne at 603-435-8482 or email: aalbers-reilly@capbm.org **** I try to keep this info updated, but please contact the center to verify times.

Join us every Saturday for Bingo hosted by **Pittsfield Youth Baseball/Softball Association Bingo**. They have a great menu of food items along with their games and it all benefits the children of Pittsfield for their baseball/softball program. Doors open at 3:30pm and bingo starts at 6pm at Circle 9 Ranch in Epsom.

Advertising in the POST

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

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>

End 68 Hours of Hunger - Pittsfield is looking for caring volunteers to deliver food to local youth on Thursdays from 9:30-10:30am. 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 9-10am. For more information or to volunteer please text or call Angela 603-219-6343

Pittsfield Town Clerk/Tax Collector change in public office hours effective Oct. 15, 2025** Wednesdays 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 and Friday 8am-4pm

Pittsfield Historical Society's 2026 Calendar 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 the small town, ending at the Tuttle Mansion. Calendars can be purchased at the Town Hall, Josiah Carpenter Library or the Pittsfield Historical Society museum, for \$15.

The **Pittsfield Food Pantry** is the recipient of the Northwood Hannaford Fight Hunger Bag Fundraiser for the month of January. One Bag = One Dollar Donation! During the month, every time a \$2.50 reusable Fight Hunger Bag is purchased at the Northwood Hannaford, the Food Pantry will receive a \$1 donation.

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, Jan. 8, 6pm, Pittsfield Middle High School Library, 23 Oneida St.

Happy Birthday wishes to Robin Davis on Tues., Jan. 6; to Chris Edmonds and Chris Brewster Dunne on Thurs, Jan. 8; to Tammy Colby on Fri., Jan. 9; to Lurene Riel and Joe McHugh on Mon., Jan. 12; to Lyn Ward on Wed., Jan. 14; to my brother-in-law, Peter Karwocki and my niece, Kennedy Riel on Fri, Jan. 16; to Bob Wharem on Mon., Jan. 19.

A very special Happy Birthday wish to my husband, Mark Riel on Mon, Jan. 19. I hope you have a fabulous day!



PUBLIC HEARING MEETING NOTICE

TOWN OF PITTSFIELD

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

The Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing to accept public comment on a proposed warrant article for the 2026 town meeting, in accordance with RSA 33:8-a, regarding the issuance of bonds or notes over \$100,000.

The warrant article is to authorize the borrowing required for the removal of sludge in the Wastewater lagoons at a cost of \$2,660,000. The last time the sludge was removed from the lagoons was in 2001. Grant funding is being applied for to reduce the amount that will need to be borrowed. The NHDES Clean Water State Revolving Fund may also be utilized, of which has already been earmarked with 15% principal forgiveness on the project's total,

The public hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, in the Lecture Hall at the Pittsfield Middle High School on 23 Oneida Street, Pittsfield, NH 03263.



Cooks Corner -- Italian Braised Beef and Potatoes (3 hour cooking time)

Well, it looks as though the bitter cold of winter is here to stay for a while. Here's a scrumptious riff on a classic beef stew that is sure to be a welcome, hearty and hot meal for those frigid evenings. Serve this pot of goodness with warm, toasted rolls, maybe some good cheese, and a nice salad. Although this cooks for 3 hours, the bonus is – your kitchen will smell delicious! Wishing you all a very happy and healthy 2026! *MP Christakos*

2 tsp kosher salt	1 tsp dried oregano
1 tsp black pepper	½ cup white wine
1/8 tsp cayenne pepper	2 cups beef broth
2 TBSP olive oil	1 bay leaf
3 lb chuck roast cut into large chunks	2 lbs gold potatoes, sliced in half if large
1 large yellow onion, chopped	Water
1 cup chopped celery	
2 TBSP tomato paste	
4 cloves garlic, minced	Serve with chopped parsley, if desired.
½ tsp dried rosemary	

Heat oven to 325. Mix salt, pepper and cayenne together in a small bowl and generously season both sides of the beef. Reserve the seasoning mixture to use later in the recipe.

Heat olive oil in a large Dutch oven pot over high heat; add beef and cook, turning occasionally until browned on both sides. Remove beef to a plate and set aside.

Reduce heat to medium. Add onion and celery to the pot with a large pinch of the seasoning mixture. Cook, stirring until onions begin to turn translucent, 3 to 5 minutes.

Stir in tomato paste, garlic and dried herbs and cook for 1 to 2 minutes. Stir in wine and cook a few minutes until most of the wine has disappeared. Add the broth and bay leaf and turn heat to high to bring the pot back to a simmer. Add beef back in; baste with some of the cooking liquid.

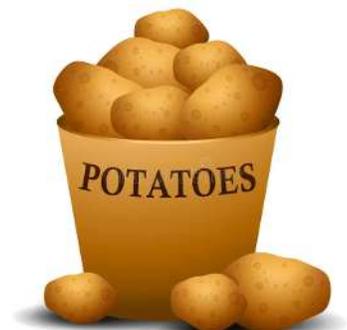
Cover the pot and roast in the oven for about 2 hours.

Drizzle potatoes with olive oil and sprinkle with a big pinch of the seasoning mixture or just salt. Spoon a few tablespoons of the beef fat from the top of the braising liquid over the potatoes and mix well.

Transfer the potatoes in and around the beef in the pot. Rinse the potato bowl with ½ cup of hot water and add to the pot.

Cover and continue roasting for 1 more hour until potatoes and beef are tender.

Chopped parsley for garnish



**PUBLIC NOTICE
PITTSFIELD SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE**

Beginning in January, the Pittsfield School Board will hold one regular meeting per month.

The regular meeting schedule is as follows:

- Jan. 8
- Feb. 5
- Mar. 5
- Apr. 2
- May 7
- Jun. 4

All meetings will be held in the Library at Pittsfield Middle High School. Meetings are open to the public.

This notice is posted in accordance with RSA 91-A.

Pittsfield School Board
December 18, 2025

Open Enrollment - Factual Information

Under New Hampshire law (RSA 194-D), an "open enrollment" public school is a school that chooses to accept students from outside its attendance area. Currently, only local voters may authorize a school district to become an open enrollment district through a warrant article at an annual meeting. Public charter schools are required by statute to operate as open enrollment schools; local public school districts are not required to do so. Official information, School Board agendas, and meeting materials related to open enrollment are available on the Pittsfield School District website - <https://www.sau51.org>

Pittsfield Historical Society's Annual Meeting

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



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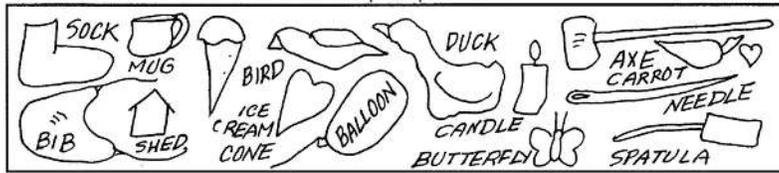
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2026 Publication Schedule *

January 7	May 13	September 16
January 21	May 27	September 30
February 4	June 10	October 14
February 18	June 24	October 28
March 4	July 8	November 11
March 18	July 22	November 25
April 1	August 5	December 9
April 15	August 19	December 23
April 29	September 2	* Subject to change