

PITTSFIELD POST

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"For every minute you are angry you lose 60 seconds of happiness."

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

February 1, 2023

The Fuchsia Peony Opens in Pittsfield

We have another new business here in Pittsfield! Sara Severance opened The Fuchsia Peony in late December, located in the former Mike's Meat Shoppe. This is Sara's second store; her original shop is still being operated in Ashland.

Sara has been in the floral business for years. After graduating from college in western Massachusetts, she settled in New Hampshire and initially worked for a florist in Ashland. She later went on to become the Floral Director at the Omni Mt. Washington Hotel for several years, before starting out on her own.

Serving the Lakes Region and central New Hampshire, Sara specializes in providing original and creative floral arrangements for weddings, family gatherings, corporate events, corporate gifting, graduations, and funerals. Sara's clients are sourced primarily through her active network which includes personal referrals, sales representatives at major venues, as well as event planners.

In addition to their custom order services, The Fuchsia Peony also now retails cut flowers and small pre-made arrangements, and the new 'plant room' is a major focus. It offers leafy green houseplants, tropicals,

succulents, cacti along with plant care products, seeds, garden gifts, garden tools, and pots and vases. One of the newer features is the "Succulent Bar", a lovely potting shed table, fully equipped where you can build your own succulent plant arrangements. Sara said, "This is very popular, especially with children. They can bring their own pots or buy one here and make their own arrangement." This writer is thinking perfect activity for the Littles for Mother's Day!

Sara also shared that she sources most of her flowers and plants from local, family-owned farms right here in New Hampshire. As Sara said, "It's important to me to support our local farmers. Our flowers and plants are fresh. They haven't been flown across the country with all of that wear and tear, and we're able to offer more unusual varieties."

If you're interested in consulting with Sara about an upcoming wedding or other big event, consider reaching out to her several months in advance (for weddings about 8 to 12 months ahead). Last year, they did over 90 weddings, with May to November being their peak season. Meanwhile, if you're looking for something special for your Valentine, you can either call The Fuchsia Peony Pittsfield at 603- 435-0060, or you can order online at <https://thefuchsiapeonypittsfield.com/> MP Christakos



Town Crier Andrea Riel 603-435-6346

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Tuesday, Feb. 7 at the First Congregational Church of Pittsfield, the Infant Toddler Diaper Pantry will be open from 9-11 am. Please use the parking lot off Chestnut Street. Please call 603-435-7471 with any questions.

The Town of Pittsfield Deliberative Session to review, discuss and explain the warrant articles on the ballot will be held Saturday, Feb. 4, at 10am in the PMHS Gym. In case of inclement weather, the snow date will be Monday, Feb. 6, at 7pm in the PMHS Gym.

The Pittsfield School District Deliberative Session to review, discuss and explain the warrant articles on the ballot will be held Thursday, Feb. 9, at 6:30pm in the PMHS Media Center.

A Special Request From the American Legion Peterson-Cram Post 75. The American Legion Peterson-Cram Post 75 is working with the Pittsfield Town Selectmen to update the Dustin Park War Memorial Wall. We are currently in the process of collecting names of personnel who served in the military, honorably in all wars, including Desert Shield/Desert Storm (1990-1991) and the Global War on Terror (2001- to present). The criteria to add a name to 'The Wall' is a copy of the service member's Form DD-214 and must reflect their home of record as Pittsfield NH. If you meet this criteria or have a relative who served and meets this criteria, please submit a copy of the service member's Form DD-214 to the Town Administrator, Town Hall, 85 Main St., Pittsfield NH 03263 / Ph: (603) 435-6773: Fax (603) 435-7922. If you have any questions please contact John Christakos at jc7717@gmail.com

Take Your Child to Library Day, Saturday, Feb. 4
10am-2pm: birthday club, scavenger hunt, winter reading challenge registration, snacks, crafts & games. 6:30pm: PJ storytime. Join us for a story and craft followed by cookies and milk. JCL's first ever stuffed animal library sleepover!

Library Puzzle Swap- Do you want to trade your previously loved puzzles? Bring over a puzzle and take a "new" one home.

The Pittsfield High School All Class Reunion Committee has started meeting to plan the Reunion. The All Class Reunion is being planned for July. Please contact Andi Grainger Riel, Class of 1984 at

603-435-6346 or pittsfieldtowncrier@hotmail.com if you would like more information or would like to join the committee. The meetings are on the 3rd Mon of each month at 6:30pm at the Pittsfield Middle High School Media Center. We are looking for a "contact" person for each class. If you are interested in being THAT person, please contact us.

There's never been a better time to join The Pittsfield Youth Workshop. We have a fully supervised drop-in center and offer the youth in our community a safe place to go after school to socialize with friends or participate in one of our scheduled activities. Plus, there is no fee to join, so stop by to meet our staff and see what we're all about. Drop-In hours Mon-Tues-Thurs-Fri from 3-6 pm & Wednesday from 1-6 pm. PYW is open to youth grades 6th-12th. For more information, contact Laurie Sweeney or Zach Powers at (call) 603-435-8272, (text) 603-234-9788 or email at info@pittsfieldyouthworkshop.org Stop by PYW or message them on FB.

The Senior Center has lots going on: Activity Schedule Senior Community Lunch: Monday, Wednesday & Thursday at 11:30am; Brunch: First Friday of every month at 10am; Bingo: Monday and Thursday 9:30-11am; Cribbage & Games: Wednesday 9-10:30am; Crafts/Knitting: Wednesday 10:30am; Exercise: Sweatin' to the Oldies Mondays & Thursdays 8:15-9am and Tuesdays 9:15-10am; Walking at Center: Monday & Wednesday thru Friday 8am-1pm

Happy Birthday wishes to my birthday buddy, Bill Provencal on Sunday, to Ruth Lawrence on Monday, to Maureen Van Horn on Thursday and to Reny Boyd on Saturday. I hope you all enjoy your special day!



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Select Board Review January 24

A complaint regarding the plowing of town sidewalks was discussed. As residents whose house borders a sidewalk are well aware, the sidewalk plow usually leaves a double ridge of snow across the driveway. We must keep the sidewalks clear for pedestrian use and there's no good way of avoiding this by-product of snow cleanup any more than a ridge of snow that ends up across the end of the driveway from road plows. We are well aware of the inconvenience.

The library trustees were in to discuss further steps to remediate the water situation in the library basement. A long-term remedy has to be found, so we referred them to a local flooring expert who has volunteered to assess the situation and come up with the most cost-effective solution possible.

\$28,785 was transferred from the \$5 per vehicle registration fee to the Sidewalk Improvement Reserve, thus allowing the on-going repair/replacement projects to continue keeping our town walkable. Sidewalks are an integral part of a successful village that is encouraging business in a downtown atmosphere.

Finishing touches are being put on the Town Report. Pittsfield artist Gene Matras has generously volunteered our choice of one of his renderings to use for the 2022 cover. The board is considering which one will best reflect life in Pittsfield. *Carl Anderson*

To the Readers of the Post

Our State Representatives for Chichester and Pittsfield claim to be constitutional conservatives. Maybe they haven't read article 18:A in the NH constitution.

Article 18:A Budget Bills: All sections of all budget bills before the general court shall contain only the operating and capital expenses for the executive, legislative and judicial branches of government. No section or footnote of any such budget bill shall contain any provision which establishes, amends or repeals statutory law other than provisions establishing, amending, or repealing operating and capital expenses for the executive, legislative and judicial branches of government.

I notice they use the constitution when it comes to guns, but forget about it when it comes to vouchers and public education. *Dan the Stoneman*

Creating a Summer of Memories

ReKINDling Curiosity Launches its Third Year

The New Hampshire Department of Education is launching its third year of ReKINDling Curiosity – hoping to ensure that every child who wants to attend a fun and engaging summer camp this year has the opportunity.

“Summer camp is the perfect time to play outside, escape from the everyday pressures of school, meet new friends and make new memories,” said Frank Edelblut, commissioner of education. “ReKINDling Curiosity is a program that offers low-income families or children with disabilities a scholarship to attend a New Hampshire-approved overnight or day youth recreation camp.”

In its third season, ReKINDling Curiosity has been a lifeline for 1,475 children who have been able to take advantage of scholarships to attend summer camp, which includes 318 recipients in the summer of 2021 and an additional 1,157 recipients in the summer of 2022. Since its inception, the program has provided \$730,820 in summer scholarships using COVID-relief funding.

In 2021, 40 camps participated in the program. With the growth of the program last summer, 97 camps participated and received funds. “Camp Hale is thrilled to be participating in the ReKINDling Curiosity program this summer. We want to make sure that every child who wants to attend our camp has the financial means to attend. With our newly renovated and expanded camp facilities in Sandwich, this is the perfect time to welcome campers of all abilities and income levels, and we are eager for a busy and fun-filled summer,” said Gareth Boone, director of Camp Hale.

Students with a disability are eligible for a \$750 camp fee, and other eligibilities of \$600 or \$450 are possible depending on the family's federal poverty level. For more details on the program, or to apply, visit the NH Department of Education website. *NH Department of Education*



Cook's Corner

Apricot Glazed Chicken Thighs

Now here's a recipe that's easy to make and sure to please. Don't skip reglazing the chicken twice during the cooking time. I like to serve this with either Wild Rice or Stove Top Stuffing and either steamed broccoli and carrots or baked acorn squash

- ¼ to ½ cup apricot spreadable fruit or jam
- ¼ cup honey
- 2 TBSP soy sauce
- 2 TBSP fresh minced ginger (I use the one in a tube, produce dept)
- 6 cloves garlic, minced
- ½ tsp cayenne pepper
- ¼ cup cider vinegar
- 8 bone-in chicken thighs, remove the skin

Heat oven to 400. For the glaze, in a small saucepan combine the apricot jam, honey, soy sauce, ginger, garlic and cayenne. Heat over medium until jam is melted. Remove from heat and stir in vinegar.

Line a large, rimmed baking sheet with tin foil. If you have one, place a rack on the baking sheet. Arrange the chicken on top of the rack. Pour or brush some of the glaze over the chicken, turning to coat.

Bake, uncovered for 40 to 45 minutes, reglazing 2 times during cooking. Enjoy! *MP Christakos*



Please Support the *Pittsfield Post*

Pittsfield Center Development Corporation (PCDC), owner of the Community Center, is the fiscal agent for the *Pittsfield Post*. PCDC is a non-profit organization whose mission is to engage in activities that benefit Pittsfield. Checks should be made out to:

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Library Day
Saturday
February 4


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- Games

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- ▶ 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.

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Declarations of Candidacy for elected Town Office positions will begin on Wednesday, Jan. 25, and expire on Friday, Feb. 3, at 5pm. You may file at the office of the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, 85 Main St., during regular business hours. The office will remain open until 5pm on Feb. 3. The declaration forms will also be available to download from the Town website: www.pittsfieldnh.gov

- Selectman 1 (3) year term
 - Town Treasurer 1 (3) year term
 - Trustee of Trust Funds 1 (3) year term
 - Library Trustee 1 (3) year term
 - Cemetery Trustee 1 (3) year term
 - Planning Board 1 (3) year term
 - Zoning Board of Adjustment 2 (3) year term
- Erica Anthony, Town Clerk

PITTSFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT FILING NOTICE

Declarations of Candidacy for elected School District positions will begin on Wednesday, Jan. 25, and expire on Friday, Feb. 3, at 5pm. You may file at the office of the School District Clerk at the Town Hall, 85 Main St., during regular business hours. The office will remain open until 5pm on Feb. 3. The declaration form will also be available to download from the Town and School District websites – www.pittsfieldnh.gov and www.pittsfieldnhschools.org

- School Board Member 1 (3) year term
 - School Board Member 1 (1) year term
 - School District Treasurer 1 (3) year term
- Erica Anthony, School District Clerk



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