

**MUNICIPAL  
OFFICE HOURS:**

**Mon. through  
Wed.**

**8-4:30**

**Thursday**

**8- 6**

**Friday**

**8-3**

**After Hours Use  
Drop Box at Exit**

**Phone:**

**802-483-6500**

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# Town of Pittsford Newsletter

## PITTSFORD FIRST RESPONSE NEEDS YOUR HELP

The work of Pittsford First Response (PFR) is vitally important to those with emergency medical needs. PFR provides emergency care to those in need during those critically-important minutes before the Regional Ambulance Service arrives. PFR now finds itself short on volunteer manpower. If you are willing to serve your neighbors and community and either have, or are willing to receive, necessary training and certification, please go on the Town’s website which links to a PFR application at [www.pittsfordvermont.com](http://www.pittsfordvermont.com)

Funds are available to cover training costs for committed volunteers.

If you have any questions, please contact Bob Foley at 483-2943.



## IMPORTANT ITEMS FOR TOWN MEETING & GENERAL ELECTION WEEK

Town Meeting is at the Lothrop School Gym on Monday, March 2, 2015 at 6:30 PM.

Town Meeting & General Election is on March 3, 2015, with voting hours from 7 AM to 7 PM at the Lothrop School Gymnasium, 3447 U S Route 7, Pittsford, VT.

The Town of Proctor has accepted Pittsford Town Manager John Haverstock’s Food Drive challenge for March 1-April 30, with donation boxes available at Town Meeting, March 2 and at the General Election, March 3. Over the past several years, Pittsford and Proctor have engaged in a friendly competition to see which Town can collect the most cash and non-perishable food items for contribution to the Pittsford Food Shelf, which serves residents of Pittsford, Florence, Proctor and Chittenden. Last year, Pittsford won. Let’s challenge ourselves as Pittsford residents to contribute what we can. Please bring items to the Town Meeting on March 2nd at the Lothrop School Gym or to the Pittsford Municipal Town Office, where there will be food donation boxes in the front lobby. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause.



## Pittsford Plunge!!!

Guess when the Scarecrow falls through the ice in 2015.

The Recreation Department was contacted by local businessman Michael Blanchard, to run an “ice-out” competition on the pond in front of the New England Maple Museum. People can purchase tickets to guess when the Scarecrow will fall through the ice.

The Recreation Department is always looking for alternative ways to raise revenues to offset expenses at the Recreation Area. This coming spring, the Recreation Department would like to purchase protective netting for the top of the backstops at the Recreation Area. The money raised will go towards the netting and other needs at the Recreation Area.

The Pittsford Recreation Department is fortunate to have people that care about the community like they do. This is a new fundraiser.

To get your tickets, contact Randy Adams, Recreation Director, 483-6500 ext. 17, [recreation@pittsfordvermont.com](mailto:recreation@pittsfordvermont.com), JJ Blanchard at Pittsford Auto Sales, 483-6787 or Jill Blanchard.

## FY 2015/2016 BUDGET SUMMARY

<b>GENERAL FUND REVENUES</b>	<b>Budget FY14</b>	<b>Actual FY14</b>	<b>Budget FY15</b>	<b>Budget FY16</b>
TAXATION	969,613	840,410	966,113	1,031,883
FEES/PERMITS & LICENSES	35,750	28,507	35,350	30,200
INTERGOVERNMENT REVENUE	64,200	81,361	75,800	81,000
FEE/CHARGE FOR SERVICES	400	350	700	400
SOLID WASTE MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS	63,000	47,607	52,000	49,000
RECREATION	23,630	30,386	26,380	27,100
ANIMAL MANAGEMENT REV	43,110	47,840	44,085	46,700
POLICE DEPT	6,600	6,517	6,600	6,600
	81,500	61,408	81,800	103,300
FIRE DEPARTMENT	0	6,639	0	0
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND REV</b>	<b>1,287,803</b>	<b>1,151,025</b>	<b>1,288,828</b>	<b>1,376,183</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND EXPENSES</b>	<b>Budget FY14</b>	<b>Actual FY14</b>	<b>Budget FY15</b>	<b>Budget FY16</b>
LEGISLATION EXPENSE	16,300	14,659	14,750	15,000
MANAGEMENT EXPENSE	146,600	163,863	155,000	181,900
ELECTIONS EXPENSE	4,640	2,927	6,560	4,850
FINANCE-CLERK/TREASURER EXPENSE	143,640	140,696	142,470	142,050
ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES	93,500	69,725	95,200	87,800
AGENCIES EXPENSE	5,170	5,075	5,445	5,600
ZONING EXPENSES	20,400	17,261	19,680	20,000
PLANNING COM EXPENSES	13,700	9,611	12,300	12,200
BCA EXPENSES	2,750	242	2,860	2,350
PLANT & EQUIPMENT	42,000	44,960	43,900	45,000
FIRE WARDEN EXPENSES	3,100	1,206	2,200	1,800
MISCELLANEOUS	4,800	4,720	4,800	4,800
LISTERS' EXPENSES	49,000	39,369	48,700	42,600
HEALTH OFFICER EXPENSES	900	269	11,705	11,150
SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS	109,288	109,288	123,888	138,138
SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING	94,925	83,470	80,280	80,050
FIRE HYDRANT EXP	35,000	35,000	0	35,000
POLICE DEPARTMENT	153,200	150,705	154,500	160,600
FIRE DEPARTMENT	165,000	217,625	178,250	183,900
RECREATION DEPARTMENT	153,000	169,966	166,490	169,370
ANIMAL MANAGEMENT	7,890	6,368	7,950	7,125
DEBT SCHEDULE/FIXED CGS	23,000	23,486	24,000	24,900
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,287,803</b>	<b>1,310,490</b>	<b>1,300,928</b>	<b>1,376,183</b>

**LISTERS OFFICE**

**VETERANS EXEMPTION** Veterans who are residents of Pittsford, with a disability of 50% or more, are entitled to a \$40,000 exemption off assessed value of their property for tax purposes. Those veterans should receive a letter and form from the Office of Veterans Affairs which should be signed and returned. If a veteran is qualified but has not received a letter, we suggest a call to the VA office at 802-828-3379. Application forms are also available at the Town Office or on the State website: [state.vt.us.gov](http://state.vt.us.gov).

**HOMESTEAD DECLARATION** All homeowners whose legal residence is Pittsford are required to file the Homestead Exemption (HS-122). Tax Forms can be obtained at the Maclure Library or on-line at: [state.vt.us.gov/tax](http://state.vt.us.gov/tax). Late filing will be accepted through October 15 but a late filing penalty will apply after April 15th.

**GRIEVANCE** Property owners will receive a letter regarding the grievance procedure if their parcel has changed in value or ownership.

**TOWN-WIDE RE-APPRAISAL** The Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) and the Coefficient of Dispersion (COD), the two ways of tracking assessment equity in a town, are approaching the level at which the State will require Pittsford to perform a Town-wide reappraisal. To address this issue before it is mandated, we are currently investigating reappraisal firms and cost. Monies have been set aside and should be sufficient to complete this project.

Any questions about the items above or any other matter regarding valuation of property in Pittsford will be promptly answered by calling the Listers' Office at 802-483-6500 ext 15.

**PARKING ORDINANCE**

Pittsford's Select Board recently adopted a Parking Ordinance. The ordinance prohibits parking along Town roads within the Village, primarily to facilitate the passage of emergency vehicles. The ordinance also features a wintertime overnight parking ban. Penalties for violations are set forth in the ordinance. You may review the ordinance at the Town's website: [www.pittsfordvermont.com](http://www.pittsfordvermont.com)

**PITTSFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

At the October 2014 meeting of the Pittsford Historical Society, Bill Powers was elected President and Ernie Clerihew, Vice-President. Barb Willis took up a vacant trustee seat.

The museum is now closed for the winter and will re-open at the end of March. Inquiries will be answered if put through the website [www.pittsfordhistorical.com](http://www.pittsfordhistorical.com) or to the Curator, Anne Pelkey. The Society plans four member meetings with presentations during the year with details being worked out for the March and August meetings.

The Society will participate in the Memorial Day ceremonies, May 25. On Sunday, June 21, there will be an afternoon Open House at the Museum to revisit the exhibit on Pittsford Artists. The tag-and-bake sale is planned for Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>. October 18 will be the Society's Annual Meeting with a presentation from Bill Powers.

New members and volunteers are always welcome.

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE RURAL COLLECTION 2015 SCHEDULE**

**Pittsford Transfer Station, Saturdays 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM on May 16, July 11 and October 24, 2015.**

Gleason Road HHW Depot in Rutland will be open 7 AM to 3 PM on these Saturdays: April 4, May 2, June 6, August 1, Sept. 5 and Oct. 3. These dates are in addition to their regular hours.

**DOG OWNERSHIP RULES**

The Town learned during its recent "dog census" that many dog-owners weren't familiar with the laws regarding dog ownership in Town. For example, did you know that all dogs must be registered with the Town each year? Did you know that dog owners must provide evidence of rabies vaccinations for each dog, as well? Did you know that dog owners must keep their dogs on their own property or under physical or voice control at all times?

Some of these rules are simply good manners and designed to keep the peace in your neighborhood. Others are matters of public health and safety. All are spelled out in detail in the Town's Animal Ordinance, a copy of which is posted online at [www.pittsfordvermont.com](http://www.pittsfordvermont.com).

Thanks for playing by the rules!

**Dog Licenses due April 1, 2015 & available at the Town Office, 426 Plains Road--see back cover of this newsletter.**



**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR**

The Town wishes all the best to retiring Zoning Administrator Ken Niemczyk. Pittsford's new Zoning Administrator is Jeffrey Biasuzzi. Jeff is a Wallingford resident and now serves his hometown of Wallingford, Castleton and Pittsford as Zoning Officer. He brings a wealth of practical business and real estate development experience to the position and we look forward to working with him. Jeff's office hours are Wednesdays 8:15 am to 4:15 pm and Fridays from 8:15 to 10:15 am.

**THE PITTSFORD SELECT BOARD**

Meetings are on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Town Office Building, 426 Plains Road.

**THE WATER & SEWER COMMISSION**

Meetings are on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Town Office Building, 426 Plains Road.

**THE PLANNING COMMISSION**

Meetings are on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Town Office Building, 426 Plains Road.

Changes to these meetings will be posted on the Town website and posted at the Town Office, Pittsford Post Office and Keith's Country Store.

**Pittsford Senior Group Luncheon Menu 2015**

**\*Per the request of the VT POLICE ACADEMY, Seniors arriving for luncheons should NOT arrive before 12:45 pm!! Thank you.**

<u>Luncheon Date:</u>	<u>MENU:</u>	<u>MUST RSVP</u>
February 26	Ranch Baked Chicken, Wild Rice Pilaf & Cherry Pie	Feb. 17
March 26	Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Salad Bar & Carrot Cake	March 17
April 23	Barbecued Pork, Lo Mien Noodles & Apple Crisp	April 14
May 14	Mac & Cheese, Veg. Beef Soup & Pumpkin Citrus Bars	May 5
June 25	Baked Ham, Potato Salad, Corn & Choc. Cream Pie	June 16
July 23	BBQ (chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs), Baked Beans, Tapioca	July 14
Aug. 27	Salad Plate: Chicken Salad, Veg. Pasta Salad, Beets & Cookies	Aug. 18
Sept. 17	Spaghetti w/Meatballs, French Bread, Green Beans & Apple Pie	Sept. 8
Oct. 22	Apple-Braised Pork , Pea Soup, Fried Rice & Macaroon Cupcakes	Oct. 13
Nov. 12	Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes & Pumpkin Pie	Nov. 3
Dec. 17	Roast Beef, Twice Baked Potatoes, Green Beans, Christmas Cookies	Dec. 8

**A salad bar is included. All foods are homemade including the soup, bread and desserts.**

Suggested donation of \$5.00 for 60 and up. Must pay \$6.00 if under age 60.

Reservations are Necessary! All luncheons are on Thursdays, unless otherwise posted, at 1:00 PM at the Vermont Police Academy in Pittsford. If you have any questions or would like to RSVP, please contact Randy Adams 802-483-6500 ext 17 or [Recreation@pittsfordvermont.com](mailto:Recreation@pittsfordvermont.com).

**ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT VACANCY**

*The Town of Pittsford has a vacancy on the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Residents interested in serving on the Board are asked to submit a letter of interest for consideration by the Select Board and the Zoning Board to:*

*Town of Pittsford*

*Attention: John Haverstock,  
Town Manager*

*P O Box 10, Pittsford, VT  
05763*

*[Manager@pittsfordvermont.com](mailto:Manager@pittsfordvermont.com)*

*483-6500 ext 20*

**SAVE THE DATES: PROGRAMS SPONSORED BY RECREATION DEPT.**

**Saturdays, March 21 & 28, 2015 Safe Sitter Babysitting Course** to be held at the Lothrop Elementary School Cafeteria from 9:00 AM-4:00 PM for 11-13 year old students. The cost is \$60.00 for the course. Register early with Randy Adams 483-6500 x17—space limited.

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**Saturday, April 25, 2015 Start time 11:00 AM**

**Bike Rodeo at the Pittsford Recreation Area**

Bring your bicycles for bike registration—Pittsford Police Department

Bike Helmet Giveaways Free Lunch

**Saturday, May 2, 2015 Green Up Day**

Contact Randy Adams, Recreation Director, for road sign-up & clean-up bags

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**Saturday, June 20, 2015 Pittsford Recreation Area Open House**

**Monday, June 22, 2015 First Week of Summer Day Camp**

**End of June 2015 TBA Swimming Lessons**

Look for more information in the Spring Town Newsletter due by May 1 or on the Town’s website: [www.pittsfordvermont.com](http://www.pittsfordvermont.com) or contact Randy Adams, 483-6500x17 [recreation@pittsfordvermont.com](mailto:recreation@pittsfordvermont.com) for these events and programs.

**PITTSFORD RECREATION DEPARTMENT EVENTS**

**FAMILY FUN NIGHTS**

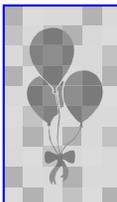
The Pittsford Recreation Department and the Maclure Library are teaming up again to offer FAMILY FUN NIGHTS during the winter months. Each Fun Night is full of fun, which includes art and crafts, physical activities and entertainment. Don't miss out.

**DATE: Friday, February 6 (Theme Frozen in VT) & Friday, March 6 (Theme TBA)**

**LOCATION: VT POLICE ACADEMY**

Activities are intended for children 3<sup>rd</sup> grade or younger. Older siblings are invited to attend, but we will ask them to help with activities & crafts.

**TIME:** 6:30 – 8:00 pm **FEE:** Free



**OPEN HOUSE SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2015**

**Open House at the Recreation Area. Free day of activities-details to come in the Town Spring Newsletter in May 2015 and on the Town website.**

**SKI/SNOWBOARD PROGRAM @ THE MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE SNOW BOWL!!!**

The Pittsford & Brandon Depts. are co-sponsoring a Ski/Snowboard Program. This program is being held at the Middlebury Snow Bowl on four Sunday mornings from March 1-22 and consists of four 1-hour lessons and half day tickets. Group lessons will include other students of similar skill. **DEADLINE** for returning completed registration forms and payment to the Pittsford Recreation Dept. is **FRIDAY, February 13, 2015.** Children must be in at least the 1st grade in order to participate (for safety reasons, children in grades 1-3 must be accompanied on the bus by an adult). The Rec. Depts. will provide a bus for transportation from Otter Valley Union High School each Sunday. All participants who sign-up for this program will be required to commit to using the transportation. The bus fee is included in the price of the program and there are no refunds for missed weeks. A minimum of 20 participants will be needed & the maximum is 30 participants, on a first come/ first served basis. Fee schedule & to register, contact Randy Adams, Pittsford Recreation Director, 483-6500 ext 17 or [Recreation@pittsfordvermont.com](mailto:Recreation@pittsfordvermont.com). Info on the Town website: [www.pittsfordvermont.com](http://www.pittsfordvermont.com)



**TEEN NIGHTS (GRADES 7-10)**

Teen Nights are a great way for young people in the Pittsford & Brandon communities to get together in a fun and safe environment. Each "Teen Night" event is chaperoned by parents & volunteers. Fee: \$3 per person. Time: 7-10 PM

March 13 March Teen Dance at the **VT Police Academy**

May 29 7th Annual Spring Fling & Food Drive at the **Brandon Town Hall**

Offered in conjunction with the Brandon Rec. Dept.



**CARDIO-KICKBOXING & AEROBIC WORKOUT**

This one-hour workout incorporates aerobic conditioning, strength & leg training and abdominal work. The cardio-kickboxing portion is a dynamic, low/high impact aerobic workout combining boxing techniques that strengthen the upper and lower body, with punches, jabs, and kicks.

**WHEN:** EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING (NO CLASS 2/11/14)

**INSTRUCTOR:** Joani Imperato

**WHERE:** Lothrop Gym **TIME:** 5:30 – 6:30 pm

**FEE:** \$6 per class (pay as you go) or \$35 for 6 weeks

**BRING:** A mat or towel to lay on and wear comfortable clothes.



**YOUTH BASEBALL/SOFTBALL REGISTRATION**

Registration for any boy or girl who is interested in playing T-Ball, Mighty Mites, Minors and Majors Little League or Girls Softball this spring can be done with the Recreation Director at the Pittsford Municipal Offices Monday – Friday beginning March 2nd . Registration forms will be ready and sent home through Lothrop Elementary School by the end of February. **The last day to register is Tuesday, March 31, 2015!** After this date, kids will be placed on waiting lists.



**SCHOOL BREAK FUN DAY: (Pre 1st—6th Grade)**

Does your child have cabin fever? Would you like to give your child something productive to do during the February Winter Vacation? Have your child join the Pittsford Recreation Department for a very cool field trip. The first part of the day, the group will enjoy indoor climbing w/Steve & his staff at the Green Mountain Rock Climbing Center in Rutland. There, they will learn the proper techniques it takes to be a safe and reliable climber. After a morning of invigorating exercise, our group will go to VAC (Vermont Achievement Center) to indulge in an afternoon of swimming. Under the watchful eye of Ann Hunt, our participants will enjoy open swim time in the heated Mitchell Therapy Pool! Call early. This program was FILLED last winter!

**DATE: Wednesday, February 18, 2015 TIME: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm**

**WHERE: Green Mt. Rock Climbing Ctr./VAC Mitchell Pool FEE: \$27**



## MACLURE LIBRARY



### ***Free Tutoring***

The library is offering free tutoring by retired high school teachers every week through the end of the school year. Subjects include math, science, Spanish, French, history, language arts. Call for dates and more information, 483-3972.

### ***Howard Coffin: Vermont and the Civil War***

**Monday, February 9 at 7:00 p.m.**

From Cedar Creek to Gettysburg, Vermonters were central to the Union Cause. Vermont author and Civil War historian Howard Coffin will speak on the Civil War and its effects on Vermonters. This program is sponsored, in part, by the Vermont Humanities Council. *This program will immediately follow the Maclure Library Annual Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.*

### ***Cocktails for a Cause***

**Thursday, February 26 from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

Please join the Maclure Public Library and the Brandon Free Public Library on the evening of Thursday, February 26 for a fun and delicious event to show your support for your local library.

Each meal, which includes a salad and one of the main entrée's, is offered at \$12. The cash bar is also open from 5:30 till 8:30 pm and no reservations are necessary.

*If you would like to volunteer to help with this event, call the Maclure Library at 483-2972 or the Brandon Free Library at 247-8230.*

We also want to send a big Shout Out to the great folks at the Brandon Inn for providing their elegant facilities to the two local libraries at no cost for the third year in a row. What great community citizens they are for doing this!

### ***Lego Contest***

**Thursday, February 19 from 5:30 – 6:60 p.m.**

LEGOmaniacs: start building! You asked for it, so our Spring Break Lego Contest is upon us! Use your own LEGO® or other compatible plastic bricks, design and build your own creation (not from a designed kit).

Build your own creation at home and bring it to the library. Or, don't have LEGOS? Not to worry! People have donated LEGOS and we have set workspace aside at the library for you!

To reserve some of these LEGOS or for questions, call 483-2972.

### ***“Join the Circus” Family Fun Night***

**Friday, March 6 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.**

Join us for an evening of circus fun including face painting, circus related crafts, and the *Bounce House and Obstacle Course*. For families with children 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and under, older children will be put to work helping with crafts.

### ***Homesteading in Vermont***

#### ***Raising Chickens***

**Monday, March 23 @ 7:00 p.m.**

Learn the basics of what is needed to raise chickens in Vermont. Trish Lewis will discuss the different types and breeds of chickens, housing, feed and general care.

Keep an eye out for other programs in the series:

*Keeping Bees - Sam Davine, Raising Sheep - Jim McRae, and Raising Goats - Dave Soulia*

### ***Give Every Time You Shop***

#### **@ AmazonSmile**

Whether you're shopping for yourself, or grabbing some goodies for someone else, Amazon.com has found a way to merge shopping and giving in the best way.

The AmazonSmile program is a painless way for you to help fund the Maclure Library activities. For each eligible purchase, Amazon.com will donate

0.5% of the purchase price to our community library. To participate, simply do the following:

Go to <http://smile.amazon.com/> - Sign in to your Amazon.com account.

Put your cursor over “Your Account” and click on “Change Your Charity”

Look at bottom left of screen for “Or pick your own charitable organization:”

Type “Maclure Library” **IMPORTANT:** If you want Amazon to donate to the Maclure Library, you need to start each shopping session at <http://smile.amazon.com>

If you have a few hours to volunteer, or if you have programming ideas, please contact us at [bonnie@maclurelibrary.org](mailto:bonnie@maclurelibrary.org). or 483-2972. Thank you.

**REMINDER—UTILITY PAYMENTS DUE MONDAY—2/9/15**

PAYMENTS MUST BE **RECEIVED** AT THE TOWN OFFICE BY **2/9/15** TO AVOID PENALTY AND INTEREST CHARGES. **POSTMARKS ARE NOT ACCEPTED.**

AS OF 1/7/15, THE PITTSFORD POST OFFICE SENDS ALL MAIL RECEIVED AT THE POST OFFICE TO WHITE RIVER JCT. FOR SORTING—EVEN PITTSFORD MAIL. THE MAIL IS THEN RETURNED TO THE PITTSFORD POST OFFICE FOR DISTRIBUTION. PLEASE CONSIDER THIS NEW PITTSFORD P. O. PROCEDURE WHEN MAILING YOUR PAYMENTS.

LOCATED AT THE TOWN OFFICE IS A DROP BOX . IT IS AT THE FRONT PARKING LOT EXIT ON THE LEFT SIDE. PAYMENTS CAN BE LEFT IN THE DROP BOX 24/7. THE BOX IS CHECKED EVERY BUSINESS DAY AT 8:00AM. PLEASE MARK ACCOUNT NUMBER/UTILITY BILL ON CHECKS. If you wish a receipt mailed to you, please state so.

**PITTSFORD FOOD SHELVE**

PITTSFORD, PROCTOR, FLORENCE & CHITTENDEN

The Pittsford Food Shelf is getting ready to kick off its annual Feinsein Million Dollar Food Challenge. The challenge begins on March 1st and ends April 30th. Be watching for your pledge letters. This is our only fundraiser for the year. With your donations, we can keep it that way.

We'd like to thank all who have donated over the past several months. Special thanks goes to Wood's Market for being so generous in donating potatoes, onions and squash. Our clients enjoy the fresh items. Also to Vermont Country Store for graciously donating different food items on a regular basis. Panera Bread provides us with bread every other week which is delivered by Pastor Phil Smith of the Church of the Nazarene in Leicester. Thank you to all the local churches who are so generous with their donations.

Thanks to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Rutland who gave us 364 macaroni and cheese meals. This was part of their packing 40,000 meals to help those in need.

The first Wednesday of each month, we provide a drive through service to get food provided by the Federal Government. This program is administered through the Vermont Food Bank and is income-based. We want to thank the students and their teachers from Otter Valley Union High School's Common Connections for helping us on a regular basis.

If you are cleaning out your cupboards for items to bring to the Food Shelf, please check the expiration dates. Items are good for one year after the expiration date. Any item older than one year beyond the expiration date needs to be discarded.

Items needed are jello, pudding, hot cereals, canned veggies and fruit, hot chocolate, personal items i.e. toilet paper, paper towels, toothpaste toothbrushes, shampoo, etc.

The Food Shelf is open on Mondays, 9-11 AM; Thursdays, 4-6 PM and closed holidays. You must be a resident of Pittsford, Proctor, Florence or Chittenden. Proof of residency is required.

The Food Shelf is run by volunteers and there are NO paid positions.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Robin at 483-2967. Tours of the Food Shelf are available.

**LOTHROP SCHOOL NEWS**

On November 4, 2014, the voters of Pittsford approved by 81% a facilities bond of \$970,000. This bond will be completely paid for by the Burditt Fund, costing the taxpayers nothing, while providing a much more energy efficient heating system for Lothrop. This project will begin a few days after the end of school in June and should be completed by the opening day of school. We are very grateful to the voters for approving this much needed project. We are also extremely grateful to Dan Burditt, Jr. for his generosity in establishing this trust in 1974 to benefit Pittsford schools. Erik Pearsons, our Board Clerk, has proposed that the Pittsford Town Hall be renamed in memory of Daniel Burditt, Jr., "to honor a true visionary and see that his name is never forgotten." The Select Board agreed to include this initiative in the Warning to be issued in advance of Town Meeting.

During the month of December and the first half of January, we have been attempting to approve a budget for the school year 2015-2016. It was a very difficult process. The initial budget represented a 6.1% increase. We knew that was too high an increase to ask the taxpayers of Pittsford to support. Last year was our first year with declining enrollment. This year has been fairly steady, though we do have three less students. Fewer students equates to less money we receive from the state. Along with declining enrollments, there continue to be government mandates which are not funded and we had a \$35,000 deficit due to emergency building repairs, which we had to make to keep the building functioning. After much discussion and community input, some staff positions have been reduced and some have been eliminated. A majority of the Board members voted to eliminate the French program in order to be fiscally responsible. These measures practically cut the increase in half. The final budget of \$3,832,345 represents a 3.3% increase. After applying the State Education formula, this budget represents a three cent increase on the tax base. As Board of School Directors, it is our responsibility to provide a high quality of education for all children, while being respectful of the community's ability to support it financially. Our community has always valued a high quality of education for our children and we are grateful for your support.

Visit our Town website  
[www.pittsfordvermont.com](http://www.pittsfordvermont.com)

# "Sunshine Village"

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Pittsford, VT 05763

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Water & Sewer Bills were mailed on January 7, 2015. Payments are due **February 9, 2015**. Postmarks are not accepted. There is a payment drop box available 24/7 on the left side at the exit from the front parking lot at the Town Offices at 426 Plains Road.

Town Municipal Offices closed Monday, 2/16/15, Presidents' Day

Pittsford Annual Town Reports will be mailed to registered voter families by 2/20/15. Extra copies will be available after that date at the Town Office and will be available on the Town's website after 3/6/15.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING—Monday,  
March 2, 2015 LOTHROP SCHOOL GYM 6:30PM.

GENERAL ELECTION—Tuesday, MARCH 3, 2015  
\*\* POLLS OPEN\*\* \*\*7AM—7PM\*\* NEW LOCATION\*\*  
\*\*\*LOTHROP SCHOOL GYM\*\*\*

FOOD DRIVE Challenge with Town of Proctor for the  
PITTSFORD FOOD SHELF— WILL BE HELD  
March 1-April 30, 2015.

DONATION BOXES WILL BE AT THE TOWN MEETING MARCH 2 &  
MARCH 3—PLEASE BRING MONEY (CHECKS PAYABLE TO  
PITTSFORD FOOD SHELF) CANNED GOODS & NON PERISHABLES.  
THANK YOU.  
TOWN MANAGER JOHN HAVERSTOCK

**DEADLINE FOR SPRING TOWN  
NEWSLETTER is 4/15/15.**  
Send articles to Linda Drummond at  
[asst2manager@pittsfordvermont.com](mailto:asst2manager@pittsfordvermont.com)

## DOG LICENSES DUE APRIL 1, 2015

Please note that dog licenses are now available at the Pittsford Town Clerk's Office. All dogs must be registered by **April 1<sup>st</sup>**. In order to register your dog, you must give the Town Clerk a copy of the most recent rabies vaccination certificate. Your veterinarian always gives you two copies, one for your files and one for our files. If you are unsure whether your dog's rabies certificate is up to date, please call your veterinarian or us at (802) 483-6500 Ext. 10, 11, 12, or 24. The fees to register your dog(s) are as follows:



	Fee by April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Additional Fee After April 1 <sup>st</sup>
Female Spayed	\$8	\$2
Male Neutered	\$8	\$2
Female Not Spayed	\$12	\$4
Male Not Neutered	\$12	\$4

Any person who sells or exchanges or who offers to sell or exchange cats, dogs, or wolf-hybrids, or any combination thereof, from three or more litters of cats, dogs, or wolf-hybrids in any 12-month period will need a Pet Dealer License. The fee is \$25.00 Kennel permits are now obsolete. **DOG LICENSE REMINDER—DOG TAGS ARE IN.** DOGS ARE REQUIRED TO BE LICENSED EACH YEAR WITH THE TOWN BY **APRIL 1, 2015**. **Don't wait until the last day.** A rabies certificate is required. If you haven't already registered your dog, please stop by the Town Clerk's Office **BEFORE APRIL 1, 2015**.