

Town of Pittsford Newsletter

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Mon. through Wed.

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Thursday

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Friday

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Parking Lot Exit**

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GREEN UP DAY MAY 2, 2015 The Pittsford Recreation Department, Pittsford Community Corp. (PCC) and Omya will once again be teaming up for **Green Up Day** in Pittsford on Saturday, May 2. Omya will provide an extra **Green Up Day** trash dumpster that will be located at the Town Municipal Office on 426 Plains Road. *Residents are strongly encouraged to drop off their full **Green Up Day** bags at the Town Office.*



Omya personnel will be available from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to assist people unloading their **Green Up Day** bags and filling the dumpster. As in prior years, **Green Up Day** bags can also be deposited at the Transfer Station.

Compliments of our friends at Omya, a light lunch of hot dogs and chips from Keith's Country Store will be available at the Town Office from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Join us for some fun!

Volunteers are needed for **Green Up Day**. Every hand helps. Each person who volunteers to help clean up the Town on **Green up Day** means less work for others. Please consider spending an hour or two with your friends and neighbors to help clean up our roadsides on Saturday, May 2nd. **Green Up Day** bags will be available at the Town Offices from April 27 to May 2 from Randy Adams, Pittsford Recreation Director. Randy will be coordinating the volunteers and the roads to be covered. If you plan on helping, please contact Randy at 802-483-6500 ext. 17 or e-mail him at Recreation@pittsfordvermont.com. We hope to see you out and about on May 2 helping to make Pittsford a cleaner town for all to enjoy.

PITTSFORD RECREATION OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, June 20, 2015 11:00 am – 3:00 pm



Everyone is invited to spend the day at the Pittsford Recreation Area. It will be a day for Pittsford to "show-off" the wonderful Recreation Area we have, featuring an 18 hole public disc golf course, picnic pavilion, 6 walking/hiking trails, a swimming area and a family-friendly playground.



Activities will include free swimming, raffles, food & games and a sports equipment swap (swap for the next size up in sports' equipment or swap equipment that your kids have grown out of and, if you don't have anything to swap, bring a small donation to help support the many wonderful events put on by the Recreation Department).



Be sure to check the Town of Pittsford website www.pittsfordvermont.com from time to time to see the many activities that are planned. We look forward to seeing you and your family at the "Rec". For more information, contact Randy Adams, Recreation Director, 483-6500 ext 17 or Recreation@pittsfordvermont.com.



CREDIT/DEBIT TRANSACTIONS

The Clerk/Treasurer's office is now accepting credit and debit cards for all monetary transactions, including property taxes, utility bills and the purchase of transfer station permits and punch cards. Visa, MasterCard and Discover cards are accepted. The cardholder is responsible to pay any applicable charges imposed by the card issuer for the service. 802-483-6500 ext. 10, 11 or 12

Consumer fees: MasterCard, Visa, Discover Credit/Debit = \$1.50 for charges up to \$50.00 and 2.49% for charges above \$50.01. The consumer fee is charged by a Third party company. The consumer fee is non-refundable. The card-holder is notified of the consumer fee amount prior to authorization of the card, and has the option to opt-out and pay by another payment method. If the consumer fee is accepted, and authorized, the consumer fee will appear as a separate charge on the card-holder's statement.



PITTSFORD TOWN -WIDE YARD SALE

Back by popular demand, the Recreation Department will be sponsoring a Town-wide yard sale on **Saturday, June 27, 2015 from 8:00 AM-2:00 PM. FEE \$5.00. Deadline** to be included on the Town-wide list is **Friday, June 19, 2015**. Residents must register their sales location with the Recreation Department. A complete list of sale locations and a street map of Pittsford will available on the Town of Pittsford website, www.pittsfordvermont.com. Maps can be picked up at the Maclure Library and Keith’s Country Store on Sat., June 27. For more information, contact Recreation Director Randy Adams at 483-6500 ext. 17 or e-mail Recreation@pittsfordvermont.com.

EMERGENCY SHELTER VOLUNTEERS

Emergency planning and preparedness are vitally-important tasks which pay big dividends in a time of crisis. The Town wishes to take advantage of an opportunity provided by the American Red Cross in this regard. The ARC, through its Shelter Initiative, will provide the Town with free blankets, cots, emergency radio, lighting, signage, volunteer vests, training materials and water, so long as the Town commits to providing a shelter site and volunteers willing to attend one annual training exercise each year. The Town has already designated several emergency shelter sites. That leaves us with the need to recruit between 10 and 20 volunteers willing to open, staff and manage a shelter in a time of emergency.

Please contact Town Manager John Haverstock (483.6500 x20 Manager@pittsfordvermont.com) if you should wish to volunteer. Thanks!

PITTSFORD TOWN MEETINGS HELD AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE

- Pittsford Select Board: 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 6:30PM
 - Pittsford Recreation Committee: 2nd Tuesday at 6:30PM
 - Pittsford Water & Sewer Commission: 3rd Tuesday at 6:30PM
 - Pittsford Planning Commission: 4th Thursday at 7:00PM
- PEG TV Channel 21 videotapes Select Board meetings and they can be viewed at www.pegtv.com. Click [video on demand](#).

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

ZONING & PLANNING UPDATES

The Select Board recently returned the Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment to the Planning Commission along with a list of recommended revisions. Work on these is being scheduled for upcoming meetings, which are usually every 4th Thursday evening of each month. Every meeting allocates time for PUBLIC INPUT, so please come and participate!

IT’S BUILDING SEASON! Note that simple permits, such as additions that conform with required setbacks, are usually processed within a week. Subdivisions and non-conforming projects may take to 45+/- days. With all permits, the rules require a warning/appeal period to expire before work can begin. Please contact the Zoning Administrator (ZA) for information and schedule your project accordingly. ZA hours are on Wednesdays 8:15 AM-4:15 PM & on Fridays 8:15 AM-10:00 AM. Phone 483-6500X18 or email zoning@pittsfordvermont.com.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Circle the date of Saturday, August 15 on your Calendar....Pittsford Day is coming! The Select Board and the voters have decided to make the event an annual tradition. Pittsford Day will be held at the Pittsford Fire House, at the corner of Arch and Pleasant Streets. So, if you like auctions, BBQ, live music, dancing, kids games, ice cream and/or fireworks, be sure to join your neighbors at the Fire House for a fun-filled day. More details to come....Stay tuned!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED PITTSFORD FIRST RESPONSE

Pittsford First Response continues to be low on volunteer manpower. PFR performs a critically-important mission here in Town, serving to stabilize those facing a health crisis in the minutes before an ambulance and EMT crew can arrive and take over. Please contact Bob Foley (483-2943) if you are interested in volunteering some of your time and are either trained or are willing to be trained. Thanks!

PITTSFORD FARMER’S MARKET

Do you have produce or other agricultural products that you would like to bring to market, or baking skills, or other special talent or artistic ability to promote? Wishing you had an outlet to show off your wares and be more visible to the public? Take a look at the Pittsford Farmer’s Market. Our 2015 season is Saturdays, June 13th thru mid October (weather permitting) from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Village Green in the heart of Pittsford. Come meet Lisa Wright Garcia, Pres.; Kelley Lyons, Vice Pres.; Beth Richards, Treas. & Sec. We are in need of a Secretary and if interested, please contact Lisa at 802-438-0063 or Beth. Vendor forms will be available shortly-contact Beth 773-2843 or jandbofvt@comcast.net.

MACLURE LIBRARY NEWS



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.

Homesteading in Vermont: *Sheep 101 with Jim McRae* Monday, May 11 @ 7:00 p.m.

Jim McRae, Pittsford resident and owner of Green Acres Farm will discuss the basics: buying, housing, feeding and caring for new lambs through adulthood.

Besides sheep, Jim raises pigs, chickens, and the most amazing Border Collies. He is also a professional sheep shearer and you can see his handiwork at the yearly Pittsford Sheep Festival.

Arm Chair Travelers Series: *Monday, May 18 at 7:00 p.m. Ideals and Realities: Three Years as a Peace Corps Volunteer in the Dominican Republic*

Paul Kenyon's presentation will showcase the Dominican Republic, a Caribbean country on the island of Hispaniola. Kenyon will share his slides and talk about the country, the people, and the realities of living and working in this vastly different culture. He will also share the specific work he did as a Peace Corps member, his experience as a volunteer, and about development in the third world in general. Arrive early to hear some of the music that he came to love while living there.

Book Discussions

Tuesday, May 5 at 6:30 p.m. "*Blue Orchard*" by Jackson Taylor

Based on the life of the author's own grandmother and written after almost three hundred interviews with those involved in the real-life scandal, *The Blue Orchard* is as elegant and moving as it is exact and convincing. It is a dazzling portrayal of the changes America underwent in the first fifty years of the twentieth century. Readers will be swept into a time period that in many ways mirrors our own. Verna Krone's story is ultimately a story of the indomitable nature of the human spirit—and a reminder that determination and self-education can defy the deforming pressures that keep women and other disenfranchised groups down.

Tuesday, June 2 at 6:30 p.m. "*The Water is Wide*" by Pat Conroy

The island is nearly deserted, haunting, and beautiful. Across a slip of ocean lies South Carolina. But for the handful of families on Yamacraw Island, America is a world away. For years the people here lived proudly from the sea, but now its waters are not safe. Waste from industry threatens their very existence—unless, somehow, they can learn a new life. But they will learn nothing without someone to teach them, and their school has no teacher.

Here is PAT CONROY'S extraordinary drama based on his own experience—the true story of a man who gave a year of his life to an island and the new life its people gave him.

Tuesday, July 7 at 6:30 p.m. "*Memory of Old Jack*" by Wendell Berry

In a rural Kentucky river town, "Old Jack" Beechum, a retired farmer, sees his life again through the shades of one bur-nished day in September 1952. Bringing the earthiness of America's past to mind, *The Memory of Old Jack* conveys the truth and integrity of the land and the people who live from it. Through the eyes of one man can be seen the values Americans strive to recapture as we arrive at the next century.

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>

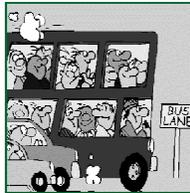
PITTSFORD WALKING TRAILS

A long winter, deep frost and drifted snow were keeping the trails a bit difficult to navigate. Cell phones are an excellent security device when hiking alone in case of a fall or other debilitating incident. Generally, we do not see ATVs on our trails, but if they are taken on trails in the Spring mud season, they can cause a great deal of damage very quickly. Please report any ATV activity on the trails to our Recreation Director, Randy Adams at 483-6500 ext 17. We are always interested in possible new trail ideas. If you have a loop or a lookout in mind that would make a pleasant walk or hike, please call Bob Harnish at 483- 6220.

Remember that FOR GOOD HEALTH there is nothing better than a brisk walk of at least 15 minutes.

PITTSFORD SENIOR BUS TRIPS

The Pittsford Seniors are planning a bus trip to the Vermont Country Store in Weston on Wednesday, May 20th. The bus will leave the Pittsford Municipal Office at 9:00 AM and arrive at the Vermont Country Store about 10:00 AM for some shopping. Lunch will be at the Bryant House, located right next to the store at noon. Participants will return to Pittsford about 1:30 PM.



Pittsford Seniors are also planning a bus trip to The Weston Playhouse on Wednesday, August 19 to see "Guys and Dolls", a musical romantic comedy featuring some memorable tunes, such as "Sit Down You're Rocking the Boat" and "Luck be a Lady". The discounted cost is \$34 per person.

- 12:15 PM Meet behind Town Municipal Office; board The Bus
- 12:30 PM Bus leaves
- 1:30 PM Arrive at Weston Playhouse
- 2:00 PM Show begins (there will be an intermission)
- 4:40 PM Show over, bus ride to Pittsford

Space is limited, so make your reservation early by calling Randy Adams, Recreation Director, at 483-6500 ext. 17.

CORRECT MAILING ADDRESS

If you have changed your mailing address in the last year, please notify the Town Clerk's office as Town property taxes will be mailed by the end of July. Also, utility bills will be mailed out in early July. Having the correct mailing address saves on time and money. Since January 2015, mail received at the Pittsford Post Office is sent out to be sorted and then returned. It takes longer for the Town Office to receive your payments by mail. Remember the drop box is available.

Need to get rid of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)?

The Rutland County Solid Waste District posted that the HHW Depot at the Gleason Road Transfer Station in Rutland will now be open the following Saturdays during the spring and summer of 2015 in addition to its normal workday hours: **Saturdays:** From 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on May 2, June 6, August 1, Sept. 5 & Oct. 3, 2015. Contact Tom Remes at 770-1333 for more information.

Note: Saturday, July 4, 2015-Pittsford Transfer Station is closed.

PITTSFORD TRANSFER STATION HHW COLLECTION
12:00 to 3:00PM: MAY 16, JULY 11 & OCT 24, 2015.

PITTSFORD FISHING DERBY

FREE!!!



FREE!!!

DATE: SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2015

**TIME: Registration 9 – 10 am
Fishing 10 am – Noon**

FOR: PITTSFORD KIDS 2 - 12

WHERE: Billings Pond (Behind Dan Keith's residence just south of Barnard Funeral Home. Look for signs next to Rte. 7) Please check for ticks during and after the fishing derby.



**JOIN US FOR PRIZES,
FOOD, & FUN!!**



**PITTSFORD SENIOR GROUP
LUNCHEON MENU 2015**



***Per request of the VT Police Academy, seniors arriving for luncheons should NOT arrive before 12:45 PM!! Thank you.**

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Menu:</u>	<u>Must RSVP:</u>
May 14	Mac & Cheese, Veg. Beef Soup, Pumpkin Citrus Bars	May 5
June 25	Baked Ham, Potato Salad Corn, Chocolate Cream Pie	June 16
July 23	BBQ (Chicken, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs), Baked Beans, Tapioca	July 14
Aug. 27	Chicken Salad, Vegetable Pasta Salad, Pickled Beets & Cookies	Aug. 18

A salad bar is included. All foods are homemade including 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 at 1:00 PM at the Vermont Police Academy in Pittsford. For RSVPs & questions contact Randy Adams 802-483-6500 ext. 17 or Recreation@pittsfordvermont.com.

PITTSFORD SENIORS

Senior citizens of Pittsford have organized a senior group. Pittsford Seniors now meet after each luncheon. All seniors in the Pittsford area are invited and encouraged to attend. Come and bring your ideas! Voting for officers will take place at the May 14, 2015 luncheon. If you are interested in running for office, contact Randy Adams.

PITTSFORD RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Summer Programs

For more information, please contact Randy Adams, Recreation Director, at 483-6500 ext 17 or Recreation@pittsfordvermont.com.

PITTSFORD SUMMER DAY CAMP 2015

Susan Markowski of Florence is returning as the 2015 Day Camp Director. She is excited to be working with the kids she got to know last summer. Andy Levandowski and Cortney Poljacik will both return as Camp Counselors. They cannot wait to get started. **Due to approved upgrades at Lothrop School, the 2015 Day Camp HOME will be in Lothrop's "Blue House" on the south side of the Lothrop Gym.**

Week 1 June 22-June 26: Welcome to Italy

Week 2 June 29- July 3: Back to the USA

Week 3 July 6-10: Messy Days

Week 4 July 13-17: Welcome to France

Week 5 July 20-24: Welcome to Poland

Week 6 July 27-July 31: Welcome to Mexico

Descriptions of each week's activities will be listed on the Town's website: www.pittsfordvermont.com located on the Recreation Department page with a link for the application forms.



SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS to be held at Otter Valley Union High School with Otter Valley coaches and players:

FIELD HOCKEY, July 20 to July 23, 2015 for students entering grades 5, 6, 7 or 8 for the school year 2015-2016.



BASKETBALL, TBA July 2015 for students entering grades 3 to 8 for the school year 2015-2016.



Contact Randy Adams, 483-6500 x17, Recreation@pittsfordvermont.com

Visit the Town's website for more info: www.pittsfordvermont.com

TEEN NIGHT: Friday, May 29 2015, 7th Annual Spring Fling & Food Drive at the Brandon Town Hall, from 7-10 PM with a \$3.00 fee per participant. Teen nights are a great way for young people in the Pittsford and Brandon communities to get together in a fun and safe environment. Each "Teen Night" event is chaperoned by parents and volunteers. *In conjunction with the Brandon Recreation Department.

2015 PITTSFORD PLUNGE THANK YOU!!!

The Scarecrow dressed as a Pittsford Youth baseball player fell through the ice on the pond in front of the New England Maple Museum on Friday, April 3 at 1:45:05 pm. The Winner was Joyce Robinson with her guess of 1:40 pm. The winner received a check in the amount of \$527.50.

The Recreation Department would like to thank Michael Blanchard for his donation to the Recreation Department, in the amount of \$100. In total, the Recreation Department received \$627.50 from this event. The Recreation Director would like to thank Mike and his entire family for their help and support this winter with all aspects of the fundraiser.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR SWIM AREA SUPERVISOR & SWIM INSTRUCTOR, KAYLA DESABRAIS



As summer is just around the corner, it's time to start thinking about fun activities. I hope that taking swimming lessons at the Recreation Area is one of them! I am looking forward to another great season at the swim area teaching swimming lessons. This is a great program for younger swimmers looking to gain new skills and for older kids looking to refine the swimming skills they've already learned to make them better and more efficient swimmers. Swimming is a life-long skill that everyone should know how to do; it's fun and great exercise. Come gain these skills at the Pittsford Recreation Area! Enjoy the rest of the school year and I look forward to seeing you at the Recreation Area! Registration forms can be found on the Town's website under the Recreation Department page.

SWIM LESSONS 2015

June 29-July 10 Session #1

July 20-July 31 Session #2

August 3-August 14 Session #3

RECREATION FEES 2015

Swimming Area Season Pass -- Resident: \$35.00

Non-Resident: \$55.00

Swimming Lessons -- Resident First Child \$10

Additional Children \$5 each.

Non Resident \$20 Additional Children \$10 each.

Tennis Court Season Pass-Resident \$5 /Non Resident \$10

Season Passes are Available at the Town Clerk's Office

"Learn To Love Tennis Camp"

What: Summer Tennis Lessons

Who: Ages 8 – 12 (Beginner's Skill Level)

When: July 6– July 10, 2015

Time: 10:00 – 10:45 am Beginner Skill Level
11:00 – 11:45 am Intermediate Skill Level

Where: Pittsford Rec Area (Tennis Courts)

Fee: \$30 Per Child

Instructor: Suzanne Wood

***45 Minute Classes* Please register ASAP because space is limited to eight (8) students!!**



EAGLE SCOUT DONATIONS REQUESTED

Joshua Williams from Pittsford Troop 110 is making Green Up Stations for the Pittsford Recreation Area and would appreciate any monetary donations. Please send to the attention of Randy Adams, Recreation Director. Thanks for your support.

LOTHROP SCHOOL BOARD

I would like to ask the Town of Pittsford to join the Lothrop School Board in congratulating Todd Houston, Lothrop Art Teacher, on his recent award. Todd has been recognized as one of Vermont's transformative and innovative educators. He was honored for this recognition on March 26, 2015 in Montpelier. This is a great honor for Todd and the passion, talent and skill that earned him this award are extended to the youngsters of Pittsford on a daily basis. Congratulations, Mr. Houston! In November of 2014, the Town approved a bond to replace the heating systems that heats both the main school building and the cafeteria/Town Hall. The building committee, together with Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union's (RNESU) Business Manager, Brenda Fleming, has prequalified five general contractors. The next step in the process is to review bids and select a contractor who will be hired to complete the project. The project is scheduled to begin immediately after the end of the school year. The school property will not be available for summer programs. More information regarding summer programs and their locations will soon be sent out from school.

The Lothrop School Board continues to search for the balance between programs the community wants to offer to its youngsters and the ability of the community to pay for these programs. In an effort to control costs, the School Board has asked the faculty and administration to research the possibility of offering multiage classrooms beginning with the 2016-2017 school year. Sara Raabe, Lothrop Principal, has presented an initial report. This report can be found online at the RNESU Home Page. Together with the school administration and the faculty, the Board will continue to research and discuss the viability of having multiage classrooms. Please join us in our discussions. If you have questions or information you would like to share, please attend a board meeting or contact any board member.

Pittsford continues to have a vacant seat on the Otter Valley Union High School Board. Please contact Jeanne Collins, RNESU Superintendent of Schools, if you are interested in filling the vacancy. Bonnie Bourne, Lothrop School Board Chairman

Vacancy on the

Rutland County Solid Waste District

Are you interested in learning how Rutland County disposes of its garbage and recyclables? Are you interested in helping a large, complex organization work for the benefit of local communities? Are you thinking globally but willing to act locally to keep Pittsford and this and region clean and green?

If you answered "YES" to any of these questions, please contact Pittsford Town Manager John Haverstock to express your interest in volunteering to serve as Pittsford's representative to the Rutland County Solid Waste District. There are about 10 meetings held each year and take place in Rutland on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm. Snacks are provided!

Thank you!

John Haverstock, Pittsford Town Manager

802.483.6500 x20 Manager@pittsfordvermont.com



LOTHROP SCHOOL PTO

The Lothrop Elementary PTO has some great upcoming programs: Friday, May 1st is the Annual Grandfriends Tea, families invite their favorite 'Grandfriend' to enjoy refreshments and explore the wonderful things happening at Lothrop. May 4-8 is Staff Appreciation Week at Lothrop and the PTO has something planned each day to show the staff at Lothrop how much we appreciate the work they do with our children. Our big event is Thursday, May 7th when we put together a variety of Breakfast/Lunch items for the staff. If you would like to donate/make something for this event, please contact Kelly Connaughton, kfield16@yahoo.com 483-6351.

Throughout the school year, the Lothrop PTO participates in many collection/recycling programs that earn money for the PTO. **As a part of our community - YOU can help too!** We are collecting: Box Tops for Education/Labels for Education - *as of March we have collected over \$1200 in Box Tops for the school!!! Recycle the following: Printer cartridges, old cell phones and other small electronics and old shoes (In wearable condition. NO flip flops or winter boots-no holes). *as of March we have collected over \$100 in recycled materials! Lothrop will be under construction this summer so for a drop off location for these items, please contact Kelly Connaughton.

PITTSFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Museum, Eaton Hall, is now open for the season. Hours are Tuesdays, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, or by arrangement. Upcoming activities include a visit by the Vermont Covered Bridge Society on Saturday, May 2, that will include a presentation on local covered bridges by Bill Powers and other society members at 11:00 am in the basement of the Congregational Church; event is open to all.

The Historical Society continues its participation in the Memorial Day activities; the speaker this year is James Carvey. After the noon ceremonies at the Fire House, Eaton Hall will be open and showing its collection of pictures of veterans. Anyone willing to share photos of past or current veterans should contact Steve Belcher at spbelcher4@myfairpoint.net or 483-2852.

On Sunday, June 28, from 1:30-3:30, we will have a Gallery show of the exhibit on Pittsford Artists and Artisans at Eaton Hall; any Pittsford artists interested in participating should contact Curator Anne Pelkey (483-2040) or Steve Belcher. Refreshments served.

The Society plans to hold its annual Tag-and-Bake sale on Saturday July 18th, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Donations of items for sale will be gratefully received. Please bring items to the Museum Tuesdays or call 483-2040 for pickup. www.pittsfordhistorical.com

LIFEGUARDS

Lifeguards are needed for the Town of Pittsford Recreation Department. Current certification as Red Cross lifeguard. Certified LGT, First Aid, CPR, and WSI required. Salary begins at \$9.15 an hour. Season runs approximately Memorial Day through Labor Day. Applications and Job Descriptions can be found online at the Town of Pittsford's website www.pittsfordvermont.com. Interested candidates should submit an application to Randy Adams, Recreation Director at PO Box 10, 426 Plains Road 802-483-6500 ext. 17or Recreation@pittsfordvermont.com Applications are due ASAP or by 3:00 pm on Friday, May 22, 2015. EOE

LISTERS' REPORT

TOWN-WIDE RE-APPRAISAL The Select Board and the Town Listers have decided to move ahead with a Town-wide appraisal in 2015 to bring town property assessments in-line with market values. Therefore, the Listers' office has sent out Requests for Proposals (RFPs) to re-appraisal contractors. All homeowners will receive a letter from the Town introducing the company that has been selected. Property inspections will begin on or about July 1. Employees of the contractor and their cars will be identified for the safety and security of our residents.

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 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.

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION Once again, all resident homeowners are required to file the Homestead Exemption (HS-122), which can be found in the Vermont Tax booklet or online at: state.vt.us.gov/tax. Late filing will be accepted through October 15 but a late filing penalty will apply.

UPDATES Please note that homeowners should apply for a permit to add or remove existing buildings from a property. Also, please register new surveys at the Town office. With this information, Listers will be able to adjust the property valuation accordingly.

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

Any questions about the above or any other matter will be promptly answered by calling the Listers Office at 802-483-6500 ext 15. Please leave a message if the office is closed. The email address is Listers@pittsfordvermont.com.



DOG LICENSE RENEWALS



Dog licenses for 2015 were due on 4/1/2015. If your dog(s) have not been registered for 2015, please do so immediately at the Town Clerk's Office, 426 Plains Rd. Remember to bring in an updated rabies certificate. The fees are \$10.00 for spayed & neutered dogs and \$16.00 for intact dogs.

Any questions, call 483-6500 ext 10 & 11. Just a reminder, while walking dogs on Town property, such as the sidewalks and the Recreation Area, please be considerate and pick up after your pet. This includes residents' property which may be near Town property. Please refer to the Town's Animal Ordinance (also known as the "leash law"), which can be found on the Town's website. The Town of Pittsford would like to thank Dr. Maria Dunton from All Points Animal Care for her willingness and hard work which allowed us to hold a rabies clinic at the Town Offices in March. With Dr. Dunton's agreement, we will be holding a rabies clinic every year to assist pet owners in getting their dogs (and some cats) their important rabies vaccine shots. Check the Town's website for updates on next year's clinic. It was great to see all the dogs and cats at the clinic this year!

PITTSFORD FOOD SHELF

The annual Town meeting day food challenge between Pittsford and Proctor was very close this year. The winner was Proctor with 106 (items/money) and Pittsford with 94. Thank you to all who participated.

Thank you to Otter Valley Union High School who held a food drive for the food shelf. We welcome all the items collected. Also thank you to those who have been donating fresh eggs to the food shelf. Our clients are really enjoying the eggs.

Do you know who your neighbors are? Are they elderly or a young family? Have they been out of work or on a fixed income? Maybe we can help them at the Pittsford Food Shelf. Tell them about us or give us a call. We are here to help those residents in Pittsford, Proctor, Florence or Chittenden. Proof of residency is required with an utility bill. Hours are Mondays 9-11 AM & Thursday 4-6 PM. Items needed are popcorn, toilet paper, cream style corn, saltine crackers, canned mandarin oranges, stuffing & cranberry sauce, cereal, jelly and other non-perishable items.

We are in the middle of the annual fund raiser. Seems like donation totals are below last years. Remember you can donate at any time. Money, gift cards to grocery stores or donations of food are appreciated. We thank you in advance for all your help and donations. We thank you for helping us help those in need. Remember, we run strictly by donations. There are no paid positions and are all volunteers. If you'd like a tour of the food shelf, call Robin @ 483-2967 to set up a tour.

THIRD ANNUAL GARDEN CONTEST

Calling all Green Thumbs— Veggie growers have been beaten out the last two years during the Garden Contest by flower lovers! Now is the time to claim that garden crown for your peppers and tomatoes! The Third Annual Pittsford Garden Contest is on...FREE to enter, prizes and bragging rights for the winner. Contact Trish Lewis at solfire@phoenix-farm.com or 802-247-6797 to enter. Deadline to enter is July 4th.

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Pittsford Municipal Offices will be closed Monday, May 25 and Friday, July 3, 2015. The Pittsford Transfer Station will be closed Saturday, July 4, 2015.



MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

MONDAY, 5/25/15

Parade forms at the Village Green at Noon and starts at 12:30 PM. The parade will go south on Route 7 to Pleasant St. to the Fire House where the Ceremony will be held. The Pittsford Historical Society Museum will be open. For info, contact Tom Hooker 483-2281.

Deadline for the next Pittsford Town Newsletter will be July 15, 2015. Please send articles to

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DISCOUNT TICKETS for GREAT ESCAPE, SIX FLAGS of NEW ENGLAND & BROMLEY ADVENTURE PARK

The **Pittsford Recreation Department**, in conjunction with the Vermont Recreation & Parks Association (VRPA), is happy to announce that the Town is offering discounted tickets to **THE GREAT ESCAPE, SIX FLAGS of NEW ENGLAND** and the **BROMLEY ADVENTURE PARK**. The regular season for Great Escape & Six Flags runs Memorial Day through Labor Day weekend.

THE GREAT ESCAPE: VRPA tickets are **\$37.00** (Regular Gate price is \$54.99 (plus tax) for a person over 48" tall and \$42.99 (plus tax) for anyone under 48"). **These tickets can be used for all ages!** Children 2 years and younger are free. VRPA Great Escape parking passes are **\$16.00** (Regular price is \$20.00 plus tax).

SIX FLAGS of NEW ENGLAND: VRPA tickets are **\$38.00** (Gate price is \$59.99 for anyone over 54" tall and \$49.99 for a person under 54"). **These tickets can be used for all ages!** Children 2 years of age and younger are free.

BROMLEY ADVENTURE PARK: VRPA tickets are **\$30.00** (Gate prices are \$45.00)

Tickets are available at the Pittsford Town Offices during regular business hours. Buying your tickets from the Pittsford Recreation Department allows residents to visit these amusement parks at a significantly reduced rate, but more importantly, you avoid standing in long lines for your tickets!!! ***PAYMENT IN FORM OF EXACT CASH ONLY!!!**