

**MUNICIPAL  
OFFICE HOURS:**

**Mon. through  
Wed.**

**8-4:30**

**Thursday**

**8- 6**

**Friday**

**8-3**

**After Hours Use  
Drop Box**

**Phone:**

**802-483-6500**



**IMPORTANT ITEMS FOR TOWN MEETING & GENERAL ELECTION WEEK**

Town Meeting is at the Lothrop School Gym on Monday, March 6, 2017 at 6:30 PM.

Town Meeting & General Election is on March 7, 2017, with voting hours from 7 AM to 7 PM at the Municipal Offices, 426 Plains Rd., Pittsford, VT.

The Town of Proctor has accepted Pittsford Town Manager John Haverstock's Food Drive challenge for March 1-April 30. 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.

Let's challenge ourselves to contribute what we can. Please bring items to the Town Meeting on March 6th at the Lothrop School Gym or to the Pittsford Municipal Town Offices, March 7 during voting hours, where there will be food donation boxes in the front lobby. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause.



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**Pittsford Plunge!!!**

The Pittsford Plunge is back for 2017. The Recreation Department is running the 3rd annual Ice Out Competition on the pond in front of the New England Maple Museum. People can now purchase tickets to guess when the Scarecrow will fall through the ice. Tickets are \$1 each or six tickets for \$5 and are available at the Town Offices and through Recreation Committee members, Randy Adams/ Recreation Director, Jay Blanchard or Jill Blanchard. **The deadline to purchase tickets is Friday, March 10, 2017.**

Last winter, the Recreation Department sponsored the second annual Pittsford Ice Out Competition. A Scarecrow dressed up as a Pittsford youth baseball player fell through the ice on the pond in front of the New England Maple Museum on March 1. The winner was Bill Moore with his guess of March 1 at 1:00 PM. He received a check in the amount of \$32.50. The Recreation Director would like to thank Mike Blanchard and his entire family, for their help and support with this fundraiser.

**APRIL 29, 2017-2nd ANNUAL PITTSFORD TRAIL RUN 5K & 1 MILE**

The Pittsford Trail Run is back Saturday, April 29, 2017 at 9 am on the beautiful Pittsford Recreation Area Trails! Last year, we had close to 250 participants and some wonderful sponsors. This year will be better than ever with great area sponsors signing up. Last year, from the proceeds of the race, the Pittsford Recreation Department was able to purchase some much needed safety equipment for the swim area and set aside funds for installation of a water fountain at the Recreation Area.

Registration will be available through the Recreation Department website soon: <http://pittsfordvermont.com/departments/recreation-department/>. Good news. Town Clerk Helen McKinlay said that the Recreation Dept. will be able to use Paypal as an online pay vehicle for the Trail Run. The Paypal account would be set up for trail run receipts ONLY. Pre-registration fees are: 5k--\$10; 1mile--\$5. Race day registration fees are: 5k--\$15; 1 mile--\$10. Please check out the event page on Facebook, search for Pittsford Trail Run. If you would like to volunteer to help with the event or be a sponsor, please contact Randy Adams or Kelly Connaughton, 483-6351, [kfield16@yahoo.com](mailto:kfield16@yahoo.com).



## FY 2017/2018 BUDGET SUMMARY

| <b>GENERAL FUND REVENUES</b>          | <b>Budget FY16</b> | <b>Actual FY16</b> | <b>Budget FY17</b> | <b>Budget FY18</b> |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| TAXATION                              | 1,031,883          | 1,051,740          | 1,121,320          | 1,191,868          |
| FEES/PERMITS & LICENSES               | 30,200             | 26,882             | 25,400             | 26,725             |
| INTERGOVERNMENT REVENUE               | 81,000             | 84,089             | 79,200             | 85,900             |
| FEE/CHARGE FOR SERVICES               | 400                | 230                | 400                | 400                |
| SOLID WASTE                           | 49,000             | 45,904             | 46,000             | 46,000             |
| MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS                | 27,100             | 19,624             | 31,500             | 20,300             |
| RECREATION                            | 46,700             | 55,176             | 50,095             | 50,985             |
| ANIMAL MANAGEMENT REV                 | 6,600              | 5,989              | 6,100              | 6,100              |
| POLICE DEPT                           | 103,300            | 53,326             | 24,650             | 42,900             |
| FIRE DEPARTMENT                       | 0                  | 1,339              | 0                  | 0                  |
| <b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND REV</b>         | <b>1,376,183</b>   | <b>1,344,299</b>   | <b>1,384,665</b>   | <b>1,471,178</b>   |
| <b>GENERAL FUND EXPENSES</b>          | <b>Budget FY16</b> | <b>Actual FY16</b> | <b>Budget FY17</b> | <b>Budget FY18</b> |
| LEGISLATION EXP. MANAGEMENT EXP.      | 15,000             | 16,523             | 16,000             | 17,400             |
| ELECTIONS EXP.                        | 181,900            | 184,495            | 184,600            | 187,900            |
| FINANCE-CLERK/TREASURER EXPENSE       | 4,850              | 3,869              | 9,050              | 5,100              |
| ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES               | 142,050            | 133,747            | 140,050            | 155,530            |
| AGENCIES EXPENSE                      | 87,800             | 78,977             | 93,700             | 87,100             |
| ZONING EXPENSES                       | 5,600              | 5,600              | 5,440              | 5,850              |
| PLANNING COM EXPENSES                 | 20,000             | 18,044             | 18,240             | 18,650             |
| BCA EXPENSES                          | 7,200              | 7,837              | 8,900              | 9,300              |
| PLANT & EQUIPMENT                     | 2,350              | 2,694              | 4,100              | 5,650              |
| FIRE WARDEN EXP                       | 45,000             | 36,596             | 45,000             | 41,650             |
| MISCELLANEOUS                         | 1,800              | 804                | 1,300              | 1,250              |
| LISTERS' EXP. HEALTH OFFICER EXPENSES | 4,800              | 4,653              | 3,100              | 4,500              |
| SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS                | 42,600             | 41,381             | 45,400             | 44,090             |
| SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING                 | 11,150             | 2,769              | 10,600             | 16,150             |
| FIRE HYDRANT EXP                      | 146,138            | 146,038            | 151,738            | 152,188            |
| POLICE DEPT.                          | 80,050             | 85,381             | 85,250             | 88,195             |
| FIRE DEPARTMENT                       | 35,000             | 35,000             | 0                  | 35,000             |
| RECREATION DEPT.                      | 160,600            | 190,027            | 164,650            | 184,015            |
| ANIMAL MANAGEMENT                     | 183,900            | 167,443            | 191,800            | 194,850            |
| DEBT SCHEDULE/FIXED CGS               | 169,370            | 190,685            | 173,385            | 181,880            |
| TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENSES           | 7,125              | 5,702              | 7,462              | 6,930              |
|                                       | 24,900             | 24,775             | 24,900             | 28,000             |
| <b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENSES</b>    | <b>1,379,183</b>   | <b>1,383,040</b>   | <b>1,384,665</b>   | <b>1,471,178</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 the 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 Offices 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 on-line at: [state.vt.us.gov/tax](http://state.vt.us.gov/tax) or call 802-828-2505. Late filing will be accepted through October 15, but a late filing **penalty will apply** after April 15th.

**TOWN-WIDE APPRAISAL** The town-wide re-appraisal by Vision Government Solutions, Inc. was completed by July 1st as set forth in the contract. The Vermont Dept. of Taxes, Property Valuation and Review Division, has evaluated the re-appraisal and found a Satisfactory result with regard to the three equity measures deemed by the State to be important. New sale prices of property being transferred are consistent with new assessments.

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

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE RURAL COLLECTION 2017 SCHEDULE**

**Pittsford Transfer Station, Saturdays 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM on May 13, July 8 and October 28, 2017.** Gleason Road HHW Depot in Rutland will be open 7 AM to 3 PM on these Saturdays: April 1, May 6, June 3, July 1, August 5, Sept. 3 & Oct. 7. 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 are due April 1, 2017 & are now available at the Town Offices, 426 Plains Road--see back cover of this newsletter.**



**PITTSFORD DAY SAVE THE DATE: AUGUST 12, 2017**

This year's Pittsford Day will take place on Saturday, August 12th from 2:00 pm through the evening. The event will follow the contours of prior Pittsford Day events, with a pre-event road race/fun run in the morning and games, activities, music, silent auction, a BBQ and fireworks. Donations of goods and services for the silent auction should be directed to Barb or Tom Hooker. Volunteers for Friday night set-up and Sunday morning breakdown are needed.

**PITTSFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

The PHS Museum, Eaton Hall, is closed for winter and will re-open in early April, Tuesdays, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. It can be visited by arrangement; please contact the Curator, Anne Pelkey (802-483-2040 or 802-483-6178) or Steve Belcher (802-483-2852) for an appointment. We will be setting up our schedule of presentations in the coming months. Other information is available on our web-site: [www.pittsfordhistorical.com](http://www.pittsfordhistorical.com).

**LOTHROP PTO NEWS**

We would like to thank the Pittsford community for their continued support of our PTO. We started our school year in September with a very successful Scholastic Book fair that provided the school with over \$1400 in Scholastic Dollars to purchase school supplies, furniture, etc. from the Scholastic Catalog.

In October, we held our annual Trunk-or-Treat event and the Cake Parade at the Pittsford Recreation Area with over 200 children in attendance. In November, we held a "Fundraising Blitz" with many different products to choose from as well as selling our Movie Coupon Booklets. January and March will be our "Lip Sync Battles" with the students stepping up the competition every year!

The PTO has also been able to fund two classroom rugs, the VEEP workshop for grades 3/4, all school Compass Art projects, sponsor the Lothrop rock climbing team, support the Pittsford Christmas for Kids, the Four Winds Nature Program and help purchase new uniforms for the boys 5/6 basketball team.

Again, Thank you for your support and feel free to send an email to our new email address: [lothroppto@mesu.org](mailto:lothroppto@mesu.org).

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR NEWS**

With the change of seasons comes the threat for inclement weather and the possibility for long term power outages.

The Pittsford Department of Emergency Management recognizes that this is a major concern for the elderly or those with specific medical needs, such as medication refrigeration, oxygen therapy or users of any other medical device that relies on power to operate.

To reduce this concern we would like to create a database of residence in the Pittsford/Florence area who might benefit from a "Safety Check" during these times.

If you, a neighbor, family member or other Pittsford resident you know might benefit from a "Safety Check during a long term power outage, please contact me at (802) 747-8184 to be added to our list.

Thanks, Jason P. Davis

Pittsford Emergency Management Director

**Pittsford Senior Group Luncheon Menu 2017**

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

| <b>Luncheon Date:</b> | <b>MENU:</b>                                                     | <b>MUST RSVP</b> |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| February 23           | Ranch Baked Chicken, Wild Rice Pilaf & Cherry Pie                | Feb. 14          |
| March 23              | Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Salad Bar & Carrot Cake                   | March 14         |
| April 20              | Pot Roast, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots & Apple Crisp                | April 11         |
| May 25                | Mac & Cheese, Veg. Beef Soup & Pumpkin Citrus Bars               | May 16           |
| June 22               | Baked Ham, Potato Salad, Corn & Choc. Cream Pie                  | June 13          |
| July 20               | BBQ (chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs), Baked Beans, Tapioca        | July 11          |
| Aug. 24               | Shepard's Pie, Vegetable Pasta Salad, Pickled Beets & Cookies    | Aug. 15          |
| Sept. 21              | Spaghetti w/Meatballs, French Bread, Green Beans & Apple Pie     | Sept. 12         |
| Oct. 26               | Apple-Braised Pork , Pea Soup, Fried Rice & Macaroon Cupcakes    | Oct. 17          |
| Nov. 9                | Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Squash & Pumpkin Pie    | Oct. 31          |
| Dec. 14               | Roast Beef, Twice Baked Potatoes, Green Beans, Christmas Cookies | Dec. 5           |

**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.

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**SENIORS INTERNET BASICS CLASS-Wednesday, 2/22/17** at the Lothrop Elementary School, by Senior Circuit, LLC.

The class will teach how to use and navigate the internet. There will be one-on-on instruction. Please bring your device (laptop is best. Cost is \$15 and includes printed handouts. Contact Linda Bryant at [contact@seniorcircuitvt.net](mailto:contact@seniorcircuitvt.net) or call 802-342-5632.

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

**Saturday, April 1 & Sunday, April 2, 2017 Safe Sitter Babysitting Course** to be held at the Lothrop Elementary School Cafeteria from 9:00 AM-2:30PM 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 29 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

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**Saturday, May 6, 2017 Green Up Day** Contact Randy Adams, Recreation Director, for road sign-up & clean-up bags

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**Summer Day Camp 6-week programs will begin the end of June-starting date TBA in Spring Newsletter**

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**Swimming Lessons end of June-starting date TBA in Spring Newsletter**

**Accepting applications for Red Cross Lifeguards (Season runs approx. Memorial Day - Labor day)-due 5/12/17.**

More information will be in the Spring Newsletter or on the Town's website: [www.pittsfordvermont.com](http://www.pittsfordvermont.com). Submit applications to Randy Adams, Recreation Director, at [Recreation@pittsfordvermont.com](mailto:Recreation@pittsfordvermont.com) or 483-6500 ext 17 or P O Box 10, Pittsford, VT.

**RECREATION COMMITTEE VACANCY--Volunteer position for Pittsford residents-letter of interest by 2/28/17 to Randy Adams, Pittsford Recreation Department, P O Box 10, Pittsford, VT 05763 or [recreation@pittsfordvermont.com](mailto:recreation@pittsfordvermont.com).**

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**Concession Stand Vendor Needed for the Recreation Area 2017.** The Pittsford Recreation Department is looking for a vendor to operate the concession stand at the Recreation Area. For more details, contact Rec. Director Randy Adams, 483-6500 x17.

**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 3 (Knights of Pittsford)**

**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

**WOMEN'S OPEN BASKETBALL HAS MOVED TO SATURDAYS** starting January 14, 2017 thru May 13, 2017. No basketball on 5/6/17. The time is from 9:30 am to 11:30 am located in the VT Police Academy Gym and is free.

**PICKLEBALL— 2017—MOVED TO THE VT POLICE ACADEMY GYM.** When the Academy is not available, it will be at the Lothrop Gym. Sunday mornings, 11/6/16 to 4/30/17 (except 2/5/17 will be at Lothrop Gym) from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm and is free. Contact person is Wayne Winston, 802-725-8079.

**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

**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 & wear comfortable clothes.



**OPEN HOUSE SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2017**

**Open House at the Recreation Area. Free day of activities—details to come in the Spring Newsletter 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 5-26 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 10, 2017.** 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)



**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 1st. Registration forms will be ready and sent home through Lothrop Elementary School by the end of February. **The last day to register is Friday, March 31, 2017!** After this date, kids will be placed on waiting lists.



**FEBRUARY 22, 2017, SCHOOL BREAK FUN DAY: ( 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. \*\*\*Parents must complete a waiver online at [www.vermontclimbing.com](http://www.vermontclimbing.com) **BEFORE** your child can participate!!!\*\*\*

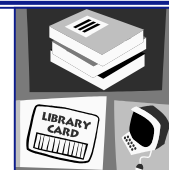
After a morning of invigorating exercise, our group will go to VAC (Vermont Achievement Center) to indulge in an afternoon of swimming. Under the watchful eye of Ann Hunt, our participants will enjoy open swim time in the heated Mitchell Therapy Pool! Call early. This program was FILLED last winter! **DATE: Wednesday, February 22, 2017**  
**TIME: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm Bus Departure Time: Lothrop School—9:30 AM**

**WHERE: Green Mt. Rock Climbing Ctr./VAC Mitchell Pool FEE: \$30**



### MACLURE LIBRARY

We would like to remind residents of our great databases free to all Pittsford residents through Maclure’s website: *maclurelibrary.org*. and of the wonderful museum passes available to borrow from your community library. You only need a library card to access any of the following information or borrow passes.



#### Universal Class

*Universal Class* is an educational service providing over 700 high quality online courses for residents interested in the lifelong pursuit of knowledge for either personal or professional reasons. *Universal Class* supports not only personal development, but also employability. Class content covers a wide range of subjects, all with continuing education credit. Just a sampling includes:

**Job skills** - writing improvement, health services training, medical billing & transcription, computer programming, legal terminology, resume writing

**Business skills** - accounting, accounts payable, management skills, Microsoft programs, project management , QuickBooks, Quicken, team and time management, managing rental properties

**Education and test preparation** - GED training, writing basics, general science, algebra, homeschooling strategies, vocabulary building

**Hobbies and personal interests** - arts and crafts, music, dog training, photography, wedding planning

This is a **free service** open to all Pittsford residents. Patrons register online, participate in the classes online at their own pace, correspond with instructors online and have up to six months to complete an individual class. For more information, please call 483-2972.

#### Listen up Vermont

Learn a foreign language! Access a diverse collection of eBooks and audio titles spanning fiction and non-fiction from foreign language to mysteries. You will need to contact the library for a password, but other than that, it’s easy! Download to a computer from home or the library and then transferred to portable devices, such as MP3 players or iPods, and many titles may be burned to CD.

#### Heritage Quest Online

Call for your password to visit this resource for census data, family records and local histories. This collection assembles every extant U.S. federal census, banking and military records, genealogies, local histories, primary source materials, and genealogical and local history serials.

#### Consumer Reports

Visit this online resource for valuable buying advice, product reliability data, and scientific tests and ratings of thousands of products every year. Call for your password.

#### Free and Discounted Passes @your library:

**Billings Farm** – Free admission for 2 adults and their children.

**ECHO** - Up to 2 Adults and 3 Children at \$4.00 per person

**Lake Champlain Maritime** - Free admission for one family to museum

**Shelburne Museum** - Free admission for 2 adults and children under 18

**Vermont History Museum** - Free admission for family

**Vermont Historical Sites** - Free admission for family for 9 historical sites

**Vermont State Day Parks** - Free admission up to 8 people in one vehicle for 35 state parks

**Vermont Institute Of Natural Science** – Free admission for 4 people

**Wonderfeet Museum** – Free admission for 2 adults and three children

*Remember to keep an eye out for our sidewalk sign for upcoming events. If you are interested in e-mail notification of library events, please call 483-2972 and we will add you to our list.*

#### Fire Hydrants Save Lives...

...They also save homeowners money. One added benefit of the water up-grade project is the increased number of fire hydrants with sufficient flows to tackle fires. Be sure to keep fire hydrants free from snow by reminding snow removal contractors not to block the hydrants when they are plowing. Also, please do not plow snow into the road.



#### CHALLENGES KEEPING TOWN ROADS CLEAR

Winter is upon us! As many residents already know, the Town’s Highway Department has provided excellent service in years past, particularly when it comes to keeping Town roads free of snow and ice.

A timely reminder to all: We live in Vermont at least in part to enjoy the beauty of the seasons. In wintertime, it snows, rains and ices. Snow and ice on Town roads is inevitable. While the Town’s crew will continue to do its best to address the weather events to come, we would appreciate the patience and understanding of Town residents.

Reasonable expectations and a recognition of the power of mother nature will help us all get through the winter in good spirits. Be safe out there!

**UTILITY PAYMENTS DUE**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2017**

PAYMENTS MUST BE **RECEIVED** AT THE TOWN OFFICES BY Thursday, **February 2, 2017** TO AVOID PENALTY AND INTEREST CHARGES.

**POSTMARKS ARE NOT ACCEPTED.**

A 24/7 DROP BOX IS LOCATED AT THE FRONT PARKING LOT EXIT ON THE LEFT SIDE. 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.

Just a reminder, the Town Clerk's office accepts debit and credit cards with the customer responsible for any fees. Thank you.



**PITTSFORD FOOD SHELF**

The new year is upon us and we at the Pittsford Food Shelf (PFS) are in full swing. Beginning March 1, 2017, we will begin our annual fundraiser. Letters will go to each home in Pittsford, Florence, Proctor, and Chittenden. The letters will include a return envelope so you can include your donations and return it back to us by April 30th. This is our one and only fundraiser that we do each year (providing we make our goal), so help us help our neighbors in need. We also never know when we might need help ourselves.

PFS is open Mondays 9-11 AM and Thursdays 4-6 PM. We take our last client 15 minutes prior to closing so our volunteers can get out on time. Anyone who has a need is welcome to use the food shelf as long you provide proof of residency. You need to provide a CURRENT utility bill which shows your name and current physical address. PO Boxes are not acceptable. We are closed on holidays.

Commodities are given out the first Wednesday of each month at St. Alphonsus Parish Hall. This is a quick drive through process. Pick up between 9:30 - 10:30 AM. As long as the truck arrives with the food to hand out, the volunteers will be there rain, snow, sleet or hail. If you find the weather is too bad for you to pick up your commodities, that's ok, you can come to the PFS and pick them up Mondays 9-11 AM or Thursdays 4-6 PM.

We are also looking for volunteers for Thursday 4-6 PM. If you would like to help, call Robin at 558-5768 or show up at PFS on Thursdays. Thank you in advance for all you do to help us help our neighbors in need. Any questions feel free to call Robin at 483-2967 or 558-5768.

**COMMUNITY ENERGY DASHBOARD**

Interested in the State's renewable energy goals? Want to know what your town and/or neighbors are doing to conserve energy and save money by making the transition to sustainable/renewable energy sources?

Want to brag to others or inspire them to follow your lead in moving to renewable energy?

Check out the Community Energy Dashboard at [www.vtenergydashboard.org](http://www.vtenergydashboard.org).

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

**PITTSFORD FARMERS MARKET**

The Pittsford Farmers Market would like to extend many thanks to all of our vendors, supporters, farmers, business owners, Congregational Church and Board members for a successful 2016 season. We would also like to thank our webmaster Kelly Connaughton for maintaining our website for us and the Lothrop School for allowing us to have our Annual Craft Show there in December.

Our Executive Board is a small group and we are always looking for help to continue our success. We are presently looking for a Secretary and assistance in other areas. If you are interested, please contact one of the Board members:

Kelley Lyon, Vice President and Founder 802-483-2218

Beth Richards, Treasurer and Secretary 802-773-2843

Keep watch in future Town newsletters and check our website/Facebook for upcoming meetings and planned events for the 2017 season. See our website: <https://sties.google.com/site/pittsfordfarmersmarket/home> "like us" on our Facebook page. Got questions? Send inquiries to Pittsford Farmers Market, P O Box 28, Pittsford, VT 05763.

**ZONING & PLANNING COMMISSION NEWS**

**PLAN YOUR SPRING CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS**

**EARLY!** (A New Year's reminder from your Zoning Administrator "ZA"). If you have plans to install, expand, or change a use of a property in 2017, winter is a good time to acquire any required VT and Town permits. Any "assembly of materials" that encloses over 150 square feet in area will likely need a Town permit. This includes long-term placement of storage containers, frame-&-fabric "Tents" and agricultural structures.

The **ZA** is usually available to assist with the permit process on Wednesdays and on early Friday afternoons. Contact Jeff Bisuzzi (802) 483-6500 Ext. 18/ [Zoning@Pittsfordvermont.com](mailto:Zoning@Pittsfordvermont.com).

The **PLANNING COMMISSION THANKS** all residents that submitted a Pittsford Town Plan Opinion Survey. This Survey is still available at Town Office and on the Town's website [www.pittsfordvermont.com](http://www.pittsfordvermont.com). Please let the PC know what you think; and/or visit a regular monthly meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Town Offices. Opinion Survey returns will be summarized soon, and the results published.

**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.

# "Sunshine Village"

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426 Plains Road  
Pittsford, VT 05763

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

Water & Sewer Bills were mailed on December 29, 2016. Payments are due **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2017**. 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, 2/20/17, Presidents' Day

Pittsford Annual Town Reports will be mailed to registered voter families. Extra copies will be available at the Town Offices and will be available to view on the Town's website.

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING—Monday, MARCH 6, 2017 AT LOTHROP SCHOOL GYM 6:30PM.**

**GENERAL ELECTION—Tuesday, MARCH 7, 2017  
POLLS OPEN 7AM—7PM MUNICIPAL OFFICES,  
426 PLAINS RD., PITTSFORD, VT.**

**FOOD DRIVE Challenge with Town of Proctor for the PITTSFORD FOOD SHELF— will be held March 1-April 30, 2017. DONATION BOXES WILL BE LOCATED AT THE TOWN MEETING MARCH 6 & MARCH 7—PLEASE BRING MONEY (CHECKS PAYABLE TO PITTSFORD FOOD SHELF) CANNED GOODS & NON PERISHABLES. THANK YOU.**

**DEADLINE FOR SPRING TOWN NEWSLETTER is 4/15/17. Send articles to Linda Drummond at [asst2manager@pittsfordvermont.com](mailto:asst2manager@pittsfordvermont.com)**

## DOG LICENSES DUE APRIL 1, 2017

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, or 12. 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     | \$9                          | \$2                                        |
| Male Neutered     | \$9                          | \$2                                        |
| Female Not Spayed | \$13                         | \$4                                        |
| Male Not Neutered | \$13                         | \$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.

Please stop by the Town Clerk's Office **BEFORE APRIL 1, 2017 TO REGISTER YOUR DOG(S).**  
**Thank you.**

