

Town of Pittsford Newsletter

MUNICIPAL OFFICE HOURS:

Mon. through Wed.

8-4:30

Thursday

8- 6

Friday

8-3

*After Hours Drop
Box on Left of
Parking Lot Exit*

NEW TOWN MANAGER HIRED

The Town of Pittsford’s Select Board is pleased to announce that David Atherton has accepted its offer to serve as the Town’s next Town Manager. He began work on February 22, with a little over a week to prepare for his first Town Meeting here in Pittsford.

David was previously employed as the Town of Brandon Town Manager for several years. He comes with a wealth of knowledge to help lead Pittsford into the future.

Pittsford Trail Runs 5k - Saturday, April 29, 2023, at 9:00am. Join us on the beautiful Pittsford trails at the Recreation Area for a 5k run/walk to benefit the Pittsford Recreation Department. Rain or shine event! Start at the Pittsford Recreation Area Pavilion. Prizes awarded for finishers in age groups sponsored by local businesses. **This event is a fun run and ONLY times for the top finishers will be recorded.** Entry fees: \$15 for pre-registered 5K, \$20 for Race Day 5k. Printable Registration form available at: <http://pittsfordvermont.com> Top 3 finisher prizes will be awarded in Adult and Youth (12 and under) categories. Registration will be from 8am to 9am the day of the race. You can also register online at: <https://runsignup.com/Race/VT/Pittsford/PittsfordTrailRuns5k1Mile>

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GREEN UP DAY MAY 6, 2023

The Pittsford Recreation Department and Omya will once again be teaming up for Green Up Day in Pittsford on Saturday, May 6th.

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.* 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 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We hope you will stop by and join us.

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 to help clean up our roadsides on Saturday, May 6th.

Green Up Day bags will be available at the Town Offices from May 1 to May 5 from Jennifer Popp, Pittsford Recreation Director. Jennifer will be coordinating the volunteers and the roads to be covered. If you plan on helping, please contact Jennifer at 802-483-6500 ext. 170 or e-mail her at recreation@pittsfordvermont.com . We hope to see you out and about on May 6th helping to make Pittsford a cleaner Town for all to enjoy. Visit the Town’s website for more information: www.pittsfordvermont.com

MOSQUITOES

All those out and about this spring and summer should remember to take common sense precautions. Horse owners should vaccinate their horses for eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) and monitor the health of their horses. The cost of such vaccinations is quite modest. For the rest of us, we should:

1. Eliminate, where possible, areas of standing water (pools, tires, birdbaths, clogs in gutters, etc.) on your property.
2. Apply bug spray with **deet** when heading outdoors.
3. Wear long pants and long-sleeve shirts while outdoors.
4. Avoid outdoor activity at dawn and dusk.

Health Office Rich Bowman is available to address questions. He can be reached at 802-683-9093.

The Town is a member of the Otter Creek Watershed (OCW) Insect Control District. Its website is <https://ocwidc.com> and its email address is ocwidc@gmail.com. The Town's representative on the District's Board is Stephen Belcher.

Pittsford Alternate Representative to OCW Insect Control District Board

Pittsford is a member of the recently re-named Otter Creek Watershed Insect Control District. Each of the District's member towns are entitled to two representatives and one alternate representative on the Board, which oversees the District's activities and finances. The Town of Pittsford wishes to find a resident willing to serve as its alternate representative. Board meetings usually take place in Brandon (and remotely) monthly, with more possible during the mosquito season and fewer in the off-season.



**The Water and Sewer Department will be
flushing hydrants in May and June 2023.
If you have questions, please call 802-483-6778.**

ASSESSOR'S SPRING UPDATES

VETERANS EXEMPTION Veterans who are residents of Pittsford, with a disability of 50% or more, are entitled to a \$40,000 exemption from the assessed value of their home-stead for tax purposes. Those veterans should receive a letter and an application from the Office of Veterans Affairs which should be completed, signed and returned by May 1st. If a veteran is qualified and has not received a letter, we suggest a call to the VA office at (888)666-9844 or go to the web at www.veterans.vt.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 on line at: tax.vermont.gov go to FORMS. Late filing will be accepted through October 15th, but a late filing penalty will apply.

UPDATES Please note that taxpayers should apply for a permit to add existing buildings from a property. Conversely, if a building is removed, please contact our office so we can adjust your assessment. Also, please register new surveys at the Town Office. With this information, the Assessor will be able to adjust your property valuation accordingly.

GRIEVANCE The dates for grievances for 2022 will be announced in June. Taxpayers for whom there has been a change in assessed value will receive a notice with this change and the dates for grievance. We will also post these dates on the Town website and in 5 public locations in Town. You may also request a grievance at any time prior to the start of grievances and we will contact you for a hearing.

If you have any questions about the above or any other assessment issue, please call the Assessors' Office at 802 483-6500 ext 15 or by e-mailing listeners@pittsfordvermont.com.

BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY

The Town of Pittsford has contracted with G&K Associates to assist with the revaluation/appraisal of taxable business personal property for the assessment date April 1, 2022.

The Town's contract with G&K includes an interior inspection of the business by Gail Gantick of G&K to review business personal property used to conduct business. We appreciate your cooperation with site inspections to ensure a fair and equitable appraisal for personal property. Any questions or concerns may be directed to the Assessor's office (802) 483-6500, ext. 15 or to Gail Gantick at (860) 645-9002, email gkassoc@earthlink.net.

PITTSFORD MEMORIAL DAY PARADE & CEREMONY

Will be held Monday, May 29, 2023. The parade will form at the Village Green at NOON, starting at 12:30pm crossing Route 7 to Arch St. to the Fire House for the Ceremony. Cemetery flags will be placed to honor Veterans and the Pittsford Historical Society will introduce speakers.



PITTSFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

PO Box 423 Pittsford VT 05763

www.pittsfordhistorical.com 802-483-2040

The Museum at Eaton Hall (3399 Rte. 7) is now open for regular visiting hours on Tuesdays, 9am-4pm, and by appointment. Leave a message at the number above, or call Anne Pelkey (483-6178) or Steve Belcher (483-2852) to arrange a visit..

OCCUD Board-Alternate

Interested in bringing high-speed broadband service to the Rutland region (including Pittsford)? If so, you may wish to volunteer to serve the Town of Pittsford as its Alternate Representative on the Otter Creek Communications Union District (OCCUD) Board. Meetings are held monthly in the evening (often remotely). Please contact the Town Manager at (802) 483-6500 x20 or at manager@pittsfordvermont.com.

EPA LEAD SURVEY FOR WATER USERS

Attention Pittsford/Florence water users!! Due to the EPA’s new requirements, the Town of Pittsford, in conjunction with Otter Creek Engineering, will be doing a lead service line inventory. We will be contacting you to do site visits in the coming months. Please review all mail that comes to you, as there will be contact information and further notifications needed for this project. We are anticipating working on the project through the summer months, with final completion in October of 2023.

DOG LICENSE

The Town of Pittsford would like to remind all residents that dog licenses are required for all dogs living in the Town of Pittsford. Licenses can be purchased at the Town Offices. If you are unable to come in during business hours, please leave your payment in the grey drop box on the left side of the exit or mail your payment and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to PO Box 10 Pittsford, VT 05763 and we will process your dog license renewal.

	Fee by April 1 st	Additional Fee After April 1 st
Female Spayed	\$9	\$2
Male Neutered	\$9	\$2
Female Not Spayed	\$13	\$4
Male Not Neutered	\$13	\$4

PITTSFORD FOOD SHELF

It has been a very busy start to the New Year for the food shelf, and we have some very exciting things coming up! We have been working hard to get the word out, and we have been having a steady flow of new neighbors coming by to check out what we have to offer. It has been great to meet some new faces, and chat with people.

We will be getting an extensive makeover to our facility in May. We cannot express how truly grateful we are to The Chittenden Dammers snowmobile club for doing these renovations for us! They are securing donations, and dedicating their own time and labor to this project and we are so thankful for their generosity. It is so wonderful to have people in our corner who care about our mission, and want to help us make our physical space look amazing. We will host an open house after the renovations so people can come by and check it out. THANK YOU Chittenden Dammers!

As the warmer weather approaches, we will be getting more local produce, so keep an eye on our facebook page or website for updates on what we have weekly. We have also been starting to receive donations from individuals with some farm fresh eggs. We are so grateful for all donations, and are thrilled to share some fresh food with our families. We are open Mondays 9-11, and Thursdays 4-6. Come in and check us out! Any questions, reach out to Sarah 802-725-0220 or find us at pittsfordfoodshelf.org.

RCSWD (Rutland County Solid Waste District) 2022 HHW Collection Schedule for Pittsford

Pittsford’s 2023 HHW (Household Hazardous Waste) pickup days are April 15; May 20 and September 30 2023 from 11am to 1:00pm located at the Pittsford Transfer Station on Depot Road. For more information, please go to www.rcswd.com/sites/g/files/vyhlf6886/f/uploads/2023_hhw_rover_collection_flyer.pdf

If you are taking recycling items to Gleason Road transfer station, recyclable items need to be clean, and include only items that can be recycled. If you are unsure about an item, please ask or check the recycling link at rcswd.com. Question call: 802-775-7209 or 802-770-1333.

Gleason Road HHW facility is open Mon.-Sat. from 7am-3pm. An appointment needs to be made 24 hours in advance by going to www.rcswd.com/hhw.

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. Utility bills will be mailed out in late June. Having the correct mailing address saves on time and money. Remember there is a gray drop box for payments available 24/7 at the Town Office on the left side of the parking lot exit.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT EVENTS

All Recreation Department sports and events are coordinated through the Pittsford Recreation Department. For inquiries or to sign up for a sport or event, please contact Jen Popp, Pittsford Rec Director at: recreation@pittsfordvermont.com or 802-483-6500 x170. You may also visit the Town website at: www.pittsfordvermont.com to find forms, information, calendar of events and more. Stay up-to-date with sports and events in Pittsford by joining the Pittsford Rec email Newsletter! Send your email to: recreation@pittsfordvermont.com

Like and follow the Pittsford Rec Facebook page, Instagram and Twitter to stay updated on sports and events through the Rec!

We now have a calendar with all meetings, sports and events in Pittsford! This calendar includes all organizations, school and Town committees. Please visit the Town of Pittsford's website, click on the **RESOURCES** tab, drop down to **LINKS** and select **Pittsford Calendar**. The link for the calendar is also listed below:

https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=op8jtc8qft73910f286nler618%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America%2FNew_York

Event: **Soccer Camp**
Date: **Friday, April 7th & May, 19th**
Time: **11:45am-2:30pm**
Location: **Lothrop Gym/Field**
Details: This camp is run by coach Gary Hodder and is for 3-6 grade students interested in improving their soccer techniques and skills.

Event: **Basket Raffle to Benefit Rutland County Seniors**
Date: **Saturday, April 15th**
Time: **9-11am**
Location: **Lothrop Cafeteria**
Details: \$5 for 1st sheet of tickets, 5 sheets for \$20. All proceeds go to the Rutland County Seniors to help fund senior luncheons and various trips.

Event: **Trading Card Night**
Date: **Sunday, May 21st**
Time: **4-6pm**
Location: **Lothrop Cafeteria**
Details: Bring your sports cards, Pokémon, Magic and more to buy, sell, swap or trade!



Event: **Town-Wide Yard Sale**
Date: **Saturday, June 17th** Time: **8:00am – 2:00pm** Cost: **\$10.00** Deadline: **June 15th**
Location: **Pittsford & Florence**
Details: **To have your name on the map, please register through the recreation director. Cost is \$10.**

Event: **Pittsford Recreation Open House**
Date: **Saturday, July 8th**
Time: **10:00am—6:00pm**

Event: **Senior Luncheon**
Date: **Every 3rd Thursday of each month**
Time: **12:00pm**
Location: **Pittsford Congregational Church**
Cost: **\$5.00**
Details: Seats are limited to 50. For information on meals or to reserve a seat, please contact the Recreation Director.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT GENERAL INFORMATION

PICKLEBALL!

The Pittsford Rec tennis courts are reserved for Pickleball from 8am-12pm every Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday. Times and locations are also on the Play Time Scheduler program online. Before playing, all players must buy a tennis court pass at the Pittsford Town Office. The fee is \$10-resident/ \$15-non-resident. Please contact Martha Kapraszewski at: marthakap@yahoo.com or call 802-558-0904.

PITTSFORD HIKING TRAILS - Pittsford has over 16 miles of trails to enjoy hiking, running or walking. The Cadwell and Split Rock Trails continue to be great for hiking or biking. When out enjoying the trails, please be considerate and follow the Leave No Trace principles. For the comfort and safety of everyone on the trails, we ask that dogs be leashed at all times. Thank you to all of the landowners for allowing use of your land and Trail Volunteers for maintaining the Trails throughout the year. Anyone interested in joining the Trail Committee, please contact the Rec Director at: recreation@pittsfordvermont.com



PITTSFORD 18 HOLE DISC GOLF COURSE – The Pittsford Recreation Area has 18 holes of Disc Golf for your enjoyment! Disc Golf is a great opportunity to meet new people all while getting exercise and enjoying nature...and it's FREE! Sturdy footwear is recommended. *Also, as with any time in the woods, you should check for ticks after playing.*

****On behalf of the Town of Pittsford, the Recreation Department would like to recognize and thank Tony Freson, Terry Poor, Chris Stoodley, Dan Rosmus and Derek Mason for mowing and regular maintenance.**

PITTSFORD REC SUMMER CAMP HELP NEEDED

The Recreation Department looking for individuals for the following positions:

JUNIOR CAMP COUNSELOR

Individuals who are entering 8th grade or higher who love working with children, are looking to develop new skills and are able to take direction from the Camp Director. ***This is a volunteer position.***

Applications can be found on the Town of Pittsford's website: www.pittsfordvermont.com

ZONING Reminders– Did You Know???

Like the dandelions, warm weather brings out yard sales and lawn displays of “Stuff”. It is admirable to try recycling a retired piece of furniture by free donation. However, after a week of exposure to weather and road dust; it is unlikely it will be adopted and needs disposal at the Gleason Rd. (Rutland) transfer station!

Not including the Town events that sponsor sales events, Pittsford's rules allow residents to sell their personal property on their dwelling's lawn for *up to three days at a time, for a maximum total of nine days a year.* “Perpetual sales” activities and regular marketing of merchandise requires a Town permit.

More than two unregistered vehicles (this includes all Trailers and R.V's) and inoperative or junk vehicles stored within sight of Town roads or neighbor's property boundaries are violations of the Town “Junk Ordinance”. If you want to keep your “Stuff”, fencing & screening often brings a property into compliance.

All this not only improves the visual appeal of the Town, but helps to avoid some public health issues!

ZONING UPDATES: The Zoning Administrator will be unavailable the week of April 10th. He has a very busy schedule through this summer, which may necessitate changes to his regularly posted Office Hours on short notice. Please leave an advance Voice or Email message with an appointment request, and/or check the Town website (www.PittsfordVermont.com) for Office schedule changes.

Getting your To-Do list together for Spring Season? Include contacting your Zoning Administrator about permits!

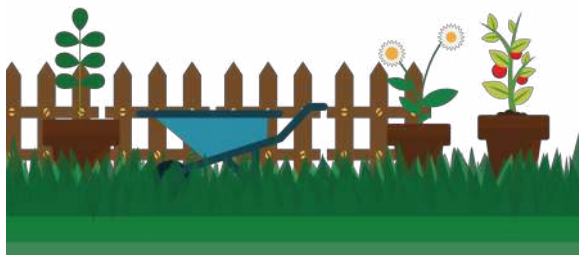
Permits are often required for a Change in Use of a property (such as a new or different business activity) or Installing or Constructing “an assembly of materials” over 150 sq. ft. in area. A Zoning violation can be enforced anytime, for up to 15 years. Why risk fines, legal fees, and impact your property's legal title when the ZA is available to assist with the permit process? Permit applications are available online at pittsfordvermont.com/departments/zoning/

Questions? Contact Jeff Biasuzzi at (802) 483-6500 X180 or zoning@pittsfordvermont.com

Pittsford Village Farm

As we continue to add to our growing events calendar at Pittsford Village Farm, please see our website, follow us on Facebook and Instagram (@pittsfordvillagefarm) for up-to-date information! Our website is www.pittsfordvillagefarm.org. Please click on the events section for an updated listing of events.

In the Garden: We have garden plots left! Join the Pittsford Village Farm Community Garden this season. More information and a registration form can be found at www.pittsfordvillagefarm.org/community-garden.



Introducing **Garden Gatherings!** This season, we will hold monthly talks in the Garden, free and open to everyone!

Garden Gatherings Schedule:

Thursday, April 27, 6pm. Dividing and Transplanting Perennials with Judy Hall.

Thursday, May 25, 6pm. Fruit and Farm with Todd and Kristen Widely.

Thursday, June 29, 6pm. Harvest Dinner.

Thursday, July 27, 6pm. Planting Annuals with Alchemy Gardens

Thursday, August 31, 6pm. Pruning Shrubs and Trees with Kelly's Garden

Thursday September 28, 6pm. Harvest Dinner

Spring Fling! Sunday, May 7th! Join us at Pittsford Village Farm from 3pm-5pm to celebrate spring with a variety of activities for children and families. Free and open to the public.

Tuesday Concert Series is Back! Every Tuesday evening from June 20th to August 15 (excepting 7/4), PVF hosts a free outdoor concert!

Tuesday, June 20, 6pm. Lara Cwass Band

Tuesday, June 27, 6pm. Pluckett

Tuesday July 11, 6pm. Gypsy Reel

Tuesday July 18, 6pm. Michele Fay Band

Tuesday July 25, 6pm Mean Waltons

Tuesday August 1, 6pm Aaron Audet Band

Tuesday August 8, 6pm The Plumb Bobs

Tuesday August 15, 6pm Moose Crossing



Mark your calendars for **Farm To Ballet** July 22, 2023 at Pittsford Village Farm. More information and ticketing can be found on our website under events.



MACLURE LIBRARY

Hours: Monday 10-6; Tuesday 10-6; Wednesday 10-6; Thursday 10-6; Friday closed except knitting Group 12-2pm; Saturday 10-2; Sunday-closed.

Check our Facebook page for any updates. Please feel free to call (802) 483-2972 or reach out to contact@maclurelibrary.org

Contact Free Book Pick Up:

To request books please call, email, go to our website, or find us on Facebook. Feel free to request any library materials. We will pack them up, put them in our front vestibule & let you know when they are ready for pickup.

Kanopy - maclurelibrary.kanopy.com

Movie Streaming Service; 7 FREE movies per month with your library card. Call or email if you need your library card number or password!

Online with your Library Card:

Libby: Ebooks and audios can be found at libbyapp.com

Learning Express: Online academic and career related resources at learningexpresshub.com

Universal Class: Online learning platform with over 500 courses! Vermontstate.universalclass.com

PROGRAMS:

Story Time Playgroup

Every Tuesday 10am-12pm Hosted by the Rutland County Parent Child Center. We will have stories, crafts, snacks and free play!

Family Friendly Movie Matinee: Wednesday April 19 at Noon. Join us for a movie and popcorn. Call (802) 483-2972 for movie title

Gourmet Cook Book Club *For details and to join call (802) 483-2972:*

Monday, April 3 at 6pm, Greatest Ever Party Food by Paragon

Monday, May 1 at 6pm Fresh Italian Cooking by Alexandra Caspero Lenz

Monday, June 5 at 6pm, Foods From Many Greek Kitchens by Tessa Kiros

Knitting Group Friday 12-2pm call (802) 483-2972 to join

Yoga with Paula Mondays and Wednesday @5pm. For details and to join, email pali36@aol.com

Book Discussion Group:

April Book Discussion, Tuesday, April 25th @6pm, The Nickel Boyx by Colson Whitehead

May Book Discussion, Tuesday, May 30th @6pm, People We Meet on Vacation by Emily Henry

June Book Discussion, Tuesday, June 27th @6pm, Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi

Services: Computer use, printing and copying, scanning, interlibrary loan, notary service, meeting space, book delivery, enlarging, laminating

Available to borrow: Books, Large Print Books, Audiobook CDs, Movies, Wood Moisture Meter, Snowshoes, Snow Discs

Passes to Borrow: Vermont State Parks, VINS Nature Center, ECHO Lake Aquarium, Shelburne Museum, VT History Museum, VT Historical Sites, Billings Farm and Museum, **Passes are available for a ONE DAY checkout.**

Maclure Library Staff: Shelly Williams, Director; Sophie Marks, Youth Services Librarian, Dana Dipietro, Circulation Clerk, Loryn Hamilton, Volunteer Librarian, and Joan Rost, Volunteer Librarian.

Maclure Library Trustee Meetings: Thursday April 13 at 4:30pm, Thursday May 11 at 4:30pm, Thursday June 8th at 4:30pm. Residents are encouraged to attend.

Contact Maclure Library Association: PO Box 60, 840 Arch Street Pittsford, VT 05763, contact@maclurelibrary.org or (802) 483-2972



The "Sunshine Village"

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426 Plains Road
Pittsford, VT 05763

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Pittsford, VT 05763

POSTAL CUSTOMER

**Pittsford Municipal Offices and services will be closed
Monday May 29 and Tuesday July 4, 2023**



**VISIT OUR TOWN WEBSITE!
www.pittsfordvermont.com**

DATES TO REMEMBER

Utility bills will be sent out the end of June 2023. Payments will be **due August 3, 2023**. Payments must be received at the Town Office by that date. Postmarks are **NOT** considered as on time payment.

Property taxes will be sent out in July with due dates of August 15, September 15 and in full by **November 15, 2023**.

A Drop Box is available 24/7 for payments. It is located on the left side of the front parking lot exit of the Town Office, 426 Plains Rd. Credit and debit cards are accepted at the Clerk/Treasurer's office for all monetary transactions by phone or in person. The cardholder is responsible to pay any applicable charges for the service. Questions? Call 483-6500 X 10 or 11.

Postmarks are **NOT** accepted as on time payments for Utility or Property Taxes.

**Deadline for the next Pittsford Town Newsletter will be
June 15, 2023. Please send articles to
Asst2manager@pittsfordvermont.com**