

Town of Pittsford Newsletter

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GREEN UP DAY MAY 1, 2010

The Pittsford Recreation Department, Pittsford Community Corp. (PCC) and OMYA will be coordinating Green Up Day in Pittsford on Saturday, May 1. As the corporate sponsor of the event, OMYA is going to put a little extra zing into the event this year by hosting a party at the Town Municipal Office, 426 Plains Road, serving a light lunch of hot dogs and chips from Keith's Country Store between 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM OMYA will also provide an extra Green Up Day container that will be located at the Town Offices. OMYA personnel will be available between 8 AM and 2 PM to assist people unloading their green bags and filling the container. As in prior years, volunteers can also deposit their Green Up trash bags at the Transfer Station. Join us for some fun and knowing that your labor is helping make Pittsford a cleaner town for all to enjoy. We hope you will stop and mingle with your neighbors and also pick up a reusable shopping bag, compliments of our friends at OMYA. We hope to see you there!



Volunteers are needed for the 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 Sat. May 1. Bags will be available at the Town Offices April 26 to April 30. If you plan on helping, please contact Randy Adams, Pittsford Rec. Director, who is coordinating the volunteers and the roads to be covered at 802-483-6500 ext. 17 or e-mail Rsadams11@myfairpoint.net.

PITTSFORD TOWN WIDE YARD SALE

Due to popular demand the Recreation Department will be sponsoring a Town wide yard sale on Saturday, June 19, 2010 from 8:00 AM-2:00 PM. To be included on the Town wide list, residents must register their sales location with the Rec. Dept. by Fri., June 4th. For more info, contact Rec. Director, Randy Adams at 483-6500 ext 17 or rsadams@myfairpoint.net.

PITTSFORD DAY CELEBRATION JUNE 26, 2010

JOIN THE FUN NOON TO 4 PM!!

Plans are underway for a day of barbecue, music, & a variety of events for all ages at the Pittsford Recreation Area. Pittsford First Response and the Pittsford Lions Club will be in charge of the BBQ. The menu will include: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Salads, Pies, Ice Cream, and Desserts. Many events are planned:

- Swimming
- Fire Truck Display
- Bingo
- Boo Mobile
- Family Games
- Tug of War
- Watermelon Eating Contest
- Tube Races
- Diggin' for Dollars
- Bubble Bounce/Moon Walk
- 50/50 Raffle
- Historical Display
- Watermelon Seed Spitting Contest
- Potato Sack Races
- Pie Eating Contest
- Disc Golf ****New this year**** see page 4 for Rec. Depts. newest family activity.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS & JOIN THE CELEBRATION
PLEASE CONTACT REC. DIRECTOR, RANDY ADAMS, TO VOLUNTEER
WITH ONE OF THE EVENTS PLANNED FOR THE DAY, 483-6500 EXT. 17.**

WATER SYSTEM UPGRADE PROJECT, WATER METER INSTALLATIONS & CONSTRUCTION ALERT--SAFETY OF MOTORISTS

The water system upgrade project is nearing the half-way point. The cross-country connection of the two systems (Pittsford and Florence) is complete. Installation of new, state-of-the-art water meters is proceeding, laying of new water mains and pipes to underserved areas began in early April and the contractor has pipe crews currently on Route 7 south, Plains Rd., and Arch, Elm and Mechanic Streets. All work is scheduled to be completed by mid-July.

With six pipelaying crews working throughout Town, we appreciate your understanding and patience. This is a large project and our Town employees, engineers and the contractors are doing their best to keep any inconvenience to a minimum.

Please exercise particular care and caution for the next several weeks when driving near construction equipment. There will be construction relating to the water system upgrade along Route 7, Pine Woods, Elm, Plains, Arch, Mechanic, Furnace, Windy Hill, Pleasant, and Whipple Hollow roads or streets through early summer. There will be flagmen present to assure the safety of the crews at work and the public. Please be safe. Keep your eyes on the road and drive defensively!

ALL TOWN WATER USERS SHOULD HAVE SCHEDULED THEIR NEW WATER METER INSTALLATION. IF YOU HAVE NOT, PLEASE CALL & MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT IMMEDIATELY WITH METER & BACKFLOW SERVICES AT

1-800-356-1717, Mon.– Fri. 7:30 AM TO 5:30 PM.

SEWER SYSTEM UPGRADE PROJECT

The Water & Sewer Commission has been overseeing the water system upgrade project in recent months. However, they have also been working hard with its wastewater treatment engineer, Mike Smith of Weston & Sampson, to develop a project to address three pressing issues relating to wastewater treatment operations in Town.

Sludge handling at the wastewater treatment facility (WWTF) needs to be improved for the safety of our operators and the environment. The State is threatening enforcement action against the Town unless this matter is addressed right away. In addition, the State is also pressing the Town to install a larger, double container chlorine contact tank to assure the quality of effluent leaving the WWTF.

To be sure, the WWTF is undersized for the amount of sewage and water coming in. Our operators are doing a very good job dealing with spiking flows resulting from storm events, but something must be done to minimize the amount of stormwater and groundwater infiltrating into the system. Infiltration costs the Town money and reduces the effectiveness of operations at the WWTF.

At its April 20 meeting, the Water & Sewer Commission will be considering authorizing a future bond vote seeking authorization to accept loans and grants (funded by the remnants of federal stimulus money) to address the three issues facing our wastewater treatment operations in Town. Informational meetings featuring the project engineer, the members of the Water & Sewer Commission and Town Manager will be held.

While all registered voters in Town may vote, it is only the rate paying customers who would be paying debt service on the loan.

New Water Connection Policy

If anyone (residential or commercial) wishes to obtain a new service connection or an additional one, either in or near areas currently served by the Town of Pittsford, please contact the Town Manager, John Haverstock (483-6500 x20) immediately to take advantage of discounted connection charges.

At its meeting on February 23, 2010, the Pittsford/Florence Water & Sewer Commission enacted a policy with respect to billing new water customers seeking to have new water service connections made in conjunction with construction of the new water lines. Ordinarily, new customers must pay both an application fee of \$500.00 and a connection charge of at least \$300.00, as determined by the Water Superintendent, depending on the degree of difficulty/complexity of such connection.

Given that the Pittsford/Florence water system is presently being upgraded, the decision has been taken to encourage new customers to hook-up while shovels are already in the ground. Therefore, for each new customer requesting a service connection during the 2010 upgrade work (estimated to last from mid-April to late-July, 2010) the \$300.00 connection charge is being waived.

New customers would then pay the \$500.00 application fee when they physically connect to the system (up to a 2 inch line), which would cover the application, the cost and installation of a water meter and inclusion of the account on the Town's system.

New customers wishing only a curb stop but not wishing immediate water service will have to sign an obligation to make the annual bond payment of \$172.00 for the 40-year duration of the bond repayment period. Once water service has begun for these customers, they will be billed for water service like all other customers.

Interim Water Rates

At its meeting of February 23, 2010, the Pittsford/Florence Water & Sewer Commission considered how best to implement an interim water price increase during this billing cycle. Two goals had to be met. First, there had to be a way to bill for water consumption this billing cycle (January through June, 2010). Second, the first of a two-step rate increase had to be implemented.

Because water meters are now being replaced for all water customers, it will be impractical to try to merge the old meter information (sold in cubic feet) with the new meter information (sold in gallons). Thus, the decision has been made to simply bill all customers, for this cycle, based on their usage during the prior cycle (July through December, 2009). Added to this amount will be \$42.00, which reflects one half of the semi-annual rate increase made necessary by the debt incurred to finance the water system upgrade project.

Ultimately, in future billing cycles, all customers will be billed based on single family actual usage, as reflected by meter readings, plus the bond payment, with the average customer paying a total of approximately \$200.00 each six-month billing cycle (or \$400.00 annually) for water.

Deadline for the next Pittsford Town Newsletter will be July 10, 2010. Please send Town articles to Linda Drummond at drummondl@myfairpoint.net.

Please welcome Linda Weeden as a new Select Board member.

Did you know you live in a wildlife corridor?

There are very few places where large mammals like black bear, bobcat, moose, and fisher can travel between the Adirondacks and the Green Mountains, but two likely corridors have been identified, and one runs right through Pittsford.

What is a wildlife corridor? While the image often brings to mind a single pathway that funnels animals into a single lane of traffic between one place and another, this is *not* how corridors work for the wildlife of our area. Here, a “corridor” refers to a *network* of forested links that connects “stepping stones” of forested habitat for the entire distance between the Greens and the Adirondacks. We can think of these links akin to human roads; roads don’t need to provide us with all the resources we need for survival, but they allow us access to the places that do. For wildlife, even a wide hedgerow between farm fields or a row of trees along a stream may often suffice, if there are larger blocks of quality habitat nearby. And while most individual animals don’t cover the entire distance between the Greens and the Adirondacks, the corridor provides habitat for continuous populations between the two ranges.

How do wildlife use these corridors? For starters, many animals have different needs during summer and winter months. Moose, for example, use lowland wetlands during the summer and upland forests in winter and must travel between the two in spring and fall. The corridors also allow genetic flow, ensuring that inbreeding doesn’t become a problem. And finally, when food, shelter, and mates are difficult to find in one place, a corridor allows animals to roam elsewhere for these needs.

Of course, wildlife are not the only inhabitants in our area; we live here, too. But in Vermont, even our communities are influenced heavily by the natural landscape. In addition to enjoying activities like hunting, hiking, and snowmobiling, much of the Vermont economy is strengthened by intact forests, including the forest products industry and tourism.

Staying Connected works with communities to find ways of maintaining this wildlife corridor while also protecting local community values such as hiking, hunting, forestry, and others identified by the town. In Pittsford, *Staying Connected*, the Select Board, and the Planning Commission are taking a first step: asking citizens where they have seen wildlife such as black bear, bobcat, moose, and fisher.

Where in Pittsford have YOU seen wildlife?

Please join us for an evening of wildlife! After a short program about wildlife in our area—bobcat, black bear, moose, and others—we want to hear from *you* about any interesting animals you have encountered over the past 3 years. Your sightings will go on a map that will help *Staying Connected* and the Town to identify how wildlife move through the area. This event is open to everyone. For questions to report your wildlife sightings, please contact Monica Erhart at 431-5061 or Monica.erhart@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY EVENT, *Sightings of Pittsford’s Wildlife*: Thursday, May 20th at 6:30 PM, Maclure Library, Rte. 7 & Arch St., Pittsford



LISTERS’ REPORT

This time of year the Listers are completing inspections of property that had additions, deletions and building permits. We are also awaiting the balance of personal property returns from those taxpayers that have personal property taxes. We are completing our Current Use list for the coming year. Those of you who have not filed your HS 122’s have until September 1, 2010 to file. If you are a 50% or greater disabled veteran, please do not forget to bring in your certificate by May 1, 2010 to be awarded your \$40,000 deduction on your property assessment.

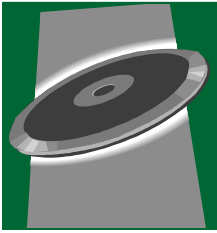
Please inform our office of name changes and address changes so you can receive your notices in a timely fashion. For those taxpayers that have had additions, deletions, or completed building permits, their notice of change in assessment will be mailed in the near future.

Our goal is to receive all grievances between now and May 24, 2010. All grievances must be in writing and signed by the legal owner or owners of the property. Additional information will be posted at the Post Office, Kamuda’s Market, Keith’s Country Store and Wooden Barrel in Chittenden. It will also be posted in the Rutland Herald.

A grievance can not be based on real estate taxes, present assessment, or purchase price. Grievances are generally based on deleted improvements, depreciation, declining condition, or incorrect information. You may use comparable properties in your neighborhood. Land values vary depending on location. You may request a lister’s card to review for accuracy. All grievances require a physical inspection by the listers. Our office is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, or by appointment. Listers’ phone number is 483-6500 Ext. 15.

Listers Jack Rogers, Dave Chapman and Bob Harnish

DISC GOLF



After over a year of planning, pruning and putting in hundreds of hours of volunteer labor, the FREE Pittsford Disc Golf Course at the Recreation Area will open with 9 holes of play for Pittsford Day, June 26, 2010. If you ventured to the upper field on last year's Pittsford Day, you may have enjoyed a chance to try out three holes that were set up for the day.

Disc golf is a popular recreational activity for all ages enjoyed all over the world. There are over 2000 courses in the U.S., but only a handful in Vermont. Disc golf is played much like traditional golf but uses a disc (frisbee) thrown at a target. This is basically a pole with "catching chains" hanging above a basket. Each hole varies in difficulty and is given a "par" ranking of 3 to 5. (How many throws the average player should need to reach the goal.) The game is an inexpensive physical activity for the entire family which is easy to learn, yet takes a lifetime to master. It is a low impact activity that involves a good amount of walking and offers both upper and lower body conditioning. There is a beginner and advanced tee location on each hole to challenge any ability level. Mostly it's FUN!!

The Pittsford Disc Golf Course will eventually be an 18 hole course. We are about 75% towards our goal needed to fund 18 holes. A giant THANK YOU goes to these generous donors to this point: General Electric volunteers, Pittsford Lions Club, Hirschmann Ltd., Joe and Laurie Kamuda, Lothrop PTO, Bob and Jane Welch, Jill Paul, Jim and Ann Rademacher, OMYA, Velco, La Valley Building Supply, Dan and Eileen Shea, Ken and Sandy Gagnon, Bob and Breda Harnish, Kathy Brown and New England Maple Museum. We are gratefully accepting donations in any amount to be used for the purchase of the remaining targets and supplies to install them. They can be sent to Randy Adams, Recreation Director, with a notation that it is a donation for the Disc Golf Course. Anyone who would care to sponsor an entire hole, please contact Terry Poor (483-9486) or Tony Freson (483-6084) for details. A plaque will be made naming that hole in your honor! As of April 1st, there are 5 hole sponsorships remaining. Be sure to bring a disc and see you on the course!! Thank you!

AARP SAFE DRIVER COURSE

The Pittsford Recreation Department will be sponsoring the AARP Safe Driver Course (formerly "55-Alive"). This 4 hour course is open to all drivers 50 years old and older. The curriculum addresses the normal physical changes brought on by the aging process, how these changes can affect driving ability and behavior & then offers ways to compensate for those changes. There are no tests and no grades.

WHEN: Thurs., June 3, 2010

TIME: 1:00 – 5:00 pm

WHERE: Pittsford Town Offices

FEE: \$14 (AARP members get a \$2 discount. An AARP membership number is needed at registration.)

-registration is REQUIRED for this Safe Driver Course!

Contact Randy Adams at 483-6500 ext. 17.



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PITTSFORD FISHING DERBY

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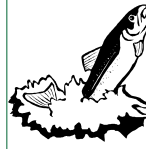
DATE: SATURDAY, MAY 15, 2010

TIME: Registration 9 – 10 am

Fishing 10 am – Noon

FOR: PITTSFORD KIDS 2 - 12

WHERE: Wheeler/Smith Pond (Behind Dan Keith's residence just south of Barnard Funeral Home. Look for signs next to Rte. 7)



JOIN US FOR PRIZES, FOOD, & FUN!!



PITTSFORD SENIOR GROUP LUNCHEON MENU 2010

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Menu:</u>	<u>Must RSVP:</u>
May 20th	Mac & Cheese, veg. beef	May 11th
	soup, pumpkin citrus bars	
Guest speaker: Representative Charles "Butch" Shaw		
June 24th	Meatloaf, twice baked	June 15th
	potatoes, choc. cream pie	
Guest speaker: Lydia Thornblade, AmeriCorps Neighbor to Neighbor, sharing slides of trip to Africa		
July 22nd	BBQ chicken, hamburgers,	July 13th
	hot dogs, baked beans & cole slaw	
Aug. 26th	Chicken salad, vegetable	Aug. 17th
	pasta salad, pickled beets & cookies	

A salad bar is included. All foods are homemade.

Suggested donation of \$4.50 for 60 and up. Must pay \$6.00 if under age 60. Reservations are Necessary! All luncheons are on Thursdays at 1 PM at the Vermont Police Academy in Pittsford. RSVPs & questions contact Randy Adams 802-483-6500 ext. 17 or Rsdams11@myfairpoint.net.

PITTSFORD SENIORS

Senior citizens of Pittsford have organized a senior group. Pittsford Seniors meet at the Maclure Library on the second Friday of each month at 10 AM. All seniors in the Pittsford area are invited and encouraged to attend. Come and bring your ideas!

PITTSFORD RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Summer Programs



KIDS YOGA



PITTSFORD SUMMER DAY CAMP 2010

Join the Pittsford Rec. Summer Camp and try something new and exciting. Heather Durkel is returning as Camp Director for a second season.

June 28-July 2 Week 1: Mythical Magical Fun

July 5-9 Week 2: Vermont Treasures

July 12-16 Week 3: Act it Out!

July 19-23 Week 4: Kids Create

July 26-30 Week 5: Space is the Place

August 2-6 Week 6: Symphony of Senses

Due to overwhelming response we normally get for this program, registration will be open ONLY to Pittsford residents and their families up until a week before camp begins.

Long touted for its health benefits both physically and mentally, yoga is now making a mainstream entrance into children's lives. The benefits for an individual child participating in a yoga class can be staggering. If your child would like to gain flexibility, co-ordination, concentration, imagination or just wants to have a bit of fun, come join us in yoga.

Yoga for 7—10 year olds: This class is alive with flowing sequences, balancing, breathing exercises and creative relaxation techniques. Children will gain self-confidence through independent and group activities that stimulate physical strength and flexibility

DATES: Tuesdays- May 11, 18, 25, June 1 and 7.

TIMES: 2:45—4:00 pm **MINIMUM:** 6 participants per class

WHERE: Lothrop Gym **FEE:** \$10/class-\$40 for all 5 classes

INSTRUCTOR: Jacquie Riesterer **BRING:** A yoga mat if you have one & wear loose comfortable clothes

REGISTER WITH RANDY ADAMS, RECREATION DEPARTMENT 483-6500 Ext. 17 or Rsadams11@myfairpoint.net.



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

As summer is just around the corner, it's time to start thinking about fun activities and 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 become a more efficient swimmer. Swimming is a life long skill that everyone should know how to do, it's fun, and it's 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 Rec! Kayla Gallipo

SWIM LESSONS 2010

June 21– July 2

July 12 – July 23

Aug. 2– Aug. 13

RECREATION FEES

Swimming Area Season Pass Resident \$30.00/ Non-Res. \$50.00

Swimming Lessons Res. First Child: \$10/\$5 add - Non Res. \$20/\$10 add

Tennis Court Season Pass Res. \$5 Non Res. \$10

Season Passes are Available at the Town Clerk's Office

BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

UMPIRES NEEDED

The Rec. Dept. has several youth teams beginning games soon and umpires are needed. Applicants must be able to work Monday – Friday 6:00-8:00 pm. Very flexible scheduling. Candidates must work well with children and be willing to work outdoors in various weather conditions. Experience is a plus, requires no certifications with on the job training provided. Paid by the game. For more information contact Randy Adams, Recreation Director at 802-483-6500 ext. 17 or rsadams11@myfairpoint.net.



SATURDAY MORNING SPRING SOCCER



FOR KINDERGARTEN – 4th GRADES ONLY

IS YOUR CHILD LOOKING FOR A LITTLE SOCCER ACTION THIS SPRING? JOIN COACH DICK WILLIAMS FOR SMALL SIDED GAMES.

Dates: Saturday mornings, May 8th – June 12th (Will not meet 5/29)

Where: Pittsford Recreation Area **Fee:** \$15

Age/Grade	Saturdays
Co-Ed K & 1 st	8:00 – 9:00 am
Co-Ed 2 nd & 4th	9:15 – 10:15 am

HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

The Museum in Eaton Hall is now open on Tuesdays from 9 AM to 4 PM until November 16, and other times by appointment. The Society's phone number is 483-2040.

The Society looks forward to hosting Memorial Day ceremonies at Eaton Hall on May 31 at noon. The speaker will be Bill Powers, US Air Force Retired. Open House will follow the program. Everyone is cordially invited to enjoy refreshments and the exhibits.

We will take part in Pittsford Day on June 26 at the Recreation Area. Look for our exhibit—you might find photos of yourself, relatives or old friends. We will have our photo book, "Around Pittsford," and "Pittsford's Second Century, 1872-1997" for sale as well as 1783 and 1869 Pittsford maps.

If there's enough interest, we will car pool a day trip on Sunday, June 27 to the Vermont History Expo 2010 in Tunbridge. We will leave Eaton Hall at 8 AM and return around 4:30-5:00 PM. Call Bob Welch ASAP at 483-9539 if you want a ride or would be willing to drive. It has been a great show with new events and changing exhibits for all ages since 2000. Everyone is welcome.

Join us on Sunday, August 22, from 2-4 PM at Eaton Hall to help celebrate our 50th birthday with cake and beverages. Please plan to share your memories of the society's early members and events. There will be special exhibits.

Four trustees have been busy lately. Melanie Clerihew has ten 3rd and 4th grade boys in her History Club at Lothrop School. Bob and Jane Welch are cataloging 200 glass plate negatives of Pittsford people and views taken from the 1880s to early 1900s. Ernie Clerihew has installed new shelving for storing collections in the Museum. Ken Gagnon donated the lumber from his mill on Stevens Road.

New Program!!!

Attention Walkers & Hikers- Guided walks on the Pittsford Trail Network

How would you like to enjoy a beautiful afternoon exploring one of the many trails that Pittsford has to offer? Members of the Pittsford Trails Committee have come up with an idea to offer guided walks. This will be a fantastic way for you to be introduced to the Pittsford Trail Network & fun way to get some exercise, and meet some new friends.

If your interested simply call the Recreation Department at 483-6500 ext.17 to make your reservation that's convenient for you and the guide.



Anticipated Property Tax Relief

At Town Meeting, the voters approved a plan submitted by the Select Board to return approximately \$350,000.00 in excess property tax revenues from FY 2008/2009 to the taxpayers through lower tax rates to be set this coming July. Please remember that this is a one-time event. The reduction in property tax bills related to the General Fund to be seen this year will not be repeated in future years.

LOTHROP SCHOOL NEWS--SPRING 2010

Now that we have navigated our way through the snowy months and into spring, it's easy to recognize potential for growth. The grass is a bit greener and there are buds on the trees. Lothrop student's NECAP scores are one area we can proudly point to in terms of growth too, and obvious signs of improvement give us opportunity to congratulate the hard-working students. Keep up the good work!

Thank you to the people of Pittsford for supporting the school budget. We will work hard to prudently invest in programs that will prepare students for their future and maintain a beautiful campus. Thank you to parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, brothers and sisters, and extended families for all that you do at home in conjunction with Lothrop to keep the children of Pittsford well-educated.

The School Board is learning and growing too. We had the pleasure of meeting with Win Goodrich from the VSBA (Vermont School Board Association), who reviewed our roles, responsibilities and relationships at a recent meeting. We also thank Congressman Peter Welch for visiting Lothrop and the opportunity we had to speak with him directly and in person.

We also recognize that there is a little cleanup necessary moving from winter to spring. And just as we rake the yard of the leaves to make it easier for daffodils and tulips to bloom, we also cleanup in the cafeteria installing a new dishwasher and other equipment needing upgrades through the use of ARRA funds.

Please join us in recognizing Lothrop teachers who are working hard to help our student learn and grow. Jill Corliss and Mary Desforages are both preparing to complete their comprehensive education at UVMs Vermont Mathematics Initiative (VMI). We look forward to their training in math being applied here at Lothrop and the positive effects that will have over time in terms of student outcomes. And thanks to those contributing to the math tutoring program at this time. Thanks to Diane Baker for her considerable efforts in working with staff and students on a core reading program, including reading in both fiction and non-fiction, English and grammar. We look forward to full implementation this fall. Thanks to the staff who attended the SMART-board training too. Enjoy the beautiful remainder of spring!

On behalf of the Pittsford School Board of Directors, Chuk Pitts, Chair

CAVERLY PRESCHOOL NEWS

Research shows that children who are allowed plenty of regular, open-ended play time in a natural, outdoor environment become adults who love the out-of-doors and who care deeply about being guardians of our natural environment. It is a sad fact that kids just aren't outside nearly enough these days. Besides a disregard of their environment, obesity is a growing problem in children.

The staff at Caverly Preschool knows how hard it is to fit outdoor time into a busy schedules and has reaffirmed their commitment to make quality outdoor experiences part of the daily curriculum for Caverly students. Besides adventuring in the adjacent Pittsford Trail system, Caverly wants to create a richer play environment in the schoolyard. With the help of a Parent Advisory Board a multi-phased playscape design has been developed for their schoolyard.

The first phase; a four-season boarder garden was planted last fall and its emergence this spring is eagerly awaited. The next phase is a circular Trike Track. Preparation for this project will begin when the ground dries out.

Caverly Preschool would like to than all those who have helped with the renovation of the Caverly school yard so far. We look forward to continuing with the next phases of this project in the Fall.

MACLURE LIBRARY NEWS

First Annual Links to Literacy Golf Tournament

The Maclure Library is holding a **Links to Literacy Golf Tournament** at the Proctor-Pittsford Country Club on Friday, May 7, 2010. More people than ever are utilizing the services offered at the Maclure Library. By participating in our tournament, friends like you help to keep our community connected to information and each other. The tournament fee is \$100.00 per person. That includes 18 holes of golf with cart, a buffet banquet, and placement prizes. Guests may attend the banquet for a fee of \$20.00 per person. For your entertainment, there will be a 50/50 raffle and silent auction.

The tournament is a handicapped scramble (Captain and Crew) format with four players per team. Individuals and groups smaller than four will be matched up with others to make groups of four where feasible. First come first served. There is a limit of 24 teams to play. Check-in will begin at 11:30 a.m. Rain or shine; a shotgun start will open the tournament at 12:30 p.m. Registration forms are available at the Maclure Library, Proctor-Pittsford Country Club or downloaded from www.maclurelibrary.org. If you have any questions, or would like to be a hole sponsor please call, Jeannie Corbett at 483-6985 or Bonnie Stewart at 483-2972.



The Creative Mommy

Are you a parent who loves to do crafts or projects with your preschooler, but sometimes feel you need an idea or two to get started? Well, we have the program for you - three workshops called *The Creative Mommy: Put some Spring in Your Step*. These workshops include a wealth of simple, educational, hands on, creative ideas that combine art lessons with science, music, poetry and movement activities. Each workshop is simple, fun, entertaining and every activity uses things found around your home. Most important, each participant will be given a handout of children's book titles and corresponding poems following each workshop. Many of these books are on the shelves of our public library.

Pittsford resident, Marikate Kingston, is a former elementary school teacher and mother of two young children will lead the workshops. They will be held Sunday mornings, May 2, 16, 23, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. and are limited to 10 participants. Materials will be provided. Call 483-2972 to sign-up or for more information.

Maclure Library Memorial Weekend Book Sale

We are looking for donations of gently used books for our book sale. Just about everything is welcome: paperback, hardcover, fiction, current nonfiction, adult and children's books, movies, music and recorded books are encouraged. However, because we have to pay to take them away, please no National Geographic magazines, Readers Digest books, encyclopedias, textbooks, older medical books, moldy, musty or ripped books. Thanks! The Book Sale is Saturday, May 29 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. rain or shine under the tents.

Upcoming Book Discussions

And, on Tuesday, June 15, we will discuss *In the Samurai's Garden* by Gail Tsukiyama. The daughter of a Chinese mother and a Japanese father, Tsukiyama uses the Japanese invasion of China during the late 1930s as a somber backdrop for her unusual story about a 20-year-old Chinese painter named Stephen who is sent to his family's summer home in a Japanese coastal village to recover from a bout with tuberculosis. Here he is cared for by Matsu, a reticent housekeeper and a master gardener. Over the course of a remarkable year, Stephen learns Matsu's secret and gains not only physical strength, but also profound spiritual insight. Matsu is a samurai of the soul, a man devoted to doing good and finding beauty in a cruel and arbitrary world, and Stephen is a noble student, learning to appreciate Matsu's generous and nurturing way of life and to love Matsu's soulmate, gentle Sachi, a woman afflicted with leprosy.

Listen up Vermont and Netlibrary

We have added a new audio collection for our patrons – NETLIBRARY. Access a diverse collection of 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! Books can be downloaded to a computer from home or the library and then transferred to supported portable devices, such as MP3 players, and many titles can 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

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

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.



**Pittsford Municipal Office will be closed
Monday, May 31 and Monday, July 5, 2010.**



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

The Rutland County Solid Waste District is proud to announce 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 2010 in addition to its normal workday hours:

Saturdays: From 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. May 1, June 5, July 3, August 7, Sept. 4 & Oct. 2, 2010. Contact Tom Remes at 770-1333 for more information.

PITTSFORD TRANSFER STATION 12:00 to 3:00PM
MAY 3, JUNE 26 & OCT. 23, 2010



MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

MONDAY, MAY 31st

Parade forms at the Village Green at Noon and starts at 12:30 PM. Ceremony to follow at the Historical Society Museum. (Eaton Hall) Museum will be open.

For more info contact Rod Drown 483-6421.

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WWW.PITTSFORDVERMONT.COM



GREAT ESCAPE/SIX FLAGS of NEW ENGLAND TICKETS

The **Pittsford Recreation Department** in conjunction with the Vermont Recreation & Parks Association is happy to announce that the Town is offering discounted tickets to **THE GREAT ESCAPE** and **SIX FLAGS of NEW ENGLAND**. The regular season for both parks runs Memorial Day through Labor Day weekend.

THE GREAT ESCAPE:

All tickets are \$25.00 (Regular Gate price is \$40.99 (plus tax) for a person over 48" tall and \$25.99 (plus tax) for anyone under 48". **These tickets can be used for all ages!** Children 2 years of age and younger are free.

SIX FLAGS of NEW ENGLAND:

Tickets are \$27.00 (Gate price is \$41.99 for anyone over 54" tall and \$31.00 for a person under 54"). **These tickets can be used for all ages!** Children 2 years of age and younger are free.

Tickets are available at the Pittsford Town Offices during regular business hours. By 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!!!**