

Town of Pittsford Newsletter

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Mon. through Wed.

8-4:30

Thursday

8- 6

Friday

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After Hours Drop Box at Exit

GREEN UP DAY MAY 2, 2009

The Pittsford Recreation Department, Pittsford Community Corp. (PCC) and OMYA will be coordinating Green Up Day in Pittsford on Saturday, May 2. 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 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. OMYA will also provide an extra 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 Saturday, May 2. Bags will be available at the Town Offices April 27 to May 1. If you plan on helping, please contact Randy Adams, Pittsford Recreation Director, who is coordinating the volunteers and the roads to be covered at 802-483-6500 ext. 17 or e-mail Rsadams11@myfairpoint.net.

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PITTSFORD DAY CELEBRATION JULY 18, 2009

JOIN THE FUN!!!

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. Live music throughout the day. Many events are planned:

- Bingo
- Boo Mobile
- Watermelon Eating Contest
- Bubble Bounce/Moon Walk
- Karate Demonstration
- Watermelon Seed Spitting Contest
- Historical Displays
- Fire Truck Display
- Ping Pong Ball Creek Race
- Tube Races
- 50/50 Raffle
- Family Games
- Potato Sack Races
- Pittsford Trails
- Swimming
- Diggin for Dollars
- Face Painting
- Tug of War
- Pie Eating Contest

MARK YOUR CALENDARS & JOIN THE CELEBRATION

IMPORTANT: ALL TOWN E-MAIL ADDRESSES HAVE CHANGED FROM VERIZON.NET TO MYFAIRPOINT.NET AFTER THE USER NAME OF EACH PERSON. PLEASE MAKE THESE CHANGES IMMEDIATELY. A COMPLETE LISTING IS ON THE TOWN WEBSITE UNDER CONTACT INFORMATION. ALSO, ALL ADDRESS CHANGES INCLUDING PO BOX CHANGES, NEED TO BE SENT TO THE TOWN OFFICE. THE POST OFFICE DOES NOT GIVE OUT THIS INFORMATION.

TOWN OF PITTSFORD

TO VOTE ON WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

Important Bond Vote

Both the Pittsford and Florence water systems need important improvements in order to provide reliable service in compliance with State and Federal regulations. We have the opportunity to receive considerable grant and low interest financing for this work if we proceed now. On **Tuesday, May 19, 2009**, voters in the Town of Pittsford will have the opportunity to vote on whether the Town should borrow up to \$4.7 million to construct needed water system improvements to serve homes and businesses throughout the Pittsford and Florence water service area. **Polls will be open at the Town Municipal Office, 426 Plains Road from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

Approval of the bond does not mean the Town will borrow this full amount. We expect significant grant funding. However, we need to authorize the project at its expected total cost.

Who can vote on the bond question?

Any registered voters residing within the Town can vote, regardless of whether or not they are served by either water system.

Who will pay for this water project?

The cost of the project will be entirely paid for by those who are served by the Pittsford and Florence water systems. No Town tax money will be used to pay for this water project, nor will non-water users be assessed any cost related to this project.

Informational Meetings!

The Water Commissioners will hold two informational meetings to enable voters to become better informed about the water systems and the proposed improvements. The informational meetings will take place at **7:00 p.m.** at the Town Hall (Lothrop School Gym) on **Tuesday, April 28th and Monday May 11, 2009.**

What would be built as part of this project?

The proposed project is necessary due to the age and poor condition of some portions of the water systems, non-compliance with State and Federal regulations and the need to decrease risks associated with providing reliable water service to our customers and businesses.

The scope of this project is based on a comprehensive analysis of both the Pittsford and Florence water systems, performed by Otter Creek Engineering. The proposed improvements were determined to be the most necessary and most cost-effective and consist of the following:

1. Connection of the Pittsford and Florence system through a new 12-inch diameter water main along Kendall Hill Road and West Creek Road (8,200 ft.). This is, perhaps, the most important aspect of the project. The Pittsford water system relies on gravity fed water sources 5 miles away in Chittenden. These are excellent sources of water, but the long cross-country water lines (8 miles of pipe, total) were hand dug and laid in 1893. In continuous service for 116 years, this is Pittsford's drinking water lifeline. In some locations, these pipes are not easily accessible and, in other locations, we are not sure exactly where the pipes are. If there were a pipe break, a severe drought or a water quality problem, Pittsford has no alternative source of water.

Florence also has just one source of water, a high producing, good quality, gravel well capable of supplying both Pittsford and Florence. Connection of the two systems provides alternative water sources for both systems.

In addition, Pittsford has ample water storage for both water systems and Florence has an undersized steel storage tank which is in poor condition. Connection of the two systems allows abandonment of the Florence tank without having to construct a replacement tank.

Since both systems are governed by the same Board and have similar operating costs, consolidation makes perfect sense, allowing each system to avoid expensive, redundant improvements.

2. Distribution System Improvements to Improve Pressures, Hydrant Flows and Compliance with State Regulations. Many sections of the water distribution systems are undersized for today's population and water demands, causing low pressure problems. Water main replacement is proposed on:

Mechanic Street and Arch Street (2,100 ft.), Elm Street (2,500 ft.),

Rte. 7 south (Village to Rowe Apartments (5,200 ft.), Plains Road (2,800 ft.),

Windy Hill Road (400 ft.), Pine Woods Road (2,000 ft.).

All new water distribution mains will be 8-inch diameter, with new water services to the curb stop and new hydrants. Increased hydrant flows due to these improvements may also improve the Town's insurance rating, which could lower landowner insurance costs.

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3. Water Meters. Although most water customers have water meters, most are very old, with many out of service. It is doubtful that most meters, even if operable, register water flow accurately.

Knowing how much water enters a water system and how much is used is important. If a system has significant, undetected leaks, it is wasting valuable water source capacity, energy and allowing potential sources of contamination. Without accurate customer water meters, there is no way to identify these problems nor fairly charge customers for water service.

Based on the best estimates of water use, Pittsford is losing 60% of the water entering its system and Florence is losing 80%. Undoubtedly this is a combination of water main leaks and unmetered use. The State goal for maximum unaccounted-for water flow is 15%.

New water meters will allow the Town to properly manage the water systems.

How will the Town finance these improvements?

This project will be financed through either a grant and loan provided through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund or a grant and loan provided by Rural Development. The Water Commissioners are examining which is the best financing package for the customers. Both programs offer substantial grant funding. At this time, the Town is on the fundable list for a \$2-million Economic Stimulus Grant and Loan under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Alternatively, the project is eligible for a 45% grant from Rural Development. The Water Commissioners are evaluating which program is most advantageous to the Town, however, neither Agency can commit the funds until a bond vote is passed.

What will my annual water cost be?

Based on cost estimates of these proposed improvements, this project will cost each single family home using Town water (or equivalent thereof) approximately \$175 to \$217 per year, bringing the total cost of water service to approximately \$400.

For comparison, the average annual cost of municipal water in Vermont is approximately \$400, with some communities paying considerably more. The Water Commissioners have always tried to manage the Town's expenditures frugally, and we realize that our existing water rates are currently far below most other Vermont communities. In fact, needed improvements have not been made for many years. We believe these improvements are necessary for the long term benefit of the Town, to avoid increasing operating and repair costs and to comply with State public water system regulations.

What if we do not vote for this Bond?

Most of these improvements will need to be made out of necessity and for immediate compliance with State orders. If the Town decides not to make these improvements as a single coordinated project, some of these improvements will need to be incorporated in annual budget appropriations (without grant assistance). Some items are being ordered by the State and must be made right away. Without this bond authorization, we will immediately lose the opportunity to receive either a 57% Stimulus Grant or a 45% Rural Development Grant.

Will this project affect our water quality?

No, and that's a good thing because both Pittsford and Florence have some of the best water in the State. It is our intent to continue to operate and maintain the system in such a manner that we continue to provide excellent water to our customers.

Would I have any out-of-pocket expenses during construction?

No. All work will be paid for under the project.

What if I have questions?

If you have questions, you may speak with Town Manager, John Haverstock at 483-6500, or any Water Commissioner. You may also attend the Informational Meetings, Tuesday, April 28, 2009, or Monday, May 11, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Pittsford Town Hall (Lothrop School Gym), where our engineer, Mark Youngstrom of Otter Creek Engineering, Inc., and the Water Commissioners will explain the project and answer your questions.

THE QUESTION TO BE VOTED UPON May 19, 2009:

Shall general obligation bonds of the Town of Pittsford in an amount not to exceed Four Million Seven Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$4,725,000), subject to reduction from the receipt of available state and federal grant-in-aid, and other financial assistance (including benefits available under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act), be issued for the purpose of financing the Town's share of the cost of making certain public water system improvements, viz: interconnection of the Pittsford and Florence water systems, Town-wide metering installation and an upgrade of transmission mains and pipes where there is an inadequate flow and pressure, at an estimated cost of Four Million Seven Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$4,725,000)?

Deadline for the next Pittsford Town Newsletter will be July 15, 2009. Please send Town articles to Linda Drummond at drummondl@myfairpoint.net.

PITTSFORD FOOD SHELF

First the Pittsford Food Shelf (PFS) would like to thank you all for your donations this past quarter. There are just a few weeks left to the **Feinstein Million Dollar Food Challenge and we still need your help in meeting our goal of \$25,000.** Currently we have collected over \$15,000 in money and non perishable food items. If you have not already donated, please consider making a donation to helping your neighbor in need. We are a certified 501c3 (non-profit) organization so all donations are tax deductible.

Do you work for or have you retired from General Electric (GE)? Did you know they double your donation as long as it is for food or shelter and the organization is a recognized non-profit. That's us – you can also check out the donation process through GE website.

NEW PROGRAM - How would you like to buy \$60 worth of food for \$30? Angel Food Ministries can help. **This program is for everyone.** Check out www.rutlandangelfood.com for more information. Check for new monthly menus, and order and delivery dates. This program accepts cash, checks, credit/debit cards as well as food stamps. Pass the word on.

The **Neighborhood Pantry Express (NPE)** for July 2009 will be held July 15th @ St Alphonsus Parish Hall. More info to follow.

Thinking about planting a garden? Have extra space? Maybe your garden will thrive and your crops plentiful, don't forget the Pittsford Food Shelf. Bring all your extra produce to the Pittsford Food Shelf as we like to provide our clients with healthy options.

CHILDRENS'S LUNCH PROGRAM - Do you have a child or children in Lothrop? Could you use a little extra help with breakfast & lunches for the kids during the summer? If so stop by PFS for more information. **CONTACT US:** Our web site is www.pittsfordfoodshelf@yahoo.com or the email address is pittsfordfoodshelf@yahoo.com. You can always contact Robin at 483-2967 with your questions or concerns. **REMINDER:** Any resident of Pittsford, Proctor or Florence who has a need can stop by PFS. Hours: Mondays 9-11; Tuesdays 1-3 and Thursdays 4-6. Bring a copy of your utility bill for verification.

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 4, 2009
TIME: 1:00 – 5:00 pm
WHERE: Pittsford Town Offices
FEE: \$10 Pre-registration is REQUIRED for this Safe Driver Course!
 Contact Randy Adams at 483-6500 ext. 17.



PITTSFORD FISHING DERBY

FREE!!!



FREE!!!

DATE: SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2009

TIME: Registration 9 – 10 am

Fishing 10 am – Noon

FOR: PITTSFORD KIDS 2 - 12

WHERE: Wheeler/Smith Pond



JOIN US FOR PRIZES, FOOD, & FUN!!



PITTSFORD SENIOR GROUP LUNCHEON MENU 2009

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Menu:</u>	<u>Must RSVP:</u>
May 28th	Chicken & Biscuits Chocolate Cake	May 19th
June 25th	Spaghetti & Meatballs & Chocolate Mousse	June 16th
July 23th	BBQ Chicken, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Baked Beans & Cole Slaw	July 14th
Aug. 27th	Chicken Salad, Vegetable Pasta Salad, Pickled Beets & Cookies	Aug. 18th

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! Any questions call Randy Adams at the Town Offices 483-6500 ext. 17 or e-mail him at Rsdams11@myfairpoint.net.

PITTSFORD RECREATION DEPARTMENT Summer Programs



KIDS YOGA



PITTSFORD SUMMER DAY CAMP 2009



June 30-July 3 **July 7-11**
July 14-18 **July 21-25**
July 28-Aug. 1 **Aug. 4-8**

Sign up with Randy Adams 483-6500 ext. 17.

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 make them better and more efficient swimmer. Swimming is a life long skill that everyone should know how to do, it's fun, and great exercise. Come gain these skills at the Pittsford Recreation Area! Enjoy the rest of the school year and I look forward to seeing you at the Rec! **Kayla Gallipo**



SWIM LESSONS 2009

June 22 – July 3
 July 13 – July 24
 Aug. 3– Aug. 14

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

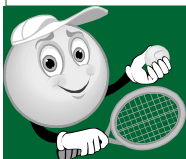
Season Passes are Available at the Town Clerk's Office

LIFEGUARDS

Lifeguards are needed for the Town of Pittsford Recreation Department. Current certification as Red Cross lifeguard. Certified LGT, First Aid, CPR, and WSI required. LGI training preferred but not required.

Season begins Memorial Day and runs through Labor Day Weekend. Contact Randy Adams, Rec. Director, 483-6500 ext.17 or e-mail

Rsadams11@myfairpoint.net for an application and interview.



BEGINNER TENNIS PROGRAM

THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT HOPES TO OFFER A BEGINNER TENNIS PROGRAM THIS SUMMER FOR KIDS AGES 8-12. BE ON

THE LOOKOUT FOR MORE DETAILS or CONTACT THE RECREATION DIRECTOR, 483-6500 EXT. 17.

Jacque Riesterer began teaching Yoga for Kids after observing her own kids practice yoga. "Children are naturally gifted yoginis making tremendous discoveries and developmental leaps through yoga." She has taught kids yoga at schools, library story hours and is currently teaching at "The Gymnasium" in Rutland and "The Milky Way" in West Rutland. Jacque has taught adults and gentle classes for seniors.

Yoga for 5-7 year olds: This playful class encourages self-expression as well as building social skills. Children will explore yoga poses, breathing exercises, visual imagery and relaxation techniques. Music, cooperative games and theme activities complete this energy releasing class.

Yoga 8-12 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: 5-7 year olds Mondays- May 11, 18, June 1, 8, 15
 8-12 yr. olds Wednesdays, May 13, 20, 27, June 3, 10

TIMES: 5:30 – 6:30 pm **MINIMUM:** 6 participants per class

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

INSTRUCTOR: Jacque 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

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. Applications: due May 7, 2009.

SATURDAY MORNING SPRING SOCCER



FOR KINDERGARTEN – 3rd GRADES ONLY
 IS YOUR CHILD LOOKING FOR A LITTLE
 SOCCER ACTION THIS SPRING? JOIN
 OTTER VALLEY'S VARSITY GIRLS SOCCER
 COACH DICK WILLIAMS FOR SMALL SIDED GAMES

Dates: Saturday Mornings, May 9th – June 6th
Where: Pittsford Recreation Area **Fee:** \$15

Age/Grade	Saturdays
Co-Ed K & 1 st	9:00 – 10:00 am
Co-Ed 2 nd & 3 rd	10:15 – 11:15 am

HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

Our book signing party at the Maclure Library for our new book "Around Pittsford" was a great success with many attendees and book sales. Author Peggy Armitage was on hand for autographs and over 40 people came to buy or pick up their pre-ordered books. Over 90 books were sold and books were donated to the Maclure Library and the Town of Pittsford, as well as Lothrop and Otter Valley School Libraries. Many buyers were happily surprised to find themselves, family members and friends in the pictures in this publication. If you would like to order this book for \$21.99 (\$3 each for postage) you can do so by calling Ellen Garneau 483-4330, mailing a check to the address below or stop by the Pittsford Historical Society's Eaton Hall, Town Office, Maclure Library or Kamuda's Market.

Eaton Hall is now open on Tuesdays from 9 AM – 4 PM. We are still looking for volunteers for the afternoon shifts. If this is a time that you think you'd be able to volunteer please call Ellen. We are also looking for volunteers for Sunday's 1-4 PM starting in July.

The Society is planning to repave our parking lot soon. Donations for this project would be gratefully appreciated. Checks can be sent to: Pittsford Historical Society, PO Box 423, Pittsford, VT 05763 or dropped off on Tuesdays.

We would also like to thank John MacHardy for helping us set up our new computer, which is up and running thanks to his hard work and dedication. John is also our webmaster and keeps our site going at www.pittsfordhistorical.com.

COMING SOON: May 3rd: Historical Interpretation of Explorer Samuel de Champlain by Don Thompson. This is a 1st person account of 17th century life in the colony of New France, using authentic costume, artifacts and anecdotes. The Pittsford Historical Society meeting begins at 1 PM at the Congregational Church. The program at 2 PM is open to the public. Those coming to the meeting please bring a dessert to share.

MAY 25TH WE WILL HOST MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES AT EATON HALL FOLLOWED BY OPEN HOUSE FOR ALL.

June 20th. Annual Tag and Bake Sale. Donations can be brought to Eaton Hall on Tuesdays or you can call 483-2040.

July 18th. Pittsford Day. We will have a display set up at this event.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

MONDAY, MAY 25TH

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

For more info contact Rod Drown 483-6421

LOTHROP SCHOOL NEWS--SPRING 2009

Spring, of course, marks a change in the weather and the landscape. This year, it has also marked a change in the composition of the School Board of Directors. Just as we bid farewell to winter, we also say goodbye to two dedicated public servants: Dave Lacy and Pat Murphy. Both have served the community well and have passed the torch to new members of the school board: Melanie Clerihew and Hilary Kratky. We look forward to each of their contributions to helping the students of Lothrop Elementary grow and learn.

Additionally, we will be bidding a farewell to Dr. William "Bill" Mathis our long-time superintendent of Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union. Bill has served our communities with distinction for the last 27 years and is retiring at the end of this school year. This will usher in our new superintendent: John Castle -- a Vermonter from the Northeast Kingdom area. We look forward to his new ideas that will help the district grow.

As a reminder, Kindergarten registration is at the Caverly Preschool on Friday, April 24th from 10:45 – 11:15 am and 2:15-2:45 pm. Child must be five (5) years old on or before September 1, 2009. We look forward to welcoming the new students. Please feel free to call Lothrop Elementary School for a registration packet if you have not received one by mail. Please bring your Registration Forms, Birth Certificate, and Immunization Records. If you are not able to attend please call the Lothrop Elementary School at 483-2242 to schedule an appointment.

Lastly, we encourage and would welcome all community members to volunteer and donate their time and talents to contribute to the success of our students. We look forward to what you have to offer.

With the highest educational hopes and expectations, on behalf of the Lothrop School Board of Directors, Chuk Pitts, Chairman.

PROPOSED FORREST FARM PROJECT

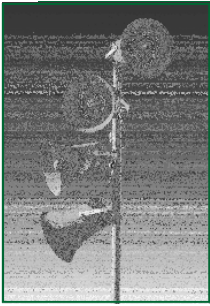
As announced at Town Meeting last month, Pittsford Community Corporation (PCC), a 501(c)3 organization dedicated to achieving the goals of the Town Plan, has reached an agreement in principal with Bob Forrest to purchase his farm located on Elm St. In general the purpose of purchasing this property is to afford space for a new post office, offer a variety of reasonably priced housing/commercial space and to have an area for a village green—all ideas that were suggested in town meetings held in the fall of 1997.

In the near future we will be advertising meetings where the public will be invited to present ideas about how this land might be utilized. The summary of the meetings will then lead us to a marketing study so that we can assess the viability and practicality of the ideas suggested. The town meetings and focus group discussions are planned for May and June and will be facilitated by Smart Growth Vermont.

This is a Pittsford project presented by Pittsford citizens for the benefit of the entire community. We hope you will join the discussions and share your thoughts about developing the Forrest Farm for the benefit of the town.

You are also invited to PCC meetings, held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7PM in the Maclure Library. We would welcome your input and your help as we begin an exciting chapter in revitalizing the downtown of Pittsford. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact Baird Morgan, 483-6335.

**Pittsford Municipal Office will be closed
Monday, May 25 and Friday, July 3, 2009.
Transfer Station closed Saturday, July 4, 2009.**



FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY SIREN TESTING

Beginning at 6:00 PM on Thursday, June 4, 2009, the Town's Fire Department will begin **monthly tests** of its emergency siren. **DO NOT BE ALARMED!** Testing will be conducted on a routine basis, on the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM.

For each test, there will be a 5 second siren noise, followed by 55 seconds of silence, followed by a second 5 second siren noise, followed by 55 seconds of silence, followed by a third and final 5 second siren noise. Spread the word to your local friends and neighbors. The best surprise is no surprise!

Actual use (beyond routine monthly testing) will proceed as follows: The siren will be used: (a) to summon Firemen when there is no other method available—a 15 second siren noise followed by 45 seconds of silence, repeated three times; (b) to alert Town residents to a significant approaching threat, indicating that they should tune their radios to a local radio station—a one minute siren noise followed by a one minute silence, repeated three times; and (c) to alert Town residents to an imminent threat, indicating that they should take immediate cover—a prolonged siren noise of no less than 5 minutes.

VACANCY TOWN LISTER

The Town currently has two vacancies for the position of **Town Lister**. The Select Board will appoint a Pittsford resident as a Town Lister to serve until the next election.

Please submit letters of interest to: Town of Pittsford, Town Manager, P. O. Box 10, Pittsford, VT 05763

LISTERS

This time of year, the listers are completing inspections of property that had additions, deletions, and building permits. We also are awaiting the balance of personal property returns from those taxpayers that have personal property taxes. We are also completing our Current Use list for the coming year. Those of you who have not filed your HS 122's have until September 1, 2009 to file and qualify for a rebate. If you are a veteran with a disability rating of 50% or more, please do not forget to bring in your certificate by May 1, 2009 to be awarded your \$40,000 deduction on your property assessment.

The lister's office is open from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM Monday through Thursday and Friday by appointment.

Tree Committee Volunteers Needed

Pittsford has formed a Tree Commission and has been awarded a Vermont Department of Forest and Parks planning grant. The grant will enable the Town to take an inventory of trees along the main roads of the Town and then prepare a report with recommendations for preserving trees along the roadways and for planting trees to replace those that have died or been cut down. We are looking for volunteers to conduct the inventory and prepare a report. This project will begin in the late spring and will conclude by no later than the end of the year. Anyone interested in helping with this project should contact Baird Morgan at 483-6335.

MACLURE LIBRARY NEWS

Maclure Library Annual 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, text books, older medical books, moldy, musty or ripped books. Thanks!

The Book Sale is Saturday, May 23 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. rain or shine under the tents. Hope to see you there.

Book Discussion

Our next discussion is **Tuesday, May 12, 7:00 p.m.** of *This Republic of Suffering: Death and the American Civil War* by Drew Gilpin Faust. Harvard President, Drew Gilpin Faust, assesses the devastating impact of the enormous carnage of the Civil War on every aspect of American life from a material, political, intellectual, cultural, social, and spiritual perspective, from the logistical challenges of burying the battlefield dead to the evolution of a federal system of national cemeteries. Please call 483-2972 to reserve a book.

Volunteer Opportunities

Library volunteers play an important role as partners in the Library's mission of linking people with information and each other. By sharing your time and talent with us, you can make a big difference in the quality of library service in your community.

Book deliveries to the Village Manor – Once a month, deliver large print books to a satellite library at the Village Manor. Estimated 1 hour per month

Manage our Page to Stage Theater Group - An adult or responsible teen to lead a theater group at the library. Estimated 2 hrs/wk.

Listen up Vermont

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.

Vermont Online Library

A one-stop source for news and periodical articles on a wide range of topics: business, current events, economics, education, health care, literature, art and science with millions of full-text articles, many with images. Call for your access password.

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.

If you are interested in e-mail notification of library events, please call 483-2972 to be added to our list.

BONE BUILDERS meet each Wed/Fri at 10 AM for one hour at Village Manor, Arch Street in the Day Room. Instructors are Bob & Jane Welch, Eva Belden and Robin Rowe. For more info, call Robin at 483-2967. All ages welcome. The purpose of Bone Builders is to help keep bones strong preventing disease as the body gets older. The age of the class now ranges from 52 to 92. Come join the fun.

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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 2009 in addition to its normal workday hours:

Saturdays From 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. April 4, May 2, June 6, July 4 closed, August 1, Sept. 5, Oct. 3, 2009 Contact Tom Remes at 770-1333 for more information.

**PITTSFORD TRANSFER STATION 10:30AM—12:30PM
MAY 9, JUNE 27, OCT. 24, 2009**

NOTE: TRANSFER STATION CLOSED JULY 4TH



PITTSFORD DECLARES SILVER STAR BANNER DAY

The Pittsford Select Board has issued a proclamation declaring May 1st Silver Star Banner Day in Pittsford. All across the country, cities and towns have issued similar edicts to show appreciation to veterans who have returned from the nation's wars wounded or ill. Silver Star Families of America is a non-profit group that provides banners, flags and care packages to injured veterans.

VISIT OUR TOWN WEBSITE!

Link for newsletter on www.town.pittsford.vt.us.



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 36"-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!!!**