

“Sunshine Village”



**WATER PROJECT UPDATE, SUMMER 2010**

The Town can report on progress on the water system upgrade project as follows:

Markowski Excavating’s work to install the cross-country connection main linking the Pittsford and Florence systems is complete, with water from the springs on Town forest located in Chittenden, now supplying all customers in both Pittsford and Florence. Construction work yet to be done includes temporary patch paving on Arch, Pleasant and Mechanic Streets, final work at the Florence well pump station and the replacement of the main on Whipple Hollow Road.

Meter & Backflow Services has completed nearly all meter installations. A few locations cannot have installations, due to the fragile state of service lines and the property-owner’s inability to immediately replace those lines. For now, these customers will be billed at a flat rate.

Of course, no project of this magnitude can occur without a few “hiccups” along the way. The Town greatly appreciates the grace with which the residents of Town have dealt with water service disruptions, traffic impacts and other inconveniences throughout the course of the project. Thanks to you all!

**SEWER BOND VOTE**

On July 20, the voters approved, with a YES vote of 77%, the sewer bond referendum. It is hoped that work at the wastewater treatment plant can occur this Fall, with the balance of the work, including the replacement of sewer lines on Arch, Mechanic and Pleasant Streets and replacement of the Elm Street pump station, to occur in the Spring. There will be temporary patch paving of Arch, Mechanic and Pleasant Streets soon (now that work there on the water project is complete) and a complete road reconstruction in 2011 after the sewer project is complete.

**PROPERTY TAX RELIEF**

At Town Meeting in March, the voters approved a plan submitted by the Select Board to return \$353,550.00 in excess property tax revenues from FY 2008/2009, plus \$2,600.00 in accrued interest, to the taxpayers through lower FY2010/11 tax rates set in July. The Select Board has not only applied these funds to the tax rates; it has also acted to return \$120,000.00 of the General Fund balance, as further relief to the taxpayers of Town. Finally, the Select Board is returning \$19,000.00 of the Village Fund balance to those living in the Village.

Please remember that this is a one-time event. The reductions in the Town’s share of property tax bills related to the General Fund to be seen this year will not be repeated in future years. (Of course, the Select Board has no control over the taxes necessitated by School spending).

**INTERIM ZONING ORDINANCE**

Since a Court ruling that the 2005 and 2008 Zoning Ordinances had been adopted without first updating the Town Plan, the Town has been implementing the 1989 Zoning Ordinance. Following approval of a new Town Plan, the Select Board has now adopted an Interim Zoning Ordinance, which is effective 7/21/2010. Please visit the Town’s offices or website ([www.pittsfordvermont.com](http://www.pittsfordvermont.com)) to obtain a copy of the Interim Zoning Ordinance.

**MUNICIPAL**

**OFFICE HOURS:**

**Mon. through Wed.**

**8-4:30**

**Thursday**

**8- 6**

**Friday**

**8-3**

**After Hours Drop  
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## HARVEST FAIR & CRAFT SHOW BENEFITS BOWEN-WALKER FUND

The 6th Annual Home Grown-Hand Made Harvest Fair & Craft Show will be held on October 2nd on the Village Green from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain or shine. Anticipated vendor offerings will again include artisan and craftsman hand-made home decor items, jewelry and gemstones, photography, locally grown produce, baked goods and preserves, as well as our popular raffled gift baskets. There will be animals and a dairy booth with activities for the kids.. A dining area with home made foods, lively music, and craft demonstrations will round out the event.

The Steering Committee has begun meeting again to start work on this year's event. We are appealing to those individuals, young and old, who would like to participate: whether as a craft person wishing to have a booth, a craft demonstrator, or anyone wishing to donate their time for a worthy cause. Last year's event raised close to \$5,000 to assist those in our community who are facing temporary financial difficulties.

For more information feel free to contact Barbara Pierce (483-0074); Elizabeth Frost (483-9972) or request by email: Pittsford\_Harvest\_Fair@earthlink.net.



Thank you all for your continued support.

## JACK O'LANTERN CONTEST

The Marble Valley Grange #567 is once again sponsoring its annual Jack O'Lantern contest on Saturday, October 2nd, in conjunction with the Pittsford Harvest Fair. Each year has brought an unique and interesting assortment of submissions. All entries will be displayed during hours of the Fair with prizes awarded for each of the categories. This vehicle for artistic expression is not just for children. Age groups are: A-7 yrs. & under; B-8 to 11 yrs.; C-12 to 15 yrs.; D-16 yrs. & up. Categories are: 1- Carved pumpkins; 2- Painted pumpkins; 3- Vegetable-Fruit Decorated; and, 4- Miscellaneous. Pick up applications at the Town Office, The Maclure Library, or request one by either phone (483-0074) or by email: Pittsford\_Harvest\_Fair@earthlink.net.



## MACLURE LIBRARY Children's Summer Program



It's not too late to sign up for our Summer Reading Program. **Make a Splash @ Your Library** is a fun way to include reading and related activities into summer family time while maintaining or even improving your children's reading skills. Set a reading goal for yourself and every time you reach that goal, you will receive a coupon for a free Popsicle from Keith's or Kamuda's. Summer events include:

### **Bubble Mania - Wednesday, August 4, 10 a.m. Children's Room, Library**

Bubbles, bubbles, and more bubbles: small bubbles, large bubbles, and giant bubbles. Wear old clothing. *No sign up required. All ages welcome.*

### **Serpents, Sharks & Sharp Teeth - Wednesday, August 11, 10 a.m. Children's Room, Library**

What does Champ, the monster of Lake Champlain eat? Fish and Ships, of course! Let's celebrate National Sea Serpent Day & yes, there really such a day! *Sign up required. Kindergarten and up.*

**Rainy Day Movies -** Rainy day? No problem! Spend your rainy afternoon watching a movie at the library. Weekdays at 2 p.m., downstairs, in the children's room. Call that morning for title.

### **Back to School Party - Wednesday, August 18, 10 a.m. Pittsford Recreation Area**

All we'll tell you is that balloons, water and magic are involved. Reading certificates will be handed out. Come, be surprised, and have fun. *No sign up required. All ages welcome.* **Rain Date: Friday, August 20, 10 a.m.**

**Upcoming Book Discussions**—Our next read is Tuesday, August 24, 7 pm and is *The Language Police* by Diane Ravitch. The subject of is censorship -- a formal, pervasive system of censorship that warps the content of schoolbooks, state-sponsored tests, and other educational products until they have little connection with the real world. The information in *The Language Police* helps to explain why many students find their curricula and schoolbooks irrelevant and uninteresting, and it explains, in part, the disturbing spectacle that we see in many parts of the United States: While the cost of public education rises higher and higher, the quality of that education continues to be low.

**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, & 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 DAY CELEBRATION

The Pittsford Day Committee would like to thank everyone who supported the Pittsford Day Celebration on June 26th. It was a beautiful day with a great turnout at the Pittsford Recreation Area. The participation in the many events was enjoyed by both the participants and spectators.

We'd like to extend a special thank you to Omya and all the donors, entertainers, vendors, and volunteers who made the 2010 event so memorable.

To become a member of the Pittsford Day Committee, contact Randy Adams, Recreation Director, 483-6500 ext. 17. See you next year!



### LISTERS

#### ALL RESIDENTS MUST FILE HS 122 (HOMESTEAD FILING)

This is a reminder that full time residents must file form HS 122 with the Vermont Tax Department by Sept 1<sup>st</sup>. Failure to do so will cause the Tax Department to assume that a property owner is a non resident and therefore would not qualify for various exemptions, including the veteran's exemption. In addition, it places the taxpayer in the non-residential tax rate which is higher than the residential tax rate.

#### COMMON LEVEL OF APPRAISAL (CLA)

The CLA for Pittsford is currently 95.09. The CLA is essentially a measure of how close a town's local appraisals are to fair market value. A CLA of 100 would indicate a very close correlation of appraisal to fair market value. Vermont towns are required to reappraise when the CLA falls below 80.

#### MEASUREMENT OF PAVING

Pittsford Listers will continue to measure pavement this summer for inclusion in property values.

The Lister's office is responsible for creating the base from which the entire Town of Pittsford is funded. In addition, this information is useful to many, including Townspeople, assessors, lawyers, real estate agents, the zoning administrator, planning board, Town clerk, neighboring towns, and state employees. We enjoy the challenge of maintaining fair and accurate records and try to be helpful whenever we are asked for assistance. Several times a year we attend classes and conferences.

Thank you to all Pittsford property owners for your feedback and constructive involvement during the Grievance period. We appreciate your input.

Linda Trask, Listers' secretary, will be in the Listers' Office Monday through Thursday from 9 AM to 1 PM. The telephone number is 483-6500 ext.15.

### PITTSFORD FOOD SHELF



Serving Pittsford, Proctor & Florence

Summer is upon us and the Food Shelf is as busy as ever. Under the direction of Bob & Jane Welch, we are able to offer the Summer Breakfast/Lunch Program.

Each week families who have signed up will receive a bag of food for the week. In the bag, there will be items for breakfast as well as lunches. For the month of June, we served 42 families and 54 children. Bob and Jane take time and pride in picking a menu that is healthy for the children involved. This program picks up where the school programs left off.

Many times I get the question how many people do you serve. For the month of April, we served 67 households and 198 people; May - 73 households and 219 people and in June we served 88 families and 274 people. These figures do **NOT** include the summer lunch program.

Items need at the Food Shelf are: saltine crackers, canned fruit, toilet paper and paper towels; boxes of cereal. Do you have extra plastic or paper bags and don't know what to do with them? If you have extra bags, and are from a non smoking environment, the Food Shelf will be happy to accept them. You can drop them off at the Food Shelf (if the Shelf is not open you can leave them inside Keith's Country Store by the squishy door that goes into the Food Shelf). If it is the first Wednesday of the month between 8:30 - 11:00, you can drop off the bags at St Alphonsus Parish Hall.

Camp Betsy Cox is up and running for the summer. This is a girl's camp located on Sangamon Rd in Pittsford. Each summer the girls need to complete a component on Community Service. Again this year we will have the girl's helping us at the Food Shelf on Tuesdays; Helping Barbara Hammond weed their garden. ( Last year with the girl's help Dick and Barbara Hammond donated over 800 pounds of fresh veggies), and help us the first Wednesday of each month with Commodities.

The Food Shelf is open Mondays 9-11; Tuesdays 1-3 and Thursdays 4-6. Anyone with a need may use the Food Shelf. However, they must be a resident of Pittsford, Proctor or Florence and show proof of residency with a utility bill.

To all of you who helped us reach our goal for Feinstein Million Dollar Food Challenge - Thank You. Again this year we exceeded our \$25,000.00 goal by \$677.00.

Any questions feel free to give Robin Rowe a call at 483-2967.

Submitted By: Robin Rowe, Director, PFF

**The Pittsford Business Community Group** will be having a "Farewell Charla" meeting & " Welcome Back Members Mixer" on Friday, 8/6, 5:00 - 7:30 P.M., at the Maclure Library. This summer has been productive for the PBCG. Events included: a 'Ribbon Cutting Ceremony' & Mixer at the Homespun Cottage & Fiber Farm - proprietor Teresa De Young; sponsoring a 'Family Campfire Sing-a-Long & S'more Party' - musician/director Kelley Lyon; having a booth at 'Pittsford Day'- membership recruitment and distribution of new brochures, updating the website and hosting several meetings. The PBCG is open to all local business persons. For more information please see our website at: [www.pittsfordbusinesscommunity.com](http://www.pittsfordbusinesscommunity.com). Or contact Kelley Lyon at 483-2218.

**“PITTSFORD SENIORS”**

Senior citizens of Pittsford have organized a senior group. Pittsford Seniors meet at the Maclure Library on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month at 10:00 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 email him at [Rsadams11@myfairpoint.net](mailto:Rsadams11@myfairpoint.net).

**Pittsford Senior Group Luncheon Menu  
August 2010-December 2010**

<b><u>Luncheon Date:</u></b>	<b><u>MENU:</u></b>	<b><u>MUST RSVP by:</u></b>
<b>August 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Chicken Salad, Vegetable & Pasta Salad	<b>August 17<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>September 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Baked Ziti, French Bread, Green Beans	<b>September 14<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>October 28<sup>th</sup></b>	Oriental Pork, Fried Rice, Macaroon Cupcakes	<b>October 19<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>November 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Turkey Dinner, Green Beans, Pumpkin Pie	<b>November 9<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>December 16<sup>th</sup></b>	Roast Beef, Twice Baked Potato, Cookies	<b>December 7<sup>th</sup></b>

A salad bar is included.

All foods are homemade, including the soup, bread, & desserts.

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 1pm at the Vermont State Police Academy in Pittsford

If you have any questions or would like to RSVP, please contact Randy Adams, 802 483 6500 ext 17 or [Rsadams11@myfairpoint.net](mailto:Rsadams11@myfairpoint.net).



**The “Pittsford Seniors” & “Mendon Seniors”  
are headed to**

**Hildene in Manchester, VT**

The Pittsford Seniors Group (along with the Mendon Senior Group) would like to announce that they’re sponsoring a bus trip to Hildene, the Lincoln Family Home. The trip takes place on Wednesday, August 18. The bus will leave behind the Pittsford Town Office at 9:00 am and return around 3:00 pm. The fee is just \$20.00 and includes transportation by “Premier Coach”, admission to Hildene and lunch catered by The Manchester Gourmet Deli including assorted sandwiches with ham, turkey, or chicken salad on various kinds of bread, along with chips, cookies, water, iced tea or soda.

LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE!!!

CONTACT THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT TODAY FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT

483-6500 ext.17 or [Rsadams11@myfairpoint.net](mailto:Rsadams11@myfairpoint.net)



**PITTSFORD RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

**Pittsford Youth Soccer**

Early registration for Pittsford Youth Soccer is now open. The program is open to boys & girls, pre-k (must be 4 at the beginning of the season) through fourth grade. Pre-k through 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will join the Otter Valley’s Girls Soccer Coach as he teaches basic skills through fun & exciting drills and scrimmages. Third and fourth graders, if numbers permit, will be placed gender –specific teams with a schedule of games. Game Schedules will be available at the first practice, Saturday, September 4. Volunteer coaches and assistants are still needed...

**Dates:** Sept. 4—October 2nd (Pre-K-2nd grade)

**Where:** Pittsford Recreation Area

**Fee:** \$20 Includes T-shirt (Sat. program only)

Age/Grade	Coach	Saturdays
Co-Ed 4&5 Yrs. Old	OV Players/Staff	8:00 – 9:00 am
Co-Ed 1 <sup>st</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup>	OV Players/Staff	9:15 – 10:15 am
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> Girls	TBD	10:30 – 11:45 pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> Boys	TBD	10:30 – 11:45 pm

**LOTHROP SOCCER**



5th/6th Girls Soccer

5th/6th Boys Soccer

Coach: TBD

Coach: TBD

Both the teams will practice 2-3 times a week and will play a schedule of 8-10 games. Practices for each team will begin the first week of September.

**DATES:** September thru October

**WHERE:** Upper Field, Pittsford Recreation Area

**FEE:** Free! This is a school-sponsored program.



**GREAT ESCAPE/SIX FLAGS N. 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”). Children under 36” tall are free. **These tickets can be used for all ages!**

Tickets are available at the Pittsford Town Offices during regular business hours. By buying your tickets from the Pittsford Recreation Department, residents can 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!!!**

**FREE HUNTER SAFETY COURSE**

**In September or October 2010**

**Rick Hedding, Instructor**

**PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED: TO REGISTER**

**CALL PITTSFORD RECREATION DEPT. 483-6500 X17.**



Learn about the responsibilities that go with being a good and ethical hunter. The goal of the program is for the students to understand game laws and to help promote good sportsmanship. Other highlights are wildlife management, firearm safety, and the relationships between hunter and landowners. Location to be announced.

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

The Society Museum in Eaton Hall is open Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. through November 16. Starting in July, it is also open Sunday afternoons from 1:00 to 4:00 PM through October 10. Peggy Armitage encourages anyone interested in the Town's history to call her at 483-2108 about becoming a Sunday afternoon Museum host/hostess. It's a great way to meet interesting visitors from all over the US and Canada. Many are descended from Pittsford settlers.

We will celebrate our 50th anniversary on Sunday August 22 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at Eaton Hall. Members are invited to bring guests. We also hope anyone with past or present connections to Pittsford will come and share memories and photos of the early members and events in particular, and of Townspeople in general. We will have a 50th birthday cake and beverages. Please call curator Anne Pelkey, 483-6178, or Peggy Armitage for details, or call a message at the Museum, 483-2040.

The September 19 potluck supper meeting will start at 5:30 p.m. at the Congregational Church followed by a tour of Gagnon's Lumber Mill.

In June, we presented Society membership cards to Melanie Clerihew's Lothrop School History Club 3rd and 4th graders Steven Wilson, Jeremiah Lapre, Cameron Silloway, Clay Hays, Kyle Burch, Carson Holmquist, Nicholas Lacoille, Joshua Beayon, David Mills and Tony Martinez.

Thanks to many generous donors, our June 19 Tag and Bake Sale was another annual success. On Pittsford Day, we had seven vintage photo albums for people to pore over including Pittsford fires and firemen, several women's clubs, early 1900s people and places, the 1991 State Bicentennial and 1980 street views of houses in Town. If you missed the show, come see the whole collection on Tuesdays or Sunday afternoons.

We're happy to note that our volunteer Webmaster, John MacHardy ([mac@seabrain.com](mailto:mac@seabrain.com)), is updating our Web site: [www.pittsfordhistorical.com](http://www.pittsfordhistorical.com) as his other duties allow. Former Pittsfordite Ken Lizotte's video of Bill Powers's eloquent Memorial Day tribute to all Vermont veterans is now on this site.

## CAVERLY PRESCHOOL NEWS

Many of you probably saw the article about Caverly Preschool's outdoor program in *The Brandon-Pittsford Reporter*. Lee Kahrs wrote a wonderful story about Caverly's Friday Hike Day in the May 16th issue. But you may not have heard the piece about Hike Day on Vermont Public Radio. Nina Keck did a great story about Caverly's outdoor program that aired June 1st. If you did not hear it you can go to [www.vpr.net](http://www.vpr.net) link on "NEWS" in the brown banner, then click on "All VPR News" at the top of that page. Scroll about three quarters of the way down the page to the story "School Devotes Time To Outdoor Activities". When that page opens click on "Listen" in the top left-hand corner.

Caverly Preschool has also planted a natural wild berry patch on the edge of their school yard. VELCO (Vermont Electric Power Company) donated more than a dozen young berry bushes which Caverly students' parents planted in an area that already had wild blueberries, black cap berries and wild grape vines. The hope is that the patch will attract birds and wild creatures looking for food.

Thanks to everyone for their help in so many ways and their donations of all sorts. The children of this community are very lucky.

## 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 in addition to its normal workday hours: **Saturdays** From 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Aug. 7: Sept. 4; Oct. 2, 2010. Contact Tom Remes at 770-1333 for more information. **PITTSFORD TRANSFER STATION: 12:00 to 3:00PM, Saturday, Oct. 23, 2010.**

**KEEP PITTSFORD BEAUTIFUL!** Just a quick reminder that the Town of Pittsford has a junk ordinance regulating the storage of junk and junk vehicles in effect. A full copy of the ordinance is available on the Town's website, [www.pittsfordvermont.com](http://www.pittsfordvermont.com).

## NEW TRANSFER STATION STICKER FEES

The one-year Transfer Sticker renewal fee for use November 1, 2010 through October 31, 2011 will be \$15.00. The new stickers will be available at the Town Clerk/Treas.'s office, 426 Plains Road after September 1, 2010 and before October 31, 2010. Extra punch cards available: 10-bag card/\$20.00 & 20-bag card/\$40.00. It is important to have the new 2011 stickers visible on vehicles by November 1, 2010 so the Transfer Station attendants can identify Pittsford property owners. **Thank you!**

## LOTHROP SCHOOL NEWS

It may seem as though it was only yesterday that school was let out for the summer. How many hamburgers or hot dogs have been eaten on the grill since then? How many trips to the Pittsford Recreation Area to go swimming? And yet, coming back to school will soon be upon us!

Hopefully, you and your family are well on their way to creating many fun-filled memories. Perhaps you've been planning some family events that you can share upon your return. Perhaps you've had to say goodbye to some long time friends, but maybe you made some new friends, too. We say goodbye to the recently graduating 6<sup>th</sup> graders and welcome in the new Kindergarten class.

Lothrop would like to say goodbye to some friends of our own, including: Diane Racette, Rick Ohanian, and Kyle O'Brien. We say farewell to Joanne Pye at Caverly as well. We also say goodbye to Kelly Shannon. We look forward to meeting new friends though. At Lothrop, there is a long tradition of welcoming new students, parents, and teachers. School will start again on August 25<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to seeing everyone then and hearing all that you did over the summer!

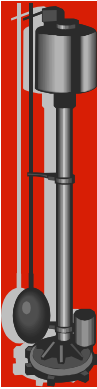
Don't forget some things you'll need to bring with you in order to be prepared for a good start: You can visit: [www.lothrop.k12.vt.us/images/stories/newsletter/june.10.pdf](http://www.lothrop.k12.vt.us/images/stories/newsletter/june.10.pdf) to see the list and look at the school calendar for next year.

If you have any questions, please call the school at: 483-2242.

On behalf of the Lothrop School Board of Directors,

-Chuk Pitts, Chair





## SUMP PUMPS AND STORM DRAINS

Pittsford is planning improvements to the Town’s wastewater collection and treatment systems to improve plant effluent quality and to reduce operating costs. The wastewater treatment facility (WWTF) is being overwhelmed with flows from the wastewater collection (sewer) system. One of the main problems with the collection system is the introduction of extraneous flows into the collection system. In fact, on an annual average basis, *nearly two-thirds of the flow treated at the Pittsford WWTF is clean water*, and not sewage. These clean water flows of stormwater and groundwater typically come from stormwater inflow (sump pumps, catch basins, roof leaders) and groundwater infiltration (cracks and faults in the sewer lines and manholes).

The direct result of these extraneous flows (I/I) are:

- Higher sewage flows reaching the WWTF than it can effectively treat.
- Reduction of the useful life of the process equipment at the WWTF, resulting in more frequent replacement.
- Discharge permit violations from partially treated wastewater leaving the WWTF, which can and has resulted in costly fines, levied against the Town.
- Increased treatment chemical use, electrical costs, and higher overall operating costs.

Less capacity available for additional connections to the system.

Each one of the items listed above results in either direct or indirect costs to the connected sewer users. The Town wants to do all it can to minimize I/I in order to protect the environment (Furnace Brook), comply with the State Environmental Protection Rules and minimize the financial impact to the connected users. A design for improvements to the aging wastewater collection system is now complete and with the successful bond vote, work on the sewer system can soon begin.

You can help!

If you use a sump pump to keep your basement dry in storm events, or to deal with spring snowmelt, please make sure that it is not connected to your sewer service line. Instead, have it discharge away from your building to another part of the yard, or toward a nearby drainage structure (ditch or storm drain). If you have roof gutters, a foundation drain, or a yard drain, which connects to your sewer service line, please contact the Town Manager to discuss options for disconnecting these clean water sources. Help is only a phone call away. Please contact John Haverstock, Town Manager, at 483-6500 Extension 20 and we’ll help you help us.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated by the Town, the Wastewater Treatment Operator and the fish and wild-life that call Furnace Brook, Otter Creek and Lake Champlain home.

### THE PITTSFORD SELECT BOARD

meetings are on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Town Office Building, 426 Plains Road.

### THE WATER & SEWER COMMISSION

meetings are on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Town Office Building.

### THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Meetings are on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Town Office Building.

Changes to these meetings will be posted on the Town website and posted at the Town Office & post offices in Pittsford and Florence.

### WATER & SEWER COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP

The busy and productive Water & Sewer Commission is not at full strength and would like to hear from anyone willing to serve as a Commissioner. The Commission generally meets monthly.

Any interested resident of Town should contact the Town Manager, John Haverstock at 483.6500 x20.

**VISIT OUR NEW TOWN WEBSITE!**

[www.pittsfordvermont.com](http://www.pittsfordvermont.com)

## "Sunshine Village"

Pittsford Town Office  
P.O. Box 10  
426 Plains Road  
Pittsford, VT 05763

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***Deadline for the next Pittsford Newsletter will be September 10, 2010. Please send Town articles to Linda Drummond at [drummondl@myfairpoint.net](mailto:drummondl@myfairpoint.net)***

**Pittsford Municipal Offices will be closed  
Labor Day, Monday, September 6, 2010  
Columbus Day, Monday, October 11, 2010**

### **PRIMARY ELECTION**

**AUGUST 24, 2010, TUESDAY**

**POLLS OPEN 10 TO 7**

**TOWN MUNICIPAL OFFICE**

**Questions: 483-6500 X 11 or 13**

**ABSENTEE BALLOTS AND**

**LAST DAY FOR VOTER REGISTRATION**

**AUGUST 23, 2010 BY 4:30 PM**



**Water & Sewer Utility Bills** were mailed on July 16th with payment due in full by August 16, 2010. Postmarks are not accepted.

**Property Tax Bills** were mailed on July 27, 2010.

1st payment due 8/10/10; 2nd payment due 9/10/10; payment in full due 11/10/10. Postmarks are not accepted.

**Pittsford Municipal Office** is open Mon-Wed. 8 AM-4:30PM  
Thursdays 8 AM-6 PM & Fridays 8 AM-3 PM

Please remember that there is a locked drop box on the left side of the exit driveway at the Town Office.

### **PITTSFORD ACCEPTING AUTOMATIC PAYMENT OF TAXES AND UTILITY BILLS**

The Town is now accepting pre-authorizations for automatic payment of property taxes and/or utility bills. If you would like to arrange for such payments to be automatically debited from your checking account, please contact Town Treasurer Helen McKinlay or Assistant Treasurer Jean Parker at the Town Office. A Pre-Authorization Agreement form may be picked up at the Treasurer's Office or viewed and downloaded online at [www.pittsfordvermont.com](http://www.pittsfordvermont.com).