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"Sunshine Village"

# Town of Pittsford Newsletter

## STORM-RELIEF FUND-RAISING

Tropical Storm Irene passed through in late August, causing devastating damage across central and southern Vermont. While many areas in Pittsford were adversely impacted by this historic storm, the Town was fortunate to have emerged with relatively little damage. For example, our covered bridges are still standing tall.

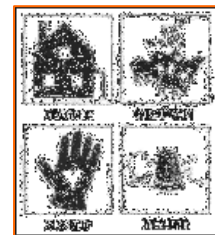
While Pittsford was lucky, its residents are mindful of the plight of those in nearby towns who were hit so hard. Pittsford wants to help and Pittsford will help. A Committee of civic and business leaders has been formed to lead fund-raising efforts to help those in need in neighboring towns. Many events will take place over the next several weeks through which folks can help. For example, there will be contribution buckets at checkout counters in Town stores, bottle drives, car washes, coin drops, a disc-golf tournament (Recreation Area, Saturday, October 22 with a 9:00 AM shotgun start) and other events. The Fire Department will be designating a portion of the proceeds from the upcoming Haunted House event (October 21,22, 28 and 29) to the cause. There will also be a contribution box at the Town Clerk's Office.

Cash is welcome. Checks should be made payable to the Pittsford Fire Department with the memo line reading "Irene Recovery Fund." All funds raised will be distributed directly to people from nearby towns identified as having suffered particularly badly as the result of the storm and its aftermath. Thank you!

## 7th Annual Harvest Fair Supporting Our Community

October 1st is just around the corner and this year's Home-Grown Hand-Made Harvest Fair is shaping up nicely. Vendors continue to sign up and we expect a great display of local crafts, products, and produce. With Big Lenny joining us, as well as Vermontica the calf, and local musicians, what better way to kick off the Fall Season than a day at the fair?! The fair starts at 10:00 a.m. and runs till 4:00 p.m. on the Village Green, rain or shine. This is what you will find this year...

- Hand-made artisan home decor items
- Jewelry and gemstones
- Photography
- Locally grown produce
- Baked goods and preserves
- Maple products
- Big Lenny's Hot Dog Wagon
- Giant Pumpkin weight guessing contest
- Youth Jack-o-Lantern decorating competition/exhibit
- Raffle gift baskets



Your neighbors and friends!

Bring the kids to visit the farm animals and dairy booth with young-at-heart activities. All net proceeds from the fair go to help our neighbors through the Bowen-Walker Fund of Pittsford. So come to the fair, rent a booth, have a Lenny's hot dog and some of his Famous sauces, or volunteer to help with set-up or clean up on October 1, 2011. Contact Barb Pierce at 483-0074 or at [292oxbowrd@comcast.net](mailto:292oxbowrd@comcast.net).

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### JACK O’LANTERN CONTEST



The Marble Valley Grange #567 is once again sponsoring its annual Jack O’Lantern contest on Saturday, October 1st in conjunction with the Pittsford Harvest Fair. Each year has brought a 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, McClure Library, Keith’s Deli, Winslow Berry Farm or by email: 292 oxbowrd@comcast.net.

### PITTSFORD BUSINESS COMMUNITY GROUP

The Pittsford Business Community Group will have two “Business Market” booths at the Harvest Fair on Saturday, October 1st. Featured will be: artisan items, produce, local gift certificates, Museum passes, music & more! Help celebrate Pittsford’s 250th and promote tourism by displaying our beautiful lawn signs, “Pittsford’s Got You Covered” & “Celebrating 250 Years”. The 1761 covered bridge design was created by Winning Image Graphix. They can be purchased for \$10 (call Kelley at 483-2218).

The PBCG will be having a Breakfast meeting on Tuesday, October 4th, 8:30 am at Jr.’s Eatery.

We will soon be distributing our new brochures and our 1st “Covered Bridge & Area Attractions Map”!

We are planning for our “Holiday Hanging of The Greens & Mixer”! For early December-TBA.

Please check our website often for the area’s many Fall Event listing and descriptions at [www.pittsfordbusinesscommunity.com](http://www.pittsfordbusinesscommunity.com).

### ART LECTURE & FUNDRAISING BOWEN-WALKER FUND

The Bowen-Walker Fund Support Committee will present their 7th annual art lecture and local fundraiser on Sunday, October 2, 2011 at the Maclure Library from 3 PM to 5 PM to benefit our neighbors. The Bowen-Walker Fund provides support for families in Town who are experiencing temporary financial hardships and has been quietly going about its work since 1884.

The 2011 committee is pleased to present a lecture and social hour featuring Betty Atwood of Florence as the guest speaker. Betty will talk about her work as an artist, weaver, and teacher over the 4+ decades of her career in Vermont. For more information about this event or to make a direct donation to the Bowen-Walker Fund, Contact Bob Hooker at 483-6739 or [bjhookervt@gmail.com](mailto:bjhookervt@gmail.com).

### Omya’s Middlebury Quarry Open House- October 15, 2011

Omya invites its neighbors in surrounding communities to the popular annual Middlebury Quarry Open House on Saturday, October 15, 2011. Shuttle bus tours into the quarry begin at 10 am and continue until 3 pm. Visitors will be able to disembark to visit several “stations” within the quarry to learn about geology, drilling and blasting techniques and quarry development. Rock samples may be collected. Before or after touring the quarry, there will be family activities including rock and mineral testing, a scavenger hunt and a sculpting demonstration. Artists of all ages can help create a large earth science mural. Big trucks, drills, and mining equipment will be on display, and children may play in a pile of marble sand complete with toy trucks. Bring your family and friends and dress appropriately for the weather. For further information and location details go to [www.omyainvermont.net](http://www.omyainvermont.net) or call Jerilynn Valente (802) 770-7217.

### PITTSFORD SHEEP FESTIVAL

Come join us for the 18th annual Pittsford Sheep Festival. It will be held on Sunday, October 9th behind the Vermont Camera Works on Route 7. The festival starts at 11:00 am and continues until 4:00 pm. We will be working our border collies and shearing sheep. There will be spinning and weaving demonstrations, music and refreshments. Craft and fiber artisans will have their products for sale. There will be 4H sheep fitting demonstrations and a hands-on felting project for the kids. You can call Jim McRae at 483-2463 for further information. Parking is at Barnard’s Funeral Home. In case of very bad weather, we will see you next year.



### PITTSFORD PUMPKIN PARTY

Dress warmly and join us for a fun-filled morning! Hay Rides, Popcorn, Crafts, Face Painting, Storytelling, Books and for the younger ones a PUMPKIN HUNT! Come decorate a pumpkin just the way you like it!

**DATE:** Saturday, October 22

**TIME:** 10:00 - 11:30 am

**WHERE:** Pittsford Recreation Area

**FEE:** Free

*\*In conjunction with the Maclure Library*



### Budget Season Coming Soon!



The Select Board will begin its review of the FY2012/2013 budget at its meetings on November 2nd and November 16<sup>th</sup>. During these meetings, the Select Board will review budgets as submitted by Department Heads, and discuss levels of service and staffing for each department in preparation for the Board’s public presentation of the budget on December 7, 2011.

Public input is welcomed and encouraged throughout the budget process. Scheduling for review of each department’s budget will be posted on the Agendas for the Select Board meetings. If you have a particular interest in attending the budget review meeting on one department or service provided by the Town, please do not hesitate to contact the Town Manager’s Office at 483-6500, ext. 20 to inquire about scheduling for the Board’s review of that budget. Select Board meetings start at 6:30 p.m., and are held on the first and third Wednesdays of the month in the Municipal Office’s Conference Room.

## MACLURE LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS

We are so excited to announce a new continuing education database, *Universal Class* available to Pittsford residents through the Maclure Library website. *Universal Class* is an educational service providing over 500 high quality online courses for residents interested in the lifelong pursuit of knowledge for either personal or professional reasons. *Universal Class* supports not only personal development, but also employability. Class content covers a wide range of subjects, all with continuing education credit. Just a sampling includes:

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

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

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

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

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

### Programming to Celebrate Pittsford and Vermont

**History of Pittsford** - Wednesday, October 5, at 7 p.m.

Greg Sharrow will lead an open discussion recounting tales and memories of days gone by. Share your stories and memories of Pittsford.

**Community Read** - Wednesday, October 12, at 7 p.m.

Join the library and fourth grade classes from Lothrop when we read Grace Anderson's *In the Shadow of Cox Mountain*. Discussion led by Bill Powers and Greg Sharrow.

**The Crown Point Road** - November 1, at 7p.m.

**Hubbardton Battle** - December 6, at 7 p.m.

**Local Author, Ron Krup** - Tuesday November 15, at 7 p.m.

Vermont author, Ron Krup discusses his book, *Lifting the Yoke*. There will be a panel discussion offering regional solutions to the globalization of food and farming.



### Other Programming

**Pittsford Pumpkin Party** – Saturday, October 22, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Come dressed warm, find and decorate your own pumpkin. Popcorn & hot chocolate. Pittsford Recreational Center. Rain Site-Lothrop Cafeteria.

**Winter Bird Feeding** – Tuesday, October 25, at 7 p.m.

Marv Elliott will discuss winter birds, how you can make their winter a little easier, and what to feed them. Keep an eye on the roadside sign for date and time.

**Armchair Travelers** – We will resume this series in January. Future programs included Norway, Guinea, Netherlands, and Alaska. If you have a trip you would like to share with your neighbors, please call and speak with Bonnie, 483-2972.

### Listen up Vermont

Learn a foreign language! 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! Download to a computer from home or the library and then transferred to portable devices, such as MP3 players or iPods, and many titles may be burned to CD.

### Heritage Quest Online

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

### Consumer Reports

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

**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.**

### TOWN REPORT REMINDER

Pittsford Town Report submissions will be due **January 1, 2012**. This is just a reminder for department heads, elected officials, boards, organizations, associations and appropriation-recipients to be thinking about your submission and financial reports. Letters will be sent out in early November, 2011 requesting what information is needed and the e-mail address to send the reports by **January 1, 2012**. Thank you, Janet Mondlak, Town Report Coordinator. Questions, please contact Linda Drummond at the Town Office 483-6500 X10.

### PITTSFORD WATER & SEWER COMMISSION VACANCY

Any Pittsford/Florence resident who is interested in becoming a Water & Sewer Commissioner, please submit a letter of interest to the Town Manager. The Select Board will give preference to residents who are Pittsford/Florence water and/or sewer system users. Attention: John Haverstock, Town of Pittsford, P O Box 10, Pittsford, VT 05763. 802-483-6500 ext. 20/[pittsfordtownmanager@myfairpoint.net](mailto:pittsfordtownmanager@myfairpoint.net).

### LISTERS

The Listers of the Town of Pittsford are busy visiting all properties that have building permits either pending or completed after April 1, 2011. It is important to note that a taxpayer not only needs a permit to add to his existing lot, but also needs a permit to remove any existing improvement from his or her lot. Any questions about the above or any other matter will be promptly answered by calling the Listers Office at 802-483-6500 x15.

The Town of Pittsford currently has vacancies for a Pound Keeper and Fence Viewer. Please contact John Haverstock, Town Manager, P O. Box 10, Pittsford, VT 05763

802-483-6500 ext. 20 or [pittsfordtownmanager@myfairpoint.net](mailto:pittsfordtownmanager@myfairpoint.net)

## PITTSFORD SENIORS

Pittsford Seniors meet at the Maclure Library on the 1st Friday of each month at 9:00 am. Meetings end right at 10:00 am so folks can attend “Bone Builders” at the Village Manor. 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 October-December 2011

<u>Luncheon Date:</u>	<u>Menu:</u>	<u>Must RSVP by:</u>
<b>October 27</b>	Oriental Pork, Fried Rice, Macaroon Cupcakes	October 18
<b>November 17</b>	Turkey Dinner, Green Beans, Pumpkin Pie	November 8
<b>December 15</b>	Roast Beef, Twice-Baked Potatoes, Cookies	December 6

A salad bar is included. All foods are homemade, including the soup, bread, and desserts.

Suggested donation of \$4.50 for 60 and up. Must pay \$6.00 if under age 60.

All luncheons are on Thursdays at 1 PM 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). Reservations are Necessary!

**SINCE AUGUST 2007, OVER 2167 MEALS HAVE BEEN SERVED.**

**\*44 average number of folks per meal!!!**

**Join us to see what you’re missing...**



### “Pittsford Seniors” Group Trip to the Paramount Theater

#### NATALIE MACMASTER

#### CHRISTMAS IN CAPE BRETON

“Foot-tapping rave ups, heart-wrenching ballads, and world class step dancing combined with MacMaster’s fiddling fireworks”...

#### Performance Itinerary:

- WHEN:** Thursday, December 1, 2011
- 6:45 PM:** Meet at Pittsford Town Office, 426 Plains Road
- 7:00 PM Sharp:** Bus leaves for Paramount Theater, Rutland.  
*\*If you are not at Town Office by 7pm the bus will have to leave without you!\**
- 8:00 PM:** Performance begins
- 10:00 PM:** Meet out front of Paramount Theater; load on bus, leave for Pittsford
- By 10:30 PM:** Bus drops everyone off back at Pittsford Town Office.

Space is limited so make reservations early. Cost is **ONLY \$20 per person** and includes ticket and transportation (“Bet-Cha Tours”) to and from the performance. Payments are due 1 week after making reservation. Please make checks payable to the “Pittsford Seniors”.

Make your reservations TODAY contacting Randy Adams, Pittsford Recreation Director, 483-6500x 17.

## PITTSFORD RECREATION DEPARTMENT EVENTS

### LOTHROP BASKETBALL (Grades 5th & 6th)

This is a school-sponsored program where girls and boys will develop appropriate sportsmanship behavior. Learning the fundamentals of basketball from dribbling to passing and shooting will be highly stressed. During the season, teams may practice or play games 2-3 times a week. Each team will play a 10-12 game schedule. Actual practices will begin the first week of December.

**DATES:** December – February

**WHERE:** Lothrop School Gym

**FEE:** Free

This a school-sponsored program.



### AEROBICS INSTRUCTOR

The Rec. Dept. is currently searching for a certified Aerobics Instructor to teach a weekly exercise program approx. 1 hour long from November 2011 – April 2012. Workouts take place at the Lothrop Elementary Gym. (Day of week and time of classes may be flexible)...

Candidates must be able to create their workouts for a wide range of ages and be able to custom build their routines to accommodate patrons. Experience a plus, but not necessary.

For more information or to obtain an application contact Randy Adams, Recreation Director at

802-483-6500 ext. 17 or rsadams11@myfairpoint.net

Applications will be accepted until position is filled.



### PITTSFORD RECREATION ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR

THE PITTSFORD RECREATION DEPARTMENT WILL BE SPONSORING IT'S ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR AT THE LOTHROP SCHOOL GYM ON Saturday, November 19, 2011 10 am-3 pm.

**VISIT OUR TOWN WEBSITE!**

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

### TEEN NIGHTS (Grades 7th - 10th)

These teen nights are open to students in the Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union communities to come together in a fun and safe environment.

**For the safety of all participants, the following precautions apply to all teen events: All participants must have a signed permission release form to attend these events (handwritten notes WILL NOT be accepted) and parents must enter the facility to sign their child(ren) in and out. If parents are allowing their child to drive to or from these events or will be riding with another student that is driving, please indicate this on the permission form.**

**DATES:** Friday evenings...

Oct. 14th - Halloween Dance

Dec. 9th - Holiday Freeze Dance

Feb. 10th - Valentines Day Dance

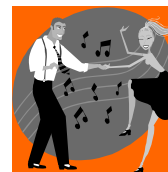
April 27th - Spring Fling Dance

**TIME:** 7:00 - 10:00 pm

**WHERE:** VT State Police Academy

**FEE:** \$3 per person

*\*The Brandon & Pittsford Recreation Departments sponsor all these events.*



### WOMEN'S OPEN BASKETBALL

Do you enjoy playing basketball? Come join the fun of pick up basketball. Open court scrimmages will be held on Friday evenings and are open to players from Brandon, Pittsford, and surrounding communities.

**WHEN:** Fridays, beginning September 9th

**TIME:** 5:30 - 8:00 pm

**WHERE:** Vermont Police Academy Gym **FEE:** Free

### MEN'S OPEN BASKETBALL

Here is another great opportunity to get off the couch and get a little exercise this fall!!! Open court scrimmages will be held on Sunday evenings, October through May, and are open to all players.

**WHEN:** Sundays, beginning October 16th

**TIME:** 6:30 – 9 pm

**WHERE:** Lothrop School Gym **FEE:** Free





### LOTHROP SCHOOL NEWS



Over the summer, **Lothrop**

continued to make building improvements including exterior lighting, new flooring in the lower level and more energy efficient lighting in many classrooms. Many of these improvements were funded by various grants. Also, a wireless internet system was installed throughout the building.

Students started back to school on September 6<sup>th</sup> due to damaged road conditions caused by Hurricane Irene. Thanks to the behind the scenes work of Becky Congdon, Transportation Coordinator for RNESU, the back-to-school transition seemed effortless. Thanks also to the road crew workers, bus drivers, teachers and staff for their collaborative effort to make the beginning of school an easy transition for students. Teachers and staff at Lothrop are continuing to see results with the collaborative Professional Learning Community model, and throughout the year, the school will be introducing an anti-bullying campaign that has been implemented elsewhere in the supervisory union.

This year marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of the school. Please visit our homepage on the Rutland Northeast website ([rnesu.org](http://rnesu.org)) for upcoming events. You can also view School Board agendas and minutes as well as the monthly Principal's report. School Board meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30PM in the Lothrop Library. We welcome your input and your attendance.

### CAVERLY NEWS

Our youngest students, some of them attending school for the first time, are getting off to a great start at **Caverly Preschool** which participates in Vermont's Step Ahead Recognition Program (**STARS**), the state's quality recognition system for childcare, preschool and afterschool programs. Caverly also offers special education services such as speech/language therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy and basic skill instruction to eligible children. Recently, **Caverly was awarded** the top rating of five-stars, indicating outstanding ratings in all of the STARS quality indicators: licensing standards, curriculum and activities, training and education, families and communities, and business practices. Congratulations to the staff on this achievement.

Caverly's goals this year include increasing its focus on math, and continuing to use the outdoors as an extension of the classroom. For more information about programs and upcoming events, contact Susan Smiel or Sue Fuller at 483-2062.

### SCHOOL BUS SAFETY



School is back in session. That means that school buses are once again rolling through Town in the mornings and afternoons during the school week. It is therefore important for motorists to remember to take extra care when driving near school buses. Follow from a safe distance and always respect the stop signs activated by the bus drivers when they are picking up and dropping off schoolchildren. Let's show care out there for Pittsford's kids!

### TRANSFER STATION RENEWAL PERMITS

**Transfer Station permits for 11/1/11 to 10/31/2012 which are due for renewal before 11/1/11 are now available at the Municipal Town Office, 426 Plains Road.** The permit fee is \$15.00 which includes a 10 bag (30 gal) punch card. Extra cards available: 5-bag card/\$10.00 or 10-bag card/\$20.00. Additional punch cards are available at both the Town Office via cash or check or at the **Transfer Station by check only. Residents must have new permit stickers by 11/1/11 in order to use the Pittsford Transfer Station.**

### RUTLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

**Pittsford Transfer Station, Saturday, Oct. 22, 2011 from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM.**

### SEWER SYSTEM UPGRADE PROJECT

You may have noticed work come to a standstill on Arch Street. Our Contractor, the Belden Company, was called away to help with emergency work on Route 4 in Mendon where they helped restore the road and repair the Alpine Pipeline which carries sewage down the mountain. We expect work to resume on Arch Street during the week of September 26.

### PITTSFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Select Board has approved the conversion of the Constabulary into a Police Department. The change will generally not affect operations but will enable the Town to seek grant funding not otherwise available.

### Fire Hydrants Save Lives...



...They also can save homeowners money. One added benefit of the recently-completed water upgrade project is the increased number of fire hydrants with sufficient flows to tackle fires. Town residents with hydrants installed closer to their homes during the course of the water project would be wise to notify their homeowner's insurance carriers. There may be a substantial reduction in premium payments for homes with improved fire protection available. Be sure to keep fire hydrants free from snow by reminding snow removal contractors not to block the hydrants when they are plowing.



## PITTSFORD FOOD SHELF

Did the floods affect you and your property? Do you need help with food or cleaning supplies? We have received supplies from



the VT Food Bank as well as local donations. Come to the Pittsford Food Shelf and we can help. We are open Mondays 9-11; Tuesdays 1-3 & Thursdays 4-6.

Thank you to all who donated during our disaster. Chittenden Fire Dept, Union Church's Youth Group, Proctor Elementary School and all those who donated money. Thank you to all the business & civic organizations who donate to the Food Shelf

Chittenden residents can now use the Food Shelf. When St Roberts Church in Chittenden sold, a stipend was designated to go to the Food Shelf with the understanding that we would accept Chittenden residents. To me, this makes sense as many residents of Chittenden have either a Pittsford phone number or address or donate to us on a regular basis. So to Chittenden WELCOME.

Reminder that in order to use the Food Shelf you MUST be a resident of Pittsford, Proctor, Florence or Chittenden and show proof of residency with a utility bill. Effective October 1, 2011 EVERYONE must recertify. We are going into a new fiscal year.

Thanksgiving Baskets will be done the first 2 weeks of November by appointment then closed the last 2 weeks so the volunteers can have time with their families for the holidays. Same for December – Christmas Baskets, will be the first 2 weeks of December and closed the last 2 weeks. Clients will be contacted for appointments. If you know someone who has a need for the holidays, please give Robin a call at 483-2967.

Items that will be needed for the baskets are: cranberry sauce, stuffing, canned yams, pie crust mix & pie fillings, puddings, jello and gravy, veggies and canned fruit. Any questions about the Pittsford Food Shelf, call Robin at 483-2967.

## PITTSFORD TRAIL SYSTEM

Tropical Storm Irene caused a number of trees to fall on trails. I want to thank the people on our trail crew who have adopted trails and inspect them regularly, especially after storms. These folks are: Kathie and Bob Hession, Ursula Hirschmann, Nancy Gaudreau, Sarah Carline, Marianne Dekoven and Peter Cady. A also want to thank those anonymous trail walkers who take time to throw downed branches off the trails and report any larger blowdowns. Recently chainsaw work was required on Chaffee Falls, Split Rock, Bald Peak, Recreation Center and High Meadows trails. All trails are open now, though some are soggy in low-lying areas.

## CHALLENGES KEEPING TOWN ROADS CLEAR

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

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

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

Be safe out there!

## PITTSFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Retired US Air Force Colonel Bill Gladski's Memorial Day address is now on our Web page, [www.pittsfordhistorical.com](http://www.pittsfordhistorical.com), courtesy of videographer Ken Lizotte of Bristol, VT.

Among other visitors this summer, Elizabeth Freeman and siblings brought their 90-year old mother to Eaton Hall to find records of her great-grandfather, Dr. George B. Armington (1801-1863), who came to Pittsford in 1831. His patients "found him both faithful and skilled." He lived in Ruth Wimett's late home in the Village. Liz Freeman is treasurer of the New Ipswich, NH Historical Society.

Besides numerous cash donations, recent gifts include a 1985 map of Rutland County from Lois Blittersdorf. Also a complete set of bound Town Reports covering the 20th and late 19th centuries from Ruth and Alice Wimett's estates as well as more documents from Ruth Hennessey's estate. We received word that native son and long-time member James J. McCullough's family genealogy and photo album will soon be added to our collections. At age 93, Jim died last March, the son of John and Ruth (Walker) McCullough. He was a US Navy World War II submariner and for over 50 years a respected antiques dealer and appraiser, and co-founder of the Shrewsbury Historical Society.

Author Patrick E. O'Brian came from Virginia on Aug. 28 to autograph his novel about boyhood summers spent on his grandfather Alex Paul's farm on Elm Street. The story is told by a 6-year-old boy growing into manhood. But tropical storm Irene rained and blew through Town that day, postponing until September 11 our Open House and the festivities marking Lothrop School's 100th anniversary. So O'Brian left us signed books to sell at the Museum for \$14.00 each.

On Sept. 11, Betty Atwood demonstrated weaving on her antique loom for an interested crowd. The Lothrop student History Club performed a short skit about school benefactor Henry Lothrop, and wrote the parts for mentors Melanie Clerihew and Jan Ryan as two Pittsford ladies on their way to the 1911 parade before laying the school's cornerstone. Club members also taught kids old-time games. Ernie Clerihew gave rides around the Village Green in his newly restored 1914 Model T Ford during our September 18 meeting and potluck supper.

Our annual meeting on Sunday, October 16 will begin with a potluck supper before celebrating the 250th anniversary of Pittsford's charter, signed in 1761 by NH Royal Gov. Benning Wentworth. The Clerihews plan to have on view their photos of Wentworth's two homes in Portsmouth, NH, taken just in time for this program.

The Museum will close for the winter in mid-November. However, we check our phone messages regularly (802 483-2040) and will meet researchers by appointment, weather permitting. Regular Tuesday hours from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. will resume in late March or early April, 2012.

Check the news media for early 2012 meeting dates and programs. Anyone interested in Pittsford's history is always welcome to attend. Visit our Web page or call membership chairman Doris Hoare, 802 483-6470 for information on joining a lively, non-profit organization.

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### PITTSFORD HAUNTED HOUSE 31ST ANNIVERSARY!!

Fridays & Saturdays

October 21 & 22, 2011

October 28 & 29, 2011

**SOME NEW ATTRACTIONS!!**

**Family Fun for Everyone!**

**Ticket sales are 6:00PM to 9:00PM, which includes a wagon ride to the Haunted House.**

**Tickets are \$10 for adults & \$5 for children up to 12 years old. A PORTION OF THE ADMISSION PRICE WILL BE DONATED TO THE PITTSFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT HURRICANE IRENE RELIEF FUND.**

**Not recommended for children under 6. Parking is next to the Town Office, Plains Road, Pittsford. Follow the signs off U S Route 7.**



### Dates to Remember

### Town Clerk/Treas. Office

**HAPPY 250TH BIRTHDAY PITTSFORD 10/12/11!!**  
**Due 11/1/11** Transfer Station 1-yr. renewal permit-  
Available at Town Clerk's Office-more information pg. 2

**11/10/11 Thursday Open 8AM to 6PM**

**Property Taxes Due.** Postmarks are **NOT** accepted.  
Drop box available 24-hr. located at the parking lot exit.  
Questions? Call 483-6500 Ext. 11 or 12.  
The Town Office is open 11/11/11, Veteran's Day.

**Municipal Town Office will be closed on the following holidays:**

October 10, 2011	Monday, Columbus Day
November 24 & 25, 2011	Thursday & Friday, Thanksgiving Holiday
December 26, 2011	Monday
January 2, 2012	Monday

**Transfer Station Open:** Saturdays 12/24 & 12/31/11  
Regular hours 9AM to 3:15PM



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