

Fall 2023

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Mon. through Wed.

8-4:30

Thursday

8- 6

Friday

8-3

After Hours Drop Box on Left of Front Parking Lot Exit

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(802) 483-6500

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RECREATION DEPARTMENT EVENTS

Pumpkin Party and Trunk-Or-Treat- Put on your favorite costume and come to the Pittsford Rec to go Trunk-or-Treating! Show us your creative side! Trunks will be decorated and candy will be handed out. This event provides a safe family environment for trick or treaters. If you would like to host a trunk or donate candy, please email or call Liz Alvarado, Rec Director at recreation@pittsfordvermont.com or (802) 483-6500 ext. 170.

Date: Sunday, October 29

Time: Pumpkin Party, dancing, and activities 1-3pm
Boo-Mobile 1-3pm
Trunk or Treat 3-5pm

Location: Pittsford Rec Area—Recreation Drive

Fee: Free but donations are appreciated

* There will be a donation box for the Pittsford Food Shelf at this event.



14th Annual Disc Golf Tournament

Date: Saturday, October 14, 2023

Time: Check-in 9-9:30am, 10:00am Shotgun Start

Location: Pittsford Recreation Area

For more information, please email Liz Alvarado at recreation@pittsfordvermont.com or call 802-483-6500 x 170. Registration forms are available at the Town Offices.

* There will be a donation box for the Pittsford Food Shelf at this event.

Senior Luncheons: Seats are limited to 50 per day. For information on meals or to reserve a seat, please contact Liz Alvarado at (802) 483-6500 ext. 170 or recreation@pittsfordvermont.com.

Dates: October 19, November 16, and December 21

Time: Noon

Location: Pittsford Congregational Church

Fee: \$5 per meal

VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

The Town plans to commemorate Veterans Day with a brief outdoor ceremony at the Pittsford Town Offices at 426 Plains Road. Please look to our website in the coming weeks with updated information at Pittsfordvermont.com

PROPERTY TAXES

The final payment due date is **November 15, 2023** **Payments must be received by November 15, 2023 to be considered on time. Postmarks are not accepted.** Credit and debit cards are accepted at the Clerk/Treasurer’s office for all monetary transactions. The cardholder is responsible to pay any applicable charges for the service.

Please contact the Town Clerk’s office with any questions at (802) 483-6500 Ext. 100 or 110. The silver drop box on the left side of the office front parking lot is available 24/7. After the November 15 deadline, penalties will be assessed and interest will begin to accrue. The Town Office is open November 15 from 8am-4:30pm.

If you have financial difficulty in making full tax payments, please contact Ann Reed at (802) 483-6500 ext. 130 or asst2manager@pittsfordvermont.com for payment options to assist with the

Annual Craft Fair Saturday November 18, 2023

Location: Lothrop Cafeteria
Time: 9:00am—2:00pm
To register for a table, please contact Liz Alvarado at (802) 483-6500 ext 170 or by email at recreation@pittsfordvermont.com
All funds benefit Pittsford Christmas for Kids Project

Sarah’s Stories 6th Annual Chili Cook-Off with CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT and Beer Garden

Date: Saturday October 14, 2023
Time: 11:00am-2:00pm
Location: Pittsford Recreation Area
For more information please email: sarastoriesvt@gmail.com

Pittsford Rec Trading Card Nights

Dig out your sports cards, Pokemon, Digimon or Magic: The Gathering cards and join us in the Lothrop cafeteria for Trading Card Night! You can buy, sell, swap, or trade your cards! Adults, teens and children are welcome to attend.

Sunday October 15th, November 19th and December 17th

Time: 4:00 - 5:00pm
Location: Lothrop Cafeteria
Fee: Free

TOWN REPORT REMINDER

Pittsford’s Town Report submissions will be due **January 2, 2024**. This is a reminder for department heads, elected officials, boards, organizations, associations and appropriation-recipients to be thinking about your submission and financial reports.

Questions? Please call Ann Reed at (802) 483-6500 ext 130 or email Asst2manager@pittsfordvermont.com. Thank you.

Mark your Calendars!! SANTA’S ARRIVAL!!!

Date: December 2, 2023
Time: Festivities start at 1:00pm
Location: Pittsford Fire House

Come join us for a 50/50 raffle and basket raffle to benefit the Pittsford Christmas for Kids Program!!



OTTER CREEK ENGINEERING LEAD SURVEY UPDATE

Pittsford has 634 water services and OCE has successfully inventoried 493 of them which puts us at 78% of the way through the system. The vast majority of customer owned services in town are copper and, while Otter Creek Engineering has yet to complete the inventory, they have not found any Lead service connections.

CORRECT MAILING ADDRESS

If you have changed your mailing address in the last year, please notify the Town Clerk’s office at (802) 483-6500 ext. 100 or 110 as Town property tax bills were mailed out in July. Having the correct mailing address saves on time and money.

If you are a new owner in Pittsford and have Town water and/or sewer service, please contact the Assistant to the Town Manager’s office at (802) 483-6500 ext 130. The next utility bills will be mailed out the end of December. Remember the silver drop box located on the left side of the Town Office front parking lot exit is available 24/7 for payments.

FALL CLEAN-UP REMINDERS!!

REMEMBER.... Open Burning is Prohibited in the following instances:

No person is permitted to open burn: Household Garbage, Tires, Rubber, Plastic, Waste Oil, Asphalt Materials, Materials Containing Asbestos or Pressure Treated Wood.

If you are thinking about starting a legal fire, please get your proper Burn Permit for legal conforming materials such as, a pile of brush or hardwood meant for burning. Those legal materials list can be found under the provisions of Section 5-201, 5-202 and 5-203. Fire Warden Brad Keith can be reached at (802) 779-2950 for a burn permit.

Another safety tip for this time of year besides fire safety is hiking safety, please “wear your orange” when traversing through the woods, especially remote locations known for hunting. You can never be too visible when on or off a trail so always wear bright clothing, safety shoes, jacket and proper head protection from the elements, the climate can change rapidly throughout the various elevations.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR SHEDS AND STORAGE

Fall weather often has property owners buying/building Storage Structures to shelter their belongings. A “Structure is an assembly of materials for occupancy or Use”, and any permanent Structure (in place for over six months) that is over 150 sq. ft. in area needs a Town permit. This includes shipping containers, fabric & frame tents, sheds on skids, etc. The structure’s placement also has to conform to minimum setbacks from property lines.

The Zoning Administrator has regular office hours on Wednesday afternoons and Fridays; please contact him with any questions at (802) 483-6500 X 180 or zoning@pittsfordvermont.com.

Fire Hydrants Save Lives...



Be sure to keep fire hydrants free from snow by reminding snow removal contractors not to block the hydrants when they are plowing. Also, please do not plow snow into the road.

Pittsford Rec Basketball- We are excited to be back on the courts and playing basketball again! Practices for all youth levels will be in the Lothrop gym. Please be on the look-out for the registration forms soon!! Deadline for registrations will be mid-November 2023. For more information, please reach out to Recreation Director Liz Alvarado at recreation@pittsfordvermont.com or (802) 483-6500 x 170.



Like and follow the Pittsford Rec Facebook Page to stay updated on sports and events

The Pittsford Rec Dept. now has a **Community Email** with upcoming sports and events. To be added to the list, please send an email with your first and last name to the Rec Director at: recreation@pittsfordvermont.com

The Pittsford Recreation Area has 18 holes of disc golf for your enjoyment! Disc Golf is a great opportunity to meet new people all while getting exercise and enjoying nature... and it is FREE! Sturdy footwear is recommended. Please check for ticks after playing!

Contemporary Square Dance Lessons

'Cast Off 8's Square Dance Club is co-sponsored by Pittsford Recreation Department and offers workshops which start in September and run through May. For more information about next year's classes, visit www.Castoff8s.com and 'follow' Cast Off 8's Square Dance Club on Facebook.

TRANSFER STATION RENEWAL PERMITS

Transfer Station permits for 2024 will be available at the Town Office starting in Mid-November at 426 Plains Road. Renewal deadline is 1/1/2024. The permit fee is \$30.00 which includes a 10 bag/container (30 gal) punch card. Extra cards available for \$25.00 at the Town Office via cash, check, credit card or debit card or at the **Transfer Station by check only. Residents must have new permit stickers by 01/01/2024 in order to use the Transfer Station.**

Please remember that the Transfer Station is **open to the public only on Wednesdays from 3pm-6pm and Saturdays from 8am-3pm.** Dumping beyond these hours of operation is prohibited and considered theft of services. Violators will be prosecuted.

The Pittsford Transfer Station **does not accept tires.** Please take them to the Gleason Road Transfer Station in Rutland.

The HHW Depot at the Gleason Road Transfer Station in Rutland is open Monday through Saturday 7am to 3pm. Contact Tom Remes at (802) 770-1333 for more information regarding Household Hazardous Waste disposal.

Deadline for submissions to the Winter Pittsford Town Newsletter is December 15, 2023. Please send articles to Asst2manager@pittsfordvermont.com.

SAFETY CHECK

With the change of seasons comes the threat for inclement weather and the possibility for long-term power outages.

The Pittsford Department of Emergency Management recognizes that this is a major concern for the elderly or those with specific medical needs, such as medication, refrigeration, oxygen therapy or users of any other medical device that relies on power to operate.

To address this concern, we have created a database of Pittsford/Florence residents who might benefit from a "Safety Check" during these times.

If you, a neighbor, family member or other Pittsford resident you know might benefit from a "Safety Check" during a long-term power outage, please contact the Pittsford Town Offices to be added to our list.

RECREATION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Do you have a special talent, ability, or some extra time? As the recreation department grows, more volunteers are needed to help with special events and coaching. The recreation department offers fall soccer programs, winter basketball, and spring t-ball, softball and baseball programs. These all require volunteers to coach. There are also numerous events throughout the year that many hands make light work for! If you have an interest in signing up to volunteer or for more information, please contact Liz Alvarado at recreation@pittsford.com or (802) 483-6500 x 170. Thank you!!



VT-ALERT is used by the state and local responders to notify the public of emergency situations. Those include, but are not limited to, evacuation information; chemical spills; shelter-in-place alerts; severe weather advisories; boil water advisories, and roadway interruptions. Residents can tailor the alerts to specific locations, types of alerts and on which devices they will be notified.

To sign up to receive VT Alert, please go to: <https://vem.vermont.gov/vtalert>

ASSESSOR'S CORNER

Assessor's Office Staffing and Hours

The Assessor's Office is staffed by Lisa Wright, Contract Assessor and Karen Folger, Assessor Clerk. Lisa and Karen are in the office on Thursdays, with Lisa's office hours being 9:30 to 1:30 and by appointment.

Information Resource

The Assessor's Office now has GIS available with Property Record Cards (PCR) linked to each parcel. These can be found at either pittsfordvermont.com/departments/assessor or www.axisgis.com/PittsfordVT. The Property Record Card (AKA Assessor's Card) is a two page synopsis of all information the Assessor has on each property in Town. We suggest that all property owners pick up a copy of the Assessor's Card at the Town Office to be sure that all information is correct. This is especially important if any changes have been made to your property.

Properties under Construction or Building Permits or Demolitions in Progress

The Assessor's Office is charged with assessing all properties as of their status as of 4/1 of the year. If you have a building under construction or a new outbuilding or demo of an existing building and if that job is now complete, we would be happy to inspect this fall. Any work we can complete on under constructions properties in the fall makes our work a bit lighter in the spring.

VISIT OUR PITTSFORD TRAILS

Pittsford has over 16 miles of trails to enjoy hiking, running or walking. The Cadwell and Split Rock Trails continue to be great for hiking or biking. When out enjoying the trails, please be considerate and follow the Leave No Trace principles. For the comfort of everyone on the trails, we ask that dogs be leashed at all times. Thank you to all of the landowners for allowing use of your land and Trail Volunteers for maintaining the Trails throughout the year. THANK YOU to the volunteers that help maintain these trails!!

RUTLAND AREA SHEPHERDS SHEEP FESTIVAL

The Pittsford Sheep Festival has been offering free family entertainment for 30 years. This year it will be held on Sunday, October 8, from 11 am to 4 pm, at the Pittsford Recreation Area off Furnace Road in Pittsford.

Local craft vendors, felters and spinners will have booths featuring their skills and products. Sheep shearing demonstrations will be held at 11:15, 1:45 and 3:15. Sheep dog handling demonstrations will be held at 1:00 and 2:30. The Leaping of the Lambs, an exclusive RAS activity, will be held at 12:00, 2:15 and 3:45. There will be food for sale featuring tasty local lamb.

In The Leaping of the Lambs, the sheep compete against each other by running through an obstacle course to reach a treat at the finish line. Come and cheer on your favorite sheep.

You will have the chance to visit with local shepherds and learn about raising sheep in Vermont. This event is sponsored by the Rutland Area Shepherds. For more information check our website, www.vermontshepherds.com, or contact Don at 802-342-3176.



FIRE DEPARTMENT HAUNTED HOUSE RETURNS!!

The Fire Department Haunted House returns this year on October 20, 21, 27 and 28!!

Help the Fire Department celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Haunted House! Volunteers are still needed to help guide guests through the house as well as people who are willing to be part of the different scenes in the house. For more information on volunteering, please reach out to Ray Shortsleeves or Jamie Hamilton.

Currently, there are raffle tickets available for purchase to win a dinner for four and transportation via the BOO Limo to the Haunted House. Tickets are \$1 each or \$5 for six tickets. See a Town of Pittsford Firefighter for tickets.



Location: Plains Road, Pittsford—Look for the Signs!

Ticket Sales: 6-9pm

NO RAIN DATES

Cost: \$10 adults (12+ years), \$5 Child (6-12 years)

NOT RECOMMENDED FOR CHILDREN UNDER 6!

EMERGENCY ALERTS FROM CHITTENDEN DAM EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TESTING

Please be aware that the Town of Chittenden as well as Green Mountain Power are doing testing on their emergency sirens during the month of November. If you are signed up for VT ALERT, you may be notified of the testing.

Chittenden's scheduled day is November 14, 2023 at 8:30am for their whistles to go off. VT ALERT is scheduled to send a message the week before and another one 15 minutes before the sirens go off.

Green Mountain Power is doing a monthly growl test that barely makes a sound, but if you are near the siren and hear a bit of a growl from it, they are doing their monthly testing of the system.

TOWN BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULES

THE PITTSFORD SELECT BOARD

Meetings are on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM. The Select Board Zoom meetings are recorded and broadcast on PEG TV, Channel 21, at www.pegtv.com

PITTSFORD PLANNING COMMISSION

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

PITTSFORD RECREATION COMMITTEE

Meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM.

Agendas or changes to these meetings will be posted on the Town's website and posted at the Town Offices, Pittsford Post Office and Keith's Country Store. All the above meetings are held at the Municipal Offices.

MACLURE LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS

Library Hours:

Monday 10am-6pm, Tuesday 10am-6pm, Wednesday 10am-6pm, Thursday 10am-6pm, Saturday 10am-2pm

Knitting Group: Friday from 12pm-2pm. Please call 802-483-2972 to join. Bring your knitting, crocheting, sewing or any craft project

Upcoming Events:

Weekly Storytime Playgroup: Tuesdays from 10am-12pm.

Join us for crafts, stories, snacks, songs and free play! Hosted by Allison Giffiths from Rutland County Parent Child Center

Weathering the Future: Saturday October 21 at 12pm

Join us for a showing of a fascinating new NOVA documentary about the weather and climate change. We will have an introduction and Q&A by leading climate scientist Alan Betts. Free event open to all. Light refreshments will be served.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP:

Tuesday, October 31st @6pm: The Client by John Grisham

Tuesday, November 28th @6pm: My Sister's Keeper by Jodi Picoult

GOURMET COOKBOOK CLUB:

Monday, October 2 @6pm: Not Your Mother's Fondue by Hallie Harron and Tapas: and Other Spanish Plates to Share by Ryland Peteres—Moved from September, this month's focus is on small savory dishes (tapas) paired with a fantastic dessert fondue. Chittenden members have bravely agreed to tackle the fondue component. The rest of us will concentrate on creating an array of little dishes to share! The cookbook and sign-up sheet will be in their usual places in the library. Come and enjoy a variety of delicious tidbits!

Monday, November 6 @6pm: The Spice Cookbook by Avanelle Day. Variety is the SPICE of life. This month's theme targets spices and herbs. Sign up for a spice/herb and choose a recipe from The Spice Cookbook to bring to our meeting. The book has lots of information about the history of spices and herbs; please come with a fascinating factoid or two about your choice to share with everyone. Look for the big cookbook, and sign-up sheet, in the library.

Monday, December 4th @ 6pm: A night devoted to tradition (and sugar) ... THE ANNUAL COOKIE SWAP! Bake two dozen cookies from a treasured recipe, or from the cookbook at the library, and come with a container to take your treats home. Cookbook is TBD but will make its appearance in good time for our meeting. We will also have Crockett Christmas Cards for sale to benefit the Pittsford Historical Society.

Yoga with Paula:

Mondays @ 5:30pm and Wednesdays @ 5pm—for details and to join email pali36@aol.com

Services Available:

Borrow books, audios, movies; Printing/Copying/Scanning; 5 Public Computer stations; Free WiFi, Notary Service

Passes to Borrow: VT State Parks, VINS Nature Center, ECHO Lake Aquarium, Shelburne Museum, Shelburne Farms, VT History Museum, VT Historical Sites, Billings Farm and Museum, and Southern VT Natural History Museum

Now Lending:

Snowshoes; Wood Moisture Meter; Baby Carrier; Projector & screen; Microphone & amplifier; Laptops, Audubon Birding Backpack

To Get a Library Card

If you don't have a library card and you are a resident of Pittsford, Florence or Brandon, we can get you signed up for a free library card. Send an email with the following information to contact@maclurelibrary.org: **Name, Mailing Address & Phone**

Access Online with Your Library Card: Kanopy, Libby, Learning Express, Universal Class, The Palace Project

For More information on these programs, please see Maclure Library Staff

Maclure Library Trustee Meetings: Thursday October 12th @ 4:30pm and Thursday December 14th @ 4:30pm

Contact Us! Call (802) 483.2972

Email contact@maclurelibrary.org

Visit our website: www.maclurelibrary.org

Check our Facebook page for any immediate updates





PITTSFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY
P.O. Box 423, Pittsford VT 05763
802-483-2040 www.pittsfordhistorical.com

Our museum at Eaton Hall (3399 US Rte 7) will end its regular visiting hours after Veterans' Day, but anyone interested in viewing the collection or in conducting research in our archives is welcome to arrange a visit; contact Curator Anne Pelkey at (802) 483-6178 or Steve Belcher at (802) 483-2852 or spbelcher4@myfairpoint.net.

Volunteers will still be meeting on Tuesdays during the winter months, and anyone interested in getting involved is welcome to join us (contact info as above).

PITTSFORD VILLAGE FARM UPDATE

Pittsford Village Farm is a 22 acre property in the heart of downtown Pittsford that is open and accessible for all to share!

Despite the unusually wet summer, Pittsford Village Farm hosted a number of wonderful events this summer, some new to us and some old favorites. For the first time, Farm to Ballet (and over 300 audience members) joined us for a beautiful evening on the knoll in July; Castleton Archaeology led an Artifacts Road Show event in August; and we partnered again with the Paramount Theater of Rutland for 4 new performances (although all but 1 had to be moved or canceled due to rain!) Other firsts this summer included monthly "Garden Gatherings" talks in the Pavilion and near the garden and a morning bird walk & talk led by Sue Wetmore. We also continued our Tuesday Concert Series, with both new and old artists and an attendance of about 100 on average. Finally, our annual Touch-A-Truck event in September drew a crowd of over 300 people.

In addition to our public events, the Pittsford Village Farm volunteer board continues to work toward our goal of renovating the nearly 6,000 square foot Farm House and converting it to a child care center, a community gathering space, cafe and two affordable apartments. Our volunteers continue their vigorous fundraising efforts to bring us to our goal of breaking ground next spring! The huge success we see over the summer at our fully-attended events motivates us to continue forward!

This fall we have a few events that are free and open to the public:

- Garden Gatherings, Harvest Dinner is Thursday, September 28 at 6pm
- Bird Walk and Talk with Sue Wetmore is Saturday, October 14 at 8am
- Sap Bucket Tree Lighting is Sunday, November 26 at 4:30

Check our website for any additional events:
www.pittsfordvillagefarm.org.

This fall, be sure to enjoy lunch on the picnic tables, gather under the Pavilion and walk the trails!

Once we have snow, we encourage everyone to come to our incredible sledding hill, snowshoe the trails, cross country ski the entire property!

See you all at Pittsford Village Farm!



PITTSFORD FOOD SHELF

Happy Fall! It was a very busy, and productive summer here at the Food Shelf. We welcomed many new

families, and enjoyed seeing all of the familiar faces as well. We were fortunate to be able to purchase many local meats and local produce to hand out this summer. It makes us so happy to be able to support our hard working farmers.

A HUGE THANK YOU to all of our incredible neighbors who shared their abundance of fruit and veggies from their gardens, and eggs from their chickens. It was simply amazing to be able to provide fresh, delicious, nutritious food for our friends.

We will have different hours for the months of November & December so our hardworking volunteers can have some much deserved time with their families. We will be open the first 2 weeks of both November and December and closed for the last 2 weeks. We will post the exact days and hours on our website (pittsfordfoodshelf.org) and on Facebook.

We are always accepting food donations if you have anything extra you would like to donate. Items can be left right outside our door if you go through Keith's. Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, or if we can help you in any way, please call Sarah at 802-725-0220 or email director@pittsfordfoodshelf.org

Need a Helping Hand??

Furnace Brook Wesleyan Church has a washer and dryer available to people in the community who might need to use it. If anyone wants to make arrangements to use it, please call 802-483-3002 or email

office@furnacebrook.org.



"Sunshine Village"

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www.pittsfordvermont.com

REMINDER: Town Clerk's Office is closed to the public on Fridays through the winter.



Municipal Town Offices will be closed on the following dates:

October 9	Columbus Day
November 10	Veteran's Day
November 23 & 24	Thanksgiving
December 25	Christmas Day
January 1, 2024	New Years Day

PITTSFORD PROPERTY TAX DUE DATE 11/15/2023
Wednesday, 11/15/2023, Property Taxes Due in full.
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Wednesdays.

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Questions? Call (802) 483-6500 Ext. 100 or 110 during regular business hours:

Monday-Wednesday	8:00 am to 4:30 pm
Thursday	8:00 am to 6:00 pm
Friday	closed to the public

Thank you.