

## **Town Manager's Report: Town Council Meeting of 05/07/2013:**

**1. The FYI Folder:** FYI Folder which contains items that come in between the Town Council Meetings has the following this evening: READ List

### **2. Bin Sale:**

#### **PITTSFIELD EARTH DAY AND RE-USE CELEBRATION: BACKYARD COMPOST BIN SALE**

To celebrate re-use in the community and Earth Day, the Town of Pittsfield is part of a statewide backyard composting bin sale. A home compost bin and how-to-guide with a combined retail value over \$100 can be purchased for only \$45.00 (tax included). The bin is black, has a 10 year warranty, and is made of 100% recycled plastic. It's approximately 35" high and 33" wide, or large enough for a family of five. **The Town has 20 composters available for sale, each at \$45.00.**

The Town also has

- 34 Wingdiggers:** The wing digger compost turner is available for a discounted price of \$17.00 each;
- 8 Reotemp Backyard Compost Thermometer:** has a 20" stem for \$18.50 each;
- 8 Rain Barrels:** This is the SYSTERN Rain Barrel with a 55 gallon capacity for the discounted price of \$56.50

It is estimated that 25% of the average household's waste consists of kitchen scraps and yard trimmings which can be easily composted. Pittsfield residents can save \$54.12 for every ton of waste they compost rather than placing the material in with their garbage that is shipped out of town for disposal.

Pittsfield's recycling rate for 2011 was 62%. The 2012 rates have not yet been announced by the State. Let's keep working at our recycling rate and boost it even more while helping our gardens grow!

**3. Walking Maps & Promotion:** HealthySV, the regional HealthyMaine partnership and the Seabasticook Valley Chamber of Commerce joined with the Town to work on walking maps for the area. This project will be utilized for physical exercise, tourism and to promote walks such as the 4/20 walk. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday, 04/23/2013 from 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm to discuss the trail map project and the Chamber's RRR promotional project and how all the towns can help. Councilor Chale attended. We had representatives from 5 towns and have picked up 2 more towns from separate individual meetings. There will be a GPS training on 05/23/2013 in the afternoon for those individuals who will be providing the details on the trails here in Town. If you know of a recreational enthusiastic who you believe would like to help the Town map these trails, please contact Kathryn Ruth, Town Manager at 487-3136.

**4. Activities Maine Guidebook:** Town of Pittsfield, Egg Festival and Fly-In will be in the Summer edition. The preview of the Egg Festival events is on the Town's website under Egg Festival, go to [www.pittsfield.org](http://www.pittsfield.org)

### **5. Greater Pittsfield Area Bike Rodeo and Bike Swap / Drop Off**

The Greater Pittsfield Area Kiwanis Club will hold its Annual Bike Rodeo on Saturday, May 11, 2013 from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm at the Somerset Plaza by the Bangor Savings Bank. This event will be held in conjunction with the Pittsfield Recycling Committee's Bike Swap / Drop Off and Bud's Shop 'N Save Customer Appreciation Day. The Somerset Plaza is the place to be on Saturday, May 11!

Lots of free activities. The Key Club will guide children through a bike rodeo course designed to teach bike safety skills. The Kiwanis Club will provide for free checkups for children's bicycles; free bike helmet and bike safety materials while supplies last; free raffle for 2 new bikes available to any child completing the course; and bikes available for use if a child does not have one. The Recycling Committee will have a Recycling Corner for a Bike Swap for interested citizens who have bikes and want to swap with other bike owners. In addition, people can drop off bikes in the Recycling Corner that they no longer need and want to

donate to others. The Town will take the donated bikes to the Trash to Treasure Recycling Center for adults and children to use who need them. There is no rain date for the bike rodeo and swap so it will be held unless it is pouring.

These fun items will be held in conjunction with Bud's Shop 'N Save Customer Appreciation Day at the Plaza. Bud's will have FREE Carnations for the first 150 lady customers; a cooking demonstration by HealthySV; Free balloons for the children; a free raffle for a door prize; free food samplings; and people can win prizes when buying lottery tickets. The Community Pharmacy will present its new Free Vitamin Club for Kids Program and a BBQ will be held to raise money for Relay for Life.

The Kiwanis Club's mission is to make the world a better place for children. The purpose of the Recycling Committee is to promote recycling, re-use and reduction to conserve the earth's natural resources. Bud's Shop 'N Save in Pittsfield is a true community partner dedicated to not only serving and helping the citizens and businesses of Pittsfield, but also the entire Seabasticook Valley.

Other sales will be taking place at the Plaza. There will be something of interest for everyone. Please make sure to come to the Somerset Plaza on Saturday, May 11th to participate in this fun-packed day!

**6. Library Book Sale:** The Friends of the Pittsfield Public Library are holding One Day Used Book Sale on Friday, May 24 from 10:00- 6:00. There are many great adult and children's books from personal collections, as well as discards from the library shelves. Used audio books, videos, and music will also be available. Come early for the best selection. Donations for the sale may be brought to the library the week before the sale. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the Friends of the Pittsfield Public Library and their support for the library activities. For more information, please call the library 487-5880.

**7. Hooked on Fishing:** The Police Chief advised this afternoon that the schools have confirmed Friday, June 07, 2013 as Hooked on Fishing day for the 4<sup>th</sup> graders and Saturday, June 08, 2013 for the public session at Manson Park. More details will be announced in the near future.

