

Town Manager's Report: Town Council Meeting of 06/19/2012:

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

Re-use Celebration

BACKYARD COMPOST BIN SALE

The sale is over with, however, people can still order a bin as we were under the maximums required for an order so we have a few more that will be available for each of the Earth Day products.

To celebrate re-use in the community, 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 will also have the wing digger compost turner for a discounted price of \$17.00 and the Reotemp Backyard Compost Thermometer with a 20" stem for \$18.50.

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%. Let's keep working at our recycling rate and boost it even more while helping our gardens grow!

3. Egg Festival News: The 40th Anniversary Egg Festival - Art Show at the Pittsfield Public Library:

Call for Entries: Open Invitational Juried Art Exhibit at the Pittsfield Public Library during the Central Maine Egg Festival. The Pittsfield Public Library is holding its third annual art show and would like to invite local artists to participate by submitting original to be shared with the community. Open to all artistic media -- painting, drawing, printmaking, fiber, sculpture, photography; with 16 x 20 being the largest framed piece we can exhibit. We will be accepting digital photos of all submissions, either emailed to the library (bat@pittsfield.lib.me.us) or you can send a cd with your photo(s) to the Pittsfield Public Library, 110 Library St., Pittsfield, ME, 04967. The deadline is July 2nd. Artists will be notified by July 9th if their submission will be exhibited. Set up for the art show will be Monday, July 23 from 2:00 – 4:00. An artist's reception will be held Tuesday, July 24 from 3:00 – 5:00. For more information, please call the library at 487-5880.

4. Egg Festival News: The 40th Anniversary Egg Festival – Cheesecake, Quiche and Pie Contest:

Calling all cooks – self- taught or taking classes? The annual Cheesecake, Quiche and Pie Contest will be held July 20th at the Pittsfield Elks Lodge, 140 Middle Street Pittsfield. The fee is \$1.00 per entry and the entry must be submitted by 10:30 that morning. If you need to drop off your entry early in the morning, please bring it to the Town Office after 8:00 a.m. Registration forms are available at the

Pittsfield Town Office and on line at www.pittsfield.org. The rules are simple: Each recipe must include 3 eggs and must be made from “scratch”. All entrants must be Maine residents and be 16 years or older. Please see the registration form for more details. Judging will be on appearance, taste, over all impression and creativity. Prizes will be awarded in each category and have been donated by our wonderful sponsors: Anglers Seafood Restaurant, C Jones Floral, Jazz Hair Salon, Oz Hair Salon, and Pizza Hut. For more information, please contact the Town Office at 487-3136.

5. Safety Committee Meeting – last one before the Summer Break will be held on Thursday, June 21, 2012 at which we will discuss a number of items including emergency vehicle driver certification, accident-reporting procedures for all department heads, storage and labeling of chemicals under our hazard communication plan and an upcoming dam and flood drill for compliance with the NIMS guidelines.

6. MDOT restrictions on Bridge – MDOT will be coming into Town on 07/02/2012 to start the work on the Peltoma Bridge past the Transfer Station. The lane will be reduced to 10’ wide for the crew to be able to work on the bridge. MDOT is going to try to keep the unofficial boat launch area open if someone wants to use it. We have contact information for the Plymouth Office which the crew is from.

7. Natural Gas – Summit Utilities has filed to purchase the small KV Gas company that has been acquiring Tax Increment Financing arrangements with Towns along the Kennebec River. We had previously talked to Kennebec Valley Gas and due to our location up here away from the line that was proposed along the Kennebec River, we were not remotely close to the proposed project. We are still in the same location, however, I have requested the contact information on the Summit Utilities personnel who will be working with the Kennebec River towns to determine if there is a chance that the company would consider looking this far north. The company has resources and has operated natural gas utilities before in two states out north so they have the experience and the financial background.

8. 2011 Consumer Confidence Report for Water: The 2011 report was issued and distributed to customers and others through the Rolling Thunder as an insert. This is a very inexpensive method to get the information to people. When we used to mail them as a tri fold, which was expensive, they were thrown away with the junk mail. We then used an ad in the weekly. Now, we are trying this form of distribution as well as having copies around town.

9. New Recreation Programming: New programs has been set up as follows:

USA Track and Field Program

5th & 6th Grade Summer 7 on 7 Opportunity (in addition to Fall Football signups)

Summer 2012 Softball Free Clinics

10. Summer Reading Fun at the Pittsfield Public Library: READ

11. New Reserve Officers: The Police Department has advertised for new reserve officers as a few officers resigned or can not work very much as this is their second or third job. The Town need coverage of shifts and we need to have more people on prior to the Egg Festival and Fly-in. The

two new officers are Alex Burns of Norridgewock who has the reerve academy certifiication and Henry Ouellette from Newport, who was sponsored by the PD to attend the reserve academy a few months ago.

12. Thank You Card from the Pittsfield Seniors Club: READ thank you card received 06/19/2012.

