

Town Manager's Report: Town Council Meeting of 12/18/2012:

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 Volunteers: Read Notice

4. Library News:

Got Library Fines? Start 2013 with a clean library record! The Pittsfield Public Library is hosting a fine forgiveness day on New Year's Eve, Monday, December 31, from 10 am to 6 pm. Bring in non-perishable food items to get fines waived. All items collected will be donated to the Pittsfield Food Pantry. Fine forgiveness is for overdue fees only. This excludes replacement fees for lost and damaged items. Donations from those without fines are also welcome.

Children of all ages are invited to the library's New Year's Noon Party on Monday, Dec 31 at 11:00 in the Warren Community Room. Celebrate the New Year early with a festive story and craft, then a special count-down to the New Year at Noon.

Don't forget to reserve the library's pass to the Maine Discovery Museum. Spend school vacation exploring the museum's three floors and interactive exhibits. To reserve the pass, call the library at 487-5880.

5. Christmas Movie: The Pittsfield Community Theatre Free Movie this Year is Puss & Boots to be held on Saturday, December 15, 2012. Doors open at 12:30 pm and the movie starts at 1:00 pm. Come Join the Fun. Each child can have a free kids popcorn and a free kids drink. There is a drawing for gifts after the movie.

6. Maine Municipal Association Workshop: The Town will be the host of a regional workshop on Thursday, 04/11/2013 in the Town Council Chambers. Set-up is at 3:00 pm with Registration at 4:00 pm and the workshop on roles and responsibilities for elected officials and town managers/administrative assistants will be held from 4:30 pm to 8:30 pm with a break for dinner at 6:00 pm. This is a rare opportunity to have a workshop right in Town for the region with less travel distance for everyone. We recommended that Vittles cater the workshop.

