

Town Manager's Report: Town Council Meeting of 03/06/2018:

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. Theatre Golden Ticket Sale:

Although Christmas is over with, we still have the Theatre Golden Tickets that can be a gift or even for yourself: Purchase a book of 10 Gift Certificates at \$55.00
Come and enjoy the Pittsfield Community Theatre!

3. Date Night at the Theatre:

WED: DATE NITE: 2 ADMISSIONS+ 2 MED FOUNTAIN DRINKS+ 1 LARGE POPCORN FOR \$18 + SENIORS \$14.

4. Theatre Movie Line-Up:

March 2-8 THE COMMUTER
Matinee Sunday, March 4 at 2 PM

March 9-15 MAZE RUNNER: THE DEATH CURE
Matinee Sunday, March 11 at 2 PM

March 16-22 PETER RABBIT
Matinee Sunday, March 18 at 2 PM
Matinee Wednesday, March 21 at 10 AM and also plays at 7:30 PM

March 23-29 BLACK PANTHER
Matinee Sunday, March 25 at 2 PM

March 30- April 5 EARLY MAN
Matinee April 1 at 2 PM
Matinee April 4 at 10 AM and also plays at 7:30 PM

5. Maine Venture Fund: A Match Made in Maine:

A common theme among growing Maine companies is the difficulty in finding, attracting, and hiring talented employees. Some companies resort to hiring out-of-state remote workers and have even opened offices in Boston and beyond. This is certainly a drag on Maine's economic growth, and a complex problem with no one solution. However, one program, aimed squarely at this problem is making a difference – the Innovate for Maine Fellows Program. The program's goal is to match talented college students with Maine's growing companies for an internship of

400, 200, or 100 hours over the course of a summer. Companies are selected for the program based on their interest in innovation, a desire for scalable growth, and ability to provide fellows with a meaningful learning experience. Student interns must either be enrolled in a Maine-based college or be a Maine resident attending school outside of Maine. All selected fellows are expected to live in Maine and work on-site during the internship. The program is designed to add no extra burden to the companies. The Foster Center for Student Innovation at University of Maine handles all recruiting, screening, matching, payroll, and initial innovation and workplace training. This allows the company and paired fellow to focus on achieving workplace goals. Several Maine Venture Fund portfolio companies have successfully used this program which had a number of students intern with them, many of whom have later been hired on full-time. Companies are finding what worked best for them was to have the interns work alongside employees on real-time problems, as opposed to having them focus on independent work projects.

6. Somerset Cultural Plan:

At long last, the Wesserunsett Arts Council's plan is completed. WesArts is a regional nonprofit that works to build cultural connections in Somerset County through visual and performing arts, heritage, agriculture, education, and recreation. They have been working with Skowhegan Main Street. The two groups were working on a strategic plan for raising awareness of cultural offerings, enhancing cultural education and creating cultural opportunities and experiences in Somerset County. The Heart of Pittsfield will be reviewing the plan at their next meeting on Thursday, March 15 at 6 pm at the Pittsfield Public Library. I will forward the plan to those who are interested.

7. Easter Egg Hunt:

Greater Pittsfield Area Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 31 at 9:00 am at the Pinnacle Ski Club at 271 Waverly Avenue, Pittsfield.

8. Greater Pittsfield Area Kiwanis Yearly Bike Rodeo will be held on Saturday, May 5, 2018 at 10 am

The Bike Rodeo has been here in Pittsfield for a couple of years so it now needs to move over to Newport. The rodeo will be held at Nokomis Regional High School. The event is educational, fun and there are prizes.

9. Recreation Department Spring Sports 2018:

It is now time to sign up for Spring Sports. Forms are available at the Pittsfield Town Office. The deadline for sign-ups is Monday, March 26. Completed forms with payment can be brought to the Town Office during office hours or mailed. The fee per child per sport is \$20.00 for Pittsfield residents and \$25.00 for non-residents. We have T-Ball for Ages 5 & 6; Farm League for Ages 7 & 8; and Softball is for Grades 3 – 6. Little League has its own sign-up form.