

Program Highlights:

The forum will focus on the following:

1. Small business: Starting up a small business & helpful tips for small businesses in existence now - money tips, budgeting, low-cost ways to publicize your business, organizations to join, etc.
2. Green energy and energy efficiency
3. Your business can put out a display at the event to advertise and reach the public

Break-out Sessions:

Session #1 at 6:30 pm: Cindy Mayo, Worldwide Business Affiliates: Wellness & Supplemental Income

Session #2 at 6:30 pm: Vaughn Woodruff, Yankee Solutions: Design & Installation of Solar Thermal Systems for hot water and space heating covering expected system performance and general cost/payback

Session #3 at 6:30 pm: Richard Fortier, Efficiency Maine: Energy Management for Commercial

Session #4 at 7:00 pm: Janet Roderick, Coastal Enterprises: How to Pay Off Business Debts You Can't Afford

Session #5 at 7:00 pm: John Rush of Evolo Energy Solutions: Solar & Wind Energy Options for your Home or Business

Our main speaker will be Ashley Richards, the owner of WarmTECH Solutions from Yarmouth Maine.

This form is available to businesses, non-profits and organizations to set up information. This is a great chance to get the word out about your program and resources. There is no fee to register for table space. If companies register by Wed., 09/16/2009, we can guarantee a paper nameplate and table space. We use school and civic organizations' tables. Bring a tablecloth if you would like. Your organization may share table space depending upon how many businesses sign up. For more information, please contact Emmalee or Kathryn at tmadmin@pittsfield.org or 487-3136 to let the Town know if you would like to reserve table space.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, Saturday, October 03, 2009

Egg Festival 2010 Organizational Meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 2009 at 5:30 pm in the Pittsfield Municipal Building Small Conference Room.

4. **PUBLIC HEARINGS/OLD BUSINESS**
5. **REPORTS: TOWN MANAGER, FINANCE, ORDINANCE & RECYCLING COMMITTEES:**

Town Manager's Report:

1 The FYI Folder: The FYI Book contains the following items this week: See List

2. Pickin' & Picnic In The Park: Come down to Hathorn Park for some good old fashioned pickin'. Bring your guitar, banjo, fiddle, accordion, wash board, a song and other instruments

to make music. The event will start with a picnic at 5:30 p.m. and end at dark. This will involve a wide variety of musicians and a family atmosphere. Everyone is invited. The third event will be held on Thursday, September 17, 2009 with a rain date of September 24, 2009. For more information contact Hazel Mitchell at 207-257-2312.

3. KVCAP Assisting with Flood Damage: Did you experience property damage or personal injury during the rainstorms of April and May 2008? Federal funding is now available through a statewide outreach program from all community action programs. Assistance is available to complete outstanding home repairs from the storms, new construction required as a result of damage sustained or to provide rebates for previous expenses incurred related to the weather event. The funds may also be used to cover medical expenses for injuries that occurred during or directly after the storms, and to pay for counseling services for storm-related trauma. Contact KVCAP at 859-1578 for more information.

4. Tax Bills for 2009 due on Friday, 10/16/2009: Tax bills were issued last month after Somerset County was able to issue their assessment to the Town. The mil rate is \$16.30 and the Town is at 95% of valuation. The Town was below 70% of market value and was required to increase values, which then lowers the mil rate. The factoring itself does not change taxes, it increases and decreases in budgets and valuation. The Town lost over \$8.4 million dollars in personal property assessment when several of the Town's largest personal property taxpayers reduced the amount of equipment they maintain in Town and the Maine legislature exempted most new business personal property from taxation.

5. Maine Municipal Insurance Rebate: Last month the Town received a rebate from our participation in the Workers Compensation and Unemployment Compensation Fund totaling \$9,996.00 for good performance and low claims.

6. Kennebec Valley Council of Governments Annual Meeting: The 42nd meeting of KVCOG will take place on Wednesday, 09/23/2009 at Grandeur Sun off Jefferson Street in Waterville from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

7. Census 2010: Remember that Census workers are out collecting information in the community. The individuals should have signs on their vehicle and proper Census identification.

8. Pittsfield Farmers' Market: The Farmers Market at Hathorn Park is available Mondays and Thursday from 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm until October 29, 2009.

9. Drug-Free Safe Zones: These new zones, which provide for increased penalties for drug crimes committed within the approved zones will go into effect on 10/01/2009. These areas are all the Town's parks, swimming pool and the ATV/Snowmobile trail. Read sign.

10. Pittsfield Community Theatre Fundraiser (Get Comfortable in Pittsfield Chairs):
READ Ad.

Items for future meetings:

Finance Committee: No Report

Ordinance Committee: No Report