

# News & Reviews

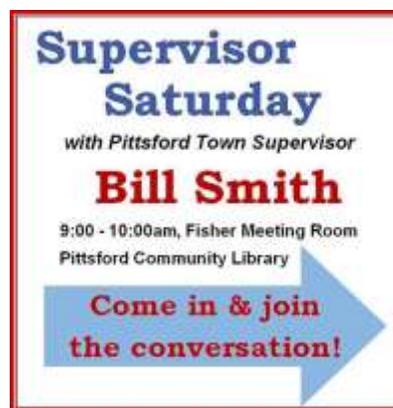
**January 13, 2021**

**Town of Pittsford - a Clean Energy Community**

*See listings below for  
Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings*

## **SUPERVISOR SATURDAY WITH BILL SMITH THIS WEEK – JANUARY 16**

Town Supervisor Bill Smith will host his community open house meeting this Saturday, January 16 from 9:00 - 10:00am at the Pittsford Community Library. Stop by and join the conversation to catch up on current issues, Town projects and other topics you might wish to discuss, such as **Community Solar** and the **upcoming changes to the Town Zoning code** – which should be of importance to every resident. If you've got questions, ideas or comments for Supervisor Smith, be sure to join him on January 16!



This casual open house will be in the Fisher Meeting Room; participants will be expected to wear a face covering and follow appropriate health and physical distancing guidelines. Supervisor Saturday enables residents who can't stop by to see the Supervisor during the work week a chance to speak to him directly. Come and discuss what matters most to you! Drop by - no registration required. The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street.

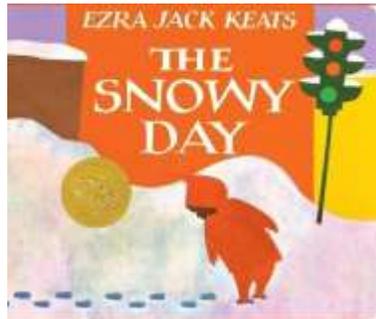
Supervisor Smith keeps an open door policy and also welcomes visits from residents at Town Hall during regular business hours Monday to Friday by appointment. As always, he's available by phone at 248-6220 and by email at [bsmith@townofpittsford.org](mailto:bsmith@townofpittsford.org).

## **TOWN CODE UPDATE INTRODUCTORY ONLINE MEETING TODAY, 1/13**

The Supervisor, Members of the Town Board and the Town's consultants from Barton and Loguidice will hold their introductory session for the Town Code Update based on our Comprehensive Plan today (Wednesday, 1/13) at 3:00pm via Zoom. The meeting is hosted by John Steinmetz and Molly Gaudioso from Barton and Loguidice. The public can view the meeting at:

<https://townofpittsford.zoom.us/j/86438064092?pwd=bk5jUDVtbm5MYjNBhHdPWfoza1Q4dz09>. The meeting ID is 864 3806 4092. Among the items to be discussed are the planned public workshops for participation by Pittsford residents, which will comprise an important

part of the process of updating the Code. Public workshop dates will be announced in the weeks ahead.



**“THE SNOWY DAY” STORY WALK UNDERWAY**  
*Display will be up at Community Center through this Saturday, 1/16*

The time is right for a winter story come to life – and some crafty fun! Stop by the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center up through this Saturday, January 16 and take a stroll through our **“The Snowy Day” story walk in the Community Center field**. Follow the story of a young boy named Peter exploring his neighborhood after the season's first snowfall. This classic

1962 children's picture book shares a wonderful story and is the first picture book with an African American protagonist to win a major children's award, the Caldecott Medal. Participants are asked to follow physical distancing guidelines and bring a face mask to wear when within 6 feet of those outside of their group.

Once you have completed the walk, stop at the Community Center front desk and pick up a **themed craft pack to take home!** Craft packs are available Monday through Friday from 8:00am – 6:00pm and Saturdays from 10:00am – 5:00pm.

The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. For more information about the event, call the Community Center at 248-6280.

**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. EVENTS IN PITTSFORD TO BE HELD LATE JAN/EARLY FEB**

We've been advised that the events in Pittsford organized annually by community members to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. will be delayed this year due to COVID-19. The group is targeting late January – mid February to present a virtual “Martin Luther King - Living the Dream” series. The Town will provide updated information via the Town eNews and social media once details are received.



The **Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday is this Monday, January 18**. Established in 1986 to honor the renowned civil rights leader and observed on the third Monday of January each year, MLK Day became in 1994 the only federal holiday designated as a national day of service. It is now celebrated as “a day on, not a day off” and encourages all Americans to volunteer to improve their communities. The United Way of Greater Rochester has a [list of virtual volunteer opportunities](#) – find the link on their website at <https://uwrochester.galaxydigital.com>. Or go to [www.MLKDay.gov](http://www.MLKDay.gov) and search for volunteer opportunities near you.

If you're looking for ways to learn more about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his lasting legacy of justice, non-violence and understanding, the Pittsford Community Library has a variety of materials. One of the best ways to understand his cause and his passion is to hear about it in his own words. See the links below for some of **Dr. King's speeches**:

**MLK: The Other America.** Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s 1967 speech at Stanford. Here, he expounds on his nonviolent philosophy and methodology: <https://youtu.be/dOWDtDUKz-U>

**MLK: Nobel Peace Prize Acceptance Speech.** Oslo, Norway. December 11, 1964: <https://youtu.be/5r98tT0j1a0>

**Martin Luther King, Jr., "What Is Your Life's Blueprint?"** Rarely seen footage of Martin Luther King, Jr., speaking to students at Barratt Junior High School in Philadelphia on October 26, 1967: <https://youtu.be/ZmtOGXreTOU>

**Newly Discovered 1964 MLK Speech on Civil Rights, Segregation & Apartheid South Africa,** as shown on Democracy Now: [https://www.democracynow.org/2015/1/19/exclusive\\_newly\\_discovered\\_1964\\_mlk\\_speech](https://www.democracynow.org/2015/1/19/exclusive_newly_discovered_1964_mlk_speech)

Many thanks to our Pittsford Community Library staff for researching and providing the above video links.

### **ZOOM BASICS FOR BEGINNERS – ONLINE PROGRAM 1/21**

The Pittsford Community Library is offering a low-pressure introduction to Zoom, the current venue of many Library programs via an online program to be held Thursday, January 21 from 7:00 – 8:00pm. Learn alongside other beginners and practice changing views, screen sharing, chatting, and other basic functions. Wondering how you'll attend a Zoom program if you don't know how to Zoom yet? Fear not! Laura, the Library's Tech Services librarian, can set up a one-on-one tutorial to help you get started.

The program is free and open to the public; registration is required to receive the Zoom link. [Register online via the Library Program Calendar](#) or visit <https://www.townofpittsford.org/home-library> and use the Library Program Registration link.



### **PRESCHOOLERS EXPLORE STEM - LIBRARY VIRTUAL PROGRAM KITS OFFERED THROUGH 1/26**

Children ages 4 - 6 can explore science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) virtually with Children's Librarian Miss Vinise through January 26. This month's program will explore the scientific method with dancing raisins! Participants will learn what happens to raisins, rice, and dried noodles when dropped into carbonated water. The Library will provide most of the supplies needed, as well as a link to a video of Miss Vinise conducting the experiment and discussing the science behind it. Participants can register for the program and pick up a "Dancing Raisins" experiment kit any time

between January 12-26. A link to the video and a set of directions will be provided in each kit. Supplies are limited, so register soon! The program is free and open to the public; registration is required to receive the Zoom link. [Register online via the Library Program Calendar](#) or visit <https://www.townofpittsford.org/home-library> and use the Library Program Registration link.

### **LIBRARY SATURDAY HOURS EXPANDED**

The Pittsford Community Library has expanded its Saturday hours and will now be open until 4:00pm on Saturdays. The Library is open **Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00am - 7:00pm, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10:00am - 5:00pm, and Saturdays from 10:00am - 4:00pm.** Please note face coverings and appropriate physical distancing are required at all times when visiting the Library.

**Low contact pickup** of Library materials is offered during Library hours. Make pickup arrangements in advance via email at [pcreference@townofpittsford.org](mailto:pcreference@townofpittsford.org) or call the Library with your request at 248-6275. The Library also offers a **Virtual Reference Desk** and new online programs and resources are added frequently. Find complete information about Library hours, services, resources and guidelines at [www.bitly/pclupdates](http://www.bitly/pclupdates).

### **TOWN AND COUNTY 2021 PROPERTY TAX BILLS MAILED - DUE 2/10**

Pittsford residents: if your property taxes are not in escrow, you should have received your 2021 Town and County tax bill in the mail by this time. If you have not received your tax bill please do one of the following to obtain a copy of your bill:

1. Download and print a copy directly from the Monroe County website at [www.monroecounty.gov/apps/propertyapp.php](http://www.monroecounty.gov/apps/propertyapp.php), OR
2. Call the Town Tax Office at 585-248-6215 to have a copy of the bill emailed to you, OR
3. Email the Town Clerk/Tax Receiver at: [ldillon@townofpittsford.org](mailto:ldillon@townofpittsford.org) to receive a copy of your bill.

The interest-free Town and County property tax payment deadline is February 10; first installments are also accepted by or before February 10. Please be sure to read all the instructions and information written on the back of your bill carefully. Payments will be accepted only by mail or mail slot at Pittsford Town Hall (11 South Main Street); mail slots are located at the back door or to the right of the front door. Payments may also be made [online](#), or at Canandaigua National Bank (18 State Street, Pittsford). Payment stub (see page 2 of bill) must accompany payment. Please include a phone number on your check, if possible.

It is also **strongly** advised that you do NOT pay by electronic check, as these payments do not receive a U.S. postmark and may arrive late. The payment stub (see page 2 of your tax bill) must accompany your payment.

**Please also note:** If you are paying your tax bill with an online bill pay (electronic banking) system through your bank, please be aware that your bank still generates and mails a paper check to the Town and it may take as long as two weeks or more to reach the Town offices. This type of mail does not receive a USPS postmark. Therefore, the Town can only consider your payment received on the date it is physically received in our office.

### **REMINDERS**

#### **FOOD CUPBOARD TO OFFER DELIVERY TO SENIORS IN PITTSFORD**

***Sign up in advance, next delivery date is 1/22***

The Pittsford Food Cupboard will begin in January to offer delivery of groceries and supplies to senior citizens that reside in Pittsford. There are no income requirements to participate. Seniors interested in receiving home delivery must sign up for the program in person at the Pittsford Food Cupboard offices. The Food Cupboard will offer fresh produce, wholesome breads, frozen meat and dairy items in addition to non-perishable canned goods. Deliveries will be available on the second and fourth Friday of each month, between 11:00am and 2:00pm. For more information, call (585) 264-9860 and ask for Claire or visit [www.pittsfordfoodcupboard.net](http://www.pittsfordfoodcupboard.net).

The Pittsford Food Cupboard, located at 3800 Monroe Avenue, Suite 26, is open Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:30am – 1:30pm and the first and third Saturday of each month from 9:30 – 11:30am.

### **CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING UNDERWAY**

You can be green even in the winter - recycle your Christmas tree! Town of Pittsford crews will pick up trees placed curbside as long as all plastic bagging and all decorations are removed. Christmas trees are picked up, weather permitting, through the end of January. Christmas trees also may be dropped off at the Highway Garage, 60 Golf Avenue, from 7:00am until dark, Monday through Saturday. All trees gathered will be chipped and reused as mulch. The mulch will be available in the spring free to residents in the spring at the East Street storage site located just before the gate to the Town Parks Department office building (enter at 34 East Street).

### **SEASONAL PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT THROUGH APRIL 1, 2021**

In order to facilitate snow removal, Town of Pittsford seasonal parking restrictions are currently in effect through April 1, 2021. Parking of any vehicle on public roads - including state highways and on the shoulder of all roads - is prohibited each year from November 15 through April 1 in all areas within the Town and outside of the Village. During this time, please don't park on or along public roads outside of the Village. Please note violators may be ticketed or towed.

When the snow flies, we need roadsides clear of vehicles so our plows can get through. This is especially true in neighborhoods, where the streets are narrower. Vehicles parked along the roadside can hinder plows accessing your neighborhood. Please help us keep our streets safe and accessible!

### **ASL INTERPRETER ALWAYS AVAILABLE AT TOWN BOARD MEETINGS**

The Town of Pittsford has an American Sign Language interpreter available at every Pittsford Town Board meeting, to interpret for those who need this service. Those who can't attend a Town Board meeting in person but are planning to watch the meeting's live stream can confirm their need for the interpreter by emailing [comments@townofpittsford.org](mailto:comments@townofpittsford.org). Requests can be made in advance or can be emailed through the first ten minutes of the meeting. An on-demand Town Board meeting video with closed captioning will be available within 48 hours of the meeting; visit [www.townofpittsford.org/home-channel12](http://www.townofpittsford.org/home-channel12) and use the On-Demand links to view previously recorded meetings.

### **UPCOMING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN PITTSFORD**

- **"The Snowy Day" Story Walk**, January 11-15, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center field, 35 Lincoln Avenue; stop by the Community Center front desk after completing the walk to pick up a themed craft pack to take home. Physical distancing and face masks required when in contact with others outside of your group.
- **Supervisor Saturday with Bill Smith** - join the conversation with Town Supervisor Bill Smith at this casual open house, topics of discussion based upon attendee interest; Saturday, 1/16, 9:00 - 10:00am, Fisher Meeting Room (first floor), Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street

## TOWN OF PITTSFORD BOARD MEETINGS

- **Pittsford Community Library Board**, Wednesday, 1/13, 7:00pm, ONLINE ACCESS via Zoom video conferencing; information for accessing and viewing the meeting can be found on page 2 of the meeting agenda; the meeting agenda is posted at least two days prior to the meeting on the Town website here: [www.townofpittsford.org/home-minutes](http://www.townofpittsford.org/home-minutes)
- **Design Review and Historic Preservation Board**, Thursday, 1/14, 6:00pm, ONLINE ACCESS via Zoom video conferencing; information for accessing and viewing the meeting can be found on page 2 of the meeting agenda; the meeting agenda is posted at least two days prior to the meeting on the Town website here: [www.townofpittsford.org/home-minutes](http://www.townofpittsford.org/home-minutes)
- **Zoning Board**, Monday, 1/18, 7:00pm, ONLINE ACCESS via Zoom video conferencing; information for accessing and viewing the meeting can be found on page 2 of the meeting agenda; the meeting agenda is posted at least two days prior to the meeting on the Town website here: [www.townofpittsford.org/home-minutes](http://www.townofpittsford.org/home-minutes)
- **Town Board**, Tuesday, 1/19, 6:00pm, ASL interpretation provided, ONLINE ACCESS via Zoom video conferencing; information for accessing and viewing the meeting can be found on page 2 of the meeting agenda; the meeting agenda is posted at least two days prior to the meeting on the Town website here: [www.townofpittsford.org/home-minutes](http://www.townofpittsford.org/home-minutes)

## COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

- [American Legion Rayson-Miller Post 899](#) **TUESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST MEETINGS CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE** due to COVID-19 coronavirus social distancing requirements. Eligible veterans welcome to join the Post; for [membership information](#) visit the [Rayson-Miller Post website](#)
- [Pittsford Rotary Club](#), **WEEKLY IN-PERSON MEETINGS CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE** due to COVID-19 coronavirus social distancing requirements; check the Pittsford Rotary Facebook page for virtual meeting information.
- [Pittsford Art Group](#) is conducting monthly meetings for members via Zoom and typically displays artwork at the Pittsford Town Hall, Village Hall, The Friendly Home, Star Physical Therapy and the First Presbyterian Church of Pittsford. For further information or to become a member, please visit [www.pittsfordartgroup.com](http://www.pittsfordartgroup.com) or contact PAG president [Margie Mitchell](#)

## Town Facility Closures

**Spiegel Pittsford Community Center** - building is open 8:00am - 5:00pm Monday through Friday and open during program hours evenings and weekends. Senior "Grab N Go" meals will continue every Wednesday and Friday; pickup is at the bus loop behind the Community Center. Registration for low-risk activities and virtual programs begins in advance of each session. See Program Info & Registration link at [www.townofpittsford.org/home-recreation](http://www.townofpittsford.org/home-recreation). Programs will continue to open as we receive further guidance.

**Pittsford Community Library** - the Library is now open for limited hours and services; enter from the parking lot entrance. The Library also has many online resources, programs and activities for all ages to enjoy. For current Library hours, services, resources, and other updates, visit the Library's update page at [www.bit.ly/pclupdates](http://www.bit.ly/pclupdates). For virtual children's programming check the Library's Facebook page [www.facebook.com/PittsfordLibrary/](http://www.facebook.com/PittsfordLibrary/). The Book Drop return area is open; please only deposit returned books; for information on book sale donations visit [www.pittsfordlibraryfriends.com](http://www.pittsfordlibraryfriends.com). Regular due dates for all materials have resumed; check your receipt or your Library account for exact due dates. Low contact pickup of Library materials is available for Monroe County Library System cardholders.

**Town Hall** is open to residents by appointment only; in-person meetings will be limited and allowed only when absolutely necessary. Calls should be made to the department related to the inquiry. Town Hall remains staffed to handle business online and by mail, phone, email and the "drop slot" to the right of the front door of Town Hall.

**Town Clerk:** All services of the Town Clerk are available online, by mail, phone and email. If necessary, an appointment can be arranged. Contact at 248-6210 or [ldillon@townofpittsford.org](mailto:ldillon@townofpittsford.org), mail materials to Pittsford Town Clerk's Office, 11 South Main Street, Pittsford NY 14534. Services info at [www.townofpittsford.org/home-clerk](http://www.townofpittsford.org/home-clerk).

**Town Court:** Pittsford Town Court sessions are being scheduled on a limited basis. Town Court staff are available via phone and email Monday - Friday from 9:00am - 5:00pm; call (585) 248-6238 or email at [pdromgoole@townofpittsford.org](mailto:pdromgoole@townofpittsford.org). Visitors must follow appropriate health safety and social distancing requirements for Court appearances and Court Office visits.

**All Town Playgrounds:** residents may use Town playgrounds at their own risk, as it is not possible for the Town to keep equipment appropriately sanitized after every use. Those using Town playgrounds are expected to observe COVID-19 social distancing and hygiene protocols.

**All Town Parks:** Farm View Park and Hopkins Park are closed as of November 2020 and will remain closed through the spring of 2021. All other Town parks remain open; all courts are open, all athletic fields are open to groups of 25 individuals or less, and all trails and walkways are accessible. Those using Town parks are expected to observe COVID-19 social distancing and hygiene protocols.

**Thornell Farm Park:** the park is open and per State requirements, all grass and turf sports fields are open to group activities of 25 individuals or less; the tennis courts, trails, walkways and the playground are open to residents. COVID-19 social distancing and hygiene protocols are required.

**King's Bend Park Lodges:** the lodges are open for reservations; per State and Federal governments all COVID-19 safety guidelines must be followed while at the lodges. Lodge capacities

will adhere to New York State COVID-19 guidelines. Please note COVID-19 social distancing and hygiene protocols are required.

**The Mile Post School:** the building is closed to the public until further notice, as the site is being used as a Public Works crew operation center.

**Building Department:** As of May 15, 2020 the Governor has begun the phased reopening of New York State. The Town of Pittsford and the surrounding Finger Lakes region have met the criteria set by the Governor to reopen. Construction is included in Phase 1 of the reopening plan. As construction moves forward, all COVID-19 safety guidelines set by the State and Federal governments must be followed while on the job site. To protect the community and limit the spread of COVID-19, the Town of Pittsford has altered accordingly its inspection and permitting procedures. See the Town of Pittsford COVID-19 Building Inspection Procedures for details; additional information can be found here: New York State Construction Guidelines. For more information contact Town of Pittsford Building Inspector Mark Lenzi at [mLenzi@townofpittsford.org](mailto:mLenzi@townofpittsford.org) or call the Town Building Department at 585-248-6265.

**Town Public Works** - Highway, Sewer and Parks Departments: All operations continue. Crews in these departments are following hygiene and social distancing protocols in light of the COVID-19 threat.

**Monroe County Services at Town facilities:**

The County has suspended until further notice Passport Services at Town Hall and Mobile DMV service at Pittsford Town Court. Find updated information for Monroe County DMV here <https://www2.monroecounty.gov/clerk-COVID-19>.

Further information and updates can be found at [www.townofpittsford.org/covid-19info](http://www.townofpittsford.org/covid-19info).

## COVID-19 Coronavirus Information Links

Further Town of Pittsford COVID-19 coronavirus information and updates can be found at [www.townofpittsford.org/covid-19info](http://www.townofpittsford.org/covid-19info).

### [Pittsford Central School District COVID-19 Coronavirus Updates](#)

You can find information on COVID-19 coronavirus at the County Health Department's website: <https://www2.monroecounty.gov/health-index.php>.

Additional information about business closure requirements throughout Monroe County can be found on the County's Website: [www.monroecounty.gov](http://www.monroecounty.gov)

The CDC also has information on its website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/share-facts-stop-fear.html>.

In addition, the CDC has information relevant to anyone planning to travel outside of the United States: [https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html?deliveryName=USCDC\\_2067-DM20785](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html?deliveryName=USCDC_2067-DM20785).

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