



News & Reviews

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Town of Pittsford - a Clean Energy Community

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Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings***



LIBRARY PROGRAM: ETHICAL CHOICES FOR SUSTAINABLE GARDENS – FEBRUARY 4
Part of the "Encouraging Nature in Your Own Backyard" series hosted by Penfield Public Library and the Pittsford Community Library

Learn about gardens not only as beautiful vistas, but also as the source of vital benefits for our native wildlife. On Thursday, February 4 from 7:00 – 8:30pm the Pittsford Community Library and the Penfield Public

Library together host via Zoom "The New American Garden: Ethical Choices for Sustainable Gardens." This online program, presented by Megan Meyer of Color Penfield Green, will explore ideas that can be added to your toolbox to help you be a good stewards of the land, starting in your own backyard. The program is free but registration is required to receive the Zoom link for the program. [Register online here](#) or visit <https://www.townofpittsford.org/home-library> and use the Library Program Registration link.

The **"Encouraging Nature in Your Own Backyard" program series continues weekly throughout February.** It encourages creating an inviting and healthy backyard habitat for people and other creatures. Future topics include **Bird-Friendly Backyards** (2/11), **Creating a Landscape for Pollinators and Other Insects** (2/18) and **First Frogs in Our Own Backyard** (2/25). To learn more and to register, visit the [Library's online program calendar](#).

PITTSFORD'S GREENPRINT TURNS 25 THIS YEAR

Award-winning plan implemented in 1996 remains a national model for community conservation

This year marks the 25th anniversary of Pittsford's most successful environmental and sustainable initiative to date: its pioneering Greenprint, which preserved 2/3 of the then remaining farmland in Town from development. We'll be celebrating this throughout the year. Look for events to come!

VOLUNTEER BOARD OPENINGS - RESUMES ACCEPTED THROUGH 1/31

The Town of Pittsford seeks applications from residents who are interested in serving on our volunteer boards. There are opportunities on:



- Assessment Review Board
- Design Review and Historic Preservation Board
- Environmental Advisory Board
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
- Planning Board
- Zoning Board of Appeals

Town volunteer boards assist with the various functions of Town government and in many cases make decisions affecting key issues of importance to Pittsford's success as a community.

Selection Process: once candidate resumes are received, they will be distributed equally among Town Board members, who will then, along with the corresponding board chair, interview interested candidates. Interview questions will be consistent among candidates and responses rated against the same criteria. The highest-rated candidates will be selected; those not selected will be notified.

Any Pittsford resident with an interest in serving on one of the above volunteer boards should **send a resume for consideration by January 31** to:

Supervisor's Office, Town of Pittsford, 11 South Main Street, Pittsford, New York 14534 or sreddick@townofpittsford.org.

Please indicate in your submission what board would be of interest to you. For complete information about each board's responsibilities and board member term lengths, click this link to [Town citizen volunteer board information](#) or visit the "Volunteer Boards" link under the "Government" tab on the Town website at www.townofpittsford.org.

GRAB AND GO MEALS FOR SENIORS – PICK UP AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

We have a convenient pickup lunch program for seniors at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center. A **"Grab and Go" meal** from the Monroe County Office of the Aging is offered on Wednesdays and Fridays at a suggested contribution of \$3.50 each. Meals are offered to anyone age 60 or over and must be reserved in advance; pick up is at the bus loop behind the Community Center. For more information, and to order, call our Senior Programs office at 248-6235.

TOWN AND COUNTY 2021 PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS DUE BY 2/10

The interest-free Town and County 2021 property tax payment deadline is February 10; first installments or full payments of your Town and County

property taxes are due at this time. Please be sure to read all of 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. Payment stub (see page 2 of bill) must accompany payment. Please include a phone number on your check, if possible.

First installment payments and full payments also can be made at Canandaigua National Bank (18 State Street, Pittsford), through Wednesday, February 10 only. Payments can be made online via the Town's website, (which links to the Monroe County website) by February 10 using Visa or MasterCard only; please note there is a 2.75% service charge for online payments. [Click here to pay online.](#)

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.

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.

UPDATE FROM NYSDOT ON STATE STREET BRIDGE CLOSURE

Minor preparatory work to rehabilitate the NY-31 (State St) Bridge over the Erie Canal in the Village of Pittsford began last week by the NYS Department of Transportation. This work will be performed while the bridge is open to vehicular traffic with one sidewalk closed at a time. The bridge will be closed to vehicular and pedestrian traffic in March for up to six months as the contractor works to rehabilitate the steel floor system, replace the concrete bridge deck, paint the lower section, and improve approaches to meet Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.

Per the NYSDOT, the actual bridge closure date has not been set yet as the contractor is awaiting confirmation of the steel delivery date. Once that date is confirmed the DOT will establish a bridge closure date.

This work is required to avoid frequent closures for temporary repairs, imposing a posted weight restriction, or permanent closure to vehicular traffic. During construction, signed detours will be posted using I-490, NY-31F, NY-153, and NY-96. Recreational boating and the Erie Canal Heritage Trail below the bridge will remain open throughout the project.

Motorists will be kept informed with variable message signs and temporary work zone traffic control signs on site. Real-time traffic and construction updates can also be found by visiting www.511ny.org.

ONLINE BALANCE CLASS FOR SENIORS, 1ST THREE MONDAYS EACH MONTH

Seniors – here's one way to stay active until we can welcome you back: our free online Balance class! It's a great way to help improve strength, mobility and balance, which can help you stay active and prevent falls. Class is held on Zoom from 1:15 – 2:00pm on the first three Mondays of each month. **The next class is this Monday, February 1.** To register, and for more information, call our Senior Programs office at (585) 248-6235.

PLEASE HELP KEEP FIRE HYDRANTS CLEAR THIS WINTER – EVERY SECOND COUNTS IN AN EMERGENCY

Property owners, home owners and snow removal operators are asked to be aware of neighborhood fire hydrant locations and to assist in keeping snow away from hydrants to maintain a 3-foot clearing around them. If you can do so, clearing a path from the hydrant to the street is also very helpful. In an emergency, every second counts and a clear path to a fire hydrant is critical - please help our emergency responders keep our community safe!



CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING PICK UP ENDS THIS WEEK

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).

ELDERBERRY EXPRESS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES HIRES NEW STAFF

Two new staff members have been hired to schedule rides for Elderberry Express: Suzanne Lee and Susan Smith. They are happy to help arrange trips to the doctor or to the grocery store for our Pittsford seniors. Welcome, Suzanne and Susan!

The Elderberry Express is a free transportation service for Pittsford residents age 65 and older. Staff members will be in the office 9:00 am – 12 noon Monday through Friday to take calls. To schedule, call **248-6237** during this time, or leave a message. Elderberry Express offers this ride service to help our seniors remain independent and in their homes, even if they no longer can drive.

Service is currently limited to medical appointments & grocery trips.

The Elderberry Express resumed some transportation services as of January 4. At this time, only requests for medical appointments and grocery store trips can be accommodated. All COVID-19 precautions will be followed; drivers and passengers will be required to wear a mask. **Services must be scheduled at least two days**

in advance to ensure driver availability; Monday appointments must be scheduled by the prior Thursday.

For more information visit www.townofpittsford.org/elderberry-express. Seniors can also stop by or call the Elderberry Express office, located in the Senior Programs Office at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue, telephone 248-6237.

PTSA HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD NOMINATIONS DUE FEBRUARY 12

The deadline for nominations for the Pittsford Central School District PTSA Honorary Life Membership Award is February 12. The award is given annually to community members who go above and beyond work or volunteer expectations in service to Pittsford's youth. It is a chance to recognize those who make our community a better place for our children - that special teacher or school counselor, the librarian who created a special program to reach reluctant readers, the coach who encourages more than just a kid's athletic skills. The award honors those who have outstanding personal qualities, thereby serving as a role model for youth, and have shown continued availability and willingness to serve, directly or in an administrative capacity, the needs of youth over an extended period of time. Nominees do not have to be PTSA members nor Pittsford Central School District employees.

To learn more or to make a nomination, visit the PTSA Honorary Life Membership Award webpage <https://www.pittsfordptsa.net/lifemembershipaward>. Preliminary nominations are due by February 12. Award recipients will be honored in a special ceremony on Tuesday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m.

REMINDERS

THEMED HALLWAY BOOK SALES UNDERWAY AT THE LIBRARY ***New theme begins each Thursday – Non Fiction & Humor begins tomorrow, Collectibles & Adult/Juvenile next week***

The Friends of the Pittsford Library is now featuring a bookshelf of rotating book categories during its ongoing hallway sale. This bookshelf will be updated each Thursday and feature a different theme each week. Collectible books also will be offered occasionally. Stop by and peruse – you may find just what you're looking for and your purchase will support the Pittsford Community Library's programs and services!

Theme Schedule (new themes are stocked each Thursday):

January 21– 27: Local and Art & Architecture

January 28 – February 3: Non Fiction and Humor

February 4 – 10: Collectibles & Adult/Juvenile

February 11 – 17: Cooking and Romance

February 18 – 24: Religion and Inspiration

February 25 – March 3: Science/Math and Photography

March 4 – 10: Baseball

March 11 – 18: Gardening and Nature/Pets

The Pittsford Community Library is located 24 State Street. Please note face coverings and appropriate physical distancing are required in the Library. For current Library hours, visit the Library web page at

<https://www.townofpittsford.org/home-library>.

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. 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 and use the On-Demand links to view previously recorded meetings.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN PITTSFORD

- [Indigenous History of Pittsford](#) – online program with Michael Galban of Ganondagan, Tuesday, 2/2 - registrations have reached capacity, a second session is being planned, visit www.historicpittsford.com for updated information
- [Pittsford Rotary Food Drive](#), Saturday, 2/6, 9:00am - 12noon, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue; canned and other packaged goods needed for Children Awaiting Parents (pasta, sauce, canned fruits & vegetables) and Pittsford Food Cupboard (see [list of Food Cupboard needs here](#))
- **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, 2/13, 9:00 - 10:00am, Fisher Meeting Room (first floor), Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street. Please note participants

will be expected to wear a face covering and follow appropriate health and physical distancing guidelines.

TOWN OF PITTSFORD BOARD MEETINGS

- **Environmental Board**, Monday, 2/1, 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
- **Town Board**, Tuesday, 2/2, 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

COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

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- [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 or contact PAG president [Margie Mitchell](#)

Town Facility Access

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. 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. For virtual children's programming check the Library's Facebook page 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. 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 and at the back 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, mail materials to Pittsford Town Clerk's Office, 11 South Main Street, Pittsford NY 14534. Services info at 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. 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 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.

COVID-19 Coronavirus Information Links

Further Town of Pittsford COVID-19 coronavirus information and updates can be found at 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

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.

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