



# News & Reviews

**February 12, 2020**

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

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## **THINK CONSERVATION - AND SPRING! - WITH THE COUNTY'S TREE, SHRUB AND PLANT PRE-ORDER PROGRAM**

Winter is still here, but it's not too early to plan for your spring planting project - and you can help conservation efforts in our area while you do!

The Monroe County Soil and Water (MCSW) Conservation District's annual Conservation Tree, Shrub, and Plant pre-order program is currently underway and offers a wide variety of evergreens, hardwood trees, shrubs, wildflowers, groundcovers, seed mixes, plant variety conservation packs, and even enhancement items like bluebird nesting boxes and bat roosting boxes! Proceeds from the annual sale will benefit the MCSW Conservation District's education and preservation programs.

The catalog offers great choices for suburban conservationists, including an edible fruit multi-pack option - featuring two plants each of cold tolerant strawberry, raspberry, blackberry, and two varieties of blueberry - and a wildlife food plot seed mix for those interested in improving wildlife habitat. Packages range in unit size and price, from a bundle of 10 plants for as low as \$10, to bundles of 100 plants for as low as \$73. Native species new to the program this year include Common Hoptree, Black Walnut, Eastern Redbud, Northern Catalpa and Blazing Star.



**Buttonbush shrub, available through the County's Conservation Tree, Shrub and Plant pre-order program.**

Planting trees and shrubs is perhaps the most effective way for individuals to help keep our environment clean and green. In addition to providing shade, privacy, wildlife habitat, borders, windbreaks and snow fences, trees provide many environmental benefits not visible to the eye. They work as filters to help protect drinking water, clean the air of pollutants, help mitigate stormwater runoff and stabilize soil to prevent erosion, and reduce noise by acting as sound barriers. Trees can help cool your home in the summer, and break cold winds in the winter, helping to reduce energy use. They can even add value to your property.

**Orders are due by March 6** and will be ready for pick up on April 23 - 24 at Monroe County's ecopark facility (10 Avion Drive, Rochester 14624). **To find the [2020 catalog](#), fillable online and printable order forms, a plant fact sheet and planting tips**, visit the Monroe County Soil and Water Conservation District's [Tree and Shrub Program web page](#). Order forms are also available at local Town and Village Clerk's offices. For further information, visit the MCSW Conservation District website at [www.monroecountyswcd.org](http://www.monroecountyswcd.org), email [mcswcd@monroecounty.gov](mailto:mcswcd@monroecounty.gov) or call the MCSW Conservation District

office Monday - Friday, 8:00am-4:00pm, at (585) 753-7380. Improve the environmental health of your property and support local conservation efforts - place your order today!

#### **NYS DOT MEETING ON PROPOSED RT 31/STATE STREET BRIDGE PROJECT THIS THURSDAY**

The NY State Department of Transportation will host a second public information meeting **this Thursday, February 13** regarding their proposed Route 31/State Street bridge rehabilitation project. The content and information will be the same as that shared at the NYSDOT's public meeting held December 17, 2019.

The NYSDOT project includes work on the State Street Bridge, paving work on Main Street and State Street, and significant pedestrian safety improvements. The open-house style meeting will be held on Thursday, February 13 from 5:00 - 6:30pm at the Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street. Those interested in attending may arrive at any time during the meeting to review the project details, which will include the scope of work and planned traffic detours during construction. NYSDOT staff will receive public comments and answer individual questions. No formal presentation will be made during the meeting.

For further information, or to request a sign language interpreter or assistive listening system, please contact Katherine Fragale at (585) 371-9245 or [Katherine.Fragale@dot.ny.gov](mailto:Katherine.Fragale@dot.ny.gov).

#### **"SLAVE EXPERIENCE & THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD" AT THE LIBRARY THIS SATURDAY**

The Pittsford Community Library is celebrating Black History Month in February with a variety of outstanding programs. This **Saturday, February 15** from 2:00 - 3:00pm features a presentation entitled **"The Slave Experience and the Underground Railroad."** Underground Railroad enthusiast Jerry Bennett will share his maps, songs, books, handouts, stories and visual aids in a unique presentation about the slave experience. The program is free and open to the public and will be held in the Library's Fisher Meeting Room; no registration required.

For more information about this and other Library programs, visit the [Library's online program calendar](#) or call 249-5481. The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street.

#### **WOWEE! LIVE ANIMAL AMBASSADORS AT THE LIBRARY THIS SUNDAY, 2/16**

Things will get a little wild at the Pittsford Community Library this Sunday, February 16. World of Wildlife Educational Encounters (WOWEE!) will join us from 2:00 - 3:30pm and connect attendees to the natural world through unique live animal encounters. Participants will learn about the critical problems facing wildlife, no matter where they are located on our planet, and what steps we can take to help conserve our wild places and their inhabitants. Come and meet a Fennec fox, an alligator, a prairie dog and others! The program is free and open to the public and will be held in the Library's Fisher Meeting Room; no registration required.

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#### **SENIORS LUNCH AND CITIZEN PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM THIS TUESDAY, 2/18**

Seniors, join us at 12noon in the VanHuysen Community Room at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center this Tuesday, February 18 for a delicious lunch and a program that will teach you to be prepared for a variety of emergency situations. A representative from the American Red Cross will present "Citizen Preparedness for Seniors." Lunch will include BLT wrap, baked beans and cherry tart for dessert. Cost is \$6.00 per person; advance registration and payment is required. For more information and to register, stop by the Senior Programs office at the Community Center or call 248-6235.

The Town's Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. To learn more about our programs, activities and services for seniors [click HERE to visit the Seniors page](#) on the Town website, [read our Seniors program info brochure online](#), or call our Senior Programs Office at 248-6235.

### **PTSA HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD NOMINATIONS DUE THIS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

The deadline for nominations for the Pittsford Central School District PTSA Honorary Life Membership Award is this Friday, February 14. 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 15. Award recipients will be honored in a special ceremony on Tuesday, April 28 at 7:00 p.m. at the Mendon High School Auditorium. The ceremony is open to the public.

### **VARIETY OF FOOD AND BEVERAGES TO HIGHLIGHT "A TASTE OF PITTSFORD" MARCH 9**

Tickets are now on sale for the 17th annual "A Taste of Pittsford," presented by the Rotary Club of Pittsford and featuring a variety of tastings from area restaurants, caterers, wineries and breweries.

The charity fundraising event is March 9 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Shults Center at Nazareth College and also will include a silent auction, door prizes and visits from celebrity guests. Valet parking will be available at the event.

"We always look forward to this event as it helps jump start spring by gathering with friends and neighbors over some of the finest food and beverages in the area," said Jim Murphy, coordinator of the event for Pittsford Rotary. "This is our largest fund-raiser of the year with proceeds helping to support community organizations through the Pittsford Rotary Foundation. Our foundation supports such organizations as the Pittsford Food Cupboard, the Pittsford Volunteer Fire Association, the Cub Scouts, Little League, and Saint's Place, among others. We also provide scholarships for students."

Tickets are \$45 each and are available at the Pittsford branch of Canandaigua National Bank and Trust at 18 State Street; the Pittsford location of the Pittsford Federal Credit Union at 20 Tobey Village Road; Forsythe Jewelers at 66 Monroe Avenue in Pittsford, next to Talbots; and Mostly Clay in Schoen Place. Tickets also are available online at [PittsfordRotaryClub.org](http://PittsfordRotaryClub.org). Packages of eight tickets are offered at a discount for \$300.

### **REMINDERS**

#### **JOB OPPORTUNITY: CHILD WATCH COUNSELOR, RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

##### ***Applications due February 21***

The Town of Pittsford's Recreation Department is seeking candidates to fill a part-time Child Watch Counselor position.

This is an aide position that assists recreation staff with program activities for Child Watch participants (ages 18 months - 5 years). Responsibilities include assisting with supervision and instruction for games and arts and crafts. Experience working with children is preferred.

Candidates must have completed at least two (2) years of high school and should have a working knowledge of a variety of recreational games, arts and crafts, and sports. Program hours are Monday - Friday, 8:30am - 1:00pm; with working hours one to two days per week, as needed. Find a complete [job description and](#)

[application information here](#) or visit the [Employment Opportunities page](#) link under the "Contact Us" tab on the Town website, [www.townofpittsford.org](http://www.townofpittsford.org). The application deadline is February 21.

### **REFUSE DISTRICT ENROLLMENT FOR 2021 UNDERWAY THROUGH APRIL 30**

In response to interest expressed by residents, the Town has enabled residents to create refuse districts for their neighborhoods. Creating a refuse district means significantly lower cost to residents for trash collection and would reduce garbage truck traffic on residential streets to one visit, once a week. Setting up a Refuse District and setting the boundaries of the district are entirely up to the residents of a district - this is an optional program. The residents decide the boundaries of the district, then inform the Town of their decision. The Town will guide interested residents through the process. In 2019, five neighborhoods completed the process and enabled their refuse districts for 2020. **January 1 - April 30, 2020 is the enrollment period for setting up a refuse district that will begin service in 2021.** Find complete information about setting up a Refuse District at [www.townofpittsford.org/refuse-districts](http://www.townofpittsford.org/refuse-districts).

### **SEASONAL PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT THROUGH APRIL 1, 2020**

In order to facilitate snow removal, Town of Pittsford seasonal parking restrictions are in effect from November 15 (this Friday) through April 1, 2020. 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!

### **EMERGENCY CLOSINGS INFORMATION**

In the case of major weather events or other emergencies, information about facility closings and program/event cancellations will be announced on the Town's website [www.townofpittsford.org](http://www.townofpittsford.org), [Facebook page Town of Pittsford](#), and [Twitter feed @pittsfordtown](#), as well as on local television and radio stations and Pittsford's [Cable TV 12 Channel 1303 government access station](#). TV-12 Channel 1303 announcements can be viewed live any time via the [TV-12 Channel 1303 page on the Town website](#).

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

The Town of Pittsford provides an American Sign Language interpreter at every meeting of the Pittsford Town Board, to interpret for those who need this service.

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

- [Taste of Pittsford](#), Monday, 3/9, 6-8:30pm, Nazareth College's Shults Center, 4245 East Avenue; featuring a variety of tastings from area restaurants, caterers, wineries and breweries plus live music, door prizes and silent auction; proceeds to benefit Rotary's many local charitable efforts. Advance ticket sales only; more information and tickets online at [www.pittsfordrotaryclub.org](http://www.pittsfordrotaryclub.org) or purchase at Forsythe Jeweler, Pittsford Federal Credit Union, or Canandaigua National Bank.

### **TOWN OF PITTSFORD BOARD MEETINGS**

- **Parks and Recreation Board**, Thursday, 2/13, 6:30pm, Paul M. Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue
- **Design Review & Historic Preservation Board**, Thursday, 2/13, 6:45pm, Public Meeting Room, Town Hall (lower level), 11 South Main Street
- **Zoning Board of Appeals**, Monday, 2/17, 7:00pm, Public Meeting Room, Town Hall (lower level), 11 South Main Street

- **Town Board**, Tuesday, 2/25, 6:00pm, Public Meeting Room, Town Hall (lower level), 11 South Main Street - **NOTE DATE CHANGE**

## COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

- [Women's Club of Pittsford](#), general meeting featuring a presentation by Rochester's Buffalo Soldiers group, which will discuss the history of African American men and women in the military from the Civil War to today, Thursday, 2/13, 6:30pm, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, room 107, 35 Lincoln Avenue
- [American Legion Rayson-Miller Post 899](#) Tuesday morning breakfast and socializing, every Tuesday, 8:00-10:00am, Post 899, Pittsford Village Hall lower level, 21 North Main Street; open to all - meet and socialize with veterans; no charge but donations accepted. Eligible veterans welcome to join the Post; for [membership information](#) visit the [Rayson-Miller Post website](#)
- [Pittsford Rotary Club](#), Wednesdays (weekly), 7:00am, Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street
- [Pittsford Art Group](#), first Thursday of the month, September through May (no meetings October and March), 7:00 - 9:00pm, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, room 19 (lower level, elevator available), 35 Lincoln Avenue; the group strives to be a teaching organization - all are welcome! For meeting details and membership, contact PAG president [Margie Mitchell](#)

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