



News & Reviews

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Town of Pittsford - a Clean Energy Community

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TOWN'S COMMITMENT TO A SUSTAINABLE PITTSFORD: CCA, LED STREET LIGHTS, SOLAR ENERGY, EV CHARGING STATIONS

Last week Town Supervisor Bill Smith had a productive meeting with Matt Halladay of Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council.

The Town's sustainability strategy has been to partner with the GFL RPC staff, leveraging their expertise in clean energy and knowledge of the State's priorities and New York State Energy Research & Development Authority (NYSERDA) initiatives. Doing so enables the Town to make decisions on available opportunities and move quickly to take advantage of grants and rebates available to municipalities.



Matt Halladay of Genesee/Finger Lakes RPC and Town Supervisor Bill Smith discuss sustainability initiatives.

In the meeting Supervisor Smith and Mr. Halladay discussed the Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) program. CCA allows participating local governments to procure an energy supply on behalf of its utility customers. Joining with other municipalities puts Pittsford in a stronger position to be able to provide residents with energy from 100% renewable sources, at a cost lower than the regular RG&E rate. To learn more about the Town's CCA initiative, click here: www.townofpittsford.org/content/community-choice-aggregation-information.

Also discussed was the Town Administration's plan to proceed with the RG&E LED Street Light Conversion program. This program applies to the "cobra" style street light, of which there are approximately 115 in the Town. Such a conversion would pay for itself in the near term with reduced energy and maintenance cost.

The Town of Pittsford's commitment to sustainability goes back at least as far as our Greenprint plan, which preserved two-thirds of the then-remaining farmland in Town in the 1990s. We have carried on with that commitment through the years, more recently earning designation by the State in 2017 as a Clean Energy Community and successfully competing for a State grant in 2018 to solarize the lodges at King's Bend Park and to install a second electric vehicle charging station. The Town will continue with its forward thinking and actions to make sure Pittsford has a sustainable future.

YARD DEBRIS PICKUP DUE TO RECENT WIND STORMS

Addressing snow and ice on our streets and walkways currently is our main priority but we realize many yards are filled with branches and debris from recent wind storms. Our Town crews will make their way through town to pick up yard debris in the next few weeks, as weather allows. Residents may place yard

debris at the curb for pickup. Please don't put debris in the roadway or on the shoulder of the road - it creates a traffic hazard. Please note we won't have a set pickup schedule - crews will move through the town as conditions allow. Our thanks for your patience and understanding!

SENIOR'S PROGRAM TUESDAY: THE SLAVE EXPERIENCE AND THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

Seniors, join us for lunch this Tuesday, February 26 at 12noon for a special lunch program in celebration of Black History Month. Jerry Bennett will present "**The Slave Experience and the Underground Railroad.**" Cost is \$6.00 per person and includes a lunch of chicken breast with vegetables, salad, roll and dessert. For more information and to make your reservation, stop by the Pittsford Seniors Office in the Community Center or call 248-6235.

The Town of Pittsford's Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. To learn more about all of our wonderful programs for seniors [click here to visit the Seniors page](#) on the Town website or [read our Seniors program info brochure online](#).

MARCH WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY

March is Women's History month and we're celebrating it at the Library with some special programs. On **March 1 and March 15 join us for Friday afternoon movie matinees** at 1:00pm in the Fisher Meeting Room to commemorate women's history. The movies are free and open to the public - and include free popcorn! No registration required. The performance licensing agreement prevents us from "advertising" the titles of movies shown at the Library, but you can pick up a program brochure at the Library Information Desk or call 249-5481 for a listing of the movie titles.

We'll also feature a **Women's History Month teen movie on Monday, March 4** at 3:30pm in the Fisher Meeting Room. It's a "way existential" 1990s time capsule of fashion, pop culture and Valley-girl verbiage that celebrates female friendship. Grab a program brochure at the Library Information Desk or call 249-5481 for the movie title.

We'll have a "**Women of Note**" concert on **March 10** and feature "**Beyond Susan B. Antony**" on **March 24** - a program that tells the story of four little-known women who advanced the cause of women's rights leading to suffrage.

A reminder as well about our program this Sunday, **February 24** with Pittsford Town Board member Kevin Beckford entitled "**Why Diversity and Inclusion is Critical for Business Today.**"

All the programs are free and open to the public; no registration required; visit the [Library's online program calendar](#) for more information or call the Library at 249-5481.

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

ORDERS DUE MARCH 1 FOR COUNTY'S TREE, SHRUB AND PLANT PRE-ORDER PROGRAM

Friday, March 2 is the deadline for the Monroe County Soil and Water (MCSW) Conservation District's annual Tree, Shrub, and Plant pre-order program. It's not too early to plan for your spring planting project - and your order can help conservation efforts in our area! The 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 program 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 \$70.

Native species new to the program this year Tulip Poplar, Buttonbush, Persimmon, River Birch and more.

Orders are due by March 1 and will be ready for pick up on April 18 - 19 at Monroe County's ecopark facility (10 Avion Drive, Rochester 14624). **To find the online order portal, 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 or call the MCSW Conservation District Monday - Friday, 8am-4pm, at (585) 753-7380. Improve the environmental health of your property and support local conservation efforts - place your order today!

REMINDERS

SEASONAL PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT THROUGH APRIL 1, 2019

In order to facilitate snow removal Town of Pittsford seasonal parking restrictions are in effect from November 15 (this Thursday) through April 1, 2019. 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. Please note violators may be ticketed or towed. Help us keep our roadways safe - during this time, please don't park on or along public roads outside of the Village.

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, [Facebook page Town of Pittsford](#), and [Twitter feed @pittsfordtown](#), as well as on local television and radio stations and Pittsford's [Cable Channel 12 government access station](#). Channel 12 announcements can be viewed live any time via the [Channel 12 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

- [Pittsford Chamber of Commerce](#) Networking Night at the Pittsford Pub, 60 N. Main Street, Thursday, February 28, 5:00 - 7:00pm, free to Chamber members, \$10 each for non-members; mingle with Chamber members while enjoying free appetizers and cash bar. **Registration required**, [online registration here](#) or contact info@pittsfordchamber.org or (585) 310-2004.
- **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, March 2, 9:00 - 10:00am, Fisher Meeting Room (first floor), Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street

TOWN OF PITTSFORD BOARD MEETINGS

- **Town Board - Legislative session**, Thursday, 2/21, 6:00pm, Public Meeting Room, Town Hall (lower level), 11 South Main Street; ASL interpretation provided - **NOTE DAY AND DATE CHANGE**
- **Planning Board**, Monday 2/25, 7:30PM, Public Meeting Room, Town Hall (lower level), 11 South Main Street

COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

- [Village Board of Trustees](#), Tuesday, 2/26, 7:00pm, Village Hall, 21 North Main Street
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- [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 St.
- [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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