

News & Reviews

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Town of Pittsford - a Clean Energy Community

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

TOWN ZONING CODE UPDATE ONLINE WORKSHOP THIS SATURDAY, 3/13

The Town of Pittsford invites all residents and stakeholders to kick off the Town's Zoning Code Update by participating in an online Community Workshop this **Saturday, March 13** at **10:00 AM**. Our Zoning Code Update is the next step following on from the Town's adoption of its updated Comprehensive Plan.

The workshop will be held remotely through Zoom, an online meeting format that can be accessed with or without an account. To participate, join the Workshop by accessing this Zoom link <https://zoom.us/j/99359900810>. The meeting information can also be found on the Zoning Code Update website www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate. The project website also offers background information on the Zoning Code Update, the project timeline, and public input tools. The contents of the project webpage will be updated as the Zoning Code Update progresses.



Our local Zoning Code:

- **Determines the types and locations of land uses allowed in our community** (residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural, open space, etc.)
- **Guides the design and appearance of structures and sites** (houses, apartment buildings, offices, businesses, parks, etc.)
- **Informs property management** and use

Your voice is critical to shaping the Zoning Code Update! All Town of Pittsford stakeholders (i.e. residents, business and property owners, community leaders, and taxpayers) are encouraged to attend the Workshop. Substantial input and feedback from a broad range of community members is essential to ensure the updated Zoning Code reflects the community's development preferences and future vision.

The Workshop will provide an overview of the proposed Zoning Code update process, an introduction to the basics of zoning, and initial observations of the Town's Code. The Workshop

will be recorded and posted online for those who are unable to attend at the scheduled date and time. Additional public input events – including an opportunity to provide direct feedback on the proposed Zoning Code and Map updates – will be offered later on in the project timeline.



REGISTRATION FOR SPRING RECREATION PROGRAMS UNDERWAY

Registration for Spring Recreation programs is currently underway for Pittsford residents and opens March 15 for non-residents. We continue to carefully follow New York State COVID-19 guidelines for all Recreation programming.

Current **programs for seniors** include an **online Balance Class** held the first three Mondays of each month and **Pittsford Highlands Chorus** rehearsals (all are welcome to participate) every Monday via Zoom. We're pleased to resume some **in-person seniors exercise programs** as well at the Community Center, including Arthritis Senior Fitness with Pat Rose and Zumba Gold.

There are plenty of **new programs this spring for all ages**. Keep active and healthy with **Geocaching 101, Girls Youth Basketball, Ballroom Dance, an Adult Golf Clinic** or a **Coed Softball league**. Strengthen the immune system, improve balance and flexibility and decrease stress with **Taiji Flow**.

For a chance to get creative, we offer an **Adult Watercolor Class** taught by a Pittsford Fine Art Gallery member, and younger children can explore a variety of fun and creative projects with our **Spring Colors Art video series**.

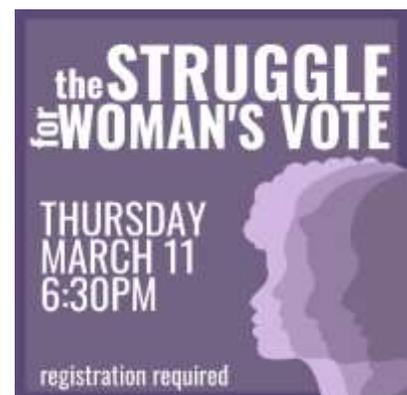
For details about all of our Recreation programs, access our [program brochure online](#), or visit our [online Recreation registration page](#).

SENIORS - SING VIA ZOOM WITH THE PITTSFORD HIGHLANDS CHORUS!

Seniors, the Pittsford Highlands Chorus meets – and sings! – on Zoom every Monday from 1:30 - 2:30pm. A perfect opportunity for fun and fellowship, the chorus is open to all – no auditioning and no prior experience necessary. It's a great way to celebrate and experience the joy of music! If you're interested in joining, call the Pittsford Senior Programs office at 248-6235 to register. Choral director Rhonda Wright then will contact you to set you up on Zoom.

LIBRARY "THE STRUGGLE FOR WOMAN'S VOTE" - ONLINE DISCUSSION THIS THURSDAY

The fight for women's suffrage was successful, but it was complex and interwoven with issues of civil and political rights for all Americans. Tomorrow (Thursday, March 11) at 6:30pm, the Pittsford Community Library will offer a free online program with Stephanie Freese from Women's Rights National Historical Park in Seneca Falls. Freese will discuss the complicated history around suffrage and the 19th Amendment. An email with the Zoom link will be sent the day of the program. The program is free and open to the public; registration is required to receive the Zoom



link. [Register online via the Library online program calendar](#) or visit www.townofpittsford.org/home-library and use the Library Program Registration link.

And be sure to save the date for the Library's "**Brew Talk with Rochester's Beer Expert**" program next Tuesday, March 16 from 8:00 – 9:00pm. Will Cleveland, the Democrat & Chronicle's beer columnist and public safety reporter, will discuss what's fermenting in the Rochester Beer scene. The program is free and open to the public; registration is required to receive the Zoom link. [Register online via the Library online program calendar](#).

THEMED HALLWAY SHELF BOOK SALE AT THE LIBRARY

New theme begins each Thursday – Baseball continues through today, Gardening and Nature/Pets begins tomorrow

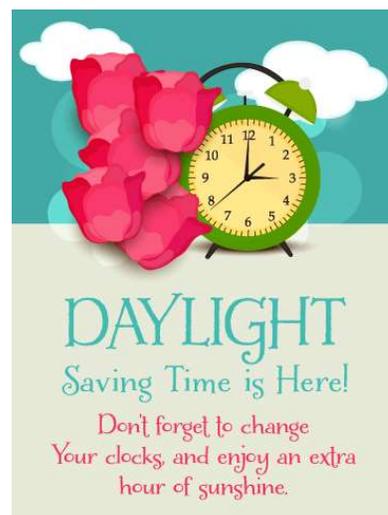
The Friends of the Pittsford Library features a bookshelf of rotating book categories during its **ongoing hallway shelf sale**. This bookshelf will be restocked each Thursday and feature a different theme each week. Collectible books also will be offered occasionally. Stop by and peruse – you may find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

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 www.townofpittsford.org/home-library.

"SPRING AHEAD" THIS SUNDAY - TURN CLOCKS FORWARD & CHECK YOUR SMOKE DETECTOR

Daylight Saving Time begins this Sunday, March 14 at 2:00am - time to "spring ahead" and set your clock forward one hour, although you may want to do this just before you go to bed on Saturday night!

While it means we will have one hour of sleep less this Sunday, the good news is the sun will set an hour later, ushering in the longer daylight hours of the season. More good news: the start of Daylight Saving Time can help keep you safe and healthy - it is when fire and safety folks remind us to change the batteries in our smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors and make sure they are in working order



COMMUNITY CENTER AND LIBRARY EXPANDED HOURS

The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center has recently expanded its hours and the Pittsford Community Library will soon expand its hours. The **Community Center** is now open 8:00am - 9:00pm Monday-Thursday, 8:00am - 6:00pm Friday, and 9:00am - 5:00pm Saturday. **Beginning March 15 the Library** will be open 9:00am-7:00pm Monday-Thursday, 9:00am-6:00pm Friday, and 10:00am-5:00pm Saturday. The Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue - find program and facility information at www.townofpittsford.org/home-recreation. The Library is located at 24 State Street - find complete information about programs and resources at www.townofpittsford.org/home-library.

FEBRUARY BLOOD DRIVE HELPS UP TO 114 PATIENTS – SAVE 3/23 FOR THE NEXT DRIVE

The American Red Cross described our February blood drive at the Pittsford Community Library as a “huge success” and we couldn’t agree more! **The drive collected 38 units of blood, which will go on to help as many as 114 patients waiting on a lifesaving transfusion.** Many thanks to the generous community members who came out to give blood. Thanks as well to the caring staff from the American Red Cross who provided a safe and well-organized blood drive for Pittsford.

Our Library will host **another Red Cross blood drive on Tuesday, March 23** from 9:00am-2:00pm in the Fisher Meeting Room. Donors can schedule an appointment by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or using this [online registration link](#). Please schedule an appointment prior to your arrival to help ensure we can safely manage the flow of donors.

The Red Cross will be following all COVID-19 guidelines during the blood drive; additional precautions in place include physical distancing protocols, mandatory face coverings for all donors, staff and volunteers; health screenings for staff and donors, and enhanced cleaning and disinfecting procedures.

As we continue to navigate this pandemic, blood donations remain essential to the health of our communities. Please consider donating if you can – use the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit the [online registration link](#) or [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org), or call 800-RED-CROSS.

REMINDERS

ELDERBERRY EXPRESS OFFERS RIDES TO COVID VACCINE APPOINTMENTS FOR PITTSFORD SENIORS

Pittsford seniors can contact Elderberry Express for a ride to a COVID-19 vaccine appointment or other medical or dental appointment. Elderberry Express is able to offer COVID-19 vaccine transportation to Pittsford residents age 55 and older; transportation is available Monday – Friday, 9:00am – 3:00pm. **Seniors must call Elderberry Express at least 48 hours in advance** at (585) 248-6237 and provide their name, address, phone number, and location and time of appointment. An Elderberry Express volunteer driver will provide pickup from and return to the senior’s home. The service is free. Please note all COVID-19 precautions will be followed; drivers and passengers will be required to wear a mask.

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

- [Town of Pittsford Zoning Code Update Workshop](#), Saturday, March 13, 10:00am via Zoom; Town of Pittsford residents, business and property owners, community leaders, and taxpayers are encouraged to participate; join the Workshop by accessing this Zoom link <https://zoom.us/j/99359900810>. The meeting information can also be found on the Zoning Code Update website <https://www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate>.
- [Friends of Pittsford Library mini book sale](#), Friday and Saturday, March 19 & 20, 10:00am – 5:00pm, Fisher Meeting Room, Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street, sale is open to all; please note to ensure enough time and space to safely browse, physical distancing and mask wearing required, the number of shoppers in the room at a time will be limited, shopping time will be limited to 20 minutes per guest, bags not available – please bring your own.
- [Red Cross Blood Drive at Pittsford Community Library](#), Thursday, 3/23, 1:00 – 6:00pm, Pittsford Community Library Fisher Meeting Room, 24 State Street; [schedule an appointment in advance using this online registration link](#) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767); the Red Cross will be following all COVID-19 guidelines during the blood drive, for more information visit www.redcrossblood.org.

TOWN OF PITTSFORD BOARD MEETINGS

- **Pittsford Community Library Board**, Wednesday, 3/10, 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
- **Design Review and Historic Preservation Board**, Thursday, 3/11, 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
- **Zoning Board**, Monday, 3/15, 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, 3/16, 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

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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-Thursday, 8:00am - 6:00pm Friday, and 9:00am - 5:00pm Saturday. 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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