



News & Reviews

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Town of Pittsford - a Clean Energy Community

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Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings

SUPERVISOR SATURDAY WITH BILL SMITH THIS WEEK, MARCH 14

Town Supervisor Bill Smith will hold his next monthly community open house this Saturday, March 14 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.

This casual open house, held in the Library's Fisher Meeting Room, 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 in - 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. As always, he's available by phone at 248-6220 and by email at bsmith@townofpittsford.org.

ASSESSMENT UPDATE NOTIFICATIONS

New York State law requires every town to maintain accurate assessments of property values. Complying with this mandate requires periodic updating by the Town Assessor. It keeps the Town current under the strict State requirements. Keeping current avoids situations where, after a gap of years, homeowners suddenly face a large increase in assessed value.

The Town of Pittsford's Assessor's Office has completed its property assessments for 2020. **If your assessment has increased, you'll be notified by mail.** Some of you may have been notified already. As they must, assessments follow the market. The real estate market in Pittsford has been very strong, with sale prices frequently exceeding assessed value.

Under the State rules, if Pittsford's assessments fell below full value, the town's property owners would be paying a larger share of School District and County taxes than residents of other towns. This is why the State requires updated property assessments; it keeps rates equitable among municipalities.

If your assessment has gone up and you want it to be reconsidered, you can make an appointment for an informal review through April 3. Formal reviews will be undertaken in May by the Assessment Board of Review. Please visit the Town's Assessor's webpage at www.townofpittsford.org/home-

**Supervisor
Saturday**

with Pittsford Town Supervisor

Bill Smith

9:00 - 10:00am, Fisher Meeting Room

Pittsford Community Library

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[assessor/assessment-update](#) for more information. You can schedule an appointment on the Assessor's webpage or by calling the Assessor's office at (585) 248-6232.

SENIORS ST. PATRICK'S DAY LUNCH WITH MUSIC BY JOHN DADY THIS TUESDAY, MARCH 17

Seniors, celebrate the spirit of St. Patrick's Day with a wonderful Irish sing-along with John Dady - one of our favorites! - and a special Irish meal this Tuesday (March 17) at 12noon in the VanHuysen Community Room at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center - on St. Patrick's Day! Lunch includes savory Shepherd's pie, tossed salad, dinner roll and Leprechaun Lime cake for dessert - plus mirth and music with the lovely Mr. Dady! Cost is \$6.00 per person; **registration and payment is required in advance**. For more information and to make your reservation, stop by the Senior programs office in the Community Center or call 248-6235.

And be sure to save the date for our **lunch and a presentation by Mark Greene about the history of Hopkins Farm on Tuesday, March 24** at 12noon. A member of the Hopkins family, Mark is a local farmer and descendant of Colonel Caleb Hopkins, a War of 1812 hero and early resident who gave Pittsford its name! Lunch is \$6.00 and includes pigs in a blanket, potato salad, baked beans and carrot cake for dessert. Call or stop by the Senior programs office at the Community Center for more information and to register.

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](#).

SPRING RECREATION PROGRAM REGISTRATION UNDERWAY

Healthy activities, new experiences, sports for youth and adults, guided hikes, exercise, education, and enrichment programs - get inspired this spring with fun and rewarding programs from the Town of Pittsford's Recreation Department. We've got something for everyone, from preschoolers to senior citizens!



Spring program registration for residents is currently underway. For details about all of our Recreation programs, pick up a program brochure at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center (35 Lincoln Avenue), access our [program brochure online](#), or visit our [online Recreation registration page](#).

DRUMCLIFFE IRISH DANCE PERFORMANCE AT THE LIBRARY MARCH 21

Students of the Drumcliffe School of Irish Dance will perform traditional and contemporary Irish stepdancing at the Pittsford Community Library on Saturday, March 21 at 2:00pm. The Drumcliffe School of Irish Dance is one of Upstate New York's premiere dance schools. Since its founding over 20 years ago, the School has produced dozens of national and international championship solo dancers and teams. You won't want to miss it! This FREE program will be enjoyed by all ages. Registration is not required.

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

SUTHERLAND HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL "PIPPIN" THIS WEEK

Sutherland High School presents the musical "Pippin" this week. As told by a traveling troupe of actors led by the cunning and charming Leading Player, Pippin is the story of a young prince, heir to the throne, who is searching for his own "corner of the sky." With infectious tunes by Stephen Schwartz and classic

choreography from Bob Fosse, Pippin is both a humorous allegory about growing up and a dark tale of the danger of false appearances and empty promises. Performances are this Thursday (March 12) at 7:00pm, Friday (March 13) at 7:00pm and Saturday (March 14) at 2:00pm and 7:00pm. Cost is \$12 for adults, \$10 for senior citizens and students. Tickets are available online at www.showtix4u.com/event-details/37026 and at the door.

SOCIAL MEDIA IMPACT DOCUMENTARY "LIKE" ON MARCH 18 AT SUTHERLAND HS

Free screening intended for parents and students in grade 5 and older

Pittsford Partnership for Community Education will host a screening of the documentary "Like" on Wednesday, March 18, at 6:30 p.m. at the Sutherland High School Large Group Instruction room. The documentary screening, which focuses on the impact of social media on our lives, is free and intended for parents and students Grade 5 and older.

Research shows that more than 2 billion people have smartphones and on average a person checks their phone 150 times every day. "Like" examines the effects of technology on the brain and explores the impact social media can have on our lives. The film's mission is to educate, inform and inspire people to effectively self-regulate their screen time. The documentary aims to raise awareness about the hidden costs of social media and to encourage conversation about about how to ensure healthy use of technology for adults and children.

The event is sponsored by the Pittsford Partnership for Community Education, a collaboration between Pittsford Schools, Pittsford Youth Services (PYS), and the Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA). To learn more about the documentary or to watch the trailer, visit <http://thelikemovie.com/>.

REMINDERS

CHAMBER TO HOST STATE OF THE TOWN, VILLAGE & SCHOOL DISTRICT ADDRESS MARCH 25

The Pittsford Chamber of Commerce will host a [State of the Town, Village and School District address](#) by Town Supervisor Bill Smith, Village Mayor Bob Corby and Pittsford Schools Superintendent Mike Pero on Wednesday, March 25 at 7:45am at The Highlands of Pittsford (100 Hahnemann Trail in Pittsford). Supervisor Smith, Mayor Corby and Superintendent Pero will inform attendees of progress made in 2019, and provide insight about initiatives for 2020.

The event begins with a continental breakfast at 7:45am followed by presentations beginning promptly at 8:00am and Q&A at 8:50am. Cost is free for Chamber members, \$20 for all others, and includes breakfast. Registration is required by March 20 and space is limited. [Register online here](#). For more information contact Karen McCready at info@pittsfordchamber.org or (585) 902-2297, or visit www.pittsfordchamber.org.

PROGRAM HAS BEEN CANCELED HEROIN EDUCATION PROGRAM & NARCAN TRAINING THIS THURSDAY, MARCH 12

Hosted by Monroe County Prevention Alliance & Monroe County Sheriff's Office

The Monroe County Prevention Alliance, in collaboration with the Monroe County Sheriff's Office, will present a "Heroin Education: Resisting Opioids" program this Thursday, March 12, at 6:30 p.m. at the University of Rochester Alumni and Advancement Center (300 E. River Road, Rochester). The presentation will also include Narcan training provided by the Monroe County Office of Mental Health. Narcan is a nasal spray that can be administered immediately to treat an opioid overdose. Ann Kane, Pittsford Schools Prevention Coordinator and Monroe County Prevention Alliance member, will be one of the program presenters for the event. The program and training are free and open to the public.

ART VENDOR OPENINGS FOR PADDLE AND POUR FESTIVAL

The Town of Pittsford has openings for artists and artisans to participate in this year's Paddle and Pour Art & Music Festival to be held the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend, on May 23, along the canal at Schoen Place in Pittsford. Now it its 6th year, Paddle and Pour is one of our most popular and best-attended events.

Thousands of residents and visitors come out to enjoy live music all day, tastes from local breweries and wineries, food from local eateries, family activities, and the opportunity to shop for works from local artists and artisans. The Pittsford Regatta also will be taking place that day as well.

Interested artists and artisans should apply by April 1; [find our vendor application here](#). All items for sale must be original art (drawing, painting, photography, digital art, sculpture, mixed media, etc.) or handmade artisan items (jewelry, woodworking, ceramics, leatherwork, fiber/textile, metalwork, printmaking, glasswork, soap/body care, etc.). The Art and Artisan Marketplace will be open from 12noon - 9:00pm on the day of the festival. See the application for details or for more information contact Alison at (585) 248-6287 or ABurchett@townofpittsford.org. Find festival details at www.paddleandpour.org.

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, [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 or purchase at Forsythe Jeweler, Pittsford Federal Credit Union, or Canandaigua National Bank.
- **CANCELED: Heroin Education Program & Narcan Training**, Thursday, March 12, 6:30pm, University of Rochester Alumni and Advancement Center, 300 E. River Road, Rochester; free and open to the public, hosted by Monroe County Prevention Alliance and Monroe County Sheriff's Office
- **CANCELED: United Church of Pittsford Rise & Shine Community Breakfast**, Saturday, 3/14, 8:00-10:00am, United Church of Pittsford, 123 South Main Street at Sunset Boulevard; all are welcome, breakfast is \$5.00 per person and includes pancakes served with maple syrup, whipped cream and blueberry topping, sausage links, scrambled eggs, coffee, tea, and juice; proceeds to benefit the Cameron Community Ministries. The breakfast is held the second Saturday of each month from October through June, benefiting a different charity each time. More info 586-6870 or email ucpittsford@gmail.com
- **Supervisor Saturday with Bill Smith rescheduled** - casual open house with Town Supervisor Bill Smith, topics of discussion based upon attendee interest, rescheduled to Saturday, 3/14, 9:00 -

10:00am, Fisher Meeting Room (first floor), Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street -**NOTE REVISED DATE**

- [Rayson-Miller American Legion Post 899 100th Anniversary Celebration](#), Saturday, March 28, 10:00am - 4:00pm, Post Headquarters at Village Hall, 21 North Main Street; featuring special opening ceremony, speakers and a slideshow capturing the Post's members, events and accomplishments over the years. Free and open to the public.

TOWN OF PITTSFORD BOARD MEETINGS

- **Pittsford Community Library Board**, Wednesday, 3/11, 7:00pm, Fletcher Steele Meeting Room, Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street
- **Parks and Recreation Board**, Thursday, 3/12, 6:30pm, Paul M. Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue
- **Design Review & Historic Preservation Board**, Thursday, 3/12, 6:45pm, Public Meeting Room, Town Hall (lower level), 11 South Main Street
- **Zoning Board of Appeals**, Monday, 2/16, 7:00pm, Public Meeting Room, Town Hall (lower level), 11 South Main Street
- **Town Board**, Tuesday, 3/17, 6:00pm, Public Meeting Room, Town Hall (lower level), 11 South Main Street; ASL interpretation provided

COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

- [Women's Club of Pittsford](#), general meeting featuring Blue Star Mothers of Greater Rochester, Thursday, 3/12, 6:30pm, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, room 107, 35 Lincoln Avenue
- **Supervisor Saturday with Bill Smith** - casual open house with Town Supervisor Bill Smith, topics of discussion based upon attendee interest, rescheduled to Saturday, 3/14, 9:00 - 10:00am, Fisher Meeting Room (first floor), Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street
- [Board of Education Budget Work Session](#) (6:00pm) and meeting (7:00pm), Monday, 3/16, Barker Road Middle School Board Room, 75 Barker Road
- [Pittsford Garden Club](#) meeting featuring *springtime wreath floral craft*, Tuesday, 3/17, 10:30am, Gallea's Greenhouse, Clover Street; contact pittsfordgardenclub@gmail.com for further information
- [Pittsford Chamber of Commerce State of the Town, Village and School District](#), featuring Pittsford Town Supervisor Bill Smith, Pittsford Village Mayor Bob Corby and Pittsford Schools Superintendent Mike Pero, Wednesday, 3/25, 7:45am continental breakfast, 8:00am presentation, 8:50am Q&A, The Highlands of Pittsford, 100 Hahnemann Trail, Pittsford; free to Chamber members, \$20 each for all others, [register online here](#) (advance registration required), more info at www.pittsfordchamber.org or (585) 902-2297.
- [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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