



# News & Reviews

**March 26, 2020**

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

***See listings below for***

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

## **RESOURCES FOR SENIORS**

In light of the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic, during this time it is important to check in with seniors and those with underlying health conditions or disabilities.

Our Recreation Department staff is conducting regular check-ins with seniors who attend our programs and services. If you know of a senior or someone with special health needs who may require assistance, please share with them, or help them contact, the resources below.

**Lifespan** - provides information, guidance, services and advocacy for older adults and caregivers. Their office is open 8:30am - 4:30pm Monday through Friday, with extended hours until 7:00pm every Wednesday. Call (585) 244-8400. More information at [www.lifespan-roch.org](http://www.lifespan-roch.org).

**NY Connects** - provides information about long term services and supports, such as home care, transportation and meals. Learn more at [www.nyconnects.ny.gov/aboutus](http://www.nyconnects.ny.gov/aboutus) or call (585) 325-2800.

**211** - a comprehensive source for local social services information. Local experts make finding help easier through teams of compassionate, highly trained specialists available 24 hours a day, seven days a week who help those in need access the best local resources and services to address any need. Dial 211.

## **MESSAGE FROM SUPERVISOR SMITH - DRIVERS: TAKE NOTE**

Even with the conspicuous reduction in traffic around Pittsford in the current emergency I'm getting reports from residents about drivers speeding and blowing through stop signs in residential neighborhoods and elsewhere.

With all of our schoolchildren at home at least for the foreseeable future, this is a time for every one of us to drive as carefully as ever. Even with restrictions on groups, children in the same household could be out playing in their neighborhood.

One cause of emergency is bad enough. Please let's not add to it with neglectful or dangerous driving.

***Supervisor Bill Smith***

## **INTERIOR HOME INSPECTIONS SUSPENDED, EXTERIOR INSPECTIONS BY APPOINTMENT**

Due to observing appropriate COVID-19 social distancing protocols, the Town's Building Department has **suspended all interior inspections and permits for occupied homes** until further notice. Permits and inspections will not be issued or performed for projects that include interior work of an occupied home or



business. This typically includes, but is not limited to, finished basements, interior renovations and fireplace inserts.

**Permits and inspections for exterior construction and construction of additions** where there is a direct entrance to the addition are available by appointment only; call 248-6250 or email Mark Lenzi at [mlenzi@townofpittsford.org](mailto:mlenzi@townofpittsford.org) or Allen Reitz at [areitz@townofpittsford.org](mailto:areitz@townofpittsford.org).

### **3RD INSTALLMENT PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT DUE THROUGH APRIL 30**

In compliance with the Emergency Order by County Executive Adam Bello, the Town will accept 3rd Installment property tax payments, as well as 4th installment payments, through April 30, 2020. Please see the County Executive's Emergency Order for complete information. Those with questions may contact the Town Tax Office at (585) 248-6215.



### **LIBRARY UPDATES AND ONLINE RESOURCES**

The Pittsford Community Library building is closed and all programs are canceled, but the Library continues to offer many online resources. Use Your Library card to read, stream, and learn from home with the Pittsford Community Library's Digital Services. Our Library offers a host of digital services that are available 24/7 to patrons. Users can read eBooks, listen to eAudiobooks, stream movies, browse the New York Times, and so much more, all with the power of a Library card! Learn more about the Library's **digital resources** here: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/sh/PIACdTk>. For complete Library information and updates, visit their **info page** at <https://tinyurl.com/vg242of>.

### **ASSESSMENT UPDATE 2020 CANCELED**

The Town Assessor has rescinded and canceled the Town's 2020 assessments. For full information, visit the Assessment Update web page at [www.townofpittsford.org/home-assessor/assessment-update](http://www.townofpittsford.org/home-assessor/assessment-update). No further action is required by any resident who received a 2020 Assessment Notice, regardless of whether or not they have started or completed an informal review. Any questions can be directed to the Assessor's Office at 248-6232 or to via email to [srobson@townofpittsford.org](mailto:srobson@townofpittsford.org).

### **MONROE COUNTY DMV AND PASSPORT SERVICES AT TOWN FACILITIES SUSPENDED**

The County has suspended until further notice Passport Services at Town Hall and Mobile DMV service at Pittsford Town Court. Per the NYS Department of Motor Vehicles, all driver licenses, learner permits, non-driver identification cards and vehicle registrations scheduled to expire on or after March 1, 2020 are extended until further notice and all temporary registration documents are valid until further notice. This extension does NOT apply to insurance coverage - motor vehicle liability insurance coverage must be maintained at all times during the extension period. The extension does NOT apply to vehicle inspections, which expire on the last day of the month indicated on the inspection sticker.

### **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 in 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](mailto:ABurchett@townofpittsford.org). Find festival details at [www.paddleandpour.org](http://www.paddleandpour.org).

### **HISTORIC PITTSFORD JEAN FRANCE SCHOLARSHIP - APPLICATION DEADLINE MAY 1**

Historic Pittsford is seeking applicants for its [Jean France Historic Preservation Scholarship](#). The \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a Pittsford resident who is currently enrolled or has been accepted into a college program which may lead to a career in historic preservation, architecture, history, museum studies, landscape architecture, or other related field. An [application form and additional information](#) is available on the Historic Pittsford website [www.historicpittsford.com](http://www.historicpittsford.com). The application deadline is May 1, 2019.

The scholarship was established in 2016 in honor of Jean France, a founding member of Historic Pittsford. Mrs. France is a highly respected architectural historian, a vastly knowledgeable preservation consultant, and a tireless advocate for preserving the built environment. A former professor at the University of Rochester, she has championed the importance of architectural preservation as a lecturer, researcher and author.

The Jean France Historic Preservation Scholarship honors Mrs. France's commitment to the growth, development and mission of Historic Pittsford and to the preservation of historic architectural and cultural resources in Pittsford. With this scholarship, Historic Pittsford hopes to advance the careers of students from Pittsford with demonstrated interest in historic preservation, thus perpetuating the work of Jean France and the mission upon which Historic Pittsford was founded.

### **PARKS DEPARTMENT SEASONAL LABORER AND PARKS PATROL POSITION OPENINGS**

#### ***Application Deadline March 31***

The Town of Pittsford's Parks Department has openings for seasonal laborers and parks patrol. Duties for both positions include mowing, trimming, weeding, playing field preparation, trail work, and a variety of other tasks and require work outdoors in all weather conditions.

Additional Parks Patrol duties include responsibilities associated with lodge reservations including check-in and check-out, cleaning, minor repairs, and problem solving. For complete job descriptions and application information visit the "Employment Opportunities" page link under the "Contact Us" tab on the Town website, or click the links below:

[Seasonal Laborer, Parks Department](#) (40 hours/week, M - F)

[Seasonal Laborer/Parks Patrol: Sunday - Wednesday](#) schedule (40 hours/wk, see posting for hours)

[Seasonal Laborer/Parks Patrol - Wednesday - Saturday](#) schedule (40 hours/wk, see posting for hours)

**The application deadline for all three positions is March 31.** For complete job descriptions and application information for all open positions, visit the Town's job listings web page at [www.townofpittsford.org/home-pittsford-employment-opportunities](http://www.townofpittsford.org/home-pittsford-employment-opportunities).

### **PITTSFORD FOOD CUPBOARD TAKING DONATIONS AND DISTRIBUTING FOOD**

Pittsford Food Cupboard (PFC) continues to serve our community during this challenging time. To keep clients, donors and staff safe, they are observing COVID-19 coronavirus sanitary and social distancing protocols. A **"drive through" system for clients** (order taken at the window and staff filling the order) and **external drop off bins for donations** (for use Monday-Friday, 9:00am-5:00pm) are being implemented. Arrangements for large donation deliveries can be made by emailing [pittfoodcup14534@gmail.com](mailto:pittfoodcup14534@gmail.com) or calling 585-264-9860.

Check the [Pittsford Food Cupboard Facebook page](#) for the most current updates or visit their website at [www.pittsfordfoodcupboard.net](http://www.pittsfordfoodcupboard.net). The PFC encourages anyone in need who resides in their service area to come in for food, toiletries, and cleaning and paper supplies. There is no income requirement or financial

proof necessary, just proof of residency in any of these zip codes: 14534, 14445, 14610, 14618, 14607, 14620, 14506 and 14472.

The need for assistance is growing - please take advantage of the PFC's services if you are in need, and please donate if you are able!

### **FIND PITTSFORD CHAMBER'S LOCAL RESTAURANT TAKE OUT LIST ON FACEBOOK**

The Pittsford Chamber of Commerce has compiled a list of local restaurants offering delivery and curbside to go options for meals. If you can, consider placing an order. You'll not only help support a local business and its employees - you'll enjoy a delicious meal with no cooking required! Find the most updated list on the Pittsford Chamber of Commerce Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/pittsfordnychamberofcommerce](http://www.facebook.com/pittsfordnychamberofcommerce).

### **REMINDERS**

#### **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](#).

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

- [Rayson-Miller American Legion Post 899 100th Anniversary Celebration](#), Saturday, March 28 - has been **POSTPONED TO LATER IN THE YEAR** in response to the growing health concerns over the COVID-19 coronavirus and required social distancing practices; visit [www.raysonmillerpost899.org](http://www.raysonmillerpost899.org) for more info

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

- **Design Review & Historic Preservation Board**, Thursday, 3/26, - **MEETING CANCELED**

#### **COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR**

- [Board of Education meeting](#), Monday, 3/30, 7:00pm, more information at <http://ow.ly/zjfs50yVEeA>
- [American Legion Rayson-Miller Post 899](#) **TUESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST MEETINGS CANCELLED 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 MEETINGS CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE** due to COVID-19 coronavirus social distancing requirements.

- [Pittsford Art Group](#) **MEETINGS CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE** due to COVID-19 coronavirus social distancing requirements. For further information, contact PAG president [Margie Mitchell](#)

## **Town Facility Closures**

**Spiegel Pittsford Community Center** - building is closed and all programs canceled until further notice.

**Pittsford Community Library** - building is closed and all programs canceled until further notice, online resources available at [www.townofpittsford.org/home-library-resources](http://www.townofpittsford.org/home-library-resources). For virtual children's programming check the Library's Facebook page [www.facebook.com/PittsfordLibrary/](http://www.facebook.com/PittsfordLibrary/). The Book Drop return area is closed. All items checked out after February 3 will now have a due date of May 18 and can be returned then. For other updates visit the Library's Updates page at <https://tinyurl.com/vg242of>.

**Town Hall** building is closed to the public until further notice but remains staffed to handle business online and by mail, phone, email and the "drop slot" to the right of the front 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 248-6214 or [ldillon@townofpittsford.org](mailto: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](http://www.townofpittsford.org/home-clerk).

**All Town Playgrounds:** are closed until further notice as it is not possible to keep equipment appropriately sanitized after every use.

**All Town Parks:** all athletic fields and courts are closed to all groups of any size; the trails remain accessible.

**Thornell Farm Park:** all fields and courts are closed; trails and walkways remain accessible.

**King's Bend Park Lodges and the Mile Post School:** are closed to the public until further notice, as these sites are being used as Public Works crew operation centers.

**Building Department:** Interior inspections and permits for occupied homes are suspended until further notice. Permits and inspections will not be issued or performed for projects that include interior work of an occupied home or business. This typically includes, but is not limited to, finished basements, interior renovations and fireplace inserts. Permits and inspections for exterior construction and construction of additions where there is a direct entrance to the addition are available by appointment only; call 248-6250 or email Mark Lenzi at [mlenzi@townofpittsford.org](mailto:m Renzi@townofpittsford.org) or Allen Reitz at [areitz@townofpittsford.org](mailto:areitz@townofpittsford.org).

**Town Court:** By order of the Chief Administrative Judge of the State of New York, Town Court is closed until further notice.

**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:**

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maintained at all times during the extension period. The extension does NOT apply to vehicle inspections, which expire on the last day of the month indicated on the inspection sticker.

Further information and updates can be found at [www.townofpittsford.org/covid-19info](http://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](http://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](http://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](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html?deliveryName=USCDC_2067-DM20785).

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