

News & Reviews

March 31, 2021

Town of Pittsford - a Clean Energy Community

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Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings*

TOWN FACILITY HOURS FOR GOOD FRIDAY & EASTER HOLIDAYS

Town of Pittsford offices, facilities, and services - including Town Hall and Town Court - will be **closed on Friday, April 2** in observance of the Good Friday holiday; the Spiegel Pittsford **Community Center** is open on Friday April 2 for **scheduled programs only**.



The Pittsford Community **Library will be open on Friday, April 2 but closed on Saturday and Sunday, April 3 and 4** in observance of the Easter holiday.

The Spiegel Pittsford **Community Center will be open on Saturday, April 3 and will be closed on Sunday, April 4** in observance of the Easter holiday.

In case of an emergency requiring Town of Pittsford services during holiday closures, please call (585) 248-6212. Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday to all those celebrating the Passover and Easter holidays!

Supervisor Saturday
with Pittsford Town Supervisor
Bill Smith
9:00 - 10:00am, Fisher Meeting Room
Pittsford Community Library

Come in & join the conversation!

SUPERVISOR SATURDAY WITH BILL SMITH THIS WEEK – APRIL 3

Town Supervisor Bill Smith will host his community open house meeting this Saturday, April 3 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, such as **Community Solar** and the **upcoming changes to the Town Zoning code** – which should be of importance to every resident. If

you've got questions, ideas or comments for Supervisor Smith, be sure to join him this Saturday!

This casual open house will be in the Fisher Meeting Room; participants will be expected to wear a face covering and follow appropriate health and physical distancing guidelines. Supervisor Saturday 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 by - 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 by appointment. As always, he's available by phone at 248-6220 and by email at bsmith@townofpittsford.org.



SPRING ACTIVITY BOX – CRAFTY FUN AT HOME FOR KIDS – REGISTRATION DEADLINE TOMORROW – APRIL 1!

Our Recreation team continues offers unique activities for take home and low contact fun – like our **Activity Boxes** based on creative, seasonal themes! Each box has a craft suitable for ages 3-13. Our next activity box theme is "**Happy Spring!**" The box includes all of the supplies needed to create your own planter and

plant your very own flower! To join the fun, be sure to **sign up by April 1**. Those registered can pick up their Happy Spring activity box on April 12 at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center front desk. Each box is filled with all your child needs to create their project. For more information and to register access our [program brochure online](#), or visit our [online Recreation registration page](#). The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue.

ONLINE BALANCE CLASS FOR SENIORS, 1ST THREE MONDAYS EACH MONTH

Seniors – here's one way to stay active until we can welcome you back: our free online Balance class! It's a great way to help improve strength, mobility and balance, which can help you stay active and prevent falls. Class is held on Zoom from 1:15 – 2:00pm on the first three Mondays of each month. **The next class is this Monday, April 5.** Participants must register to receive the Zoom link. To register, and for more information, call our Senior Programs office at (585) 248-6235.

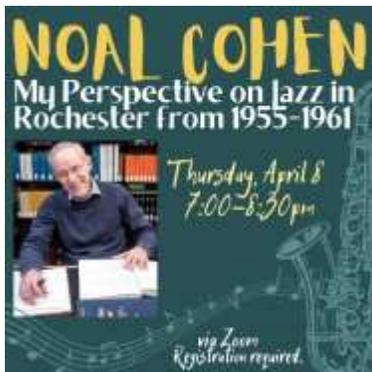
UPCOMING LIBRARY PROGRAMS: MUSHROOM HOUSE & LIBERTY POLE ARCHITECT, JAZZ SCENE IN ROCHESTER

The Pittsford Community Library will highlight unique local architecture and Rochester's mid-century Jazz scene with online presentations by notable local experts. On **Wednesday, April 7** from 7:00 – 8:00pm, designers and historians from Bero Architecture will discuss and present "**The Architecture of James H. Johnson.**" Rochester's most imaginative mid-20th-century architect, Johnson is best known for the renowned "Mushroom House" in Perinton and the Liberty Pole



in downtown Rochester. Over the course of his nearly 60-year career in Rochester, he designed over 400 projects, but only a handful ever received public acclaim.

This talk features original photographs and videos from Johnson's personal collection that will take you inside some of the Rochester area's most daring and audacious buildings. The program is free but registration is required to receive the Zoom link; the Zoom link will be sent the day of the program. [Register for the Johnson program online](#) via the Library online program calendar or visit <https://https://https://https://www.townofpittsford.org/home-library> and use the Library Program Registration link.



Then on **Thursday, April 8** from 7:00 – 8:00pm the Library presents **“Noal Cohen: My Perspective on Jazz in Rochester from 1955 – 1961.”** Musician, writer, and jazz historian Noal Cohen will present an overview of the mid-century jazz scene in Rochester. Cohen will share his experiences and historical anecdotes, as well as photos, album cover art, and newspaper clippings. Cohen also will discuss the many local musicians from this period, including some Eastman School of Music students, who went on to have noteworthy careers. The program is free but

registration is required to receive the Zoom link; the Zoom link will be sent the day of the program. [Register for the Cohen program online](#) via the Library online program calendar or visit <https://https://https://https://www.townofpittsford.org/home-library> and use the Library Program Registration link.

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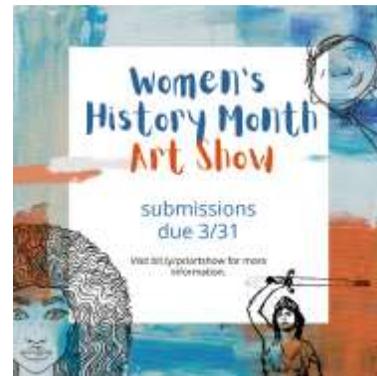
GRAB AND GO MEALS FOR SENIORS EXPAND – PICK UP AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER
Meals now available Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Seniors “Grab and Go” meals at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center have expanded to three days a week – available now on Mondays, as well as on Wednesdays and Fridays. This convenient pickup lunch program for seniors is provided by the Monroe County Office of the Aging. Meals are offered to anyone age 60 or over at a suggested contribution of \$3.50 each and **must be reserved in advance**. Pick up is at the bus loop behind the Community Center. For more information, and to order, call our Senior Programs office at 248-6235. The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue.



REMINDER: LIBRARY ART SHOW DEADLINE TODAY

The deadline for submitting art for Library's **Women's History Month Art Show featuring artwork submitted by community members is TODAY** (Wednesday, March 31). Share your art inspired by a woman important to you. Art submitted will be displayed, at the Library's discretion, in the main hallway case at the Library throughout the months of March and April. See the guidelines below or visit the Library for more information.



- Art can be created using any medium.
- Art should be no larger than 9x12 inches.
- Include your full name, the title of your work, and your contact information (email address or phone number) when submitting your artwork.
- All ages are welcome to participate.

Turn in your submissions to the second floor reference desk or via email to ravery@townofpittsford.org. **Art must be submitted by March 31.**

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PITTSFORD ROTARY FOOD DRIVE THIS SATURDAY, APRIL 3

Donations will go to Pittsford Food Cupboard, St. Joseph's Neighborhood Center, and Dimitri House

The [Rotary Club of Pittsford](#), in collaboration with the Town of Pittsford, will conduct a drive-through canned and packaged food drive to benefit the [Pittsford Food Cupboard](#) on Saturday, April 3 from 9:00am to noon at Spiegel Pittsford Community Center.

The drive also will support [St. Joseph's Neighborhood Center](#) (SJNC), which provides comprehensive physical and mental health services to uninsured and under-insured people in and around Rochester, and [Dimitri House](#), which serves those in need in the Rochester community by offering a range of programs including food, shelter and services for people in their journey toward self-sufficiency.

The **specific needs for St. Joseph's Neighborhood Center include** soap, shampoo, hygiene products, toothbrushes and toothpaste, and deodorant. **Needs for Dimitri House** include food items.

Rotarians, community volunteers and Town staff will be collecting canned and other packaged foods and toiletry items, snow or shine. Click this link for a [list of current Food Cupboard needs](#).

Volunteers working will be taking COVID-19 precautionary measures, including wearing face coverings and gloves and maintaining safe distances. The Pittsford Food Cupboard, the St Joseph's Neighborhood Center and Dimitri House are among the many organizations that benefit from Pittsford Rotary's mission of service to our community and beyond. Please help our Rotarians help those in need if you can. The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue in the Village of Pittsford.

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.

REMINDERS

GIVE ZONING CODE UPDATE COMMENTS AND IDEAS VIA THE ONLINE MAPPING TOOL

Mapping Tool commenting period open through April 25

Our Zoning Code Update is underway. Current pandemic protocols prevent traditional in-person workshops at this time but **the Interactive Mapping Tool on our Zoning Code Update website provides a virtual workshop that's open 24 hours a day, seven days a week** through April 25.



To let us know your thoughts about how and where to implement zoning changes that will best meet the needs defined in our Comprehensive Plan and Active Transportation Plan:

- Visit www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate
- Scroll down on the home page or click the "Your Input" tab and click "View the Map."
- Make your comments – and give your input on comments made by others – by dragging and placing a marker icon using our Zoning Code Update Interactive Mapping Tool.
- Once you place a marker icon, a comment box opens for you to add a comment to that location on the map.

- Comment categories include Residential, Commercial & Mixed Use, Canal, and General.
- Comments can also be submitted to zoningupdate@townofpittsford.org or mailed to Doug DeRue, Town of Pittsford, 11 South Main Street, Pittsford, NY 14534; please indicate whether you are a Town or Village resident.

The Pittsford Zoning Code Update Interactive Mapping Tool, and details about how to use it, can be found at

www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate/mapcomments.

You can make comments right on the map and can view and interact with existing comments by clicking on the comment markers on the map. Please remember, the commenting period via the **interactive map will close on April 25**.

Learn more about the Zoning Code Update and find links to the Town's Comprehensive Plan, Active Transportation Plan, current Zoning Code, and other informational materials, on the **Zoning Code Update website** at www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate.

If you missed our first online Zoning Code Update Workshop, you can [view it here](#). This link also can be found on the Zoning Code Update website. 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. Check www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate for further updates and information. The contents of the project webpage will be updated as the Zoning Code Update progresses.

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

- [Pittsford Rotary Food Drive](#), Saturday, 4/3, 9:00am - 12noon, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue; soap, shampoo, hygiene products, toothbrushes and toothpaste, and deodorant needed for [St. Joseph's Neighborhood Center](#) (SJNC) and [Dimitri House](#), canned and other packaged goods needed for Pittsford Food Cupboard (see [list of Pittsford Food Cupboard needs here](#)).
- **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, 4/3, 9:00 - 10:00am, Fisher Meeting Room (first floor), Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street. Please note participants will be expected to wear a face covering and follow appropriate health and physical distancing guidelines.
- [Town of Pittsford Zoning Code Update](#) – **comments made by Town of Pittsford stakeholders via interactive online mapping tool accepted through April 25**; access the mapping tool, the Comprehensive Plan, the Active Transportation Plan, the project timeline, a link to the Town's current Zoning Code, and other informational materials, on the **Zoning Code Update website** at www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate. Comments can also be made to zoningupdate@townofpittsford.org or mailed to Doug DeRue, Town of Pittsford, 11 South Main Street, Pittsford, NY 14534; please indicate whether you are a Town or Village resident.

TOWN OF PITTSFORD BOARD MEETINGS

- **Environmental Board**, Monday, 4/5, 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, 4/6, 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

COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

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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 <https://https://https://www.townofpittsford.org/home-library-covid19-info>. 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](mailto:m Renzi@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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