



# News & Reviews

**April 7, 2021**

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

***See listings below for  
Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings***

**CURRENT TOWN JOB OPENINGS CAN BE FOUND ON THE TOWN WEBSITE**

***Child Watch Assistant, Community Center Supervisor, Planning Board Secretary***

The Town of Pittsford has [current job openings](#) in the Recreation Department and the Public Works Planning Department. Open positions include:

[Child Watch Recreation Assistant](#) – a part-time Recreation Department counselor position at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, responsible for assisting with activities for children ages 2-5 years old, including games, crafts, and other recreation activities. Applications due April 15.

[Community Center Supervisor](#) – a part-time customer service position at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center that includes front desk duties, program room set up and registration/facility reservation processing, among other duties. Applications due April 30.

[Planning Board Secretary](#) – a full-time administrative position at Town Hall, responsible for administrative support to the Public Works Department and legal documentation of Planning Board meetings, among other duties. Applications due April 30.

For complete job descriptions and application information, click the links above or visit the Town's job listings web page at [www.townofpittsford.org/home-pittsford-employment-opportunities](http://www.townofpittsford.org/home-pittsford-employment-opportunities). Those interested may also stop by the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center (35 Lincoln Avenue) for Recreation Department positions information.





## **CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK**

It's National Library Week! This year's theme - "Welcome to Your Library" - promotes the idea that libraries extend far beyond the four walls of a building – and that everyone is welcome to use their services. We hope you'll celebrate by discovering the many online resources and activities the Pittsford Community Library has in store for patrons of all ages - [find them here](#). Our many thanks to our dedicated Library staff - the librarians and library professionals who share their knowledge and enthusiasm with care

while providing our community members endless opportunities for engagement, enrichment and development.

### **STORIES & SONGS WITH MRS. STEINBRENNER – MONDAYS VIA ZOOM**

Are your little ones missing the fun of story time at the Library? Join Children's Librarian Mrs. Steinbrenner for some story time fun via Zoom each Monday morning at 10:00am! Enjoy stories and songs right from home. A Zoom link will be sent the day of the program. Participants can register once for all story times through April. A reminder email with the Zoom link will be sent each Monday morning. The program is free but registration is required to receive the appropriate Zoom link. [Register online via the Library calendar](#) or visit [www.townofpittsford.org/home-library](http://www.townofpittsford.org/home-library) and use the Library Program Registration link.

### **ANNUAL NYS DEC BRUSH BURNING BAN IN EFFECT THROUGH MAY 14**

The annual New York State DEC residential brush burning ban is in effect through May 14. Conditions for wildfires are heightened in springtime, which is when most wildfires occur.

Open burning of debris is the largest single cause of spring wildfires in New York State. When temperatures are warmer and the past fall's debris and leaves dry out, wildfires can start and spread easily and be further fueled by winds and a lack of green vegetation.

Burning garbage or leaves is prohibited year-round. For more information about fire safety and prevention, go to DEC's FIREWISE New York website <https://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/42524.html>.

In 2020, DEC Forest Rangers extinguished 192 wildfires that burned a total of more than 1,122 acres. Please help the DEC put safety first and continue to reduce the number of wildfires in New York's communities by following the burn ban.

## **NEW PODCAST – YOUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD LIBRARIANS**

### ***Featuring Our Pittsford Community Library Staff***

Do you need more bookish banter in your life? Then tune in to [Your Friendly Neighborhood Librarians](#), the new monthly podcast from the Pittsford Community Library. Each episode features an assortment of fun segments hosted by Pittsford librarians Robyn and Jim – from book discussions and recommendations to programming updates and interviews with special guests.



The first full episode of Your Friendly Neighborhood Librarians is now available! Listen in for a discussion about reading during the pandemic, an interview with our Library Director Amanda Madigan, book recommendations, and information about the Library's upcoming events. Find our Library podcast on your favorite podcast app, or click visit <https://anchor.fm/pittsfordlibrary> to listen now.

## **KING'S BEND LODGE CAPACITIES NOW AT 75% FOR RENTALS**

Following New York State guidelines, the capacity for King's Bend lodge rentals has been increased to 75% of total capacity. The North Lodge now can be rented for groups of up to 74 people; the South Lodge can be rented for groups of up to 37 people. For complete information regarding lodge facilities, guidelines and fees, visit the Town website at [www.townofpittsford.org/facilities](http://www.townofpittsford.org/facilities). Please note all current COVID-19 guidelines must be followed during rental use.

## **THORNELL FARM PARK & GREAT EMBANKMENT PARK PAVILIONS AVAILABLE FOR RENTAL**

Spring is here and the pavilions at Thornell Farm Park and Great Embankment Park are now available for rental! Rentals are available for a three-hour portion of the day. The fee is \$30 for residents and \$50 for non-residents. Reservations can be made online or in person at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue. **To register online**, visit our [online registration page](#), log in, and use the Facility Reservations Quick Link to reserve the pavilion of your choice.

See the detailed information for each pavilion below.

### **Great Embankment Park Pavilion**

*631 Marsh Road*

Facilities:

- Seating for 60
- 10 picnic tables
- Two electrical outlets
- No cooking facilities
- NO fires allowed
- Maximum reservation time 3 hours
- CLOSED November - March

## **Thornell Farm Park Pavilion**

*480 Mendon Road*

Facilities:

- Seating for 72
- 12 picnic tables
- Two electrical outlets
- No cooking facilities
- NO fires allowed
- Maximum reservation time 3 hours
- CLOSED November - March

For further information, contact the Recreation Department at 248-6280. Please note all current COVID-19 guidelines must be followed during rental use.

### **COMMUNITY GARDEN EXPANDS; LIMITED NUMBER OF NEW BEDS AVAILABLE**

Work on expanding the Town of Pittsford Community Garden at Thornell Farm Park is underway. To meet the needs of the current waiting list, 34 new raised garden beds are being added. A small number of garden beds remain available. Those interested reserving a bed should contact Pittsford Parks



Department General Foreman Jess Neal at [jneal@townofpittsford.org](mailto:jneal@townofpittsford.org) for complete guidelines and information. Registrations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis via email; those without email can call 248-6495. Each garden bed is 4' x 8' in size. Tools, water, mulch and compost are provided on-site. Click the link to see a [map of the garden layout](#). Thornell Farm Park is located at 480 Mendon Road in Pittsford.

The Town's Pittsford Community Garden was created in 2017 via a partnership with and financial support from the Rotary Club of Pittsford; it offered 40 raised garden beds. Combined with additions over the past few years, this year's expansion of 34 new beds will result in a total of 91 raised beds in the garden.

### **EARTH DAY CELEBRATION AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER – APRIL 21**

Looking for something fun and exciting to do in the spirit of Earth Day? Join the Town of Pittsford Recreation Department for a free event on Wednesday, April 21 celebrating the day before Earth Day! Stop by the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center between 1:00pm and 4:00pm to plant seeds, enjoy our "Earth Day, Birthday" Story Walk, and more. To ensure we have enough supplies, please register each child that will be participating in this event; children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact Cassie Schrom at 248-6289 for more information. 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.



## **ERIE CANAL NATURE PRESERVE OFFICIAL RIBBON CUTTING PLANNED FOR EARTH DAY, 4/22**

***New Town park protects and preserves a unique ecology in the heart of Pittsford.***

We'll hold our official ribbon-cutting for the Town's new Erie Canal Nature Preserve at noon on Earth Day – Thursday, April 22. More details come but please save the date! Updated information will be posted in

the Town eNews and on the Town website and Facebook page.

Preserving green space and offering a healthy recreational environment for Pittsford's residents has been a Town priority for years. The Erie Canal Nature Preserve, one of the Town's most ambitious projects in recent memory, protects and conserves a beautiful area of unspoiled land with a unique ecology. Located on approximately 20 acres of Town-owned land between the Erie Canal and the Auburn Trail, it includes a thriving and healthy frog breeding habitat with four ponds and adjacent wetlands. The Town made significant, but low-impact, improvements to the area that make the site accessible to the public. The preserve offers a creekside rest area, with overlooks of the Frog Ponds and meadows, and includes an elevated boardwalk trail allowing minimal-impact access to the wetlands. A new trail connects the Canal Path with the Auburn Trail.

Though Town-owned, the preserve lies mostly within the Village of Pittsford. It's adjacent to the Village's 10-acre Robert C. Corby Village Arboretum. Working collaboratively, the Town and Village have preserved 30 acres of inspiring natural habitat for the benefit of wildlife and residents alike, and for years to come.

The Town of Pittsford Erie Canal Nature Preserve entrance is along the Erie Canalway (Towpath) Trail - walk east from the Monroe Avenue Bridge or walk west from the North Main Street Bridge.

## **ELDERBERRY EXPRESS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AVAILABLE**

***Service currently limited to medical appointments & grocery trips***

The Elderberry Express has resumed some transportation services for Pittsford residents age 55 and older. At this time, only requests for medical appointments and grocery store trips can be accommodated. All COVID-19 precautions will be followed; drivers and passengers will be required to wear a mask.

The Elderberry Express is a free transportation service for Pittsford residents age 55 and older. Volunteer drivers currently will transport seniors to and from medical appointments and grocery shopping trips. **Services must be scheduled at least two days in advance to ensure driver availability;** Monday appointments must be scheduled by the prior Thursday. Staff members will be in the office 9:00am – 12 noon Monday through Friday to take calls. To schedule, call 248-6237 during this time. If you must call after office hours, please leave your name, phone number, address, appointment time and type of service requested (medical appointment or grocery store trip), and a staff member will return your call to confirm your transportation.

Elderberry Express also is **in need of volunteer drivers** willing to help provide transportation, from one to a few times per month, to seniors in Pittsford. Each trip takes between one to two hours. This small time commitment makes a big difference to seniors who can get out and about but can no longer drive. By volunteering your time you can give others the gift of continued independence. Can you help? Call or stop by the Elderberry Express office in the Senior Programs Office at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue, telephone 248-6237.

### **FOOD CUPBOARD DELIVERY TO PITTSFORD SENIORS**

***Sign up in advance, next delivery date is 4/9***

The Pittsford Food Cupboard is offering delivery of groceries and supplies to senior citizens age 65 or older that reside in the Pittsford. There are no income requirements to participate. Seniors interested in receiving home delivery **must sign up in advance for the program in person at the Pittsford Food Cupboard offices**. The Food Cupboard will offer fresh produce, wholesome breads, frozen meat and dairy items in addition to non-perishable canned goods. **Deliveries will be available on the second and fourth Friday of each month**, between 11:00am and 2:00pm. For more information, call (585) 264-9860 and ask for Claire or visit [www.pittsfordfoodcupboard.net](http://www.pittsfordfoodcupboard.net). The April delivery dates (second and fourth Friday of the month) are April 9 and 23.

Pittsford Food Cupboard, located at 3800 Monroe Avenue, Suite 26, is open Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:30am – 1:30pm and the first and third Saturday of each month from 9:30 – 11:30am.

### **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 use the Interactive Mapping Tool. [Find tips for using our Interactive Mapping Tool here.](#)

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

[www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate/mapcomments](http://www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate/mapcomments).

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](http://www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate).

#### **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](mailto: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](http://www.townofpittsford.org/home-channel12) and use the On-Demand links to view previously recorded meetings.

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

- **Erie Canal Nature Preserve Ribbon-Cutting**, Thursday, 4/22, 12:00noon; Nature Preserve entrance is along the Erie Canalway (Towpath) Trail - walk east from the Monroe Avenue Bridge or walk west from the North Main Street Bridge.
- [Red Cross Blood Drive at Pittsford Community Library](#), Friday, 4/23, 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](http://www.redcrossblood.org).
- [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](http://www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate). Comments can also be made to [zoningupdate@townofpittsford.org](mailto: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**

- **Design Review and Historic Preservation Board**, Thursday, 4/5, 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](http://www.townofpittsford.org/home-minutes)

- **Planning Board**, Monday, 4/12, 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](http://www.townofpittsford.org/home-minutes)

## COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

- [Village Board of Trustees](#) meeting, Tuesday, 4/13, 6:30pm, virtual meeting through videoconferencing; more information and participation registration details will be listed on the Village website [here](#) as the meeting date approaches
- [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](http://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](http://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.townofpittsford.org/home-library-covid19-info](http://www.townofpittsford.org/home-library-covid19-info). 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 open; please only deposit returned books; for information on book sale donations visit [www.pittsfordlibraryfriends.com](http://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](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).

**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](mailto: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: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](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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