



News & Reviews

April 22, 2020

Town of Pittsford - a Clean Energy Community

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HAPPY EARTH DAY!

Today is Earth Day - founded in the United States fifty years ago and now celebrated across the world in support of a united effort to address with creativity and innovation issues that affect the well-being of our environment. The Town of Pittsford has a long-time and deep commitment to sustainability and to respecting and preserving our environment, both through its actions and through its policies. We seek to encourage similar commitment among our residents.

While current conditions prevent the usual group gatherings for Earth Day cleanup events and information sharing as in the past, we encourage each of you to celebrate the spirit of the day in whatever way you can. Learn more about sustainable practices. Commit to a new earth-healthy habit. Take a walk in your yard and encourage your children to appreciate nature. If you can,

consider making a donation to a charity that protects our environment and the creatures in it. Whatever you do today, take a moment to notice the beauty around you. Especially in these trying times, you will feel the better for it!

A final note: the month of April holds three observances that seek to advance environmental preservation through sharing knowledge and inspiring behaviors supportive to our environment and the plants and animals in it. **Earth Day** (Wednesday, April 22) is followed by **Arbor Day** (this Friday, April 24) and **Save the Frogs Day** (Saturday, April 25). Click the links to find out more!

TOWN HALL, STAFF & RESIDENTS RISE TO THE COVID-19 CHALLENGE

Town Supervisor Bill Smith's latest column outlines the major actions the Town administration has taken to date in response to the COVID-10 pandemic and highlights the resilience, creativity, compassion and generosity exhibited by Town residents and staff. [Find the full column here.](#)

CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARIES WEEK

It's National Libraries Week! This year's theme - "Find the Library at Your Place" - highlights how libraries are offering the virtual services and digital content our communities need now more than ever. 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.



ANIMAL CONTROL RESPONDING TO PRIORITY CALLS AS NEEDED

Contact Officer Carolyn Casey regarding human/animal safety issues and lost/found pets

The Town's Animal Control efforts are an essential Town service that has continued to operate during the COVID-19 coronavirus shutdown. While following appropriate social distancing and health safety protocols, Animal Control Officer Carolyn Casey is responding to calls regarding human/animal safety issues and lost and found pets. She can be reached at 248-6240; for urgent issues after 5:00pm week days or on weekends, call 248-6212.

Officer Casey reminds residents that dogs should be kept on a leash if outside of a fenced yard and all pets should be wearing identification, even cats. If an indoor cat accidentally makes its way outside, a collar with ID can help it get returned home more quickly. This will also prevent a wandering cat from being picked up and kept by someone who thinks it is a stray.

The NY State minimum holding period at a shelter, before a pet can be offered for adoption, is five days - although it can be longer. Therefore, it's important to contact local shelters right away if you are missing a pet. Please be sure also to contact Officer Casey so she can be on the lookout for your pet. Dogs that are wearing a license have a longer minimum holding period; to keep your pet safe be sure to follow the law and have your dog wear its license tag.

PLEASE: NO GARAGE SALES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

The Town does not issue permits for garage sales but in light of the current COVID-19 crisis and the need for social distancing, we are asking residents not to hold any garage sales for the immediate future. We're all in this together and we appreciate your help!

APRIL IS NATIONAL POETRY MONTH; APRIL 30 IS POEM IN YOUR POCKET DAY

Poetry can be a source of beauty and inspiration in times of challenge and uncertainty. How fortunate, then, that April is National Poetry Month. Just a few lines from a favorite poem can be a source of joy, comfort or strength - all welcome qualities in times like these!

If you have a favorite poem you'd like to share, plan ahead for Thursday, April 30 - it's "Poem in Your Pocket" Day, when the Academy of American Poets encourages everyone to select a poem and share it with others. While the sharing will have to be mainly virtual this year, there are plenty of ways to do so. Add a poem to your email footer. Post lines from your favorite poem on Facebook or Twitter. Jot them down and share a photo to Instagram. Add the hashtag #pocketpoem and other poetry fans can find what you've shared as well.

ALL AGES INVITED - LIBRARY BOOKMARK DESIGN COMPETITION

The Pittsford Community Library staff team is dreaming of summer, and they'd like you to help them picture it! Summer is the theme for this year's Library Bookmark Design Competition. Design a summer-themed bookmark for a chance to see your artwork printed and distributed at the Pittsford Community Library! All ages are encouraged to participate-that includes you, adults-and one winner will be selected from each of five age groups: PreK-Grade 1, Grades 2-5, Grades 6-8, Grades 9-12, and Adults. [Click here for more information](#), including the official rules and a printable entry form. Get creative and have fun!

PITTSFORD PTSA TO HONOR AWARD WINNERS; AWARD VIDEO AIRS APRIL 28

Community members are invited to join the Pittsford PTSA in honoring this year's recipients of the New York State PTA Honorary Life Membership Awards by viewing a special award video during a Watch Party on the Pittsford PTSA Facebook page on April 28 at 8:00pm.

The Pittsford PTSA presents its **Honorary Life Membership Award** to PCSD staff members or parent volunteers in recognition of above and beyond service to Pittsford youth. **This year's honorees are** Lora Bowler, Judy Breitenbach, Debbie Haen, Cathy Healy, Patrick Mallery, Betsy Parke, Don Peterson, Raina Salzbach, Robin Scott, Ginger Sorenson, Sharon Sywulski, Patrick Mallery, William Taylor and Betsy Whitehouse. In addition, **Kim McCluski will be honored with the Distinguished Service Award.**

Recipients were nominated by community members and colleagues for consistently demonstrating a dedication to the youth of Pittsford in three categories: volunteer efforts and/or significant contributions above and beyond regular job expectations over an extended period of time, outstanding personal qualities, and a continued availability and willingness to serve, directly or in an administrative capacity, the needs of Pittsford's youth.

In honor of all the awardees, Pittsford PTSA will make a donation to the New York PTA Twin Projects fund, a scholarship program benefiting high school seniors seeking an education degree or mid-career educators pursuing advanced study. Congratulations to all the honorees and many thanks for their efforts on behalf of Pittsford's youth!

LIBRARY IN-PERSON PROGRAMS CANCELED THROUGH 5/31, ONLINE RESOURCES AVAILABLE

Due to continued NY State social distancing rules in light of the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic, the Pittsford Community Library will remain closed, and all scheduled programs canceled, through May 31. However, our Librarians and staff continue to be hard at work providing the community with online access to expanded resources and new content. Some current highlights:

- Read the New York Times or access Consumer Reports for free via the Library's digital subscriptions
- Check out online activities from our children's librarians, including Story Time and Lego Club
- New content in the digital Teen Place this week includes opportunities to earn community service credits

Expect more to come, and, in the meantime, find the most recently updated Library information on the [Your Library at Home Updates page](#) at www.bit.ly/your-library-at-home. It includes a range of online resources for adults, children, teens and families.

Please note - many of the Library's digital resources require a library card. If you don't have one, eCards can be issued online. Library staff is available via email should you need help accessing digital resources; use this link to find [Library staff contact information](#).

REMINDERS

REMINDER: TOWN PLAYGROUNDS, ATHLETIC FIELDS AND COURTS CLOSED

The following remain closed to the public until further notice due to COVID-19 social distancing safety protocols: Thornell Farm Park (walking trail remains open), all Town playgrounds, athletic fields and courts, and the lodges at King's Bend Park.

LIBRARY FRIENDS SPRING BOOK SALE POSTPONED, NO DATE SET YET

The Friends of Pittsford Library Spring Book Sale originally scheduled for April 24-26 has been postponed due to advised closures and social distancing protocols in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. A new date has not been set as of yet; check the Library Friends website at www.pittsfordlibraryfriends.com/booksales.html for future updates.

ELDERBERRY EXPRESS SEEKS VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Cover letter and resume due this Friday, April 24

Elderberry Express, a non-profit transportation service for seniors in Pittsford, has a job opening for a Volunteer Coordinator. This is a paid part-time position Monday-Friday, 8:30am-12:00pm, and with ability to take calls until 4:00pm and attend monthly afternoon meetings. Hours vary as needed, but average between 15-20 hours per week. The Elderberry Express office is located within the Senior Center of the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center at 35 Lincoln Avenue.

The Volunteer Coordinator is responsible for scheduling volunteer drivers to provide clients with transportation to appointments. This individual will handle administrative tasks, work closely with volunteers and clients, and handle donations. The volunteer coordinator will also work with Lifespan in attending

training and monthly meetings. He or she will also report updates and data at quarterly Board of Directors meetings. Click the link to see the complete [Volunteer Coordinator job description](#).

Apply for the position of Elderberry Express Volunteer Coordinator by sending a cover letter and resume to the attention of Elissa Landers at ElderberryExpressPittsford@gmail.com no later than this Friday, April 24. Any questions about the position may be directed to this email as well. Zoom interviews will be held the last week of April, and the starting employment date will be May 4. Due to the current circumstances of COVID-19, dates are subject to change.

Elderberry Express has been helping seniors in Pittsford retain their independence since 1987 by serving with care and commitment those who can get out and about but can no longer drive. Find out more about their services at www.townofpittsford.org/elderberry_express_2012. If you are interested in serving the senior community of Pittsford, this may be the job for you!

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

- [Friends of Pittsford Library Spring Book Sale](#), originally scheduled for April 24 - 26, has been **POSTPONED; no reschedule date set yet**, visit www.pittsfordlibraryfriends.com for updates
- **Household Hazardous Waste/e-Recycling/Document Shredding event**, originally scheduled for Saturday, 5/9 at the Perinton Highway Garage, has been **POSTPONED UNTIL THE FALL** due to COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic social distancing protocols; the new date has yet to be determined. When more information becomes available it will be posted on the Pittsford Town website and listed in the Pittsford Town eNews.

TOWN OF PITTSFORD BOARD MEETINGS

- **Planning Board**, Monday, 4/27 - **MEETING CANCELED**

COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

- [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](#) **MEETINGS CANCELED 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. For virtual children's programming check the Library's Facebook page 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 June 29 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, 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: By order of the Chief Administrative Judge of the State of New York, Town Court is closed until further notice. Those with pending matters scheduled before Pittsford Town Court will not be penalized for failure to appear or pay fines during this period of time. Once the Town Court office reopens, Court personnel will contact all individuals with pending business before the court to reschedule appearances and address fine payments. Other essential court matters (new arraignments) will be handled at the Monroe County Courthouse, Hall of Justice, 99 Exchange Blvd #545, Rochester, NY 14614, which is the designated central location for Monroe County. For more information, see <http://ww2.nycourts.gov/courts/7jd/index.shtml> or call (585) 371-3848.

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: All non-essential construction, other than emergency construction, is temporarily halted. Emergency construction includes a project necessary to protect the health and safety of a building's occupants, or construction needed to continue a project if leaving the project unfinished would be unsafe. Essential construction may continue and includes roads, bridges, transit facilities, utilities and health care facilities. Every essential and emergency non-essential construction site will observe social distancing procedures, including for purposes of elevator use, meals, entry and exit. Sites that cannot maintain distance and safety best practices must close. The State, in cooperation with local government, will enforce these regulations. Fines of up to \$10,000 per violation will be imposed. Construction work does not include a single worker, who is the sole employee/worker on a job site. For more information contact Town of Pittsford Building Inspector Mark Lenzi at 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. 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.

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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