

News & Reviews

April 28, 2021

Town of Pittsford - a Clean
Energy Community

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Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings*

CELEBRATING THE NEW ERIE CANAL NATURE PRESERVE

We found a wonderful but chilly way to celebrate Earth Day on April 22 – with the official opening of The Town's new Erie Canal Nature Park and Preserve! If you couldn't join us, you can see our [photo gallery of the Nature Preserve ribbon cutting](#) here.



Encompassing natural wetlands, woodlands and meadows, our 20-acre Nature 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. Its newly created trail connects the Canal Towpath with the Auburn Trail. The Preserve is part of 30 contiguous acres of natural habitat permanently preserved by the Town and Village.

Town Supervisor Bill Smith was joined by Deputy Town Supervisor Kate Bohne Munzinger, Town Board members Stephanie Townsend and Cathy Koshykar, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Chair Rick Taylor, Environmental Board member James Pippin, Eagle Scout Paul Wazowicz, landscape architect and project designer Sue Steel, Parks Foreman Jess Neal and Commissioner of Public Works Paul Schenkel to cut the ribbon on the Preserve; residents, staff and volunteer board members were on hand to celebrate as well.

The benches throughout the park were designed by **Paul Wazowicz** for his Eagle Scout project - and he built the two benches located back by the frog ponds!

Plans are in the works for a native plants and pollinator garden at the Nature Preserve as well. Check the Town website and eNews for updates and in the meantime, stop by to enjoy the beauty of nature at the Erie Canal Nature Preserve!

The Town of Pittsford's Erie Canal Nature Preserve entrance is located along the Erie Canalway (Towpath) Trail – a short walk east from the Monroe Avenue Bridge or west from the North Main Street Bridge. See a [map and information](#) here.

Don't Zone Out!

We need your input for the Town of Pittsford's 2021 Zoning Code Update!



Place your comments on our Interactive Map!

Scan the QR Code or visit the website to access the map.
www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate/mapcomments



ZONING CODE UPDATE: INPUT VIA ONLINE MAPPING TOOL EXTENDED TO 5/24

Public participation is critical to our Zoning Code Update – so we've extended the deadline for the online mapping tool to May 24 to ensure ample time for residents to use this easy and effective way to comment on Zoning changes.

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. To offer additional time for comments from the public, access to the mapping tool has been extended through May 24.

For an easy way 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.

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.

ARBOR DAY IS THIS FRIDAY, 4/30; STAY TUNED FOR EXCITING TOWN ANNOUNCEMENT!

Arbor Day is a day dedicated to trees – planting them, appreciating them and nurturing them. The Town has long recognized the importance of ensuring there are plenty of healthy trees of all kinds in our community. We take great care to continue this tradition. In fact, we'll have a special announcement this Friday, on Arbor Day, related to this commitment. Be sure to check the Town website and Facebook page for details this Friday!



You can do your part to support trees as well. Visit the [National Arbor Day Foundation](#) website to find resources that will help you keep the spirit of Arbor Day strong! Plus, during this week of Arbor Day, your social post can turn into trees planted! **The Arbor Day Foundation will plant one tree for EACH Instagram, Twitter, or Facebook user who posts a picture of a tree using the hashtag #ArborDay** – donating up to 50,000 trees. Plus, Snoopy and his friends at Peanuts are matching the trees planted, so you can be part of planting up to 100,000 trees this year!

First Aid for Kids



EPIC Trainings, Instructor

Activity Number: 211416-02

Date: Saturday, May 1

Time: 11:45AM-1:15PM

Fee: \$20

Ages: 8-14

Location: PCC Room 204

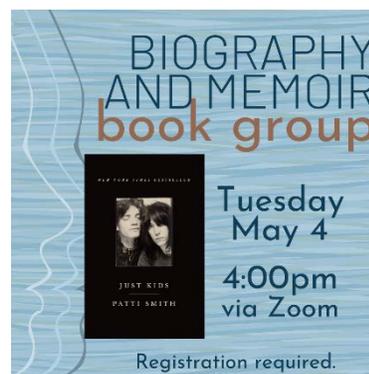
FIRST AID FOR KIDS CLASS AT COMMUNITY CENTER THIS SATURDAY

Kids ages 8 - 14 can learn the skills and techniques necessary to respond to a variety of first aid related emergencies in our First Aid for Kids class at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center to be held this Saturday, May 1 from 11:45am - 1:15pm. There is still time to register! Care for sprains and breaks, treatment for heat and cold emergencies, and choking, burns and bleeding control topics will be

covered. To help participants better understand common medical conditions that their friends may suffer from, the class will also cover food allergies, diabetes, seizures and asthma. This course helps meet requirements for many Scout badges. The program fee is \$20 per person. For more information and to register, visit our [online registration page](#), access our [program brochure online](#), or stop by the Community Center. The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue.

LIBRARY OFFERS NEW ONLINE BIOGRAPHY & MEMOIR BOOK GROUP

Join the Library's new online Biography & Memoir Book Group and read about people throughout history and from every walk of life – historical figures, those currently in the news, and everyone in-between. There will be something for everyone! **The first book discussion will be *Just Kids* by Patti Smith on Tuesday, May 4 from 4:00 – 5:00pm.** Books are available for checkout from the Circulation Desk. A Zoom link will be sent the day of the program. The programs 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 May 4 *Just Kids* Biography & Memoir Book Group online](https://www.townofpittsford.org/home-library) via the Library Program Calendar or visit <https://www.townofpittsford.org/home-library> and use the Library Program Registration link.



The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street. To learn more about upcoming Library programs, visit the [Library's online program calendar](https://www.townofpittsford.org/home-library). For complete Library information, including hours of operation, visit <https://www.townofpittsford.org/home-library>.



PITTSFORD'S RABIES FREE DRIVE-THROUGH CLINIC IS THURSDAY, MAY 13 AT THE TOWN HIGHWAY GARAGE

This year the Town of Pittsford's annual Rabies Free Clinic will be a drive-through event held on Thursday, May 13 from 4:30 - 7:30pm at the Town Highway Garage, 60 Golf Avenue. Update your pet's rabies vaccine for free - dogs, cats and ferrets are welcome! Although cats do not need to be licensed, NYS law does require they be rabies vaccinated. **For safety, all dogs must be on a short leash; cats and ferrets must be in a secure carrier.**

Three-year and one-year vaccines are available. A three-year vaccine will be available to those who present a prior rabies certificate; all others may receive a one-year vaccine. Advance registration is not required; please call Animal Control at 248-6240 with any questions. Many thanks to Dr. Larry Silberg from Doorbell Vet, who will be conducting our clinic this year. Our thanks also to the Monroe County Health Department for providing the free vaccines.

PITTSFORD ROTARY FOOD DRIVE IS THIS SATURDAY, MAY 1

Donations will go to Pittsford Food Cupboard, House of Mercy, and Saint's Place

The [Rotary Club of Pittsford](#), in collaboration with the Town of Pittsford, will conduct its next drive-through canned and packaged food drive to benefit the [Pittsford Food Cupboard](#) this Saturday, May 1 from 9:00am to noon at Spiegel Pittsford Community Center.



The drive also will support [House of Mercy](#), which provides food, shelter and clothing for those in need, and [Saints' Place](#), which provides clothing, furniture, household goods, etc. for newly arriving refugees in Rochester.

The **specific needs for House of Mercy include** basic food items such as peanut butter, tuna, canned green beans, etc. **Needs for Saint's Place** include kitchen cleaning supplies, scrub pads, paper towels, and toilet paper.

Rotarians, community volunteers and Town staff will be collecting canned and other packaged foods and toiletry items, rain 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.

FREE VACCINE SCHEDULING ASSISTANCE

Need help booking your COVID vaccine appointments?
Having trouble navigating technology?

Call (716) 320-1158

Wednesday & Friday 3-5 pm
Saturday 8-9 am



SPAV
Students Promoting Access to Vaccines
<https://spavroc.wixsite.com/spav>

“STUDENTS PROMOTING ACCESS TO VACCINES” HELPS SENIORS AND OTHERS

Local students offer free COVID vaccine scheduling assistance

Two Pittsford students have created Students Promoting Access to Vaccines (SPAV), a program to help Pittsford seniors and others community members who may have difficulty scheduling COVID-19 vaccine appointments.

Cailey Huang, an 8th grader at Barker Road Middle School, and her sister Katherine, a senior at Pittsford Mendon High School, have created a customer-friendly free service to

make signing up for a COVID-19 vaccine easy and worry-free.

"Our goal is to make sure those in need or unable to navigate the technology are still able to sign up for vaccines" said Cailey.

Here's how the SPAV free vaccine scheduling assistance program works:

- Those in need of assistance with scheduling a COVID-19 vaccine can call (716) 320-1158 Wednesdays and Fridays between the hours of 3:00 - 5:00pm and Saturdays between 8:00 - 9:00am.
- The SPAV volunteer who answers the call searches for available appointments at the client's preferred time and location and books the appointment during the call, providing the client with all necessary information about the appointment.
- The SPAV volunteer makes an appointment reminder call to the client a few days before the appointment.

Only the client's name, phone number and appointment date/location is kept on file for follow up. Confidential information is not collected.

Right now it's just Cailey and Katherine taking the calls and making the appointments, but Cailey says they may consider recruiting more volunteers if there is enough community interest in the program.

For further information on the SPAV program, visit their website at www.spavroc.wixsite.com/spav. Questions can also be emailed to spavroc@gmail.com. Many thanks to Cailey and Katherine for developing and offering this valuable service to Pittsford community members in need of vaccine scheduling assistance!

MEET THE SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES NIGHT – VIA ZOOM ON MAY 6

The Pittsford Central PTSA will present an online forum on Thursday, May 6 at 7:30pm during which candidates running for the Pittsford Central School District Board of Education will answer questions via a moderator on Zoom. Six candidates are running for three open seats: Ruby Belton, Jen Canning, Jeff Casey, Sarah Pelusio, Rene Sanchez–Kazacos and Nicole Sidhu. Parents and community members will be able to view the forum online (livestream) and may submit questions in advance via this form:

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/PittsfordPTSA3/MeetTheCandidates2021>. All questions must be submitted by 9:00pm on Sunday, May 2.

The forum will be recorded and posted to the Pittsford Central School District's YouTube page after the event. The livestreaming link for the event will be posted on the PTSA website www.pittsfordptsa.net as the event date draws near.

Questions about the online forum may be directed to Nita Singh, Pittsford Central PTSA VP of Education Council, at nnsingh.1221@gmail.com or Joan Sperandio, Pittsford Central PTSA Secretary, at secretary@pittsfordptsa.net.

REMINDERS

PITTSFORD ROTARY KIDS' TROUT FISHING DERBY IS MAY 8

The Rotary Club of Pittsford, in conjunction with the Town of Pittsford and the Monroe County Parks Department, will hold its annual Kids' Trout Fishing Derby on Saturday, May 18 in Powder Mills Park. The Derby is open to all children ages 15 and under. Registration will be at the Powderhorn Lodge and Shady Rest Pavilion from 8:00 - 9:00am and is free for all. [Registration also is available in advance online](#). The tournament runs from 9:00 - 11:00am and is followed by an awards ceremony at 11:15am and Fish Hatchery tour at 11:30am. Complimentary refreshments will be served.

Fish are being stocked by the Fish Hatchery at Powder Mills Park for this event and donations will be accepted on behalf of the Reidman Foundation. Special thanks are due to The Riedman Foundation for funding and operating the Hatchery and making the Pittsford Rotary Club Kids' Trout Fishing Derby possible. For more information, visit the [Pittsford Rotary website](#) or contact tournament chairperson Kevin O'Grady via [email](#) or phone at (585) 641-0668. The Pittsford Rotary Club Kids' Trout Fishing Derby is co-sponsored by the Town of Pittsford Recreation Department.

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, 5/1, 9:00am - 12noon, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue; food items such as peanut butter, tuna, canned green beans, etc. needed for [House of Mercy](#), kitchen cleaning supplies, scrub pads, paper towels, and toilet paper needed for [Saints' Place](#); canned and other packaged goods needed for Pittsford Food Cupboard (see [list of Pittsford Food Cupboard needs here](#)).
- [Pittsford Rotary Kids' Trout Fishing Derby](#), Saturday, 5/8, 8:00am - 12noon, Powder Mills Park, registration begins 8:00am at Powderhorn Lodge, tournament runs 9:00-11:00am, followed by Awards Ceremony at 11:15am and Fish Hatchery tour at 11:30am, more info [HERE](#) or [email Kevin O'Grady](#).
- **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, 5/8, 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.

- [Pittsford Rabies Free Drive-Through Clinic](#), Thursday, 5/13, 4:30-7:30pm, Pittsford Town Highway Garage, 60 Golf Avenue; update your pet's rabies vaccine for free – dogs, cats, and ferrets are welcome, dogs must be on a short leash, cats and ferrets must be in a secure carrier; no appointment needed, call Pittsford Animal Control at 248-6240 with any questions.
- [Friends of Pittsford Library mini book sale](#), Friday and Saturday, May 14 & 15, 10:00am – 5:00pm, Fisher Meeting Room, Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street, sale is open to all; please note to ensure enough time and space to safely browse, physical distancing and mask wearing required, the number of shoppers in the room at a time will be limited, shopping time will be limited to 20 minutes per guest, bags not available – please bring your own.
- [Household Hazardous Waste/e-Recycling/Document Shredding event](#), Saturday, 5/15, 7:45am-12:00pm, Perinton Highway Garage, 100 Cobb's Lane. Additional appointments for hazardous waste disposal are no longer available, but electronics recycling and/or document shredding still available, no appointment needed; for HHW appointment at another site go online to www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark. More information, including the list of hazardous materials and electronics accepted for collection, can be found [HERE](#).
- [Red Cross Blood Drive at Pittsford Community Library](#), Tuesday, 5/18, 9:00am – 2:00pm, 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.
- [Town of Pittsford Zoning Code Update](#) – **comments made by Town of Pittsford stakeholders via interactive online mapping tool accepted through May 24**; 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, 5/3, 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, 5/4, 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

- [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://www.townofpittsford.org/home-library-covid19-info>. 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 Allen Reitz at areitz@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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