

News & Reviews

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LIBRARY'S BOOK DROP IS OPEN, CURBSIDE PICKUP EXPECTED START 6/1

While carefully observing COVID-19 health and safety guidelines determined by New York State, the **Pittsford Community Library will slowly resume some services for physical materials.** Services will be phased back in gradually to ensure the safety of Library staff and community members.

The Library's book drop is now open. Returned materials will be handled minimally before being quarantined for at least three days. If you return materials, expect a processing delay of 3-5 business days. The due date for all items remains set for June 29.

The Friends of Pittsford Community Library is **not yet taking book donations.** Please continue to hold on to items you wish to donate. **Please do not put donations in the book drop.**

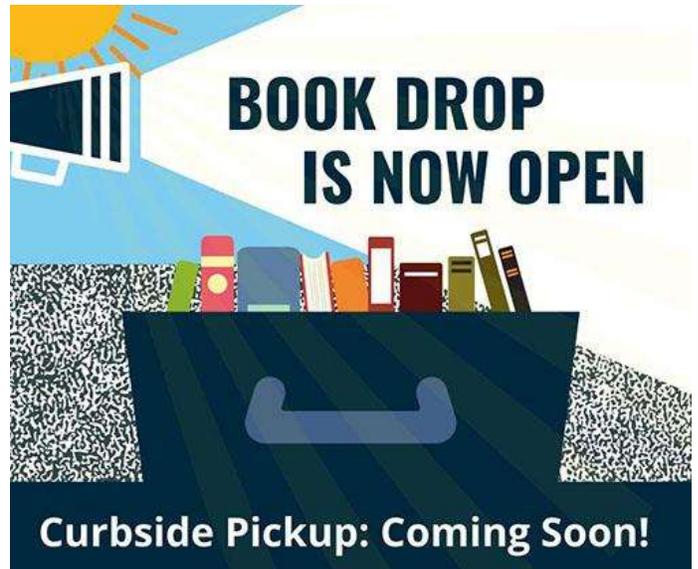
A contactless curbside service is tentatively planned to begin on Monday, June 1. Details will be forthcoming; information will be posted on the Town website and via the Library's social media accounts.

As we all continue to practice social distancing, keep in mind the Library also has extensive digital resources available at all times, for all ages to enjoy. Find details at www.townofpittsford.org/home-library.

MESSAGE FROM SUPERVISOR SMITH - OVER 100,000 MASKS DISTRIBUTED TO RESIDENTS **A fine example of intermunicipal cooperation in response to the COVID-19 pandemic**

I'm pleased to report that, to date, we've distributed more than 100,000 masks to Pittsford residents. In addition to two recent drive-in distribution events held at Pittsford Mendon High School for our residents, we've made deliveries to senior residential communities, senior care facilities and ongoing deliveries to the Pittsford Food Cupboard. We also provided masks to the Pittsford Chamber of Commerce for distribution to small businesses in town.

Our distribution events were truly a collaborative effort. My sincere thanks again all those involved: to Pittsford Town Judge Shaddock, County Legislator Howard Mafucci and other volunteers who joined me in handing out masks. To School Superintendent Mike Pero and the Pittsford Central School District. To the Monroe County Sheriff's department. To my Town Board colleague Stephanie Townsend for her help promoting the events. And to County Executive Adam Bello for making the masks available to the Town



and for stopping by to help distribute them. Thanks as well to Town staff members who organized and assisted with the distributions.

Government works best when we cooperate at all levels. This was a great opportunity to do so and a brilliant example of how to do it effectively. We've reached thousands of residents in need and helped our small businesses to keep serving you safely.

I look forward to the time when we can all gather together - with no need for masks. I'm working toward that goal with our Town staff team.

In the meantime, your efforts to help keep everyone safe remain needed and are truly appreciated. Keep a mask with you. Use it if you might not be able to keep 6 feet away from others. Wash your hands. Maintain your distance but stay connected. We'll get through this together.

Bill Smith, Town Supervisor

REMEMBRANCE POPPIES TO HONOR THE FALLEN - VIRTUAL POPPY DRIVE

Memorial Day is this Monday, May 25; it is a time to remember the servicemen and women who lost their lives during war-time service. This year, as COVID-19 health safety and social distancing protocols prevent a physical sale, the members of Rayson-Miller American Legion Post #899 are conducting a **virtual Remembrance Poppy Drive** via their Facebook page and website. Funds raised from the annual poppy sale go to benefit veterans who are disabled, homeless or in severe financial crisis due to circumstances beyond their control.



Should you wish to make a donation in honor of our military members who made the ultimate sacrifice, you can donate via PayPal (no account needed, credit and debit cards accepted) by using the [Poppy Donate Now button](#) on the www.RaysonMillerPost899 website or the Donate tab on the [Rayson-Miller Post 899 Facebook page](#). Donors will receive a link to a digital "I donated" poppy for online use. If you are able to, please consider supporting this unique way to honor the memory of our fallen armed service members while helping veterans in need.

ALL AGES LIBRARY BOOKMARK DESIGN COMPETITION DEADLINE IS THIS FRIDAY, 5/22

This Friday, May 22 is the deadline - 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 - including 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!

ELDERBERRY EXPRESS SEEKS PAID PART-TIME VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

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 Jim Gaze and Bill Fehr at ElderberryExpressPittsford@gmail.com as soon as possible. Any questions about the position may be directed to this email as well. Zoom interviews will be held and the hired individual's employment will begin as soon as he or she is hired. 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!

TOWN BOARD MEETING MAY 26 - ONLINE ACCESS

There will be online public access to the Town Board meeting as it takes place next Tuesday, May 26 at 6:00pm; ASL interpretation will be provided. Information on how to access the meeting feed will be published by this Friday, May 22 on the home page of the Town website at www.townofpittsford.org. The meeting agenda will be posted on the Town website Agenda and Minutes page www.townofpittsford.org/home-minutes by this Friday at noon.

TREE, SHRUB & PLANT PRE-ORDER PICKUP THURS. & FRI., OVERSTOCK SALE SATURDAY

Pre-order pick-up for the Monroe County Soil and Water (MCSW) Conservation District's Tree, Shrub and Plant Program is this Thursday and Friday, May 28 and 29, from 9:00am - 5:00pm at the Town of Chili Parks Building (at 3235 Chili Avenue, behind the Chili Senior Center). **For those who did not have a chance to pre-order, there will also be an overstock sale this Saturday, May 30** from 9:00 - 11:00am during which remaining plant stock will be sold on a first come, first served basis. Proper COVID-19 social distancing and health safety protocols will be followed. Please note some species may not be available at the overstock sale.

SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE AND BOARD ELECTION BY ABSENTEE BALLOT ONLY

In accordance with Executive Order 202.26 issued by NYS Governor Andrew Cuomo, this year's school budget vote and board of education election will be conducted entirely by absentee ballot.

Two ballots and two postage paid return envelopes will be mailed, with instructions, to every PCSD household. Residents are asked to return their ballots by mail, using the prepaid envelopes. Only one ballot per envelope is allowed. All absentee ballots must be received in the District Clerk's office by 5:00pm on June 9, 2020.

Eligible voters must meet the following legal requirements:

- * At least 18 years of age
- * A citizen of the United States
- * A legal resident of the District at least 30 days immediately prior to June 9, 2020

Ballots should arrive in homes after Memorial Day. Additional ballots for qualified voters can be requested by contacting the District Clerk at Deborah_Carpenter@pittsford.monroe.edu. For more [information about the 2020-2021 Budget and Board of Education candidates click here](#).

MEET THE SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES NIGHT - VIA ZOOM ON JUNE 4

The Pittsford Central PTSA will present an online forum on Thursday, June 4 at 7:00pm during which candidates running for the Pittsford Central School District Board of Education will answer questions via a moderator on Zoom. Three candidates are running for two open seats: Ted Aroesty, Sareer Fazili and Robin Scott. Parents and community members will be able to view the forum online and may submit questions in advance via this form: www.cognitofrms.com/PittsfordPTSA/MeetTheCandidates2020. All questions must be submitted by June 2.

The forum will be recorded and posted to the Pittsford Central School District's YouTube page after the event. To view the event live use this link at 7:00pm on June 4: <https://ensemble.monroe.edu/Watch/c7ARn9a5> .

Questions about the online forum may be directed to Darla Darby, Pittsford Central PTSA VP of Education Council, at dmd403ns@gmail.com or Joan Sperandio, Pittsford Central PTSA Secretary, at secretary@pittsfordptsa.net.

REMINDERS

RECREATION DEPARTMENT JOB OPENINGS IN AQUATICS AND SUMMER CAMP PROGRAMS

The Town of Pittsford's Recreation Department is currently seeking applicants for several positions, including [counselors](#), [assistant directors](#) and [site directors](#) for our **Summer Fun day camp program** and summer [lifeguards](#), [aquatics instructor assistants](#) and [water safety instructors](#). There is a current opening for a [maintenance laborer](#) in our **Sewer Department** as well.

For complete job descriptions and application information, click the links or visit the Town's job listings web page at www.townofpittsford.org/home-pittsford-employment-opportunities.

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

- **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.
- **Pittsford Rabies Free Clinic** originally scheduled for 5/14 has been **POSTPONED**; a rescheduled date has not been set yet. Updated information will be posted in advance on the Town website homepage www.townofpittsford.org and in the Town eNews once the clinic has been rescheduled.
- **Pittsford Garden Club Plant Sale** originally scheduled for 5/16 has been **CANCELED** due to COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic health and safety protocols.
- **Paddle and Pour Festival**, Saturday, 5/23, **CANCELED** due to COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic Pause NY health safety social distancing protocols.
- **Memorial Day Parade and Remembrance Ceremony**, Monday, 5/25 - **CANCELED**; out of concern for the health of their members and that of the public, the Pittsford American Legion Rayson-Miller Post 899 has canceled its Memorial Day Ceremony and, upon request from the American Legion, the Memorial Day Parade has been canceled as well. While the decision was necessary in light of COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic health and safety protocols, we understand and share the disappointment this news brings.

TOWN OF PITTSFORD BOARD MEETINGS

- **Planning Board**, Monday, 5/25 - **NO MEETING**
- **Town Board**, Tuesday, 5/26, 6:00pm, ASL interpretation provided, **ONLINE ACCESS** - access information to be posted on Town website home page by Friday, 5/22 at www.townofpittsford.org

COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

- [Village Board of Trustees meeting](#), Tuesday, 5/26, 6:00pm, virtual meeting through videoconferencing; more information and participation registration details will be listed on the Village website [here](#) as the meeting date approaches
- [Board of Education](#) Budget Hearing and regular meeting, Tuesday, 5/26, 7:00pm, via Zoom video conferencing; the links to watch the Board meeting and participate in the public comment section will be posted on the [Pittsford Central School District website](#) on Tuesday, 5/26
- [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 now open; please only deposit returned books, donations are not being accepted at this time. 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: 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 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, vehicle registrations and vehicle inspections 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. 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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