



News & Reviews

September 2, 2020

Town of Pittsford - a Clean Energy Community

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Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings***

A Message from Supervisor Smith:

KATE BOHNE MUNZINGER - A WOMAN OF DISTINCTION

Congratulations to my friend and colleague, Kate Bohne Munzinger, on her selection as one of the **New York State Senate's Women of Distinction for 2020**.

A Town Board member for the past five years and the Town's Deputy Supervisor, Kate demonstrates every day the highest qualities of a true public servant: open and honest, willing to roll up her sleeves to tackle the work at hand. Unafraid to ask the difficult questions and committed to finding the answers with compassion and understanding. As Deputy Supervisor, a wise and able advisor to me - and to the people of Pittsford.

Kate's experience and knowledge have been central to the Town government's accomplishments and successes over the past five years, and in giving life to the concept of continual improvement for the benefit of all Pittsford residents. To this task, and to our residents, she brings a deep personal commitment to their care, service and well-being.

On the Town Board, as Co-Chair of the Jefferson Road School PTSA, for the Special Olympics and for every other cause and organization to which she commits her time, her wisdom and her heart, Kate makes a positive difference and brings thoughtfulness and balance to the task.

Dedicated. Caring. Honorable. Effective. A Woman of Distinction indeed. It's an honor to call Kate Bohne Munzinger a colleague and a friend.

REMINDER FROM SUPERVISOR SMITH: MASK USE

As you get outdoors to enjoy the late summer, please do remember to **keep a mask or face covering with you and use it** if there is a chance you will be within 6 feet of others outside of your family or quarantine group. **Enjoying our natural spaces** is a positive way to ease the strain of the COVID-19 pandemic and its related restrictions. So too are opportunities to safely enjoy activities or a meal out, or to shop for needed items. When you head out please - for yourself, for others, for reaching more quickly a future where we won't need masks - wear your mask when in public, And if you can, consider **patronizing**



***Deputy Town Supervisor Kate Bohne Munzinger with
husband Jason and sons Pete and Ryan.***

our local businesses, whether shopping in-store or online, dining or ordering take-out, utilizing services, or purchasing gift cards for future use. We're all in this together!

TOWN FACILITIES & SERVICES CLOSED 9/7 FOR LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

All Town of Pittsford offices, facilities, and services - including Town Hall, the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, the Pittsford Community Library, and Town Court - will be closed on Monday, September 7 in observance of the 2020 Labor Day holiday. The Library will also be closed on Saturday and Sunday, September 5 and 6. Town brush collection will be delayed one day during the week of September 7 due to the holiday closure.

In case of an emergency requiring Town of Pittsford services during the holiday, please call (585) 248-6212. On behalf of Supervisor Smith, the Pittsford Town Board members and all of our staff and volunteer board members, we wish you a happy and safe holiday!

SCHOOL OPENS TODAY - PLEASE DRIVE SAFELY

Pittsford Schools open today! A reminder that students will be walking and bicycling to school in our community this week, and parents will be dropping off and picking up students. Please obey speed limits and crossing guard instruction. Avoid distractions. Let's make sure that students get off to a safe start this school year. To our teachers, students and all who are working to make this uniquely challenging school year a success - welcome back!

HEALTH PLAN MARKETPLACE ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Having trouble signing up for health insurance through the New York State Health Plan Marketplace? Legal Assistance of Western NY is a resource to help you. They have provided in-person assistance as Healthcare Navigators at the Pittsford Community Library in the past, and are offering an over-the-phone service this year. To contact a Healthcare Navigator and get help working through signing up for healthcare, call (585) 295-5643.

REGISTRATION FOR FALL RECREATION PROGRAMS UNDERWAY

Program registration for fall Recreation programs is currently underway. We are carefully following New York State COVID-19 guidelines regarding our Recreation programming and After School program. Please note program details may change as we continue to receive guidance from the State and from the County Department of Health. Information will be updated if needed as program dates approach. For details about all of our Recreation programs, access our [program brochure online](#), or visit our [online Recreation registration page](#).

TAX INFORMATION - REMINDER

Town of Pittsford residents will receive their 2020-2021 school tax bills in the mail soon. If your bill does not arrive by Tuesday, September 8, please call the tax office at 585-248-6215. Full payments without interest will be accepted through Thursday, October 1. First installments are due by Tuesday, September 15. Consistent with our practice since the onset of the pandemic, the Town will continue to accept payments by mail, by the secure mail slot located to the right of the front door of the Pittsford Town Hall, 11 South Main Street, and online by a link from the Town's website to the County's online payment portal. Visa and MasterCard will be accepted for online payments, **and for this tax season only**, the customary 3% service fee to use the online payment service is waived. To pay online, click [here](#). You can also pay your tax at the Canandaigua National Bank at 18 State Street.

Payment for First Installments AFTER SEPTEMBER 16 will be accepted only from September 17 - September 21 (because September 20 falls on a Sunday), with 1% interest.

Please Note: **we strongly discourage paying your tax bill via Electronic Checking directly from your bank account**. If you do this, it means that your bank mails us a paper check - without a postmark. Experience has shown that this can take as long as two weeks to reach our office. Therefore, we cannot consider your payment received until we physically receive the paper check, and you risk having to pay

interest on the late payment, which is mandated by the State and that the Town has no authority to waive. **We do not recommend sending payment in this manner.**

DR. BETH PAUL JOINS NAZARETH COLLEGE AS 10TH PRESIDENT

Dr. Beth Paul began her tenure as president of Nazareth College on July 1 and is looking forward to getting to know her new Pittsford neighbors. The Princeton Review's Best 386 Colleges recently named Nazareth 13th in the country for best town-gown relations; President Paul values the close relationship between Nazareth College and Pittsford. She shares her thoughts on community and college connections in this [welcome letter](#).

REMINDERS

SUBMISSIONS DUE TODAY (SEPTEMBER 2) FOR COMMUNITY ART EVENT - PAINT PITTSFORD!

Artists and budding artists - if you've joined in on our community wide participatory art event "Paint Pittsford!" remember to submit your art by TODAY (Wednesday, September 2). Paint Pittsford is open to area artists of all skill and experience levels. Painting submissions should feature a scene from anywhere within the Town or Village of Pittsford; work entered will be in a show scheduled for September. [Find complete details and an application here](#), or visit www.pittsfordfineart.com and click on "Events" for details and submission guidelines.

PITTSFORD ROTARY'S CHARITY GOLF SCRAMBLE - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 AT VICTOR HILLS

The Rotary Club of Pittsford's annual Charity Golf Scramble Tournament is Sunday, September 13 at Victor Hills Golf Club's South Course. Proceeds from the event will support the broad range of local and international humanitarian services sponsored by Pittsford Rotary. Cost is \$100 per golfer (includes cart). Registration and pick-up lunch begins at noon; shotgun start is 1:00pm with team scramble play. Dinner and awards begin at 6:00pm. The tournament also features a raffle with a variety of prizes. **To register and for further information contact Pat Mallery** at pjmallery@aol.com. A range of tournament sponsorship opportunities also are available; contact Jack Pickering at jp150@gmail.com for details.

ASL INTERPRETER AT TOWN BOARD MEETINGS

The Town of Pittsford provides an American Sign Language interpreter upon request at Pittsford Town Board meetings, to interpret for those who need this service. Those who are planning to attending a Town Board meeting in person or who are planning to watch the live stream of a Town Board meeting can request an 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 19th Amendment Centennial Celebration](#), August 18 - September 15; self-guided walking tour featuring people and places important to advancing women's voting rights, self-guided cemetery tour of Pittsford Political Equality Club founding members' gravesites at Pittsford Cemetery, details at www.townofpittsford.org/19thAcentennial
- [Pittsford Rotary Charity Golf Scramble Tournament](#), Sunday, 9/13, 12:00pm pick-up lunch and registration, 1:00pm shotgun start with foursome scramble play, 6:00pm dinner and awards, raffle with variety of prizes, all proceeds to benefit local and international humanitarian services sponsored by Pittsford Rotary; Victor Hills Golf Club South Course. Fees are \$100 per golfer with cart. To register and for further information contact Pat Mallery at pjmallery@aol.com; for sponsor opportunities info contact Jack Pickering at jp160@gmail.com.
- **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, 9/12, 9:00 - 10:00am, Thornell Farm Park open-air pavilion, 480 Mendon Road; attendees expected to follow health safety and social distancing guidelines.

- **Food Truck and Music Fest**, Saturday, 9/12 - **CANCELED** due to COVID-19 NYS event restrictions and health safety protocols. 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

- **Environmental Board**, Monday, 9/7 - **NO MEETING** due to Labor Day holiday

COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

- [Village Board of Trustees](#) meeting, Tuesday, 8/8, 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
- **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, 9/12, 9:00 - 10:00am, Thornell Farm Park open-air pavilion, 480 Mendon Road; attendees expected to follow health safety and social distancing guidelines.
- [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 open for limited programs, the After School program and appointments only on weekdays from 8:00am-4:00pm. Senior "Grab N Go" meals will continue every Wednesday and "Curbside Lunch" by Chef Julie is offered every Friday; pickup for both programs 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. Curbside pickup is available on Saturdays. 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.bit.ly/your-library-at-home. 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, donations are not being accepted at this time. Regular due dates for all materials have resumed; check your receipt or your Library account for exact due dates. Curbside 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 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: 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: all Town parks are 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 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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