



News & Reviews

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Town of Pittsford - a Clean Energy Community

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Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings

"ROOM ON THE BROOM" STORY WALK BEGINS THIS MONDAY, 10/26

Display will be up continuously through Halloween

The time is right for a Halloween story come to life - and some crafty fun! Stop by the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center between October 26 - 31 and take a stroll through our **"Room on the Broom" Story Walk in the Community Center field**. Follow the story of a kind witch and her cat as they travel on her broomstick - and invite others to tag along! Participants are asked to follow physical distancing guidelines and bring a face mask to wear when within 6 feet of those outside their group.



October 26-31, stroll through the story of a kind witch and her cat, then pick up a take-home craft!

Once you have completed the walk, stop at the Community Center front desk and pick up a **themed craft pack to take home!** Craft packs are available Monday through Friday from 8:00am - 6:00pm and Saturdays from 10:00am - 5:00pm.

The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. For more information about the event, call Cassie at 248-6289 or email cschrom@townofpittsford.org.

FOOD TRUCK WEDNESDAY TONIGHT FEATURES THE MEATBALL TRUCK & KONA ICE!

The Pittsford Recreation Department's final "Food Truck Wednesday" for the season is tonight at Thornell Farm Park from 5:00 - 8:00pm (or until menu items are sold out).

The **Meatball Truck Co.** will be joining us TONIGHT, **October 21**, offering delicious **handmade meatballs, meatball subs, rigatoni and more. Kona Ice** will bring the best **premium shaved ice in a variety of flavors**. Vendors and menus are listed on the Pittsford Recreation Facebook page, on the Town website and in the Town eNews. [Click here for this week's menus.](#)



Food Truck Wednesday is tonight!

Be sure to join us - it's a fun and easy dinner option! Please note all attendees are expected to observe appropriate physical distancing and health safety protocols - face coverings are required when placing and picking up your order. Thornell Farm Park is located at 480 Mendon Road. We look forward to seeing you there!



FRIENDS OF PITTSFORD LIBRARY MINI BOOK SALE IS THIS FRIDAY & SATURDAY, OCT. 23 & 24

The next [Friends of Pittsford Library mini book sale](#) is this Friday and Saturday, October 23 and 24 from 10:00am - 5:00pm in the Library's Fisher Meeting Room. **The sale is open to all!** To ensure enough time and space for all to safely browse, **physical distancing and mask wearing will be required**, the number of shoppers in the room at a time will be limited, and shopping time will be limited to 20 minutes per guest. While there will be fewer tables, tables will be replenished throughout the sale so everyone has a chance to find some wonderful bookish buys. **Bags won't be available so please bring your own if you'd like.** All proceeds benefit our Pittsford Community Library!

PTSA LIGHT THE LOOP PUMPKIN PARADE IS THIS SATURDAY, 10/24

Another great opportunity for some fun and safe Halloween celebrating: this Saturday, October 24 from 6:00 - 8:00pm, the Pittsford Schools PTSA will host "Light the Loop" - a district-wide pumpkin parade through the bus loops of all five Pittsford elementary schools. Drive through to see pumpkin carving creations come alive. Those interested can register at <https://www.cognitofirms.com/PittsfordPTSA/LightTheLoop> to contribute a carved pumpkin to the display. Monetary donations will be accepted online or at the event - all proceeds go to benefit Pittsford students. [Find event details here](#) or visit www.pittsfordschools.org.

THIS IS NATIONAL FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY WEEK - OUR THANKS TO LIBRARY FRIENDS!

In honor of National Friends of the Library Week (October 18-24) we thank the [Friends of the Pittsford Library](#) for all they do to support our Library. The Friends of the Pittsford Library is a non-profit organization that helps promote and support our library programs and services, encourages Library volunteerism, supplements library materials, and more! Learn more at www.pittsfordlibraryfriends.com.

BLOOD DRIVE AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER THIS FRIDAY, 10/23 - OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

The Town of Pittsford will host a Red Cross blood drive this Friday, October 23, from 11:00am - 4:00pm at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center in Room 107. The Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue in the Village of Pittsford.

Donors can schedule an appointment by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or can go online to do so at www.redcrossblood.org - just type in the Pittsford zip code 14534 in the search box and scroll to the October 23 blood drive. **Please schedule an appointment prior to your arrival to help ensure we can safely manage the flow of donors.**

The Red Cross will be following all COVID-19 guidelines during the blood drive; additional precautions in place include physical distancing protocols, face coverings, health screenings and enhanced cleaning procedures. Enhanced safety practices include:

- **Pre-Donation Donor Temperature Screening** - all donors must have their temperature taken onsite before entering the blood drive; those with a temperature greater than 99.5°F will be asked to donate at another time and will not enter.
- **Masks** - all donors, staff and volunteers are required to wear masks; those without a mask will be provided with one.
- **Enhanced Disinfecting** - hand sanitizer will be available in multiple areas and donor beds will be sanitized between every donor.

- **All staff** will be screened for temperature and symptoms before working; staff will wear gloves throughout entire blood drive, changing gloves between every donor.

Donors can save time using the RapidPass registration process. Just visit www.redcrossblood.org/RapidPass the day of your donation, read the information, answer the questions, then print or email yourself the pass.

Donating blood is a simple thing to do, but it can make a big difference in the lives of others. **Current natural disasters and the complexities of COVID-19 mean your help is needed now more than ever.** The Red Cross has the ability to move blood around the country to wherever, and whenever, it is needed most. **All blood, platelet and plasma donations will be tested for COVID-19 antibodies as well.** The test may indicate if the donor's immune system has produced antibodies to this coronavirus, regardless of whether they developed symptoms.

As we continue to navigate this pandemic, blood donations remain essential to the health of our communities. The Red Cross needs the ongoing support of blood donors and blood drive hosts to ensure blood products are available for patients battling disease and facing the unexpected. If you are eligible and feeling well, please make an appointment today to give by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 800-RED-CROSS.

KING'S BEND PARK LODGE RESERVATION PROCESS GOES ONLINE

Resident reservations begin Nov. 2 for 2021 season

Reservations for the Town's King's Bend Park lodges now will be made online beginning with the 2021 season. **Starting Monday, November 2 at 12:00pm, Pittsford residents can reserve lodge dates** by visiting the Town website's Recreation Online Reservations web page at <https://webtrac.townofpittsford.org/wbwsc/webtrac.wsc/wbsplash.html>. The online lodge reservation process replaces the former lottery system format.

Online registration simplifies the lodge reservation process. [See our Reservation Instructions form here](#) for registration steps and how to log into your account or to create an account if you've never registered for a Town Recreation program before. Find lodge facilities details on our [Facilities Information web page](#).

Those who are unable to complete a reservation online may drop off or mail in a reservation request form. Please note payment is due at the time of the request. Any hard copy request (dropped off or mailed in) should indicate a first priority and second priority date. Forms dropped off or mailed in are not guaranteed to receive the requested date(s), as reservation requests require processing time.

In-person reservations will be accepted during regular office hours (Monday - Friday from 8:00am - 5:00pm). Any requests received outside of office hours will be processed on the next business day.

Lodge reservations for non-residents will begin on Monday, January 4, 2021, after 12:00pm.

TOWN LEAF COLLECTION IS UNDERWAY - PLEASE KEEP LEAVES OUT OF ROADWAYS

Separate collection schedules for leaves and yard debris

Our crews will be in your neighborhood approximately every two weeks to remove leaf piles at the edge of roadways. They'll be there once a week to remove yard debris in paper bags and reusable containers. Loose yard debris will be picked up as needed but not on a set schedule. Use our online [Leaf Collection App](#) to see when leaf crews will be in your area and our online [Yard Debris Collection Map](#) to determine your bagged/containerized yard debris collection day. Find them both, and more information, on our Leaf and Yard Debris Collection web page at www.townofpittsford.org/home-leaf_collection.

To help us remove your leaves as quickly as possible, please:

- State and Town law both prohibit placing leaves and yard debris in the road and its shoulder. **Place leaf piles at the edge of the road but not in it.** Leaves in the road are a hazard for pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers and can clog storm water drains, causing flooding.
- **Separate all sticks, brush, yard clippings and other debris into reusable containers or paper bags.** This allows recycling of all materials and helps avoid damage to our leaf vacuum or injury to our crew members. It also allows weekly pick up.
- From October 9 through December 3, sticks, brush and other **debris must be placed in paper bags or reusable containers in order for Town crews to collect it on a weekly basis.** This is because Town trucks that pick up loose debris in spring and summer are now busy collecting leaves and are fitted with different equipment. We'll still be picking up loose sticks and brush as needed, but please remember **loose debris will be collected intermittently during leaf season.**
- **Please don't pile leaves around fire hydrants.** Doing so delays firefighters in finding them when every second counts. Also, hydrants can be damaged by leaf pickup equipment when they are hidden under a pile of leaves; this can also injure Town employees and damage our equipment.

Please remember:

- Leaves will be picked up approximately every two weeks
- Yard debris other than leaves will be picked up every week if in a paper bag or reusable container
- Loose piles of yard debris other than leaves will be picked on an intermittent schedule during leaf season
- Regularly scheduled pickup for yard debris and leaves ends December 3 but the Town will continue to collect leaves and debris as needed

As noted above, make sure to place non-leaf debris in a paper bag or reusable container and keep it separate from your leaf piles.

REMINDERS

TOWN BOARD MEETINGS ARE STREAMING LIVE

Pittsford Town Board meetings are now being streamed live; the feed is accessible on any device. Town Board is typically held the first and third Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm at Town Hall. See www.townofpittsford.org/calendar for meeting dates. To view the livestream, click the [Town Board Meeting live streaming link](#) when the meeting begins. This link can also be found on page two of the meeting agenda. The meeting agenda is posted on the Town's [minutes and agendas page](#) at least two days prior to the meeting. Please note: if you try to log in too early (before the meeting feed is live) you will see an error message; refresh your screen just prior to or at 6:00pm when the board meeting starts and you will be able to view the meeting. As always, ASL interpretation is provided for every Town Board meeting.

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

- [Food Truck Wednesdays at Thornell Farm Park](#), Wednesday, 10/21, 480 Mendon Road, featuring delicious handmade meatballs, meatball sub, rigatoni and more by [The Meatball Truck Co.](#) and premium shaved ice from [Kona Ice](#), 5:00 - 8:00pm (or until menu items are sold out), Thornell Farm Park, 480 Mendon Road. A different food truck is featured each week offering items for sale, [click here for this week's menus](#); vendor schedule at www.townofpittsford.org/community-events. The event continues each Wednesday through October 21. Please note all attendees are expected to observe appropriate physical distancing and health safety protocols - face coverings are required when placing and picking up your order.
- [Red Cross Blood Drive](#), Friday, 10/23, 11:00am - 4:00pm, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue; [schedule an appointment in advance via www.redcrossblood.org](#) - type in Pittsford Zip code 14534 in search box, scroll to 10/23 blood drive. The Red Cross will be following all COVID-19 guidelines during the blood drive, for more information visit www.redcrossblood.org.
- [PTSA Light the Loop Pumpkin Parade](#), Saturday, 10/24, 6:00 - 8:00pm at all five Pittsford elementary schools - Allen Creek Elementary, Jefferson Road Elementary, Mendon Center Elementary, Park Road Elementary and Thornell Road Elementary; the public is invited to drive through to view pumpkins and register to contribute a carved pumpkin to the display. [Find information here](#) or visit www.pittsfordschools.org.
- [Halloween "Room on the Broom" Story Walk](#), October 26-31, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center field, 35 Lincoln Avenue; stop by the Community Center front desk after completing the walk to pick up a themed craft pack to take home. Physical distancing and face masks required when in contact with others outside of your group.
- [Rotary Club of Pittsford Election Day Drive-Thru BBQ Supper](#), Tuesday, 11/3, 4:30 - 7:00pm, Thornell Farm Park, 480 Mendon Road. Tickets are \$12 each, available online or from any Rotarian; proceeds to benefit local charities and service organizations.

TOWN OF PITTSFORD BOARD MEETINGS

- **Design Review and Historic Preservation Board**, Thursday, 10/22, 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
- **Planning Board**, Monday, 10/26, 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

COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

- [Board of Education](#) meeting, Tuesday, 10/26, 7:00pm, Barker Road Middle School Board Room, 75 Barker Road
- [Village Board of Trustees](#) meeting, Tuesday, 10/27 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
- [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 8:00am - 5:00pm Monday through Friday and open during program hours evenings and weekends. 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. 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/pclupdates. 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; 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 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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