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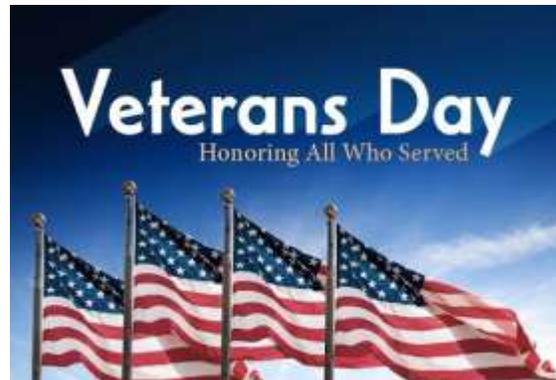
November 11, 2020

**Town of Pittsford - a Clean
Energy Community**

***See listings below for
Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings***

HONORING AND REMEMBERING OUR VETERANS TODAY, ON VETERANS DAY

Today, Veterans Day, we honor and remember all of those who have served the United States in uniform, and all of those who continue to serve. While COVID-19 protocols prevent what would have been today's service held by Rayson-Miller American Legion Post 899, Town Supervisor Bill Smith has



recorded a message in honor of our veterans. Use the following link to view the [video of Supervisor Smith's 2020 Veterans Day tribute](#). The video also will be broadcast on cable access Channel 1303 later this week. Use this link to [read Supervisor Smith's 2020 Veterans Day tribute](#).

However you spend today, we hope you can take a moment to appreciate and remember our military service members.

COVID-19 CURRENT UPDATE FROM SUPERVISOR SMITH

This past Monday, November 9, the State placed most of Monroe County, including Pittsford, in a "Yellow Zone" for purposes of COVID-19 restrictions. The major impact will be felt in the schools, which will have to test 20% of all staff and students weekly if they are to remain open.

Beyond the schools, the biggest changes affect the size of permitted gatherings, now limited to 25 people rather than 50 as before, and with restaurant tables limited to no more than four people.

In brief summary:

- Public and private schools must randomly test 20% of all people on campus weekly for the virus.

- Businesses can operate.
- Restaurants can offer indoor and outdoor dining, with a four-person maximum per table; they must close at midnight.
- Worship services are limited to 50% capacity.
- Mass gatherings are limited to 25 people, either indoors or outdoors

Over the past weekend there were 500 new cases of COVID-19 in Monroe County. The County's Commissioner of Public Health, Dr. Michael Mendoza, advised that in-school testing will include a less invasive nasal test.

We must all do our part to help stem the spread of COVID-19. Above all – and I can't possibly say this too many times – WEAR YOUR MASK!

Take care.

Stay well.

Bill Smith, Town Supervisor

HEARING FOR 2021 BUDGET CONTINUES AT 11/17 TOWN BOARD MTG

The public hearing on the 2021 Town Budget continues at the next Town Board meeting, which will be held Tuesday, November 17 at 6:00pm in the Fisher Meeting Room of the Pittsford Community Library (note location). This is an important opportunity for Pittsford residents to advise the Town Board and comment on the proposed budget. Residents are encouraged to attend.

As always, comments for the Town Board meeting may be submitted in advance (prior to 2:30pm on the day of the meeting) or made during the meeting both in person and by email. Emailed comments may be sent to comments@townofpittsford.org. All comments submitted must include the name and street address of the commenter.

ASL interpretation will be provided; COVID-19 mask use and physical distancing protocols will be required. The meeting also will be live streamed. 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. The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street.

SENIORS - SING VIA ZOOM WITH THE PITTSFORD HIGHLANDS CHORUS!

Seniors, the Pittsford Highlands Chorus meets – and sings! – on Zoom every Monday from 1:30 - 2:30pm. A perfect opportunity for fun and fellowship, the chorus is open to all – no auditioning and no prior experience necessary. The chorus is underway and will be singing holiday music every week from November 16 through December 21. It's a great way to get into the spirit of the season! If you're interested in joining, call The Highlands at 586-7600 and leave your name

and contact information with the receptionist. Choral director Rhonda Wright will contact you to set you up on Zoom.

LIBRARY OFFERS ALL-AGES BINGO ON ZOOM NOVEMBER 19

Join our Pittsford Community Library staff for a fun night of Bingo via Zoom on Thursday, November 19. The program will run from 6:30 - 7:30pm and features prizes! Bingo boards can be picked up at the Library during open hours beginning this Saturday, November 14. A Zoom link will be sent to participants the morning of the program, and the email used for registration will be used to contact prize winners. This family-friendly program is suitable for all ages; it is free and open to all, but registration is required. To register, visit <https://calendar.libraryweb.org/calendar/Pittsford>. For complete Library information, including hours of operation, visit www.townofpittsford.org/home-library.

DONATIONS NEEDED TO HELP PITTSFORD FOOD CUPBOARD PROVIDE THANKSGIVING MEALS

The Pittsford Food Cupboard needs your help to provide Thanksgiving dinner items to 200 local families in need. **Thanksgiving food distribution begins this Friday and they need at least 40 turkeys by then - can you help PFC ensure each family in need receives a turkey for their Thanksgiving meal?** Items are being accepted up until Tuesday, November 24. Some of our major local grocery stores have special pricing for turkey or have coupons - you can search online for the best deals. Financial donations are also welcome.

They especially need turkeys, as well as other Thanksgiving dinner items such as cranberry sauce, canned pumpkin, French fried onions, and chicken broth (primary items needed). Other items needed include turkey gravy (in packets or cans), stuffing mix, mushroom soup, dessert mixes (brownies/cakes) or pies, boxed potatoes, canned vegetables and fruits, canned applesauce, dinner rolls, and bread mixes such as banana or corn bread.

The Pittsford Food Cupboard is located at 3800 Monroe Avenue (on the right, just after the canal bridge as you're heading out of the Village) and is open Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:30am to 1:30pm and the first and third Saturday of the month from 9:30am - noon. **Turkeys and other items may be dropped off this Friday (11/13), next Tuesday, Friday and Saturday (11/17, 20 and 21) and the following Tuesday (11/24), from 8:30am to 1:30pm / 9:30 - 11:30am on Saturday.** Use Door 27 to drop off donations. If you have a large donation to drop off, please call if a different drop off time is needed or for a pickup by a staff member. Call (585) 264-9860 with any questions and to make large drop off arrangements.

The PFC serves Pittsford, East Rochester, Mendon, Honeoye Falls, Brighton and some areas in the City of Rochester. In service since 1998, the PFC has grown to provide food supplies to over 4,000 households each year, totaling over 6,400

people. To find out more about who they serve and how you can help, visit www.pittsfordfoodcupboard.net or email pittsfordfoodcupboard@gmail.com.

“BEAR SAYS THANKS” STORY WALK BEGINS THIS MONDAY

Display will be up at Community Center through November 21

The time is right for a Thanksgiving story come to life – and some crafty fun! Stop by the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center between November 16 - 21 and take a stroll through our **“Bear Says Thanks” story walk in the Community Center field**. Follow the story of Bear and see what happens when he decides to throw a feast but his cupboards are bare! Discover the generosity of his friends and the special gift Bear has to share with them. Participants are asked to follow physical distancing guidelines and bring a face mask to wear when within 6 feet of those outside of their group.

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

RESIDENTIAL LEAF AND BRUSH BURNING IS PROHIBITED IN PITTSFORD

While many people associate wildfires with the western United States, in reality they can happen anywhere. Annually, our local fire departments respond to calls for open burning and brush fires caused by burning leaves and lawn and garden debris. Disposing of yard debris and leaves via burning is dangerous; we remind Pittsford residents that residential leaf and brush burning is prohibited in Pittsford. Campfires and fires used solely for recreational purposes (and when a nuisance is not created) are permitted, however, burning leaves and lawn and garden debris is not considered recreational burning. It only takes a minute for these fires to spread.

Lawn Debris, brush and branches generated by residents may be placed at the roadside for pick up. You can find the guidelines and other information about our Leaf and Yard Debris collection services at www.townofpittsford.org/home-leaf_collection.

CANDLELIGHT NIGHT CANCELED DUE TO NEW COVID-19 STATE RESTRICTIONS

Chamber is planning to livestream tree and building lightings

We’ve been advised that due to new COVID-19 restrictions announced by the State earlier this week, the Pittsford Chamber of Commerce has had to cancel events for this year’s Candlelight Night. The Chamber plans to livestream tree and building lightings and will highlight Village businesses that will be open for dining and shopping on November 27. More details will be available soon - for updates and information, visit the Pittsford Candlelight Night Facebook page at www.facebook.com/PittsfordCandlelightNight and check the Chamber website at www.pittsfordchamber.org. The cancellation of in-person events for Candlelight

Night is disappointing, but doing so will help minimize the risk of COVID-19 spread in our community. By observing health and safety guidelines now, we will all the sooner get back to gatherings and activities as usual.

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

- **Thanksgiving "Bear Says Thanks" Story Walk**, November 16-21, 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.
- [Friends of Pittsford Library Holiday and Annual Fine and Rare Book Sale](#), Friday and Saturday, December 4 & 5, 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.
- [Pittsford Rotary Food Drive](#), Saturday, 12/5, 9:00am - 12noon, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue; canned and other packaged goods needed, see list of [Food Cupboard needs here](#).

- [Pittsford Chamber of Commerce Candlelight Night](#) - **ACTIVITIES CANCELLATION** - Friday, 11/27, Pittsford Village, no in-person events; tree and building lightings will be livestreamed, for information and updates visit www.pittsfordchamber.org, www.facebook.com/PittsfordCandlelightNight, or call (585) 902-2297

TOWN OF PITTSFORD BOARD MEETINGS

- **Pittsford Community Library Board**, Wednesday, 11/11, 7:00pm, ONLINE ACCESS via Zoom video conferencing; Virtual meeting instructions can be found on the Town website's Agendas and Minutes page here: www.townofpittsford.org/home-minutes
- **Design Review and Historic Preservation Board**, Thursday, 11/12, 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
- **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board**, Thursday, 11/12, 6:30pm, Paul M. Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue; the meeting agenda is posted at least two days prior to the meeting on the Town website here: www.townofpittsford.org/home-minutes
- **Zoning Board of Appeals**, Monday, 11/16, 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 meeting and continued budget hearing**, Tuesday, 11/17, 6:00pm, Pittsford Community Library, Fisher Meeting Room, 24 State Street – **NOTE LOCATION**, ASL interpretation provided, COVID-19 mask use and physical distancing protocols required; MEETING ALSO WILL BE LIVE STREAMED, 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](#) **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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