



# News & Reviews

**November 13, 2019**

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

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

## **MESSAGE FROM SUPERVISOR SMITH: CAR WINTER EMERGENCY KIT**

While I'm sure most would prefer to ease into winter, this week's early snow storm had one benefit: it reminds us to be prepared for the season. Snow and ice covered roads can make travel difficult and even dangerous. If you're on the road in these conditions, be sure to leave extra space between you and the vehicle in front of you, and allow extra time for travel.



The National Weather Service suggests keeping **winter emergency supplies in your car**. Suggested items include jumper cables, spare tire, flares, sand or kitty litter, tow rope, blankets, snow shovel and brush, flashlight, mittens, hat, boots, warm clothes, water, snacks, cell phone charger, and first aid kit. Traveling with a full tank of gas is also a good idea. You'll be able to run your car and keep warm if you end up stuck in the snow, and the weight of a full tank can help stabilize your vehicle on slippery roads.

Paying attention to weather reports and following travel advisories can help you avoid some winter travel issues. Be aware and stay safe! We'll do our part to help keep roadways safe and accessible.

## **SEASONAL PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT THROUGH APRIL 1, 2020**

In order to facilitate snow removal, Town of Pittsford seasonal parking restrictions are in effect from November 15 (this Friday) through April 1, 2020. Parking of any vehicle on public roads - including state highways and on the shoulder of all roads - is prohibited each year from November 15 through April 1 in all areas within the Town and outside of the Village. During this time, please don't park on or along public roads outside of the Village. Please note violators may be ticketed or towed.

When the snow flies, we need roadsides clear of vehicles so our plows can get through. This is especially true in neighborhoods, where the streets are narrower. Vehicles parked along the roadside can hinder plows accessing your neighborhood. Please help us keep our streets safe and accessible!

## **SUPERVISOR'S PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2020 CUTS TAXES - PUBLIC HEARING THIS TUESDAY**

A public hearing on the [Proposed 2020 Town Budget](#) will be held in the Town Hall meeting room this Tuesday, November 19 at 6:00pm. This is an important opportunity for Pittsford residents to advise the Town Board and comment on the proposed budget. Residents are encouraged to attend. Supervisor Smith's

proposed 2020 budget cuts the Town tax rate and reduces the overall Town tax levy for the second consecutive year. Over the two years, it cuts the Town tax rate by over 8% while maintaining and improving Town services.

### **TOWN LEAF COLLECTION CONTINUES - PLEASE KEEP LEAVES OUT OF ROADWAYS**

The early snow storm this week means leaves will be a bit more of a challenge to gather but Town leaf collection continues. Our crews will be in your neighborhood to remove leaf piles placed at the edge of roadways but not on the shoulder. Use our online [Leaf Collection App](#) to see when leaf crews will be in your area. Find it, and more information, on our Leaf and Yard Debris Collection web page at [www.townofpittsford.org/home-leaf\\_collection](http://www.townofpittsford.org/home-leaf_collection).

Please remember: State and Town law both prohibit placing leaves and yard debris in the road and its shoulder. Please be sure to place leaf piles and yard debris (separated from leaves) at the edge of the road but not in it and not on the shoulder of the road. Leaves and debris on the shoulder can blow or be pushed into the road by snow plows and become a hazard for pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers, and can clog storm water drains, causing flooding.

### **EMERGENCY CLOSINGS INFORMATION**

In the case of major weather events or other emergencies, information about facility closings and program/event cancellations will be announced on the Town's website [www.townofpittsford.org](http://www.townofpittsford.org), [Facebook page Town of Pittsford](#), and [Twitter feed @pittsfordtown](#), as well as on local television and radio stations and Pittsford's [Cable TV 12 Channel 1303 government access station](#). TV-12 Channel 1303 announcements can be viewed live any time via the [TV-12 Channel 1303 page on the Town website](#).

### **SENIORS LUNCH AND WILD WINGS BIRD PRORAM THIS TUESDAY, 11/19**

Seniors, join us in the VanHuysen Community Room at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center this Tuesday, November 19 at 12noon for lunch and a special visit with our **feathered friends from [Wild Wings Bird Sanctuary](#)**. Meet and learn about these fascinating birds of prey! Lunch includes oven fried chicken, roasted potatoes, glazed carrots, Caesar salad and cookies for dessert. Cost is \$3.00 per person and advance reservation and payment is required. Stop by the Pittsford Seniors office in the Community Center or call 248-6235 for more information and to register.

The Town of Pittsford's Spiegel Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. To learn more about all of our wonderful programs for seniors [click here to visit the Seniors page](#) on the Town website or [read our Seniors program info brochure online](#).

### **REFUSE DISTRICT INFORMATION ON TOWN WEBSITE**

In response to interest expressed by residents, the Town has enabled residents to create refuse districts for their neighborhoods. Creating a refuse district means potentially lower cost to residents for trash collection and would reduce garbage truck traffic on residential streets to one visit, once a week. Setting up a Refuse District and setting the boundaries of the district are entirely up to the residents of a district - this is an optional program. The residents decide the boundaries of the district, then inform the Town of their decision. The Town will guide interested residents through the process. Find complete information about setting up a Refuse District at [www.townofpittsford.org/refuse-districts](http://www.townofpittsford.org/refuse-districts).

### **REMINDERS**

#### **DONATIONS NEEDED TO HELP PITTSFORD FOOD CUPBOARD PROVIDE THANKSGIVING MEALS**

The Pittsford Food Cupboard needs your help to provide Thanksgiving dinner items to 300 local families in need between November 15-26. **Thanksgiving food distribution begins next week - can you help PFC ensure each family in need receives a turkey for their Thanksgiving meal?** 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 (up to 300 needed to prepare distribution for the above dates), 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 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 - their new location) 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 any Tuesday or Friday from 8:30am to 1:30pm.** 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. 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. Over the past year they have provided food supplies to over 4,000 households, totaling over 9,400 people. To find out more about who they serve and how you can help, visit [www.pittsfordfoodcupboard.net](http://www.pittsfordfoodcupboard.net) or email [pittsfordfoodcupboard@gmail.com](mailto:pittsfordfoodcupboard@gmail.com).

#### **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**

- [Chamber of Commerce Candlelight Night](#), Tuesday, 12/3, 5:00-8:00pm, Village of Pittsford - holiday lights, treats, special sales, Santa and Mrs. Claus sightings, book sale & cookie decorating at the Library, cookies and hot cider at Town Hall, horse-drawn wagon rides, and more; see info on Pittsford Chamber of Commerce website [www.pittsfordchamber.org/about-us/candlelight-night](http://www.pittsfordchamber.org/about-us/candlelight-night).

#### **TOWN OF PITTSFORD BOARD MEETINGS**

- **Pittsford Community Library Board**, Wednesday, 11/13 - **MEETING CANCELED**
- **Parks and Recreation Board**, Thursday, 11/14, 6:30pm, Paul M. Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue
- **Design Review & Historic Preservation Board**, Thursday, 11/14, 6:45pm, Public Meeting Room, Town Hall (lower level), 11 South Main Street
- **Zoning Board of Appeals**, Monday, 11/18, 7:00pm, Public Meeting Room, Town Hall (lower level), 11 South Main Street
- **Town Board**, includes 2020 Proposed Budget Public Hearing, Tuesday, 11/19, 6:00pm, Public Meeting Room, Town Hall (lower level), 11 South Main Street; ASL interpretation provided

#### **COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR**

- [Board of Education](#) meeting, Monday, 11/18, 7:00pm, Barker Road Middle School Board Room, 75 Barker Road
- [Pittsford Garden Club](#) meeting featuring "*Sustainable and Edible Landscaping*," Tuesday, 11/19, 10:30am, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, Room 19, 35 Lincoln Avenue; bring a lunch and beverage if you'd like, new members are always welcome! Program at 10:30am, brown bag lunch at 11:30am, meeting at 11:45am
- [American Legion Rayson-Miller Post 899](#) Tuesday morning breakfast and socializing, every Tuesday, 8:00-10:00am, Post 899, Pittsford Village Hall lower level, 21 North Main Street; open to

all - meet and socialize with veterans; no charge but donations accepted. Eligible veterans welcome to join the Post; for [membership information](#) visit the [Rayson-Miller Post website](#)

- [Pittsford Rotary Club](#), Wednesdays (weekly), 7:00am, Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street
- [Pittsford Art Group](#), first Thursday of the month, September through May (no meetings October and March), 7:00 - 9:00pm, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, room 19 (lower level, elevator available), 35 Lincoln Avenue; the group strives to be a teaching organization - all are welcome! For meeting details and membership, contact PAG president [Margie Mitchell](#)

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