

News & Reviews

November 18, 2020

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

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

**FREE MASK DISTRIBUTION FOR
RESIDENTS THIS SATURDAY, 11/21
*Drive-up distribution 10am – noon
at Pittsford Mendon High School***

Join us for a Pittsford Strong event! Disposable surgical masks will be distributed free of charge to Pittsford residents this Saturday, November 21, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Pittsford Mendon High School, 472 Mendon Road.

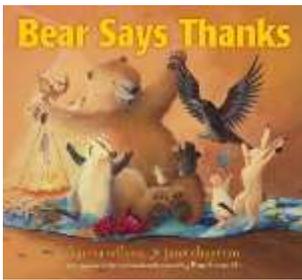


The colder weather means more of us spending time indoors. With flu season underway and the holidays approaching, it is more important than ever to wear a mask and follow 6-foot distancing guidelines. Keeping COVID-19 cases down in our community is not only important to the overall health of our community – it will keep our kids in school. Help us all stay Pittsford Strong!

No reservations are necessary; it will be drive-up service following all appropriate COVID-19 protocols. Pittsford residents may pick up masks for themselves and other members of their household.

The goal is to provide masks to all those in need. In addition to the drive-in distribution, masks will also be delivered to senior residential communities and senior care facilities, Pittsford Food Cupboard and others as needed.

Many thanks to our collaborative partners including Monroe County for providing the masks, Town of Pittsford and Town Supervisor Bill Smith, Village of Pittsford and Mayor Bob Corby, the Pittsford PTSA, and Pittsford Central School District and Superintendent Mike Pero.



“BEAR SAYS THANKS” STORY WALK UNDERWAY
Display will be up at Community Center through this Saturday, 11/21

The time is right for a Thanksgiving story come to life – and some crafty fun! Stop by the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center up through this Saturday, November 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

BLOOD DRIVE AT THE LIBRARY
THIS MONDAY, 11/23 - OPEN TO
THE COMMUNITY

The Town of Pittsford will host a Red Cross blood drive this Monday, November 23, from 8:00am - 1:00pm at the Pittsford Community Library in the Fisher Meeting Room. The Library is located at 24 State Street in the Village of Pittsford.



Donors can schedule an appointment by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor keyword: pittsfordlibrary. **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 on the day of your scheduled 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.

SEASONAL REMINDERS – WATCH FOR DEER, BE AWARE OF CHILDREN PLAYING

As the leaves fall, large leaf-piles may be found just behind our roadway curbs. Keep in mind children may find leaf-piles an irresistible opportunity for play. Jumping in piles or darting out from them could bring children near or into the roadway, either by intent or accident. Please be aware – drive slowly and be alert.

Now is a busy time for deer as well – in the fall they are on the move! Take extra care when driving, especially during the hours near dawn and dusk, when they are particularly active. And remember, deer often can be seen crossing near homes as well as near open fields. Deer crossing signs are a helpful reminder, but during this time extra vigilance is required. Should a deer cross in front of you, never swerve to avoid it – brake firmly and calmly and stay in your lane. Swerving could cause a much more serious accident, as happened recently when a car swerved to avoid a deer and instead ran straight into a house. Miraculously, no one was hurt. But think what could have happened!

studies show more serious crashes occur when drivers swerve to avoid an animal. This happened just recently in Pittsford, when a car swerved to avoid a deer and instead drove into a house. this could cause a more

On the road, whether in neighborhoods or along open roadways, please stay alert and stay safe!

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY HOURS

Town of Pittsford offices, facilities, and services including **Town Hall**, the **Spiegel Pittsford Community Center**, the **Parks and Sewer departments**, and **Town Court will close at 1:00pm on Wednesday, November 25** and **remain closed Thursday and Friday, November 26-27** in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Regular Town leaf collection services will be provided on Friday, November 27.

The **Pittsford Community Library will close at 5:00pm on Wednesday, November 25** and will be closed on Thursday, November 26; it is open regular hours (10:00am - 5:00pm) on Friday, November 27.

In case of an emergency requiring Town of Pittsford services during holiday closure, please call (585) 248-6212.

LIBRARY OFFERS ALL-AGES BINGO ON ZOOM TOMORROW, 11/19

Join our Pittsford Community Library staff for a fun night of Bingo via Zoom on tomorrow night (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. 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.

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.

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 is underwat and at last count they still need at least 100 turkeys - can you help PFC ensure each family in need receives a turkey for their Thanksgiving meal?** Items are being accepted up until this 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 (11/20) and Saturday (11/21) and next Tuesday (11/24), from 8:30am to 1:30pm weekdays / 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.

SEASONAL PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT THROUGH APRIL 1, 2021

In order to facilitate snow removal, Town of Pittsford seasonal parking restrictions are currently in effect through April 1, 2021. 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!

REMINDERS

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.

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

- **Planning Board**, Monday, 11/23, 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

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](#) is conducting monthly meetings for members via Zoom and typically displays artwork at the Pittsford Town Hall, Village Hall, The Friendly Home, Star Physical Therapy and the First Presbyterian Church of Pittsford. For further information or to become a member, please visit www.pittsfordartgroup.com or 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 Friday; pickup 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 248-6210 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: Farm View Park and Hopkins Park are closed as of November 2020 and will remain closed through the spring of 2021. All other Town parks remain 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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