



News & Reviews

December 2, 2020

Town of Pittsford - a Clean Energy Community

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

PUBLIC HEARING TONIGHT (12/2) FOR ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Plan document is on Town website

The Pittsford Town Board will devote its next meeting to a public hearing, held jointly with the Pittsford Village Board, for the Joint Town-Village Active Transportation Plan. The meeting will be held via Zoom tonight (Wednesday, December 2) at 7:00pm. The [Joint Town-Village Active Transportation Plan](#) can be viewed online by clicking the link or find it on the Town's Active Transportation web page at

www.townofpittsford.org/active-transportation-plan. The public is invited and encouraged to offer comments on the plan. 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 under the Town Board section here:

www.townofpittsford.org/home-minutes.

Comments may be made during the public hearing, or may be submitted in advance, prior to 2:30pm on the meeting date, by email to comments@townofpittsford.org, by mail to Town Hall, 11 South Main Street, Pittsford, NY 14534 or by drop slot at the front door of Town Hall. Please note all comments submitted should include the name and street address of the commenter.



SENIORS 12/15 HOLIDAY CURBSIDE LUNCH – ORDER DEADLINE IS 12/9

Chef Julie is back with a special Holiday Curbside Lunch for our seniors on Tuesday, December 15. This holiday-themed meal features apple pork chops with stuffing and gravy, glazed roasted carrots, roll, fruit cup and a holiday cookie – all home cooked by our very own Chef Julie! Cost is \$6.00 per meal. **Meals must be reserved in advance and the reservation deadline is Wednesday, December 9.** Meal pick up is at the bus loop behind the Community Center. For more information, and to place your order, call our Senior Programs office at 248-6235.

FRIENDS OF PITTSFORD LIBRARY HOLIDAY/FINE AND RARE BOOK SALE IS THIS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, 12/4 & 5

The [Friends of Pittsford Library Holiday and Fine and Rare Book Sale](#) is Friday and Saturday, December 4 and 5, 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!

PITTSFORD ROTARY FOOD DRIVE IS THIS SATURDAY, 12/5

Donations will go to Pittsford Food Cupboard to help neighbors in need

The [Rotary Club of Pittsford](#), in collaboration with the Town of Pittsford, the Pittsford Chamber of Commerce, and the Pittsford Volunteer Fire Department, will conduct a [drive-through packaged food drive](#) to benefit the Pittsford Food Cupboard this Saturday, December 5 from 9:00am to noon at Spiegel Pittsford Community Center. Rotarians and Chamber members will be collecting canned and other packaged foods, rain or shine. Click this link for a [list of current Food Cupboard needs](#). The **Pittsford Volunteer Fire Department will have a fire engine on site for this drive so donors can "fill the cab" with their contributions!**

Volunteers working will be taking COVID-19 precautionary measures, including wearing face coverings and gloves and maintaining safe distances. The Pittsford Food Cupboard is among the many organizations that benefit from Pittsford Rotary's mission of service to our community and beyond. Please help our Rotarians help those in need if you can. The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue in the Village of Pittsford.

SIMPLE STEPS TO MANAGE PANDEMIC STRESS – LIBRARY ONLINE PROGRAM THIS SATURDAY

Learn simple eating and lifestyle strategies to help reduce stress – from the pandemic, the holidays, or everyday stressors – in an online program this Saturday, December 7 presented by the Pittsford Community Library. "Simple Steps to Manage Stress During the Pandemic" offers tips that can help improve your mood, increase your energy, avoid unwanted weight gain, and prevent long-term disease.

The program is presented by Certified Holistic Health Coach Susan Sagan Levitan, who serves on the Health and Wellness Council for the Pittsford Central School District, and will end with a group relaxation exercise. The program will be held from 7:00 – 8:00pm; a Zoom link will be sent the day of the program. The program is free and open to the public, but registration is required. To register, visit <https://calendar.libraryweb.org/event/7281237>. For complete Library information, including hours of operation, visit www.townofpittsford.org/home-library.



MRS. CLAUS PRESENTS "'T WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS" WITH HELP FROM HISTORIC PITTSFORD

Mrs. Claus had to change her plans this year when the Pittsford Chamber of Commerce's 49th annual Candlelight Night was canceled due to COVID-19 restrictions. For years she has been greeting hundreds of children at the Historic Pittsford Little House during Candlelight Night. Since she couldn't be with the children

in person this year, **Mrs. Claus created a special message for all.** She presents [on video the classic holiday poem "A Visit from St. Nicholas"](#) – recorded with a little help from her friends at Historic Pittsford! More commonly known as "'Twas the Night Before Christmas," this

treasured classic was first published in 1823 but it's still a lovely way to celebrate the season. You can find this special presentation on the Historic Pittsford website at <https://www.historicpittsford.com/video>.

Pittsford Town and Village Historian Audrey Johnson is a member of the Historic Pittsford Board and is a good friend of Mrs. Claus. We know she was a big help with this video!

COUNTY "COATS FOR SENIORS" COLLECTION WILL NOT BE HELD THIS YEAR

Due to COVID-19 restrictions and safety measures, the Monroe County Office for the Aging and Medical Motor Service of Rochester's 17th annual Coats for Seniors coat drive cannot be held this year. It was originally scheduled to take place during December.

HELP PYS BRIGHTEN THE HOLIDAYS FOR PITTSFORD FAMILIES IN NEED – BUY A DUCK!

Buy a commemorative duck ornament or donate a gift card in support of the PYS Family Fund

If you would like to help a family in the Pittsford community that needs a little extra support this holiday season, please consider donating to the Pittsford Youth Services (PYS) Family Fund. Your contribution will benefit families in the Pittsford community who are unable to afford basic items this holiday season such as food, clothing, toiletries, and gifts for their families. You can make a donation, contribute a gift card, or buy a duck! Those making a donation of \$25 or more will receive a commemorative duck ornament. PYS is also collecting a variety of gift cards to give to families – find a complete list of needed gift cards on their [website](#).

The pandemic has had an unprecedented impact on the social and emotional health of our community. Many families are facing difficult times. PYS hopes to bring some relief – and holiday joy – to those in need. Due to pandemic precautions, PYS is unable to host their 'Giving Trees' in community facilities to collect gift donations this year, so direct donations are more important than ever. Please consider giving if you can. **For more information and to make a donation, go to www.pittsfordyouthservices.org.**

Pittsford Youth Services provides counseling and social work services for our schools and the greater Pittsford community, and has been serving the families of Pittsford since 1969. If you would like more information about PYS programs and services, visit their website: www.pittsfordyouthservices.org or email info@pittsfordyouthservices.org.

REMINDERS

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

- [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 Youth Services Family Fund Donation](#) – buy a commemorative duck ornament, make a donation, or donate needed gift cards; donations benefit families in the Pittsford community who are unable to afford basic items such as food, clothing and gifts for their families. For information and to make a donation, visit www.pittsfordyouthservices.org or contact PYS at info@pittsfordyouthservices.org.
- **Coats for Seniors Coat Drive** – due to COVID-19 restrictions and safety measures, the Monroe County Office for the Aging and Medical Motor Service of Rochester's annual Coats for Seniors coat drive cannot be held this year; it was originally scheduled to take place during December.

TOWN OF PITTSFORD BOARD MEETINGS

- **Town Board meeting and Active Transportation Plan Public Hearing with Village Board**, Wednesday, 12/2, 7:00pm, ASL interpretation provided – **NOTE DAY AND TIME**, 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
- **Environmental Board**, Monday, 12/7, 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. 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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