



# News & Reviews

December 9, 2020

Town of Pittsford - a Clean Energy Community

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Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings*

## ***A Message from Supervisor Smith:***

### **2021 BUDGET PASSED – NO TOWN TAX INCREASE!**

My 2021 Proposed Budget was approved. I am proud to report that we succeeded in keeping the tax rate flat into 2021! As a result, Town tax remains proportionally low. Town tax continues to comprise less than nine cents (\$0.09) of every dollar in property taxes paid by Pittsford residents. You can find complete details about the 2021 Pittsford Town Budget at [www.townofpittsford.org/home-budgets](http://www.townofpittsford.org/home-budgets).



This budget maintains and improves the services that contribute to the quality of life enjoyed by Pittsford residents. It reinforces my commitment to building stronger neighborhoods, to continual improvement and to services of importance to youth and seniors. The budget builds upon a longstanding fiscal record that protects taxpayers and reaffirms the Town's commitment to responsible budgetary practices. The revised budget proposal gives Pittsford a budget in full compliance with the New York State Property Tax Cap – because there is no increase to the tax rate at all.

Again, I thank those Pittsford residents, representing a broad cross-section of our community, who offered the practical suggestions and advice that influenced our thinking in refining the preliminary budget proposal. Ideas grounded in reality, experience, intelligence and good will have a way of asserting themselves. They're always welcomed by me and our Town staff.

Once more, as well, I thank the Town's new Finance Director, Brian Luke and our capable Town Department Heads for their efforts and analysis in preparing the

budget for 2021. With their knowledge, skill and work, with residents who care about our community and with their continuing support, Pittsford continues to pave the way toward improving services and infrastructure of Pittsford and in protecting our taxpayers.

***Bill Smith, Pittsford Town Supervisor***

### **SENIORS 12/15 HOLIDAY CURBSIDE LUNCH – ORDER DEADLINE IS TODAY**

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 TODAY (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.

### **SEASONAL ACTIVITY BOXES BRING CRAFTY FUN HOME FOR KIDS!**

Our Recreation team continues to come up with new and unique activities for take home and low contact fun. Try our **Activity Boxes** based on fun, seasonal themes - each topic has a version for ages 3-6 and one for ages 6-13. With our "**Winter Wonderland**" activity box, kids will create a snowman and mittens or a snowball launcher and watercolor snowflakes in January. The "**Lots of Love**" Activity Box offers supplies to create a heart wreath, bookmark, magnet and more in February. Kids will find supplies for a shamrock suncatcher, "leprechaun lookers" and more in our "**Green, Green, Green**" Activity Box for March.

Activity boxes can be picked up at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center front desk on the designated date. Each is filled with all your child needs to create their project. For more information and to register access our [program brochure online](#), or visit our [online Recreation registration page](#). The Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue.

### **WOMEN'S CLUB WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA REMEMBERS OUR VETERANS**

In honor and remembrance of our veterans, the Women's Club of Pittsford and Rayson-Miller American Legion Post 899 held Pittsford's 5th annual **Wreaths Across America ceremony** at the Pittsford Veterans Monument in Carpenter Park on December 1. The ceremony included the Legion's honor guard and a prayer of remembrance to honor all living and deceased veterans, as well as remarks by Legion Vice-Commander Dean Taylor. Women's Club member and ceremony organizer Pat Block spoke about the meaning and purpose of the Wreaths Across America program. Pittsford Town Supervisor Bill Smith made remarks of remembrance and appreciation.



Two wreaths, donated by Gallea's Tropical Greenhouse, were laid at the monument and will remain there through January 2, 2021 in recognition of those who have served and continue to serve in the US military to protect our freedoms. The remembrance closed with the playing of Taps. To view our photo gallery of the ceremony and to find out more about the Wreaths Across America program visit [www.townofpittsford.org/gallery-wcop-2020](http://www.townofpittsford.org/gallery-wcop-2020).



## **COMMUNITY SOLAR PUBLIC INFO ONLINE MEETING DECEMBER 16**

***Program will lower electricity costs, access 100% renewable electricity***

As a member of Monroe Community Power, the Town of Pittsford is increasing our community's access to 100% renewable electricity, while lowering the electricity costs of our residents and small businesses. Find out more at our upcoming [online Public Information Session](#) to be held Wednesday, December 16.

In partnership with the Town of Irondequoit and Village of Pittsford, we are now launching a **Community Solar program** that also will raise funds for our communities. For each enrollment in Community Solar, program administrator Joule Community Power will donate \$50 to a Town of Pittsford Sustainability Fund, which will be used for a future sustainability project in our community.

Community Solar allows participants to tap into the benefits of solar without needing to install their own solar panels. Participants also save up to 10% on their RG&E electricity bill. Please note, those who have their own solar panels already receive solar credits and are not eligible to enroll in the Community Solar program.

Community Solar represents the next step in Pittsford's longstanding commitment to a healthy and sustainable environment. We're pleased to be able to offer it to our residents and small businesses.

A letter from Town Supervisor Bill Smith was recently mailed to residents announcing our Community Solar initiative through Monroe Community Power. For further information, and to enroll in the program, visit: [www.monroecommunitypower.com/enroll](http://www.monroecommunitypower.com/enroll).

For answers to any questions you may have, and to receive help with enrollment, call our local program partner Rocricticity at **(585) 244-0244**.

Please join Supervisor Bill Smith and the Monroe Community Power team to learn more about the program at our **online Public Info Session on Wednesday, December 16 at 6:00pm**. RSVP at [www.bit.ly/pittsford-solar-1216](http://www.bit.ly/pittsford-solar-1216) to receive the virtual meeting details.

**REMINDERS**



## **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](http://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](http://www.pittsfordyouthservices.org) or email [info@pittsfordyouthservices.org](mailto:info@pittsfordyouthservices.org).

### **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](mailto: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](http://www.townofpittsford.org/home-channel12) and use the On-Demand links to view previously recorded meetings.

### **UPCOMING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN PITTSFORD**

- [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](http://www.pittsfordyouthservices.org) or contact PYS at [info@pittsfordyouthservices.org](mailto:info@pittsfordyouthservices.org).

- **Coats for Seniors Coat Drive Canceled** – 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

- **Pittsford Community Library Board**, Wednesday, 12/9, 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](http://www.townofpittsford.org/home-minutes)
- **Design Review and Historic Preservation Board**, Thursday, 12/10, 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](http://www.townofpittsford.org/home-minutes)
- **Parks and Recreation Board**, Thursday, 12/10 - **NO MEETING**
- **Planning Board**, Monday, 9/14, 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](http://www.townofpittsford.org/home-minutes)
- **Town Board**, Tuesday, 12/15, 6:00pm, ASL interpretation provided – 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](http://www.townofpittsford.org/home-minutes)

## COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

- [Board of Education](#) meeting, Monday, 12/14, 7:00pm, Barker Road Middle School McCluski Board Room, 75 Barker Road
- [Community Solar Program Public Information Meeting](#), Wednesday, 12/16, 6:00pm – ONLINE MEETING; RSVP at [www.bit.ly/pittsford-solar-1216](http://www.bit.ly/pittsford-solar-1216) to receive the virtual meeting details
- [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](http://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](http://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](http://www.bit.ly/pclupdates). For virtual children's programming check the Library's Facebook page [www.facebook.com/PittsfordLibrary/](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://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](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html?deliveryName=USCDC_2067-DM20785).

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