



# News & Reviews

December 23, 2020

Town of Pittsford - a Clean Energy Community

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Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings*

**"T'WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS" WITH MRS. CLAUS!**  
**Mrs. Claus has created a special message for all – have you seen it yet?** 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!

## **SUPERVISOR SMITH SHARES "THE MAN BEHIND A CHRISTMAS STORY"**

Town Supervisor Bill Smith shares his enthusiasm and lifelong admiration for author Jean Shepherd in a [video "The Man Behind A Christmas Story."](#) Learn about this prolific American storyteller, humorist, radio and TV personality, writer, and actor whose semi-fictional anecdotes led to the creation of this celebrated holiday movie classic. Shepherd's writing and unmistakable voice as narrator brings to life the Christmas tribulations of 9-year-old Ralphie, who longs for a Red Ryder BB gun and learns important life lessons – including, never touch your tongue to a frozen flagpole! View Supervisor Smith's [video here](#) to learn more about the story behind the story.

## **HOLIDAY HOURS FOR TOWN FACILITIES**

In observance of the **Christmas** holiday, all **Town offices** (including Town Hall and the Parks, Sewer, and Highway departments), the **Spiegel Pittsford Community Center**, the **Pittsford Community Library**, and **Town Court** will be **closed Thursday, 12/24 and Friday, 12/25**.

The Spiegel Pittsford **Community Center** also will be closed on **Saturday, 12/26**.

In observance of the **New Year's** holiday **all Town offices** (including Town Hall and the Parks, Sewer, and Highway departments), Town Court, and the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center will **close at 1:00pm on Thursday, 12/31 and remain closed on Friday, 1/1/21**.

The Spiegel Pittsford **Community Center also will be closed on Saturday, 1/2/21.**

The Pittsford Community **Library will close at its usual time of 5:00pm on Thursday, 12/31 and remain closed on Friday, 1/1/20.**

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

***We wish all of our residents a happy and safe holiday season!***

**Please see the complete daily schedule below:**

**Thursday, 12/24**

CLOSED ALL DAY

All Town offices and facilities, including Town Hall, the Parks, Sewer, and Highway departments, Town Court, the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center and Seniors programs, and the Pittsford Community Library

**Friday, 12/25**

CLOSED ALL DAY

All Town offices and facilities, including Town Hall, the Parks, Sewer, and Highway departments, Town Court, the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center and Seniors programs, and the Pittsford Community Library

**Saturday, 12/26**

Spiegel Pittsford Community Center and Seniors programs closed all day

**Thursday, 12/31**

CLOSING AT 1:00pm

All Town offices (including Town Hall and the Parks, Sewer, and Highway departments), Town Court, and the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center

CLOSING AT 5:00pm

The Pittsford Community Library

**Friday, January 1, 2021**

CLOSED ALL DAY

All Town offices and facilities, including Town Hall, the Parks, Sewer, and Highway departments, Town Court, the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center and Seniors programs, and the Pittsford Community Library

**Saturday, January 2, 2021**

Spiegel Pittsford Community Center and Seniors programs closed all day

**WOMEN'S CLUB GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE DECEMBER 31**

The Women's Club of Pittsford offers endowment grants to charitable organizations and is **accepting grant applications through December 31** for 2020 endowment grants. Applications must be submitted for a specific project and be made on behalf of a 501c3 charitable organization in Monroe County or in surrounding counties that service Monroe County

residents. Since 1984, the Women's Club of Pittsford has contributed over \$350,000 to Greater Rochester Area organizations. More information and the grant application form can be found on their website at [www.womensclubofpittsford.org/apply-for-a-grant.html](http://www.womensclubofpittsford.org/apply-for-a-grant.html). The deadline for submitting an application is December 31, 2020.

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

**PITTSFORD RECEIVES OVER \$84K IN CARES ACT FUNDS**

Good news for Pittsford! Earlier this month I signed an Inter-municipal Agreement between the Town and Monroe County, for the Town to receive more than \$84,000 in funding under the CARES Act provided by the County. These funds will help recoup some of the COVID-19 expenses the Town has incurred. Expenses such as plexi-glass, sanitizer stands and dispensers, work pods, personal protective equipment, additional laptops, technology protective upgrades, thermometers, signage, etc.

My thanks to our splendid Town staff, especially Finance Director Brian Luke, Assistant to the Commissioner of Public Works Renee McQuillen and IT Director Joy Brown, who pulled together the data supporting the Town's application and made this award possible.

Thanks to County Executive Adam Bello for making this funding available to us, and to our County Legislators representing Pittsford – Howard Maffucci, Karla Boyce and Mike Yudelson – for supporting it.

I value the strong cooperative relationship between the County and the Town that makes successes like this possible. As I'll never tire of saying: both within our own community and in our relations with other communities and other levels of government, we work best when we work together.

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

**PITTSFORD ROTARY FOOD DRIVE IS SATURDAY, 1/2/21**

***Donations will go to Pittsford Food Cupboard & Veterans Outreach Center***

The [Rotary Club of Pittsford](#), in collaboration with the Town of Pittsford, will conduct a [drive-through packaged food drive](#) to benefit the Pittsford Food Cupboard on Saturday, January 2, 2021 from 9:00am to noon at Spiegel Pittsford Community Center. Rotarians and Town staff will be collecting canned and other packaged foods, snow or shine. They **also will be collecting warm socks, gloves and hats** to benefit the Veterans Outreach Center. Click this link for a [list of current Food Cupboard needs](#).

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.

**FOOD CUPBOARD TO OFFER DELIVERY TO SENIORS IN PITTSFORD**

The Pittsford Food Cupboard will begin in January to offer delivery of groceries and supplies to senior citizens that reside in Pittsford. There are no income requirements to participate. Seniors interested in receiving home delivery must sign up for the program in

person at the Pittsford Food Cupboard offices. The Food Cupboard will offer fresh produce, wholesome breads, frozen meat and dairy items in addition to non-perishable canned goods. Deliveries will be available on the second and fourth Friday of each month, between 11:00am and 2:00pm.

**Those who wish to receive home delivery must meet and follow these guidelines:**

- Reside in the 14534 zip code
- Be 65 years of age or older
- Sign up for the program in person at the Food Cupboard office; please bring a picture ID and current piece of mail to verify your address
- Be able to call the morning of your delivery to choose menu items or to leave a message with your food preferences
- Someone must be home to accept the order when it is delivered

The **winter delivery dates** (second and fourth Friday of the month) are: January 8 and 22, February 12 and 26, March 12 and 26.

The Pittsford Food Cupboard is open Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:30am – 1:30pm and the first and third Saturday of each month from 9:30 – 11:30am. For more information, call (585) 264-9860 and ask for Claire or visit [www.pittsfordfoodcupboard.net](http://www.pittsfordfoodcupboard.net).

**PROPERTY TAX BILLS AND INFORMATION**

The 2021 Town and County property tax bills will be mailed to residents on December 31, 2020. Your property tax information may be obtained through the Monroe County website after December 31, 2020 at <http://www.monroecounty.gov/apps/propertyapp.php>. We recommend that you consult with your accountant if you are considering prepayment of your 2021 Town and County taxes before the end of this calendar year, to determine if this is a beneficial action for you to take, given the federal and state tax laws that are in effect. Please notify the Town Tax office (585-248-6215) if you are mailing in a prepayment with a U.S. postmark of December 31, 2020, so that you are properly receipted for this payment. The earliest that the Town Tax Office may have the 2021 property tax amounts available will be December 30 or 31, 2020.

**FIREWORKS COURTESY NOTIFICATION FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31 - CANCELED**

Public and private fireworks events in the Town of Pittsford require a permit issued by the Town. As a courtesy, notifications for public and private fireworks events held within the Town are posted on the [Town website](#), the [Town Facebook page](#) and in the [Town's eNews](#). Courtesy notifications also can be mailed in advance to those in the immediate area of a permitted fireworks event (public or private) who request them. To request a mailed Fireworks Notification, please contact Town Fire Marshal and Code Enforcement Officer Kelly Cline at [kcline@townofpittsford.org](mailto:kcline@townofpittsford.org) or 248-6250. Please see below current fireworks event permit notification.

**Current Fireworks Event Notification:**

**December 31, 2020 – EVENT HAS BEEN CANCELED**

Private fireworks event in the proximity of Mendon Center Road - approximately 9:00pm

All current Fireworks Event Courtesy Notification listings can be found on the Town website at [www.townofpittsford.org/fireworks-notifications](http://www.townofpittsford.org/fireworks-notifications).

## REMINDERS

### **A REMINDER – STAY SAFE: WEAR A MASK, KEEP YOUR DISTANCE, WASH YOUR HANDS!**

The holiday season is here and more people are out and about. Family members may be heading home from college. More folks are out shopping. It's therefore more important than ever to take the simple steps to keep yourself, and others, safe. Town

Supervisor Bill Smith, School Superintendent Mike Pero, School Board President Amy Thomas and Village Mayor Bob Corby remind you to wear a mask when you are among others outside of your immediate family, maintain a safe physical distance and wash your hands frequently – especially after being out in public. See their [COVID-19 safety video message here](#).

The health of our community – our people, our businesses, our services and amenities – affects us all and is our shared responsibility. We're all in this together. Please stay well, be safe and show your Pittsford Pride – wear your mask!



### **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!

### **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.

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## **UPCOMING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN PITTSFORD**

- [Pittsford Rotary Food Drive](#), Saturday, 1/2/21, 9:00am - 12noon, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue; canned and other packaged goods needed, see list of [Food Cupboard needs here](#).
- **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.

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## TOWN OF PITTSFORD BOARD MEETINGS

- **Design Review and Historic Preservation Board**, Thursday, 12/24 - **NO MEETING**
  - **Planning Board**, Monday, 12/28 - **NO MEETING**
  - **Town Board Year-End Meeting**, Wednesday, 12/30, 10:00am, 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)
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## 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](http://www.pittsfordartgroup.com) or contact PAG president [Margie Mitchell](#)
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## 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).

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## 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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