



News & Reviews

December 30, 2020

Town of Pittsford - a Clean
Energy Community

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

HOLIDAY HOURS FOR TOWN FACILITIES

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, healthy and prosperous New Year!

Please see the complete daily schedule below:

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

STORIES & SONGS WITH MRS. STEINBRENNER – MONDAYS VIA ZOOM

Are your little ones missing the fun of story time at the Library? Join Children's Librarian Mrs. Steinbrenner for some story time fun via Zoom each Monday morning at 10:00am! Enjoy stories and songs right from home. A Zoom link will be sent the day of the program. January dates are 1/4, 1/11, 1/18 and 1/25 but participants can register once for all story times through April. A reminder email with the Zoom link will be sent each Monday morning. The program is free but registration is required to receive the appropriate Zoom link. [Register online via the Library calendar](#) or visit www.townofpittsford.org/home-library and use the Library Program Registration link.

SENIORS ONLINE BALANCE CLASS, 1st THREE MONDAYS EACH MONTH

Seniors – here's one way to stay active until we can welcome you back in person: our free online Balance class! It's a great way to help improve strength, mobility and balance, which can help you stay active and prevent falls. Class is held on Zoom from 1:15 – 2:00pm on the first three Mondays of each month. **The next class is this Monday, January 4.** To register, and for more information, call our Senior Programs office at (585) 248-6235.

WOMEN'S CLUB GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE TOMORROW (12/31)

The Women's Club of Pittsford offers endowment grants to charitable organizations and is **accepting grant applications through tomorrow (Thursday, December 31)** for 2021 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. The deadline for submitting an application is Thursday, December 31, 2020.

ELDERBERRY EXPRESS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES RESUME JANUARY 4
Service currently limited to medical appointments & grocery trips

The Elderberry Express will resume some transportation services as of January 4, 2021 for Pittsford residents age 55 and older. At this time, only requests for medical appointments and grocery store trips can be accommodated. All COVID-19 precautions will be followed; drivers and passengers will be required to wear a mask.

The Elderberry Express is a free transportation service for Pittsford residents age 55 and older. Volunteer drivers currently will transport seniors to and from medical appointments and grocery shopping trips. **Services must be scheduled at least two days in advance to ensure driver availability;** Monday appointments must be scheduled by the prior Thursday. Staff members will be in the office 9:00am – 12 noon Monday through Friday to take calls. To schedule, call 248-6237 during this time. If you must call after office hours, please leave your name, phone number, address, appointment time and type of service requested (medical appointment or

grocery store trip), and a staff member will return your call to confirm your transportation.

Elderberry Express also is **in need of volunteer drivers** willing to help provide transportation, from one to a few times per month, to seniors in Pittsford. Each trip takes between one to two hours. This small time commitment makes a big difference to seniors who can get out and about but can no longer drive. By volunteering your time you can give others the gift of continued independence. Can you help? Call or stop by the Elderberry Express office in the Senior Programs Office at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue, telephone 248-6237.



TOWN CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

You can be green even in the winter - recycle your Christmas tree! Town of Pittsford crews will pick up trees placed curbside as long as all plastic bagging and all decorations are removed. Weather permitting, Christmas trees are picked up each year from the week after Christmas through the end of January. Christmas trees also may be dropped off at the Highway Garage, 60 Golf Avenue, from 7:00am until dark, Monday

through Saturday. All trees gathered will be chipped and reused as mulch. The mulch will be available in the spring free to residents in the spring at the East Street storage site located just before the gate to the Town Parks Department office building (enter at 34 East Street).

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 NOTIFICATION FOR THURSDAY, 12/31 - 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 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.

REMINDERS

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

Donations will go to Pittsford Food Cupboard & Veterans Outreach Center

The [Rotary Club of Pittsford](http://www.rotaryclubofpittsford.org), in collaboration with the Town of Pittsford, will conduct a [drive-through packaged food drive](#) to benefit the Pittsford Food Cupboard this 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.

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. 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

- [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.

TOWN OF PITTSFORD BOARD MEETINGS

- **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
- **Environmental Board**, Monday, 1/4/21, 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
- **Town Board**, Tuesday, 1/5/21, 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

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](https://www.nys.gov). 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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