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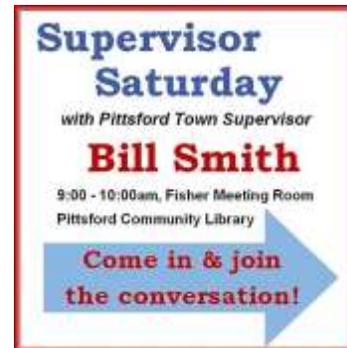
May 5, 2021

Town of Pittsford - a Clean Energy Community

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

SUPERVISOR SATURDAY WITH BILL SMITH THIS WEEK – MAY 8

Town Supervisor Bill Smith will host his community open house meeting this Saturday, May 8 from 9:00 - 10:00am at the Pittsford Community Library. Stop by and join the conversation to catch up on current issues, Town projects and other topics you might wish to discuss, such as **Community Choice Aggregation** and the **upcoming changes to the Town Zoning code** – which should be of importance to every resident. If you've got questions, ideas or comments for Supervisor Smith, be sure to join him this Saturday!



This casual open house will be in the Fisher Meeting Room; participants will be expected to wear a face covering and follow appropriate health and physical distancing guidelines. Supervisor Saturday enables residents who can't stop by to see the Supervisor during the work week a chance to speak to him directly. Come and discuss what matters most to you! Drop by – no registration required. The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street.

Supervisor Smith keeps an open door policy and also welcomes visits from residents at Town Hall during regular business hours Monday to Friday by appointment. As always, he's available by phone at 248-6220 and by email at bsmith@townofpittsford.org.



TODAY IS BIKE TO SCHOOL DAY – TAKE CARE AND BE AWARE!

Various locations, including a group biking along Jefferson Road

Students and some parents in Pittsford will be biking to school this morning starting at around 8:00am and biking back home between 11:15am -

12:15pm. Please be alert and take care wherever you may be driving as students

from many different schools may be participating. A group from Jefferson Road Middle School is expected to ride along Jefferson Road from Edgewood Church (between Greylock Ridge and Crestview Drive) to the school. Please – give yourself more time than usual to get where you are going, drive slowly, no texting while driving, and be on the lookout for bicyclists. The Rain Date for Bike to School Day is this Friday, May 7.

COPPER BEECH GRAFTED SAPLING PLANTED ON ARBOR DAY

A Living Tribute to Our Iconic Copper Beech Tree

When the iconic Copper Beech tree in the Town Park on State Street succumbed to disease and had to be removed in 2018, the Town took steps to preserve its legacy. Healthy cuttings from the tree were grafted onto rootstock, enabling them to grow over the past five years into healthy saplings. On Arbor Day of this year (April 30) we were able to plant one of these saplings in the Town green space on Main Street next to the municipal parking lot entrance. This tree is a clone of the original Copper Beech!



The rest of the young trees will be ready for planting in 2022. Learn more about our Copper Beech tree and the young grafted trees at www.townofpittsford.org/copperbeech. You can also find updates in the Town eNews and social media sites. Many thanks to our Parks Department crew members Brandon Meier and John Young (pictured above) and Parks Foreman Jess Neal for getting our first Copper Beech planted!

SENIORS ZUMBA GOLD FOR FUN AND FITNESS AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

We are carefully following New York State COVID-19 guidelines for our Recreation programming and are happy to offer some in-person exercise classes for seniors, including Zumba Gold with Melanie Jones! The class is offered Wednesdays from 9:00-9:45am and Fridays from 1:00 – 1:45pm. It features exercise that's fun, easy and effective – no dance or exercise experience needed for this Latin inspired dance fitness program. Classes are suitable for multiple levels of experience and ability – exercises can be modified for the active older adult or the beginner participant.



Our Senior Fitness Classes are free to Pittsford residents and \$3.00 per class for non-residents. **Pre-registration is required** for in-person exercise classes. Please call the Senior Programs Office at 248-6235 to register and for more information.

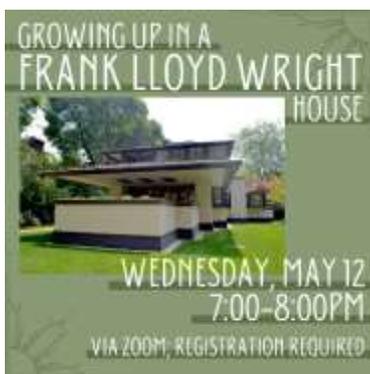
For details about all of our Recreation programs, pick up a program brochure at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center (35 Lincoln Avenue), access our [program brochure online](#), or visit our [online Recreation registration page](#).

PITTSFORD ROTARY KIDS' TROUT FISHING DERBY IS THIS SATURDAY, MAY 8

The Rotary Club of Pittsford, in conjunction with the Town of Pittsford and the Monroe County Parks Department, will hold its annual Kids' Trout Fishing Derby this Saturday, May 18 in Powder Mills Park. The Derby is open to all children ages 15 and under. Registration will be at the Powderhorn Lodge and Shady Rest Pavilion from 8:00 - 9:00am and is free for all. [Registration also is available in advance online](#). The tournament runs from 9:00 - 11:00am and is followed by an awards ceremony at 11:15am and Fish Hatchery tour at 11:30am. Complimentary refreshments will be served.



Fish are being stocked by the Fish Hatchery at Powder Mills Park for this event and donations will be accepted on behalf of the Reidman Foundation. Special thanks are due to The Riedman Foundation for funding and operating the Hatchery and making the Pittsford Rotary Club Kids' Trout Fishing Derby possible. For more information, visit the [Pittsford Rotary website](#) or contact tournament chairperson Kevin O'Grady via [email](#) or phone at (585) 641-0668. The Pittsford Rotary Club Kids' Trout Fishing Derby is co-sponsored by the Town of Pittsford Recreation Department.



LIBRARY PROGRAM: GROWING UP IN A FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT HOUSE - MAY 12

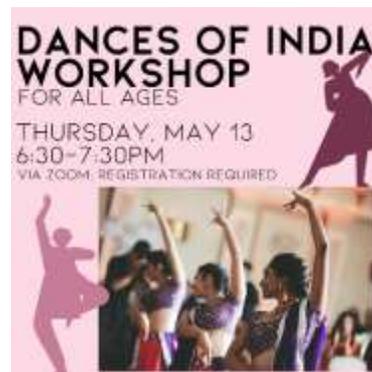
The Pittsford Community Library will help you explore some unique architectural history with "Growing Up in a Frank Lloyd Wright House" – an online program to be held next Wednesday, May 12 from 7:00 – 8:00pm. Kim Bixler will discuss the joys and pitfalls of owning and living in the Edward E. Boynton House in Rochester, a Frank Lloyd Wright-designed home built in 1908. If you like reality home-renovating programs, architectural tours, and historical homes, you'll love

Kim's first-hand account of her childhood experience.

The program is free but registration is required to receive the Zoom link; the Zoom link will be sent the day of the program. [Register online for Growing Up in a Frank Lloyd Wright House](#) via the Library Program Calendar or visit <https://www.townofpittsford.org/home-library> and use the Library Program Registration link.

DANCES OF INDIA ONLINE LIBRARY PROGRAM MAY 13

Join the teaching artists of Ajna Dance Company as they introduce you to Indian culture through dance and music. Learn about and try different styles of dance that come from the diverse country that is India. After you watch and learn, be ready to get up and dance! The program is offered online on Thursday, May 13 from 6:30 – 7:30pm and is suitable for all ages.



The program is free but registration is required to receive the Zoom link; the Zoom link will be sent the day of the program. [Register online for Dances of India](#) via the Library Program Calendar or visit <https://www.townofpittsford.org/home-library> and use the Library Program Registration link.

The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street. To learn more about upcoming Library programs, visit the [Library's online program calendar](#). For complete Library information, including hours of operation, visit <https://www.townofpittsford.org/home-library>.

CELEBRATING ASIAN PACIFIC HERITAGE MONTH

May is Asian Pacific Heritage month – celebrating those with Asian/Pacific Islander ancestry. The Pittsford Community Library has a special display up this month with outstanding books by Asian and Pacific Islander authors. To learn more about Asian and Pacific Island history, peoples and culture – and for a schedule of events and programs related to Asian Pacific Heritage Month, visit www.asianpacificheritage.gov.



Your Donations Count!

Donations are used to **HELP**

- Veteran organizations that:
 - Assist disabled veterans
 - Homeless veterans
 - Veterans in financial need
- Support Honor Flight Rochester

Those who have served, appreciate your support.

THANK YOU
RAYSON-MILLER
POST 899

REMEMBRANCE POPPIES TO HONOR THE FALLEN – VIRTUAL POPPY DRIVE

Memorial Day falls this year on May 31; it is a time to remember the servicemen and women who lost their lives during war-time service. This year, continued COVID-19 health safety and social distancing protocols will limit the Pittsford American Legion Rayson-Miller Post 899 in-person Remembrance Poppy sales and donation canisters. To ensure their continued support of veterans in need, the members of Rayson-Miller Post #899 are conducting a **virtual Remembrance Poppy Drive** via their Facebook page and website. Funds raised from the annual poppy sale go to benefit veterans who are disabled,

homeless or in severe financial crisis due to circumstances beyond their control – 100% of the funds raised are used for these services; no funds are kept by the Rayson-Miller post.

Should you wish to make a donation in honor of our military members who made the ultimate sacrifice, you can donate via PayPal (no account needed, credit and debit cards accepted) by using the Poppy Donation graphic on the www.RaysonMillerPost899.org website or the Donate tab on the [Rayson-Miller Post 899 Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/Rayson-Miller-Post-899). Donors will receive a link to a digital "I donated" poppy for online use. If you are able to, please consider supporting this unique way to honor the memory of our fallen armed service members while helping veterans in need.

IN A CRISIS CALL 211 LIFE LINE FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES

Crisis is different for everyone but 211 Life Line is there to help with a variety of emergency services. Call 211 or text 898-211 for phone support, mobile crisis help, community-based crisis programs, drug and alcohol recovery programs and more. [Find a list of services here](#) or visit www.211lifeline.org for complete information.



REMINDERS

PITTSFORD'S RABIES FREE DRIVE-THROUGH CLINIC IS THURSDAY, MAY 13 AT THE TOWN HIGHWAY GARAGE

This year the Town of Pittsford's annual Rabies Free Clinic will be a drive-through event held on Thursday, May 13 from 4:30 - 7:30pm at the Town Highway Garage, 60 Golf Avenue. Update your pet's rabies vaccine for free - dogs, cats and ferrets are welcome! Although cats do not need to be licensed, NYS law does require they be rabies vaccinated. **For safety, all dogs must be on a short leash; cats and ferrets must be in a secure carrier.**

Three-year and one-year vaccines are available. A three-year vaccine will be available to those who present a prior rabies certificate; all others may receive a one-year vaccine. Advance registration is not required; please call Animal Control at 248-6240 with any questions. Many thanks to Dr. Larry Silberg from Doorbell Vet, who will be conducting our clinic this year. Our thanks also to the Monroe County Health Department for providing the free vaccines.

MEET THE SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES NIGHT – VIA ZOOM TOMORROW

The Pittsford Central PTSA will present an online forum on Thursday, May 6 at 7:30pm during which candidates running for the Pittsford Central School District Board of Education will answer questions via a moderator on Zoom. Six candidates are running for three open seats: Ruby Belton, Jen Canning, Jeff Casey, Sarah Pelusio, Rene Sanchez-Kazacos and Nicole Sidhu. Parents and community members will be able to view the forum online (livestream).

The forum will be recorded and posted to the Pittsford Central School District's YouTube page after the event. The livestreaming link for the event will be posted on the PTSA website www.pittsfordptsa.net.

Questions about the online forum may be directed to Nita Singh, Pittsford Central PTSA VP of Education Council, at nnsingh.1221@gmail.com or Joan Sperandio, Pittsford Central PTSA Secretary, at secretary@pittsfordptsanet.net.

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 Kids' Trout Fishing Derby](#), Saturday, 5/8, 8:00am - 12noon, Powder Mills Park, registration begins 8:00am at Powderhorn Lodge, tournament runs 9:00-11:00am, followed by Awards Ceremony at 11:15am and Fish Hatchery tour at 11:30am, more info [HERE](#) or [email Kevin O'Grady](#).
- **Supervisor Saturday with Bill Smith** - join the conversation with Town Supervisor Bill Smith at this casual open house, topics of discussion based upon attendee interest; Saturday, 5/8, 9:00 - 10:00am, Fisher Meeting Room (first floor), Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street. Please note participants will be expected to wear a face covering and follow appropriate health and physical distancing guidelines.
- [Pittsford Rabies Free Drive-Through Clinic](#), Thursday, 5/13, 4:30-7:30pm, Pittsford Town Highway Garage, 60 Golf Avenue; update your pet's rabies vaccine for free – dogs, cats, and ferrets are welcome, dogs must be on a short leash, cats and ferrets must be in a secure carrier; no appointment needed, call Pittsford Animal Control at 248-6240 with any questions.
- [Friends of Pittsford Library mini book sale](#), Friday and Saturday, May 14 & 15, 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.
- [Household Hazardous Waste/e-Recycling/Document Shredding event](#), Saturday, 5/15, 7:45am-12:00pm, Perinton Highway Garage, 100 Cobb's Lane. Additional appointments for hazardous waste disposal are no longer available, but electronics recycling and/or document shredding still available, no appointment needed; for HHW appointment at another site go online to www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark. More information, including the list of hazardous materials and electronics accepted for collection, can be found [HERE](#).

- [Red Cross Blood Drive at Pittsford Community Library](#), Tuesday, 5/18, 9:00am – 2:00pm, Pittsford Community Library Fisher Meeting Room, 24 State Street; [schedule an appointment in advance using this online registration link](#) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767); the Red Cross will be following all COVID-19 guidelines during the blood drive, for more information visit www.redcrossblood.org.
- [Town of Pittsford Zoning Code Update](#) – **comments made by Town of Pittsford stakeholders via interactive online mapping tool accepted through May 24**; access the mapping tool, the Comprehensive Plan, the Active Transportation Plan, the project timeline, a link to the Town’s current Zoning Code, and other informational materials, on the **Zoning Code Update website** at www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate. Comments can also be made to zoningupdate@townofpittsford.org or mailed to Doug DeRue, Town of Pittsford, 11 South Main Street, Pittsford, NY 14534; please indicate whether you are a Town or Village resident.
- [American Legion Rayson-Miller Post 899 Virtual Poppy Drive](#) to honor fallen service members and raise funds to support veterans services, held throughout the month of May; visit www.raysonmillerpost899.org and click on the Poppy Donation graphic or use the Donate tab on the [Rayson-Miller Post 899 Facebook page](#).

TOWN OF PITTSFORD BOARD MEETINGS

- **Planning Board**, Monday, 5/10, 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

- [Board of Education](#) Budget Hearing and regular meeting, Monday, 5/10, 7:00pm, Barker Road Middle School McCluski Board Room
- [Village Board of Trustees](#) meeting, Tuesday, 5/11, 6:30pm, virtual meeting through videoconferencing; more information and participation registration details will be listed on the Village website [here](#) as the meeting date approaches
- [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 Access

Spiegel Pittsford Community Center: building is open 8:00am - 5:00pm Monday-Thursday, 8:00am - 6:00pm Friday, and 9:00am - 5:00pm Saturday. 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 <https://www.townofpittsford.org/home-library-covid19-info>. 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: residents are encouraged to handle business online and by mail, phone, email and the "drop slot" to the right of the front door and at the back door of Town Hall. Calls should be made to the department related to the inquiry. Town Hall is open at reduced capacity; appropriate physical distancing and mask use are required.

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 pthurber@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 Allen Reitz at areitz@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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