

## From the Supervisor

### Revising Our Zoning Code

#### New Opportunities; Supporting Neighborhoods

Twenty-five years ago, in 1996, under the leadership of my predecessor Bill Carpenter, Pittsford enacted its “Greenprint for the Future.” It was the cause that first got me involved in municipal government. I was proud to be a member of the Town Board that enacted it. Through this visionary program, unique for its time, the Town purchased development rights to the most significant expanses of open countryside in Pittsford. It preserved two-thirds of the then-remaining farmland in the Town – over 2,000 acres of open space.

Pittsford was the first town in the State of New York to do this, preserving open space and farming for generations to come. Not for nothing did we call it the Greenprint *for the Future*. We’re living in that future now. Too many other communities are paved over. Pittsford kept its green space.

At the top of the Town’s agenda for land use today is updating our Zoning Code, based on the Town’s new Comprehensive Plan adopted toward the end of 2019.

The new Comprehensive Plan marked the culmination of five years of intensive public engagement, including public workshops, interviews with a broad range of residents, and the Citizens Committee that carried out the process with our professional consultants. It included as well the 2019 Community Survey, in which our residents provided clear direction on so many issues relevant to policy choices in a Comprehensive Plan. The Town Board and I publicly committed to respect your wishes as expressed in the Community Survey, in finalizing the Comprehensive Plan. I will respect the results of the Community Survey in working on the changes to the Town Code that now follow. I’ll strongly encourage the Town Board to do the same.

#### Preserving Pittsford’s Character and Quality of Life

Our community has a long history of working together collaboratively, thinking outside the box to identify ways of creating and incentivizing the extraordinary list of amenities we enjoy in Pittsford, that provide a high quality of life in a healthy and safe environment. We see this in many ways.

Our perennially award-winning School District leads the list. It represents decades of cooperation and thoughtfulness among teachers, parents, families, the School Board and administrators. Town and Village policies as well have been central to making Pittsford a place people want to move to – and keeping it that way.

Among the reasons home values have performed well in Pittsford are wise environmental policies the Town has enacted over decades. A recognized fundamental of sound planning is that close access to green space is essential. It’s highly prized by people contemplating moving to a new area as something they look for. Research shows that proximity to open space, trails and similar amenities of the type Pittsford offers in abundance are linked directly to physical and mental well-being. During the pandemic I think we’ve appreciated this all the more. To this end, we’ve expanded our trailways and neighborhood connections and will continue to do so.



Bill Smith  
Town Supervisor

#### Inside:

- Greenprint 25th Anniversary
- COVID-19 Update
- Farewell to Captain DeLyser
- New Grant Funding
- Yard Debris Collection Info
- Events Update
- Rec & Library Hours Expanded
- In-Person Seniors Programs Resume
- Native Plants – Good for the Environment
- Toxic-Free Spring Yard Tips
- Rabies Clinic is May 13
- New Beds at Community Garden
- Summer Safety Tips

#### Drive-Through Rabies Clinic May 13

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! Check the Town eNews or visit the Town website for details as the date approaches.



#### Stay in the Zone



Use this QR code to find current information and provide comments on the **Town's Zoning Update**, or visit [www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate](http://www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate).

## Revising Our Zoning Code

Continued from front page

We pursue a vigorous program promoting environmental sustainability and healthy living. For decades, the Village's careful stewardship of its unique architectural and historic heritage have kept it, and improved it, as one of the loveliest spots in New York. The Town has a Design Review and Historic Preservation Board to do the same Town-wide. It's a point well understood by planners that historic preservation adds economic value not only to individual houses or historic districts, but to the community as a whole. Policies such as these, and myriad others in process continually, support an immediately identifiable and distinctive aesthetic character in Pittsford that equates to economic value and supports it.

## Translating Policy into Action

The Town's updated Comprehensive Plan includes and in many cases expands on these concepts. It drives the decisions to be made in updating the Zoning Code. By law, changes to the Zoning Code must conform to the principles set forth in the Comprehensive Plan.

There remain relatively few significant parcels of developable land in Pittsford. All are in the southern part of the Town. The Comprehensive Plan provides specifically for accommodating development, if it must happen, in ways that nonetheless preserve the rural character of south Pittsford, especially along the major corridors that run through it – the parts most of us see, most of the time.

The Comprehensive Plan also accommodates identifiable needs, and better ways of meeting them. For example, it contemplates a redesign of the Monroe Avenue commercial corridor over time that would provide for a more human scale, invoking much of the ambience and aesthetic of our Village – incorporating mixed uses, including apartments above storefronts and similar smaller, less costly, housing, with shops along the street and parking behind them. From a planning perspective, proximity to shops, to the Village and to public transport in this area make it well-suited to just this type of redevelopment.

## More Moderately Priced Housing for Seniors

The Plan addresses specifically one of my priorities as Town Supervisor: more moderately priced housing for people in or approaching their retirement years. Housing that makes it easier for Pittsford residents to remain in Town if they choose to downsize. This was considered with great specificity in the public workshops that gave shape to the Comprehensive Plan. It had strong support in the Community Survey. I successfully proposed an addition to the draft of the Comprehensive Plan that incorporated this concept as a specific community goal in the final version of the Plan.

In order to incorporate this policy into changes to our Zoning Code fully, and as intended, it will require **broad public participation** in our rezoning process and **close critical scrutiny** from Pittsford residents. Specifically, when we get to the stage where specific changes in the code are proposed, examine carefully *the operative legal language of any change in zoning law* on this subject. Does it conform to the stated purpose for senior housing? In particular, does the language of the proposed change in the law itself specifically reserve the more moderately priced housing for buyers or renters age 55 or older, as our Comprehensive Plan calls for? If it does **not**, you're looking at a proposal for something that may seem superficially similar, but is really very different. Speaking for myself as Supervisor, you can depend upon me to call this out if it occurs and to identify proposals that diverge from the policies of our Comprehensive Plan.

An aspect of additional housing convenient for those 55 and older that warrants rethinking has to do with zoning for in-law apartments. Current zoning allows

Continued on page 3

## Thank you, Captain DeLyser!



On March 29 we said goodbye to a true friend of the people of Pittsford and a valued partner in government. For the past two years, Captain Andrew

DeLyser of the County Sheriff's Office has commanded Zone A – that includes Pittsford. After 26 years of service, he has now retired. The Zone A Commander in effect is Pittsford's Chief of Police. Supervisor Bill Smith thanked Captain DeLyser for keeping Pittsford safe and responding to community needs. "His support and responsiveness, his advice, his humor and his rock-solid good sense will be missed. We wish him well in retirement." Captain Scott Alberti now assumes command of Zone A. We at Town Hall look forward to working with him.

## Yard Debris Collection

Early spring cleanup is now underway. Town crews have started collecting loose piles of leaves, thatch, brush, branches and yard debris on an ongoing basis. This service will continue at least through December 2.

Regular *bagged and containerized* yard debris collection also has begun; our crews will pick it up weekly according to the schedule for your neighborhood. It also continues at least through December 2. For the weekly schedule for your neighborhood and for complete details about the Town's yard debris collection services, please consult the Town's Yard Debris Information card that we mailed to all homes in mid-March. Or you can visit [www.townofpittsford.org/home-yard\\_debris](http://www.townofpittsford.org/home-yard_debris).



Our trails and pathways provide walkers, hikers and cyclists interesting destinations, quiet seclusion, and an enjoyable means to get some fresh air and exercise. Check out our trail maps at [www.townofpittsford.org/trailsandwalkways](http://www.townofpittsford.org/trailsandwalkways).

## Revising Our Zoning Code

Continued from page 2

them, provided that they are configured within an existing house and that the house remains a single-family dwelling. In other words, they're not separate apartments on their own. Is this sufficient for today's needs? What consequences would accrue from standalone accessory structures, whether part of the main house or detached? What happens with the standalone dwelling when Mom and Pop move to Florida? What impacts on the neighborhood? Again, we need to hear from you.

### Open Space

The Comprehensive Plan reflects the preference strongly expressed by Pittsford residents in the Community Survey, to expand the amount of open space the Town protects. I strongly support this and, subject to approval by the public in a vote, would seek to expand our Greenprint as the Comprehensive Plan calls for. In terms of Zoning code updates, we'll be looking to changes conducive to accomplishing this goal. More directly, we'll be looking to place into law those changes recommended in the Comprehensive

Plan to get a greater yield of open space from land slated for development, and to make sure the open land acquired is more visually prominent – *i.e.*, open land adjacent to main roadways with houses behind it, rather than houses up against the road. This maintains rural character while providing space for neighborhood amenities such as neighborhood parks and trails.

### Some Basic Principles

Good planning models keep certain fundamentals in mind. To cite just a few:

*Geography.* Allowances for greater housing density should be in areas close to shops, public transport and other amenities. This is why the Comprehensive Plan's proposals for the Monroe Avenue commercial corridor make sense, with apartments above storefronts, most likely in low-rise buildings not exceeding two stories, creating an ambiance similar to the Village. And why greater density in the southern periphery of the Town – other than as a trade-off for more open space – does not. It makes even less sense when we consider the increase in traffic through the center of Town that denser housing in the south would create.

*Quality Construction.* Communities whose zoning compromises on quality of construction, for the sake of lowering the cost of new housing, have learned after a few years that they've created a problem. The construction can become shabby over time; values then decline and the neighborhood runs down, dragging down property values in the surrounding area. Pittsford has insisted on quality standards in construction, a principle carried forward in our Comprehensive Plan. This approach should be carried forward in the upcoming changes to our Zoning laws as well.

*Fairness to Taxpayers.* Newly built construction should produce enough tax revenue to pay the increase in municipal and school services it would generate. The Town has undertaken professional analysis of this point, most recently in a study conducted by the Center for Government Research in 2018-19. The analysis shows that building **new** houses of value less than about \$279,000 does not produce tax revenue equal to the cost of Town and school services they require. The additional tax burden then would fall on existing homeowners. In effect, existing residents would be subsidizing new housing that can't pay its own way.

*Continued on page 4*

## COVID-19 Update

We've been at it for over a year now.

On March 15, 2020 the Town of Pittsford's COVID-19 shutdown plan took effect. Everywhere the pandemic has changed things for us all, right down to the details of daily life. Through it all, Pittsford's residents, our community organizations, our valued municipal partners – especially the School District and the Village – and our outstanding Town workforce, pulled together to carry on under unprecedented circumstances. As a community we've persevered. As individuals we've come to grips with the new reality. We've helped to protect ourselves and others, by wearing masks, staying at home in the early days and keeping appropriate physical distance. As the pandemic progressed we've worked together to help our neighbors – delivering masks to those in need, holding food drives, coming up with creative and safe ways to recognize milestones, honor achievements, patronize local businesses and gather together to celebrate and encourage our hope for the future.

With the arrival of vaccines, the situation now gradually changes. Restaurants and businesses can increase their capacity. The President has set July 4 as a target for a national reopening, a much-needed, and most welcome, note of hope and optimism. More people are eligible for vaccination – and are getting vaccinated. It appears we're on the right path.

We can see the light at the end of the tunnel. But we're still in the tunnel.

Especially as the weather warms it can be tempting to think we can forget about COVID precautions. We can't. Many remain unvaccinated. The potential for spreading COVID-19 to those not yet protected is still a real threat. Please remember this. Once it's safe to do things normally, we'll all have something to celebrate together.

**Town of Pittsford COVID-19 Response and Updates to date**

For COVID-19 information and updates, visit  
<http://www.townofpittsford.org/covid-19info>

## Revising Our Zoning Code

Continued from page 3

*Supporting Existing Neighborhoods.* In communities across the country, it's not unusual to find neighborhoods that begin to decline after 30, 20, or even 10 years. Not in Pittsford. Our policies protecting greenspace, in supporting historic preservation and all of the amenities conducive to healthy living and care for the environment, and in requiring quality construction, help to support quality of life and property values in existing neighborhoods.

There are plenty of reasons why our zoning and planning need to keep in mind existing neighborhoods and not focus solely on new construction. One important reason is that our neighborhoods of long-standing account for the broad range of pricing options in the Pittsford housing market. About half of all housing stock in Pittsford carries an assessed value under \$249,000; with over one-fourth less than \$199,000. These are the residences found mostly in our long-established neighborhoods. The explosive growth over the past five years in the number of young families moving into Pittsford, into neighborhoods such as these, as long-term residents downsize, attests resoundingly to the continuing success of our neighborhoods of many years' standing.

Zoning code updates must continue to support established neighborhoods. Which means the zoning code must continue to support **you**. There's something about our Town that drew every one of us to it. The schools, of course. Well beyond that, though, the place itself. The way it looks. The way it feels. That distinctive bundle of characteristics that make Pittsford the place it is. A community that's successful and pleasant; prosperous and beautiful. That fosters neighborhoods of people of every background, all walks of life, faiths, ethnicities, but substantially united in our many basic shared values about the kind of community we want to live in, about expectations for ourselves and our neighbors about the fundamentals of day-to-day-life. Simple things like courtesy toward others, our children's education, upkeep of houses and lawns, noise in the neighborhood, engagement with neighbors and all of the other aspects of daily life that make for good relations among neighbors. Of course, this concept is much larger than what's covered by zoning laws, but it should inform our judgment.

### It's Up to You.

Changes to our zoning laws have far-reaching and long-lasting impacts. It's important that we get right any changes we make. It's important you know exactly what outcomes any proposed zoning changes may create, and if you have concerns that you voice them to me and to the Town Board.

Please participate actively in the rezoning effort. Please scrutinize closely proposed changes in zoning law, to make sure you have a clear understanding of the real meaning, intent and effect of changes proffered from any quarter. Maintaining the quality of life and character of our community, maintaining the value of your investment in your home doesn't happen by chance.

Without your making your view heard – in public hearings, at Town Board meetings, in communications to the Town Board – we won't get the best outcome. We need residents representing the broad consensus in our community to voice what you feel is right, for your home and your investment in it, for your neighborhood and for the community you've chosen as the best place to live. Because it is. And my commitment to you continues, to do my utmost as Supervisor to make sure for years to come that the choice you made is the right one.

## New Grant Funding

Writing applications for grants has become an increasingly specialized field: specialized in knowing how to write successful applications; specialized in having a comprehensive knowledge of the funding opportunities available at any given time. So the Town has stepped up its game, engaging the grant-writing firm J. O'Connell & Associates, Inc., to be able to pursue as aggressively as possible competitive grants available through the Federal and State governments and other sources. Our goal is to obtain a continuous flow of funded grants. Funds for this engagement were included in the Town's budget for 2021. O'Connell brings a long track record of successfully representing municipalities, school districts and non-profit organizations. It is certified by the New York State Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Program.

An example of grant opportunities: in recent years, many of the Town's ongoing sustainability projects and initiatives have rendered Pittsford eligible for grants that can fund more sustainability goals and other projects as well. For instance, by becoming certified by the State as a Clean Energy Community in 2017, the Town not only became eligible for grant funding, but won it. The State funding thus obtained paid for the solarization of the lodges at King's Bend Park and for another electric vehicle charging station.

## Active Transportation Plan Work Continues

The Town has been busy implementing our Active Transportation Plan, planning and completing projects that reflect the needs and wants of our residents. Work has begun on trail connections, pedestrian safety initiatives and identifying sidewalk project priorities. Many of these will provide safe walking connections between neighborhoods. For timely updates as they are posted, check our eNews and Facebook posts or visit the Town website.

# Greenprint at 25 – a legacy of preservation and sustainability

Spotlight on local farmer Mark Greene



This year we commemorate the 25th anniversary of Pittsford's "Greenprint

for the Future." Through this forward-looking program, unique for its time, the Town purchased development rights to significant expanses of open countryside, thereby preserving two-thirds of the then-remaining farmland in the Town – over 2,000 acres of open space in Pittsford, preserving all of this land from development. Among the farms the Greenprint preserved is the Hopkins Farm, comprised of approximately 350 acres along Clover Street between Calkins and Lehigh Station roads in the southwestern portion of the Town. The farm's main crops are corn, soybean, wheat and oats; the farm stand across from the homestead, in front of its historic barn on Clover Street, offers sweet corn, vegetables, pumpkins and squash.

Hopkins Farm also provides each year one of the most iconic images we associate with Pittsford, the lovely fields of sunflowers on Clover Street.

Established by Col. Caleb Hopkins, an early settler who gave Pittsford its name, Hopkins Farm is operated today by Mark Greene, the son of Mary Hopkins Greene. Mark is the 6th generation of the family to work the farm. For many years he assisted his uncle John Hopkins in managing the farm, before assuming farm operations himself. His children Ethan and Kimberly help work the farm with him today. The Federal style homestead and farm on Clover Street dates from 1815.

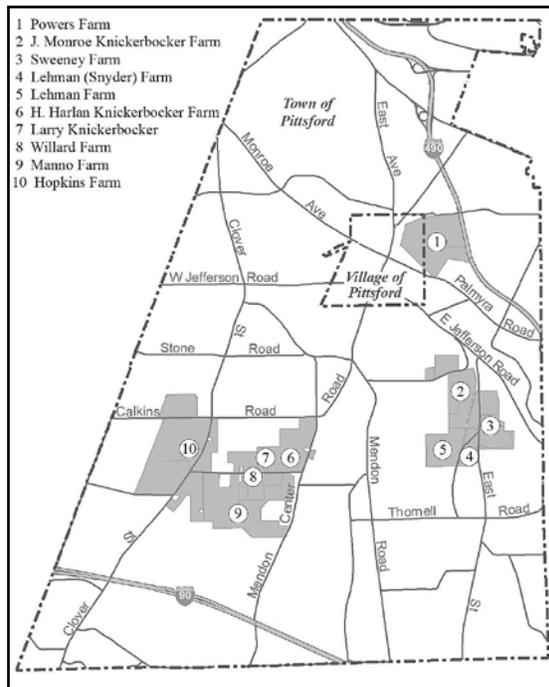
"Being part of the Greenprint means knowing that the land is going to be here in perpetuity," Mark said. "It takes away the uncertainty, so we can concentrate on what we need to do. Food supply all starts right here on the farm. You have to have land to do it." Mark notes that our region has some of the most productive land in the country. "Pittsford's top-rated soil types and climate are conducive to growing a diversity of crops produced for our food supply," he said. "It's important to appreciate the region we live in and how important it is to preserve it. Farms are a community asset," said Mark.

The Hopkins Farm has been a treasure in Pittsford for more than 200 years. The Greenprint preserves it as open farmland for countless generations to come.

The Hopkins Farm is one of 10 local farms preserved by the Greenprint in 1996.



Mark Greene is the 6th generation of the family to work the Hopkins Farm.



## Did You Know? Sustainable Grounds Maintenance

Pittsford's commitment to reducing the use of toxic chemicals in Town is active on many fronts: in our Toxic-Free Lawn Challenge, in encouraging native plantings, and in the Town's own maintenance practices. We follow the science. Our advisers are **New York State Integrated Pest Management** and **Cornell Cooperative Extension**. Pittsford's Parks Department has worked closely with them to continually reduce the amount synthetic chemicals necessary for grounds the Town maintains.

We're now at the point where **the Town of Pittsford and its contractors use less synthetic pesticides and herbicides each year on the 2,400 acres of land it maintains than are used on just two – two! – houses on half-acre lots that use a lawn service.** And the Town only uses synthetics when it's absolutely necessary for safe use of fields.

## Join Pittsford's Toxic-Free Lawn Challenge!

Lawn care season is gearing up. We're happy to see how many Pittsford residents have decided to forego chemical treatments in favor of organic lawn care. Whether you go completely organic or are seeking to minimize use of synthetic chemicals on your lawn, the Town's Toxic-Free Challenge offers tips that can help you cultivate a healthy lawn that's healthy for the environment as well. Find information at [www.townofpittsford.org/toxic-free](http://www.townofpittsford.org/toxic-free) and [www.townofpittsford.org/responsible-lawn-care](http://www.townofpittsford.org/responsible-lawn-care).

If you do decide to go toxic-free, please get and display our "Organic Yard" lawn sign. They're available on the front steps of Town Hall at 11 South Main Street and at the Pittsford Community Garden at Thornell Farm Park, 480 Mendon Road.

## Community Solar Program Registration Continues

Pittsford's Community Solar program offered through Monroe Community Power gives residents and small businesses an opportunity to save up to 10% on their RG&E electricity bill while supporting locally generated renewable energy.

The Community Solar program helps the Town achieve its environmental goals. It creates a fund for sustainability projects in Pittsford paid for by the third-party program administrator, Joule Community Power. For every enrollment, the administrator contributes \$50 to the sustainability fund. Enroll and learn more at [www.monroecommunitypower.com/enroll](http://www.monroecommunitypower.com/enroll). Ask questions or get help with enrollment by calling Roctricity at (585) 244-0244.

## Town Expands Community Garden

The Town recently expanded its Community Garden at Thornell Farm Park, adding 34 new raised beds to meet the demand for plots. The garden now has a total of 91 garden beds for use by residents. The Town created the Community Garden in 2017 with 40 raised beds in partnership with and financial support from the Rotary Club of Pittsford. Tools, water, mulch and compost are provided on-site.



## Having fun and keeping fit!

### In-Person Exercise Classes for Seniors Resume

In careful compliance with New York State COVID-19 guidelines, the Town's Recreation Department is pleased to offer once again in-person exercise classes for seniors. Seniors can keep moving and have a great time with Zumba Gold, Yoga for Seniors, Line Dancing, and Arthritis Senior Fitness classes – no experience necessary!

**Zumba Gold** class 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.

**Arthritis Senior Fitness** class features movements and exercises in this low-impact class to help seniors move toward more complete wellness and can be done seated or standing to help improve balance, joint flexibility, strength and muscle tone. Balls, bands and weights are used to

improve physical health and working out as a group provides a wonderful social aspect as well.

**Yoga for Seniors and Line Dancing** are popular activities offered just for seniors. Both are fun and healthy ways to stay active and beginners are always welcome to join.

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

The Community Center offers a **variety of programs for all ages** this spring – program registration is underway. Find program details and registration information at [www.townofpittsford.org/home-recreation](http://www.townofpittsford.org/home-recreation). The Town's Spiegel Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue.

*Line Dancing with Will Herzog – stepping in style!*



*Feeling the rhythm in Zumba Gold class with Melanie Jones!*



*Building health in Arthritis Senior Fitness class with Pat Rose.*



## Library Hours Expanded

The **Pittsford Community Library**, located at 24 State Street, is now open 9:00am-7:00pm Monday-Thursday, 9:00am-6:00pm Friday, and 10:00am-5:00pm Saturday. It offers a wide range of on-site and digital resources. You'll find complete information about Library programs and resources at [www.townofpittsford.org/home-library](http://www.townofpittsford.org/home-library). All in-person Library services and access follow all CDC guidelines; appropriate physical distancing and face coverings are required.

## Community Center Hours Expanded

The **Spiegel Community Center** also has expanded its hours. The Community Center, located at 35 Lincoln Avenue, is now open 8:00am - 9:00pm Monday-Thursday, 8:00am - 6:00pm Friday, and 9:00am - 5:00pm Saturday. Recreation programs include a variety of in-person and online activities for those of all ages. Find Community Center program and facility information at [www.townofpittsford.org/home-recreation](http://www.townofpittsford.org/home-recreation). All in-person Community Center programs follow all CDC guidelines; appropriate physical distancing and face coverings are required.



*Keeping active and getting creative at Pittsford Recreation Spring Break Camp!*



## Enjoy Spring at the Pittsford Dog Park

The Pittsford Town Dog Park at 34 East Street provides residents and their canine companions a safe and enjoyable area for recreation. The park features two off-leash areas, one each for large and small dogs. Dogs have access to play structures and owners can relax on benches and at picnic tables. In keeping with the Town's commitment to walkability and bikeability the park is connected to two Town trails. As a consideration for neighbors, please note that the Dog Park closes at dusk.

Our Dog Park is part of the Monroe County Dog Park system; **dogs must be registered with the County** to participate in the Dog Park system. Find registration information on the County website at [www.monroecounty.gov/parks-DogParks](http://www.monroecounty.gov/parks-DogParks). The Pittsford Town Dog Park is open year-round from 7:00am until dusk.



*Plenty of safe room to run at the Pittsford Dog Park.*

## Native Plants – Simple to Grow, Good for the Environment

One aspect of the Town's commitment to environmental sustainability is encouraging the planting of species native to this area. This policy is stated specifically in the Town's updated Comprehensive Plan. By including native flowers, grasses, trees and shrubs in the landscaping for your property you benefit your home and the environment. Native plants have developed tolerances to local insects, fungi, and other pests in our area. Among other things, this means they're less likely to need synthetic sprays and chemicals to keep them healthy. And, again, because natural selection has adapted them to our climate and to resist damage from local pests, native plants generally require lower maintenance than exotic species. They also provide food and habitat for the wildlife in our region, thereby offering a great way to observe birds, butterflies, and other pollinators in action.

Spring is an excellent time to improve your lawn and garden with native plantings. For tips and information about which plants to choose, best planting conditions and the birds and pollinators you might expect to attract, the DEC and the Audubon Society have helpful resources. Visit [www.dec.ny.gov/docs/lands\\_forests\\_pdf/factnatives.pdf](http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/lands_forests_pdf/factnatives.pdf) or [www.audubon.org/native-plant](http://www.audubon.org/native-plant) for more information.



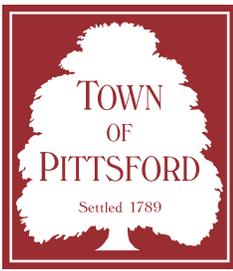
*Parks Foreman Jess Neal and her team are committed to planting native species in Town parks and open spaces whenever possible.*



**eNews  
Signup**

Stay up to date on Town meetings, projects, programs, services and events – sign up for our weekly eNews. It's quick and easy – visit [www.townofpittsford.org/enews](http://www.townofpittsford.org/enews)

We never share your email address.



11 South Main Street  
Pittsford, New York 14534  
(585) 248-6200

**Supervisor**

William A. Smith, Jr.

**Town Board**

Kate Bohne Munzinger  
*Deputy Town Supervisor*

Kevin S. Beckford

Cathleen A. Koshykar

Stephanie M. Townsend

**GO SOCIAL WITH THE TOWN OF PITTSFORD!**

Stay up to date by following the Town of Pittsford on social media.

You can find us on:



**Clip and Save!**



**Summer Safety Tips**

As the warmer weather approaches we know many are quite eager to get active and enjoy the outdoors. When you do so, please keep health and safety in mind.

- **Wear a helmet, follow the rules of the road, and ensure you can be seen when bike riding** – and make sure your kids do too. Reflectors on the back of your bike, a light in front and bright clothing help make you more visible to motorists. For the safest ride, the bike frame should be the right size for the rider.
- **Keep pets, and yourself, safe from the heat** – hot weather can be dangerous for anyone, especially kids and pets. Don't leave either unattended in a hot car. When it's 70 degrees outside, a car can heat up to over 100 degrees in just 20 minutes! When the air temperature is 77 degrees, asphalt reaches 125 degrees – if it's too hot for your bare feet, it's too hot for paws! Keeping hydrated in the heat is important for pets and people alike – be sure you both drink plenty of water. Know the signs of heat-related illness.
- **Pool safety** – pools should be inaccessible when not in use (locked, fenced, etc.) and should be supervised at all times when children are swimming. Be sure to use a pool alarm.
- **Campfire safety** – never leave a campfire unattended; when you're done with the fire, douse it with plenty of water, making sure all of the embers – not just the glowing ones – are thoroughly wet. Always have water available. If you don't have enough water, use dirt to bury the embers. All fires should be at least 15 feet from anything that could burn. Extinguish the fire when you retire!

Enjoy a safe summer!

**Summer Events**

Thanks to the Town's Recreation Department for coming up last year with family-friendly events compatible with restrictions imposed by the pandemic. This season these will continue, so look for the Family Outdoor Movie Nights and Food Truck Nights to return.

Future planning still depends on Federal, State and County COVID guidelines as they develop. Recent changes in State directives that limited public gatherings now make it possible to reinstate some of our traditional summer events, such as the Friday night Canalside Concerts and our Concerts for Kids, subject to future directives from the State. Right now we are planning to resume the concerts in late June. And we hope to be able to resume our popular community celebrations in the fall, such as Paddle and Pour or the Food Truck and Music Fest.

We're keeping a close watch on the changing State regulations and advice from the CDC. All events will be announced in the Town's weekly e-Newsletter and on the Town website. To sign up for the eNews, visit <http://townofpittsford.org/enews>. If you subscribe, you'll receive only the Town's weekly eNews and any urgent public notifications from the Town government; we do not share our email list with any other organization.