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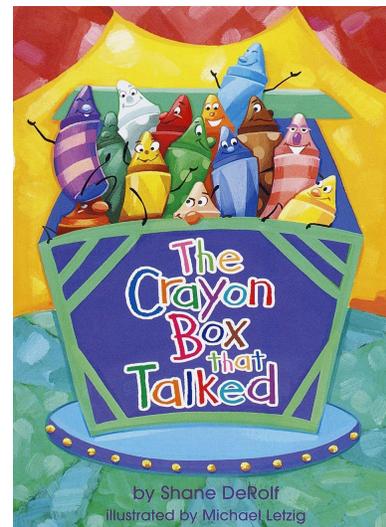
Town of Pittsford - a Clean Energy  
Community

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

## "THE CRAYON BOX THAT TALKED" STORY STROLL AT COMMUNITY CENTER THIS WEEK

*Display will be up at Community Center through this  
Sunday*

Join us for a colorful story come to life – and some crafty fun! Stop by the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center this week, through this Sunday, December 23 and take a walk through our **"The Crayon Box that Talked" Story Stroll in the Community Center field**. The crayons in the box are arguing but when a picture is drawn using all of them, will they learn to appreciate their differences? Take the stroll and find out! Participants are asked to follow CDC physical distancing and mask guidelines as appropriate.



Once you have completed the walk, stop at the Community Center front desk and pick up a **themed craft pack to take home!** Craft packs are available Monday through Saturday from 8:00am – 5:00pm and Sunday from 10:00am – 5:00pm.



## PRESCHOOL FAIR AT THE LIBRARY THIS SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

Searching for the right preschool for your child? Meet representatives and receive information from many local preschools at the Pittsford Community Library's Preschool Fair this Saturday, January 22 from 10:00 -

11:30am in the Fisher Meeting Room at the Library (24 State Street). Children are welcome to attend with supervision. Stop in any time; no registration required.

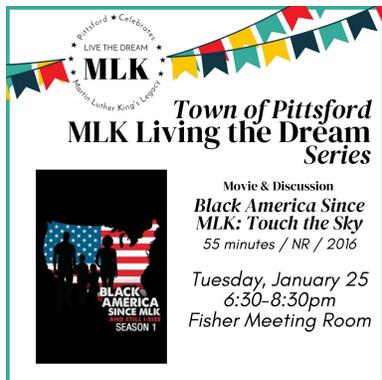
The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street. Please note mask use is required while in the Library. To learn more about upcoming Library programs, visit the [Library's online program calendar](#). For complete Library information, including hours of operation, visit [www.townofpittsford.org/library](http://www.townofpittsford.org/library).

**A BIT OF IRISH STREET BAND THIS SUNDAY AT THE  
LIBRARY**

Shake off the winter cold and join us at the Pittsford Community Library this Sunday for some traditional, foot-stomping Irish tunes – and some Cajun and other tunes as well. A Bit of Irish Street Band will perform in the Fisher Meeting Room from 2:00 – 3:00pm. The program is free and open to the public – no registration required.



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***TOUCH THE SKY: MOVIE AND DISCUSSION THIS TUESDAY, 1/25***

***Part of our month-long celebration of Martin Luther King's legacy***

The Pittsford Community Library and the Town of Pittsford are commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s lasting impact with events and programs throughout the month of January. This Tuesday, January 25 from 6:30 – 8:30pm, the Library will show *Touch the Sky* in the Fisher Meeting Room. This documentary celebrates the

progress African Americans have made toward equality and asks questions about remaining obstacles. A discussion after the movie will be facilitated by Kevin and Linda Beckford. The program is free and open to the public, but advance registration is required. [Register online here for Touch the Sky](#). The program is part of our *MLK Living the Dream Series*.

And be sure to **save the date** for the final program in the 2022 *MLK Living the Dream Series* – a performance by the Martin Luther King Youth Choir and the Roc Music Youth Group, featuring **gospel music, spoken word and a speech reenactment** of Martin Luther King's famous words on **Saturday, January 29** from 2:00 – 4:00pm.

To learn about all of the month's MLK programs, visit the [Library's online program calendar here](#) or find it under the Events tab on the Library home page at [www.townofpittsford.org/library](http://www.townofpittsford.org/library). The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street. Please note mask use is required in the Library.

**FREE TAX PREPARATION FOR SENIORS 2/4 - 4/8, APPOINTMENT IS REQUIRED**

AARP is offering a free volunteer-run tax assistance and preparation service for seniors at the Spiegel Pittsford Center that includes transmission of 2021 tax returns directly to the IRS. This quality service is available Fridays from February 4 through April 8, by appointment only. For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact Pittsford Seniors office at 248-6235.



The Town of Pittsford's Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. To learn

more about all of our wonderful programs for seniors click here to visit the Seniors page on the Town website or read our Seniors program info brochure online.



### **SENIORS CRAFT CLUB AT COMMUNITY CENTER – NEXT MEETING IS THIS FRIDAY, 1/21**

Our Pittsford Recreation Department has wonderful programs for seniors - and our seniors do wonderful things for others! The Seniors Craft Club, held at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, often makes items for donation to local charities. Craft Club is a fun opportunity to get creative, make friends and do something positive for others.

If you or someone you know enjoys making crafts, or would like to learn how, join our seniors this winter! Craft Club will meet once a month on Fridays: January 21, February 11 and March 11, from 9:30 - 11:30am. For more information, stop by the Senior Programs office at the Community Center or call 248-6235. The Town's Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. To learn more about our programs, activities and services for seniors, visit our Seniors page at [www.townofpittsford.org/seniors](http://www.townofpittsford.org/seniors), read our [Seniors program info brochure online](#), or call our Senior Programs office at 248-6235.



### **CLEAR HYDRANTS = FASTER EMERGENCY RESPONSE**

If there's a fire hydrant on your property, you can help our firefighters by ensuring it is kept clear this winter. Maintaining a 3-foot clearing around it is important. Clearing a path from the hydrant to the street is also very helpful. In an emergency, every second counts, so quick access is key!

### **A SNOW COVERED CAR CAN BE DANGEROUS TO YOU AND OTHERS – PLEASE CLEAN PROPERLY BEFORE YOU DRIVE**

On a cold morning after a heavy snowfall or as you get ready to head home after a snowy day, it may be tempting to skip cleaning off your vehicle before you get on the road. But doing so can be quite dangerous to you and to others, and at a minimum you could be ticketed by the police.



Snow blowing from your car can make it impossible for drivers behind you to see. Blocked taillights or headlights can cause accidents. Frozen rooftop snow can slide forward and block your view or slide backward and hit the car behind you. You could be ticketed for any of these situations, for any damage your actions cause to another vehicle or, worse yet, for causing an accident.

To keep the road safe for yourself and others this winter, please be sure to clear the snow off your vehicle properly before you drive.

### **REMINDERS**

**VOLUNTEER BOARD OPENINGS - RESUMES ACCEPTED THROUGH 1/31**

*Additional opening on Parks & Rec Advisory Board*

The Town of Pittsford seeks applications from residents who are interested in serving on our volunteer boards. The following Town volunteer boards each have **one opening** for appointment:



- Design Review and Historic Preservation Board: 2-year term (opening due to resignation)
- Environmental Board: 1-year term (full term)
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: 1-year term (full term)
- Planning Board: 7-year term (full term)
- Zoning Board of Appeals: 2-year term (opening due to resignation)

Town volunteer boards assist with the various functions of Town government and in many cases make decisions affecting key issues of importance to Pittsford's success as a community.

Selection Process: once candidate resumes are received, they will be distributed equally among Town Board members, who will then, along with the corresponding board chair, interview interested candidates. Interview questions will be consistent among candidates and responses rated against the same criteria. The highest-rated candidates will be selected; those not selected will be notified.

Any Pittsford resident with an interest in serving on one of the above volunteer boards should send a resume for consideration by January 31 to:

Supervisor's Office, Town of Pittsford, 11 South Main Street, Pittsford, New York 14534 or [sreddick@townofpittsford.org](mailto:sreddick@townofpittsford.org).

Please indicate in your submission what board would be of interest to you. For complete information about each board's responsibilities and board member term lengths, click this link to [Town citizen volunteer board information](#) or visit the "Volunteer Boards" link under the "Government" tab on the Town website at [www.townofpittsford.org](http://www.townofpittsford.org).

### TOWN AND COUNTY 2022 PROPERTY TAX BILLS MAILED – DUE 2/10

Pittsford residents: if your property taxes are **not in escrow**, you should have received your 2022 Town and County tax bill by this time. **If you have not received your tax bill you can do one of the following to obtain a copy of your bill:**



1. Download and print a copy directly from the Monroe County website at [www.monroecounty.gov/apps/propertyapp.php](http://www.monroecounty.gov/apps/propertyapp.php), OR
2. Email the Town Clerk/Tax Receiver at: [townclerk@townofpittsford.org](mailto:townclerk@townofpittsford.org) or call the Town Tax Office at 585-248-6215 to have a copy of your tax bill emailed to you.

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic situation we are encouraging residents to make payments by mail or by the mail slots (at the back door or to the right of the front door) at Pittsford Town Hall, 11 South Main Street, [online](#), or at the drive-through depository at Canandaigua National Bank (18 State Street, Pittsford). This is for your safety as well as the safety of our staff. We ask that any cash payments be exact

change and that you call ahead for an appointment if possible.

The interest-free Town and County property tax payment deadline is February 10; first installments are also accepted on or before February 10. The payment stub (see page 2 of your bill) must accompany payment. Please include a phone number on your check. Please be sure to read carefully all of the instructions and information written on the back of your bill. It is also **strongly** advised that you do NOT pay by electronic check, as these payments do not receive a U.S. postmark and may arrive late.

**Please note:** If you are paying your tax bill with an online bill pay (electronic banking) system through your bank, please be aware that your bank still generates and mails a paper check to the Town and it may take as long as two weeks or more to reach the Town offices. This type of mail does not receive a USPS postmark. Therefore, the Town can only consider your payment received on the date it is physically received in our office.

### **TOWN BOARD MEETINGS ARE STREAMING LIVE**

Pittsford Town Board meetings are being streamed live; the feed is accessible on any device. Town Board is typically held the first and third Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm at Town Hall. See [www.townofpittsford.org/calendar](http://www.townofpittsford.org/calendar) for meeting dates. To view the livestream, click the [Town Board Meeting live streaming link](#) when the meeting begins. This link can also be found on page two of the meeting agenda. The meeting agenda is posted on the Town's [minutes and agendas page](#) at least two days prior to the meeting. Please note: if you try to log in too early (before the meeting feed is live) you will see an error message; refresh your screen just prior to or at 6:00pm when the board meeting starts and you will be able to view the meeting. As always, ASL interpretation is provided for every Town Board meeting.

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

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

- "The Crayon Box that Talked" Story Stroll, January 17 - 23, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center field, 35 Lincoln Avenue; stop by the Community Center front desk after completing the walk to pick up a themed craft pack to take home; free and open to the public. Participants are asked to follow CDC physical distancing and mask guidelines as appropriate.
- [Town of Pittsford Zoning Code Update](#) – **comments made by Town of Pittsford stakeholders via email and mail being accepted**; access 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](http://www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate). Comments can be made to [zoningupdate@townofpittsford.org](mailto:zoningupdate@townofpittsford.org) or mailed to Doug DeRue, Town of Pittsford,

## TOWN OF PITTSFORD BOARD MEETINGS

- **Planning Board**, Monday, 1/24, 6:30pm, ONLINE ACCESS via Zoom video conferencing; information for accessing 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/minutes](http://www.townofpittsford.org/minutes)
- **Town Board Zoning Code Update meetings** – the Zoning Update meetings are tentatively scheduled for the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at noon, through the end of 2021. Find updated meeting listings at [www.townofpittsford.org/calendar](http://www.townofpittsford.org/calendar) and find complete Zoning Update information at [www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate](http://www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate).

## COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

- **Village Board of Trustees** meeting, Tuesday, 1/25, 6:30pm; more information and participation details will be listed on the Village website [here](#) as the meeting date approaches
- **Board of Education** meeting, Tuesday, 1/25, 7:00pm, Barker Road Middle School McCluski Board Room, 75 Barker Road
- **American Legion Rayson-Miller Post 899** Tuesday morning breakfast and socializing, every Tuesday, 8:00-10:00am, Post 899, Pittsford Village Hall lower level, 21 North Main Street; open to all – meet and socialize with veterans; no charge but donations accepted. Eligible veterans welcome to join the Post; click this link for [membership information](#) or visit the [Rayson-Miller Post website](#)
- **Pittsford Rotary Club**, Wednesdays (weekly), 7:00am, Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street, masks are required; meetings also can be accessed live via Zoom - check the Pittsford Rotary Facebook page for virtual meeting details
- **Women's Club of Pittsford** - charitable organization serving the community through service projects and civic improvement; membership is open to any woman living in Pittsford or the surrounding areas. Meetings held the third Thursday of the month, September through June; due to the COVID-19 pandemic, decisions to hold meetings in person or virtually are made month to month. Visit the website at <https://www.womensclubofpittsford.org> for more information
- **Pittsford Art Group** conducts monthly member meetings (via Zoom and in person) featuring a guest artist; new members are welcome! The PAG also hosts juried and non-juried shows and displays artwork at various locations throughout Pittsford. For further information or to become a member, please visit [www.pittsfordartgroup.com](http://www.pittsfordartgroup.com) and fill out a [Contact Us](#) form.

## COVID-19 Access Updates

1/31/22 Update: Governor's mask mandate extended to February 1, 2022.

12/13/21 Update: By order of NYS Governor Kathy Hochul, until January 15, 2022 the Town must require all persons entering Town buildings to be masked, regardless of vaccination status. This applies to all Town indoor facilities, including Town Hall, the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, the Pittsford Community Library, Town Court and the Highway Department, Sewer Department and Parks Department offices.

On June 15, 2021, Governor Cuomo announced that COVID-19 restrictions are lifted immediately as 70 percent of New Yorkers aged 18 or older have received the first dose of their COVID-19 vaccination series. The State's health guidance and New York Forward industry specific guidelines—including social gathering limits, capacity restrictions, social distancing, cleaning and disinfection, health screening, and contact information for tracing—are now optional for retail, food services, offices, gyms and fitness centers, amusement and family entertainment, hair salons, barber shops and personal care services, among other commercial settings.

On August 2, 2021, Monroe County was designated as a County with a “substantial” COVID infection. Consequently, the CDC now recommends that people, regardless of vaccination status, wear a mask indoors. This is a recommendation, not a mandate. The guidelines are unclear at this point, as is the situation. Neither the State, the County or the Town has imposed a mask *requirement* at this stage.

Unvaccinated individuals continue to be responsible for wearing masks, in accordance with federal CDC guidance. Consistent with the State's implementation of the recent CDC guidance, masks are still required for unvaccinated individuals.

For information on the vaccine, on getting the vaccine, regional vaccination data and more visit the [Finger Lakes COVID-19 Vaccine Hub](#).

**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://www.monroecounty.gov/health>.

Additional information about COVID-19 testing and health 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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