

News & Reviews

April 20, 2022

Town of Pittsford - a Clean Energy Community

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

CELEBRATING OUR ENVIRONMENT – EARTH DAY EVENT FRIDAY, AUBURN TRAIL CLEANUP SATURDAY

Earth Day Celebration at the Community Center – *Friday, April 22 from 1:00 – 3:00pm.*

Our Earth Day event features kid-friendly activities and helpful information to strengthen your green skills and knowledge! Have fun with flowerpot and rock painting, checkers, Frisbee, and can jam and cornhole games.

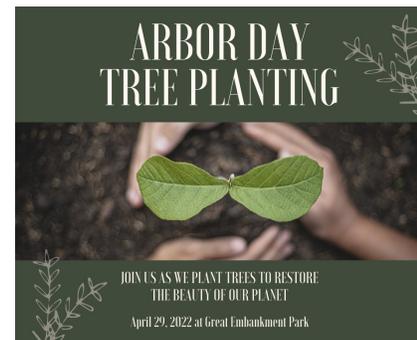
Find information about the Town's extensive trail system and our sustainability initiatives. Monroe County Recycling, Roctricity Renewable Energy, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Color Me Mind, and the Pittsford Garden Club will offer plenty of information and activities. Kona Ice and the Willard Farm Stand will be there too. The program is free and open to the public but to ensure adequate supplies, registration for each child participating is required. [Register online](#) or at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center. Please note children must be accompanied by an adult. The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue.



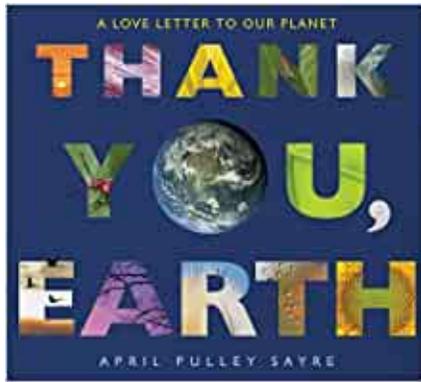
Auburn Trail Cleanup – join us on Saturday, April 23 to help make sure one of our most popular trails is showing off the best of its natural beauty this spring. The Auburn Trail Earth Month Cleanup event will begin at 10:00am and take place along the Auburn Trail from Clover Street to Pittsford Village. Interested in participating? [Contact Recreation Leader Amanda Poulin via email](#) for details and to sign up.

Arbor Day Tree Planting Ceremony – *Friday, April 29, 11:00am, Great Embankment Park*

Our Arbor Day Celebration at Great Embankment Park will feature a commemorative tree planting and an Arbor Day proclamation. Town Supervisor Bill Smith also will discuss the Town's plans to earn a Climate Smart Community designation and to become a Certified Tree City USA in 2022. We'll be planting a total of seven trees of three different types in the park, each well suited to this sunny canal side location: Sugar Maple, Oak and Sycamore. These hardy tree species



are native to our area and have long life spans – they're expected to add beauty and shade to the park for the next 100 years or more! Great Embankment Park is located at 632 Marsh Road. More details to come!



“THANK YOU EARTH” STORY STROLL AT COMMUNITY CENTER THIS WEEK

Display will be up at Community Center through this Sunday

Join us for a beauty-filled poem of appreciation come to life – and some crafty fun! Stop by the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center this week, through this Sunday, April 24 and take a walk through our “Thank You, Earth: A Love Letter to Our Planet” Story Stroll in the Community Center field. Award-winning

photographer and acclaimed author April Pulley Sayre explores the beauty and complexity of the world around us, combining vivid nature photography with a lyrical expression of gratitude for all that planet Earth has to offer.

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.

SENIORS CINCO DE MAYO LUNCH FEATURING MARIACHI MUSIC IS 5/3

Reservation deadline is this Tuesday, April 26; grab-and-go option available

Seniors, join us at 12noon in the VanHuysen Community Room at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center on Tuesday, May 3 for a **home cooked lunch by Chef Julie celebrating Cinco de Mayo and live Mariachi music** with Mike Kornrich. Lunch will include Mexican corn bread casserole (not spicy!), tossed salad, tortilla chips with salsa, and Mexican chocolate cake dessert. A “grab and go” lunch also is available for curbside pickup. The cost for lunch is \$6.00 per person; **advance registration and payment is required by Tuesday, April 26.** For more information and to register, 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 click the link to visit the [Seniors page on the Town website](#), read our [Seniors program info brochure online](#), or call our Senior Programs Office at 248-6235.



PITTSFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE IS SATURDAY

Our Pittsford Fire Department members provide an invaluable service to our community. This Saturday, April 23, you'll have an opportunity to meet these dedicated volunteers in person and learn about what it takes to be a firefighter!

Join our Fire Department members for a Community Open House this Saturday from 9:00am – 12:00pm at Fire Station #1, 8 Monroe Avenue (near the Main Street Four

Corners). The event is free and open to the public. Take a tour of the station and get an up close look at the firetrucks, tools and equipment. Chat with our volunteer firefighters – they'll be available to provide information, answer questions and demonstrate firefighting activities.

As the number of calls for service continues to grow, so does the need for volunteers. The Pittsford Volunteer Fire Department is always looking for members of the community interested in joining their ranks. If you would like to find out more about how you can make a vital contribution to our community as a volunteer firefighter, stop by the open house this Saturday!

HISTORIC PITTSFORD SEEKING STUDENT APPLICANTS FOR JEAN FRANCE PRESERVATION SCHOLARSHIP

Historic Pittsford is seeking student applicants for its Jean France Historic Preservation Scholarship. A \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a student who is enrolled in, applying to, or accepted into a college program that may lead to a career related to historic preservation. College programs may include but are not limited to architecture, history, museum studies, landscape architecture, environmental studies, or other related field.



The scholarship award is open to a high school senior or college student who is:

- a Pittsford resident (attending any high school or college), OR
- a non-resident attending Pittsford Sutherland High School, Pittsford Mendon High School, or a college or university in Monroe County.

An application form and additional information is available on the Historic Pittsford website at www.historicpittsford.com/preservation-awards. The application deadline May 15, 2022.

The Jean France Historic Preservation scholarship was established by Historic Pittsford in 2016 to honor Jean France, a founding member of Historic Pittsford. Mrs. France was a highly respected architectural historian, a vastly knowledgeable preservation consultant, and a tireless advocate for preserving the built environment. A former professor at the University of Rochester, she championed the importance of architectural preservation as a lecturer, researcher and author.

The scholarship honors Mrs. France's commitment to the growth, development and mission of Historic Pittsford and to the preservation of historic architectural and cultural resources in Pittsford. With this scholarship, Historic Pittsford hopes to advance the careers of students with demonstrated interest in historic preservation, thus perpetuating the work of Jean France and the mission upon which Historic Pittsford was founded.



LIBRARY TEEN ART CONTEST – ILLUSTRATE THE SUMMER READING GAME!

Submission deadline this Friday

Teens, get creative – your artwork could be featured in the Pittsford Community Library's 2022 Teen Summer Reading Game! Teens in grades 6-12 can submit artwork

for contest consideration. Artwork should reflect this year's theme – "Oceans of Possibilities" – as it relates to reading or libraries. We're looking forward to seeing some imaginative interpretations! For artwork requirements and to enter, use the [Teen](#)

[Art Contest digital fillable entry form](#) or use the [print form](#). Be sure to send it with your artwork. Digital artwork and entry form can be sent to laura.richardson@libraryweb.org. Submit hard copy artwork and form at the Second Floor Reference Desk at the Library. Please note hard copy artwork will not be returned. The deadline for submissions is this Friday, April 22.

Your copy should address 3 key questions: Who am I writing for? (Audience) Why should they care? (Benefit) What do I want them to do here? (Call-to-Action)

Create a great offer by adding words like "free" "personalized" "complimentary" or "customized." A sense of urgency often helps readers take an action, so think about inserting phrases like "for a limited time only" or "only 7 remaining!"

REMINDERS

SWEETHEART DANCE IS APRIL 29

The Pittsford Recreation Department's annual Sweetheart Dance will take place Friday, April 29 from 6:30 - 9:00pm at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center.



Children, accompanied by an adult, can dance the night away at this memorable evening full of music, refreshments and fun. A DJ will provide the music and some fun activities. For an additional fee, a photographer will be available to capture the memory with a keepsake photo. Don't miss out on this special night!

Cost is \$20 per person. To [register online click this link](#), or stop by the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center to register in person. The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue.

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 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. 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 and use the On-Demand links to view previously recorded meetings.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN PITTSFORD

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- [Auburn Trail Earth Month Cleanup](#), Saturday, April 23, 10:00am; for more information and to register to volunteer [contact Recreation Leader Amanda Poulin via email](#)
- [Arbor Day Tree Planting Ceremony](#), Friday, April 29, 11:00am, Great Embankment Park, 632 Marsh Road – tree planting and proclamation, check Town website for details as the date approaches
- [Bike Rodeo Bike Safety program](#), Saturday, April 30, 10:00 – 11:00am and 11:00am – 12:00pm, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue; bike safety tips, obstacle course, bike riding skills, free but registration required – [info and online registration here](#) or in person at Community Center.
- [Household Hazardous Waste/e-Recycling/Document Shredding event](#), Saturday, 5/14, 7:45am-12:00pm, Perinton Highway Garage, 100 Cobb's Lane. Appointment needed for hazardous waste disposal only, no appointment needed for electronics recycling and/or document shredding; for HHW appointment Pittsford residents can call 248-6250, or go online to www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark. More information, including the list of hazardous materials and electronics accepted for collection, can be found [HERE](#).
- [Sweetheart Dance](#) - children ages 5 to 13 can dance the night away, accompanied by an adult as their guest, Friday, 4/29, 6:30-9:00pm, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue; music and activities, advance registration required, \$17 per person, more info and registration online or at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center
- [Pittsford Rotary Bike Drop](#), Saturday, 5/7, 9:00am-2:00pm, Pittsford Mendon High School, 472 Mendon Road, Pittsford; drop off a used bike or bike parts in any condition, to be donated to [R Community Bikes](#) for repair and distribution to those in need for transportation and recreation II
- [Pittsford Free Drive-Through Rabies Clinic](#), Thursday, 5/12, 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.
- [Pittsford Rotary Kids' Trout Fishing Derby](#), Saturday, 5/14, 8:00am - 12noon, Powder Mills Park, registration online or begins 8:00am in person at Powderhorn Lodge; tournament runs 9:00-11:00am, followed by Awards Ceremony at 11:15am and Fish Hatchery Tours at 11:30am, [more info here](#) or [email Kevin O'Grady](#).
- [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. Comments can 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.

- **Planning Board**, Monday, 4/25, 6:30pm, Town Hall, Public Meeting Room (lower level), 11 South Main Street, current CDC guidelines will be followed; the meeting agenda is posted at least two days prior to the meeting on the Town website here: www.townofpittsford.org/minutes
- [Zoning Code Update Town Board meeting](#), Wednesday, 4/27, 4:00pm, Town Hall lower level meeting room, 11 South Main Street. Meetings will be live-streamed and recorded; comments can be submitted in advance (mail or email) or at the meeting (email or in person). Find [comment/viewing info here](#); find complete Zoning Code Update information at www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate. Find complete Zoning Code Update information at www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate. Updated meeting listings will be posted at www.townofpittsford.org/calendar

COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

- [Board of Education](#) meeting, Tuesday, 4/26, 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 and fill out a [Contact Us](#) form.

COVID-19 Access Updates

3/2/22 Update: the Statewide mask mandate for schools expired 3/1, mask use is now optional in Pittsford School District schools; for more information, visit www.pittsfordschools.org/COVID-19INFORMATION. The mandate remains in place for health care facilities, transportation and other related entities.

2/10/22 Update: the Statewide mask mandate has expired for indoor public spaces including grocery stores, shops and offices. The mandate remains for other settings such as health care facilities and schools.

1/31/22 Update: the Governor's mask mandate extended to February 10, 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.

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://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

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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