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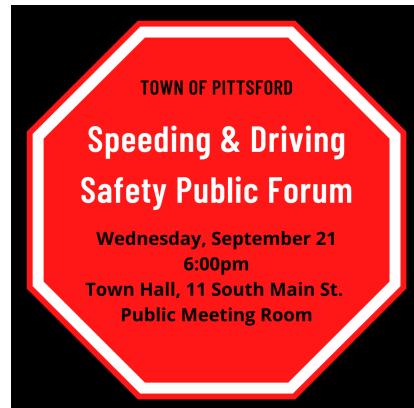
September 21,
2022

Town of Pittsford - a Clean
Energy and Climate Smart
Community

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

SPEEDING AND DRIVING SAFETY PUBLIC FORUM IS TONIGHT - WEDNESDAY, 9/21

To address speeding and driving safety concerns, the Town will hold a public forum tonight, Wednesday, September 21 at 6:00pm in the public meeting room at Town Hall. The forum will address current speeding and roadway safety concerns and look to identify potential additional solutions to these problems. The meeting will include discussion of the current petition to lower the speed limit on Clover Street from 55 to 45mph, from Calkins Road to the NYS Thruway. The Town supports the petition and will be asking the State to eliminate the passing zones in the same area as well. Pittsford Town Hall is located at 11 South Main Street.



TOWN WINS RECOGNITION AS A CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITY

The Town of Pittsford has won designation as a Climate Smart Community, the New York State

Department of Environmental Conservation announced on September 19. Through this designation the State recognizes the Town's extensive commitment to sustainable practices and care for the environment.

"Our Town has a long history of policies and actions for environmental progress," said Pittsford Town Supervisor Bill Smith. "In 2017 we earned State recognition as a Clean Energy Community. Today's accomplishment follows on that success. The improvements we've made to become a Climate Smart Community are built on a long legacy of environmentally sustainable practices and policies." Smith continued, "For example, we've replaced 95% of the Town's streetlights with LED fixtures, installed solar panels at King's Bend Park, built Electric Vehicle charging stations at our Spiegel Community Center and Library and started a successful composting program at our Senior Center. Together with our many other efforts, these measures contribute to a healthier environment for us all. Climate Smart status is not an end; it is rather a milepost on the road to improved environmental health that Pittsford has traveled for

years."

Climate Smart Communities (CSC) is a New York State program that encourages local governments to take action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to a changing climate. CSC certified communities are acknowledged as the foremost leaders in the state, having completed and documented a range of actions intended to mitigate climate change at the local level.

Town of Pittsford Climate Smart Communities Designation – Key Sustainability Actions:

LED Streetlights – the Town has replaced over 95% of Town-owned or operated streetlights with energy-efficient and longer-lasting LED fixtures (106 out of 111 streetlights).

Solar Energy Panels – the Town installed a total of 43 solar modules atop two buildings located at King's Bend Park, 170 W Jefferson Rd, for a peak wattage of 15.48kW – essentially powering the electricity needs of the two lodges at the park.

Composting program – the Town implemented a composting program for senior lunches at the Spiegel Community Center. Food scraps are collected during the lunches, picked up by service provider Impact Earth, and the compost is returned to the Town for use in the Community Garden at Thornell Farm Park.

Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations – the Town owns and operates two EV charging stations: one at the Town Library and one at the Spiegel Community Center. Both EV chargers are classified as Level-2 stations (faster charging time and averaging 25 miles of driving per hour charged) and each have two charging ports per site. Both sites are easily accessible and available for public use 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The Town currently is working to secure funding for a third EV charging station.

To see the full news release, including a **complete list of sustainability actions by the Town**, view the [Climate Smart Community news story](#) on the Town website.

JOB OPENINGS IN RECREATION DEPARTMENT – COMMUNITY CENTER SUPERVISOR

Our Recreation Department has part-time job openings for [Community Center Supervisors](#) to fill weekend openings in the front desk schedule at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center. Weekend hours include Friday: 5:00-9:30pm, Saturday: 8:00am-2:00pm or 2:00-8:30pm, and Sunday: 12:00-5:30pm.

We're looking for friendly and responsible individuals to set up rooms for programs, assist with program sites, process activity registrations and facility reservations, and answer questions related to Community Center programs and services. Applicants do not need to be Pittsford residents. For a complete job description and application information, use this link to see the [Community Center Supervisor](#) job listing online or visit the Town's Human Resources web page at www.townofpittsford.org/hr.

Other current job openings in the Recreation Department include [After School Counselor](#) and [After School Program Aide](#) as well as [Child Watch Recreation Assistant](#). Find complete details online. The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue.





SCHOOL TAXES: DUE IN FULL BY 10/1

School Tax on-time full payments are due by **Saturday, October 1**. Due to October 1 falling on a weekend, all payments received, or postmarked Monday, October 3 will be processed as on time.

The Town continues to encourage payments by mail or by secure drop box available 24/7; drop boxes are

located at both the front and back entrances of the Pittsford Town Hall, 11 South Main Street. If you will be sending your payment by mail or drop box, please include your payment coupon and a contact phone number on your check. Failure to do so increases processing time. Payments also can be made at Canandaigua National Bank, 18 State Street, in Pittsford Village or online through Monroe County; there will be a 2.7% fee to use this online payment service. To pay online, click [HERE](#).

Canandaigua National Bank will continue to accept *full payments only* through October 1.

Second and third installment payments cannot be accepted at Town Hall. Second and third installments will only be accepted at the Monroe County Office of the Treasury (39 West Main Street, Monroe County Office Building) and made payable to: Monroe County Treasurer; they are not payable at Town Hall.

Full payments with 2% interest will be accepted from October 3 - October 31 and these payments can be mailed or placed in the secure mail slot at Pittsford Town Hall. if you need assistance in that calculation, please contact the tax office directly by email at townclerk@townofpittsford.org or phone 585-248-6215 for the correct amount due.

Please Note: We strongly discourage paying your tax bill via your banking Electronic Checking/Online bill pay system. If you are paying your bill with an online bill pay system, please be aware that your bank still mails us a paper check without a USPS postmark and it may take as long as two weeks to reach our office. Therefore, your payment is not considered received until we physically receive the payment in our office. We do not recommend sending payment in this manner.

SENIORS LUNCH & TOWN UPDATE BY DEPUTY SUPERVISOR KATE MUNZINGER IS OCTOBER 4

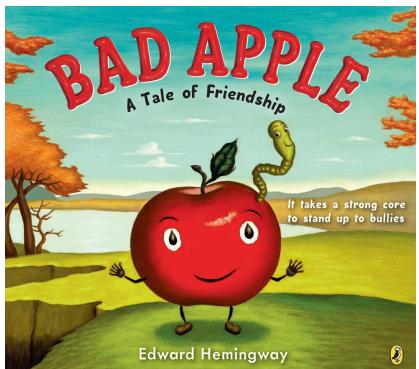
***Reservation deadline is this Tuesday,
September 27***

Seniors, join us at 12noon in the VanHuysen Community Room at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center on Tuesday, October 4 for a home cooked lunch and a Town update by Pittsford Deputy Town Supervisor Kate Bohne Munzinger. Lunch will include Kate's award-winning meatloaf, mashed potatoes, peas, dinner roll and a delicious dessert. The cost for lunch is \$6.00 per person; **advance registration and payment is required by this Tuesday, September 27**. 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.



"BAD APPLE" STORY STROLL AT COMMUNITY CENTER UNDERWAY THIS WEEK

Join us for a crisp and sweet tale of friendship – and some crafty fun! Stop by the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center **this week, through Sunday, September 25** and take a walk through our "*Bad Apple*" Story Stroll in the Community Center field. It's based on a wonderful children's book by Edward Hemingway.

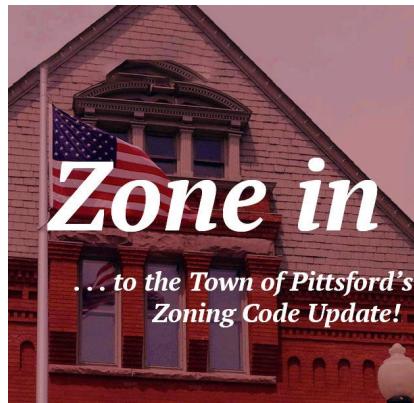
There you will meet Mac and Will, an apple and a worm who form an unlikely friendship and prove that a good heart is what makes a "good apple."

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. The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue.

NEXT ZONING CODE UPDATE MEETING IS 9/27 AT 3:00PM

Note day and time change

The Pittsford Town Board conducts regular meetings to discuss the Town's Zoning Code Update; the next meeting is Tuesday, September 27 at 3:00pm in the lower level meeting room at Pittsford Town Hall, 11 South Main Street; please note the change in day and time. The meeting is open to the public; current CDC guidelines will be followed. The meeting also will be live streamed.



Comments for each meeting may be submitted in advance via mail or email, and may be submitted during each meeting either in person or via email. All meetings will be recorded and live-streamed via the Town website. Visit our online calendar at <https://www.townofpittsford.org/calendar> and click the meeting date listing for information about how to submit comments and how to view the meetings.

A link to the Zoning Code Update draft meeting schedule for 2022 can be found on the calendar listing as well. Please note dates and times are subject to change; check <https://www.townofpittsford.org/calendar> for the most current updates as meeting dates near.

To learn more about the Zoning Code Update, and find links to the Town's Comprehensive Plan, Active Transportation Plan, current Zoning Code, and other informational materials, visit our Zoning Code Update website at www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate.

LEARN ABOUT LOW-COST HEALTH INSURANCE OPTIONS – THIS SATURDAY AT THE LIBRARY

Those interested in learning more about low-cost health insurance options offered through the New



HOW TO SIGN UP

Saturday, September 24
10:30am-1:30pm
Fisher Meeting Room



York State of Health Marketplace can meet with a Certified Enrollment Assistor from Molina Healthcare. The Pittsford Community Library program “New York State of Health Marketplace: How to Sign Up” is this Saturday, September 24 from 10:30am – 1:30pm. Learn about health plan options, ask questions, and get help with enrollment. The program is free and open to the public – drop in any time! The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street. For information about other upcoming Library programs visit the Library's online program calendar or call 249-5481.

LEARN ABOUT ENERGY-EFFICIENT HEATING AND COOLING - AT THE LIBRARY SEPT. 28

Heat Smart Pittsford campaign promotes clean energy options & free energy audits



The Town is working with HeatSmart Monroe and Color Pittsford Green to promote clean heating and cooling options through a *Heat Smart Pittsford* community outreach and education campaign. The campaign will spread the word about clean heating and cooling technologies to help make Pittsford homes more energy-efficient and less dependent on fossil fuels. An **information session will be held at the Pittsford Community Library on Wednesday, September 28 at 7:00pm**. The meeting is free and open to the public – register at <http://Bit.ly/heatsmartpittsford>. Attend to find out how you can sign up for a **free, no-obligation home energy assessment** and receive a **free report your current home heating demands and options for sustainable improvements**, including home insulation/air-sealing improvements and/or a heat pump system.

Adopting sustainable practices like improved insulation and air-sealing and using affordable heat pump technology can enhance indoor air quality, decrease negative impacts on the environment, and can lower your energy costs. Taking action now will help make the Pittsford community cleaner, greener, and more sustainable long into the future!

REMINDERS

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 <https://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

- **"Bad Apple" Story Stroll**, September 19-25, 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.
- [Red Cross Blood Drive at Pittsford Community Library](#), Friday, 10/7, 10:00am – 3:00pm, 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 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.

TOWN OF PITTSFORD BOARD MEETINGS

- **Design Review & Historic Preservation Board**, Thursday, 9/22, 6:00pm, Public Meeting Room, Town Hall (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
- **Planning Board**, Monday, 9/26, 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](#), Tuesday, 9/27, 4:00pm – **NOTE REVISED DAY/DATE**, 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. Updated meeting listings will be posted at <https://www.townofpittsford.org/calendar>.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

- [Speeding and Driving Safety Public Forum](#), Wednesday, 9/21, 6:00pm, public meeting room, Town Hall (lower level), 11 South Main Street
- [Zoning Code Update Town Board meeting](#), Tuesday, 9/27, 3:00pm – **NOTE**

REVISED DAY AND TIME, 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. Updated meeting listings will be posted at <https://www.townofpittsford.org/calendar>.

- [Energy-Efficient Heating and Cooling Information program](#), Wednesday, 9/28, 7:00pm, Fisher Meeting Room, Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street, registration and information at <http://Bit.ly/heatsmartpittsford>
- [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 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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