



News & Reviews

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**Town of Pittsford - a Clean
Energy Community**

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Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings***

INDIGENOUS HISTORY OF PITTSFORD PROGRAM

***Hosted by Historic Pittsford, presented by
Michael Galban of Ganondagan State Historic
Site***

Interested in expanding your understanding of our local history? Historic Pittsford will host on February 2 a lunch-time virtual presentation entitled "The Indigenous History of Pittsford." The program is presented by Michael Galban, curator and historian for the Seneca Art & Culture Center at Ganondagan State Historic Site. Learn about pre-Pittsford history before Israel and Simon Stone brought others to settle the area. Mr. Galban will also discuss the Big Spring and give an overview of Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) culture from the 1800s through the present. The program begins at 1:00pm and includes a 45-minute presentation followed by time for Q&A afterward. The program is free but registration is required to receive the Zoom link for the program. [Register here](https://www.historicpittsford.com) or visit <https://www.historicpittsford.com>. [Ganondagan State Historic Site](#) in Victor is the original site of a 17th century Seneca town and a renowned center for Iroquoian history and cultural preservation.



VOLUNTEER BOARD OPENINGS - RESUMES ACCEPTED THROUGH 1/31

The Town of Pittsford seeks applications from residents who are interested in serving on our volunteer boards. There are opportunities on:

- Assessment Review Board
- Design Review and Historic Preservation Board
- Environmental Advisory Board
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
- Planning Board
- Zoning Board of Appeals

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.

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.

THEMED HALLWAY BOOK SALES UNDERWAY AT THE LIBRARY

New theme begins each Thursday – Mystery & Science Fiction today, Local Art & Architecture begins tomorrow

The Friends of the Pittsford Library is now featuring a bookshelf of rotating book categories during its ongoing hallway sale. This bookshelf will be updated each Thursday and feature a different theme each week. Collectible books also will be offered occasionally. Stop by and peruse – you may find just what you're looking for and your purchase will support the Pittsford Community Library's programs and services!

Theme Schedule (new themes are stocked each Thursday):

January 15 – 20: Mystery and Science Fiction

January 21– 27: Local and Art & Architecture

January 28 – February 3: Non Fiction and Humor

February 4 – 10: Collectibles & Adult/Juvenile

February 11 – 17: Cooking and Romance

February 18 – 24: Religion and Inspiration

February 25 – March 3: Science/Math and Photography

March 4 – 10: Baseball

March 11 – 18: Gardening and Nature/Pets

The Pittsford Community Library is located 24 State Street. Please note face coverings and appropriate physical distancing are required in the Library. For current Library hours, visit the Library web page at

<https://www.townofpittsford.org/home-library>.

REMINDER: ZOOM BASICS FOR BEGINNERS – ONLINE PROGRAM 1/21

The Pittsford Community Library is offering a low-pressure introduction to Zoom, the current venue of many Library programs via an online program to be held TOMORROW (Thursday, January 21) from 7:00 – 8:00pm. Learn alongside other beginners and practice changing views, screen sharing, chatting, and other basic functions. Wondering how you'll attend a Zoom program if you don't know how to Zoom yet? Fear not! Laura, the Library's Tech Services librarian, can set up a one-on-one tutorial to help you get started.

The program is free and open to the public; registration is required to receive the Zoom link. [Register online via the Library Program Calendar](#) or visit <https://www.townofpittsford.org/home-library> and use the Library Program Registration link.

BLOOD DRIVE THIS TUESDAY, 1/26 - OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

The Town of Pittsford will host a Red Cross blood drive this Tuesday, January 26, from 1:00 - 6:00pm **at the Pittsford Community Library** in the Fisher Meeting Room. The Library is located at 24 State Street in the Village of Pittsford.



Donors can schedule an appointment by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or using this [online registration link](#). **Please schedule an appointment prior to your arrival to help ensure we can safely manage the flow of donors.**

The Red Cross will be following all COVID-19 guidelines during the blood drive; additional precautions in place include physical distancing protocols, face coverings, health screenings and enhanced cleaning procedures. Enhanced safety practices include:

- **Pre-Donation Donor Temperature Screening** - all donors must have their temperature taken onsite before entering the blood drive; those with a temperature greater than 99.5°F will be asked to donate at another time and will not enter.
- **Masks** - all donors, staff and volunteers are required to wear masks; those without a mask will be provided with one.
- **Enhanced Disinfecting** - hand sanitizer will be available in multiple areas and donor beds will be sanitized between every donor.
- **All staff** will be screened for temperature and symptoms before working; staff will wear gloves throughout entire blood drive, changing gloves between every donor.

Donors can save time using the RapidPass registration process. Just visit www.redcrossblood.org/RapidPass on the day of your scheduled donation, read the information, answer the questions, then print or email yourself the pass.

Donating blood is a simple thing to do, but it can make a big difference in the lives of others. **Current natural disasters and the complexities of COVID-19 mean your help is needed now more than ever.** The Red Cross has the ability to move blood around the country to wherever, and whenever, it is needed most. **All blood, platelet and plasma donations will be tested for COVID-19 antibodies as well.** The test may indicate if the donor's immune system has produced antibodies to this coronavirus, regardless of whether they developed symptoms.

As we continue to navigate this pandemic, blood donations remain essential to the health of our communities. The Red Cross needs the ongoing support of blood donors and blood drive hosts to ensure blood products are available for patients battling disease and facing the unexpected. If you are eligible and feeling well, please make an appointment today to give by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 800-RED-CROSS.

FEBRUARY ACTIVITY BOX – CRAFTY FUN AT HOME FOR KIDS!

Our Recreation team continues to offer unique activities for take home and low contact fun – like our **Activity Boxes** based on fun, seasonal themes! Each topic has a version for ages 3-6 and one for ages 6-13. Our next activity box theme is "**Lots of Love.**" The box for ages 3-6 includes supplies to create a heart wreath, yarn heart and more. Kids ages 6-13 can make a bookmark, magnet and more with their activity box. To join the fun, be sure to **sign up by February 3.** Those registered can pick up their Lots of Love activity boxes on February 12 at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center front desk. Each box is filled with all your child needs to create their project. For more information and to register, access our [program brochure online](#), or visit our [online Recreation registration page](#). The Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue.

NEXT PITTSFORD ROTARY FOOD DRIVE IS FEBRUARY 6

Donations will go to Pittsford Food Cupboard & Children Awaiting Parents Dinner in a Bag program

The [Rotary Club of Pittsford](#), in collaboration with the Town of Pittsford, will conduct a [drive-through canned and packaged food drive](#) to benefit the [Pittsford Food Cupboard](#) and [Children Awaiting Parents](#) (CAP) on Saturday, February 6 from 9:00am to noon at Spiegel Pittsford Community Center. **Donations for CAP will stock their food closet; they are in need of pasta, sauce and canned fruits or vegetables for their "Dinner in a Bag" program.**

Rotarians and Town staff will be collecting canned and other packaged foods, snow or shine. Click this link for a [list of current Food Cupboard needs](#).

Volunteers working will be taking COVID-19 precautionary measures, including wearing face coverings and gloves and maintaining safe distances. The Pittsford Food Cupboard is among the many organizations that benefit from Pittsford Rotary's mission of service to our community and beyond. Please help our Rotarians help those in need if you can. The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue in the Village of Pittsford.

FOR SAFETY OF ALL, KEEP YOUR DOG LEASHED WHEN WALKING
Leash-law in Pittsford is enforced.

Pittsford Town and Village code requires all dogs to be leashed when in public. Letting your dog run off-leash in the community can be dangerous for your pet as well as for others. Pedestrians, cyclists and other dogs can be startled or frightened by an unexpected encounter – which could lead to aggressive behavior, including biting and other injury to both dogs and people. A dog darting into traffic can have awful consequences for dogs and motorists alike. For the safety of your dog, and for the safety of other people and pets, please obey the law: keep your dog on a leash when you're enjoying a walk together and be sure your pet is secured when it's out in your yard.

TOWN AND COUNTY 2021 PROPERTY TAX BILLS MAILED - DUE 2/10

Pittsford residents: if your property taxes are not in escrow, you should have received your 2021 Town and County tax bill in the mail by this time. If you have not received your tax bill please 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, OR
2. Call the Town Tax Office at 585-248-6215 to have a copy of the bill emailed to you, OR
3. Email the Town Clerk/Tax Receiver at: ldillon@townofpittsford.org to receive a copy of your bill.

The interest-free Town and County property tax payment deadline is February 10; first installments are also accepted by or before February 10. Please be sure to read all the instructions and information written on the back of your bill carefully. Payments will be accepted only by mail or mail slot at Pittsford Town Hall (11 South Main Street); mail slots are located at the back door or to the right of the front door. Payments may also be made [online](#), or at Canandaigua National Bank (18 State Street, Pittsford). Payment stub (see page 2 of bill) must accompany payment. Please include a phone number on your check, if possible.

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. The payment stub (see page 2 of your tax bill) must accompany your payment.

Please also 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.

REMINDERS

FOOD CUPBOARD TO OFFER DELIVERY TO SENIORS IN PITTSFORD

Sign up in advance, next delivery date is 1/22

The Pittsford Food Cupboard will begin in January to offer delivery of groceries and supplies to senior citizens that reside in Pittsford. There are no income requirements to participate. Seniors interested in receiving home delivery must sign up for the program in person at the Pittsford Food Cupboard offices. The Food Cupboard will offer fresh produce, wholesome breads, frozen meat and dairy items in addition to non-perishable canned goods. Deliveries will be available on the second and fourth Friday of each month, between 11:00am and 2:00pm. For more information, call (585) 264-9860 and ask for Claire or visit www.pittsfordfoodcupboard.net.

The Pittsford Food Cupboard, located at 3800 Monroe Avenue, Suite 26, is open Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:30am – 1:30pm and the first and third Saturday of each month from 9:30 – 11:30am.

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING UNDERWAY

You can be green even in the winter - recycle your Christmas tree! Town of Pittsford crews will pick up trees placed curbside as long as all plastic bagging and all decorations are removed. Christmas trees are picked up, weather permitting, through the end of January. Christmas trees also may be dropped off at the Highway Garage, 60 Golf Avenue, from 7:00am until dark, Monday through Saturday. All trees gathered will be chipped and reused as mulch. The mulch will be available in the spring free to residents in the spring at the East Street storage site located just before the gate to the Town Parks Department office building (enter at 34 East Street).

SEASONAL PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT THROUGH APRIL 1, 2021

In order to facilitate snow removal, Town of Pittsford seasonal parking restrictions are currently in effect through April 1, 2021. Parking of any vehicle on public roads - including state highways and on the shoulder of all roads - is prohibited each year from November 15 through April 1 in all areas within the Town and outside of the Village. During this time, please don't park on or along public roads outside of the Village. Please note violators may be ticketed or towed.

When the snow flies, we need roadsides clear of vehicles so our plows can get through. This is especially true in neighborhoods, where the streets are

narrower. Vehicles parked along the roadside can hinder plows accessing your neighborhood. Please help us keep our streets safe and accessible!

ASL INTERPRETER ALWAYS AVAILABLE AT TOWN BOARD MEETINGS

The Town of Pittsford has an American Sign Language interpreter available at every Pittsford Town Board meeting, to interpret for those who need this service. Those who can't attend a Town Board meeting in person but are planning to watch the meeting's live stream can confirm their need for the interpreter by emailing comments@townofpittsford.org. Requests can be made in advance or can be emailed through the first ten minutes of the meeting. An on-demand Town Board meeting video with closed captioning will be available within 48 hours of the meeting; visit www.townofpittsford.org/home-channel12 and use the On-Demand links to view previously recorded meetings.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN PITTSFORD

- [Red Cross Blood Drive at Pittsford Community Library](#), Tuesday, 1/26, 1:00 – 6:00pm, 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
- [Indigenous History of Pittsford](#) – online program with Michael Galban of Ganondagan, Tuesday, 2/2, 1:00pm; free but advance registration required to receive the Zoom link; [register here](#) or visit <https://www.historicpittsford.com>
- [Pittsford Rotary Food Drive](#), Saturday, 2/6, 9:00am - 12noon, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue; canned and other packaged goods needed for Children Awaiting Parents (pasta, sauce, canned fruits & vegetables) and Pittsford Food Cupboard (see [list of Food Cupboard needs here](#))

TOWN OF PITTSFORD BOARD MEETINGS

- **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board**, Thursday, 1/21, 6:30pm, ONLINE ACCESS via Zoom video conferencing; information for accessing and viewing the meeting can be found on page 2 of the meeting agenda; the meeting agenda is posted on the Town website here: www.townofpittsford.org/home-minutes
- **Planning Board**, Monday, 1/25, 7:00pm, ONLINE ACCESS via Zoom video conferencing; information for accessing and viewing the meeting can be found on page 2 of the meeting agenda; the meeting agenda is posted at least two days prior to the meeting on the Town website here: www.townofpittsford.org/home-minutes

COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

- [Board of Education](#) meeting, Monday, 1/25, 7:00pm, Barker Road Middle

- School McCluski Board Room, 75 Barker Road
- [Village Board of Trustees](#) meeting, Tuesday, 1/26, 6:30pm, virtual meeting through videoconferencing; more information and participation registration details will be listed on the Village website [here](#) as the meeting date approaches
 - [American Legion Rayson-Miller Post 899](#) **TUESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST MEETINGS CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE** due to COVID-19 coronavirus social distancing requirements. Eligible veterans welcome to join the Post; for [membership information](#) visit the [Rayson-Miller Post website](#)
 - [Pittsford Rotary Club](#), **WEEKLY IN-PERSON MEETINGS CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE** due to COVID-19 coronavirus social distancing requirements; check the Pittsford Rotary Facebook page for virtual meeting information.
 - [Pittsford Art Group](#) is conducting monthly meetings for members via Zoom and typically displays artwork at the Pittsford Town Hall, Village Hall, The Friendly Home, Star Physical Therapy and the First Presbyterian Church of Pittsford. For further information or to become a member, please visit www.pittsfordartgroup.com or contact PAG president [Margie Mitchell](#)

Town Facility Access

Spiegel Pittsford Community Center - building is open 8:00am - 5:00pm Monday through Friday and open during program hours evenings and weekends. Senior "Grab N Go" meals will continue every Wednesday and Friday; pickup is at the bus loop behind the Community Center. Registration for low-risk activities and virtual programs begins in advance of each session. See Program Info & Registration link at www.townofpittsford.org/home-recreation. Programs will continue to open as we receive further guidance.

Pittsford Community Library - the Library is now open for limited hours and services; enter from the parking lot entrance. The Library also has many online resources, programs and activities for all ages to enjoy. For current Library hours, services, resources, and other updates, visit the Library's update page at www.bit.ly/pclupdates. For virtual children's programming check the Library's Facebook page www.facebook.com/PittsfordLibrary/. The Book Drop return area is open; please only deposit returned books; for information on book sale donations visit www.pittsfordlibraryfriends.com. Regular due dates for all materials have resumed; check your receipt or your Library account for exact due dates. Low contact pickup of Library materials is available for Monroe County Library System cardholders.

Town Hall is open to residents by appointment only; in-person meetings will be limited and allowed only when absolutely necessary. Calls should be made to the department related to the inquiry. Town Hall remains staffed to handle business online and by mail, phone, email and the "drop slot" to the right of the front door and at the back door of Town Hall.

Town Clerk: All services of the Town Clerk are available online, by mail, phone and email. If necessary, an appointment can be arranged. Contact at 248-6210 or ldillon@townofpittsford.org, mail materials to Pittsford Town Clerk's Office, 11 South Main Street, Pittsford NY 14534. Services info at www.townofpittsford.org/home-clerk.

Town Court: Pittsford Town Court sessions are being scheduled on a limited basis. Town Court staff are available via phone and email Monday - Friday from 9:00am - 5:00pm; call (585) 248-6238 or email at pdromgoole@townofpittsford.org. Visitors must follow appropriate health safety and social distancing requirements for Court appearances and Court Office visits.

All Town Playgrounds: residents may use Town playgrounds at their own risk, as it is not possible for the Town to keep equipment appropriately sanitized after every use. Those using Town playgrounds are expected to observe COVID-19 social distancing and hygiene protocols.

All Town Parks: Farm View Park and Hopkins Park are closed as of November 2020 and will remain closed through the spring of 2021. All other Town parks remain open; all courts are open, all athletic fields are open to groups of 25 individuals or less, and all trails and walkways are accessible. Those using Town parks are expected to observe COVID-19 social distancing and hygiene protocols.

Thornell Farm Park: the park is open and per State requirements, all grass and turf sports fields are open to group activities of 25 individuals or less; the tennis courts, trails, walkways and the playground are open to residents. COVID-19 social distancing and hygiene protocols are required.

King's Bend Park Lodges: the lodges are open for reservations; per State and Federal governments all COVID-19 safety guidelines must be followed while at the lodges. Lodge capacities will adhere to New York State COVID-19 guidelines. Please note COVID-19 social distancing and hygiene protocols are required.

The Mile Post School: the building is closed to the public until further notice, as the site is being used as a Public Works crew operation center.

Building Department: As of May 15, 2020 the Governor has begun the phased reopening of New York State. The Town of Pittsford and the surrounding Finger Lakes region have met the criteria set by the Governor to reopen. Construction is included in Phase 1 of the reopening plan. As construction moves forward, all COVID-19 safety guidelines set by the State and Federal governments must be followed while on the job site. To protect the community and limit the spread of COVID-19, the Town of Pittsford has altered accordingly its inspection and permitting procedures. See the Town of Pittsford COVID-19 Building Inspection Procedures for details; additional information can be found here: New York State Construction Guidelines. For more information contact Town of Pittsford Building Inspector Mark Lenzi at m Renzi@townofpittsford.org or call the Town Building Department at 585-

248-6265.

Town Public Works - Highway, Sewer and Parks Departments: All operations continue. Crews in these departments are following hygiene and social distancing protocols in light of the COVID-19 threat.

Monroe County Services at Town facilities:

The County has suspended until further notice Passport Services at Town Hall and Mobile DMV service at Pittsford Town Court. Find updated information for Monroe County DMV here <https://www2.monroecounty.gov/clerk-COVID-19>.

Further information and updates can be found at www.townofpittsford.org/covid-19info.

COVID-19 Coronavirus Information Links

Further Town of Pittsford COVID-19 coronavirus information and updates can be found at www.townofpittsford.org/covid-19info.

[Pittsford Central School District COVID-19 Coronavirus Updates](#)

You can find information on COVID-19 coronavirus at the County Health Department's website: <https://www2.monroecounty.gov/health-index.php>.

Additional information about business closure requirements throughout Monroe County can be found on the County's Website: www.monroecounty.gov

The CDC also has information on its website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/share-facts-stop-fear.html>.

In addition, the CDC has information relevant to anyone planning to travel outside of the United States: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html?deliveryName=USCDC_2067-DM20785.

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