



# News & Reviews

March 3, 2021

Town of Pittsford - a Clean Energy Community

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



## **EQUITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE OPENINGS – APPLICATION DEADLINE IS THIS FRIDAY, 3/5**

Residents interested in appointment by the Town Board to the Town's newly-created Equity Advisory Committee should submit their resume and a cover letter to the Supervisor's office at 11 South Main Street or by email to [sreddick@townofpittsford.org](mailto:sreddick@townofpittsford.org). In the cover letter, please describe what expertise in this area you bring or what experience you have had with advising in this area.

Four positions are open. All applicants will be interviewed by members of the Town Board, who will vote on appointments once interviews are concluded. To ensure full opportunity, for everyone interested, **letters of interest and resumes will be accepted through this Friday, March 5.**

## **SUPERVISOR SATURDAY WITH BILL SMITH THIS WEEK – MARCH 6**

Town Supervisor Bill Smith will host his community open house meeting this Saturday, March 6 from 9:00 - 10:00am at the Pittsford Community Library. Stop by and join the conversation to catch up on current issues, Town projects and other topics you might wish to discuss, such as **Community Solar** and the **upcoming changes to the Town Zoning code** – which should be of importance to every resident. If you've got questions, ideas or comments for Supervisor Smith, be sure to join him this Saturday!

This casual open house will be in the Fisher Meeting Room; participants will be expected to wear a face covering and follow appropriate health and physical distancing guidelines. Supervisor Saturday enables residents who can't stop by to see the Supervisor during the work week a chance to speak to him directly. Come and discuss what matters most to you! Drop by - no registration required. The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street.

Supervisor Smith keeps an open door policy and also welcomes visits from residents at Town Hall during regular business hours Monday to Friday by appointment. As always, he's available by phone at 248-6220 and by email at [bsmith@townofpittsford.org](mailto:bsmith@townofpittsford.org).



### **SENIORS 3/16 ST. PAT'S CURBSIDE LUNCH BY CHEF JULIE – ORDER DEADLINE 3/9**

Chef Julie is back with a special St. Patrick's Day Curbside Lunch for our seniors on Tuesday, March 16. This holiday-themed meal features savory shepherd's pie, Irish Flag fruit salad, crusty French bread and magical mint brownies – all home cooked by our very own Chef Julie! Cost is \$6.00 per meal. **Meals must be reserved in advance; the reservation deadline is Tuesday, March 9.** Meal pick up is at the bus loop behind the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center. For more information, and to place your order, call our Senior Programs office at 248-6235. The Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue.

### **MARCH ACTIVITY BOX – CRAFTY FUN AT HOME FOR KIDS – REGISTRATION DEADLINE TODAY!**

Our Recreation team continues offers 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 "**Green, Green, Green.**" The box for ages 3-6 includes supplies to create a shamrock suncatcher, leprechaun mask, and more. Kids ages 6-13 can make leprechaun lookers, a fizzy pot, and more with their activity box. To join the fun, be sure to **sign up by TODAY - Wednesday, March 3.** Those registered can pick up their Green, Green, Green activity boxes on March 15 at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center front desk. Each box is filled with all your child needs to create their projects. 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.

### **SENIORS IN-PERSON EXERCISE AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER FOR HEALTHY FUN *Zumba Gold and Arthritis Senior Fitness programs return***

We are carefully following New York State COVID-19 guidelines for our Recreation programming and are happy to once again offer some in-person exercise classes for seniors! Seniors can keep moving and have a great time with Zumba Gold and Arthritis Senior Fitness classes - no experience necessary!

**Zumba Gold** class meets Wednesdays from 9:00-10:00am. It 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** meets Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:00-11:00am. Start your day with a bit of fun and exercise as you move toward wellness. Movements and exercises in this low impact class can be done seated or standing and help improve balance, joint flexibility, strengthening and toning. Balls, bands and weights are used to improve physical health and working out as a group provides a wonderful social aspect as well!

**Classes are free to Pittsford residents** and \$3.00 per class for non-residents. **Pre-registration is required** for in-person exercise classes. Please call the Senior Programs Office at 248-6235 to register and for more information. Programs begin the week of March 21.

The Town's Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. For details about all of our Recreation programs, pick up a program brochure at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center (35 Lincoln Avenue), access our [program brochure online](#), or visit our [online Recreation registration page](#).

### **PITTSFORD ROTARY FOOD DRIVE THIS SATURDAY, 3/6 – PYS FEATURED *Donations will go to Pittsford Food Cupboard and Ronald McDonald House***

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](#) this Saturday, March 6 from 9:00am to noon at Spiegel Pittsford Community Center.

The drive also will support [Pittsford Youth Services](#) and [Ronald McDonald House Charities of Rochester](#), which provides support for families who need to be near their children while receiving critical health care in Rochester. The **specific needs for the Ronald McDonald House are** microwavable cups of soup, granola bars, Ramen noodles, applesauce, tuna, single-serving snacks, and mac & cheese.

Rotarians, volunteers from [Pittsford Youth Services](#) and Town staff will be collecting canned and other packaged foods, snow or shine. **PYS will be offering information on the services they offer** for the youth and families of our community, and will be **selling limited edition 2021 Duck Drop Derby face masks**. Proceeds will benefit PYS programs. 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.



### **LIBRARY OFFERS MAKING THE SERIES “IN THIS MOMENT” ONLINE DISCUSSION**

On Wednesday, March 10 at 7:00pm, the Pittsford Community Library offers a free online program with Amanda Chestnut, curator of the In This Moment chapbook series. Chestnut will discuss the inspiration and process behind the creation of the 10-part project that culminated in 10 teams of Black writers and photographers profiling 10 Black leaders from across the City of Rochester. Among those profiled are musician and attorney Danielle Ponder, renowned local artist Shawn Dunwoody, and New York State Senator Samra Brouk. An email with the Zoom link will be sent the day of

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

### **FOOD CUPBOARD DELIVERY TO PITTSFORD SENIORS**

***Sign up in advance, next delivery date is 3/12***

The Pittsford Food Cupboard is offering delivery of groceries and supplies to senior citizens age 65 or older that reside in the 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](http://www.pittsfordfoodcupboard.net).

The remaining **winter delivery dates** (second and fourth Friday of the month) are March 12 and 26.

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.

### **FRIENDS OF PITTSFORD LIBRARY MINI BOOK SALE IS MARCH 19 & 20**

Library book sales are back! The next [Friends of Pittsford Library mini book sale](#) is Friday and Saturday, March 19 and 20 from 10:00am - 5:00pm in the Pittsford Community Library's Fisher Meeting Room. **The sale is open to all!** To ensure enough time and space for all to safely browse, **physical distancing and mask wearing will be required**, the number of shoppers in the room at a time will be limited, and shopping time will be limited to 20 minutes per guest. While there will be fewer tables, tables will be

replenished throughout the sale so everyone has a chance to find some wonderful bookish buys. **Bags won't be available so please bring your own if you'd like.** All proceeds benefit our Pittsford Community Library!

### **LIBRARY FRIENDS BOOK DONATIONS ACCEPTED BY APPOINTMENT**

The Friends of the Pittsford Library are now accepting book donations by appointment; the donation drop box remains closed and donation pickups are no longer available. Donors can call (585) 727-2895 to make an appointment; donors will be met at the Friends Sorting Room door in the Pittsford Community Library hallway. Donation appointment times are available Monday - Friday, 9:30 - 11:00am. Donations will help raise funds to support programs and materials for our Library; more info [pittsfordlibraryfriends.com](http://pittsfordlibraryfriends.com)

**Donations accepted include** current year and pre-1940 almanacs, music and audio CDs, DVDs, puzzles, games, postcards, hard cover and paperback books, textbooks, current review books, and 2019-21 computer manuals. **Materials that cannot be accepted include** encyclopedias, dictionaries, Reader's Digest Condensed Books, Time Life Sets, VHS and cassette tapes, garage or library sale discards, and catalogues.

Check the Pittsford Library Friends website for [upcoming book sales](#) – the next one is March 19!

### **REMINDERS**

#### **TREE, SHRUB & PLANT PRE-ORDER PROGRAM – ORDER DEADLINE THIS FRIDAY**

The order deadline for the Monroe County Soil and Water (MCSW) Conservation District's annual Conservation Tree, Shrub, and Plant pre-order program is this Friday, March 5. The program offers a wide variety of evergreens, hardwood trees, shrubs, wildflowers, groundcovers, seed mixes, plant variety conservation packs, and even enhancement items like bluebird nesting boxes and bat roosting boxes! Proceeds from the annual sale will benefit the MCSW Conservation District's education and preservation programs.

Planting trees and shrubs is perhaps the most effective way for individuals to help keep our environment clean and green. In addition to providing shade, privacy, wildlife habitat, borders, windbreaks and snow fences, trees provide many environmental benefits not visible to the eye. They work as filters to help protect drinking water, clean the air of pollutants, help mitigate stormwater runoff and stabilize soil to prevent erosion, and reduce noise by acting as sound barriers. Trees can help cool your home in the summer, and break cold winds in the winter, helping to reduce energy use. They can even add value to your property.

**Orders are due by this Friday, March 5** and will be ready for pick up on April 22 - 23 at Monroe County's ecopark facility (10 Avion Drive, Rochester 14624). To find the 2021 catalog, fillable online and printable order forms, a plant fact sheet and planting tips, visit the Monroe County Soil and Water Conservation District's [Tree and Shrub Program web page](#). Order forms are also available at local Town and Village Clerk's offices. For further information, visit the MCSW Conservation District website at [www.monroecountyswcd.org](http://www.monroecountyswcd.org), email [mcswcd@monroecounty.gov](mailto:mcswcd@monroecounty.gov) or call the MCSW Conservation District office Monday - Friday, 8:00am-4:00pm, at (585) 753-7380. Improve the environmental health of your property and support local conservation efforts - place your order today!

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

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

- **Supervisor Saturday with Bill Smith** - join the conversation with Town Supervisor Bill Smith at this casual open house, topics of discussion based upon attendee interest; Saturday, 3/6, 9:00 - 10:00am, Fisher Meeting Room (first floor), Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street. Please note participants will be expected to wear a face covering and follow appropriate health and physical distancing guidelines.
  - [Pittsford Rotary Food Drive](#), Saturday, 3/6, 9:00am - 12noon, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue; canned and other packaged goods needed for [Ronald McDonald House Charities of Rochester](#) (microwavable cups of soup, granola bars, Ramen noodles, applesauce, tuna, single-serving snacks, and mac & cheese) and Pittsford Food Cupboard (see [list of Pittsford Food Cupboard needs here](#)); [Pittsford Youth Services](#) staff will be on hand to provide information and sell PYS Duck Drop masks to benefit PYS program.
  - [Town of Pittsford Zoning Code Update Workshop](#), Saturday, March 13, 10:00am via Zoom; Town of Pittsford residents, business and property owners, community leaders, and taxpayers are encouraged to participate; access meeting link and additional information at [www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate](http://www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate).
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### **TOWN OF PITTSFORD BOARD MEETINGS**

- **Planning Board**, Monday, 3/8, 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](http://www.townofpittsford.org/home-minutes)
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### **COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR**

- [Village Board Budget Meeting](#), Wednesday, 3/3, 4:00pm, virtual meeting through videoconferencing; more information and participation registration details will be listed on the Village website [here](#) as the meeting date approaches
- **Supervisor Saturday with Bill Smith** - join the conversation with Town Supervisor Bill Smith at this casual open house, topics of discussion based upon attendee interest; Saturday, 3/6, 9:00 - 10:00am, Fisher Meeting Room (first floor), Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street. Please note participants will be expected to wear a face covering and follow appropriate health and physical distancing guidelines.

- [Board of Education Budget Work Session](#) (6:00pm) and meeting (7:00pm), Tuesday, 3/9, Barker Road Middle School McCluski Board Room, 75 Barker Road
- [Village Board of Trustees](#) meeting, Tuesday, 3/9, 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](http://www.pittsfordartgroup.com) or contact PAG president [Margie Mitchell](#)

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## Town Facility Access

**Spiegel Pittsford Community Center** - building is open 8:00am - 5:00pm Monday-Thursday, 8:00am - 6:00pm Friday, and 9:00am - 5:00pm Saturday. 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](http://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](http://www.bit.ly/pclupdates). For virtual children's programming check the Library's Facebook page [www.facebook.com/PittsfordLibrary/](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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 [mlenzi@townofpittsford.org](mailto:mlenzi@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](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://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](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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