



News & Reviews

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Town of Pittsford - a Clean Energy Community

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SUPERVISOR SMITH ANNOUNCES REFUSE DISTRICT INITIATIVE

New approach to trash collection aims for lower cost to residents and decreased truck traffic

In response to interest expressed by residents, Pittsford Town Supervisor Bill Smith today announced steps to enable residents to create refuse districts for their neighborhoods. This marks a new approach to trash collection in Pittsford. Creating a refuse district means potentially lower cost to residents for trash collection and would reduce garbage truck traffic on residential streets to one visit, once a week.



"The recent consolidation of waste hauling companies restricts competition and leaves residents with fewer choices," said Supervisor Smith. "Allowing for refuse districts means the Town may be able to negotiate a group price lower than what an individual would pay. Our residents deserve better options. We're providing them."

If your neighborhood is interested in creating a refuse district:

1. Talk to your neighbors to define the district. Decide what streets you wish to include.
2. Contact Renee McQuillen of the Town Department of Public Works at 248-6253. The Town will provide petition forms, as required by State law, each with a map showing the proposed district.
3. Obtain petition signatures from homeowners in the proposed district representing at least fifty percent of the aggregate assessed value of all properties in the district. The Town will assist with notarizing signatures and helping you complete the process.
4. Petitions should be submitted to the Town Department of Public Works by April 30, 2019. The Town then will issue a competitive bid for waste collection for all proposed districts. Once the lowest responsible bidder is chosen, the Town will advise each household of the annual cost.
5. For all proposed districts whose residents wish to proceed, the proposed districts will be presented to the Town Board for a public hearing and a vote on creating the districts.

6. The Town will bill district residents annually on their Town tax bill. District residents no longer would receive a bill directly from the waste hauler.
7. For residents who now pay extra for special services, such as collection of trash and recycling from close to the house rather than curbside, the Town will seek arrangements with the selected hauler to continue such services at the same or substantially similar price.
8. The Town would consider new districts each year, with petitions to be filed between January 1 and April 30.

"The experience in other communities has been that refuse districts reduce costs to homeowners," said Supervisor Smith. "Fewer trucks are good for the environment, good for our roads and good for reducing traffic congestion," Smith added.

Those interested in forming a refuse district in their neighborhood may contact Renee McQuillen in the Department of Public Works at 248-6253. Questions or comments about refuse districts or the process of getting one can be directed to Supervisor Smith at bsmith@townofpittsford.org or 248-6220.

SWEETHEART DANCE IS THIS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Be sure to join us for the Pittsford Recreation Department's annual Sweetheart Dance to be held this Friday, February 8 from 6:30 - 9:00pm at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center (35 Lincoln Avenue). Girls ages 5 to 13 can dance the night away with their father or a special someone, such as a grandfather or uncle, as their guest.

Music, refreshments and dancing will make this event a memorable evening! A professional DJ will provide music and fun activities. For an additional fee, a photographer will be available to capture the memory with a keepsake photo.

You don't want to miss out on this special night so register early as space is limited (\$17 per person). To [register online](#) click the link and see the "Family and Youth" section, or stop by the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center to register in person.



PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS DUE BY 2/10, EXTENDED OFFICE HOURS THIS FRIDAY, FEB. 8

The interest-free Town and County property tax payment deadline is February 10; first installments or full payment of your Town and County property taxes are due at this time. To assist taxpayers, the Town Clerk will **extend office hours, for tax payments only, from 8:00am to 6:00pm this Friday, February 8.** For residents paying property tax bills at Town Hall (11 South Main Street), 10 minute parking will be available in the parking lot behind the building on Friday.

First installment payments and full payments also may be made at Canandaigua National Bank (18 State Street, Pittsford) through this Saturday, February 9 only.

Payments may be made [online](#) by February 10 using Visa or MasterCard only; please note there is a 3% service charge for online payments. [To pay online click this link](#), which directs to the Monroe County Property Tax portal. February 10 falls on a Sunday (when Town Hall is not open), therefore, payment will be accepted as received "on-time" if received in person at Town Hall on Monday, February 11 or with a U.S. postmark of Monday, February 11, 2019. The payment stub (see page 2 of your tax bill) must accompany 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.

SENIORS' VALENTINE'S DAY LUNCH & PROGRAM WITH SUPERVISOR SMITH | FEBRUARY 12

Seniors, join us for a wonderful Valentine's Day luncheon and a literature discussion with Town Supervisor Bill Smith on Tuesday, February 12. Supervisor Smith will share his thoughts about the works of author Jean Sheppard. The lunch and program will be held at 12noon in the VanHuysen Community Room of the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center. Lunch includes beef on kimmelwick, potato salad, cole slaw and a special Valentine's Day dessert. Cost is \$6.00 per person; **advance registration and payment is required**. For more information and to make your reservation, stop by the Pittsford Seniors Office in the Community Center or call 248-6235.

The Town of Pittsford's Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. To learn more about all of our wonderful programs for seniors [click here to visit the Seniors page](#) on the Town website or [read our Seniors program info brochure online](#).

BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROGRAM AT THE LIBRARY: FREDERICK DOUGLASS IN IRELAND, 2/12

Our **Black History Month programs at the Library** continue - join us Tuesday, February 12 from 7:00 - 8:30pm in the Fisher Meeting Room for "Frederick Douglass in Ireland." Dr. Tim Madigan, professor and chair of philosophy at St. John Fisher College, will discuss Frederick Douglass's trip to Ireland in 1845 and how this influenced his later views on abolition and human rights, particularly the role which meeting Daniel O'Connell played in Douglass' commitment to the cause of human emancipation. The program is free and open to the public; no registration required.

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.

COMMUNITY MEETING ON PROPOSED BUS SERVICE CHANGES - FEBRUARY 13

Current RTS proposal would change or end regular bus service into Pittsford Village

The Town has arranged with the Regional Transit Service (RTS) a Community meeting in Pittsford on Wednesday, February 13 at 6:00pm in the public meeting room at Town Hall (lower level), 11 South Main Street.

RTS has proposed to end the route from downtown Rochester to Pittsford at Pittsford Plaza. At the meeting on February 13 RTS will discuss plans for the Pittsford and Eastview Mall areas, focusing on options for Pittsford as part of a "Community Mobility Zone."

Community Mobility Zones are areas where RTS seeks to offer more cost-effective mobility solutions to meet the transportation needs of the people in those specific areas. For more information visit <https://reimagine.myrts.com/faqs/>.

ROTARY'S TASTE OF PITTSFORD, MARCH 11 - A VARIETY OF FOOD & BEVERAGE CHOICES

Tickets are now on sale for the 16th annual "A Taste of Pittsford," presented by the Rotary Club of Pittsford and featuring a variety of tastings from area restaurants, caterers, wineries and breweries.

The event is March 11 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Shults Center at Nazareth College and will include a silent auction and door prizes.

"It's a fun evening and a good way to connect with friends and neighbors and also make new acquaintances," said Jim Murphy, coordinator of the event for Pittsford Rotary. "This is our largest fundraiser of the year with proceeds helping to support community organizations through the Pittsford Rotary Foundation. Our foundation supports such organizations as the Pittsford Food Cupboard, the Pittsford Volunteer Fire Association, the Cub Scouts, Little League, and Saint's Place, among others. We also provide scholarships for students. We hope to see a large turnout."

Several celebrity guests had committed to participate in the event by February 1 and others may follow. Scheduled so far are Mary Chao, Marketplace staff reporter for the Rochester Democrat & Chronicle; Doug Emblidge, news anchor at 13WHAM-TV; Jessie Sleezer, director of communications for Monroe County; Gerard Rooney, president of St. John Fisher College; and Alli O'Malley, chief executive officer of Resolve-Greater Rochester.

Tickets are \$45 each and are available at the Pittsford branch of Canandaigua National Bank, the Pittsford location of the Pittsford Federal Credit Union, and Forsythe Jewelers at 66 Monroe Ave. in Pittsford, next to Talbots. They are also available online at PittfordRotaryClub.org. Packages of 8 tickets are offered at a discount for \$300. Valet parking will be available at the event.

REMINDERS

TOWN JOB OPENING: SENIOR CENTER KITCHEN STAFF, PART-TIME

Applications due this Friday, February 8

The Town of Pittsford has an opening for a part-time kitchen staff member for our senior lunch programs. The position is responsible for working directly with Senior Center participants, volunteers and staff in planning, organizing and supervision of the senior lunch programs. Kitchen duties include preparing the kitchen serving area for daily food service, preparing hot and cold food items for serving, and serving all food in compliance with Department of Health procedures. This position is scheduled Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 09:30AM-1:30PM year round. For a complete job description and application information visit the "Employment Opportunities" page link under the "Contact Us" tab on the Town website, or click this link:

www.townofpittsford.org/files/publications/job_postings/Job_Opening_Seniors_Kitchen_Staff-011819.pdf

For complete job descriptions and application information for all open positions, visit the Town's job listings web page at www.townofpittsford.org/home-pittsford-employment-opportunities.

UNITED CHURCH OF PITTSFORD PANCAKE BREAKFAST IS THIS SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Proceeds benefit the Elderberry Express

The United Church of Pittsford's monthly "Rise & Shine" Community Breakfast program is this Saturday, February 9 from 8:00-10:00am at the church (123 South Main Street at Sunset Boulevard); proceeds will benefit the [Elderberry Express](#). Breakfast is \$5.00 per person and includes pancakes served with maple syrup, whipped cream and blueberry topping, sausage links, scrambled eggs, coffee, tea, and juice. The program is held on the second Saturday of each month from October through May, with the proceeds supporting local charities. For more information call 586-6870 or email ucpittsford@gmail.com.

PTSA HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD NOMINATIONS DUE FEBRUARY 15

The deadline for nominations for the Pittsford Central School District PTSA Honorary Life Membership Award is February 15. The award is given annually to community members who go above and beyond work or volunteer expectations in service to Pittsford's youth. It is a chance to recognize those who make our community a better place for our children - that special teacher or school counselor, the librarian who created a special program to reach reluctant readers, the coach who encourages more than just a kid's athletic skills. The award honors those who have outstanding personal qualities, thereby serving as a role model for youth, and have shown continued availability and willingness to serve, directly or in an

administrative capacity, the needs of youth over an extended period of time. Nominees do not have to be PTSA members nor Pittsford Central School District employees.

To learn more or to make a nomination, visit the PTSA Honorary Life Membership Award webpage <https://www.pittsfordptsanet.net/lifemembershipaward>. Preliminary nominations are due by February 15. Award recipients will be honored in a special ceremony on Tuesday, April 30 at 7:00 p.m. at the Mendon High School Auditorium. The ceremony is open to the public.

SEASONAL PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT THROUGH APRIL 1, 2019

In order to facilitate snow removal Town of Pittsford seasonal parking restrictions are in effect from November 15 (this Thursday) through April 1, 2019. 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. Please note violators may be ticketed or towed. Help us keep our roadways safe - during this time, please don't park on or along public roads outside of the Village.

EMERGENCY CLOSINGS INFORMATION

In the case of major weather events or other emergencies, information about facility closings and program/event cancellations will be announced on the Town's website www.townofpittsford.org, [Facebook page Town of Pittsford](#), and [Twitter feed @pittsfordtown](#), as well as on local television and radio stations and Pittsford's [Cable Channel 12 government access station](#). Channel 12 announcements can be viewed live any time via the [Channel 12 page on the Town website](#).

ASL INTERPRETER AT TOWN BOARD MEETINGS

The Town of Pittsford provides an American Sign Language interpreter at every meeting of the Pittsford Town Board, to interpret for those who need this service.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN PITTSFORD

- [Sweetheart Dance](#) - for girls ages 5-13 and father or special someone (uncle, grandfather, etc.), Friday, 2/8, 6:30-9:00pm, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue; pre-registration required, \$17 per person, more info and [registration online](#) or at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center
- [United Church of Pittsford Rise & Shine Community Breakfast](#), Saturday, 2/9, 8:00-10:00am, United Church of Pittsford, 123 South Main Street at Sunset Boulevard; all are welcome, breakfast is \$5.00 per person and includes pancakes served with maple syrup, whipped cream and blueberry topping, sausage links, scrambled eggs, coffee, tea, and juice; proceeds to benefit Elderberry Express, Pittsford's ride service program for seniors. The breakfast is held the second Saturday of each month from October through June, benefiting a different charity each time. More info 586-6870 or email ucpittsford@gmail.com

TOWN OF PITTSFORD BOARD MEETINGS

- **Planning Board**, Monday 2/11, 7:30PM, Public Meeting Room, Town Hall (lower level), 11 South Main Street

COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

- [Board of Education Budget Work Session](#) (6:00pm) and meeting (7:00pm), Monday, 2/11, Barker Road Middle School Meeting Room One, 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; for [membership information](#) visit the [Rayson-Miller Post website](#).

- [Pittsford Rotary Club](#), Wednesdays (weekly), 7:00am, Pittsford Community Library, 24 State St.
- [Pittsford Art Group](#), first Thursday of the month, September through May (no meetings October and March), 7:00 - 9:00pm, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, room 19 (lower level, elevator available), 35 Lincoln Avenue; the group strives to be a teaching organization - all are welcome! For meeting details and membership, contact PAG president [Margie Mitchell](#).

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