

News & Reviews

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Town of Pittsford - a Clean Energy Community

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Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings*

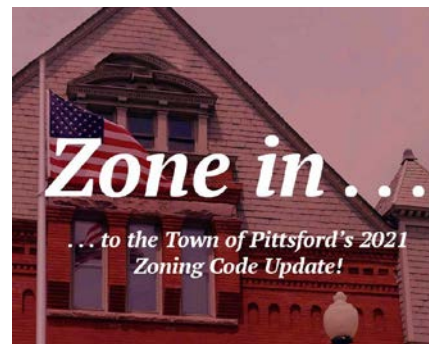


Happy St. Patrick's Day!



ZONING CODE UPDATE – SHARE YOUR COMMENTS VIA OUR ONLINE MAPPING TOOL

Our Zoning Code Update is the next step following on from the Town's adoption of its updated Comprehensive Plan. We encourage all Town of Pittsford stakeholders (residents, business and property owners, community leaders, and taxpayers) to participate in the update. Substantial input and feedback from a broad range of our community members is essential to ensure the updated Zoning Code reflects the community's development preferences and future vision.



Our recent Zoning Code Update workshop introduced our **online interactive mapping tool**, which allows you to give us your thoughts about how and where to implement zoning changes that will best meet the needs defined in our Comprehensive Plan and Active Transportation Plan. **Comments will be taken via the mapping tool through April 25.** You can find the mapping tool, as well as our Comprehensive Plan, our Active Transportation Plan, a link to our current Zoning Code, the project timeline, and other informational materials, on the **Zoning Code Update website** at www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate. Comments can also be submitted 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.

If you missed our first online Zoning Code Update Workshop, you can [view it here](#). This link also can be found on the Zoning Code Update website. Additional public input events – including an opportunity to provide direct feedback on the

proposed Zoning Code and Map updates – will be offered later on in the project timeline. Check www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate for further updates and information. The contents of the project webpage will be updated as the Zoning Code Update progresses.



PARKS DEPARTMENT SEASONAL LABORER AND PARKS PATROL POSITION OPENINGS

The Town of Pittsford's Parks Department has openings for seasonal laborers and parks patrol. Duties for both positions include mowing, trimming, weeding, playing field preparation, trail work, and a variety of other tasks and require work outdoors in all weather conditions.

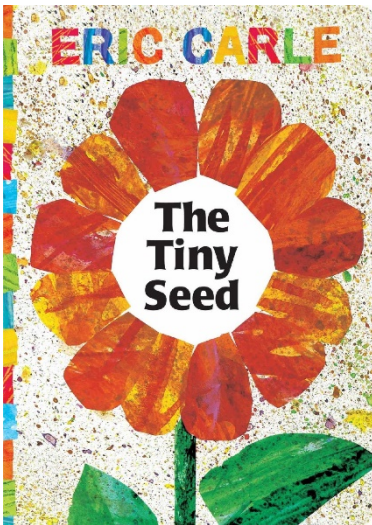
Additional Parks Patrol duties include responsibilities associated with lodge reservations including check-in and check-out, cleaning, minor repairs, and problem

solving. For complete job descriptions and application information visit the "Employment Opportunities" page link under the "Contact Us" tab on the Town website, or click the links below:

[Seasonal Laborer, Parks Department](#) (40 hours/week, M - F) – **application deadline this Tuesday, March 23.**

[Seasonal Laborer/Parks Patrol](#) (40 hours/wk, see posting for hours) – **application deadline March 31.**

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.



“THE TINY SEED” STORY WALK UNDERWAY *Display will be up at Community Center through this Saturday, 3/20*

The time is right for a nature story come to life – and some crafty fun! Stop by the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center up through this Saturday, March 19 and take a stroll through our “**The Tiny Seed**” **story walk in the Community Center field.** Learn about the life cycle of a seed and follow the journey of the tiny seed as it is carried from its flower by the autumn wind and travels around the world toward its destiny. An inspiring lesson about the importance of perseverance and hope.

Participants are asked to follow physical distancing guidelines and bring a face mask to wear when within 6 feet of those outside of their group.

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 Friday from 8:00am – 6:00pm and Saturdays from 10:00am – 5:00pm.

The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. For more information about the event, call the Community Center at 248-6280.

BLOOD DRIVE AT THE LIBRARY THIS TUESDAY

The Town of Pittsford will host a Red Cross blood drive this Tuesday, March 23 from 9:00am - 2:00pm 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](https://www.redcrossblood.org) or calling 800-RED-CROSS.

GRAB AND GO MEALS FOR SENIORS – PICK UP AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

We have a convenient pickup lunch program for seniors at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center. A **“Grab and Go” meal** from the Monroe County Office of the Aging is offered on Wednesdays and Fridays at a suggested contribution of \$3.50 each. Meals are offered to anyone age 60 or over and must be reserved in advance; pick up is at the bus loop behind the Community Center. For more information, and to order, call our Senior Programs office at 248-6235. The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue.

A REMINDER – STAY SAFE: WEAR A MASK, KEEP YOUR DISTANCE, WASH YOUR HANDS!

The warming weather will bring more people out and about. It may be tempting to relax regarding pandemic precautions but remains very important to take the simple steps to keep yourself, and others, safe. Town

Supervisor Bill Smith, School Superintendent Mike Pero, School Board President Amy Thomas and Village Mayor Bob Corby remind you to wear a mask when you are among others outside of your immediate family, maintain a safe physical distance and wash your hands frequently – especially after being out in public. See their [COVID-19 safety video message here](#).



The health of our community – our people, our businesses, our services and amenities – affects us all and is our shared responsibility. We’re all in this together. Please stay well, be safe and show your Pittsford Pride – wear your mask!

PERMACULTURE ONLINE PROGRAM OFFERED MARCH 28 BY A FROG HOUSE

Spring is coming fast! Are you interested in gardening, curious about eco-friendly planting, or are a permaculture enthusiast? A Frog House is offering an online permaculture presentation on Sunday, March 28 from 1:00-3:00pm with Patty Love of Barefoot Ecological Design. Patty will discuss the basics of permaculture design and gardening. Permaculture is derived from the observation of indigenous practices of nature stewardship and is based on the principle of meeting human needs while also enhancing quality of life for insects, animals, fungi and, of course, frogs. Learn to create beautiful, dynamic, regenerative landscapes that produce food for humans and habitats for wildlife in your own yards. A Q&A session immediately follows the presentation. Suggested donation is \$10-25 sliding scale (diversity waivers available). Register at <https://afroghouse.org/events>.

A Frog House on the Erie Canal path in Pittsford educates children and adults about area wetlands and amphibian life through adventure and activities. It is also a center for active protection of regional ponds and wetlands through alliances with leaders and community groups working to prevent thoughtless development.

REMINDERS

COMMUNITY CENTER AND LIBRARY EXPANDED HOURS

The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center and the Pittsford Community Library have recently expanded their hours. The **Community Center** is now open 8:00am - 5:00pm Monday-Thursday, 8:00am - 6:00pm Friday, and 9:00am - 5:00pm Saturday. The **Library** is now open 9:00am-7:00pm Monday-Thursday, 9:00am-6:00pm Friday, and 10:00am-5:00pm Saturday. The Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue - find program and facility information at www.townofpittsford.org/home-recreation. The Library is located at 24 State Street - find complete information about programs and resources at www.townofpittsford.org/home-library.

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

- **“The Tiny Seed” Story Walk**, March 15-19, 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. Physical

distancing and face masks required when in contact with others outside of your group.

- [Town of Pittsford Zoning Code Update](#) – comments made by Town of Pittsford stakeholders via interactive mapping tool accepted through April 25; access the mapping tool, 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 also 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

- **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board**, Thursday, 3/18, 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 – **NOTE REVISED DATE**
- **Planning Board**, Monday, 3/22, 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, 3/22, 7:00pm, Barker Road Middle School McCluski Board Room, 75 Barker Road
- [Village Board of Trustees](#) meeting, Tuesday, 3/23, 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-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. 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 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.

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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