



News & Reviews

April 1, 2020

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MESSAGE FROM SUPERVISOR SMITH:

SINCERE THANKS TO PITTSFORD'S CHINESE-AMERICAN COMMUNITY FOR MASK DONATIONS

On behalf of us all I extend sincerest thanks to the members of the Chinese-American community here in Pittsford who acted quickly after noticing the deficiency of face masks available to health care providers, senior living communities and first responders.

Volunteers organized immediately to collect masks and donations. Through social media, Hao Jin and Xueya Cai organized a donation event, Shan Gao helped collect all donations, and Hongyue Wang and Kaihong Liu sought vendors. Within hours these volunteers collected enough in donations to purchase approximately **2,600 medical masks**.

On March 26 the project leaders reached out to me for help in distributing these masks to local healthcare facilities and others.

Our Emergency Management Coordinator, Kelly Cline, picked up masks for delivery the next day. Together with the volunteers we delivered masks to **Pittsford senior living communities** including Heather Heights, Cloverwood, and the Sisters of St. Joseph, to the **Pittsford Food Cupboard**, and to first responders at the **Pittsford Fire Department** and **Pittsford Volunteer Ambulance**.

The donation packages included writings and pictures by the youngest members of the volunteer group, expressing love and support for all those in need of the masks. In the words of the volunteer coordinators: "Although we can't physically be together and comfort each other, we can still do our best to reach out to those who we support in our community and help them through this situation."

I have the most enormous admiration for the volunteers who made this happen, at their own expense and with their own hands and resources.



A message from one of the Pittsford Chinese-American Community's young members.

What makes Pittsford great is our people. Caring for others. Taking initiative to do what needs to be done. Thank you, my friends.

Bill Smith, Town Supervisor

PITTSFORD SCHOOLS VIRTUAL ART SHOW VIA FACEBOOK IS TONIGHT, 4/1, AT 7PM

Students are encouraged to upload photos of their artwork to share

The Pittsford Central School District will host a virtual student art show tonight (Wednesday, 4/1) at 7:00pm on its Facebook page www.facebook.com/PittsfordCentralSchoolDistrict. Students are encouraged to get creative and showcase their artwork, whether a new piece or a favorite project already completed. To participate, students should have a photo of the artwork ready to share by 7:00pm tonight. At 7:00pm the art show will "open" via a Facebook post on the PCSD Facebook page - participants can then upload artwork photos in the comments section of the post. Community members - this your opportunity to enjoy a variety of artwork and encourage our young artists. Be sure to take a look and let them know how they've inspired you!

TOWN BOARD MEETING APRIL 7 - VIRTUAL ACCESS

There will be virtual public access to the Town Board meeting as it takes place next Tuesday, April 7 at 6:00pm; ASL interpretation will be provided. Information on how to access the meeting feed will be published by this Friday, April 3 on the home page of the Town website at www.townofpittsford.org. The meeting agenda will be posted on the Town website Agenda and Minutes page www.townofpittsford.org/home-minutes by this Friday at noon.

EPA WARNS: DON'T FLUSH WIPES - CAN CAUSE SEWAGE BACKUP IN HOMES, PLUMBING DAMAGE

The Environmental Protection Agency urges everyone to only **flush toilet paper**. Disinfecting wipes and other items should be properly disposed of in the trash, not the toilet. These wipes and other items do not break down in sewer or septic systems and can **damage your home's internal plumbing as well as local wastewater collection systems**. As a result, flushing these wipes can clog your toilet and/or **create sewage backups into your home or your neighborhood**. Additionally, these wipes can cause significant damage to pipes, pumps, and other wastewater treatment equipment.

Sewer backups can be a threat to public health and present a challenge to our water utilities by diverting resources away from the essential work being done to treat and manage our nation's wastewater. **Disinfecting wipes, baby wipes, and paper towels should NEVER be flushed.**

YOUR LIBRARY AT HOME - ONLINE RESOURCES AND UPDATES

While the doors to the Pittsford Community Library remain closed, our librarians have been working tirelessly to provide even more resources for you online - visit the newly updated [Your Library at Home Updates page](#) at www.bit.ly/your-library-at-home to find a range of online resources for adults, children, teens and families.

The [Your Library at Home](#) Updates page includes [digital resources](#) with access to eBooks, comics, eAudiobooks, media publications and TV shows, top films and documentaries for streaming - you can even learn a new language!

To make the Library's expanded online resources easy to find and use, there are special sections for:

Children & Families: explore fun and useful websites, find books to access online, admire (and participate in) the Library's Lego Club submissions, watch Story Time videos, and sign up for 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten.

Teens: find ways to borrow books, music, and movies from home, get help with research, and keep up with Library activities that have moved online, including the "Suggestion Box" and "Would You Rather" pocket.

The Your Library at Home page will be updated regularly. It provides an array of options for fun, learning and inspiration. Be sure to check it out and visit often!

EARLY SPRING CLEANUP YARD DEBRIS COLLECTION UNDERWAY THROUGH MAY 3

Early spring cleanup is underway through May 1. During this time Town crews will collect loose piles of leaves, thatch, brush, branches and yard debris on an ongoing basis (no set schedule). Please note crews will pick up both loose debris and/or containerized debris during this time. Regular weekly bagged and containerized yard debris collection (on weekly pickup day schedule) begins on May 4. Find complete details about Town yard debris collection services in our annual Yard Debris Information card, which was mailed to all homes in mid-March, or visit our [Yard Debris webpage](#).

To get the most Town yard debris services, refer our "Services" tab on our website at www.townofpittsford.org. There you will find links to our [online interactive Yard Debris Collection Day Street Map](#), which shows the weekly pickup day for your neighborhood (weekly pickup begins May 4). You'll also find our [Yard Debris webpage](#) with collection guidelines and information.

SCHOOL DISTRICT ENCOURAGES RESIDENTS TO HELP LOCAL HOSPITALS

The Pittsford Central School District is encouraging residents to assist local hospitals as they fight the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic. Members of the health care community are working hard to meet the unprecedented challenges presented by COVID-19. Their needs are rapidly changing, but there are ways you can help. Rochester Regional Health and University of Rochester Medical Center are maintaining lists of ways you can support staff and patients at their hospitals and programs. Medical supply and food donations, homemade masks, messages of encouragement, healthcare professional support, restaurant gift cards, monetary donations are all needs residents can help meet. Doing so will bring enormous relief to our local healthcare workers.

For information on how to help local hospitals and how to donate, please visit:

Rochester Regional Health: www.rochesterregional.org/coronavirus-covid19/how-to-help

University of Rochester Medical Center: www.urmc.rochester.edu/coronavirus/how-you-can-help.aspx

CDC ENCOURAGES DONATING BLOOD IF YOU ARE WELL, DONATION CENTERS NEAR PITTSFORD

Donated blood is a lifesaving necessity in caring for healthcare and hospital patients. Blood centers are taking COVID-19 precautions to keep donors safe and are in URGENT need of donations. The Centers for Disease Control and the Red Cross are urging everyone who is healthy, feeling well, and eligible to give blood or platelets to book an appointment to donate as soon as possible. Click this link to [find blood donation centers near Pittsford](#). For complete information regarding donation safety protocols and to book a donation time, visit RedCrossBlood.org , call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767), or use the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

Give blood, save lives!

NAZARETH COLLEGE FIELDS AND GROUNDS RESTRICTED TO ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL

Please note, per notification the Town received from Nazareth College:

Nazareth College grounds and fields are restricted to use by Nazareth **essential operating personnel** only. Until further notice, Nazareth grounds and fields are closed to all others. Please help the campus ensure the health and safety of all by finding alternate routes, outside the Nazareth campus, for your daily recreational activities at this time.

REMINDERS

SEASONAL PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT THROUGH APRIL 1, 2020

In order to facilitate snow removal, Town of Pittsford seasonal parking restrictions are in effect from November 15 (this Friday) through April 1, 2020. 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!

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 TV 12 Channel 1303 government access station](#). TV-12 Channel 1303 announcements can be viewed live any time via the [TV-12 Channel 1303 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

- [Rayson-Miller American Legion Post 899 100th Anniversary Celebration](#), Saturday, March 28 - has been **POSTPONED TO LATER IN THE YEAR** in response to the growing health concerns over the COVID-19 coronavirus and required social distancing practices; visit www.raysonmillerpost899.org for more info

TOWN OF PITTSFORD BOARD MEETINGS

- **Environmental Board**, Monday, 4/6 - **MEETING CANCELED**
- **Town Board**, Tuesday, 4/7, 6:00pm, ASL interpretation provided, **VIRTUAL ACCESS** - access information to be posted on Town website home page by Friday, 4/3 at www.townofpittsford.org

COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

- [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 MEETINGS CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE** due to COVID-19 coronavirus social distancing requirements.
- [Pittsford Art Group](#) **MEETINGS CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE** due to COVID-19 coronavirus social distancing requirements. For further information, contact PAG president [Margie Mitchell](#)

Town Facility Closures

Spiegel Pittsford Community Center - building is closed and all programs canceled until further notice.

Pittsford Community Library - building is closed and all programs canceled until further notice, online resources available at www.townofpittsford.org/home-library-resources. For virtual children's programming

check the Library's Facebook page www.facebook.com/PittsfordLibrary/. The Book Drop return area is closed. All items checked out after February 3 will now have a due date of May 18 and can be returned then. For other updates visit the Library's Updates page at <https://tinyurl.com/vg242of>.

Town Hall building is closed to the public until further notice but remains staffed to handle business online and by mail, phone, email and the "drop slot" to the right of the front 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 248-6214 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.

All Town Playgrounds: are closed until further notice as it is not possible to keep equipment appropriately sanitized after every use.

All Town Parks: all athletic fields and courts are closed to all groups of any size; the trails remain accessible.

Thornell Farm Park: all fields and courts are closed; trails and walkways remain accessible.

King's Bend Park Lodges and the Mile Post School: are closed to the public until further notice, as these sites are being used as Public Works crew operation centers.

Building Department: Interior inspections and permits for occupied homes are suspended until further notice. Permits and inspections will not be issued or performed for projects that include interior work of an occupied home or business. This typically includes, but is not limited to, finished basements, interior renovations and fireplace inserts. Permits and inspections for exterior construction and construction of additions where there is a direct entrance to the addition are available by appointment only; call 248-6250 or email Mark Lenzi at [mlenzi@townofpittsford.org](mailto:m Renzi@townofpittsford.org) or Allen Reitz at areitz@townofpittsford.org.

Town Court: By order of the Chief Administrative Judge of the State of New York, Town Court is closed until further notice.

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. Per the NYS Department of Motor Vehicles, all driver licenses, learner permits, non-driver identification cards and vehicle registrations scheduled to expire on or after March 1, 2020 are extended until further notice and all temporary registration documents are valid until further notice. This extension does NOT apply to insurance coverage - motor vehicle liability insurance coverage must be maintained at all times during the extension period. The extension does NOT apply to vehicle inspections, which expire on the last day of the month indicated on the inspection sticker.

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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