



News & Reviews

April 8, 2020

Town of Pittsford - a Clean Energy Community
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MESSAGE FROM SUPERVISOR SMITH:

Support for Healthcare Providers

One of the most important steps each of us can take to support and protect our nurses, doctors and other people working to care for us is to observe the basic COVID-19 protocols: STAY HOME and maintain social distancing. We owe them this much at least.

Thank you St. John Fisher College

Recently, **St. John Fisher College** advised me that it **has offered residential accommodation to**

healthcare workers from Rochester Regional Health who are well, but who want to avoid going home between shifts because they have compromised people at home. The college is making this housing available for up to 13 healthcare workers. Thank you, St. John Fisher President Gerry Rooney, your trustees and staff, from a grateful community.

RV Code Suspended to Aid Health Care Providers

At the Town level, **I recently suspended the Town's restrictions on recreational vehicles in residential driveways.** There are doctors, nurses and other healthcare providers here in Pittsford who are bringing their RVs home to stay in them, as a way of keeping distance from their families. That's enough of a sacrifice already, on top of the other sacrifices they're making for all of us. We don't need to give them a hard time about parking their RVs.

Park Wardens to Enforce Social Distancing Rules

My grandfather was an Air Raid Warden during World War II. His job was to enforce the "blackout" rules that kept cities dark so enemy pilots couldn't find their targets or navigate easily.

Right now we're fighting another war, against an invisible enemy.

So what do you do when you're the Town Supervisor and there are still some people negligent and reckless enough to ignore social distancing rules in a pandemic, by playing group sports in the Town's parks? Or otherwise congregating in open violation of the Governor's Executive Orders?

Effective today I've redeployed a number of Town employees as Park Wardens. They're making the rounds to enforce social distancing rules in all of our parks.



COVID-19 RESPONSE

**Healthcare
Workers,
Nurses
and
Doctors**

THANK YOU!

#ThanksHealthHeroes

These include employees whom we continue to pay even though they're at home and Parks Department staff. The Park Wardens will comply with all COVID-19 social distancing protocols in disbursing groups. **If a group won't disburse the Wardens will call the Sheriff.**

By enforcing social distancing we protect not just the scofflaws, but all of the people they may infect.

Wash your hands.

Stay home.

Stay well.

Bill Smith, Town Supervisor

ALL NON-ESSENTIAL CONSTRUCTION TEMPORARILY HALTED BY STATE ORDER

In observance of COVID-19 precautions ordered by New York State, all non-essential construction in Pittsford, other than emergency construction, is temporarily halted. Emergency construction includes a project necessary to protect the health and safety of a building's occupants, or construction needed to continue a project if leaving the project unfinished would be unsafe.

Essential construction may continue and includes roads, bridges, transit facilities, utilities, hospitals or health care facilities, affordable housing and homeless shelters. Every essential and emergency non-essential construction site will observe social distancing procedures, including for purposes of elevator use, meals, entry and exit. Sites that cannot maintain distance and safety best practices must close. The State, in cooperation with local government, will enforce these regulations. Fines of up to \$10,000 per violation will be imposed. Construction work does not include a single worker, who is the sole employee/worker on a job site.

For more information contact Town of Pittsford Building Inspector Mark Lenzi at mlenzi@townofpittsford.org or call the Town Building Department @ 585-248-6265.

TOWN COURT REMAINS CLOSED, ESSENTIAL MATTERS TO BE HANDLED IN COUNTY COURT

A reminder - by order of the Chief Administrative Judge of the State of New York, Pittsford Town Court is closed until further notice. Essential court matters will be handled at the Monroe County Courthouse, Hall of Justice, 99 Exchange Blvd #545, Rochester, NY 14614, which is the designated central location for Monroe County. For more information, see <http://ww2.nycourts.gov/courts/7jd/index.shtml> or call (585) 371-3848.

ELDERBERRY EXPRESS SEEKS VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Cover letter and resume due April 24

Elderberry Express, a non-profit transportation service for seniors in Pittsford, has a job opening for a Volunteer Coordinator. This is a paid part-time position Monday-Friday, 8:30am-12:00pm, and with ability to take calls until 4:00pm and attend monthly afternoon meetings. Hours vary as needed, but average between 15-20 hours per week. The Elderberry Express office is located within the Senior Center of the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center at 35 Lincoln Avenue.

The Volunteer Coordinator is responsible for scheduling volunteer drivers to provide clients with transportation to appointments. This individual will handle administrative tasks, work closely with volunteers and clients, and handle donations. The volunteer coordinator will also work with Lifespan in attending training and monthly meetings. He or she will also report updates and data at quarterly Board of Directors meetings. Click the link to see the complete [Volunteer Coordinator job description](#).

Apply for the position of Elderberry Express Volunteer Coordinator by sending a cover letter and resume to the attention of Elissa Landers at ElderberryExpressPittsford@gmail.com no later than April 24. Any questions about the position may be directed to this email as well. Zoom interviews

will be held the last week of April, and the starting employment date will be May 4. Due to the current circumstances of COVID-19, dates are subject to change.

Elderberry Express has been helping seniors in Pittsford retain their independence since 1987 by serving with care and commitment those who can get out and about but can no longer drive. Find out more about their services at www.townofpittsford.org/elderberry_express_2012. If you are interested in serving the senior community of Pittsford, this may be the job for you!

PET PLANNING FOR COVID-19

Take time now to make plans and prepare your pets in case you need help caring for them due to COVID-19.

If you are sick with COVID-19 (either suspected or confirmed), the CDC recommends that you restrict contact with pets and other animals, just like you would around other people. That means avoiding contact with your pet (petting, snuggling, etc.) and washing pet bedding, leashes, collars, dishes and toys the same way you would clean other surfaces in your home. If possible, have another member of your household care for your animals while you are sick.

The New York State Veterinary Medical Society offers tips for making a plan for pet care during a human health emergency, including information specific to COVID-19 coronavirus issues. Click this link for their [COVID-19 Pet Planning information sheet](#).

For a downloadable guide you can complete to help with emergency planning for pets, see the NYC Emergency Management's Pets page at <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/em/ready/pets.page>.

2020 CENSUS IS UNDERWAY - RESPOND ONLINE, BY MAIL OR BY PHONE

The 2020 Census is underway. Residents are encouraged to respond by completing a questionnaire as soon as possible. The www.2020census.gov website includes instructions about how to respond to the 2020 Census online, by mail and by phone. To learn more, visit www.2020census.gov or use the links below.

- [Ways to Respond](#)
- [Guide for Completing Online](#)
- [Guide for Completing over Phone](#)
- [Guide for Completing through Mail](#)

As of April 6, Pittsford had just over a 65% response rate, as compared to a 40% response rate for New York State and a national response rate of just under 46%. Let's keep the momentum going - complete your Census 2020 today!

REMINDERS

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!

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

- **Pittsford Community Library Board**, Wednesday, 4/8 - **MEETING CANCELED**
- **Parks and Recreation Board**, Thursday, 4/9 - **MEETING CANCELED**
- **Design Review & Historic Preservation Board**, Thursday, 4/9, - **MEETING CANCELED**
- **Planning Board**, Monday, 4/13 - **MEETING CANCELED**

COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

- [Village Board of Trustees meeting and public hearing on proposed budget](#), Tuesday, 4/14, 6:00pm, virtual meeting through videoconferencing; more information and register to participate at <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7272015280965786125>
- [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](#) **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.

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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: All non-essential construction, other than emergency construction, is temporarily halted. Emergency construction includes a project necessary to protect the health and safety of a building's occupants, or construction needed to continue a project if leaving the project unfinished would be unsafe. Essential construction may continue and includes roads, bridges, transit facilities, utilities and health care facilities. Every essential and emergency non-essential construction site will observe social distancing procedures, including for purposes of elevator use, meals, entry and exit. Sites that cannot maintain distance and safety best practices must close. The State, in cooperation with local government, will enforce these regulations. Fines of up to \$10,000 per violation will be imposed. Construction work does not include a single worker, who is the sole employee/worker on a job site. For more information contact Town of Pittsford Building Inspector Mark Lenzi at [mlenzi@townofpittsford.org](mailto: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. 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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