

News & Reviews

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Town of Pittsford - a Clean Energy Community

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BIKE RODEO PROGRAM AT COMMUNITY CENTER THIS SATURDAY, 4/17

Learn safety tips from Monroe County Sheriff & practice on obstacle course!

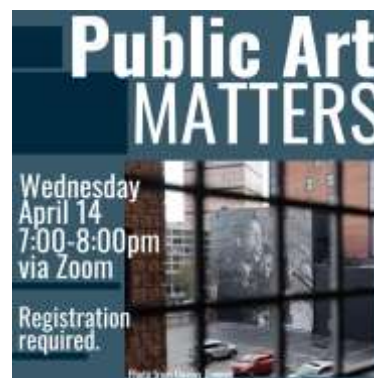
There's still time to **register** for this Saturday's Bike Rodeo program at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center! Monroe County Sheriff Officers from Zone A will teach participants a variety of bike safety tips and help them safely practice bike riding skills. You also can bike through a fun obstacle course! Kids up to age 17 are welcome to participate and must be accompanied by an adult. Spots are available in the 11:00am – 12:00pm time slot. Participants must bring their own bike and helmet. Please be sure to wear your mask when attending this program. **The program is free but registration is required.** To register, access our [program brochure online](#), or visit our [online Recreation registration page](#). The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue.



LIBRARY PROGRAM TONIGHT: WHY PUBLIC ART MATTERS

Join a Pittsford Community Library online presentation **TONIGHT** (Wednesday, April 14) about the importance and impact of public art – and how it has a way of influencing, inspiring and lifting a community.

Public Art Matters will be presented from 7:00-8:00pm by Rochester-based photographer and writer Quajay Donnell, who has been photographing and writing about public art and capturing the Rochester area community over the past two years. He will share some of his favorite images, tell some behind the scenes stories about them, and explain exactly why public art matters — and why our community needs it. The program is free but registration is required to receive the Zoom link; the Zoom link



will be sent the day of the program. [Register for the Public Art Matters program online](#) via the Library online program calendar or visit <https://www.townofpittsford.org/home-library> and use the Library Program Registration link.

The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street. To learn more about upcoming Library programs, visit the [Library's online program calendar](#). For complete Library information, including hours of operation, visit <https://www.townofpittsford.org/home-library>.



ENJOY SPRING AT THE PITTSFORD DOG PARK

The Pittsford Town Dog Park at 34 East Street provides residents and their canine companions a safe and enjoyable area for recreation. The park features two off-leash areas, one each for large and small dogs. Dogs have access to play structures and owners can relax on benches and at picnic tables. In keeping

with the Town's commitment to walkability and bikeability the park is connected to two town trails. In consideration of nearby neighbors, please note our dog park closes at dusk.

Our Dog Park is part of the Monroe County Dog Park system; dogs must be registered with the County to participate in the Dog Park system. Find registration information on the County website at www.monroecounty.gov/parks-DogParks. The Pittsford Town Dog Park is open year-round from 7:00am until dusk. Please observe appropriate physical distancing and face covering requirements while at the park.

LIBRARY MINI BOOK SALE THIS FRIDAY & SATURDAY, APRIL 16 & 17

Library book sales are back! The next [Friends of Pittsford Library mini book sale](#) is Friday and Saturday, April 16 & 17 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!

"EARTH DAY, BIRTHDAY" STORY WALK NEXT WEEK

Display will be up at Community Center Earth Day Week, April 19 - 24

The time is right for an Earth Day story come to life – and some crafty fun! Stop by the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center Monday, April 19 through Saturday, April 24 and take a stroll through our **"Earth Day, Birthday" story walk in the Community Center field**. Follow a story full of Earth Day activities – and some

drama! It's April 22, and Lion, Giraffe, Crocodile and other animal friends want to plant trees, recycle bottles and have fun on Earth Day, but Monkey wants to celebrate his birthday instead. Can "the silliest monkey ever seen" share a birthday with Earth Day?

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.

SENIORS IN-PERSON EXERCISE AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

We are carefully following New York State COVID-19 guidelines for our Recreation programming and are happy to offer some additional in-person exercise classes for seniors. Seniors can keep moving and have a great time with Zumba Gold, Yoga for Seniors, Line Dancing, 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 on Mondays from 9:45-10:45am and on Wednesdays from 9:45-10:45am and from 11:15am-12:15pm. 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!

We've added two new classes as well: **Yoga for Seniors** and **Line Dancing** offer these popular activities just for seniors. Both are fun and healthy ways to stay active and beginners are always welcome to join. Call the Senior Programs Office for information and schedules.

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.

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](#).



HONOR A PITTSFORD VETERAN - COMMEMORATIVE BRICK ORDERS

If you would like to honor a Pittsford veteran, please consider purchasing a brick at the Pittsford Veterans Monument. The monument, located at 22 North Main Street at the entrance to Carpenter Park at the Port of Pittsford, provides a space for citizens to recognize residents who have defended the cause of freedom through their American military service. The walkway surrounding the dedication plaque accommodates personalized bricks to pay tribute to family members and friends.

Each brick allows room to include name, rank and details of military service, and may be purchased at a cost of \$50. An 8½" x 11" certificate, suitable for framing, is also included with the purchase. Information and order forms are available at Town Hall (11 South Main Street) or online; [click HERE for more information and order form](#).

PITTSFORD ROTARY KIDS' TROUT FISHING DERBY IS MAY 8

The Rotary Club of Pittsford, in conjunction with the Town of Pittsford and the Monroe County Parks Department, will hold its annual Kids' Trout Fishing Derby on Saturday, May 8 in Powder Mills Park. The Derby is open to all children ages 15 and under. Registration will be at the Powderhorn Lodge from 8:00 - 9:00am and is free for all. The tournament runs from 9:00 - 11:00am and is followed by an awards ceremony at 11:15am and Fish Hatchery tour at 11:30am. Complimentary refreshments will be served.

Fish are being stocked by the Fish Hatchery at Powder Mills Park for this event and donations will be accepted on behalf of the Reidman Foundation. Special thanks are due to The Riedman Foundation for funding and operating the Hatchery and making the Pittsford Rotary Club Kids' Trout Fishing Derby possible. For more information, visit the [Pittsford Rotary website](#) or contact tournament chairperson Kevin O'Grady via [email](#) or phone at (585) 641-0668. The Pittsford Rotary Club Kids' Trout Fishing Derby is co-sponsored by the Town of Pittsford Recreation Department.

REMINDERS

GIVE ZONING CODE UPDATE COMMENTS AND IDEAS VIA THE ONLINE MAPPING TOOL
Mapping Tool commenting period open through April 25

Our Zoning Code Update is underway. Current pandemic protocols prevent traditional in-person workshops at this time but **the Interactive Mapping Tool on our Zoning Code Update website provides a virtual workshop that's open 24 hours a day, seven days a week** through April 25.



To let us know 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 use the Interactive Mapping Tool. [Find tips for using our Interactive Mapping Tool here.](#)

The Pittsford Zoning Code Update Interactive Mapping Tool, and details about how to use it, can be found at
www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate/mapcomments.

Learn more about the Zoning Code Update and find links to the Town's Comprehensive Plan, Active Transportation Plan, current Zoning Code, and other informational materials, on the **Zoning Code Update website** at www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate.

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

- [Friends of Pittsford Library mini book sale](#), Friday and Saturday, April 16 & 17, 10:00am – 5:00pm, Fisher Meeting Room, Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street, sale is open to all; please note to ensure enough time and space to safely browse, physical distancing and mask wearing required, the number of shoppers in the room at a time will be limited, shopping time will be limited to 20 minutes per guest, bags not available – please bring your own.
- [Earth Day Celebration at the Community Center](#) – plant seeds, enjoy the “Earth Day, Birthday” story walk, and more; free but registration for each participant

required to ensure enough supplies, Wednesday, 4/21, 1:00 – 4:00pm, children must be accompanied by an adult, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue. To register, visit our [online registration page](#); contact Cassie Schrom at 248-6289 for more information.

- **"Earth Day, Birthday" Story Walk**, April 19-23, 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; free and open to the public. Physical distancing and face masks required when in contact with others outside of your group.
- **Erie Canal Nature Preserve Ribbon-Cutting**, Thursday, 4/22, 12:00noon; Nature Preserve entrance is along the Erie Canalway (Towpath) Trail - walk east from the Monroe Avenue Bridge or walk west from the North Main Street Bridge.
- **Red Cross Blood Drive at Pittsford Community Library**, Friday, 4/23, 1:00 – 6:00pm, Pittsford Community Library Fisher Meeting Room, 24 State Street; [schedule an appointment in advance using this online registration link](#) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767); the Red Cross will be following all COVID-19 guidelines during the blood drive, for more information visit www.redcrossblood.org.
- **Town of Pittsford Zoning Code Update – comments made by Town of Pittsford stakeholders via interactive online 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.
- **Pittsford Rotary Kids' Trout Fishing Derby**, Saturday, 5/8, 8:00am - 12noon, Powder Mills Park, registration begins 8:00am at Powderhorn Lodge, tournament runs 9:00-11:00am, followed by Awards Ceremony at 11:15am and Fish Hatchery tour at 11:30am, more info [HERE](#) or [email Kevin O'Grady](#).

TOWN OF PITTSFORD BOARD MEETINGS

- **Pittsford Community Library Board**, Wednesday, 4/14, 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
- **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board**, Thursday, 4/15, 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
- **Zoning Board**, Monday, 4/19, 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

- **Town Board**, Tuesday, 4/20, 6:00pm, ASL interpretation provided, 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](#) Budget Adoption and regular meeting, Monday, 4/19, 7:00pm, Barker Road Middle School Board Room
- [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 <https://www.townofpittsford.org/home-library-covid19-info>. 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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