



News & Reviews

April 29, 2020

Town of Pittsford - a Clean Energy Community

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Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE AND CEREMONY, PADDLE & POUR FEST CANCELED DUE TO COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

Out of concern for the health of their members and that of the public, the **Pittsford American Legion Rayson-Miller Post 899 has canceled its Memorial Day Ceremony** and, upon request from the American Legion, the **Memorial Day Parade has been canceled as well**. While the decision was necessary in light of COVID-19 coronavirus health and safety protocols, we understand and share the disappointment this news brings.

The Town likewise regrets to announce its **Paddle and Pour Art & Music Festival originally scheduled for May 23 also has been canceled** in light of COVID-19 precautions.



Other Town events scheduled for June and beyond remain on the calendar for the time being. We are continuously monitoring updates and directives from the State and the County regarding COVID-19 health and safety practices and will make further adjustments to our events schedule as necessary. Updates will be shared on the Town website, Facebook page and via the Town eNews. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

We look forward to the time when Pittsford residents can gather safely and celebrate as a community. In the meantime, we thank you for continuing to observe physical distancing and health safety practices. Your efforts as individuals will help keep everyone safer and will bring us closer to the day when Town events, programs and facilities will again be open to everyone.

TOWN BOARD MEETING MAY 5 - ONLINE ACCESS

There will be online public access to the Town Board meeting as it takes place next Tuesday, May 5 at 6:00pm; ASL interpretation will be provided. Information on how to access the meeting feed will be published by this Friday, May 1 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.

TOMORROW - THURSDAY, APRIL 30 - IS POEM IN YOUR POCKET DAY!

Poetry can be a source of beauty and inspiration in times of challenge and uncertainty. How fortunate, then, that April is National Poetry Month. Just a few lines from a favorite poem can be a source of joy, comfort or strength - all welcome qualities in times like these!

If you have a favorite poem you'd like to share, plan ahead for tomorrow - Thursday, April 30 - it's "Poem in Your Pocket" Day, when the Academy of American Poets encourages everyone to select a poem and share it with others. While the sharing will have to be mainly virtual this year, there are plenty of ways to do so. Add a poem to your email footer. Post lines from your favorite poem on Facebook or Twitter. Jot them down and share a photo to Instagram. Add the hashtag #pocketpoem and other poetry fans can find what you've shared as well!

TOWN AND COUNTY TAX PAYMENT UPDATE

For those making payments toward 2020 Town and County taxes, please be advised that the County Executive has issued an order extending the due date for these tax payments to May 31 at an interest rate of 3% on the amount due. Click the link to see the [County Executive's updated tax payment order](#). Should you need to confirm the tax payment amount due for your property, please contact the Town Tax Office for clarification and the exact amount due; call 585-248-6215 between the hours of 9:00am - 5:00pm, Monday - Friday. This information is also available via the Monroe County website at www.monroecounty.gov. As Town Hall is not open to the public, tax payments can be made by mail or by using the mail slot to the right of the front door of Town Hall. Online payments can also be made via the Monroe County website with no additional fee as the County has waived its online user fee.

LIBRARY OFFERS NEW ADULT RESOURCES INFO PAGE

The Pittsford Community Library recently launched an [Adult Resources online information page](#), part of its ["Your Library at Home" online resources](#). Visit the page to learn about the Library's various book groups, view staff recommendations for books, movies, podcasts, and more, engage with the Library's digital resources, and take part in contests and future programs.

REMINDERS

HISTORIC PITTSFORD JEAN FRANCE SCHOLARSHIP - APPLICATION DEADLINE THIS FRIDAY, 5/1

Historic Pittsford is seeking applicants for its [Jean France Historic Preservation Scholarship](#). The \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a Pittsford resident who is currently enrolled or has been accepted into a college program which may lead to a career in historic preservation, architecture, history, museum studies, landscape architecture, or other related field. An [application form and additional information](#) is available on the Historic Pittsford website www.historicpittsford.com. **The application deadline is this Friday, May 1.**

The scholarship was established in 2016 in honor of Jean France, a founding member of Historic Pittsford. Mrs. France is a highly respected architectural historian, a vastly knowledgeable preservation consultant, and a tireless advocate for preserving the built environment. A former professor at the University of Rochester, she has championed the importance of architectural preservation as a lecturer, researcher and author.

The Jean France Historic Preservation Scholarship honors Mrs. France's commitment to the growth, development and mission of Historic Pittsford and to the preservation of historic architectural and cultural resources in Pittsford. With this scholarship, Historic Pittsford hopes to advance the careers of students from Pittsford with demonstrated interest in historic preservation, thus perpetuating the work of Jean France and the mission upon which Historic Pittsford was founded.

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

- **Household Hazardous Waste/e-Recycling/Document Shredding event**, originally scheduled for Saturday, 5/9 at the Perinton Highway Garage, has been **POSTPONED UNTIL THE FALL** due to COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic social distancing protocols; the new date has yet to be determined. When more information becomes available it will be posted on the Pittsford Town website and listed in the Pittsford Town eNews.

TOWN OF PITTSFORD BOARD MEETINGS

- **Environmental Board**, Monday, 5/4 - **TENTATIVE DATE** - please check the Town website for updated information; if a meeting is necessary it will be held via online access; information will be posted by this Thursday, 4/30
- **Town Board**, Tuesday, 5/5, 6:00pm, ASL interpretation provided, **ONLINE ACCESS** - access information to be posted on Town website home page by Friday, 5/1 at www.townofpittsford.org

COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

- [Village Board of Trustees meeting](#), Tuesday, 5/28, 6:00pm, virtual meeting through videoconferencing; more information and register to participate on the Village website [here](#)
- [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 June 29 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.

Town Court: By order of the Chief Administrative Judge of the State of New York, Town Court is closed until further notice. Those with pending matters scheduled before Pittsford Town Court will not be penalized for failure to appear or pay fines during this period of time. Once the Town Court office reopens, Court personnel will contact all individuals with pending business before the court to reschedule appearances and address fine payments. Other essential court matters (new arraignments) 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.

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 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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