



News & Reviews

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Town of Pittsford - a Clean Energy Community

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A Message from Supervisor Smith:

RESPECTING OUR DIFFERENCES IN PITTSFORD

Too many incidents have been reported to me in recent weeks about stolen lawn signs in Pittsford. It's disturbing and it must stop.

As Americans we have a right of free speech. A fundamental human right. It's not by accident that it went into the very first amendment to the Constitution and not the third or fourth or the eighth. As a fundamental rule of our society, it's right up front.

A person placing a sign in the yard with a message is exercising that right. If we disagree with the message, the recourse is to discuss the point respectfully or even to put up your own sign with a different message. Not by stealing or defacing someone else's sign.

I've consulted with the Sheriff's department about these thefts. Defacing a sign on someone else's lawn is prosecutable as trespassing at the least. Stealing a sign is prosecutable as trespassing and as theft. This applies to any sign and whatever the message.

The corrosive polarization in our society that has so degraded civic discourse nationally has no place in Pittsford. We must stand for a higher standard of conduct. I believe nearly all of us do.

In Pittsford, we show respect for different points of view, whether or not they align with our own. Perhaps especially when they're different from our own.

I regret that it appears necessary to make these points, but evidently it is. Please stand with me for free speech and respect for others.

SUPERVISOR SATURDAY WITH BILL SMITH THIS WEEK - SEPTEMBER 12

Outdoor meeting at Thornell Farm Park pavilion

Town Supervisor Bill Smith will hold his community open house meetings this Saturday, September 12 from 9:00 - 10:00am at the Thornell Farm Park picnic pavilion. Stop by and join the conversation to catch up on current issues, Town projects and other topics you might wish to discuss, such as issues in your

**Supervisor
Saturday**

with Pittsford Town Supervisor

Bill Smith

9:00 - 10:00am

Thornell Farm Park

**Stop by and join
the conversation!**

neighborhood, Town reopening plans, sidewalk and roadway improvement projects and green energy initiatives.

This casual open house will be held outdoors; participants will be expected to follow appropriate health safety and social distancing measures. Supervisor Saturday enables residents who can't stop by to see the Supervisor during the work week a chance to speak to him directly. Come and discuss what matters most to you! Drop by - no registration required. Thornell Farm Park is located at 480 Mendon Road.

Supervisor Smith keeps an open door policy and also welcomes visits from residents at Town Hall during regular business hours Monday to Friday by appointment. As always, he's available by phone at 248-6220 and by email at bsmith@townofpittsford.org.

REMINDER - FIRST INSTALLMENT OF SCHOOL TAXES DUE SEPTEMBER 15

Full payments without interest will be accepted through Thursday, October 1. First installments of School taxes for are due by Tuesday, September 15. Consistent with our practice since the onset of the pandemic, the Town will continue to accept payments by mail, by the secure mail slot located to the right of the front door of the Pittsford Town Hall, 11 South Main Street, and online by a link from the Town's website to the County's online payment portal. Visa and MasterCard will be accepted for online payments, **and for this tax season only**, the customary 3% service fee to use the online payment service is waived. To pay first installments and full payments online, click [here](#). First installments and full payments of School tax may also be paid at Canandaigua National Bank, 18 State Street. Canandaigua National Bank will continue to accept only full payments from September 17 through October 1.

Payment for First Installments AFTER SEPTEMBER 16 will be accepted only from September 17 - September 21 (because September 20 falls on a Sunday), with 1% interest.

Please Note: **we strongly discourage paying your tax bill via Electronic Checking directly from your bank account.** If you do this, it means that your bank mails us a paper check - without a postmark. Experience has shown that this can take as long as two weeks to reach our office. Therefore, we cannot consider your payment received until we physically receive the paper check, and you risk having to pay interest on the late payment, which is mandated by the State and that the Town has no authority to waive. **We do not recommend sending payment in this manner.**

TOWN BOARD MEETINGS ARE STREAMING LIVE

Pittsford Town Board meetings are now being streamed live; the feed is accessible on any device. Town Board is typically held the first and third Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm at Town Hall. See www.townofpittsford.org/calendar for meeting dates. To view the livestream, click the [Town Board Meeting live streaming link](#) when the meeting begins. This link can also be found on page two of the meeting agenda. The meeting agenda is posted on the Town's [minutes and agendas page](#) at least two days prior to the meeting. Please note: if you try to log in too early (before the meeting feed is live) you will see an error message; refresh your screen just prior to or at 6:00pm when the board meeting starts and you will be able to view the meeting. As always, ASL interpretation is provided for every Town Board meeting.

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 are planning to attend a Town Board meeting in person or who are planning to watch the live stream of a Town Board meeting 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.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM AT PITTSFORD COMMUNITY CENTER - SPOTS STILL AVAILABLE!

Spots are still available in our After School program! We offer children in Kindergarten through 5th grade a variety of age-appropriate arts and crafts, games, and play time in our gym or outside on our playground with caring, attentive staff. The program and all its activities strictly follow all NYS COVID-19 recreation health safety guidelines. The After School program runs from 3:00 - 6:00pm Monday through Friday, is closed on school breaks and holidays, but open on school scheduled half days. Fun Camps and Fun Camp Days are available for children to attend on school breaks and holidays (registration and additional fees are required).

After School program [registration is available online](#) or at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue. For more information, see our [online Recreation brochure](#). Please note: **school pick up must be coordinated through the Pittsford Schools Department of Transportation; if interested, contact them** at 267-1480 or kathleen_herrick@pittsford.monroe.edu.

PITTSFORD COMMUNITY LIBRARY CURRENT HOURS

The Pittsford Community Library is currently open **Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00am - 7:00pm** and **Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10:00am - 5:00pm**. Please note face coverings and appropriate physical distancing are required when visiting the Library.

Curbside pickup of Library materials continues to be offered on Saturdays from 10:00am - 1:00pm. Make pickup arrangements in advance via email at pcreference@townofpittsford.org or call the Library with your request at 248-6275. The Library also offers a **Virtual Reference Desk** and new online programs and resources are added frequently. Find complete information about Library hours, services, resources and guidelines at www.bitly/your-library-at-home.

CURBSIDE LUNCH AND GRAB & GO MEALS FOR SENIORS

We have two convenient pickup lunch programs 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. On Fridays, our very own Chef Julie cooks up meals for our **homemade "Curbside Lunch"** program. Grab and Go meals are \$3.50 each and our Curbside Lunch meals are \$4.00 each. Meals for both programs 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.

PITTSFORD 19TH AMENDMENT CENTENNIAL - WALKING TOURS THROUGH 9/18

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment's ratification, which gave women in America the right to vote. Pittsford is honoring this important milestone and celebrating our history of supporting the women's suffrage movement.

Our **self-guided walking tour** features the people and places in Pittsford important to advancing women's voting rights. There's a **self-guided cemetery tour** of the Pittsford Political Equality Club charter members' gravesites at Pittsford Cemetery as well. Tour information can be found on our [Pittsford 19th Amendment Celebration website](#); both tours are available through September 18.

Please note: participants are expected to follow appropriate COVID-19 health safety and physical distancing guidelines. We hope you will join us in the celebration and perhaps learn something new about women's suffrage in Pittsford!

2020 CENSUS DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 30 - RESPOND ONLINE, BY MAIL OR BY PHONE

The deadline for the 2020 Census is coming soon, with all collection methods scheduled to be completed by September 30. 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 September 7, Pittsford had an 84% response rate. Let's get everyone counted - complete your Census 2020 today!

REMINDERS

REGISTRATION FOR FALL RECREATION PROGRAMS UNDERWAY

Program registration for fall Recreation programs is currently underway. We are carefully following New York State COVID-19 guidelines regarding our Recreation programming and After School program. Please note program details may change as we continue to receive guidance from the State and from the County Department of Health. Information will be updated if needed as program dates approach. For details about all of our Recreation programs, access our [program brochure online](#), or visit our [online Recreation registration page](#).

SCHOOL IS OPEN - PLEASE DRIVE SAFELY

Pittsford Schools are open! Please remember that students will be walking and bicycling to school in our community this week, and parents will be dropping off and picking up students. Please obey speed limits and crossing guard instruction. Avoid distractions. Let's make sure that students get off to a safe start this school year. To our teachers, students and all who are working to make this uniquely challenging school year a success - welcome back!

PITTSFORD ROTARY'S CHARITY GOLF SCRAMBLE - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 AT VICTOR HILLS

The Rotary Club of Pittsford's annual Charity Golf Scramble Tournament is Sunday, September 13 at Victor Hills Golf Club's South Course. Proceeds from the event will support the broad range of local and international humanitarian services sponsored by Pittsford Rotary. Cost is \$100 per golfer (includes cart). Registration and pick-up lunch begins at noon; shotgun start is 1:00pm with team scramble play. Dinner and awards begin at 6:00pm. The tournament also features a raffle with a variety of prizes. **To register and for further information contact Pat Mallery** at pjmallery@aol.com. A range of tournament sponsorship opportunities also are available; contact Jack Pickering at jp150@gmail.com for details.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN PITTSFORD

- [Pittsford 19th Amendment Centennial Celebration](#), August 18 - September 18; self-guided walking tour featuring people and places important to advancing women's voting rights, self-guided cemetery tour of Pittsford Political Equality Club founding members' gravesites at Pittsford Cemetery, details at www.townofpittsford.org/19thAcentennial
- [Pittsford Rotary Charity Golf Scramble Tournament](#), Sunday, 9/13, 12:00pm pick-up lunch and registration, 1:00pm shotgun start with foursome scramble play, 6:00pm dinner and awards, raffle with variety of prizes, all proceeds to benefit local and international humanitarian services sponsored by Pittsford Rotary; Victor Hills Golf Club South Course. Fees are \$100 per golfer with cart. To register and for further information contact Pat Mallery at pjmallery@aol.com; for sponsor opportunities info contact Jack Pickering at jp160@gmail.com.
- **Supervisor Saturday with Bill Smith** - join the conversation with Town Supervisor Bill Smith at this casual open house, topics of discussion based upon attendee interest; Saturday, 9/12, 9:00 - 10:00am, Thornell Farm Park open-air pavilion, 480 Mendon Road; attendees expected to follow health safety and social distancing guidelines.
- **Food Truck and Music Fest**, Saturday, 9/12 - **CANCELED** due to COVID-19 NYS event restrictions and health safety protocols. While the decision was necessary in light of COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic health and safety protocols, we understand and share the disappointment this news brings.

TOWN OF PITTSFORD BOARD MEETINGS

- **Pittsford Community Library Board**, Wednesday, 9/9, 7:00pm, ONLINE ACCESS via Zoom video conferencing; Virtual meeting instructions can be found on the Town website's Agendas and Minutes page here: www.townofpittsford.org/home-minutes
- **Design Review and Historic Preservation Board**, Thursday, 9/10, 6:00pm, 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 on the Town website here: www.townofpittsford.org/home-minutes
- **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board**, Thursday, 9/10, 6:30pm, Thornell Farm Park pavilion, 480 Mendon Road, NOTE LOCATION
- **Planning Board**, Monday, 9/14, 6:00pm, 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, 9/15, 6:00pm, Pittsford Town Hall Public Meeting Room (lower level), 11 South Main Street, ASL interpretation provided, COVID-19 mask use and physical distancing protocols required; MEETING ALSO WILL BE LIVE STREAMED, 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

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- [Board of Education](#) meeting, Tuesday, 9/15, 7:00pm, Barker Road Middle School Board Room, 75 Barker Road
- [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 open for limited programs, the After School program and appointments only on weekdays from 8:00am-4:00pm. Senior "Grab N Go" meals will continue every Wednesday and "Curbside Lunch" by Chef Julie is offered every Friday; pickup for both programs 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. Curbside pickup is available on Saturdays. 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/your-library-at-home. 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, donations are not being accepted at this time. Regular due dates for all materials have resumed; check your receipt or your Library account for exact due dates. Curbside 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 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: 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: all Town parks are 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. Per the NYS Department of Motor Vehicles, all driver licenses, learner permits, non-driver identification cards, vehicle registrations and vehicle inspections 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. 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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