



# News & Reviews

September 16, 2020

***Town of Pittsford - a Clean Energy Community***

***See listings below for***

***Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings***

## **FOOD TRUCK WEDNESDAYS AT THORNELL FARM PARK ARE BACK!**

Back by popular demand, the Pittsford Recreation Department will hold "Food Truck Wednesdays" at Thornell Farm Park each Wednesday evening from 5:00 - 8:00pm (or until menu items are sold out), September 16 through October 21.

A different food truck will be featured each week offering items for sale at the park and Kona Ice will be there every week! **Roc City Sammich** will be joining us TONIGHT, **September 16**, offering a variety of **Pittsburgh-style sandwiches, bite-sized fried chicken, sliders** and more. **Kona Ice** will bring the best **premium shaved ice in a variety of flavors**. Vendors and menus will be listed in advance each week on the Pittsford Recreation Facebook page and in the Town eNews. [Click here for this week's menu.](#)



**Food Truck Wednesdays are back!**

Be sure to join us - it's a fun and easy dinner option! Please note all attendees are expected to observe appropriate physical distancing and health safety protocols - face coverings are required when placing and picking up your order. Thornell Farm Park is located at 480 Mendon Road. We look forward to seeing you there!

## **19TH AMENDMENT CENTENNIAL - WALKING TOURS THROUGH 9/20**

Pittsford's 19th Amendment Centennial tours will be available through this Sunday, September 20.

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 20.

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!

### **SCHOOL TAXES FULL PAYMENTS DUE BY OCTOBER 1**

#### ***First installment payments with 1% interest accepted until September 21***

Full payments without interest will be accepted through Thursday, October 1. 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](#). Full payments of School tax may also be paid at Canandaigua National Bank, 18 State Street. Canandaigua National Bank will continue to accept **full payments ONLY** 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 and **must be mailed or placed in the secure mail slot to the right of the Town Hall front door**. The additional 1% must be calculated on the entire amount of the 1st installment. If you need assistance in that calculation, please contact the tax office directly at 585-248-6215 for the correct amount due.

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.**

### **LIBRARY OFFERS VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING FOR ALL AGES**

From preschooler STEM activities (science, technology, engineering and math) and adult book groups, to take and make crafts for all ages, and more, the Pittsford Community Library has programs for everyone! All programming is offered virtually, either through Zoom or as an activity to be completed at home. To see what programs are coming up, check out the [Library's online program calendar](#)!

### **CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

September is Childhood Cancer awareness month, a time when childhood cancer organizations, families, and individuals raise awareness and funds in honor of and in memory of those young lives affected by or cut short by cancer. According to the American Childhood Cancer Organization, an estimated 15,780 children, from infants to age 19, are diagnosed with cancer each year in the United States, and cancer remains the number one cause of death by disease for children in the U.S. In 2019 there were 52 children in the Rochester area diagnosed with cancer, and eight little fighters were lost to cancer last year. There are children and families battling this disease here in Pittsford; they face each day with incredible strength and courage - their fight, their hope, their resilience, is an inspiration to all. Community members can help raise awareness about childhood cancer by displaying gold ribbons the week of September 20 - 26.

Hundreds of non-profit organizations at the local and national level, including the [C.U.R.E Childhood Cancer Association](#) in the Rochester area, are helping children with cancer and their families cope by providing educational, emotional and financial support, and funding research efforts. Too many children are affected by this deadly disease and more must be done to raise awareness and find a cure. Therefore, at its September 1 meeting, the Pittsford Town Board was honored to help raise awareness about childhood

cancer and sought to honor and remember those affected by it by proclaiming the month of September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in Pittsford. The Pittsford Town Board encourages all Americans to observe Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and support this cause that so deeply impacts families here in Pittsford and in every community across our country and throughout the world.

### **TEAL RIBBONS IN PITTSFORD FOR OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS - ALL MAY PARTICIPATE**

In honor of Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, a group of local residents are helping to "turn the town teal" for September to raise awareness about the symptoms of ovarian cancer. Partnering with the non-profit Turn the Towns Teal, the group has placed teal ribbons at the Four Corners in Pittsford Village and is encouraging residents and business owners to do the same on their own private property.

A national campaign, Turn the Towns Teal's mission is to spread awareness of ovarian cancer's often silent symptoms. The cancer is most treatable in its early stages, but it is not usually diagnosed before the cancer is more advanced. More information about the disease and the group's mission can be found on their website [www.turnthetownsteal.org](http://www.turnthetownsteal.org).

Ginger Ruff and Angelina Shimkus are leading the local Turn the Town Teal campaign this year. Ginger has tied ribbons to raise awareness in Pittsford for three years and in Brighton for six years in honor of her mother, who lost her battle to the disease after a three year fight in 2013. This is Angelina's second year tying ribbons in Pittsford, in honor of her friend's ongoing battle with the disease. Ginger can be reached at [Ginger.n.ruff@gmail.com](mailto:Ginger.n.ruff@gmail.com) for further information.

## **REMINDERS**

### **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](mailto: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](http://www.bitly/your-library-at-home).

### **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](mailto: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](http://www.townofpittsford.org/home-channel12) and use the On-Demand links to view previously recorded meetings.

## **UPCOMING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN PITTSFORD**

- [Pittsford 19th Amendment Centennial Celebration](#), August 18 - September 20; 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](http://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](mailto:pjmallery@aol.com); for sponsor opportunities info contact Jack Pickering at [jp160@gmail.com](mailto:jp160@gmail.com).

- [Pittsford Rotary Food Drive](#), Saturday, October 3, 9:00am - 12noon, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue; canned and other packaged goods needed, see [list of Food Cupboard needs here](#).

## TOWN OF PITTSFORD BOARD MEETINGS

- **Zoning Board**, Monday, 9/21, 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](http://www.townofpittsford.org/home-minutes)

## COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

- [Village Board of Trustees](#) meeting, Tuesday, 9/22, 6:30pm, virtual meeting through videoconferencing; more information and participation registration details will be listed on the Village website [here](#) as the meeting date approaches
- [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 8:00am - 5:00pm Monday through Friday and open during program hours evenings and weekends. 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](http://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](http://www.bit.ly/your-library-at-home). For virtual children's programming check the Library's Facebook page [www.facebook.com/PittsfordLibrary/](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://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](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html?deliveryName=USCDC_2067-DM20785).

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