



News & Reviews

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Town of Pittsford - a Clean Energy Community

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Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings*

SUPERVISOR'S PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2021 - PUBLIC HEARING THIS WEDNESDAY, 11/4

Despite COVID-19 financial challenges, proposed budget preserves 100% of Town services with only modest \$36/year increase to average household

A public hearing on the [Proposed 2021 Town Budget](#) will be held at the Town Board meeting this Wednesday, November 4 at 6:00pm in the Fisher Meeting Room of the Pittsford Community Library (note location). This is an important opportunity for Pittsford residents to advise the Town Board and comment on the proposed budget. Residents are encouraged to attend.

Despite serious revenue decreases and increased costs brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, Supervisor Smith's proposed 2021 budget preserves 100% of existing Town services with a minimal \$36/year increase in Town tax for the average household. For details, see his [Proposed 2021 Budget Highlights](#) and his [Supervisor's Proposed 2021 Budget Memo](#). Both can also be found, along with the complete 2021 Budget documents, on the Town Budgets web page at www.townofpittsford.org/home-budgets. The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street.

2021 Town
**Budget
Public Hearing**
An opportunity for Pittsford residents to
advise the Town Board and comment on the
proposed budget
Wednesday, November 4
6:00pm
Pittsford Library, Fisher Meeting Room
24 State Street
Physical Distancing and Mask Required
ASL INTERPRETATION PROVIDED

As always, comments for the Town Board meeting may be submitted in advance (prior to 2:30pm on the day of the meeting) or made during the meeting both in person and by email. Emailed comments may be sent to comments@townofpittsford.org. All comments submitted must include the name and street address of the commenter.

MESSAGE FROM SUPERVISOR BILL SMITH:

HALLOWEEN SAFETY AND FAMILY-FRIENDLY WAYS TO CELEBRATE

Halloween will be a bit different this year. Some may opt to revise their traditional trick-or-treating plans or forego them entirely. Whatever you decide, please be sure to celebrate safely. The **Monroe County Department of Public Health** has issued some **Halloween guidelines** – I've listed some of them below. Should your family members venture out for Halloween, please keep these guidelines in mind:

- **Wash or sanitize your hands often** when you are handing out candy or filling goody bags. Clean frequently touched surfaces, like the doorbell, throughout the evening.
- **Don't use a big bowl to distribute candy.** Instead, the homeowner should drop treats into each child's bag or line pieces up on the driveway or a table.
- **Wear a proper mask** that covers your nose and mouth when you are trick-or-treating, or handing out candy. Make sure the mask stays dry. Don't wear a costume mask unless you also have a snug-fitting proper mask on beneath it and can breathe easily.
- **Stay at least six feet away** from others who are not in your household. Don't gather in large groups, or host big parties, especially indoors.
- **Choose outdoor festivities** over indoor festivities. Don't participate in activities that involve a lot of screaming, shouting, or singing within 12 feet of other individuals, especially indoors.
- **Don't trick-or-treat or hand out candy if you are sick, in isolation, or mandatory quarantine,** or are considered to be at high risk for developing severe symptoms of COVID-19.

And should you be looking for some alternative ways to celebrate, our Recreation Department team has you covered. Currently and through Halloween (this Saturday, October 31) we're hosting a **"Room on the Broom" Story Walk in back of the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center.** Follow the story of a kind witch and her cat as they travel on her broomstick, then stop in the Community Center to pick up a take-home craft pack. Find further details below or online here: www.townofpittsford.org/news/room-broom-story-walk-oct-26-31-2020-community-center-field.

**"ROOM ON THE BROOM"
STORY WALK UNDERWAY**
*Display will be up continuously
through Halloween*

The time is right for a Halloween story come to life - and some crafty fun! Stop by the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center between now and October 31 and take a stroll through our "Room on the Broom" Story Walk in the Community Center field. Follow the story of a kind witch and her cat as they travel on her broomstick - and invite others to tag along! Participants are asked to follow physical distancing guidelines and bring a face mask to wear when within 6 feet of those outside 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 Cassie at 248-6289 or email cschrom@townofpittsford.org.

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SPOOKTACULAR DRIVE-IN MOVIE & COSTUME PARADE PHOTOS ONLINE

Those who came out to enjoy our [Spooktacular Drive-In Movie and Costume Parade](#) can find themselves in our online [photo gallery](#). We appreciate that all of our attendees followed appropriate physical distancing and wore their masks. We did have some attendees take their masks off for photos – which were taken from the appropriate distance, of course! Many thanks as well to those who contributed food and financial donations to the Pittsford Food Cupboard. While our Halloween event was a bit different this year, we all had just as much fun as usual!

"FALL BEHIND" - TURN CLOCKS BACK THIS SUNDAY, 11/1 & CHECK YOUR SMOKE DETECTOR

Daylight Saving Time ends this Sunday, November 1 at 2:00AM - time to "fall back" and set your clock back one hour, although you may want to do that just before you go to bed on Saturday night! The good news: we get an extra hour of sleep that day. However, the sun will set an hour earlier now, ushering in the early evening darkness of the season. More good news: the end of Daylight Saving Time can help keep you safe and healthy - it is when fire and safety folks remind us to change the batteries and make sure our smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors are in working order.

NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING DATE MOVED TO WEDNESDAY, 11/4

Meeting to be held in the Library's Fisher Meeting Room

Due to Election Day falling on Tuesday, November 3, the first Pittsford Town Board meeting for November will be held on Wednesday, November 4. The meeting will take

place at the Pittsford Community Library's Fisher Meeting Room (note location change), 24 State Street. The Town Board meeting agenda will be posted at least two days prior to the meeting on the [Agendas and Minutes page](#) of the Town website.

ROTARY ELECTION NIGHT SUPPER - DRIVE THRU BBQ THIS TUESDAY, 11/3

The [Rotary Club of Pittsford](#) continues its long tradition of hosting an [Election-Day Supper](#) by serving drive-thru chicken BBQ dinners this year prepared by Sticky Lips BBQ. Now in its 54th year, the charity event will be held Tuesday, November 3 from 4:30 - 7:00pm **at Thornell Farm Park**, 480 Pittsford-Mendon Road in Pittsford, just south of Mendon High School.

Tickets for the supper are \$12 and available online at www.PittsfordRotaryClub.org or from any Pittsford Rotarian.

"We conduct this event annually to celebrate our precious right and obligation to vote and felt it was important to continue the tradition by taking precautionary measures and making it a drive-thru BBQ event this year instead of a pasta supper," said Pat Mallery, who is coordinating the event for the club. "We'll be observing appropriate safety measures such as wearing gloves and face coverings to provide as safe an environment as possible. Sticky Lips serves some of the best barbeque around and we hope the community responds to help us support local and regional charities while enjoying a great meal."

Rotarians will be on hand to control traffic flow and serve the dinners, which will include a half chicken, baked beans, macaroni salad and cornbread. The first 200 dinners served will receive a Pittsford Farms Dairy coupon for a serving of ice cream, to be redeemed by November 4. A \$7.00 Sticky Lips coupon also will be included with each meal.

All proceeds from this event will be used to support the many charitable organizations that receive assistance from Pittsford Rotary - including the Pittsford Food Cupboard, Habitat for Humanity and the student dictionary project.

REMINDERS

KING'S BEND PARK LODGE RESERVATION PROCESS GOES ONLINE

Resident reservations begin Nov. 2 for 2021 season

Reservations for the Town's King's Bend Park lodges now will be made online beginning with the 2021 season. Starting Monday, November 2 at 12:00pm, Pittsford residents can reserve lodge dates by visiting the Town website's Recreation Online Reservations web page at <https://webtrac.townofpittsford.org/wbWSC/webtrac.wsc/wbsplash.html>. The online lodge reservation process replaces the former lottery system format.

Online registration simplifies the lodge reservation process. [See our Reservation Instructions form here](#) for registration steps and how to log into your account or to create an account if you've never registered for a Town Recreation program before. Find lodge facilities details on our [Facilities Information web page](#).

Those who are unable to complete a reservation online may drop off or mail in a reservation request form. Please note payment is due at the time of the request. Any hard copy request (dropped off or mailed in) should indicate a first priority and second priority date. Forms dropped off or mailed in are not guaranteed to receive the requested date(s), as reservation requests require processing time.

In-person reservations will be accepted during regular office hours (Monday - Friday from 8:00am - 5:00pm). Any requests received outside of office hours will be processed on the next business day.

Lodge reservations for non-residents will begin on Monday, January 4, 2021, after 12:00pm.

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 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

- [Halloween "Room on the Broom" Story Walk](#), October 26-31, 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. Physical distancing and face masks required when in contact with others outside of your group.
- [Rotary Club of Pittsford Election Day Drive-Thru BBQ Supper](#), Tuesday, 11/3, 4:30 - 7:00pm, Thornell Farm Park, 480 Mendon Road. Tickets are \$12 each, available online or from any Rotarian; proceeds to benefit local charities and service organizations.

- [Friends of Pittsford Library mini book sale](#), Friday and Saturday, November 6 & 7, 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.
- [Pittsford Rotary Food Drive](#), Saturday, 11/7, 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

- **Environmental Board**, Monday, 11/2, 7:00pm, Town Hall - Town Board meeting room (Lower Level) - **NOTE LOCATION**, 11 South Main Street
- **Town Board**, Wednesday, 11/4, 6:00pm, Pittsford Community Library, Fisher Meeting Room, 24 State Street – **NOTE DAY and LOCATION**, 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

- [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. 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 www.bit.ly/pclupdates. 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; 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 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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