



News & Reviews

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Update from Supervisor Smith

NEW CDC MASKING & SOCIAL DISTANCING RULES TAKE EFFECT TODAY PER NYS

Today the new Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) rules regarding masking and social distancing will take effect in New York, per Monday's announcement by Governor Cuomo.

The **new rules** eliminate masking and social distancing requirements for people who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19, whether indoors or outside. Masks still will be required in hospitals and long-term care facilities, in airplanes and on public transport. The CDC's current guidance for fully vaccinated people can be found [here](#).

I'm proud to say that **Pittsford has achieved the highest COVID vaccination rate of any Town in the Finger Lakes region**. Data from the New York State Immunization Information System, as reported on the Finger Lakes COVID-19 Vaccine Hub, currently show Zip Code 14534 with an 83.5% vaccination rate. This counts people ages 16 and up who have had at least their first shot. Great job Pittsford!

The CDC guidelines for those who remain unvaccinated can be found [here](#).

Information about **NYS rules for mask use and physical distancing requirements in businesses and at events** can be found [here](#). Some highlights:

- The State has authorized businesses to continue to require masks for all in their establishments, consistent with the CDC guidance. In most settings, vaccinated individuals will not be required to wear a mask. Unvaccinated individuals, under both CDC and state guidance must wear masks in all public settings.
- Businesses may eliminate the 6 feet of required physical distancing only if all patrons within the establishment – or a separate designated part of the establishment – present proof of full vaccination status.
- For areas where vaccination status of individuals is unknown and for patrons who do not present proof of full vaccination status, the required social distance of 6 feet still applies until more New Yorkers are fully vaccinated.

It's so encouraging to see the light at the end of the tunnel. Let's all continue to take care – of ourselves and of each other. Be safe. Be courteous. Stay well.

ZONING UPDATE: ONLINE MAP TOOL COMMENT DEADLINE IS THIS MONDAY, 5/24

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. **The deadline for submitting comments via the mapping tool is this Monday, May 24.** After that, comments can be submitted via email and mail.

*Don't Zone
Out!*

We need your input for the
Town of Pittsford's 2021
Zoning Code Update!



Place your comments on
our Interactive Map!

Scan the QR Code or visit
the website to access the map.
[www.townofpittsford.org/
zoningupdate/mapcomments](http://www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate/mapcomments)

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:

- Visit www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate
- Scroll down on the home page or click the "Your Input" tab and click "View the Map."
- Make your comments – and give your input on comments made by others – by dragging and placing a marker icon using our Zoning Code Update Interactive Mapping Tool.
- Once you place a marker icon, a comment box opens for you to add a comment to that location on the map.
- Comment categories include Residential, Commercial & Mixed Use, Canal, and General.
- Comments can also be submitted 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.

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

You can make comments right on the map and can view and interact with existing comments by clicking on the comment markers on the map. Please remember, the commenting period via the **interactive map will close on May 24.**

Once the online mapping tool is closed, residents can continue to submit comments via email to zoningupdate@townofpittsford.org or by mail to Doug DeRue, Town of Pittsford, 11 South Main Street, Pittsford, NY 14534; please indicate whether you are a Town or Village resident.

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.

If you missed our first online Zoning Code Update Workshop, you can [view it here](#). This link also can be found on the Zoning Code Update website. Additional public input events – including an opportunity to provide direct feedback on the proposed Zoning Code and Map updates – will be offered later on in the project timeline. Check www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate for further updates and information. The contents of the project webpage will be updated as the Zoning Code Update progresses.

ELDERBERRY EXPRESS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AVAILABLE

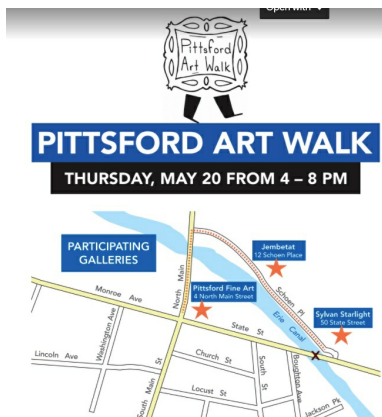
Full Services Resume: medical, banking, salon appointments, grocery shopping, etc.



The Elderberry Express, a free transportation service for Pittsford residents, age 55 and older, has resumed full transportation services. Volunteer drivers can transport seniors to and from medical appointments, banking activities, visits to friends and family, prescription pickups, hairdresser/barber appointments and grocery shopping. Elderberry Express also continues to offer rides to COVID vaccine appointments and other medical appointments, including imaging, physical therapy, and labs. Please note all COVID-19 precautions will be followed; drivers and passengers will be required to wear a mask.

Transportation is available Monday – Friday, 9:00am – 3:00pm. **Services must be scheduled at least two business days in advance to ensure driver availability;** Monday appointments must be scheduled by the prior Thursday. Staff members will be in the office 9:00am – 12 noon Monday through Friday to take calls. To schedule, call 248-6237 during this time. If you must call after office hours, please leave your name, phone number, address, appointment date and time, and type of service requested (medical appointment, grocery store trip, etc.), and a staff member will return your call to confirm your transportation. The service is free, although donations are welcome!

Elderberry Express also is **in need of volunteer drivers** willing to help provide transportation, from one to a few times per month, to seniors in Pittsford. Each trip takes between one to two hours. This small time commitment makes a big difference to seniors who can get out and about but can no longer drive. By volunteering your time you can give others the gift of continued independence. Can you help? Call or stop by the Elderberry Express office in the Senior Programs Office at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue, telephone 248-6237.



PITTSFORD ART WALK IS TOMORROW, THURSDAY 5/20

Here's a great opportunity to enjoy some local art, support local businesses and maybe even win a unique prize! Pittsford Art Walk is tomorrow (Thursday, May 20), 4:00 – 8:00pm and features an art-filled stroll among the Village's three fine art galleries. The galleries include an array of fine art and artisan pieces, including paintings, sculptures, prints, and handcrafted jewelry, metal art, glass and woodworking pieces. Weather permitting, there will be several artists painting outdoors

along the Walk. Participants can visit the galleries in any order and pick up a "passport" at any gallery to get stamped at each visit on the Art Walk. Those who visit all three galleries qualify for a drawing for one of three prizes – each gallery has donated one prize valued at \$100! Maps and Passports (prize entry forms) are available at each participating gallery:

- Jembetart Gallery, 12 Schoen Place
- Pittsford Fine Art, 4 North Main Street
- Sylvan Starlight Creations, 50 State Street

While you're enjoying an artful walk in the Village there are plenty of restaurants, pubs and other local businesses to visit as well. For more information about Pittsford Art

Walk 2021, contact one of the participating galleries.

PITTSFORD ROTARY "CHEERS!" AUCTION STARTS THURSDAY, RUNS THROUGH WEDNESDAY

The Rotary Club of Pittsford's online Cheers! Auction goes live tomorrow (Thursday, May 20), offering a wide variety of wine, spirits and other winning items to raise funds for the numerous community organizations the club supports. The public is invited to register now and preview the list of items by visiting PittsfordRotaryClub.org/Auction and clicking on the preview link.



Save the Dates

for a
Cheers! Online Auction of
Fine Wine, Spirits, and other winning items
to benefit the many charities we support.

May 20-26, 2021

Rotary 

Additional details at PittsfordRotaryClub.org/auction

Club of Pittsford

"The pandemic forced us to cancel our annual 'A Taste of Pittsford' fundraiser this year, and we're conducting this online auction in its place so the community organizations we support may continue to benefit at the highest possible level," said Pittsford Rotarian Jim Murphy, coordinator of the event for the club. "We're offering some of the finest wines and distilled spirits from around the world for auction in addition to exceptional other items. The European wines are excellent and rarely available in the U.S."

All of the wines and spirits in the auction have won a medal in competition hosted by the Raise-A-Glass Foundation, which has donated unopened bottles to the club from competitions. Top winners are marked with gold and platinum medals. All others have won either a silver or bronze.

Auction bidding begins this Thursday, May 20 at 8:00am and ends next Wednesday, May 26 at 9:00pm. Winning items will be available for pickup for the two days following the event.

To donate an item or experience for the auction, contact Jim Murphy at 585-450-7262 or jfpmurphy8@gmail.com.



TOWN AND VILLAGE TO HOST SCHOEN PLACE COMMUNITY CLEAN UP DAY THIS SATURDAY, 5/22

The Town of Pittsford and Pittsford Village, in collaboration with Pittsford Rotary, are hosting a Community Clean Up Day along Schoen Place on Saturday, May 22. **Community participation is welcome!** If you'd like to help out, meet the clean up group at 9:30am by the new canalside pavilion in Schoen Place. Trash bags and gloves will be provided.

SENIORS "SUMMER PICNIC" CURBSIDE LUNCH 6/8, ORDER DEADLINE 6/1

Chef Julie is cooking up a special "Summer Picnic" Curbside Lunch for our seniors on Tuesday, June 8. This delicious to-go lunch features oven baked chicken thighs, deviled egg potato salad, a garlic parmesan knot and a yummy dessert – all home cooked by our very own Chef Julie! Cost is \$6.00 per meal. **Meals must be reserved in advance; the reservation deadline is Tuesday, June 1.** Meal pick up is at the bus loop behind the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center. For more information, and to place your order, call our

PITTSFORD SENIORS
**CURBSIDE
TUESDAY LUNCH**
BY CHEF JULIE

*Summer Picnic
to go*

TUESDAY, JUNE 8

Senior Programs office at 248-6235. The Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue.



APPLICANTS WANTED FOR ANIMAL CONTROL ON-CALL OFFICER POSITION

The Town of Pittsford has an opening for an [on-call Animal Control Officer](#). This part-time position provides assistance after regular business hours to residents in the Town and the Village regarding both domestic and wild animals. Typical activities include taking appropriate action in regard to complaints, completing reports and maintaining proper files, the capture, restraint and transport of domestic animals or wildlife, and maintaining good working knowledge of Agriculture and Markets laws and Town and Village codes.

The application deadline is June 3. For a complete job description and application information, click the link above or visit the Town's job listings web page at www.townofpittsford.org/home-pittsford-employment-opportunities, where additional job postings are listed as well.

FULL-TIME SCHOOL DISTRICT CLEANING & TRANSPORTATION POSITIONS AVAILABLE

The Pittsford Central School District is looking for qualified applicants for the following open positions critical to the success of Pittsford Schools:

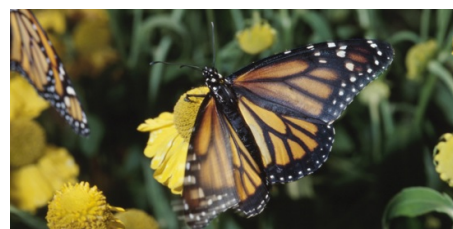


Full-time after school cleaning positions: 3:00pm – 12:00am, 10:00pm – 7:00am. Hourly wages (\$12.90 - \$13.60) for part-time work or a full-time salary (\$27,359 - \$28,727) with some overtime available. Benefits include dental and healthcare plans, NYS retirement, paid sick time, and paid vacation. Interested applicants can find a [maintenance/cleaning application here](#) or visit www.pittsfordschools.org/Page/928.

Bus Driver positions: PCSD has current opportunities in the Transportation Department for bus drivers. These positions offer paid training as well as competitive pay and benefits. Interested candidates can find [more information and an application here](#) or visit www.pittsfordschools.org/Page/880.

CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OFFERS POLLINATOR FRIENDLY GARDEN PROGRAM

As part of the Town's ongoing commitment to supporting native plantings and native pollinators in our community, we're glad to share some very helpful information from the Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE). The CCE offers a Pollinator Friendly Gardens program that provides all the information you need to create a healthy and sustainable native plantings garden that's good for the environment and supports native bees, birds and other pollinators. Those interested can even have their garden certified by CCE as a Pollinator Friendly Garden!



The CCE's [Pollinator Friendly Gardens Program](#) will provide helpful information on how to encourage and support pollinators in gardens of all types and sizes – from flowerpots on a doorstep or apartment balcony, to small and large gardens in a front

or back yard, or even surrounding a business's parking lot. To learn more, use the link above or visit <http://monroe.cce.cornell.edu/>.

Pollinators are vital to our food supply – and they help keep our natural areas thriving. And they need us as much as we need them. Please consider learning more about how you can support native plant species and our native pollinators!

WEEKLY AMERICAN LEGION TUESDAY BREAKFASTS CONTINUE!

Pittsford's [Rayson-Miller American Legion Post 899](#) hosts a weekly breakfast every Tuesday from 8:00-10:00am at the Post (21 North Main Street, lower level of Pittsford Village Hall). All veterans, as well as Post

members and guests, are welcome to attend. Stop by to meet and socialize with our veterans! There is no charge for the breakfast but donations are accepted. Eligible veterans are also welcome to become members of Rayson-Miller Post 899. For [membership information](#) click the link, stop by, or visit the [American Legion Rayson-Miller Post 899 website](#)



EMERGENCY BROADBAND BENEFIT NOW AVAILABLE

The Federal Communications Commission has launched a temporary program to help families and households struggling to afford Internet service during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Emergency Broadband Benefit provides a discount of up to \$50 per month toward broadband service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers.

Eligible households can enroll through a participating broadband provider or directly with the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) using an online or mail-in application.

You can learn more about the benefit, including eligibility and enrollment information, by visiting <https://www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit>, or by calling 833-511-0311.

REMINDERS

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

- **Pittsford Art Walk**, Thursday, May 20, 4:00 – 8:00pm, Pittsford Village, three participating galleries: Jembetat Gallery, 12 Schoen Place; Pittsford Fine Art, 4 North Main Street; Sylvan Starlight Creations, 50 State Street
- **[Pittsford Rotary "Cheers" Online Auction](#)**, May 20 – 26, featuring a wide variety of award-winning wine, spirits and other winning items to raise funds for the numerous community organizations the club supports; auction bidding begins May 20 at 8:00am and ends May 26 at 9:00pm. Find details at www.PittsfordRotaryClub.org/Auction.
- **Community Clean Up along Schoen Place**, Saturday, May 22, 9:30am; interested volunteers should meet at the new canalside Schoen Place pavilion. The event is organized by the Town of Pittsford and Pittsford Village, in collaboration with Pittsford Rotary; trash bags and gloves will be provided.
- **[Town of Pittsford Zoning Code Update](#)** – comments made by Town of Pittsford stakeholders via interactive online mapping tool accepted through May 24; 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.
- **[American Legion Rayson-Miller Post 899 Virtual Poppy Drive](#)** to honor fallen service members and raise funds to support veterans services, held throughout the month of May; visit www.raysonmillerpost899.org and click on the Poppy Donation graphic or use the Donate tab on the **[Rayson-Miller Post 899 Facebook page](#)**. Legion members will also be offering poppies in person at locations around town - see their website for details.

TOWN OF PITTSFORD BOARD MEETINGS

- **Planning Board**, Monday, 5/24, 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

COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

- **[Board of Education](#)** meeting, Monday, 5/24, 7:00pm, Barker Road Middle School McCluski Board Room, 75 Barker Road
- **[American Legion Rayson-Miller Post 899](#)** Tuesday morning breakfast and socializing, every Tuesday, 8:00-10:00am, Post 899, Pittsford Village Hall lower level, 21 North Main Street; open to all – meet and socialize with veterans; no charge but donations accepted. Eligible veterans welcome to join the Post; click this link for [membership information](#) or visit the [Rayson-Miller Post website](#)
- **[Pittsford Rotary Club](#)**, **WEEKLY MEETINGS HELD VIA ZOOM 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. Visitors and program participants are expected to observe appropriate COVID-19 physical distancing and face covering guidelines.

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.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. Patrons are expected to observe appropriate COVID-19 physical distancing and face covering guidelines.

Town Hall: residents are encouraged 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. Calls should be made to the department related to the inquiry. Town Hall is open at reduced capacity; appropriate physical distancing and mask use are required. Those entering Town Hall are expected to observe appropriate COVID-19 physical distancing and face covering guidelines.

Town Clerk: all services of the Town Clerk are available online, by mail, phone and email; residents are encouraged to handle business via these methods if possible. 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 pthurber@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 Allen Reitz at areitz@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 guidelines.

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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