

News & Reviews

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Town of Pittsford - a Clean Energy
Community

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Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings*

TOWN CLOSURES FOR MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY

All Town of Pittsford offices and facilities will be closed on Monday, May 31 in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. In addition, the Pittsford Community Library will be closed Saturday and Sunday, May 29 and 30. Town brush and yard debris collection will be delayed one day due to the holiday.



BRIEF MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT VETERANS MONUMENT

Out of concern for the health of their members and that of the public, the Pittsford American Legion Rayson-Miller Post 899 will hold a brief Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 31 at 10:00am at the Veterans Monument, 22 N. Main Street; please note the location is different from past years. The ceremony will be videotaped and broadcast the following week on Pittsford's local cable TV-12 Channel 1303. There will not be a parade this year. While the decision was necessary in light of COVID-19 coronavirus health and safety protocols, we understand and share the disappointment this news brings. While our celebration may be different this year, our care and support is as strong as ever as we honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice in military service to our country.



REMEMBRANCE POPPIES TO HONOR THE FALLEN – VIRTUAL POPPY DRIVE

Memorial Day is this Monday, May 31; it is a time to remember the servicemen and women who lost their lives during war-time service. This year, continued COVID-19 health safety and social distancing protocols will limit the Pittsford American Legion Rayson-Miller Post 899 in-person Remembrance Poppy sales and donation canisters. To ensure their continued support of veterans in need, the members of Rayson-Miller Post

#899 are conducting a **virtual Remembrance Poppy Drive** via their Facebook page and website. Funds raised from the annual poppy sale go to benefit veterans who are disabled, homeless or in severe financial crisis due to circumstances beyond their control – 100% of the funds raised are used for these services; no funds are kept by the Rayson-Miller post.

Should you wish to make a donation in honor of our military members who made the ultimate sacrifice, you can donate via PayPal (no account needed, credit and debit cards accepted) by using the Poppy Donation graphic on the www.RaysonMillerPost899.org website or the Donate tab on the [Rayson-Miller Post 899 Facebook page](#). Donors will receive a link to a digital "I donated" poppy for online use. If you are able to, please consider supporting this unique way to honor the memory of our fallen armed service members while helping veterans in need.

GARDENING WITH NATIVE PLANTS LIBRARY ONLINE PROGRAM 6/2

Gardening with native plants helps pollinators and other native species! Learn about how to include native plants in your garden with this online program from the Pittsford Community Library to be held Wednesday, June 2 from 7:00 – 8:00pm. The speaker, a master gardener with the Cornell Cooperative Extension, will describe some of the many benefits of gardening with native plants. Suggestions for plantings in sun, shade, wet and dry locations will be covered.



The program is free but registration is required to receive the Zoom link; the Zoom link will be sent the day of the program. [Register online for Gardening with Native Plants](#) via the Library Program Calendar or visit <https://www.townofpittsford.org/home-library> and use the Library Program Registration link.

The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street. To learn more about upcoming Library programs, visit the [Library's online program calendar](#). For complete Library information, including hours of operation, visit <https://www.townofpittsford.org/home-library>.

MEET THE MACHINES THAT WORK AROUND TOWN – SATURDAY, JUNE 5 FROM 10AM – NOON

There are many machines – plow trucks, construction machinery, emergency service vehicles and more – that work to keep our town running safely and smoothly. Join us at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center on Saturday, June 5 from 10:00am – 12noon and meet them close up! This is a free family-friendly event open to all, registration is not required. Please stop by! The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. For information about other upcoming Recreation programs, pick up a program brochure at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center (35 Lincoln Avenue), access our [program brochure online](#), or visit our [online Recreation registration page](#)



FATHER'S DAY ACTIVITY BOX – CRAFTY FUN AT HOME FOR KIDS – REGISTRATION DEADLINE THIS FRIDAY, 6/4!

Our Recreation team continues to offer unique activities for take home and low contact fun – like our **Activity Boxes** based on creative, seasonal themes! Each box has a craft suitable for ages 3-13. Our next activity box theme is "**Father's Day Celebration!**" The box includes all of the supplies needed to create your Father's Day keychain, a bird feeder, and more! To join the fun, be sure to **sign up by this Friday, June 5**. Those registered can pick up their Father's Day Celebration activity box on June 18 at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center front desk. Each box is filled with all

your child needs to create their project; fee is \$10.00. For more information and to register access our [program brochure online](#), or visit our [online Recreation registration page](#). The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue



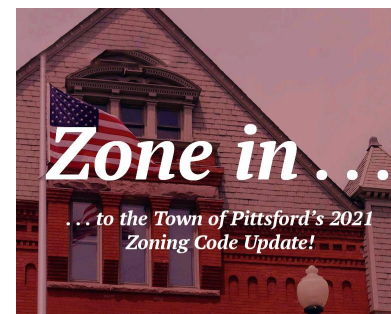
MAY'S BLOOD DRIVE AT LIBRARY 40% OVER GOAL, COULD SAVE 114 LIVES!

Many thanks to the 39 caring folks who came out to our May 18 blood drive at the Pittsford Community Library. Donors gave a total of 38 units of blood – more than 40% over our goal! And most importantly, per the

American Red Cross staff, **the blood collected at this drive has the potential to save 114 lives!** If you didn't get a chance to come out and donate, we'll have another blood drive at the Library on June 24 from 9:00am – 2:00pm. Find information and schedule an appointment by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or using this [online registration link](#). Thank you American Red Cross for giving us the chance to host a blood drive and help change lives!

GIVE ZONING CODE UPDATE COMMENTS AND IDEAS VIA EMAIL OR MAIL

Our Zoning Code Update is underway. We encourage all Town of Pittsford stakeholders (residents, business and property owners, community leaders, and taxpayers) to participate in the update! Substantial input and feedback from a broad range of our community members is essential to ensure the updated Zoning Code reflects the community's development preferences and future vision.



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 to view Zoning Update materials and information
- Submit comments via email to zoningupdate@townofpittsford.org
- Mail comments to Doug DeRue, Town of Pittsford, 11 South Main Street, Pittsford, NY 14534

When submitting comments, 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.



PITTSFORD YOUTH SERVICES AVAILABLE TO YOUTH AND FAMILIES, NO REFERRAL NEEDED

Pittsford Youth Services provides confidential, professional and affordable social work and counseling services to the youth and families of Pittsford – no referral is needed. PYS social workers can be found in every Pittsford Central School District school, as well as at the St. Louis School, working alongside counselors and teachers and helping to support children at all grade levels. PYS also provides family counseling and a variety of parenting education

programs. Services are available in a variety of settings – those in need can contact PYS directly for support and counseling, or may choose to work through the School District to obtain services. Find more information on the PYS website at www.PittsfordYouthServices.org.

REMINDERS

PITTSFORD ROTARY “CHEERS!” AUCTION ENDS TONIGHT AT 9:00PM

The Rotary Club of Pittsford’s online Cheers! Auction ends tonight at 9:00pm! Offering a wide variety of wine, spirits and other winning items to raise funds for the numerous community organizations the club supports, the event funds a variety of charitable

programs supported by Pittsford Rotary. Participants can register 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



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 closes TONIGHT (Wednesday, May 26) at 9:00pm. Winning items will be available for pickup for the two days following the event.

SENIORS "SUMMER PICNIC" CURBSIDE LUNCH 6/8, ORDER DEADLINE THIS TUESDAY, 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 SENIORS
**CURBSIDE
TUESDAY LUNCH**
BY CHEF JULIE

*Summer Picnic
to go*

TUESDAY, JUNE 8

Pittsford Community Center. For more information, and to place your order, call our Senior Programs office at 248-6235. The Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue.

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 Rotary "Cheers" Online Auction](http://www.PittsfordRotaryClub.org/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.
- [Pittsford Rotary Food Drive](#), Saturday, 6/5, 9:00am - 12noon, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue; canned and other packaged food goods needed, see list of [Food Cupboard needs here](#).
- **Meet the Machines Family Event**, Saturday, 6/5, 10:00am – 12noon, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue; meet Town trucks, construction machinery, emergency vehicles and more, family-friendly free event open to all
- [Friends of Pittsford Library Children's Book Sale](#), Saturday, 6/12, 10:00am – 4:00pm, Fisher Meeting Room, Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street, sale is open to all, featuring a variety of books for young children to teens; 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.
- [Town of Pittsford Zoning Code Update](#) – **comments made by Town of Pittsford stakeholders via email and mail being accepted**; access 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 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](http://www.raysonmillerpost899.org) 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

- **Town Board**, Tuesday, 6/1, 6:00pm, ASL interpretation provided, 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

- [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 <https://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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