

News & Reviews

August 11, 2021

Town of Pittsford - a Clean Energy Community

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Supervisor Saturday

with Pittsford Town Supervisor

Bill Smith

9:00 - 10:00am, Fisher Meeting Room
Pittsford Community Library

**Come in & join
the conversation!**

SUPERVISOR SATURDAY WITH BILL SMITH THIS WEEK – AUGUST 14

Town Supervisor Bill Smith will host his community open house meeting this Saturday, August 14 from 9:00 - 10:00am at the Pittsford Community Library. Stop by and join the conversation to catch up on current Town projects and other topics you might wish to discuss, such as the Town's **Zoning Code Update**, our latest **sustainability efforts**, and other **issues that affect your neighborhood**. If you've got questions, ideas or comments for Supervisor Smith, be sure to join him this Saturday!

This casual open house will be in the Fisher Meeting Room; participants will be expected to wear a face covering and follow appropriate health and physical distancing guidelines. 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. The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street.

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.

TOWN'S PESTICIDE POLICY: MINIMIZING PESTICIDE USE

The Town's Pesticide Policy is our Integrated Pest Management program. Developed in cooperation with Cornell University and New York State Integrated Pest Management and reviewed periodically with them, it provides the Town with sustainable grounds maintenance on the 2,400 acres of land we maintain.

We follow the science.

Pittsford's Parks Department works closely with Cornell and NYS Integrated Pest Management to continually reduce even further the minimal amount of non-organic chemicals and substances necessary for grounds the Town maintains.

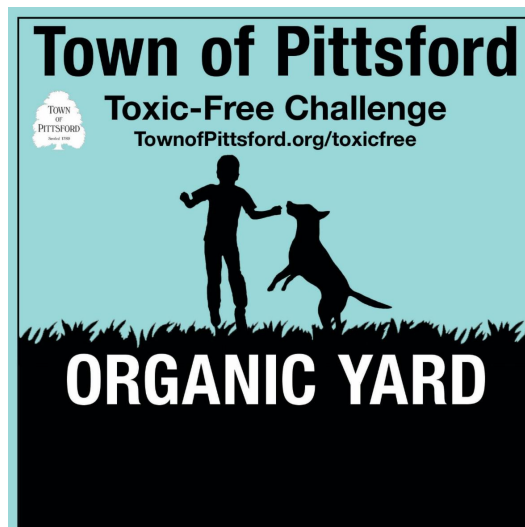
On the 2,400 acres of land the Town of Pittsford maintains, we're now at the point where the Town and its contractors together use less synthetic pesticides and herbicides each year than are used on just two – *two* – houses on half-acre lots that use a lawn service. Our staff only uses synthetics when it's absolutely necessary for public safety in using Town fields, and they're constantly trained in their proper and safe use.

The Head of our Parks operations, Jessica Neal, made a public report on the most recent major update of our Pesticide Policy, the Integrated Pest Management program, together with representatives from Cornell and NYS Integrated Pest Management. You can see her presentation and get the facts about the Town's grounds and fields maintenance practices at the link below:

[Parks Department Report on Integrated Pest Management and Reduction in Use of Non-Organic Pesticides](#) (PDF of PowerPoint presentation)

YOU can help. The Town Administration's commitment to reducing use of toxic chemicals throughout Pittsford is active on many fronts: not just in the Town's own maintenance practices, but also in our encouraging native plantings and in our *Toxic-Free Lawn Challenge*.

Take the challenge! If you have a lawn service, carefully assess and discuss your needs with your service provider. This can help you avoid unnecessary pesticide treatments on your property. For example, lawn grubs don't feed in the spring, so any spring

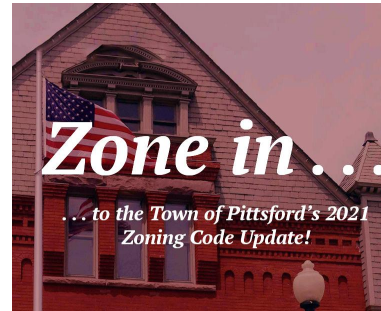


treatment for grubs is unnecessary and wastes your money.

We encourage residents to follow the Town's practice of using pesticides responsibly and only when strictly necessary.

TODAY'S ZONING CODE UPDATE MEETING CANCELED

The Pittsford Town Board Zoning Code Update meeting originally scheduled for today (Wednesday, August 11) has been canceled.



The Zoning Update meetings are tentatively scheduled for the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at noon, through the end of 2021. Meetings will be held via Zoom and are open to the public. Information about how to view the meetings will be posted on the Town website at www.townofpittsford.org at least two days prior to the meeting. The meetings will also be listed on the Town website calendar. You can find a [complete meeting schedule here](#).

Please note dates and times are subject to change; check www.townofpittsford.org for the most current updates.

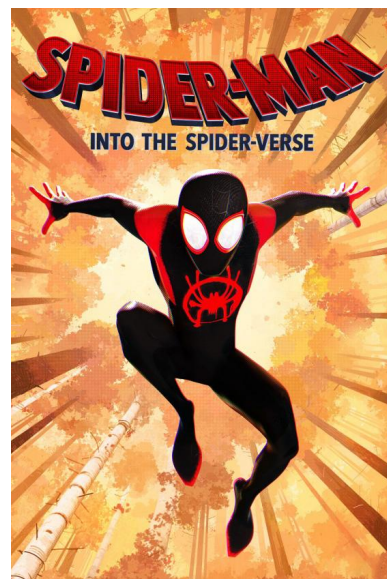
Learn more about the Zoning Code Update, and find links to the Town's Comprehensive Plan, Active Transportation Plan, current Zoning Code, and other informational materials, on the Zoning Code Update website at www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate.

THE BILLY JOEL EXPERIENCE, FEATURING MEMBERS OF THE SWOONERS - CANALSIDE CONCERT THIS FRIDAY

Join us for some classic Billy Joel music from **The Billy Joel Experience** - featuring members of the [Swooners](#) - as our Summer Concert Series continues this Friday (August 13) at 6:30pm along the canal in Carpenter Park at the Port of Pittsford. We've added four concerts this season, so you can enjoy music by the canal every Friday night through August 27! It's a season of outstanding music, from blues, jazz and pops to steel drum island sounds, southern soul, and Beatles classics! For a complete schedule, visit our [Summer Concert Series webpage](#).



Bring your lawn chair or a blanket and enjoy some great music along the canal and grab a bite to eat - food truck [Meat the Press](#) will be onsite throughout the season, or pick up something to go from one of the nearby Village restaurants. Carpenter Park is located at 22 North Main Street.



FAMILY OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT THIS FRIDAY, 8/13 – SPIDEREMAN: INTO THE SPIDER-VERSE

Our third Family Outdoor Movie Night of the season is this Friday, August 13. **We're back at Thornell Farm Park and movies are on Friday nights!** This week join us for Spiderman: Into the Spider-Verse [PG] – shown on a giant inflatable screen at Thornell Farm Park (480 Mendon Road).

The movie is free and food trucks will be on site with items available for purchase from 5:00pm until the movie starts. This week we feature **Wraps on Wheels**, and **Kona Ice**. Movies will begin at dark (approximately 9:00pm). It's sure to be a great time with family and friends - bring your lawn chairs or a blanket and join us!

And be sure to mark your calendar for our final Family Outdoor Movie Night of the season – Raya and the Last Dragon on August 27. Find complete information, including a movie schedule and a listing of food trucks for each week, at www.townofpittsford.org/movienights.



VINTAGE JAZZ DANCE AT THE LIBRARY THIS FRIDAY, 8/13

The Pittsford Community Library is offering a Vintage Jazz Dance class this Friday, August 13 from 1:00 – 2:00pm in the Fisher Meeting Room! Have some fun learning a combination of vintage solo jazz dance while also dancing in community. The class will start with a full body warm-up and then dive into the last century of '20's style vernacular dance. No experience necessary! The program is free but registration required. Please

note in-person events are contingent on New York State regulations. The Library will inform registrants of any changes. [Register online via the Library Program Calendar](#) or visit www.townofpittsford.org/home-library and use the Library Program Registration link. The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street.

SENIORS LUNCH CLUB 60 NUTRITION PROGRAM

NOW IN PERSON AT COMMUNITY CENTER

Advance reservations required

We're back to offering in-person lunches Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center! The program, provided by the Monroe County Office of the Aging, includes a delicious hot meal for seniors. Lunch is served at noon; suggested contribution is \$3.50. Bus transportation will be provided for seniors living in Pittsford who cannot drive. **We request that reservations be made two weeks in advance.** The Lunch Club 60 program also provides nutrition screenings, assessment, education and counseling to help older participants meet their health and nutrition needs.



Our Recreation and Seniors Programs staff members adapted the program to a curbside format during the pandemic restrictions. After 14 months, we're so glad to welcome our seniors back!

For more information, and to register, call the Town's Senior Programs Office at 248-6235. The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue.

PITTSFORD VILLAGE FARMERS MARKET PUPPET THEATRE THIS SATURDAY

The Pittsford Village Farmers Market features a new **Wildlife Puppet Theatre** show at 10:00am each week at the market. This week's show (on August 14) is **"Fly Like an Eagle."** Stop by at 9:30am for a free sustainability activity and stay for the free puppet show! A family-friendly market held in partnership with Impact Earth and the Town of Pittsford, the Pittsford Village Farmers Market features a variety of locally grown, raised and produced items, natural products and reusable wares and more, plus live music and kids activities. For more information, visit www.pittsfordvillagefarmersmarket.org.



Pittsford has a **variety of farm stands and farm markets**, including Hopkins Farm Stand, Knickerbocker Farm Stand, Powers Farm Market and Willard Farm Stand - all offering the best in fresh produce from local farming families - and the Pittsford Farmers Market at Pittsford Colony Plaza, offering a variety of farm fresh items. Find links to Pittsford farm stands and markets on the [Pittsford Farm Stands & Markets page](#) on the Town website.



CONCERT FOR KIDS WITH MR. LOOPS – 8/18

New location this year – behind the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center

Our last Concert for Kids of the season is Wednesday, August 18, and features kids' rock - and interactive fun – with [Mr. Loops](#)! This year our Concerts for Kids take place outdoors behind the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center.

Join us at 6:30pm for this free evening of family entertainment. You'll love the music - and may even want to sing along! We'll also have **food trucks** on-site with items available for purchase from 5:00 - 8:00pm. The Mr. Loops concert features **Macarollin** and **Kona Ice**. The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. Visit our [Concerts for Kids web page](#) for complete information.

DEHUMIDIFIERS RECALLED DUE TO FIRE AND BURN HAZARDS

Affects various brand names sold at retailers nationwide from February 2009 – August 2017

According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, two million dehumidifiers with well-known brand names have been recalled due to fire and burn hazards. The units were manufactured by New Widetech under various brand names and sold at retailers nationwide between February, 2009 and August 2017. The brand name, model number, and pint capacity are printed on the nameplate sticker on the back of the dehumidifier.



The recall was posted August 4, 2021. The recalled dehumidifiers can overheat and catch fire, posing fire and burn hazards. Use the following U.S. CPSC link to [see if a dehumidifier you previously purchased is on the list](#). If your dehumidifier is on the recall list, stop using it immediately and contact New Widetech for a refund. Contact New Widetech toll-free at 877-251-1512 from 8:00am to 7:00pm Eastern Time Monday through Friday, or online at www.recalltr.com/nwtdehumidifier or <http://www.newwidetech.com/en/> and click on "Recall Information" at the bottom of the page for more information.



- SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

The Rotary Club of Pittsford's annual Charity Golf Scramble Tournament is Sunday, September 12 at Victor Hills Golf Club's South Course. The tournament is one of the Rotary's major fundraisers – **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). The event starts at noon with a pick-up lunch, followed by a 1:00pm shotgun start is 1:00pm with foursome scramble play. Dinner and awards begin at 6:00pm. The tournament also features a raffle with a variety of prizes. A range of tournament **sponsorship opportunities also are available.** [Golfers and sponsors may register online at PittsfordRotaryClub.org](#) or to register and for further information contact Pat Mallery at pjmallery@aol.com

REMINDERS

TOWN BOARD MEETINGS ARE STREAMING LIVE

Pittsford Town Board meetings are 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/channel12 and use the On-Demand links to view previously recorded meetings.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN PITTSFORD

- [Town Summer Concert Series](#) featuring Billy Joel music with **The Billy Joel Experience - featuring members of the Swooners**, Friday, 8/13, 6:30pm, canalside in Carpenter Park at the Port of Pittsford, 22 N. Main Street; Meat the Press food truck on site with items for sale.
- [Town Family Outdoor Movie Night](#), featuring *Spiderman: Into the Spider-Verse*, Friday, 8/13, at dark (approximately 9:00pm), NEW LOCATION for 2021 – Thornell Farm Park, 480 Mendon Road; free and open to the public, food trucks will be on-site with items available for purchase from 5:00pm until the movie starts; food trucks are Tuscan Wood Fired Pizza, Wraps on Wheels, and Kona Ice. Current CDC guidelines will be followed; unvaccinated individuals should wear a face covering when using the restrooms or when within 6 feet of others.
- **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, 8/14, 9:00 - 10:00am, Fisher Meeting Room (first floor), Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street. Please note appropriate COVID-19 health guidelines will be followed.
- [Pittsford Village Farmer's Market Wildlife Puppet Theatre](#) – "Fly Like an Eagle," Saturday, 8/14, 10:00am, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue; more info at www.pittsfordvillagefarmersmarket.org
- [Town Concerts for Kids](#) - Kids' Rock with [Mr. Loops](#), free concert, food trucks on-site with items available for purchase, Wednesday, 8/18, 6:30pm, NEW LOCATION this year: outdoors at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue
- [Red Cross Blood Drive at Pittsford Community Library](#), Monday, 8/23, 9:00am – 2:00pm, Pittsford Community Library Fisher Meeting Room, 24 State Street; [schedule an appointment in advance using this online registration link](#) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767); the Red Cross will be following all COVID-19 guidelines during the blood drive, for more information visit www.redcrossblood.org. pp
- [Red Cross Blood Drive at Spiegel Pittsford Community Center](#), Thursday, 8/26, 1:00 - 6:00pm, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center Room 107, 35 Lincoln Avenue; [schedule an appointment in advance via www.redcrossblood.org](#) - type in Pittsford Zip code 14534 in search box, scroll to 8/26 blood drive. The Red Cross will be following all COVID-19 guidelines during the blood drive, for more information visit www.redcrossblood.org.
- [Pittsford Village Farmers Market](#), Town partnership with Impact Earth, ongoing Saturdays through August 28, 9:00am - 1:00pm, sustainability activity at 9:30am and Wildlife Puppet Theatre at 10:00am each week, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue; more info at www.pittsfordvillagefarmersmarket.org or contact zerowaste@impactearthinc.org.
- [Pittsford Main Street Food Truck & Music Fest](#), Saturday, 9/18, 12-9pm, South

Main Street (Four Corners to Locust Street) with PYS Duck Drop at 3:30pm in Carpenter Park at the Port of Pittsford, 22 North Main Street and Pittsford Rowing Exhibition on the canal at Schoen Place; food and drink, family fun, live music all day and fireworks to end the night! More info as the date approaches at www.townofpittsford.org/foodtruckmusicfest.

- [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.

TOWN OF PITTSFORD BOARD MEETINGS

- [Town Board Zoning Code Update online meeting, Wednesday, 8/11, meeting canceled](#). The Zoning Update meetings are tentatively scheduled for the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at noon, through the end of 2021. Find [meeting schedule here](#); find complete Zoning Code Update information at www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate.
- **Pittsford Community Library Board**, Wednesday, 8/11, 6:00pm, Fisher Meeting Room, Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street, current CDC guidelines will be followed; the meeting agenda is posted at least two days prior to the meeting on the Town website here: www.townofpittsford.org/minutes
- **Parks and Recreation Board**, Thursday, 8/12 – **MEETING CANCELED**
- **Design Review & Historic Preservation Board**, Thursday, 8/12, 6:00pm, Public Meeting Room, Town Hall (lower level), 11 South Main Street, current CDC guidelines will be followed; the meeting agenda is posted at least two days prior to the meeting on the Town website here: www.townofpittsford.org/minutes
- **Zoning Board of Appeals**, Monday, 8/16, 7:00pm, Public Meeting Room, Town Hall (lower level), 11 South Main Street, current CDC guidelines will be followed; the meeting agenda is posted at least two days prior to the meeting on the Town website here: www.townofpittsford.org/minutes
- **Town Board**, Tuesday, 8/17, 6:00pm, Public Meeting Room, Town Hall (lower level), 11 South Main Street, ASL interpretation provided, current CDC guidelines will be followed; the meeting agenda is posted at least two days prior to the meeting on the Town website here: www.townofpittsford.org/minutes
- [Town Board Zoning Code Update meetings](#) – the Zoning Update meetings are tentatively scheduled for the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at noon, through the end of 2021. Find updated meeting listings at www.townofpittsford.org/calendar and find complete Zoning Update information at www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

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- [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](#), Wednesdays (weekly), 7:00am, Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street
- [Pittsford Art Group](#) conducts monthly member meetings featuring a guest artist; new members are welcome! The PAG also hosts juried and non-juried shows and displays artwork at various locations throughout Pittsford. For further information or to become a member, please visit www.pittsfordartgroup.com and fill out a [Contact Us](#) form.

COVID-19 Closure Updates

On June 15, 2021, Governor Cuomo announced that COVID-19 restrictions are lifted immediately as 70 percent of New Yorkers aged 18 or older have received the first dose of their COVID-19 vaccination series. The State's health guidance and New York Forward industry specific guidelines—including social gathering limits, capacity restrictions, social distancing, cleaning and disinfection, health screening, and contact information for tracing—are now optional for retail, food services, offices, gyms and fitness centers, amusement and family entertainment, hair salons, barber shops and personal care services, among other commercial settings.

On August 2, 2021, Monroe County was designated as a County with a "substantial" COVID infection. Consequently, the CDC now recommends that people, regardless of vaccination status, wear a mask indoors. This is a recommendation, not a mandate. The guidelines are unclear at this point, as is the situation. Neither the State, the County or the Town has imposed a mask *requirement* at this stage.

Unvaccinated individuals continue to be responsible for wearing masks, in accordance with federal CDC guidance. Consistent with the State's implementation of the recent CDC guidance, masks are still required for unvaccinated individuals. For information on the vaccine, on getting the vaccine, regional vaccination data and more visit the [Finger Lakes COVID-19 Vaccine Hub](#).

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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