

# News & Reviews

September 1, 2021

Town of Pittsford - a Clean Energy  
Community

*See listings below for*

*Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings*

## SAVE OUR CANAL TREES – MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

*Deadline Extended, Public Info Meetings Added.*

In 2017 the New York Power Authority (NYPA) and the NY Canal Corporation – the State agencies which oversee the Erie Canal – presented plans to clearcut trees along the Canal. The Town of Pittsford has led the way to oppose this action.



Per a news release issued August 20, 2021 by the NYS Canal Corporation, the public comment period regarding the Canal Corporation/Power Authority plans has been extended to October 15, 2021 and six additional public information sessions will be held, two of which will be virtual. The sessions are:

- **Monday, September 20, 2021** at 11:00am and 6:30pm in the Town of Perinton Community Center, 1340 Turk Hill Road, Fairport.
- **Tuesday, September 21** at 11:00am and 6:30pm, in the Town of Perinton Community Center, 1340 Turk Hill Road, Fairport.
- **Thursday, September 30, 2021** - two virtual sessions, to be held at 11:00am and 6:30pm; register by emailing [public.info@canals.ny.gov](mailto:public.info@canals.ny.gov).

You can read here the [Town of Pittsford's comments on the Power Authority's Draft Environmental Impact Statement](#) and Draft Embankment Maintenance Guidebook, which summarizes the Town's position.

**If you have not already done so, please make your voice heard.** You can submit your comments to [NYSCCEmbankments@bergmannpc.com](mailto:NYSCCEmbankments@bergmannpc.com) in response to the [Power Authority's Environmental Impact Statement](#), which outlines its rationale for clearcutting trees along the canal, and to its proposed Embankment Maintenance Guidebook.

You may also mail written comments to James Candiloro of the Power Authority at 30 South Pearl St. Albany, NY 12207. Comments must be submitted to the Power Authority by October 15, 2021.

Visit our Canal Tree Clearcut Information web page at [www.townofpittsford.org/save-our-canal-trees](http://www.townofpittsford.org/save-our-canal-trees) for current updates and a timeline regarding the proposed canal tree cutting in Pittsford.



## TOWN FACILITIES & SERVICES CLOSED 9/6 FOR LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

### *Library closed Saturday - Monday*

All Town of Pittsford offices, facilities, and services - including Town Hall, the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, the Pittsford Community Library, and Town Court - will be closed on Monday, September 6 in observance of the 2021 Labor Day holiday. The Library also will be closed on Saturday and Sunday, September 4 and 5.

Town brush collection will be delayed one day during the week of September 6 due to the holiday closure.

In case of an emergency requiring Town of Pittsford services during the holiday, please call (585) 248-6212. On behalf of Supervisor Smith, the Pittsford Town Board members and all of our staff and volunteer board members, we wish you a happy and safe holiday!

## FOOD TRUCK AND MUSIC FEST – PLUS CREW EXHIBITION & DUCK DROP – RETURNS 9/18

Pittsford's favorite end of the summer festival is back and it's bigger and better than ever! Our Main Street Pittsford Food Truck & Music Fest will be held Saturday, September 18 from 12noon to 9:00pm and in addition to our usual festival activities, we'll be hosting a Pittsford Rowing Exhibition on the canal and the [Pittsford Youth Service Duck Drop](#) will be held in Carpenter Park at the Port of Pittsford from 3:30 – 4:30pm. There will be a Pittsford Art Walk and we'll also be celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Town's Greenprint.



Join us for a wide variety of great food from mobile cuisine vendors and local eateries, a wine and beer garden, family activities, amusement rides, children's entertainment, the Willard Farm Stand, shopping at Village merchants, and live music all day - plus fireworks over the canal to close out the night! [A Girl Named Genny](#) takes the stage from 12:00-1:30pm, followed by [Mud Creek](#) (2:00-3:30pm), [Miller and the Other Sinners](#) (4:30-6:30pm) and a headlining performance by Beatles tribute band [Mr. Mustard](#) from 7:00-9:00pm.

Food Trucks, Wine & Beer Garden, family activities and music will take place along South Main Street from the Four Corners (Monroe/State streets) to Locust Street. The PYS Duck Drop will take place in Carpenter Park at the Port of Pittsford, 22 North Main Street. The best viewing for the Pittsford Rowing Exhibition will be along Schoen Place or in Carpenter Park. Updated details, including a complete schedule, will be available on our [Food Truck & Music Fest event page](#) on the Town website as the festival date approaches.

Many thanks to our generous 2021 Event Partner sponsors [Pittsford Federal](#)

[Credit Union](#), [Wegmans](#), and [Wilmorite](#) and to event supporter Mattiaccio Orthodontics.



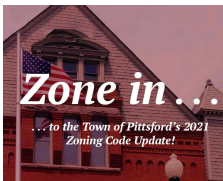
### ON THE BEAT WITH THE BUFFALO BILLS - AT THE LIBRARY THURSDAY

The Pittsford Community Library invites you to get the scoop on the Buffalo Bills! Join us tomorrow (Thursday, September 2) from 7:00 - 8:00pm in the Fisher Meeting Room for special program by Democrat & Chronicle sports reporter Sal Maiorana. He'll discuss his three-plus decades covering the Buffalo Bills for the newspaper and take questions about the team's outlook in the 2021 season. The program is free and open to the public. Per

the CDC and Monroe County Health Department, masks are strongly recommended and encouraged in the Library, regardless of vaccination status. The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street.

### ROTARY'S CHARITY GOLF SCRAMBLE - 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](mailto:pjmallery@aol.com).



### TOWN BOARD ZONING MEETING VIDEO AVAILABLE ONLINE

If you missed the August 25 Town Board Zoning Code Update meeting, you can view it online at this link: [Town Board Zoning Code Update Meeting 8/25/21](#). Complete information about the Town's Zoning Code Update can be found at

[www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate](http://www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate).

### REMINDERS

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### TAX INFORMATION | REMINDER

Town of Pittsford residents will receive their 2021-2022 school tax bills in the mail by or after September 1, 2021. If your bill does not arrive by Monday, September 6, please call the tax office at 585-248-6215. Legally, we cannot accept payment until September 1. First installments are due by Wednesday, 9/15. Full payments will be accepted through Friday, 10/1. Please include your stub and phone number with your

payment. Consistent with our practice since the onset of the pandemic, the Town will continue to encourage payments by mail or by secure mail slots which are located at both the front and back of the Pittsford Town Hall, 11 South Main Street. Full payments may also be made online via a link from the Town's website to the Monroe County website, using Visa and MasterCard only; there will be a 3% fee to use this online payment service. To pay online, click [HERE](#).

On-time first and full payments only may also be paid at Canandaigua National Bank, 18 State Street, in the Pittsford Village.

**Payment for First installments AFTER SEPTEMBER 15 will only be accepted from September 16 - September 20, with 1% interest.** These payments can be mailed or placed in the secure mail slots located at both the front and back of the Pittsford Town Hall, 11 South Main Street. The additional 1% must be calculated on the entire amount of the 1st installment, if you need assistance in that calculation, please contact the tax office directly at 585-248-6215 for the correct amount due.

**Please Note: We strongly discourage paying your tax bill via Electronic Checking/Online bill pay system.** If paying your bill with an online bill pay system, please be aware that your bank still mails us a paper check without a USPS postmark and it may take as long as two weeks to reach our office. Therefore, we cannot consider your payment received until we physically receive the payment in our office. **We do not recommend sending payment in this manner.**

#### **FIREWORKS COURTESY NOTIFICATION FOR 9/3**

Public and private fireworks events in the Town of Pittsford require a permit issued by the Town. As a courtesy, notifications for public and private fireworks events held within the Town are posted on the [Town website](#), the [Town Facebook page](#) and in the [Town's eNews](#). Courtesy notifications also can be mailed in advance to those in the immediate area of a permitted fireworks event (public or private) who request them. To request a mailed Fireworks Notification, please contact Town Fire Marshal and Code Enforcement Officer Kelly Cline at [kcline@townofpittsford.org](mailto:kcline@townofpittsford.org) or 248-6250. Please see below current fireworks event permit notification.

#### **Current Fireworks Event Notification:**

Friday, September 3, 2021 - Private fireworks event at Oak Hill Country Club - approximately 9:00pm

All current Fireworks Event Courtesy Notification listings can be found on the Town website at [www.townofpittsford.org/fireworks-notifications](http://www.townofpittsford.org/fireworks-notifications).

#### **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](http://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](mailto:comments@townofpittsford.org). Requests can be made in advance or can be emailed through the first ten minutes of the meeting. An on-demand Town Board meeting video with closed captioning will be available within 48 hours of the meeting; visit [www.townofpittsford.org/channel12](http://www.townofpittsford.org/channel12) and use the On-Demand links to view previously recorded meetings.

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN PITTSFORD

- [Zoning Code Update Town Board meeting](#), Wednesday, 9/8, noon, Town Hall lower level meeting room, 11 South Main Street. Meetings will be live-streamed and recorded; comments can be submitted in advance (mail or email) or at the meeting (email or in person). Find [meeting schedule and comment/viewing info here](#); find complete Zoning Code Update information at [www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate](http://www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate).
- **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, 9/11, 9:00 - 10:00am, Fisher Meeting Room (first floor), Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street. *Please note this month's open house will be held the second Saturday of the month.* Current COVID-19 health guidelines will be followed.
- [Pittsford Rotary Charity Golf Scramble Tournament](#), Sunday, 9/12, 12:00pm pick-up lunch, 1:00pm shotgun start with foursome scramble play, 6:00pm dinner and awards, raffle with variety of prizes, all proceeds to benefit local and international humanitarian services sponsored by Pittsford Rotary; Victor Hills Golf Club South Course. Fees are \$100 per golfer with a cart. Sponsorship opportunities available. [Golfers and sponsors may register online at PittsfordRotaryClub.org](#) or to register and for further information, including sponsorship opportunities, contact Pat Mallery at [pjmallery@aol.com](mailto:pjmallery@aol.com)
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- [Pittsford Youth Services Duck Drop Derby](#), Saturday, 9/18, 3:30pm, Carpenter Park at the Port of Pittsford, 22 North Main Street - annual rubber duck race on the canal to raise funds for youth and family services, part of the Town of Pittsford Food Truck & Music Fest; tickets and volunteer/sponsorship info at [www.pittsfordyouthservices.org](http://www.pittsfordyouthservices.org).
- [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](http://www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate). Comments can be made to [zoningupdate@townofpittsford.org](mailto: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

- **Environmental Board**, Monday, 9/6 – **NO MEETING** due to Labor Day holiday
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- **Town Board**, Wednesday, 9/8, 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](http://www.townofpittsford.org/minutes) - **NOTE REVISED DAY/DATE**
- [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](http://www.townofpittsford.org/calendar) and find complete Zoning Update information at [www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate](http://www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate).

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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](http://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. pp

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](http://www.townofpittsford.org/covid-19info).

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## COVID-19 Coronavirus Information Links

Further Town of Pittsford COVID-19 coronavirus information and updates can be found at [www.townofpittsford.org/covid-19info](http://www.townofpittsford.org/covid-19info).

[Pittsford Central School District COVID-19 Coronavirus Updates](#)

You can find information on COVID-19 coronavirus at the County Health Department's website: <https://www2.monroecounty.gov/health-index.php>.

Additional information about business closure requirements throughout Monroe County can be found on the County's Website: [www.monroecounty.gov](http://www.monroecounty.gov)

The CDC also has information on its website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/share-facts-stop-fear.html>.

In addition, the CDC has information relevant to anyone planning to travel outside of the United States: [https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html?deliveryName=USCDC\\_2067-DM20785](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html?deliveryName=USCDC_2067-DM20785).

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