

News & Reviews

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Community

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Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings

Message from the Supervisor

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH CONTINUES THROUGH 10/15

Hispanic Heritage Month is September 15 – October 15, a time to recognize the achievements and contributions of Hispanic Americans and Latin Americans and to appreciate the many ways in which they have, through a myriad of diverse backgrounds and abilities, enriched our nation's history and culture. Hispanic Americans and Latin Americans have made a positive impact on every facet of our society: science, law, medicine, business, civil rights and community advocacy, exploration, the arts, fashion, academia, politics, public and military service, media, sports – from astronauts, Nobel Prize winners and legendary athletes to Broadway sensations, community icons, and a Supreme Court Justice. During Hispanic Heritage Month – and always – we value and appreciate our Hispanic and Latina/Latino community members, their accomplishments, and the inspiration they bring to us all.



If you haven't yet had a chance to do so, please stop by the Pittsford Community Library to see our Hispanic Heritage Month display, which features books, movies, and audiobooks by Hispanic authors and about Hispanic characters. I was quite impressed by it! The display includes information about the [Hispanic Heritage Month movie collection](#), available for free to Pittsford residents via the Kanopy video streaming service.

Learn more about Hispanic Heritage Month and upcoming events by visiting the Library of Congress [Hispanic Heritage Month website](#).

- *Bill Smith, Pittsford Town Supervisor*

JOB OPENINGS IN OUR IT DEPARTMENT

The Town of Pittsford has two full-time job openings in its IT Department. The [Computer Support Technician](#) is a technical position responsible for the installation, maintenance, operation, troubleshooting and repair of the



Town's technology equipment such as PCs, laptops, printers, peripherals, etc. The [Network Administrator](#) is a technical position responsible for the Town's network, servers, security and backup, as well as network connectivity for the networked systems; work involves analyzing network hardware and enterprise software problems and researching new network and server products.

For complete job descriptions, qualifications and applications, use the above links or visit the Town's job listings web page at

www.townofpittsford.org/hr/pittsford-employment-opportunities.

GREENPRINT 25 PRESENTATION WITH BILL CARPENTER – THIS THURSDAY AT THE LIBRARY

Presented by Historic Pittsford

Did you ever wonder why there are still so many farm fields and green space in Pittsford? This year marks the 25th anniversary of Pittsford's Greenprint for the Future – an intentional commitment to protect the green space in the Town of Pittsford by purchasing the development rights of over 2000 acres. Learn what led to this award-winning plan and how the community was involved. Bill Carpenter, Town Supervisor at the time the Greenprint was developed and implemented, will present "Greenprint for Pittsford's Future: A Community Success Story" this Thursday, October 7 at 7:00pm at the Pittsford Community Library. A question and answer session will follow Mr. Carpenter's presentation.



The program is presented by Historic Pittsford. It is free and open to the public, and will be held in the Library's Fisher Meeting Room. Masks and social distancing will be required for attendees. For accessibility accommodations, including sign language interpretation, please contact Historic Pittsford at historicpittsford@gmail.com by Sept. 30. The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street.



TAKE THE GREENPRINT 25 SELF-GUIDED TOUR

Visit all sites and enter drawing for a free week of Summer Camp!

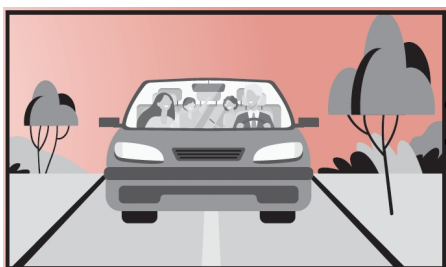
The Town of Pittsford approved its award-winning "Greenprint for the Future" in 1996, preserving in perpetuity over 2,000 acres of open space in Pittsford, by purchasing of development rights of 10 local farms. To mark its 25th anniversary year, we've put together a self-guided tour to celebrate the farms the Greenprint preserved and to honor those who farm them

today. You'll find an interactive map of the tour at

<https://gis.townofpittsford.org/greenprinttour>. If you complete the tour and fill out a **Greenprint 25 Passport sheet**, you'll be entered in a drawing to win a free week of summer camp! You'll find the [Greenprint 25 Tour Passport sheet online](#) or you can pick it up at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center. For the passport sheet and complete information about the tour and the drawing, visit our Greenprint 25 web page at www.townofpittsford.org/greenprint25 or use the QR code above.

**SENIORS HALLOWEEN CURBSIDE LUNCH IS 10/19,
ORDER DEADLINE THIS TUESDAY**

Chef Julie is cooking up a special Halloween themed Curbside Lunch for our seniors on Tuesday, October 19. This delicious home cooked to-go lunch features charmed chicken ala king, boo-tiful biscuits, terrifying tossed salad and a haunted Halloween dessert! Cost is \$6.00 per meal. **Meals must be reserved in advance; the reservation deadline is this Tuesday, October 12.** Meal pick up is at the bus loop behind the Spiegel 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.



TAKE THE 5 AND 5 CHALLENGE – HELP REDUCE SPEEDING!

- Allow 5 extra minutes to drive anywhere
- Drive 5 mph slower than you normally would

With each trip in your car, please consider allowing an extra five minutes to drive anywhere, and driving five miles per hour slower than you normally would.

This can make a big difference to safety on our roadways if we all do it.

Avoid distractions. Pay attention to your surroundings when driving. It bears repeating: drive like your loved ones are on the streets and sidewalks, wherever you are – because somebody's loved ones are there!

GREENPRINT 25 SPOTLIGHT: WILLARD FARMS

Willard Farms spans both sides of Willard Road. Founded by Oliver Perry Willard and Mary Evelyn Burlingame in the 1880s, it's been run by the family for generations. Today Bill Willard (4th generation) and Marc Krieger (5th generation) own and farm the land. Bill's wife Paula runs the farmstand. The homestead and farmstand are located at 116 Willard Road, surrounded by over 80 acres of farmland. Bill and Marc farm an additional 100 acres on the nearby Menzie/H. Harlan Knickerbocker Farm. Bill's been farming the land all his life, and his grandchildren – the 6th generation on the farm – are already helping out picking beans.



The wheat, corn and soybeans the Willards grow is sold wholesale. Their farmstand features sweet corn, tomatoes, and a variety of squash and other vegetables, including green and yellow beans, broccoli, cauliflower and cabbage, plus pumpkins in the fall – all home grown.

Bill says the farm was frequently targeted by developers before the Greenprint. "My father (Walter Willard) told me he used to get four to five builders stopping by a week offering to buy the land," he says. Walter Willard refused the offers but was concerned that someday he would have to sell. Once the Greenprint went through in 1996 and the Town purchased their development rights, the Willards no longer had to worry about

selling. "I'm very thankful for the Greenprint," says Bill Willard, "It took a lot of pressure off of us."

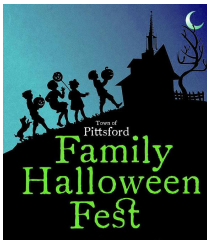


SCHOOL TAX PAYMENTS ACCEPTED THROUGH OCTOBER 31 WITH 2% INTEREST

The Town Clerk/Tax Receiver's Office will be accepting **full payment only**, with 2% interest, from October 2 – October 31, 2021. If you need assistance in that calculation, please contact the tax office directly at 585-248-6215 for the correct amount due. After that date,

payment must be made to the Monroe County Treasurer. Please see the back of your bill for instructions. 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](#).

REMINDERS



FAMILY HALLOWEEN FEST IS SUNDAY, 10/17

At the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, parking at Sutherland High School

Be sure to mark your calendar for the Town of Pittsford's [Family Halloween Fest](#) to be held Sunday, October 17 from 2:00 - 5:00pm at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue.

Enjoy crafts, games, and refreshments, with indoor and outdoor activities! It's sure to be an afternoon of great family fun. Admission is free but we request one canned good item per person to benefit the Pittsford Food Cupboard. Park at Pittsford Sutherland High School, 55 Sutherland Street in the Village, and take our free hayride shuttle to the Community Center! Details are being finalized; find updates on our Family Halloween Fest webpage at www.townofpittsford.org/halloweenfest as the date approaches. Please note masks will be required for indoor activities and are optional for outdoor activities. We hope to see you there!

JOIN THE PTSA "SUPER SALE TRAIL" TO SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS!

Host your own garage/yard sale October 16 & donate the proceeds to PTSA

The 58th Annual PTSA Super Sale again will look a bit different this year, and you can help make it a success! Due to COVID-19 safety precautions the PTSA has revised their traditional Super Sale to a Super Sale Trail of individual yard sales. The PTSA invites anyone in the Pittsford community to **sign up ASAP and host their own part of the Super Sale** on Saturday, October 16 from 9:00am - 3:00pm (rain date October 17). After the sale, donate the proceeds via Pay Pal or check. The PTSA also needs **volunteers** and **donated** items, and – of course – **shoppers!** Here's how you can help:



HOST A SALE

The PTSA will provide a toolkit, promotional materials (including a lawn sign!), and volunteers to help with your sale. Simply collect gently-used items from friends and

neighbors, host a sale in your yard on October 16 and forward your proceeds to Pittsford PTSA. Sign up to host: www.cognitofrms.com/PittsfordPTSA/PittsfordPTSASuperSale2021.

DONATE ITEMS

The PTSA needs gently-used furniture, toys, sports equipment, books, games, puzzles, housewares, holiday decorations, and more to help make the sale a success. Email Kim at volunteer.supersale@gmail.com to make arrangements for donations.

VOLUNTEER

Each stop on the Super Sale Trail needs a team of volunteers to help on October 16 with set up, the sale, and clean up. Sign up to volunteer: <https://www.cognitofrms.com/PittsfordPTSA/PittsfordPTSASuperSaleVolunteerForm2021>.

SHOP

Great treasures abound on the Super Sale Trail! Plus, every student in Pittsford Schools benefits from the proceeds of the sales, so check out one, or stop by all of them. Check out the [Super Sale Trail Map](#) to plan your shopping route!

To be a part of the [Super Sale Trail](#), find more information and sign up here: www.pittsfordptsa.net/super-sale. The PTSA Super Sale provides the majority of funding for PTSA enrichment grants, the Student Opportunity Fund, and a variety of programs and activities to benefit all students. Whether you donate, volunteer, shop or sell, you'll be supporting our Pittsford students!

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

- [PTSA Super Sale Trail](#) - garage/yard sales throughout the community to benefit PTSA programs for students, Saturday, October 16, 9:00am - 3:00pm (rain date)

10/17), various locations; sale hosts, donations and volunteers needed; the [Super Sale Trail map](#) will be posted here as of 10/1. Information at www.pittsfordptsa.net/super-sale.

- [Town of Pittsford Family Halloween Fest](#), Sunday, 10/17, 2:00-5:00pm, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue, indoor and outdoor activities, event parking at Sutherland High School, 55 Sutherland Street; games, crafts, refreshments, requested donation one canned good per person, to benefit Pittsford Food Cupboard.
- [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

- **Planning Board**, Monday 10/11, 6:30pm, 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 Code Update Town Board meeting](#), Wednesday, 10/13, 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.
- [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

- [Village Board of Trustees](#) meeting, Tuesday, 10/12, 6:30pm; more information and participation details will be listed on the Village website [here](#) as the meeting date approaches
- [Zoning Code Update Town Board meeting](#), Wednesday, 10/13, 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.
- [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. 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.

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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