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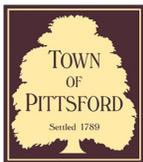
Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings

LIBRARY FALL BOOK SALE THIS FRIDAY & SATURDAY

The next [Friends of Pittsford Library Fall Book Sale](#) is this Friday and Saturday, October 22 and 23 in the Pittsford Community Library's Fisher Meeting Room and features an array of books for all ages (including hardcover and paperbacks), plus games, DVDs, and CDs - all at great prices! Hours are 10:00am – 5:00pm both days. **The sale is open to all!** Tables will be replenished throughout the sale so everyone has a chance to find some wonderful bookish buys. **Bags will be in short supply so please bring your own.** All proceeds benefit our Pittsford Community Library!



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VIDEO OF STATE OF PITTSFORD PRESENTATION AVAILABLE ON-DEMAND

If you missed the [Pittsford Chamber of Commerce "State of Pittsford" address](#) featuring updates by Town Supervisor Bill Smith, Village Mayor Alyssa Plummer and Pittsford Schools Superintendent Mike Pero, you can watch it on demand via the Town website. Use the above link or go to www.townofpittsford.org/channel12 and select the On Demand link to get to the ERCN TV-12 viewer. Then select

"Playlists," scroll down to select "Town of Pittsford Events" and select "State of Pittsford Meeting."

HALLOWEEN FEST COLLECTS 18 CARTONS OF FOOD FOR PITTSFORD FOOD CUPBOARD!

Thanks to generous attendees at our 19th annual Family Halloween Fest, we collected 18 boxes of canned goods and other food items for the Pittsford Food Cupboard! It was a great day for family fun and for the first time, the event was held at the Spiegel



Pittsford Community Center. There were a variety of terrific costumes and plenty of treats, crafts, games, and indoor and outdoor activities. Thanks so much to all who attended! We also truly appreciate the volunteers from Pittsford Rotary, the Rotary Interact Clubs of Mendon and Sutherland High Schools, and other community groups who helped provide such fun activities and special treats for all of our guests – while decked out in some pretty great costumes!

We are especially thankful for our generous event sponsors [Wegmans](#), [Wilmorite](#), and event supporter Greenlight Networks. Thanks as well to the Pittsford Rotary Club and Rotary Interactors and to local Pittsford businesses providing in-kind donations for the event: Bristol's Garden Center, Powers Farm Market, and Willard Farms.

We hope to see you all again next year!



THIS IS NATIONAL FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY WEEK - OUR THANKS TO LIBRARY FRIENDS!

In honor of National Friends of the Library Week (October 17-24) we thank the [Friends of the Pittsford Library](#) for all they do to support our Library. The Friends of the Pittsford Library is a non-profit organization that helps promote and support our library programs and services, encourages Library volunteerism, supplements library materials, and more! Learn more at www.pittsfordlibraryfriends.com.

TAKE THE GREENPRINT 25 SELF-GUIDED TOUR NOW THROUGH END OF NOVEMBER

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 by November 30** 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.



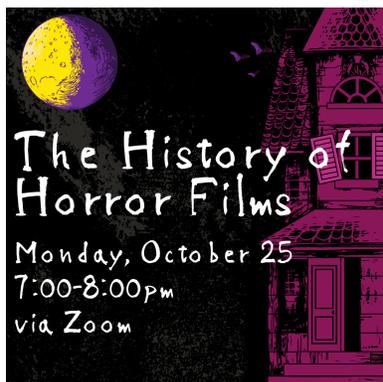
HONORING PCSD BOARD OF EDUCATION - SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION WEEK

The Pittsford Central School District celebrates its Board of Education members in honor of School Board Recognition Week (October 18 - 22), a statewide celebration of school board members and their commitment to students and communities.



The NYS School Boards Association (NYSSBA) sponsors School Board Recognition Week to recognize school board members for their commitment to New York public school children. School Board Recognition Week is an opportunity to raise community awareness and understanding about the crucial role school board members have within a school district.

The Pittsford Central School District recognizes and thanks its Board of Education members: President Amy J. Thomas, Vice President Ted Aroesty, and members Jeffrey Casey, Sarah Pelusio, René Sanchez-Kazakos, Robin Scott and Peter Sullivan. Our thanks for their service to the Pittsford community and its students!



HISTORY OF HORROR FILMS ONLINE PRESENTATION WITH THE LIBRARY 10/25

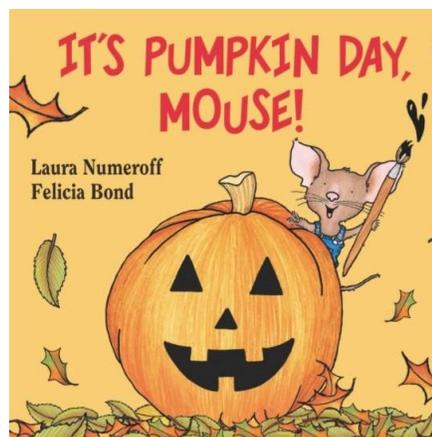
Halloween season is upon us, and what better way to enjoy October than with a discussion of the most frightening films to ever grace the big screen? The Pittsford Community Library invites you to learn about "The History of Horror Films" with their online program this Monday, October 25 at 7:00pm.

Ben Scrivens, President of Fright-Rags – a Rochester-based company that focuses on horror-related apparel – will take you on a ghoulish tour of the genre’s history. The program is free but registration is required to receive the Zoom link, which will be sent the day of the program. [Register online via the Library program calendar](#) or visit www.townofpittsford.org/library and use the Library Program Registration link.

“IT’S PUMPKIN DAY, MOUSE!” STORY STROLL OCTOBER 25 - 31

Display will be up at Community Center Monday through Sunday

The time is right for a colorful story come to life – and some crafty fun! Stop by the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center this Monday, October 25 through Sunday, October 31 and take a walk through our “It’s Pumpkin Day, Mouse!” story stroll in the Community Center field. Follow the story of Mouse from “If you give a Mouse a Cookie” – he’s excited for fall because it means it is time to decorate pumpkins. But one pumpkin is missing – where could it have gone? Take our Story Stroll and find out! Participants are asked to follow CDC physical distancing and mask guidelines as appropriate.



Once you have completed the walk, stop at the Community Center front desk and pick up a **themed craft pack to take home!** Craft packs are available Monday through Friday from 8:00am – 6:00pm and Saturday from 10:00am – 5:00pm.

The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. For more information about the event, call the Community Center at 248-6280.

GREENPRINT 25 SPOTLIGHT: POWERS FARMS AND SWEENEY FARM

We continue to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the



Town's [Greenprint plan](#) with a focus on some of the farms preserved by the Greenprint. Initially part of the larger Zornow family farm, the lands on the **Powers Farms** have been cultivated since the late 1700s. Betsy Zornow Powers' family purchased the farm in 1946 and established it as a very successful dairy farm. Her husband Roger Powers began managing the farm in the mid-1960s. In the late 1980s part of the farm passed to Betsy and

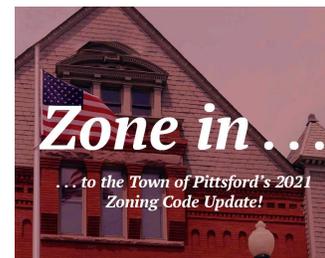
Roger. Today, their children, children's spouses, and their grandchildren help work the 175-acre Powers Farms, raising vegetables, small fruits, and ornamentals for their very popular Powers Farm Market at 161 Marsh Road, and they all help with a variety of annual seasonal events held at the farm and market. Over several years, the Powers family restored the c.1840 Albert White Farm homestead on the property and made it their family home. The Albert White Farm was one of four original farms that make up Powers Farms.

The Powers also own and farm the 75 acre former **Sweeney Farm** on East Street – also preserved by the Greenprint. The Sweeney Farm was nearly turned into a housing development, but the Greenprint plan allowed the Town to purchase the development rights and enabled Roger Powers to buy the farm, preserving it for agricultural use. Roger Powers believes farms are an important asset to our community. He strives to highlight their value by educating and inspiring his customers through various events and activities at his farm and market. He's grateful the Greenprint helped keep farming in Pittsford – and helped preserve the beauty of our open spaces.

"The Greenprint made farming possible," Roger says. "Without it, farming was on its way to extinction in Pittsford. There would be wall-to-wall development."

ZONING CODE UPDATE MEETINGS

Due to scheduling conflicts, the Zoning Code Update meeting originally scheduled for October 21 has been canceled and there is no meeting on October 27. The next meeting will be scheduled for November and will be announced in the eNews and on the Town website as the date approaches..



The Pittsford Town Board conducts regular meetings to discuss the Town's Zoning Code Update. To comply with the State's most recent Open Meetings Law, these meetings have moved from Zoom to in person. Meetings will take place at Pittsford Town Hall, lower level meeting room, 11 South Main Street. All meetings are open to the public. Meeting dates and times are subject to change; check www.townofpittsford.org/calendar for the most current updates. Please note current CDC guidelines will be followed.

To 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, visit our Zoning Code Update website at www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate.

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

- [Friends of Pittsford Library Fall Book Sale](#), Friday, 10/22 from 10:00am – 5:00pm and Saturday, 10/23, 10:00am – 5:00pm, Fisher Meeting Room, Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street, sale is open to all; bags will be in short supply – please bring your own.
- [Rotary Club of Pittsford Election Day Drive-Thru BBQ Supper](#), Tuesday, 11/2, 4:00 - 7:00pm, Thornell Farm Park, 480 Mendon Road. Tickets are \$15 each, available online or from any Rotarian; proceeds to benefit local charities and service organizations.
- [Pittsford Rotary Food Drive](#), Saturday, 11/6, 9:00am - 12noon, Pittsford Sutherland High School bus loop, 55 Sutherland Street; canned and packaged food items and non-food items such as cleaning sprays/disinfectant wipes, laundry detergents, paper goods, soaps, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes and toothpaste, needed for Pittsford Food Cupboard and various charities each month on the first Saturday (see current [list of Pittsford Food Cupboard needs here](#)).
- [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

- [Zoning Code Update Town Board meeting](#), Thursday, 10/21 - **NO MEETING**. find complete Zoning Code Update information at www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate.
- **Planning Board**, Monday 10/25, 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

- [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

- [Zoning Code Update Town Board meeting](#), Thursday, 10/21 - **MEETING CANCELED**. Find complete Zoning Code Update information at www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate.
- [Village Board of Trustees](#) meeting, Tuesday, 10/26, 6:30pm; more information and participation details will be listed on the Village website [here](#) as the meeting date approaches
- [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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