

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 TO DISTRIBUTE COVID-19 RAPID TEST KITS THIS SATURDAY *Free test kits available to Pittsford Town and Village Residents*

The Town will distribute COVID-19 Rapid testing kits to Town and Village residents this Saturday, December 18 at the Mendon High School bus loop, 472 Mendon Road. Test kits will be distributed from 9:00 – 11:00am or until supplies run out. Monroe County has provided these test kits to the Town, for distribution to residents. Consistent with all other Monroe County towns, Pittsford will offer one test kit per household. Each kit contains two tests. Those wishing to pick up a test kit must show proof of Pittsford residency (street address physically located in Pittsford Town or Village). A driver's license or utility bill showing the address will be required. The test kits will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis.



The County's supply is limited, permitting it to make available to each town enough test kits for 50% of all households in the town.

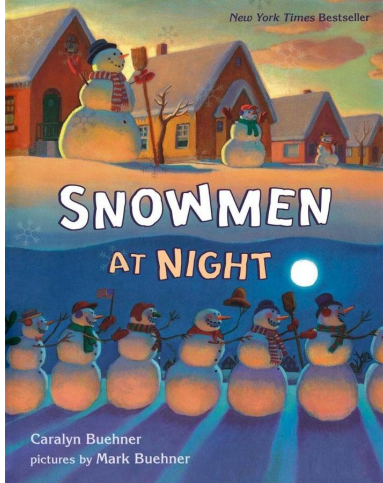
"Thanks to Monroe County for providing these test kits," said Pittsford Town Supervisor Bill Smith. "With so many people getting together for the holidays, the timing works out well. The test can let someone experiencing symptoms or who may have been exposed to make the right decisions. As ever, the Town is grateful to our Pittsford Central School District for making Mendon High School available as the distribution point."

Monroe County is providing test kits to each town for distribution to its residents. For more information on COVID-19 testing, visit the Monroe County website at www.monroecounty.gov/health-covid-19-testing.

"SNOWMEN AT NIGHT" STORY STROLL AT COMMUNITY CENTER THIS WEEK

*Display will be up at Community Center through this
Sunday*

The time is right for a colorful story come to life – and



some crafty fun! Stop by the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center this week, through this Sunday, December 19 and take a walk through our "Snowmen at Night" Story Stroll in the Community Center field. Have you ever built a snowman and discovered the next day that his grin is a little crooked, or his tree-branch arms have moved? Perhaps you've wondered, "What do snowmen do at night?" This delightful and witty wintertime tale reveals all about the secret life of snowmen! 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.

UPCOMING AT THE LIBRARY: INDIGENOUS AMERICANS DOCUMENTARY & DISCUSSION, HOLIDAY MUSIC, TEEN COMMUNITY SERVICE

The year is winding down but there is plenty going on at the Pittsford Community Library! Join us for a **viewing and discussion tomorrow (Thursday, December 16) of the documentary *Gather*** at 6:30pm in the Fisher Meeting Room at the Library. *Gather* is an intimate portrait of a growing movement amongst Indigenous Americans to reclaim their spiritual and cultural identities through obtaining sovereignty over their ancestral food systems, while battling against the historical trauma brought on by centuries of genocide. Part of the "Keeping it Reel" program - the Library streams a documentary on Kanopy every month and holds an informal afterward. The program is free and open to the public but registration is required. [Use this link to register online for *Gather*](#) via the Library calendar or find the registration calendar under the Events tab at www.townofpittsford.org/library.

This **Sunday, December 19 at 2:00pm** the Library hosts **Holiday Music with Ann Mitchell Jazz** in the Fisher Meeting Room. This special concert will feature holiday-inspired jazz tunes. Ann Mitchell will be joined by Tom Cometa on piano and Sheldon Tripi on bass. The program is free and open to the public; no registration required. It's the perfect opportunity to enjoy the music of the season!

For teens in need of community service credit, the Library will offer a **Teen Community Service program on Tuesday, December 21** from 3:30 - 4:30pm. Teens in grades 6-12 can earn one hour of service credit while helping our Library community! **Participants can attend via Zoom or in person.** Registration is required. Use this link to register to attend in person. Use this link to register to attend via Zoom.



TEEN COMMUNITY SERVICE
 Tuesday, 12/21, 3:30-4:30pm
 Grades 6-12: 1 hr service credit
 Registration required

PITTSFORD BALLET PRESENTS EXCERPTS FROM THE NUTCRACKER THIS SATURDAY, 12/18

Here's an opportunity to see the perfect show for the holiday season! The Pittsford Ballet School will present Act 1 and excerpts from Act 2 of the Nutcracker this Saturday, December 18 at the Calkins Road Middle School Auditorium (1899 Calkins Rd). Performances are at 1:00pm and 7:00pm. New this year – reserved seating, so you can choose your own seat! Tickets are available in advance online here <https://www.showtix4u.com/event-details/59431>. Tickets will available at the door the day of the show (cash only) but buying in advance online means better seat selection! Please note paper tickets will not be sold at the Community Center. To ensure physical distancing, tickets will be available in every other row. The online system will automatically block empty space on either side of each group of tickets in a purchase. Masks are required for ages 2 and up.



Ticket cost is \$12 for adults, and \$10 for children 12 and under and senior citizens (55 and up). Be sure to gather the family to see this popular ballet! For more information call 248-6280. Pittsford Ballet is a program of the Pittsford Recreation Department. Be sure to take part in this magical holiday tradition, now it its 25th year!



COAT DRIVE AT COMMUNITY CENTER THROUGH 12/22 FOR SAINT'S PLACE

Winter coats, hats, gloves and scarves needed – share the warmth!

If you'd like to share the warmth this season and help someone in need, drop off a winter coat, hat, gloves or scarf at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center! **Items are being collected through Wednesday, December 22 at the Community Center to benefit Saint's Place**, a Pittsford charity that provides incoming and existing refugees with needed clothing, home furnishings,

school supplies, and educational support for children and adults. The program is supported and administered by St. Louis Church, the Catholic Family Center and St. John of Rochester Church. Please help this worthy cause if you can! The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue; find facility hours here <https://www.townofpittsford.org/recreation>. For more information about Saint's Place at www.saintsplace.org.

PITTSFORD ROTARY "CHEERS" AUCTION ENDS TOMORROW – THURSDAY, 12/16

The Rotary Club of Pittsford's online Cheers! Auction ends tomorrow (Thursday, December 16) but there's still time to bid on a wide variety of award-winning wine, spirits and ciders! The auction raises funds for the numerous community organizations the club supports. The public is invited to participate. View the auction items and make your bids by visiting <https://pittsfordrotarydec2021.ggo.bid/bidding/package-browse>.



CHEERS!

HOLIDAY ONLINE AUCTION

PRESENTED BY THE PITTSFORD-ROTARY-FOUNDATION

Dec 10-16, 2021

-The auction will begin at 8:00 AM on Friday, Dec 10th
-The bidding will close at 9:00 PM on Thursday, Dec 16th



Auction bidding ends tomorrow (December 16) at 9:00pm. Winning items will be available for pickup this Saturday, December 18. Find some great buys for yourself or for holiday gifts while you support a worthy cause! Find more information at www.pittsfordrotaryclub.org.



PYS GIFT CARD DONATIONS DUE THIS FRIDAY

Take a tag from the gift tree at the Community Center or the Library and return the tag and gift card to the Community Center Information Desk or to the PYS office.

If you would like to help a family in the Pittsford community that needs a little extra support this holiday season, please consider donating to the Pittsford Youth Services (PYS) 'Giving Tree' at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center and at the Pittsford Community Library. **The deadline for donations is this Friday, December 17.** Your contribution will benefit families in the Pittsford community who are unable to afford basic items such as food, clothing, toiletries, and gifts for their families. A community service project of the PYS Youth Advisory Board, the trees feature ornaments, each with the name of a store where families can buy groceries, gifts or other items they need for the holidays. Donating a gift card can help these families enjoy the holidays. Donations are being accepted through December 17.

Gift cards most helpful to families in need include Wegmans, Tops, Walmart, Target, Dick's Sporting Goods, Marshalls, gas cards, Pontillo's, Dunkin Donuts and Aldi's.

Donors may take an ornament with the listed request and return it, along with the requested gift card donation, to the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center Information Desk (35 Lincoln Avenue) or to the Pittsford Youth Services office at 4 South Main Street, Pittsford. PYS social workers will deliver the gift cards to the families the week before the Christmas holiday school break. The trees are located on the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center main floor and in the hallway of the Pittsford Community Library (24 State Street). If you can help make the holidays a bit brighter for our neighbors in need please consider participating.

Pittsford Youth Services provides counseling and social work services for our schools and the greater Pittsford community, and has been serving the families of Pittsford since 1969. If you would like more information about PYS programs and services, visit their website: www.pittsfordyouthservices.org or email info@pittsfordyouthservices.org.

HOLIDAY HOURS FOR TOWN FACILITIES

In observance of the **Christmas holiday**, all **Town offices** (including Town Hall and the Parks, Sewer, and Highway departments), will be closed **Friday, 12/24 through Monday, 12/27**. All will reopen on Tuesday, December 28.

The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center will be closed Friday and Saturday, 12/24 and 25, and



will be open for open basketball hours only from 12:00-5:00pm on Sunday 12/26. The Community Center is closed Monday, 12/27.

The Pittsford Community Library will be closed Friday, 12/24 through Sunday, 12/26 and will be open regular hours on Monday, 12/27.

Pittsford Town Court will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday, 12/21 and 22, open Thursday 12/23, and closed Friday, 12/24.

In case of an emergency requiring Town of Pittsford services during holiday closures, please call (585) 248-6212.

Please see the complete daily schedule below:

Tuesday, 12/21 and Wednesday, 12/22

Pittsford Town Court closed.

Friday, 12/24

CLOSED ALL DAY

All Town offices and facilities, including Town Hall, the Parks, Sewer, and Highway departments, Town Court, the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center and Seniors programs, and the Pittsford Community Library.

Saturday, 12/25

CLOSED ALL DAY

The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center and Seniors programs, and the Pittsford Community Library.

Sunday, 12/26

CLOSED ALL DAY

Pittsford Community Library.

OPEN FOR OPEN BASKETBALL ONLY 12:00 – 5:00pm

Spiegel Pittsford Community Center

Monday, 12/27

CLOSED ALL DAY

All Town offices and facilities, including Town Hall, the Parks, Sewer, and Highway departments, Town Court, and the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center and Seniors programs.

OPEN REGULAR HOURS

The Pittsford Community Library will be open regular hours, 9:00am – 9:00pm.

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

- **"Snowmen at Night" Story Stroll**, December 13 - 19, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center field, 35 Lincoln Avenue; stop by the Community Center front desk after completing the walk to pick up a themed craft pack to take home; free and open to the public. Participants are asked to follow CDC physical distancing and mask guidelines as appropriate.
- [Pittsford Rotary "Cheers!" Online Auction](#), through Thursday, 12/16, featuring a wide variety of award-winning wine, spirits and ciders to raise funds for the numerous community organizations the club supports; auction bidding ends December 16 at 9:00pm. Find details at www.PittsfordRotaryClub.org.
- [Pittsford Youth Services Giving Tree](#), through Friday, 12/17 at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center (35 Lincoln Avenue) and the Pittsford Community Library hallway (24 State Street); take an ornament with a gift card request and return it with the requested donation by 12/17 to the Community Center or to the PYS Office at 4 South Main Street. Donations benefit families in the Pittsford community who are unable to afford basic items such as food, clothing and gifts for their families.
- [Pittsford Ballet Excerpts from the Nutcracker](#), a Pittsford Recreation program, Saturday, 12/18, performances at 1:00 and 7:00pm, Calkins Road Middle School (1899 Calkins Road); [reserved tickets, available online](#), tickets may also be available at the door on the day of the show (cash only), \$12/adult, \$10 for senior citizens and children age 12 and under
- **Coat Drive to benefit Saint's Place**, through Wednesday, 12/22, at Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue; drop off winter coats, hats, gloves and scarves by 12/22, collection to benefit refugees served by Saint's Place; learn more about Saint's Place at www.saintsplace.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. 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.

- **Zoning Board of Appeals**, Monday, 12/20, 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, 12/21, 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

- **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, 12/11, 9:00 - 10:00am, Fisher Meeting Room (first floor), Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street. Current COVID-19 health guidelines will be followed.
- **Village Board of Trustees** meeting, Tuesday, 12/14, 6:30pm; more information and participation details will be listed on the Village website [here](#) as the meeting date approaches
- **Board of Education** meeting, Tuesday, 12/14, 7:00pm, Barker Road Middle School McCluski Board Room, 75 Barker Road
- **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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