



# News & Reviews

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Town of Pittsford - a Clean Energy  
Community

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*Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings*

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## **COVID UPDATE FROM SUPERVISOR SMITH**

We're all aware of the sudden spike in COVID infections. It's affected local businesses, with some having to close their doors temporarily because of staff who are sick or quarantined. We've seen its effect on local school districts, especially their transportation operations.

It's affecting our Town government as well. For the first time we're seeing a significant depletion of both operational and office staff due to the virus. Of course we've prepared for this, with plans in place. Accordingly, we've been adjusting our deployment of Town personnel to keep services going in the normal course.

So far we're holding our own. We're still picking up lawn debris in bags and barrels, brush, leaves and Christmas trees, though it may be taking a little longer than normal to get to you. We've made adjustments necessary to carry on with all of these services and with snow plowing.

The spike in infections is occurring now, when taxes are due. Residents are visiting Town Hall to pay their taxes – one of the busiest times of year for the Town Clerk's office. Again, Pittsford is prepared. To help keep both you and our Clerk's staff safe, we strongly encourage you to pay your tax either (1) by mail or (2) through the mail slots at the front and back doors of Town Hall at 11 South Main Street; or (3) at the drive-through depository at Canandaigua National Bank at 18 State Street.

Payments by cash must be made in person at the Clerk's office, by appointment. Please make sure that any cash payment is in exact change.

Payments to the deposit box will be collected at the end of every business day, and first thing in the morning following any non-business day. So you'll be credited with timely payment. For more information, see message from Town Clerk, Renee McQuillen below.

Once more we're all adjusting to inconveniences related to the virus. Let's hope that after this spike, we're past it. Stay well.

*Bill Smith, Pittsford Town Supervisor*



## TOWN DISTRIBUTES COVID-19 TEST KITS

*No information yet as to whether the County will provide more test kits for distribution*

The Town of Pittsford has distributed nearly all of the COVID-19 test kits provided by Monroe County for Pittsford residents. We're not yet aware of any plans by the County to provide more test kits. For current Monroe County information on COVID-19 visit

[www.monroecounty.gov](http://www.monroecounty.gov). For a COVID-19 Rapid Testing sites information, visit <https://www.monroecounty.gov/health-covid-19-testing>.

## TOWN AND COUNTY 2022 PROPERTY TAX BILLS MAILED – DUE 2/10

Pittsford residents: if your property taxes are **not in escrow**, you should be receiving your 2022 Town and County tax bill in the mail this week. **If do not receive your tax bill in the mail by January 10, you can obtain a copy of your bill by:**



1. Downloading and printing a copy directly from the Monroe County website at [www.monroecounty.gov/apps/propertyapp.php](http://www.monroecounty.gov/apps/propertyapp.php), OR
2. Emailing the Town Clerk/Tax Receiver at: [townclerk@townofpittsford.org](mailto:townclerk@townofpittsford.org) or calling the Town Tax Office at 585-248-6215 to have a copy of your tax bill emailed to you.

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic situation we are encouraging residents to make payments by mail or by the mail slots (at the back door or to the right of the front door) at Pittsford Town Hall, 11 South Main Street, [online](#), or at the drive-through depository at Canandaigua National Bank (18 State Street, Pittsford). This is for your safety as well as the safety of our staff. We ask that any cash payments be exact change and that you call ahead for an appointment if possible.

The interest-free Town and County property tax payment deadline is February 10; first installments are also accepted on or before February 10. The payment stub (see page 2 of your bill) must accompany payment. Please include a phone number on your check. Please be sure to read carefully all of the instructions and information written on the back of your bill. It is also **strongly** advised that you do NOT pay by electronic check, as these payments do not receive a U.S. postmark and may arrive late.

**Please note:** If you are paying your tax bill with an online bill pay (electronic banking) system through your bank, please be aware that your bank still generates and mails a paper check to the Town and it may take as long as two weeks or more to reach the Town offices. This type of mail does not receive a USPS postmark. Therefore, the Town can only consider your payment received on the date it is physically received in our office.

## SUPERVISOR SATURDAY WITH BILL SMITH THIS WEEK – JANUARY 8

Town Supervisor Bill Smith will host his community open house meeting this Saturday, January 8 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



## Supervisor Saturday

with Pittsford Town Supervisor

**Bill Smith**

9:00 - 10:00am

Pittsford Community Library

**Stop by and join  
the conversation!**

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](mailto:bsmith@townofpittsford.org).

### **VOLUNTEER BOARD OPENINGS - RESUMES ACCEPTED THROUGH 1/31**

The Town of Pittsford seeks applications from residents who are interested in serving on our volunteer boards. The following Town volunteer boards each have **one opening** for appointment:

- Design Review and Historic Preservation Board: 2-year term (opening due to resignation)
- Environmental Board: 1-year term (full term)
- Planning Board: 7-year term (full term)
- Zoning Board of Appeals: 2-year term (opening due to resignation)



Town volunteer boards assist with the various functions of Town government and in many cases make decisions affecting key issues of importance to Pittsford's success as a community.

Selection Process: once candidate resumes are received, they will be distributed equally among Town Board members, who will then, along with the corresponding board chair, interview interested candidates. Interview questions will be consistent among candidates and responses rated against the same criteria. The highest-rated candidates will be selected; those not selected will be notified.

Any Pittsford resident with an interest in serving on one of the above volunteer boards should send a resume for consideration by January 31 to:

Supervisor's Office, Town of Pittsford, 11 South Main Street, Pittsford, New York 14534 or [sreddick@townofpittsford.org](mailto:sreddick@townofpittsford.org).

Please indicate in your submission what board would be of interest to you. For complete information about each board's responsibilities and board member term lengths, click this link to [Town citizen volunteer board information](#) or visit the "Volunteer Boards" link under the "Government" tab on the Town website at [www.townofpittsford.org](http://www.townofpittsford.org).



Our new and re-elected Town Board members were sworn in at the January 4 Pittsford Town Board meeting. We welcome and congratulate Kim Taylor as a new Town Board member and congratulate Stephanie Townsend in her re-election to Town Board, and congratulate Bill Smith as re-elected Town

Supervisor. Pictured: Councilmember Kim Taylor, Deputy Town Supervisor Kate Bohne Munzinger, Town Supervisor Bill Smith, Councilmember Cathy Koshykar and Councilmember Stephanie Townsend.

**FILM SCREENING THURSDAY AT THE LIBRARY - ALICE'S ORDINARY PEOPLE**

*Part of our month-long celebration of Martin Luther King's legacy*

The Pittsford Community Library and the Town of Pittsford are commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s lasting impact with events and programs throughout the month of January. The first program of the month is a film screening of "Alice's Ordinary People" this Thursday, January 6 at 6:30pm in the Fisher Meeting Room.

This documentary explores the life of Alice Tregay - a woman who stood against injustice. Her story spans from the marches of Dr. King to the election of Barack Obama and exemplifies how "ordinary" people can effecting extraordinary change for human rights. The movie is free and open to the public but advance registration is required. Be sure to save the date and register as well for an online discussion with the filmmaker on January 13.

To register, and to learn about all of the month's programs, including the MLK Living the Dream series, visit the [Library's online program calendar here](http://www.townofpittsford.org/library) or find it under the Events tab on the Library home page at www.townofpittsford.org/library. The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street. Please note mask use is required in the Library.

**MOVIE AND DISCUSSION JANUARY 11: "ANOTHER WAY OF LIVING"**

*Part of the MLK Living the Dream Series*

Join us in the Pittsford Community Library Fisher Meeting Room on Tuesday, January 11 at 6:30pm for the first program in the MLK Living the Dream Series - a movie and discussion featuring "Another Way of Living: the Story of Reston, VA."

This documentary follows the efforts of planner Robert Simon who, in the early 1960s, set out to build a new kind of walkable suburban community that integrated citizens across racial, economic, and religious divides. Simon's vision was realized in Reston, Virginia. A post-movie discussion will be facilitated by Kevin and Linda Beckford.

The movie is free and open to the public but advance registration is required. To register, and to learn about all of the programs in the MLK Living the Dream Series, visit the [Library's online program calendar here](http://www.townofpittsford.org/library) or find it under the Events tab on the Library home page at www.townofpittsford.org/library. The Pittsford Community



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## **BLOOD DRIVE AT THE LIBRARY THIS FRIDAY**

The Town of Pittsford will host a Red Cross blood drive this Friday, January 7 from 10:00am – 3:00pm at the Pittsford Community Library in the Fisher Meeting Room. The Library is located at 24 State Street in the Village of Pittsford.



Donors can schedule an appointment by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or using this [online registration link](#). Please schedule an appointment prior to your arrival to help ensure we can safely manage the flow of donors.

The Red Cross will be following all current COVID-19 guidelines during the blood drive. Donors can save time using the RapidPass registration process. Just visit [www.redcrossblood.org/RapidPass](http://www.redcrossblood.org/RapidPass) on the day of your scheduled donation, read the information, answer the questions, then print or email yourself the pass.

Donating blood is a simple thing to do, but it can make a big difference in the lives of others. **The complexities of COVID-19 mean your help is needed now more than ever.** The Red Cross has the ability to move blood around the country to wherever, and whenever, it is needed most.

As we continue to navigate this pandemic, blood donations remain essential to the health of our communities. The Red Cross needs the ongoing support of blood donors and blood drive hosts to ensure blood products are available for patients battling disease and facing the unexpected. If you are eligible and feeling well, please make an appointment today to give by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) or calling 800-RED-CROSS.



## **PITTSFORD ROTARY FOOD DRIVE THIS SATURDAY** *Donations will go to Pittsford Food Cupboard and The People's Pantry of Rochester*

The [Rotary Club of Pittsford](#), in collaboration with the Town of Pittsford, is holding a drive-through canned and packaged food drive to benefit the [Pittsford Food Cupboard](#) and [The People's Pantry of Rochester](#) this Saturday, January 8 from 9:00am – noon at the Pittsford Sutherland High School bus loop, 55 Sutherland Street.

Needs for the **People's Pantry of Rochester** include **food items** such as canned meat and fish, canned fruits and vegetables, peanut butter, instant potatoes, canned beans, cereal, soup, rice, condiments, snacks and baking items; **personal items**, including deodorant, bar soap and hand soap, toothpaste and tooth brushes, Band-aids, and sanitary items; **baby items**, including diapers, wipes and baby food; and **pet items**, including treats and dry and canned food for dogs and cats. Click this link for a [complete list of People's Pantry needs](#).

Current needs for the **Pittsford Food Cupboard** include Bisquick, syrup, cereal, flavored tea, collard greens, spinach, beets, olives, lima beans, mushrooms, boxed potatoes, tomato products, canned meats, dry cat food and cleaning supplies. Click this link for a

complete [list of current Food Cupboard needs](#).

Rotarians, community volunteers and Town staff will be collecting items rain, snow or shine.

All volunteers working will be taking COVID-19 precautionary measures, including wearing face coverings and gloves and maintaining safe distances. The Pittsford Food Cupboard and the Veterans Outreach Center are among the many organizations that benefit from Pittsford Rotary's mission of service to our community and beyond. Please help our Rotarians help those in need if you can!

### **FENCING DEMONSTRATION WITH OLYMPIAN IRIS ZIMMERMAN AT THE LIBRARY SUNDAY**

Join us at the Pittsford Community Library this Sunday, January 9 from 2:00 – 3:30pm for a Rochester Fencing Club demonstration in the Fisher Meeting Room. Olympic fencer and Cadet World Champion Iris Zimmerman will lead an overview of the history of fencing and demonstrate some fencing techniques. The program is suitable for all ages. It is free and open to the public, but advance registration is required. [Use this link to register online](#) via the Library calendar or find the registration calendar under the Events tab at [www.townofpittsford.org/library](http://www.townofpittsford.org/library).



The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street. Please note mask use is required while in the Library. To learn more about upcoming Library programs, visit the [Library's online program calendar](#). For complete Library information, including hours of operation, visit [www.townofpittsford.org/library](http://www.townofpittsford.org/library).



### **SENIORS CRAFT CLUB AT COMMUNITY CENTER – NEXT MEETING IS 1/14**

Our Pittsford Recreation Department has wonderful programs for seniors - and our seniors do wonderful things for others! The Seniors Craft Club, held at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, often makes items for donation to local charities. Craft Club is a fun opportunity to get creative, make friends and do something positive for others.

If you or someone you know enjoys making crafts, or would like to learn how, join our seniors this winter! Craft Club will meet once a month on Fridays: January 14, February 11 and March 11, from 9:30 - 11:30am. For more information, stop by the Senior Programs office at the Community Center or call 248-6235. The Town's Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. To learn more about our programs, activities and services for seniors, visit our Seniors page at [www.townofpittsford.org/seniors](http://www.townofpittsford.org/seniors), read our [Seniors program info brochure online](#), or call our Senior Programs office at 248-6235.

### **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](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**

- [Red Cross Blood Drive at Pittsford Community Library](#), Friday, 1/7, 10:00am – 3:00pm, 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](http://www.redcrossblood.org).
- [Pittsford Rotary Food Drive](#), Saturday, 1/8, 9:00am - 12noon, Pittsford Sutherland High School bus loop, 55 Sutherland Street, collecting canned and packaged food items, personal hygiene items and cleaning supplies to benefit the [Pittsford Food Cupboard](#) and the [People's Pantry of Rochester](#) (click links for complete lists of needs).
- [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**

- **Planning Board**, Monday 1/10, 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](http://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](http://www.townofpittsford.org/calendar) and find complete Zoning Update information at [www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate](http://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, 1/8/22, 9:00 - 10:00am, Fisher Meeting Room (first floor), Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street. Current COVID-19 health guidelines will be followed.
- [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 Access Updates

1/31/22 Update: Governor's mask mandate extended to February 1, 2022.

12/13/21 Update: By order of NYS Governor Kathy Hochul, until January 15, 2022 the Town must require all persons entering Town buildings to be masked, regardless of vaccination status. This applies to all Town indoor facilities, including Town Hall, the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, the Pittsford Community Library, Town Court and the Highway Department, Sewer Department and Parks Department offices.

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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](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://www.monroecounty.gov/health>.

Additional information about COVID-19 testing and health 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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