

News & Reviews

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Town of Pittsford - a Clean Energy
Community

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SUPERVISOR OPEN HOUSE THIS SATURDAY WITH BILL SMITH – FEBRUARY 12

Town Supervisor Bill Smith will host his community open house meeting this Saturday, February 12 from 9:00 - 10:00am at the Pittsford Community Library. *Please note February's open house is being held the second Saturday of the month.* Stop by and join the conversation to catch up on current Town projects and other topics you might wish to discuss, such 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!

Supervisor Saturday

with Pittsford Town Supervisor

Bill Smith

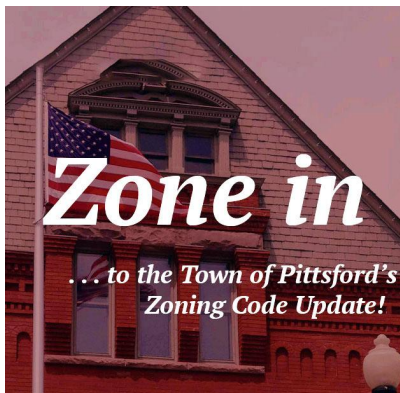
9:00 - 10:00am

Pittsford Community Library

**Stop by and join
the conversation!**

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.



REMINDER: ZONING CODE UPDATE TOWN BOARD MEETING IS TODAY (2/9) AT 3:00PM

The Pittsford Town Board conducts regular meetings to discuss the Town's Zoning Code Update; the next meeting is today (Wednesday, February 9) at 3:00pm in the lower level meeting room at Pittsford Town Hall, 11 South Main Street. The meeting is open to the public; please note current CDC guidelines will be followed and face coverings are required per State mandate. The meeting also will be live streamed.

Comments for each meeting may be submitted in advance via mail or email, and may

be submitted during each meeting either in person or via email. All meetings will be recorded and live-streamed via the Town website. Click the following link for information about [how to submit comments and view the meetings](#). Meeting viewing and commenting information can be found on the Town website at <https://www.townofpittsford.org/calendar> as well. Complete information about the Zoning Code Update can also be found at www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate.

The Zoning Update meeting schedule for 2022 will be determined at today's meeting and will be posted when approved. Please note dates and times are subject to change; check <https://www.townofpittsford.org/calendar> for the most current updates.

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.

SENIORS CRAFT CLUB AT COMMUNITY CENTER, NEXT MEETING THIS FRIDAY

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. **Our next meeting is this Friday, February 11.**



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 from 9:30 - 11:30am. Upcoming meetings are February 11 and March 11. 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, read our [Seniors program info brochure online](#), or call our Senior Programs office at 248-6235.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH: BLACKSTORYTELLING LEAGUE AT THE LIBRARY THIS SATURDAY

Part of the Library's Black History Month programs

Join us at the Pittsford Community Library this Saturday, February 12 from 10:30 – 11:15am for a special Black History Month program. Members of the Blackstorytelling League of Rochester will present stories that showcase African American history and highlight the contributions of African Americans, especially young people. These engaging and entertaining stories will explore a vibrant

and diverse history, exemplifying the significance behind Black History Month and highlighting some of the many ways that African American history is American history. This event is intended for all ages, with a focus on elementary school children. It is free and open to the public – no registration required.

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.

THINK CONSERVATION – AND SPRING! – WITH THE COUNTY’S TREE, SHRUB AND PLANT PRE-ORDER PROGRAM

Order deadline is March 4

Winter is still here, but it’s not too early to plan for your spring native planting project – and you can help conservation efforts in our area while you do!



The Monroe County Soil and Water (MCSW) Conservation District’s annual Conservation Tree, Shrub, and Plant pre-order program is currently underway and offers a wide variety of evergreens, hardwood trees, shrubs, wildflowers, groundcovers, seed mixes, plant variety conservation packs, and even enhancement items like bluebird nesting boxes and bat roosting boxes! Proceeds from the annual sale will benefit the MCSW Conservation District’s education and preservation programs.

The catalog offers great choices for suburban conservationists, including an Edible Fruit Shrub multi-pack – featuring two plants each of cold tolerant strawberry, raspberry, blackberry, and two varieties of blueberry – and a Wildlife Pack that includes shrubs and trees that provide ideal food and shelter for wildlife. Packages range in unit size and price, from a bundle of 10 spruces, pines or fir trees for as low as \$15, to bundles of 100 trees for as low as \$102.

Native species new to the program this year include White Cedar (Arborvitae), Paper Birch, American Cranberry, and Red Osier Dogwood – all showy, beautiful trees and shrubs that produce wildlife-attracting fruit and flowers and will provide quite the fall scenery with their stunning foliage.

Planting trees and shrubs is perhaps the most effective way for individuals to help keep our environment clean and green. In addition to providing shade, privacy, wildlife habitat, borders, windbreaks and snow fences, trees provide many environmental benefits not visible to the eye. They work as filters to help protect drinking water, clean the air of pollutants, help mitigate stormwater runoff and stabilize soil to prevent erosion, and reduce noise by acting as sound barriers. Trees can help cool your home in the summer, and break cold winds in the winter, helping to reduce energy use. They can even add value to your property.

Orders are due by March 4 and will be ready for pick up on **April 21 - 22** at Monroe County’s ecopark facility (10 Avion Drive, Rochester 14624). To find the 2022 catalog, fillable online and printable order forms, a plant fact sheet and planting tips, visit the Monroe County Soil and Water Conservation District’s [Tree and Shrub Program web page](#). Order forms also are available at local Town and Village Clerk’s offices. For further information, visit the MCSW Conservation District website at www.monroecountyswcd.org, email mcswcd@monroecounty.gov or call the MCSW Conservation District office Monday - Friday, 8:00am-4:00pm, at (585) 753-7380. Improve the environmental health of your property and support local conservation efforts - place your order today!

GUIDED HIKE FEBRUARY 19 FEATURES ISAAC GORDON NATURE PARK

Pittsford Recreation's next guided trail hike is Saturday, February 19 - enjoy the mid-winter beauty of Isaac



Gordon Nature Park and its trails. The hike begins at 8:30am. Participants will meet at the trail head and will be provided with a packet of maps and area information. Bring your Wegmans Hit the Trail Passport and get credit for hiking the trail! The program is free but advance registration is required. Register online at www.townofpittsford.org/recreation or in person at the

Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue. Free downloadable/printable maps are also available in advance on the Town website at www.townofpittsford.org/trails_and_walkways. And be sure to mark your calendar for the March 26 hike at Royal Coach Trail!

TOWN AND COUNTY 2022 PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS DUE THURSDAY (2/10)

First installments also accepted on or before February 10

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic situation **we are encouraging residents to make payments by mail or by the secure mail slots at Pittsford Town Hall** (at the back door or to the right of the front door), 11 South Main Street. 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.



In addition, **first installment payments and full payments also may be made at Canandaigua National Bank**, 18 State Street, through this Thursday, February 10 only. **Payments also can be made online** using Visa or MasterCard only; please note there is a 2.75% service charge for online payments. [To pay online click here](#), which directs to the Monroe County Property Tax portal on the Monroe County website.

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.



ELDERBERRY EXPRESS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AVAILABLE

Full services available: medical, banking, salon appointments, grocery shopping, etc.

The Elderberry Express is a free transportation service for Pittsford residents, age 55 and older. Volunteer drivers can transport seniors to and from medical appointments, banking activities, visits to friends and family, prescription pickups, hairdresser/barber appointments and grocery shopping. Elderberry Express also continues to offer rides to COVID vaccine appointments and other medical appointments, including imaging, physical therapy,

and labs. Please note all COVID-19 precautions will be followed; drivers and passengers will be required to wear a mask.

Transportation is available Monday – Friday, 9:00am – 3:00pm. **Services must be scheduled at least two business days in advance to ensure driver availability;** Monday appointments must be scheduled by the prior Thursday. Staff members will be in the office 10:00am – 12 noon Monday through Friday to take calls. To schedule, call 248-6237 during this time. If you must call after office hours, please leave your name, phone number, address, appointment date and time, and type of service requested (medical appointment, grocery store trip, etc.), and a staff member will return your call to confirm your transportation. The service is free, although donations are welcome!

Elderberry Express also is **in need of volunteer drivers** willing to help provide transportation, from one to a few times per month, to seniors in Pittsford. Each trip takes between one to two hours. This small time commitment makes a big difference to seniors who can get out and about but can no longer drive. By volunteering your time you can give others the gift of continued independence. Can you help? Call or stop by the Elderberry Express office in the Senior Programs Office at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue, telephone 248-6237.

REMINDERS

HISTORY OF PITTSFORD'S GREENBELT ASSOCIATION – ONLINE PROGRAM TONIGHT (2/9)

Presented by Historic Pittsford in celebration of Town's Greenprint 25th anniversary

Historic Pittsford will present "Pittsford Greenbelt Association – Past, Present and Future" TONIGHT (Wednesday, February 9) at 7:00pm via Zoom. The program presenter is Pittsford resident Maria Rudzinski, past President of the Greenbelt Association and current Senior Planner in the Ontario County Planning Department. **The program is free and open to the public but advance [registration](#) is required to receive the Zoom link.**



Ms. Rudzinski will share the history of The Greenbelt Association, its role in Pittsford's Greenprint, the resulting benefits of both initiatives as seen today, and the opportunities community members have for sustaining these efforts into the future. Ms. Rudzinski brings decades of professional experience in land use planning and an extensive knowledge of how Pittsford achieved an award-winning Greenprint conservation plan that has been a model for other communities. A question and answer period will follow the presentation. [Click this link to register](#) or register and find complete information at www.historicpittsford.com.

The program is part of Historic Pittsford's celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Town's "Greenprint for Pittsford's Future" Plan. Enacted by the Pittsford Town Board in July of 1996, the Greenprint was a first-of-its-kind, award-winning program that preserved two-thirds of the then-remaining farmland in the Town – over 2,000 acres of open space in Pittsford. Learn more at www.townofpittsford.org/greenprint25.

SWEETHEART DANCE RESCHEDULED TO APRIL 29

The Pittsford Recreation Department's annual Sweetheart Dance has been rescheduled to Friday, April 29 from 6:30 - 9:00pm at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center. The dance was originally scheduled



for February 11.

Children, accompanied by an adult, can dance the night away at this memorable evening full of music, refreshments and fun. A DJ will provide the music and some fun activities. For an additional fee, a photographer will be available to capture the memory with a keepsake photo. Don't miss out on this special

night!

Cost is \$20 per person. To [register online click this link](#) and see the "Family and Youth" section, or stop by the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center to register in person. The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue.

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 <https://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

- [Historic Pittsford online program: History of Pittsford's Greenbelt Association](#), 2/9, 7:00pm, free and open to the public but registration required to receive Zoom link; more information and registration at www.historicpittsford.com.
- [Rainbow Classic Mendon vs. Sutherland Basketball Games](#), Saturday, 2/12, University of Rochester Palestra; Varsity Girls game at 12:00pm, Varsity Boys game at 2:00pm; tickets are advance-sale only, visit the Pittsford Central School District [Rainbow Classic web page](#) for more information. All proceeds to support Golisano Children's Hospital.
- "Snow Dog, Go Dog!" Story Stroll, February 14 - 20, 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.
- Senior Movie Matinee featuring *The King's Speech*, Thursday, 2/17, 10:00am,

Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue, in the VanHuysen Community Room, free, includes light refreshments

- [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

- **Pittsford Community Library Board**, Wednesday, 2/9, 6:00pm, Fisher Meeting Room, Pittsford Community Library, 24 State 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
- **Design Review & Historic Preservation Board**, Thursday, 2/10, 6:00pm, 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
- **Planning Board**, Monday 2/14, 6:30pm, due to anticipated attendance and meeting space constraints this meeting will be via Zoom; information for accessing and viewing the meeting can be found on page 2 of the meeting agenda, which is posted at least two days prior to the meeting on the Town website here: www.townofpittsford.org/minutes
- **Town Board**, Tuesday, 2/15, 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
- [Zoning Code Update Town Board meeting](#), Wednesday, 2/9, 3:00pm, 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 [comment/viewing info here](#); find complete Zoning Code Update information at www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate. Updated meeting listings will be posted at <https://www.townofpittsford.org/calendar>.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

- [Village Board of Trustees](#) meeting, Thursday, 2/10, 6:30pm; more information and participation details will be listed on the Village website [here](#) as the meeting date approaches
- **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, 2/12, 9:00 - 10:00am, Fisher Meeting Room (first floor), Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street. *Please note February’s open house will be held the second Saturday of the month.* 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, masks are required; meetings also can be accessed live via Zoom - check the Pittsford Rotary Facebook page for virtual meeting details

- [Women's Club of Pittsford](#) - charitable organization serving the community through service projects and civic improvement; membership is open to any woman living in Pittsford or the surrounding areas. Meetings held the third Thursday of the month, September through June; due to the COVID-19 pandemic, decisions to hold meetings in person or virtually are made month to month. Visit the website at <https://www.womensclubofpittsford.org> for more information
- [Pittsford Art Group](#) conducts monthly member meetings (via Zoom and in person) 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 Access Updates

1/31/22 Update: Governor's mask mandate extended to February 10, 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.

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-

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://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

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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