



News & Reviews

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Town of Pittsford - a Clean Energy Community

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Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings

BLACK HISTORY MONTH: THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF COMPOSER DR. ROBERT NATHANIEL DETT - THIS THURSDAY

Discussion, with musical excerpts performed by Rochester Oratorio Society members

Join us at the Pittsford Community Library tomorrow (this Thursday, February 24) from 6:30 – 8:00pm for a special Black History Month program highlighting the life and legacy of composer Dr. Robert Nathaniel Dett.

Dr. Dett, an internationally-renowned composer, choral conductor, author, human rights advocate and visionary, lived in Rochester for two decades, earned his master's degree at Eastman School of Music, directed choirs at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church and Trinity Presbyterian Church, and served as president of the local NAACP chapter. His rich and influential life and career as musician, educator, poet, and community organizer will be explored in this presentation and discussion by Arlene Wright Vanderlindé. Mona Seghatoleslami will moderate and members of the Rochester Oratorio Society will perform musical excerpts. The program will be held in the Fisher Meeting Room. It is free and open to the public; registration is not 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.

Composer Dr. Nathaniel Dett a Life and Legacy

Thursday, February 24
6:30-8:00pm
Fisher Meeting Room



FREE
Assistance with Electronic Devices for Seniors

VISIT THE SENIOR PROGRAMS OFFICE OR
CALL 248-6235 TO SIGN UP.

SENIORS: FREE ASSISTANCE WITH ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Seniors, do you need some help with your computer, laptop, iPhone, iPad or any other smart phone or tablet? We're here to help! Sign up for a free one-on-one electronic devices help session at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center. Help sessions are available Thursdays between 9:00am and 12noon and last for 30 minutes. Visit the Senior Programs Office or call 248-

6235 to sign up. The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln

Avenue. To learn more about all of our programs for seniors, [read our Seniors Program Brochure online](#) or visit the [Seniors page](#) on the Town website.

PARKS DEPARTMENT SEASONAL LABORER, GARDENER, AND PARKS PATROL POSITION OPENINGS

Application Deadlines March 31

The Town of Pittsford's Parks Department has openings for **seasonal laborers** and **parks patrol**. Duties for these positions include mowing, trimming, weeding, playing field preparation, trail work, and a variety of other tasks and require work outdoors in all weather conditions. Additional Parks Patrol duties include responsibilities associated with lodge reservations including check-in and check-out, cleaning, minor repairs, and problem solving.



A **seasonal gardener** position also is open – this position provides grounds maintenance at the Pittsford Community Library, King's Bend Park, and neighboring parks, including planting, weeding, edging, watering, trimming, mulching and site cleanup.

The application deadline for all of these positions is March 31 , 2022. For complete job descriptions and application information visit the "Employment Opportunities" page link under the "Contact Us" tab on the Town website, or click the links below:

[Seasonal Laborer, Parks Department](#) (40 hours/week, M - F).

[Seasonal Laborer/Parks Patrol](#) (40 hours/wk, Sun. – Wed., see posting for hours).

[Seasonal Laborer/Parks Patrol](#) (40 hours/wk, Wed. – Sat., see posting for hours).

[Seasonal Laborer – Gardener](#) (40 hours/week, M - F)

For complete job descriptions and application information for all open positions, visit the Town's job listings web page at www.townofpittsford.org/hr-pittsford-employment-opportunities.



DEC OFFERS FREE SEEDLINGS FOR STREAMSIDE PLANTINGS

Trees for Tribs' "Buffer in a Bag" program helps reforest waterways

The application period for the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation's Trees for Tribs' "Buffer in a Bag" Program is underway. The Buffer in a Bag program provides organizations and private landowners with free tree and shrub seedlings to help establish or improve a stream buffer on their property. Qualifying private and public landowners may apply for a free bag of 25 seedlings for planting near streams, rivers, or lakes to help stabilize banks, protect water quality, and improve wildlife habitat.

Anyone who owns or manages land in New York State with at least 50 feet along a stream or waterbody is eligible to receive a bag of seedlings. Organizations or individuals with permission to plant on a given property with stream or waterbody access may also participate.

DEC's Trees for Tribs is a statewide program of the Colonel William F. Fox Memorial Saratoga Tree Nursery. Trees for Tribs has been working to reforest New York's

tributaries - small creeks and streams that flow into larger rivers and lakes. The program's goal is to plant trees and shrubs along streams to create a forested riparian (streamside) buffer that helps decrease erosion, reduce flooding damage, improve wildlife and stream habitat, and protect water quality.

Vegetation, such as trees, shrubs, and grasses along waterways creates a natural buffer that protects the water and provides many benefits. An established streamside buffer:

- slows down and filters run off, preventing pollutants from getting into the water,
- intercepts and slows water from heavy rains, reducing the instances of flooding,
- shades streams, creating cooler temperature conditions to support fish species such as trout,
- holds soil in place, preventing streambanks from eroding away during heavy rains,
- provides food and habitat for invertebrates, fish and other wildlife.

Applications are due by 3:00 p.m. on April 11, 2022 . Contact treesfortribs@dec.ny.gov with questions and visit [DEC's Trees for Tribs webpage](#) for details about the program, how to apply.

LIBRARY OFFERS CHILDREN'S BOOKS ONLINE IN OVER 45 LANGUAGES

Online resource helps kids learn language through storytelling

The Pittsford Community Library now offers LOTE Online for Kids – a digital resource that allows children to enjoy the magic of books in languages other than English (LOTE) from the comfort of home. Each eBook is provided with an English translation to help kids develop multilingual reading and listening skills. Readers can explore over 1,400 books in more than 45 languages – and new books and new languages are added each month!



To learn more about this new resource, visit <https://lote4kids.com>. Once there, type "Monroe County Library System" in the Library search box to get to the database of books, then enter your Library card (barcode) number – which is found under the barcode on the back of your card. Or go directly to <https://lote4kids.com/us-monroe-county-library-system/> and sign in with your number.



INFORMATIONAL ZOOM MEETING TONIGHT ON ADOLESCENT EATING DISORDERS AND RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT IN PITTSFORD (2/23)

The Healing Connection will hold an adolescent eating disorder and residential treatment center meeting via Zoom tonight (Wednesday, February 23) from 7:00 - 8:00pm. The meeting will provide an update on The Healing Connection's residential treatment center planned for Pittsford and will include information about eating disorders. **For meeting access information contact info@thehealingconnection.org or call (585) 641-0281.**

The Healing Connection's new adolescent eating disorder residential program is scheduled to open this spring in Pittsford. The program is a collaborative effort of The Healing Connection, Golisano Children's Hospital, and the Western NY Comprehensive Care Center for Eating Disorders. It allows adolescents and their families to receive continuous care closer to home throughout their recovery journey. Attend the Zoom

meeting to hear more about the program and about eating disorders or visit www.thehealingconnectioninc.org.

PITTSFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT CELEBRATES NATIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Pittsford Central School District joins school districts and education groups across the country to celebrate National "Public Schools Week," this week, February 21-25, 2022. It's a week that celebrates the nation's public schools, students, families, and the many educators, administrators and school professionals who work to help students achieve their greatest potential. Join us in saying thank you to the dedicated educators and staff members who serve our students with pride and compassion every day!



This special week brings together school leaders, educators, board members, parents and community members to recognize the importance of our nation's public schools and our students' futures, now more than ever. Public schools educate, prepare and provide opportunities for nine out of 10 students in the U.S., more than 48 million students, regardless of ability, race, religion, wealth, language, country of origin or needs.

Pittsford Central School District thanks its families, staff and community members for their continuous support of our students. And we thank Pittsford Schools for educating and supporting our students!

REMINDERS

JOB OPPORTUNITY: COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST

The Town of Pittsford Communication Department has a job opening for a [Communication Specialist](#). The deadline to apply is Monday, March 14, 2022.

The Communication Specialist's responsibilities include social media planning, implementation and monitoring as well as researching, drafting, proofreading and developing informational and promotional materials (print and online). This is a part-time (25 hours a week) position with some flexibility in scheduling. Applicants should possess outstanding written, verbal and interpersonal communication skills, superior organizational skills, and previous experience in social media planning, content development, posting and monitoring.



For a complete job description, salary details and application process, use this link to see the [Communication Specialist job listing](#) online or visit the Town's Human Resources web page at www.townofpittsford.org/hr.

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

- [Red Cross Blood Drive at Pittsford Community Library](#), Friday, 3/4, 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.
- [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

- **Design Review & Historic Preservation Board**, Thursday, 2/24, 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 2/28, 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, 3/1, 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, 3/9, 4:00pm, 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 www.townofpittsford.org/calendar.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

- [Village Board of Trustees](#) meeting, Thursday, 2/24, 6:30pm; more information and participation details will be listed on the Village website [here](#) as the meeting date approaches
- [Board of Education](#) Budget Work Session (6:00pm) and meeting (7:00pm), Tuesday, 3/1, Barker Road Middle School Board Room, 75 Barker Road
- **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, 3/12, 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, 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

2/10/22 Update: Statewide mask mandate has expired for indoor public spaces including grocery stores, shops and offices. The mandate remains for other settings such as health care facilities and schools.

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-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://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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