



News & Reviews

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Town of Pittsford - a Clean Energy
Community

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Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings

BLOOD DRIVE AT THE LIBRARY THIS FRIDAY

The Town of Pittsford will host a Red Cross blood drive this Friday, March 4 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 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.

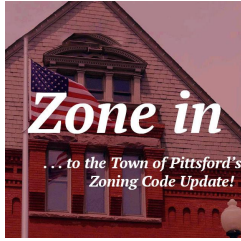
As we continue to navigate this pandemic, blood donations remain essential to the health of our communities. The Red Cross needs the ongoing support of blood donors and blood drive hosts to ensure blood products are available for patients battling disease and facing the unexpected. If you are eligible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



SENIORS - SING WITH THE PITTSFORD HIGHLANDS CHORUS!

Seniors, the Pittsford Highlands Chorus meets – and sings! – every Monday from 1:30 - 2:30pm at the Highlands of Pittsford, Building 100. A perfect opportunity for fun and fellowship, the chorus is open to all – no auditioning and no prior experience necessary. It's a great way to celebrate and experience the joy of music! If you're interested in joining, call the Pittsford Senior Programs office at 248-6235 to register. Please note all participants

must be masked and social distancing is required. The Highlands of Pittsford is located at 100 Hahnemann Trail.



ZONING CODE UPDATE MEETING VIDEO AVAILABLE ONLINE

If you missed the February 9 Town Board Zoning Code Update meeting, you can view it online at this link: [Town Board Zoning Code Update Meeting 2/9/22](#). Complete information about the Town's Zoning Code Update can be found at www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate.

NEXT ZONING CODE UPDATE MEETING IS MARCH 9 AT 4:00PM

Meetings tentatively scheduled for second and fourth Wednesday of each month

The Pittsford Town Board conducts regular meetings to discuss the Town's Zoning Code Update; the next meeting Wednesday, March 9 at 4:00pm 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. 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 Code Update meeting schedule for 2022 can be found here](#). Please note dates and times are subject to change; check <https://www.townofpittsford.org/calendar> for the most current updates as meeting dates near.

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 ST. PATRICK'S DAY LUNCH WITH MUSIC BY JOHN DADY IS TUESDAY, MARCH 15

Seniors, celebrate the spirit of St. Patrick's Day with a wonderful Irish sing-along with John Dady - one of our favorites! - and a special Irish meal on Tuesday, March 15 at 12noon in the VanHuysen Community Room at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center. Lunch includes savory Shepherd's pie, fresh baked bread and a special St. Paddy's Day dessert - plus mirth and music with the lovely Mr. Dady! Cost is \$6.00 per person; **registration and payment is required by March 8**. For more information and to make your reservation, stop by the Senior programs office in 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 click the link to visit

the [Seniors page on the Town website](#), read our [Seniors program info brochure online](#), or call our Senior Programs Office at 248-6235.



PITTSFORD ROTARY FOOD DRIVE & MAGAZINE COLLECTION IS THIS SATURDAY, MARCH 5
Donations will go to Pittsford Food Cupboard and St. Andrews Food Cupboard

The [Rotary Club of Pittsford](#), in collaboration with the Town of Pittsford, is holding a drive-through canned and packaged food and donations drive to benefit the [Pittsford Food Cupboard](#) and [St. Andrew's Food](#)

[Cupboard](#) this Saturday, March 5 from 9:00am – noon at the Pittsford Sutherland High School bus loop, 55 Sutherland Street. *Gently used magazines will also be collected for distribution to various social agencies in the Rochester area.*

St. Andrew's Food Cupboard has been serving Rochester for over 35 years, providing assistance to families in the St. Andrews area by distributing food and personal items and providing referrals to needed services. They serve over 300 families a month.

Specific items needed for this month's food drive include canned soups, canned milk, jams and jellies, canned vegetables, canned fruit, paper products, health and beauty products, taco shells, various grains (barley, quinoa, couscous, bread crumbs, wild rice), ramen noodles, collard greens, spinach, beets, olives, lima beans, mushrooms, boxed potatoes, granola, flavored oatmeal packets, syrup, cleaning supplies, meals in a can (beef ravioli, lasagna, Beef-A-Roni), mandarin oranges (canned only), sardines, clams, mackerel, herring, oysters and anchovies. Click the following link for a [complete list of St. Andrew's Food Cupboard needs](#). Click the following link for a complete [list of current Food Cupboard needs](#).

Rotarians, students from the Pittsford Interact Club 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 St. Andrews Food Cupboard 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!



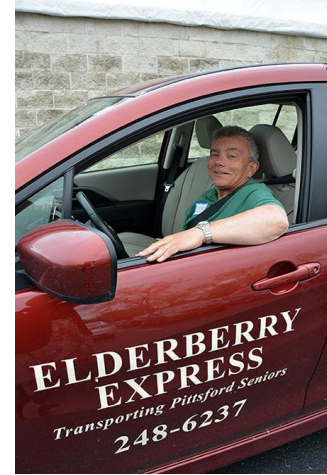
GENTLY USED MAGAZINES NEEDED – DROP OFF AT ROTARY FOOD DRIVE

In addition to collecting food items, the Pittsford Rotary Club will collect gently used magazines at its monthly food drives. The magazines are delivered to various social agencies in the Rochester area and are very much appreciated by those who receive them. If you have

some gently used magazines, please consider bringing them to the Pittsford Rotary Food Drives. The next Rotary Food Drive is this Saturday, March 5 from 9:00am – noon at the Pittsford Sutherland High School bus loop, 55 Sutherland Street. Food donations are also welcome – see details above.

ELDERBERRY EXPRESS NEEDS VOLUNTEER DRIVERS
Volunteering just a few hours a month can make a big difference to our seniors

Elderberry Express 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.



The Elderberry Express is a free transportation service for Pittsford residents age 55 and older. Volunteer drivers transport seniors to and from medical appointments, banking activities, visits to friends and family, prescription pickups, hairdresser/barber appointments, grocery shopping and other errands. The volunteer hours are very flexible and the time you choose to commit is up to you!

Volunteer drivers attend a one-time, three-hour training session at Lifespan (at Brighton Plaza on South Clinton Avenue). This session affords drivers the opportunity to know what is involved in providing transportation to seniors; drivers who complete this training session receive additional liability insurance. By volunteering your time you can give others the gift of continued independence. It's a fun, meaningful way to give back to the community – while you meet some wonderful people and have great conversations! 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.



PITTSFORD YOUTH SERVICES COMEDY FUNDRAISER IS MARCH 23

Evening features comedians Todd Youngman and Sky Sands

Pittsford Youth Services invites you to spend an evening laughing while you support youth and families in our community. The PYS Comedy Night Fundraiser is Wednesday, March 23 at 7:00pm at Comedy @ the Carlson, 50 Carlson Road in Rochester and features comedians Todd

Youngman and Sky Sands.

Laughter truly is the best medicine, and self-care is so important during these challenging times. A night out with friends and family is just what the doctor ordered – enjoy some great comedy, spend time with friends, laugh out loud – and help PYS fulfill its mission as a resource for all families who are struggling and need mental health support. The evening is for the 21 and over crowd only – drinks and food will be available. For tickets and additional information, visit www.carlsoncomedy.com.

Funds raised will go toward the PYS Family Fund, which enables youth and families in need right here in our community to receive PYS services who otherwise could not afford mental health services. Don't miss out on this chance to have a few laughs and support a great organization. PYS has been providing affordable, accessible and confidential counseling and support services to youth and families since 1969 - for over 50 years! If you would like more information about PYS programs and services, visit their website at www.pittsfordyouthservices.org or email info@pittsfordyouthservices.org.

COUNTY'S TREE, SHRUB AND PLANT PRE-ORDER PROGRAM DEADLINE IS THIS FRIDAY

Order by this Friday, 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!

REMINDERS

**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.



JOB OPENING: 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 <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

- [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.
- [Pittsford Rotary Food & Magazine Drive](#), Saturday, 3/5, 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 [St. Andrew's Food Cupboard](#) (click links for complete lists of needs); gently used magazines are also needed.
- [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

- **Environmental Board**, Monday, 3/7, 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
- [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 <https://www.townofpittsford.org/calendar>.

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, 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

3/2/22 Update: the Statewide mask mandate for schools expired 3/1, mask use is now optional in Pittsford School District schools; for more information, visit www.pittsfordschools.org/COVID-19INFORMATION. The mandate remains in place for health care facilities, transportation and other related entities.

2/10/22 Update: the 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: the 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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