

# News & Reviews

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Town of Pittsford - a Clean Energy  
Community

*See listings below for*

*Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings*

## **“GOODBYE WINTER, HELLO SPRING” STORY STROLL AT COMMUNITY CENTER THIS WEEK**

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

Join us for a colorful story come to life – and some crafty fun! Stop by the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center this week, through this Sunday, March 20 and take a walk through our “Goodbye Winter, Hello Spring” Story Stroll in the Community Center field. It's a delightful story of the changes in nature when spring is on the way, written and illustrated by Kenard Pak. Take a walk with a boy and his dog as they stroll through the countryside and greet in cheerful conversation the signs of the coming season - from the melting brook to chirping birds.



Once you have completed the walk, stop at the Community Center front desk and pick up a **themed craft pack to take home!** Craft packs are available Monday through Saturday from 8:00am – 5:00pm and Sunday from 10:00am – 5:00pm.



## **ARPA FUND PROJECTS: YOUR VOICE MATTERS!**

Identifying projects for municipal improvements that may be eligible for ARPA funding is something for all residents to consider. We want to hear your suggestions for possible uses for the \$2.8 million in federal funds that the Town has received under the American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”). Meant to mitigate the adverse effects of the COVID-19

pandemic sustained by local government, ARPA funds allow municipalities to recoup revenue losses, to complete deferred projects, programs and maintenance and pursue other projects related to municipal services.

The Town Board has in mind projects that can be fully completed without recourse to other funding. You can share your ideas with us at any Town Board meeting in person. You can also contact the Supervisor and Town Board with your suggestions by visiting [www.townofpittsford.org/townboard](http://www.townofpittsford.org/townboard) and scrolling to the link to email all of our Town Board members.



## ART VENDOR OPENINGS FOR PADDLE AND POUR FESTIVAL

The Town of Pittsford has openings for artists and artisans to participate in this year's Paddle and Pour Art & Music Festival to be held the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend, on May 28, in the Pittsford Community

Library parking lot (24 State St). Paddle and Pour is one of our most popular and best-attended events. Thousands of residents and visitors come out to enjoy live music all day, beverages from local breweries and wineries, food from local eateries, family activities, and the opportunity to shop for works from local artists and artisans. The Pittsford Regatta will be taking place that day as well.

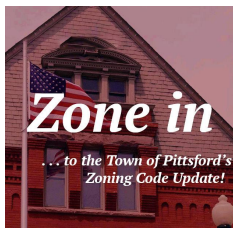
Interested artists and artisans should apply by April 1 ; [find our vendor application here](#). All items for sale must be original art (drawing, painting, photography, digital art, sculpture, mixed media, etc.) or handmade artisan items (jewelry, woodworking, ceramics, leatherwork, fiber/textile, metalwork, printmaking, glasswork, soap/body care, etc.). The Art and Artisan Marketplace will be open from 12noon – 9:00pm on the day of the festival. See the application for details or for more information contact Alison at (585) 248-6287 or [ABurchett@townofpittsford.org](mailto:ABurchett@townofpittsford.org). Find festival details as the date approaches at [www.townofpittsford.org/paddleandpour](http://www.townofpittsford.org/paddleandpour).

## A BIT OF IRISH STREET BAND AT THE LIBRARY THIS SATURDAY, 3/19

The St. Patrick's Day celebration continues at the Pittsford Community Library this Saturday, March 19 with a performance by "A Bit of Irish Street Band" from 2:00 – 3:00pm in the Fisher Meeting Room. Enjoy a fun afternoon of traditional foot-stomping Irish tunes, as well as some Cajun and other popular non-Irish songs. The program is free and open to the public – it's a great time for all ages! Registration is not required.



The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street. For more information about other great upcoming Library programs, visit the [Library's online program calendar](#) or call 249-5481.



## ZONING CODE UPDATE MEETING VIDEO AVAILABLE ONLINE

If you missed the March 9 Town Board Zoning Code Update meeting, you can view it online at this link: [Town Board Zoning Code Update Meeting 3/9/22](#). Complete information about the Town's Zoning Code Update can be found at [www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate](http://www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate).

## LIBRARY SPRING BOOK SALE IS MARCH 24-26

The first [Friends of Pittsford Library Spring Book Sale](#) this year will take place Thursday – Saturday, March 24 – 26 in the Pittsford Community Library's Fisher Meeting Room. It will feature an array of books for all ages (including hardcover and paperbacks), plus games, DVDs, and CDs – all at great prices! Hours are Thursday 4:00 – 8:00pm, Friday 10:00am – 5:00pm, and Saturday 10:00 – 4:00pm Saturday. The sale is open to all. Tables will be replenished throughout the sale so everyone has a chance to find some wonderful buys. Credit cards are will be accepted. Bags will be



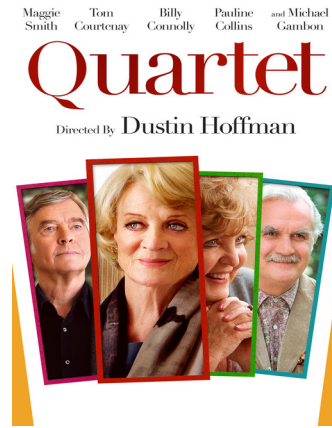
in short supply so please bring your own. All proceeds benefit our Pittsford Community Library!

## MORNING MOVIE MATINEE FOR SENIORS MARCH 24 – QUARTET

*Then join us for pizza after!*

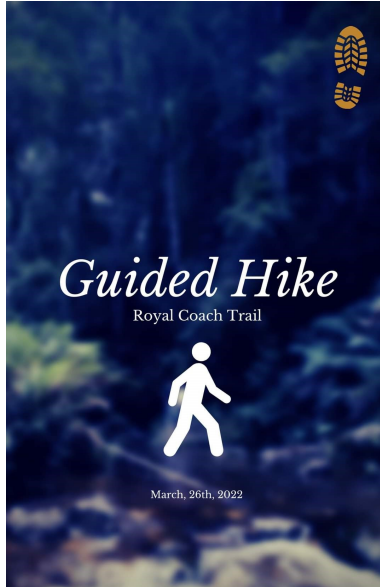
Seniors, join us in the VanHuysen Community Room at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center on Thursday, March 24 for our free Morning Movie Matinee featuring *Quartet*. Then stay afterward for pizza!

The movie begins at 10:00am and features light refreshments, including coffee, breakfast pastries and popcorn. Pizza will be served after the movie.



*Quartet* is Academy Award-Winner® Dustin Hoffman's directorial debut film. Rumor is that the Beecham home for retired musicians will soon play host to a new resident – a star. The new resident has an uncomfortable history with some of the current residents. Can the passage of time heal old wounds – and in time for the Beecham House Gala concert? Find out! The movie stars Maggie Smith, Tom Courtenay, Billy Connolly and Pauline Collins.

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 [HERE 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.



## GUIDED HIKE MARCH 26 FEATURES ROYAL COACH TRAIL

Pittsford Recreation's next guided trail hike is Saturday, March 26 - enjoy the natural open space of Pittsford's Royal Coach 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](http://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](http://www.townofpittsford.org/trails_and_walkways).

## HISTORIC PITTSFORD SEEKING APPLICANTS FOR JEAN FRANCE PRESERVATION SCHOLARSHIP

Historic Pittsford is seeking applicants for its Jean France Historic Preservation Scholarship. A \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a student who is enrolled in, applying to, or accepted into a college program that may lead to a career related to historic preservation. College programs may include but are not limited to architecture, history, museum studies, landscape architecture, environmental studies, or other related field.



The scholarship award is open to a high school senior or college student who is:

- a Pittsford resident (attending any high school or college), OR
- a non-resident attending Pittsford Sutherland High School, Pittsford Mendon High School, or a college or university in Monroe County.

An application form and additional information is available on the Historic Pittsford website at [www.historicpittsford.com/preservation-awards](http://www.historicpittsford.com/preservation-awards). The application deadline May 15, 2022.

The Jean France Historic Preservation scholarship was established by Historic Pittsford in 2016 to honor Jean France, a founding member of Historic Pittsford. Mrs. France was a highly respected architectural historian, a vastly knowledgeable preservation consultant, and a tireless advocate for preserving the built environment. A former professor at the University of Rochester, she championed the importance of architectural preservation as a lecturer, researcher and author.

The scholarship honors Mrs. France's commitment to the growth, development and mission of Historic Pittsford and to the preservation of historic architectural and cultural resources in Pittsford. With this scholarship, Historic Pittsford hopes to advance the careers of students with demonstrated interest in historic preservation, thus perpetuating the work of Jean France and the mission upon which Historic Pittsford was founded.



### LIBRARY TEEN ART CONTEST – ILLUSTRATE THE SUMMER READING GAME!

Teens, get creative – your artwork could be featured in the Pittsford Community Library's 2022 Teen Summer Reading Game! Teens in grades 6-12 can submit artwork for contest consideration. Artwork should reflect this

year's theme – "Oceans of Possibilities" – as it relates to reading or libraries. We're looking forward to seeing some imaginative interpretations! For artwork requirements and to enter, use the [Teen Art Contest digital fillable entry form](#) or use the [print form](#). Be sure to send it with your artwork. Digital artwork and entry form can be sent to [laura.richardson@libraryweb.org](mailto:laura.richardson@libraryweb.org). Submit hard copy artwork and form at the Second Floor Reference Desk at the Library. Please note hard copy artwork will not be returned. The deadline for submissions is April 22.

### REMINDERS

#### 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.pittsfordyouthservices.org](http://www.pittsfordyouthservices.org) .

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](http://www.pittsfordyouthservices.org) or email [info@pittsfordyouthservices.org](mailto:info@pittsfordyouthservices.org).



## **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)

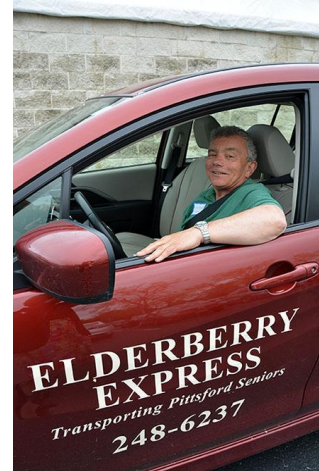
For complete job descriptions and application information for all open positions, visit the Town's job listings web page at [www.townofpittsford.org/hr-pittsford-employment-opportunities](http://www.townofpittsford.org/hr-pittsford-employment-opportunities).

## **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.

### **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**

- "Goodbye Winter, Hello Spring" Story Stroll, March 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.
- [Pittsford Youth Services Comedy Fundraiser](#), Wednesday, 3/23, 7:00pm at Comedy @ the Carlson, 50 Carlson Road in Rochester, features comedians Todd Youngman and Sky Sands, funds raised to benefit the PYS Family Fund; tickets

and additional information at [www.pittsfordyouthservices.org](http://www.pittsfordyouthservices.org)

- [Friends of Pittsford Library Spring Book Sale](#), Thursday, 3/24 from 4:00 - 8:00pm, Friday, 3/25 from 10:00am – 5:00pm, and Saturday, 3/26 from 10:00am – 4:00pm, Pittsford Community Library, Fisher Meeting Room, 24 State Street; sale is open to all, funds raised to support programs and materials for the Library. Bags will be in short supply – please bring your own.
- [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

- **Zoning Board of Appeals**, Monday, 3/21, 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](http://www.townofpittsford.org/minutes)

### COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

- [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](http://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](http://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.

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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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