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BIKE TO SCHOOL DAY MOVED TO FRIDAY – BE AWARE AND TAKE CARE!

Bike to School Day is traditionally today but will be held instead this Friday, May 6 due to today's rainy weather. Students and some parents in Pittsford will be biking to and from school on Friday. Please be alert and take care wherever you may be driving as students from many different schools may be participating. Give yourself more time than usual to get where you are going, drive slowly, no texting while driving, and be on the lookout for bicyclists.



CELEBRATING OUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

May is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month – celebrating those who are from or who trace their ancestry to a diverse array of Asian and Pacific Island countries. Many of our residents share this rich heritage – we are fortunate to have you here in

Pittsford! To learn more about the generations of Asian and Pacific Islanders who have enriched America's history - and those who today are instrumental in our country's success - visit <https://asianpacificheritage.gov/>. And be sure as well to stop by our Pittsford Community Library – our librarians have assembled an excellent display of books celebrating Asian and Pacific Islander authors.

MEET THE SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES NIGHT – VIA YOUTUBE LIVESTREAM THURSDAY

The Pittsford Central PTSA will present an online “Meet the Candidates” forum tomorrow (Thursday, May 5) at 7:30pm during which Pittsford Central School District Board of Education candidates will answer questions via a moderator. The event will be livestreamed on YouTube. The forum will be conducted in the Barker Road Middle School McCluski Room with only the moderator, the candidates and the School District technology crew in attendance to maintain the health and safety of the participants.



Four candidates are running for two open seats. The candidates are listed as they will

appear on the ballot per legal drawing order: Nancy Clifford Lewis, Dave Berk, Emily Kay and Tricia Gonzalez-Johnson.

The candidates will answer questions from the moderator and questions from the public that were submitted in advance of the May 1 deadline. The event will be livestreamed for the public to view online, with ASL interpretation (livestream via YouTube). Due to time constraints, not all questions submitted will be used and the moderator may combine questions of a similar topic.

The link to the YouTube stream (with ASL interpretation) will be live at the start of the event: <https://youtu.be/ltOYe-xRoa4> as will be the link to the closed caption stream: <https://vcloud.blueframetech.com/broadcast/embed/386725?autoplay=1>.

The livestreaming links for the event will be posted on the PTSA website www.pittsfordptsanet.net as well.

Questions about the online forum may be directed to Nita Singh, Pittsford Central PTSA VP of Education Council, at nnsingh.1221@gmail.com or Meredith Graham, Pittsford Central PTSA Secretary, at secretary@pittsfordptsanet.net.



BLOOD DRIVE AT THE LIBRARY THIS FRIDAY, MAY 6

The Town of Pittsford will host a Red Cross blood drive this Friday, May 6 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. **All blood, platelet and plasma donations will be tested for COVID-19 antibodies as well.** The test may indicate if the donor's immune system has produced antibodies to this coronavirus, regardless of whether they developed symptoms. This also will allow the Red Cross to identify COVID-19 convalescent plasma, which is being used by hospitals to help treat immunocompromised COVID-19 patients.

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.

CHINESE CULTURAL CELEBRATION AT THE LIBRARY THIS SATURDAY

Join us this Saturday, May 7 at the Pittsford Community Library for an enriching Chinese Cultural Celebration in honor of Asian Pacific Islander American Heritage Month. Learn how to use calligraphy and make origami, explore Chinese culture, and listen to music played on traditional instruments. Drop in from 2:00-3:00pm for a musical performance, visit between 3:00-4:00pm to learn and explore, or stay throughout the whole event! This family-friendly celebration is free, open to the public, and suitable 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.



CELEBRATE I LOVE MY PARK DAY THIS SATURDAY

This Saturday, May 7 is "I Love My Park Day" – what better way to celebrate than by visiting one of our beautiful Town parks? When you do, bring along your "Hit the Trail" Passport and enjoy some of our Town trails as well. A partnership between the Town of Pittsford and Wegmans, the **Wegmans Hit the Trail Passport program** includes eight Pittsford trails of various lengths and degrees of difficulty. Hike or cycle six of the designated trails and receive a Wegmans reusable shopping bag. Complete all eight trails and you're eligible to win a \$250 Wegmans gift card. Program information and passports are available at the Spiegel Pittsford

Community Center (35 Lincoln Avenue) and the Pittsford Wegmans at 3195 Monroe Avenue. Find complete information about Town parks and trails (including trail maps) at www.townofpittsford.org/parks-and-trails.

DONATE USED BIKES TO THE ROTARY BIKE DROP THIS SATURDAY 5/7, PITTSFORD MENDON HS

Pittsford Robotics Team Collecting Scrap Metal

The Rotary Club of Pittsford will hold its 11th annual "Bike Drop" this Saturday, May 7 from 9:00am - 2:00pm at Pittsford Mendon High School (472 Mendon Road, Pittsford). Bicycles or bike parts in any condition will be accepted for donation. The bicycles and bike parts will be collected by Pittsford Rotary and donated to [R Community Bikes, Inc.](#), a Rochester-based charitable organization that repairs and distributes bicycles free of charge to Rochester's needy children and adults. For those in need, bikes are very frequently the most affordable means of transportation to jobs, schools, churches, rehabilitation and training programs, and meals at local social service agencies.



The Pittsford Robotics Team will be on site as well conducting a metal recycling drive. Find more information as the date approaches at www.pittsfordrobotics.org.

For May only, the Rotary Food Drive will move to Pittsford Mendon High School and be combined with the Bike Drop. See information below for the May Food Drive.

Take advantage of a great opportunity to spring clean your garage while you help people in need! Pittsford's Rotary Club has collected 2,398 used bikes since 2010 - can you help them ensure this year's drive is a success? For more information go to www.PittsfordRotaryClub.org or call (585) 733-5856.

ROTARY FOOD DRIVE THIS SATURDAY AT MENDON HIGH SCHOOL

Drive to be held May 7 will coincide with Rotary Bike Drop Collection

- Food donations will go to Pittsford Food Cupboard and Mothers in Need of Others
- Pittsford Robotics Team also be conducting a metal recycling drive on site



The [Rotary Club of Pittsford](http://www.PittsfordRotaryClub.org), in collaboration with the Town of Pittsford, is holding this Saturday's May 7 drive-through canned and packaged food and donations drive at **Mendon High School (this month only)**, to coincide with the Rotary Bike Drop collection. Food and supplies donated will benefit the [Pittsford Food Cupboard](#) and [Mothers in Need of Others](#) (MINO). The Food Drive will take place from 9:00am – 12:00pm at the Pittsford Mendon High School parking lot (472 Mendon Road). The Bike Drop will take place from 9:00am – 2:00pm; see story above for Bike Drop details.

[Mothers In Need of Others](#) collects and distributes maternity and baby items and cleaning products to meet the urgent needs of families in crisis. Working with social service agencies and church outreach programs, they help serve Rochester area families most in need. They have a **critical need for size 4 - 7 diapers, wipes, personal and feminine hygiene and cleaning products.**

Specific items needed for the May 7 food drive include soap, shampoo, hygiene products, toothbrushes and toothpaste, deodorant, baby formula, diapers and wipes, cleaning supplies and other items needed for [Mothers in Need of Others](#). Pittsford Food Cupboard needs a variety of canned and other packaged goods, including taco shells, collard greens, spinach, beets, olives, lima beans, mushrooms, pizza sauce, salsa, rice sides, spaghetti (long varieties), plain oatmeal, bread crumbs, canned tomatoes (crushed, stewed, pureed or whole), canned meats (Spam, hash, clams, mackerel, herring, oysters, anchovies), cleaning supplies, razors, women's hygiene products, and cat and dog food (dry). See their current [list of Pittsford Food Cupboard needs](#). Reusable grocery bags also are needed. Click the links above for more complete lists of needs.

The Pittsford Robotics Team will be on site as well conducting a metal recycling drive. Find more information as the date approaches at www.pittsfordrobotics.org.

Rotarians, students from the Pittsford Interact Club and Town staff will be collecting items rain, snow or shine.

The Pittsford Food Cupboard and the Mothers In Need of Others 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!



ON GOLDEN POND

Enjoy a light breakfast, then stay for pizza after the movie!

Seniors, join us in the VanHuysen Community Room at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center on Thursday, May 12 for our free Morning Movie Matinee featuring *On Golden Pond*. Then stay afterward for pizza!

The movie begins at 10:30am and features light refreshments, including coffee, breakfast pastries and popcorn. Pizza will be served after the movie.

On Golden Pond features outstanding performances by Academy Award winning actors Katherine Hepburn and Henry Fonda (who won best actor for their performances in this movie) and Jane Fonda. It's a moving family drama that explores the relationships between cantankerous retiree Norman Thayer (Henry Fonda), his conciliatory wife Ethel (Katharine Hepburn) and their daughter (Jane Fonda) and grandson (Doug McKeon).

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.

FREE RABIES VACCINE DRIVE-THROUGH CLINIC MAY 12 AT THE TOWN HIGHWAY GARAGE

The Town of Pittsford's annual Rabies Vaccine Free Clinic will be a drive-through event held on Thursday, May 12 from 4:30 - 7:30pm at the Town Highway Garage, 60 Golf Avenue. Update your pet's rabies vaccine for free - dogs, cats and ferrets are welcome! Although cats do not need to be licensed, NYS law does require they be rabies vaccinated. For safety, all dogs must be on a short leash; cats and ferrets must be in a secure carrier.

Three-year and one-year vaccines are available. A three-year vaccine will be available to those who present a prior rabies certificate; all others may receive a one-year vaccine. Advance registration is not required; please call Animal Control at 248-6240 with any questions. Many thanks to Dr. Larry Silberg from Doorbell Vet, who will be conducting our clinic this year. Our thanks also to the Monroe County Health Department for providing the free vaccines.



PITTSFORD GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE IS MAY 21

Proceeds to benefit civic beautification in Pittsford

Are you ready for the spring growing season? The Pittsford Garden Club will hold its annual Plant Sale on Saturday, May 21 from 9:00am - 12noon in the municipal parking lot behind the Pittsford Community Library (24 State Street). A variety of annuals, perennials, herbs, vegetables, and hanging baskets will be available for sale - it's a great way to get your gardening started for the season! All proceeds will benefit the club's civic beautification efforts throughout Pittsford.

REMINDERS

TOWN BOARD MEETINGS ARE STREAMING LIVE

Pittsford Town Board meetings are being streamed live; the feed is accessible on any device. Town Board is typically held the first and third Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm at Town Hall. See www.townofpittsford.org/calendar 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

- [Pittsford Rotary Food Drive](#), Saturday, 5/7, 9:00am - 12noon, Pittsford Mendon High School (revised location this month only, in conjunction with Bike Drop), 472 Mendon Road, collecting canned and packaged food items, personal hygiene items and cleaning supplies to benefit the [Pittsford Food Cupboard](#) and [Mothers in Need of Others](#) (click links for complete lists of needs); gently used magazines are also needed and this month the Pittsford Robotics Club will be on site conducting a scrap metal recycling drive.
- [Pittsford Rotary Bike Drop](#), Saturday, 5/7, 9:00am-2:00pm, Pittsford Mendon High School, 472 Mendon Road, Pittsford; drop off a used bike or bike parts in any condition, to be donated to [R Community Bikes](#) for repair and distribution to those in need for transportation and recreation II
- [Pittsford Free Drive-Through Rabies Clinic](#), Thursday, 5/12, 4:30-7:30pm, Pittsford Town Highway Garage, 60 Golf Avenue; update your pet's rabies vaccine for free – dogs, cats, and ferrets are welcome, dogs must be on a short leash, cats and ferrets must be in a secure carrier; no appointment needed, call Pittsford Animal Control at 248-6240 with any questions.
- [Household Hazardous Waste/e-Recycling/Document Shredding event](#), Saturday, 5/14, 7:45am-12:00pm, Perinton Highway Garage, 100 Cobb's Lane. Appointment needed for hazardous waste disposal only, no appointment needed for electronics recycling and/or document shredding; for HHW appointment Pittsford residents can call 248-6250, or go online to www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark. More information, including the list of hazardous materials and electronics accepted for collection, can be found [HERE](#).
- [Pittsford Rotary Kids' Trout Fishing Derby](#), Saturday, 5/14, 8:00am - 12noon, Powder Mills Park, registration online or begins 8:00am in person at Powderhorn Lodge; tournament runs 9:00-11:00am, followed by Awards Ceremony at

11:15am and Fish Hatchery Tours at 11:30am, [more info here](#) or [email Kevin O'Grady](#).

- **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, 5/21, 9:00 - 10:00am, Fisher Meeting Room (first floor), Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street.
- **Pittsford Garden Club Plant Sale**, Saturday, 5/21, 9:00am – 12:00pm, municipal parking lot behind the Pittsford Community Library (24 State Street), featuring annuals, perennials, herbs, vegetables, and hanging baskets; proceeds to benefit club's civic beautification efforts throughout Pittsford
- **[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

- **Planning Board**, Monday, 5/9, 6:30pm, Town Hall, Public Meeting Room (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, 5/11 - **CANCELED**; 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

- **[Board of Education Budget Hearing and Regular Meeting](#)** Tuesday, 5/10, 7:00pm, Barker Road Middle School McCluski 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, 5/21, 9:00 - 10:00am, Fisher Meeting Room (first floor), Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street.
- **[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

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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