

# News & Reviews

June 29, 2022

Town of Pittsford - a Clean Energy  
Community

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*Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings*

**Message from Town Supervisor Bill Smith:**

## **CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES & WISHING ALL STUDENTS A FUN AND SAFE SUMMER**

School is out! Congratulations to all of our graduating seniors in Pittsford. Whether you are headed to college, university, trade or vocational school, or entering the workforce - my best wishes to you. To our graduates, and to all of our students – have a fun, safe and healthy summer.



On a very serious note, I must share one more message with all of our community members - students and parents alike.

## **DON'T JUMP FROM CANAL BRIDGES**

In the last week and more we've seen a disturbing resurgence of young people jumping from Canal bridges into the Canal. This is an astonishingly dangerous thing to do.

In my announcements at last week's Town Board meeting I asked those planning to do this to refrain, and for their parents to prevent it from happening.

You don't know what's under the water. We've retrieved shopping carts, construction material, metal and other potentially dangerous debris from the canal. The water is murky. You won't see something submerged until it's too late. A fatal or life-changing injury isn't worth the jump. Do you want to be impaled on a piece of metal? Do you want to hit your head and drown? Do you really want to ingest the dirty water of the canal, or let whatever germs that lurk there infect you?

Young people are capable of doing stupid and dangerous things. As an ex-young person myself I speak from personal knowledge. That's why there are parents.

Parents, please be alert to any intentions your offspring may have about canal jumping. Please do your best to prevent it.

I remember well the tragedy on the Canal railroad bridge in 1997, here in Pittsford, that cost two high-schoolers their lives.

Yes, tragedies happen. But this kind of tragedy is completely avoidable.

Jumping from the bridges is illegal. I've asked the Monroe County Sheriff's Office to step up enforcement as of now. There will be zero tolerance and violators will be subject to tickets for maximum penalties even for the first time.

### **TOWN OFFICES & FACILITIES CLOSURES FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY**

Town Hall and Town Highway, Parks, Sewer and Court offices and operations will be closed on Monday, July 4 in observance of the Independence Day holiday. In case of an emergency requiring Town of Pittsford services during the holiday closure, please call (585) 248-6212.



The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center will be open on Saturday, July 2 from 9:00am – 4:00pm and will be closed on Sunday and Monday, July 3 and 4.

The Pittsford Community Library is open Saturday, July 2 from 10:00am – 1:00pm, and closed on Sunday and Monday, July 3 and 4.

We wish you and your family a safe and happy Fourth of July holiday!



### **FIREWORKS COURTESY NOTIFICATIONS FOR THIS WEEKEND & JULY 4**

Public and private fireworks events in the Town of Pittsford require a permit issued by the Town. As a courtesy, notifications for public and private fireworks events held within the Town are posted on the [Town website](http://www.townofpittsford.org), the [Town Facebook page](#) and in the [Town's eNews](#). Courtesy notifications also can be mailed in advance to those in the immediate area of a permitted fireworks event (public or private) who request them. To request a mailed Fireworks Notification, please contact April Zurowski in the Department of Public Works at [azurowski@townofpittsford.org](mailto:azurowski@townofpittsford.org) or 248-6249. Please see below the current fireworks event permit notification.

#### **Current Fireworks Event Notifications:**

Saturday, July 2, 2022 - private fireworks event at Monroe Golf Club - approximately 9:45pm

Sunday, July 3, 2022 - private fireworks event at Irondequoit Country Club - approximately 9:45pm

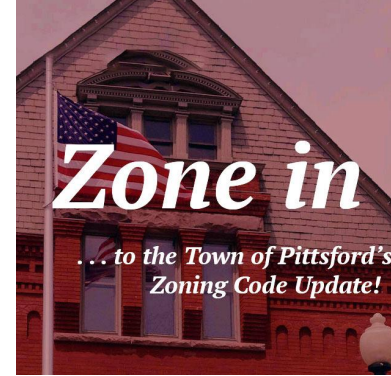
Monday, July 4, 2022 - private fireworks event at Monroe Golf Club - approximately 9:45pm

All current Fireworks Event Courtesy Notification listings can be found on the Town website at [www.townofpittsford.org/fireworks-notifications](http://www.townofpittsford.org/fireworks-notifications).

**ZONING CODE UPDATE MEETING TODAY, 6/29 AT 3:00PM**

*Note revised date and time*

The Pittsford Town Board conducts regular meetings to discuss the Town's Zoning Code Update; the next meeting is today, Wednesday, June 29 at 3:00pm in the lower level meeting room at Pittsford Town Hall, 11 South Main Street. The meeting is open to the public; please note current CDC guidelines will be followed. 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](http://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](http://www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate).



#### LEARN ABOUT ENERGY-EFFICIENT HEATING AND COOLING - AT THE LIBRARY JUNE 30

*Heat Smart Pittsford campaign promotes clean energy options & free energy audits*

The Town is working with HeatSmart Monroe and Color Pittsford Green to promote clean heating and cooling options through a *Heat Smart Pittsford* community outreach and education campaign. The campaign will spread the word about clean heating and cooling technologies to help make Pittsford homes more energy-efficient and less dependent on fossil fuels. An **information session will be held at the Pittsford Community Library on Thursday, June 30 at 7:00pm**. The meeting is free and open to the public – register at <http://Bit.ly/heatsmartpittsford>. Attend to find out how you can sign up for a **free, no-obligation home energy assessment** and receive a **free report your current home heating demands and options for sustainable improvements**, including home insulation/air-sealing improvements and/or a heat pump system.

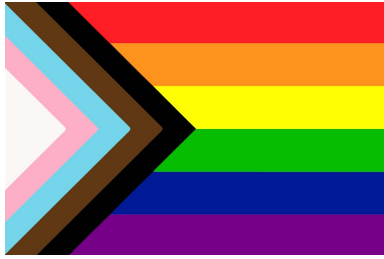
Adopting sustainable practices like improved insulation and air-sealing and using affordable heat pump technology can enhance indoor air quality, decrease negative impacts on the environment, and can lower your energy costs. Taking action now will help make the Pittsford community cleaner, greener, and more sustainable long into the future!

#### NO CONCERT THIS WEEK DUE TO HOLIDAY

Please note that there is no Summer Concert Series performance this Friday, July 1. The next Summer Series concert is scheduled for 6:30PM on Friday, July 8 in Carpenter Park at the Port of Pittsford and



features smooth jazz with Judah Sealy.



## **PRIDE MONTH DRAWS TO AN END, BUT RECOGNITION AND SUPPORT CONTINUES**

As Pride Month comes to a close, we continue to recognize and value the contributions and accomplishments of our LGBTQ+ friends, family members, neighbors and all of the members in this tremendously diverse group of individuals. Throughout history they've contributed so much to our community and across our nation. May we remember to hold this awareness and appreciation, along with respect, understanding and compassion, as part of our daily lives.

### **ARPA FUNDS UPDATES: SUPPORTING PITTSFORD YOUTH**

Over the course of the pandemic, Pittsford Youth Services has seen a significant increase in the need for counseling, mental health and other support services. At our June 7 Town Board meeting PYS proposed a one-time allocation of ARPA funding from the Town to meet these increased and critical needs of the young people and families here in our community. The request contained funding for a variety of essential services, including:



- Two years of support for additional therapy space (\$7,700/year)
- One year of support for the addition of two social workers to assist with additional programming needs (\$14,000)
- Funding to host a second Youth Summit during the 2022-23 school year, covering planning, presenter stipends, therapists, food and supply expenses (\$5,000)
- Additional funding for Camp Heartstrings, which would allow for more children to attend by offering two age-specific sessions (\$5,000).

The Town Board approved the \$39,400 total cost for these services so important to Pittsford youth and families. All elements of the request are eligible for payment via ARPA funds, which the Federal government set aside for use by local municipalities to mitigate the adverse effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Supporting our young people and their families during difficult times is so important – for them and for the future of our community. You'll find the full details of the PYS proposal for ARPA funds at [www.townofpittsford.org/files/images/ARPA-funds-proposal-PYS-2022.pdf](http://www.townofpittsford.org/files/images/ARPA-funds-proposal-PYS-2022.pdf).

### **IMPROVING AND MAINTAINING OUR ROADWAYS**

At our June 21 Town Board meeting, our Commissioner of Public Works Paul Schenkel presented proposals for road maintenance at the Pittsford Cemetery and in other necessary areas, repairs to aging culverts and catch basins in two neighborhoods, sidewalk improvements to boost connectivity and ADA access on Main Street, fleet maintenance, and needed repairs to our Highway garage facilities. The Town Board approved all of the projects and improvements. They are listed below, but for more detail, please see the Highway Department proposal at [www.townofpittsford.org/files/images/ARPA-funds-proposal-Pittsford-Highway-Dept-2022.pdf](http://www.townofpittsford.org/files/images/ARPA-funds-proposal-Pittsford-Highway-Dept-2022.pdf).



Highway Department Improvements funded via ARPA:

- Additional Road Maintenance – preventive maintenance, repaving, and maintenance of the Pittsford Cemetery roads
- Brickston Drive Culvert Repairs & Sewer Relining – including catch basin and sinkhole repairs
- Colonial Parkway Culvert Repairs – including stone veneer and wall caps work
- Sidewalk Improvements – replacing asphalt sidewalk with concrete on South Main Street and additional spot repairs around Town
- Vehicle Fleet Maintenance – to address purchase and delivery delays and cost increases
- Highway Garage Facility Repairs – preventive maintenance, roof & rain gutter repairs.

The cost of these improvements is \$663,000. All of it is payable from the \$2.8 million in ARPA funds the Town has received from the federal government. 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.

As we did with these Highway improvements and the previously approved Library, Parks, IT, and Sewer improvements, we'll continue to post publicly future initiatives of Town departments that contemplate use of ARPA funds – you'll find them with our Town Board materials for each meeting where they will be discussed. This permits Pittsford residents to comment on the proposals both in person at the meeting or, if you like, by written comments to [comments@townofpittsford.org](mailto:comments@townofpittsford.org). The Town Board meeting agenda is posted on our minutes and agendas web page at least two days prior to the meeting.



### SAVE THE DATE FOR FAMILY OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHTS AT SUTHERLAND FIELDS

Be sure to mark your calendar for the Town of Pittsford's [Family Outdoor Movie Nights](#) - a total of four fun nights throughout the summer! Shown on a giant inflatable screen on Thursday evenings, the movies will be presented at the Sutherland High School fields (55

Sutherland Street). Please note, pets are not allowed at this location. The movies are free and open to the public. Our first movie is July 14 and features Encanto [PG]. Our second movie is July 28 and features Luca [PG]. On August 11 we'll feature Sing 2 [PG] and on August 28 we'll be showing Space Jam: A New Legacy [PG]. Food and beverages will be available for purchase on site at each movie night.

Many thanks to our generous sponsors - our Event Season Partners [Pittsford Federal Credit Union](#), [Wegmans](#), and [Wilmoreite](#), and our Family Outdoor Movie Night Partners Greenlight and Christopher Williams Agency.

All movies will begin at dark. It's sure to be a great time with family and friends - bring your lawn chairs or a blanket and join us!

### CONCERTS FOR KIDS RETURN JULY 20 AND AUGUST 3 & 17

Mark your calendar for this year's [Concerts for Kids!](#) Held on Wednesdays at 6:30pm at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center Field, our first concert is July 20 and features kids' rock with [Mr. Loops](#). On August 3 it's good



time family music with [Paulsen & Baker](#) with special guest Warren Paul and on August 17 we'll end the season with family-friendly music from Topher Holt.

The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. The program is free and open to the public. visit our Concerts for Kids webpage at [www.townofpittsford.org/kidsconcerts](http://www.townofpittsford.org/kidsconcerts).



### **PITTSFORD HIGHLANDS FOOD DRIVE IS TOMORROW - THURSDAY, 6/30**

The Highlands of Pittsford will hold a food drive to benefit Pittsford Food Cupboard tomorrow (Thursday, June 30) from 10:00am – 2:00pm. Items can be dropped off at the Hahnemann Club, 301 Stoutenburgh Lane - someone will gladly help unload the food items from your vehicle! Items needed include coffee,

condiments (barbeque sauce, pickle relish, hot sauce, ketchup, tartar sauce, Worcestershire sauce), canned proteins such as sardines, mackerel and corned beef hash, ground coffee, sunscreen, body lotion, baby wipes, and reusable bags. Visit [www.pittsfordfoodcupboard.net/current-needs](http://www.pittsfordfoodcupboard.net/current-needs) for a complete list of items needed.

### **ROTARY FOOD DRIVES END FOR THE SUMMER; BEGIN AGAIN IN OCTOBER**

The Rotary Club of Pittsford monthly food drives have been suspended for the summer months; the next Rotary Food Drive will be in October – details to come. Watch for a reminder in the Town eNews in September. The Pittsford Food Cupboard continues to operate every week on Tuesdays and Fridays. Hunger is very much a reality for many people, and the Food Cupboard continues to need your donations. To make a donation and for more information about the Pittsford Food Cupboard visit [www.pittsfordfoodcupboard.net](http://www.pittsfordfoodcupboard.net).



### **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 <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](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

- [Town Summer Concert](#) Series – no concert July 1 due to the July 4 holiday; our next concert will be Friday, 7/8 and features smooth jazz with Judah Sealy, 6:30pm, canalside in Carpenter Park at the Port of Pittsford, 22 N. Main Street
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- [Red Cross Blood Drive at Pittsford Community Library](#), Friday, 7/8, 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](http://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](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 Code Update Town Board meeting](#), Wednesday, 6/29, 3:00pm – **NOTE REVISED TIME**, 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](http://www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate). Updated meeting listings will be posted at <https://https://www.townofpittsford.org/calendar>. p
- **Environmental Board**, Monday, 7/5 – **NO MEETING** due to July 4 holiday
- **Town Board**, Tuesday, 7/5 – **NO MEETING** due to July 4 holiday

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- [Energy-Efficient Heating and Cooling Information program](#), 7:00pm, Thursday, 6/30, Fisher Meeting Room, Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street, registration and information at <http://Bit.ly/heatsmartpittsford>
- [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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