



News & Reviews

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Town of Pittsford - a Clean Energy
Community

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NEW ACCESSIBLE KAYAK LAUNCH IS READY FOR USE!

Our new handicapped-accessible kayak launch is ready for use! You'll find it on the Canal path by the parking lot for the Town's Sewer Department Office at 3899 Monroe Avenue. The launch makes it easier than ever to get on the water and enjoy the beauty of our canal, especially for those whose mobility is limited. The gangway and docking area are sloped to accommodate wheelchair use. Guiderails and handrails make the launch easy to navigate for everyone. The nylon kayak slide offers access and stability when launching and docking. You can use it to launch paddleboards and canoes as well!



The launch offers convenience for everyone, including kayakers whose mobility is limited. Paddlers can get on the water more easily than ever before, to enjoy the beauty of our canal. The gangway and docking area are sloped to accommodate wheelchair use. Guiderails and handrails make the launch easy to navigate for everyone. The nylon kayak slide offers access and stability when launching and docking. It's great for launching paddleboards and canoes as well!

Our ribbon-cutting on July 11 culminated nearly three years of work by Town staff, starting with the extensive permitting process. The State Canal Corporation, the Army Corps of Engineers, the State Historic Preservation Office and the State Department of Environmental Conservation – all were involved in granting approvals necessary to make this project a reality.

Jane Weerasinghe, a member of the Erie Canal Watertrail Steward Program, joined us for the dedication. The Stewards help keep the canal and canal trail clean. They provide useful information for boaters and walkers.

We're particularly grateful to Brian Stratton, Director of the New York State Canal Corporation for his consistent support for the project and assistance in working out some last-minute engineering issues.

Thanks to Public Works Commissioner Paul Schenkel, to Sewer Department Foreman

Jim Peterson and to the members of our Parks, Sewer and Highway departments whose work made this project a reality.

And special thanks to local artist and Town resident Barbara Jablonski. It was Barbara who first suggested to the idea for this project to Town Supervisor Bill Smith. We were glad to have her join in cutting the ribbon – and then take off paddling from the dock! Happy paddling Barbara – and to all of you who will use our new canal launch to get out on the water.



FAMILY OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT THURSDAY: ENCANTO AT SUTHERLAND HIGH FIELDS

The first of our four Thursday evening Family Outdoor Movie Nights is this Thursday (July 14) and features *Encanto* [rated PG] – the story of a magical family with healing powers. Shown on a giant inflatable screen at the Sutherland High School fields (55 Sutherland Street), the movie will begin at dark (approximately 9:45pm). It's free and open to the public. Food and beverages will be available for purchase from Power's Farm Market (kettle corn) Kona Ice (shaved ice), and Marty's Meats. Please note, pets are not allowed at this location. It's a great time with family and friends - bring your lawn chairs or a blanket and join us!

Then be sure to mark your calendar for our other Family Outdoor Movie Nights - On July 28, join us for *Luca* [PG], August 11 we feature *Sing 2* [PG] and on August 25 we'll be showing *Space Jam: A New Legacy* [PG]. Pittsford Sutherland High School is located at 55 Sutherland Street.

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

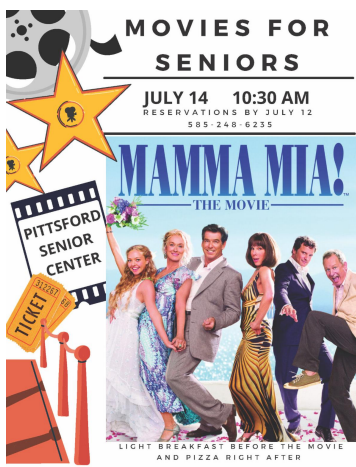
BOSSA NOVA BRADLEY BROTHERS THIS FRIDAY ALONG THE CANAL

The Bossa Nova Bradley Brothers will bring a Brazilian beat to our canalside concert this Friday, July 15 at 6:30pm along the canal in Carpenter Park at the Port of Pittsford. Their innovative musical and vocal talents will make for a fun, lively, and feel-good performance that might just get you up on your feet and dancing!



Bring your lawn chair or a blanket and enjoy a wonderful concert along the canal. Harladay Hots will be site with hotdogs, burgers and chicken sandwiches available for purchase. Or grab a bite to eat from one of the nearby Village restaurants.

Our Summer Concert Series continues Friday evenings at 6:30pm through August 26. We've got a variety of outstanding music this season – from jazz, pop, blues and big band to bossa nova, gospel, Celtic and folk – plus tributes to Billy Joel and the Beatles! It's the perfect way to start your weekend. Carpenter Park is located at 22 North Main Street. Find a complete concert schedule on our Summer Concert Series Event page at www.townofpittsford.org/summerconcerts.



MORNING MOVIE MATINEE FOR SENIORS TODAY AT 10:30AM – MAMA MIA

Seniors, join us in the VanHuysen Community Room at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center today (Thursday, July 14) for our free Morning Movie Matinee featuring *Mama Mia!* - then stay afterward for pizza!

Register by calling the Senior Center at 248-6235. The movie begins at 10:30am and features light refreshments, including coffee, breakfast pastries and popcorn. Pizza will be served after the movie. *Mama Mia* tells the story of a bride-to-be who, unbeknownst to her mother, is trying to learn which of three men might be her real father. The

story unfolds using hit songs by the popular 1970s group ABBA. Starring Meryl Streep, Amanda Seyfried, Pierce Brosnan, Colin Firth and Stellan Skarsgard, it's a fun musical romantic comedy set on a colorful Greek island - and may have you singing along!

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.

TWO GREAT LIBRARY TEEN PROGRAMS THAT EARN YOU COMMUNITY SERVICE CREDITS!

Teens in grades 9 through 12 – volunteer at the Pittsford Community Library and earn community service credits!



Wednesday, July 20, 3:30-4:30pm
Grades 9-12: 1 hr service credit
Registration required

As a **Book Buddy** you'll be paired a buddy in grades 1-3 who is a beginning reader. You'll cheer them on as they test out their reading skills. Attend the **Book Buddy program orientation on Wednesday, July 20 from 3:30 – 4:30pm** at the Library. Registration is required; [use this link to register for the Teen Book Buddy orientation](#). Once you attend the orientation you can meet your reader the following week. Meet up with your buddy later in the summer too!



Wednesday, 7/20, 5:30-6:30pm
Grades 9-12: 1 hr service credit
Registration required

If you're interested in helping out at events, become a **Teen Program Assistant!** Learn more by attending the **Teen Program Assistant orientation on Wednesday, July 20 from 5:30 – 6:30pm** at the Library. Registration is required; [use this link to register for the Teen Program Assistant orientation](#).

Please note for both programs masks are encouraged but not required. The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street. To learn more about upcoming Library programs, visit the [Library's online program calendar](#). For complete Library information, including hours of operation, visit www.townofpittsford.org/library.

CONCERT FOR KIDS JULY 20 WITH MR. LOOPS

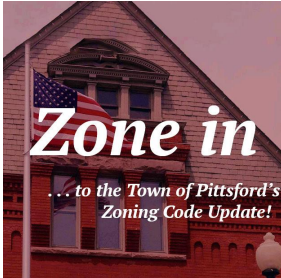
Outdoors behind the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center

Mark your calendar for our first Concert for Kids of the season – it's Wednesday, July 20 and features Mr.

Loops! The show will have some awesome kids' rock and plenty of interactive fun. The Concerts for Kids take place outdoors behind the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center.



Join us at 6:30pm for this free evening of family entertainment. You'll love the music – and may even want to sing along! We'll also have the **Macarollin** and **Kona Ice food trucks** on-site with items available for purchase from 5:00 - 8:00pm. The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. Visit our [Concerts for Kids web page](#) for complete information.



ZONING CODE UPDATE MEETING VIDEO AVAILABLE ONLINE

If you missed the June 29 Town Board Zoning Code Update meeting, you can view it online at this link: [Town Board Zoning Code Update Meeting 6/29/22](#). Complete information about the Town's Zoning Code Update can be found at www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate.

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

- [Town Family Outdoor Movie Night](#), featuring *Encanto*, Thursday, 7/14, food trucks begin serving at 5:00pm, movie begins just after sunset, Sutherland High School field, 55 Sutherland Street - please note, no pets allowed at this location; free and open to the public, [Marty's Meats](#), [Powers Farm Market](#) (kettle corn), and [Kona Ice](#) will be on-site with items available for purchase from 5:00pm until the movie starts.
- [Town Summer Concert Series](#), featuring the Bossa Nova Bradley Brothers, Friday,

7/15, 6:30pm, canalside in Carpenter Park at the Port of Pittsford, 22 N. Main Street

- [Concerts for Kids](#) – kids’ rock with [Mr. Loops](#), Wednesday, 7/20, 6:30pm, outdoors at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue
- [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

- [Zoning Code Update Town Board meeting](#), Wednesday, 7/13 – **NO MEETING**; find complete Zoning Code Update information at www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate. Updated meeting listings will be posted at www.townofpittsford.org/calendar.
- **Design Review & Historic Preservation Board**, Thursday, 7/14, 6:00pm, Public Meeting Room, Town Hall (lower level), 11 South Main Street, current CDC guidelines will be followed; the meeting agenda is posted at least two days prior to the meeting on the Town website here: www.townofpittsford.org/minutes
- **Parks and Recreation Board**, Thursday, 7/14 – **MEETING CANCELED**
- **Zoning Board of Appeals**, Monday, 7/18, 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
- **Town Board**, Tuesday, 7/19, 6:00pm, Public Meeting Room, Town Hall (lower level), 11 South Main Street, ASL interpretation provided, current CDC guidelines will be followed; the meeting agenda is posted at least two days prior to the meeting on the Town website here: www.townofpittsford.org/minutes

COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

- [Village Board of Trustees](#) meeting, Thursday, 7/14, 6:30pm; more information and participation details will be listed on the Village website [here](#) as the meeting date approaches
- **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, 7/23, 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](http://www.pittsfordartgroup.com) 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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