

News & Reviews

August 17, 2022

Town of Pittsford - a Clean Energy
Community

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Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings

LAST CONCERT FOR KIDS OF THE SEASON IS TONIGHT WITH TOPHER HOLT

Our final Concert for Kids of the season is tonight (Wednesday, August 17) and features family friendly music and fun with Topher Holt. Part comedian, dancer, mime and singer/songwriter, Topher is sure to inspire plenty of smiles and laughter!

The concert begins at 6:30pm and is outdoors behind the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center.

We'll have the [Wraps on Wheels](#) and [Kona Ice](#) food trucks on-site as well 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.



POPS WITH PITTSFORD FIRE DEPT. BAND & CANAL HISTORY THIS FRIDAY

Town Historians hosting Erie Canal: 200 Years in Pittsford display at concert

This Friday (August 17), join us in Carpenter Park at the Port of Pittsford for some great pops music and learn about Canal history in Pittsford too. The [Pittsford Fire Department Band](#) will perform a variety of familiar and inspiring tunes

you're sure to enjoy – they've been named New York State Fire Department Band Champions seven times! **Town Historians Audrey Johnson and Vicki Masters Profitt will be on site with information about the Erie Canal history in Pittsford**, part of our celebration of the Canal's bicentennial in Pittsford. The concert begins at 6:30pm but come a little early to learn about the Canal and to meet our historians!

Bring your lawn chair or a blanket and enjoy a wonderful evening along the canal. Harladay Hots will be on 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 wraps up next week (August 26) with outstanding jazz from the Bill Tiberio Band. Our concerts are 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.

JOIN US FOR DEDICATION OF BILL BEACH FIELDS AT GREAT EMBANKMENT PARK THIS SATURDAY

The Town will be dedicating the athletic fields at Great Embankment Park in recognition of William E. (Bill) Beach for his outstanding support of Pittsford youth soccer for more than 40 years. His caring efforts have helped build skill, develop character, and instill the importance of fair play and sportsmanship in thousands of Pittsford children. It is with great pride and appreciation that the Town of Pittsford recognize Bill's impact on the community in this fitting and ongoing tribute. Join us at Great Embankment Park this Saturday, August 20 at 10:00am as we thank Bill for his service and dedication to the community. Great Embankment Park is located at 631 Marsh Road and accessible along the Erie Canal Towpath.



AFRO-BRAZILIAN MUSIC AND MOVEMENT OF CAPOEIRA AT CARPENTER PARK GAZEBO

This Saturday (August 20) stop by for a special outdoor Library program! Join us at the canalside gazebo in Carpenter Park at the Port of Pittsford from 11:00am – noon to experience Com Expressão as they present the history, music and movement of the Afro-Brazilian art of Capoeira. Learn how this art form encourages body movement and confidence by combining martial arts, dance, acrobatics, music and more. It's not required, but audience participation is encouraged! The program is

free and suitable for all ages, registration is not required.

Carpenter Park is located at 22 North Main Street. For more information about other great upcoming Library programs, visit the [Library's online program calendar](#) or call 249-5481.

Message from Supervisor Smith:

NORTH MAIN STREET BRIDGE OPEN

Good news – the NYSDOT has completed its work on the North Main Street Bridge and the bridge is now open for use. There still will be some finishing work in the area, so please do use care when driving through. Watch for DOT workers and pedestrians. Many thanks to NYSDOT for the needed improvements to the bridge and to the roadway, and for completing this project ahead of schedule.



THE CONCEPTION OF THE ERIE CANAL - AUGUST 22 AT THE LIBRARY

An Erie Canal: 200 Years in Pittsford program

The Pittsford Community Library is celebrating the Erie Canal's bicentennial in Pittsford with a special history program this Monday, August 22 at 7:00pm. Derrick Pratt, Museum Educator at the Erie Canal Museum in

The Conception of the Erie Canal



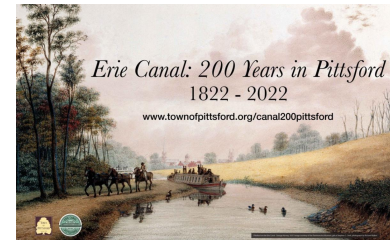
Syracuse, looks at the early efforts to harness New York's interior waterways and the political wrangling that almost kept the "Eighth Wonder of the World" from happening. Held in the Fisher Meeting Room, the event is free and open to the public, no registration necessary.

The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street. For information about all of our Erie Canal: 200 Years in Pittsford programs, visit www.townofpittsford.org/canal200pittsford.

PICNIC & PROGRAM: THE ERIE CANAL, THE EARLY YEARS - AUGUST 24

An Erie Canal: 200 Years in Pittsford program

Join us on Wednesday, August 24 at King's Bend Park for a summer picnic and learn about the early history of the Erie Canal – including the King's Bend. Part of the original – and somewhat meandering! – route of the Erie Canal, the King's Bend eventually became what is now King's Bend Park. Enjoy music by Pete Morrissey beginning at 5:00pm, a picnic dinner at 5:30pm (sandwich, chips, cookie and beverage), and a wonderfully informative presentation beginning at 6:00pm by Erie Canal scholar and historian Craig Williams.



View seldom-seen manuscripts from the New York State Archives from the first days of "Clinton's Ditch" – the less-than-complimentary phrase often used to describe the Erie Canal in those early days. Williams, retired senior historian at the New York State Museum, will provide an illustrated overview of how the people of New York State learned to survey, design, construct and operate the unparalleled engineering achievement. Presented in partnership with the Pittsford Recreation Department, the event is free but advance registration required – [register online here](http://www.townofpittsford.org/canal200pittsford) or call 248-6280 for more information. King's Bend Park is located at 170 Jefferson Road.



SENIORS LUNCH CLUB 60 NUTRITION PROGRAM AT COMMUNITY CENTER

Offered in-person Monday, Wednesday & Friday; advance reservations required

Our Lunch Club 60 program for seniors is offered Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center in the VanHuysen Community Room. Provided by the Monroe County Office of the Aging, lunch includes a delicious and nutritious hot meal for seniors. Then stay after for fun games such as bingo and trivia, and short film movies. Lunch is served at noon; suggested contribution is \$3.50. Bus transportation will be provided for seniors living in Pittsford who cannot drive. **We request that lunch reservations be made two weeks in advance.** The Lunch Club 60 program also provides nutrition screenings, assessment, education and counseling to help participants meet their health and nutrition needs.

For more information, and to register, call the Town's Senior Programs Office at 248-6235. The Town's Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. To learn more about our programs, activities and services for seniors click the link to visit the [Seniors page on the Town website](#), read our [Seniors program info brochure online](#), or call our Senior Programs Office at 248-6235.

FAMILY OUTDOOR MOVIE 8/25 - SPACE JAM: A NEW LEGACY

Our final Family Outdoor Movie Night of the season is Thursday, August 25 and features *Space Jam: A New Legacy* [rated PG]. Bring the family to enjoy an action packed live action and animated sports comedy film that is sure to be a favorite! A rogue artificial intelligence kidnaps the son of famed basketball player LeBron James, who then has to work with Bugs Bunny to win a basketball game! Shown on a giant inflatable screen at the Sutherland High School fields (55 Sutherland Street), the movie will begin at sunset (approximately 8:00pm). 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 the **Meatball Truck** from 5:00pm until the movie begins. 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! Pittsford Sutherland High School is located at 55 Sutherland Street.



REMINDERS



ERIE CANAL 200 YEARS IN PITTSFORD PROGRAMS - ALL MONTH IN AUGUST

Our Erie Canal: 200 Years in Pittsford celebration programs and activities continue throughout August - have you attended any yet? **Library programs for all ages, canal trivia, a scavenger hunt, a picnic, music - even a cemetery tour!** Find a complete schedule and details at www.townofpittsford.org/canal200pittsford.

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

- [Concerts for Kids](#) – family friendly music with [Topher Holt](#), Wednesday, 8/17, food trucks begin serving at 5:00pm, concert begins at 6:30pm, outdoors at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue; free and open to the public, [Wraps on Wheels](#) and [Kona Ice](#) (shaved ice) will be on site with items available for purchase from 5:00 - 8:00pm
- [Canal History Table](#) will be at the Summer Concert Series performance by the [Pittsford Fire Department Band](#), Friday, 8/19, 6:00pm, Carpenter Park at the Port of Pittsford; an *Erie Canal: 200 Years in Pittsford* event
- [Town Summer Concert Series](#), featuring classic pops music with the [Pittsford Fire Department Band](#) and an Erie Canal history in Pittsford display with the Pittsford Town Historians, Friday, 8/19, come a bit early to see the history display, concert begins at 6:30pm, canalside in Carpenter Park at the Port of Pittsford, 22 N. Main Street
- [The Conception of the Erie Canal](#), Monday, 8/22, 7:00 – 8:00pm, with Derrick Pratt, Museum Educator at the Erie Canal Museum in Syracuse, Pittsford Community Library, Fisher Meeting Room; an *Erie Canal: 200 Years in Pittsford* event
- [Picnic & Program: The Erie Canal, the Early Years – King's Bend Park](#), Wednesday, 8/24, 5:00pm music by Pete Morrissey; 5:30pm picnic dinner; 6:00pm presentation by Erie Canal Scholar and Historian, Craig Williams - King's Bend Park North Lodge, located at 170 W Jefferson Rd, Pittsford, NY 14534, free, but advance registration required – [register online here](#) or call 248-6280; an *Erie Canal: 200 Years in Pittsford* event
- [Town Family Outdoor Movie Night](#), featuring *Space Jam: A New Legacy* [PG], Thursday, 8/25, 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, [Powers Farm Market](#) (kettle corn), [Kona Ice](#) (shaved ice) and the [Meatball Truck](#) will be on-site with items available for purchase from 5:00pm until the movie starts.
- [Erie Canal Cemetery Tour](#), canal-theme walking tour led by Pittsford Town Historians Vicki Masters Profitt and Audrey Johnson, Saturday, August 27, 10:00am – 12:00pm, Registration required, [register online here](#); an *Erie Canal: 200 Years in Pittsford* event
- **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, 9/10, 9:00 - 10:00am, Fisher Meeting Room (first floor), Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street. Current COVID-19 health guidelines will be followed.
- [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, 8/22, 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

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 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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