

News & Reviews

September 14, 2022

Town of Pittsford - a Clean Energy Community

See listings below for

Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings

TOWN CLOSURES FOR STAFF MEETING & TRAININGS THIS FRIDAY, 9/16

Town Hall Closing at Noon, Library Closed All Day
Due to the annual Town of Pittsford staff meeting,
Town Hall will close at noon this Friday, September
16; please note this includes the Town Clerk/Tax
Office. A reminder: on-time first installment school tax
payments are due by Thursday, September 15; see
more information below. The Pittsford Community

Town Staff Meeting
Closures for
Friday, September 16

TOWN HALL CLOSES AT NOON
LIBRARY CLOSED ALL DAY

COMMUNITY CENTER OPEN
REGULAR HOURS

Library will be closed all day this Friday for staff training and the annual staff meeting. The Spiegel Pittsford **Community Center will be open regular hours** this Friday.



SCHOOL TAXES: FIRST INSTALLMENT DUE BY THIS THURSDAY, 9/15 OR IN FULL BY 10/1

Please note the following dates with regard to school tax payments.

On-time first installment school tax payments are due by this Thursday, September 15.

On-time full payments are due by Saturday, October 1. Due to October 1 falling on a weekend, all payments received, or postmarked Monday, October 3 will be processed as on time.

The Town continues to encourage payments by mail or by secure drop box available 24/7; drop boxes are located at both the front and back entrances of the Pittsford Town Hall, 11 South Main Street. If you will be sending your payment by mail or drop box, please include your payment coupon and a contact phone number on your check. Failure to do so increases processing time. Payments also can be made at Canandaigua National Bank, 18 State Street, in Pittsford Village or online through Monroe County; there will be a 2.7% fee to use this online payment service. To pay online, click HERE.

Canandaigua National Bank will continue to accept full payments only from September

16 through October 1.

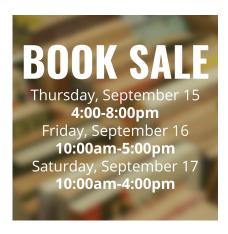
Second and third installment payments cannot be accepted at Town Hall. Second and third installments will only be accepted at the Monroe County Office of the Treasury (39 West Main Street, Monroe County Office Building) and made payable to: Monroe County Treasurer; they are not payable at Town Hall.

Full payments with 2% interest will be accepted from October 3 - October 31 and these payments can be mailed or placed in the secure mail slot at Pittsford Town Hall. if you need assistance in that calculation, please contact the tax office directly by email at townclerk@townofpittsford.org or phone 585-248-6215 for the correct amount due.

Please Note: We strongly discourage paying your tax bill via your banking Electronic Checking/Online bill pay system. If you are paying your bill with an online bill pay system, please be aware that your bank still mails us a paper check without a USPS postmark and it may take as long as two weeks to reach our office. Therefore, your payment is not considered received until we physically receive the payment in our office. We do not recommend sending payment in this manner.

LIBRARY FALL BOOK SALE THIS WEEK

The Friends of Pittsford Library Fall Book Sale is this week, Thursday – Saturday, September 15 - 17 in the Pittsford Community Library's Fisher Meeting Room. It will feature an array of gently used 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 10:00am – 4:00pm. 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 will be accepted. Bags will be in short supply so please bring your own . All proceeds benefit our Pittsford Community Library!



SPEEDING AND DRIVING SAFETY PUBLIC FORUM IS 9/21

To address speeding and driving safety concerns, the Town will hold a public forum on Wednesday, September 21 at 6:00pm in the public meeting room at Town Hall. The forum will address current speeding and roadway safety concerns and look to identify potential additional solutions to these problems. The meeting will include discussion of the current petition to lower the speed limit on Clover Street from 55 to 45mph, from Calkins Road to the NYS Thruway. The

Town supports the petition and will be asking the State to eliminate the passing zones in the same area as well. More details about the forum format and agenda will be forthcoming in the days ahead. Information will be posted in the Town eNews and on the Town website and social media pages. Pittsford Town Hall is located at 11 South Main Street.

SENIORS FALL FEST LUNCH & MUSEUM PRESENTATION IS 9/27

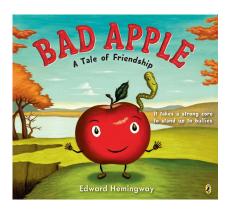
Reservation deadline is this Tuesday, September 20

Seniors, join us at 12noon in the VanHuysen Community Room at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center on Tuesday, September 27 for a home cooked "Fall Fest" lunch by Chef Julie and a presentation by Strong Museum of Play Vice President for Collections Chris Bensch entitled "The Best Collection Ever!"



Lunch will include an "Awesome Autumn" chicken dinner with roll and a special fall dessert. The cost for lunch is \$6.00 per person; advance registration and payment is required by this Tuesday, September 20. For more information and to register, stop by the Senior Programs office at the Community Center or call 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 <u>Seniors page on the Town website</u>, read our <u>Seniors program info brochure online</u>, or call our Senior Programs Office at 248-6235.



"BAD APPLE" STORY STROLL AT COMMUNITY CENTER STARTS MONDAY (9/19)

Join us for a crisp and sweet tale of friendship – and some crafty fun! Stop by the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center next week (Monday, September 19 through Sunday, September 25) and take a walk through our "Bad Apple" Story Stroll in the Community Center field. It's based on a wonderful children's book by Edward Hemingway.

There you will meet Mac and Will, an apple and a worm who form an unlikely friendship and prove that a good heart is what makes a "good apple."

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. The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue.

MORNING MOVIE MATINEE FOR SENIORS 9/22 – COCOON

Reservations required by September 20

Seniors, join us in the VanHuysen Community Room at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center on Thursday, September 22 for our free Morning Movie Matinee featuring *Cocoon*. Then stay afterward for pizza!

Register by calling the Senior Center at 248-6235; reservations are due by Tuesday, September 20. The movie begins at 10:30am and features light refreshments, including coffee, breakfast pastries and popcorn. Pizza will be served after the movie. *Cocoon*



is a 1985 science fiction comedy-drama directed by Ron Howard and starring a wonderful cast including Don Ameche, Wilford Brimley, Hume Cronyn, Brian Dennehy,

Jack Gilford, Steve Guttenberg, Maureen Stapleton, Jessica Tandy and Gwen Verdon. Join us and see what happens when a group of trespassing seniors swim in a pool containing alien cocoons and find themselves energized with youthful vigor!

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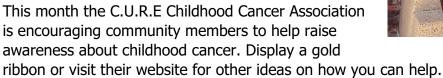
LEARN ABOUT LOW-COST HEALTH INSURANCE OPTIONS – 9/24 AT THE LIBRARY

Those interested in learning more about low-cost health insurance options offered through the New York State of Health Marketplace can meet with a Certified Enrollment Assistor from Molina Healthcare. The Pittsford Community Library program "New York State of Health Marketplace: How to Sign Up" is Saturday, September 24 from 10:30am – 1:30pm. Learn about health plan options, ask questions, and get help with enrollment. The program is free and

open to the public – drop in any time! The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street. For information about other upcoming Library programs visit the Library's online program calendar or call 249-5481.

CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH - DISPLAY YOUR GOLD RIBBONS

September is Childhood Cancer awareness month, a time when childhood cancer organizations, families, and individuals raise awareness and funds in honor of and in memory of those young lives affected by or cut short by cancer. An estimated 15,780 children, from infants to age 19, are diagnosed with cancer each year in the United States, and cancer remains the number one cause of death by disease for children in the U.S.





In 2021 there were 43 children in the Rochester area diagnosed with cancer, and six little fighters were lost to cancer last year. There are children and families battling this disease here in Pittsford; they face each day with incredible strength and courage - their fight, their hope, their resilience, is an inspiration to all. To learn more about how you can help visit https://www.curekidscancer.com.

REMINDERS

LEARN ABOUT ENERGY-EFFICIENT HEATING AND COOLING - AT THE LIBRARY SEPT. 28

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 Wednesday, September 28 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!

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

- Friends of Pittsford Library Fall Book Sale, Thursday, 9/15 from 4;00 8:00pm, Friday, 9/16 from 10:00am 5:00pm and Saturday, 9/17 from 10:00am 4:00pm; Pittsford Community Library, Fisher Meeting Room, 24 State Street. Featuring an array of gently used books, games, DVDs, and CDs for all ages all at great prices. 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.
- "Bad Apple" Story Stroll, September 19-25, 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.
- Red Cross Blood Drive at Pittsford Community Library, Friday, 10/7, 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.
- 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 Board of Appeals**, Monday, 9/19, 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, 9/20, 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
- Zoning Code Update Town Board meeting, Tuesday, 9/27, 4:00pm NOTE REVISED DAY/DATE, 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. Updated meeting listings will be posted at www.townofpittsford.org/calendar.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

- <u>Speeding and Driving Safety Public Forum</u>, Wednesday, 9/21, 6:00pm, public meeting room, Town Hall (lower level), 11 South Main Street
- <u>Energy-Efficient Heating and Cooling Information program</u>, 7:00pm, Wednesday, September 28, 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
- <u>Pittsford Rotary Club</u>, 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
- <u>Pittsford Art Group</u> 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 <u>www.pittsfordartgroup.com</u> and fill out a <u>Contact Us</u> 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 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 <u>Finger Lakes COVID-19 Vaccine Hub</u>.

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-

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? https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html? https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html? https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html? https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html?

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