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Town of Pittsford - a Clean
Energy and Climate Smart
Community

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Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings

LEARN ABOUT ENERGY-EFFICIENT HEATING AND COOLING - TONIGHT AT THE LIBRARY

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 TONIGHT, 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!

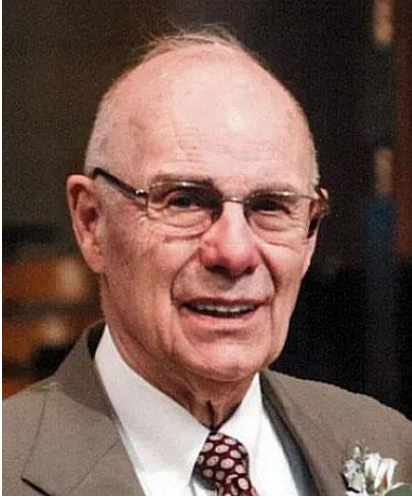
TOWN TO DEDICATE SENIORS ACTIVITY ROOM TO RON ANDERSON THIS THURSDAY

Longtime Pittsford resident advocated for seniors

This Thursday, September 29, the Town of Pittsford will dedicate the Ronald C. Anderson Activity Room at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center.

Refreshments will be served at 3:00pm and followed by a dedication ceremony at 4:00pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

A longtime Pittsford resident and caring advocate for



Pittsford's seniors, Ron Anderson was an enthusiastic participant and ardent supporter of the Town's Seniors programs and services. He served as the senior services and programs liaison on the Citizens' Advisory Committee for renovation of the Spiegel Community Center, during which time he lent invaluable insight and guidance for facility considerations regarding senior programming, accessibility and engagement needs; his thorough and perceptive observations and recommendations helped shape the amenities and facilities for seniors that would be included in the renovated and restored Community Center.

Ron's additional volunteerism in our community included service as an engaged and committed member of the Town's Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for several years; he was also a volunteer driver for the Elderberry Express Pittsford senior transportation service for over a decade and a Pittsford Little League coach and team manager.

The Ronald C. Anderson Activity Room offers a comfortable and welcoming place for seniors to play cards and games, relax with friends, read, or – one of Ron's favorite activities – work on a puzzle.

With Ron Anderson's death in September of 2021, the Town of Pittsford lost a dedicated advocate for senior programs and services, a caring volunteer, and a good friend, but his impact on our community and the seniors we serve lives on in his accomplishments and in those many lives he touched.

PITTSFORD ROTARY FOOD DRIVE & MAGAZINE COLLECTION THIS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

Donations will go to Pittsford Food Cupboard, Oak Tree Food Pantry & Cameron Community Ministries.

The [Rotary Club of Pittsford](#), in collaboration with the Town of Pittsford, is holding a drive-through canned and packaged food and donations drive to benefit the [Pittsford Food Cupboard](#), [Nazareth College Oak Tree Food Pantry](#) and [Cameron Community Ministries](#). The drive is being held Saturday, October 1 from 9:00am – noon at the Pittsford Sutherland High School bus loop, 55 Sutherland Street. *Gently used recent issues (past 12 months) of magazines will also be collected for distribution to various social agencies in the Rochester area.*

The [Nazareth College Oak Tree Food Pantry](#) connects Nazareth's students, staff and faculty to outside resources based on a number of needs including housing, food, community centers and transportation. **Specific needs for the Oak Tree Food Pantry include** items that can be easily prepared by students.

[Cameron Community Ministries](#) is an urban outreach community center in the Lyell-Otis neighborhood of Rochester. **Specific needs for Cameron Community Ministries include** snacks for their youth program, and canned goods.



MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE
Saturday, October 1
9:00 am -12:00 PM
Pittsford Sutherland High School



THIS FOOD DRIVE SUPPORTS
Pittsford Food Cupboard
Nazareth College
Cameron Community Ministries
Non-perishable Items, Canned Goods, Women's Deodorant, Cat Food, Afterschool Snacks, Soups, Easy to Prepare Meals for Students, and CURRENT MAGAZINES

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.**



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – A PLANTING PARTY THAT’S FOR THE BIRDS!

Town and Color Pittsford Green to create a Bird Harbor at Great Embankment Park

The Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor has become an important part of many birds’ migration route – from bald eagles to bluebirds, and from hawks and herons to hummingbirds. Unfortunately, over the past decades much of the vegetation that has moved into the woods and wetlands along the canal doesn’t

provide appropriate nutrition and shelter to help these birds along their journey or to support the ones who stay. But the Town of Pittsford is partnering with Color Pittsford Green to help!

We’re going to create a "Bird Harbor" – a native shrub and perennial garden along the canal at the Great Embankment Park. The garden will provide critical habitat for the birds that make the park their home and those who stop by to refuel on their journey.

Community members can help make a Bird Harbor at Great Embankment Park a reality – **join us for a planting day on Friday, October 7** . It’s the perfect way to start your long weekend! Please come and lend a hand (or a shovel)! We’ll be planting trees, shrubs and perennials on October 7 **from 10:00am to Noon and from 4:00pm to 6:00pm**. Come for the day or just an hour, and don’t forget your gardening gloves. Light refreshments will be provided. Contact Ellen Henry of Color Pittsford Green at echenry@rochester.rr.com or Pittsford Town Parks General Foreman Jess Neal at JNeal@townofpittsford.org with questions. Rain date is October 14, 2022. Great Embankment Park is located at 631 Marsh Road and is accessible via the Erie Canal path as well.

AS OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH COMES TO AN END, MAKE SURE YOU KNOW THE SYMPTOMS AND RISK FACTORS:

In recognition of September as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, [Turn the Towns Teal](#) encourages all to learn the sometimes silent symptoms of ovarian cancer and help spread the word - you could help save a life!

Potential Symptoms of Ovarian Cancer:

- Pelvic or abdominal pain
- Vague but persistent gastrointestinal upsets such as gas, nausea, or indigestion
- Difficulty eating OR feeling full quickly
- Urinary symptoms (urgency or frequency)
- Unexplained changes in bowel habits
- Unexplained weight gain/loss
- Ongoing unusual fatigue
- Back Pain
- Menstrual changes
- Pain during intimacy

If these symptoms persist for 10 days to two weeks, consult your gynecologist, physician, or a gynecological oncologist.



Risk Factors Linked to Ovarian Cancer:

- Genetic predisposition (BRCA1/BRCA2 gene)
- Personal or family history of breast, ovarian or colon cancer
- Increasing age
- Reproductive history and infertility
- Hormone replacement therapy

Find more information at www.turnthetownsteal.org. Many thanks to local residents Ginger Ruff and Angelina Shimkus for turning Pittsford teal with ribbons displayed throughout the month.



“BABY TALK” CLASS AT COMMUNITY CENTER STARTS OCTOBER 6

Our Pittsford Recreation team has a great programs for all ages – even our youngest residents! Join Sarah Smith, a speech-language pathologist, for "Baby Talk" – a fun play group for babies and their grownups! Not sure what to do with your infant all day long? Sarah will share engaging songs and stories your little one is sure to love, plus show you ways to play with a variety of items you already have at home to support

your little one's language development. Each session will include a speech and language strategy as well as signs you can start using with your little one right away! The program runs at 10:00am on Thursdays from October 6-27. Registration is required. [Register and find additional information online](#) or stop by the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center at 35 Lincoln Avenue.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED, DONATIONS ACCEPTED FOR PTSA SUPER SALE

Sale held 10/19 – 21 will benefit students in all 9 Pittsford Schools

This October, volunteer, donate and shop the 59th Annual Pittsford PTSA Super Sale hosted at the Mendon High School gym October 14 - 21. The PTSA Super Sale is a huge, upscale rummage sale with deals on clothing, shoes, furniture, baby gear, sports equipment, linens, home goods, tools, outdoor items,

bikes and more!

All of the funds – 100% – raised at Super Sale go to the Pittsford PTSA to provide programs and events in each of our nine Pittsford schools – every Pittsford student benefits from Super Sale!



Save these Super Sale Dates:

- **Volunteer Shifts** are available Friday, 10/14 starting at 2:45pm and through 4:00 pm on Saturday, 10/22
- **Donation Days:** Saturday, 10/15 from 9 am – 5 pm & Sunday, 10/16 from 9:00am – 3:00pm (see below for details)
- **Pre-Sale for Super Sale volunteer workers** and PCSD Staff: Tuesday, 10/18 from 2:30 – 7:00pm
- **Super Sale opens to the public:** Wednesday, 10/19 from 9:00am – 7:00pm
- **50% Off Sale:** Thursday, 10/20 from 9:00am – 7:00pm
- **Bag-It Sale:** Friday, 10/21 from 9:00 am – 7:00pm

For more information on volunteering and to register for a shift visit:

www.pittsfordptsa.net/super-sale.

Interested in donating items to the sale? Now is the time to clean out your basements and closets and save your best items to donate to the Super Sale. Gently-used furniture, toys, baby items, sports equipment, music instruments, books, games, puzzles, housewares, lamps, electronics, rugs, home décor, linens, holiday decorations, clothing, shoes, jewelry, garden and outdoor items, tools, and more are all appreciated! **To donate, please bring your items to Pittsford Mendon High School, 472 Mendon Road, Pittsford on Saturday, 10/15 from 9:00am – 5:00pm or Sunday, 10/16 from 9:00am – 3:00pm.** Follow the “student drop off” lane across the front of the building, then turn right into the parking lot and look for Super Sale signs at Door #9.

REMINDERS

JOB OPENINGS IN RECREATION DEPARTMENT – COMMUNITY CENTER SUPERVISOR

Our Recreation Department has part-time job openings for [Community Center Supervisors](#) to fill weekend openings in the front desk schedule at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center. Weekend hours include Friday: 5:00-9:30pm, Saturday: 8:00am-2:00pm or 2:00-8:30pm, and Sunday: 12:00-5:30pm.

We’re looking for friendly and responsible individuals to set up rooms for programs, assist with program sites, process activity registrations and facility reservations, and answer questions related to Community Center programs and services. Applicants do not need to be Pittsford residents. For a complete job description and application information, use this link to see the [Community Center Supervisor](#) job listing online or visit the Town’s Human Resources web page at www.townofpittsford.org/hr.

WE ARE
HIRING
JOIN OUR TEAM

open positions

- ✓ community center supervisor
- ✓ after school counselor
- ✓ after school aide

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:
<https://townofpittsford.org/hr/pittsford-employment-opportunities>

Other current job openings in the Recreation Department include [After School Counselor](#) and [After School Program Aide](#) as well as [Child Watch Recreation Assistant](#). Find complete details online. The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue.

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

- **Ronald C. Anderson Activity Room dedication**, Thursday, 9/29, 3:00pm refreshments, 4:00pm dedication, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue; members of the public are welcome to attend.
- **Pittsford Rotary Food Drive**, Saturday, 10/1, 9:00am - 12noon, Pittsford Sutherland High School bus loop, 55 Sutherland Street, collecting canned and packaged food items and personal hygiene items to benefit the [Pittsford Food Cupboard](#), [Nazareth College Oak Tree Food Pantry](#), and [Cameron Community Ministries](#) (click links for complete lists of needs); gently used recent (past 12 months) magazines are also needed.
- **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.
- **Volunteer planting party to create Bird Harbor at Great Embankment Park**, Friday, 10/7, 10:00am – 12:00pm and 4:00 – 6:00pm, Great Embankment Park, 631 Marsh Road; bring gardening gloves, contact Pittsford Parks General Foreman jneal@townofpittsford.org or Color Pittsford Green contact echenry@rochester.rr.com for more info.
- **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, 10/15, 9:00 - 10:00am, Fisher Meeting Room (first

floor), Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street. Current COVID-19 health guidelines will be followed.

- [PTSA Super Sale Donation Drop Off & Volunteering](#), donation drop off Saturday & Sunday, 10/15 & 16 (no Monday drop-off), sale 10/18-21, Pittsford Mendon High School, 472 Mendon Road; volunteers and donations needed, times and additional information [HERE](#).
- [PTSA Super Sale](#), 9:00am - 7:00pm Wednesday through Friday, 10/19-21, Pittsford Mendon High School, 472 Mendon Road; Thursday is half-price day, Friday features the Bag It Sale. For more info see the [Super Sale FAQ page](#).
- [Women's Club of Pittsford Garage Sale and Bake Sale](#), Friday and Saturday, 10/21 & 22, 9:00am – 4:00pm, King's Bend Park, 170 W. Jefferson Road; a variety of items from many households, plus delicious baked goods, proceeds to benefit charitable efforts including community service and educational programs.
- [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

- **Environmental Board**, Monday, 10/3, 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**, Thursday, 10/6, 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 - **NOTE REVISED DAY/DATE**

COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

- [Energy-Efficient Heating and Cooling Information program](#), Wednesday, 9/28, 7:00pm, Fisher Meeting Room, Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street, registration and information at <http://Bit.ly/heatsmartpittsford>
- [Village Board of Trustees](#) meeting, Thursday, 9/29, 6:30pm; more information and participation details will be listed on the Village website [here](#) as the meeting date approaches
- [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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