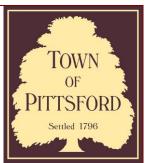
Special Notice

Town of Pittsford News Release March 12, 2017



See below for Road Closures, Yard Debris pickup info, facilities open for the public, Safety Tips

REVISED LOCATION FOR EMERGENCY SHELTER IN PITTSFORD - AT SPIEGEL CENTER

Emergency overnight shelter in Pittsford will be available at the **Spiegel Community Center**, 35 Lincoln Avenue in the Village of Pittsford. **This shelter will replace the weekend shelter at Barker Road Middle School** established by the Town of Pittsford, the Pittsford Central School District, the Village of East Rochester and the Town of Perinton, to serve those needing shelter this weekend.

The Spiegel Community Center shelter opened this morning and will remain open 24 hours a day as long as is necessary. Visitors should enter through the side (west) entrance near the parking lot and must sign in at the front desk.

Cots are available for sleeping. Those who wish to do so may bring an air mattress or sleeping bag. Those planning to stay overnight should bring their own bedding and pillow.

The shelter at Spiegel Community Center will offer warm drinks, water, Wi-Fi, and charging stations for cell phones and mobile devices. Visitors are welcome to bring food. There will be round-the-clock security for the protection of visitors. Town staffers also will be present until 11:00pm each night to answer questions and provide assistance.

No pets can be permitted in the shelter. Lollypop Farm has provided useful information about protecting your pets in the cold weather at <u>http://www.lollypop.org/about-us-overview/press-room/press-release-keeping-pets-safe-power-outage/</u>. Those in need of shelter with their animals may use the emergency shelter at Webster Community Center (1350 Chiyoda Drive, Webster 14580); animals must be in a dog or cat carrier.

The Pittsford Community Library (24 State Street) will extend hours until 9:00pm today (Sunday, March 12), offering Wi-Fi, phone charging stations, and a place to get warm. The Barker Road School shelter will remain open until 5:00pm today.

For the most current updates about emergency shelter, road closures, and safety information, please Pittsford Town website visit the Storm Updates page the at on http://www.townofpittsford.org/news/march-2017-windstorm-updates-supervisor-smith. The Towns of Pittsford and Perinton and the Village of East Rochester extend thanks to the Pittsford Central School District for partnering with them to provide emergency shelter this weekend.

CURRENT ROAD CLOSURES

As of now, the following roads are either closed or restricted to traffic, due to power lines tangled in downed trees:

- East Avenue (NYS Rt. 96) at San Rafael
- Rand Place, in the Village, between Jefferson and Elmbrook

COMMUNITY CENTER AND LIBRARY OPEN EXTENDED HOURS TODAY

The Spiegel Community Center and the Pittsford Community Library are open extended hours today; both will be open until 9:00pm for residents in need of a warm place - and enjoyable activities! **The Spiegel** Community Center will also be available for emergency overnight shelter this evening (see information above).

The Spiegel Community Center (35 Lincoln Avenue) is open until 9:00pm tonight and offers phone charging stations in the community lounge and Wi-Fi throughout the building. Youth and Family Basketball (ages 5-13, with an adult) is offered today from 3:00-5:00pm.

The Pittsford Community Library (24 State Street) is open tonight until 9:00pm and offers Wi-Fi, computers and printers for public use, and plenty of in print and online reading materials and resources.

REMINDERS

KEEP WATER PIPES FROM FREEZING DURING AN EXTENDED POWER OUTAGE

If the temperature in your basement falls below 25 degrees, open each water faucet in your home slightly to allow a trickle of water to flow. We have been advised this is the best means of prevention to protect your pipes from freezing. The water used will not be a great expense, and the cost will be much less than that of cleanup and repair of burst pipes.

YARD DEBRIS DROP OFF HOURS EXTENDED

The Town's debris dumping facility at the Highway Garage (60 Golf Avenue) will remain open for extended hours to allow for cleanup in light of Wednesday's windstorm - it will be open until 6:00pm today and tomorrow (Friday) and open 7:00am - 6:00pm on Saturday. Residents may place loose debris from the storm, such as downed limbs, brush, etc. at the curbside for pickup by Town Highway crews. Please note any debris generated by a contractor working on debris clean up or tree removal, etc. must be taken by the contractor to the Town's debris dumping facility at the Highway Garage at 60 Golf Avenue.

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