

News & Reviews

February 10, 2021

Town of Pittsford - a Clean Energy Community

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SUPERVISOR SATURDAY WITH BILL SMITH THIS WEEK – FEBRUARY 13

Town Supervisor Bill Smith will host his community open house meeting this Saturday, February 13 from 9:00 - 10:00am at the Pittsford Community Library. Stop by and join the conversation to catch up on current issues, Town projects and other topics you might wish to discuss, such as

Community Solar and the **upcoming changes to the**

Town Zoning code – which should be of importance to every resident. If you've got questions, ideas or comments for Supervisor Smith, be sure to join him this Saturday!

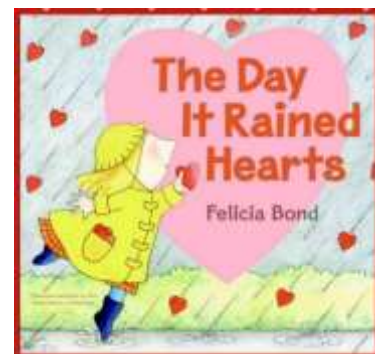
This casual open house will be in the Fisher Meeting Room; participants will be expected to wear a face covering and follow appropriate health and physical distancing guidelines. Supervisor Saturday enables residents who can't stop by to see the Supervisor during the work week a chance to speak to him directly. Come and discuss what matters most to you! Drop by - no registration required. The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street.

Supervisor Smith keeps an open door policy and also welcomes visits from residents at Town Hall during regular business hours Monday to Friday by appointment. As always, he's available by phone at 248-6220 and by email at bsmith@townofpittsford.org.

"THE DAY IT RAINED HEARTS" STORY WALK UNDERWAY

***Display will be up at Community Center through
this Saturday, 2/13***

The time is right for a winter story come to life – and some crafty fun! Stop by the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center up through this Saturday, February 13 and take a stroll through our **"The Day it Rained Hearts" story walk in the Community Center field**. Follow a sweet story of friendship and



giving. One day it rains hearts of all shapes and sizes - each special in its own way. Cornelia Augusta catches them, realizes they are perfect for making valentines, and knows just who to give them to – her animal friends!

Participants are asked to follow physical distancing guidelines and bring a face mask to wear when within 6 feet of those outside of their group.

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 Friday from 8:00am – 6:00pm and Saturdays from 10:00am – 5:00pm.

The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. For more information about the event, call the Community Center at 248-6280.

TOWN AND COUNTY 2021 PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS DUE TODAY

The **interest-free Town and County 2021 property tax payment deadline is today, February 10**; first installments or full payments of your Town and County property taxes are due at this time. Please be sure to read all of the instructions and information written on the back of your bill carefully. Payments will be accepted only by mail or mail slot at Pittsford Town Hall (11 South Main Street); mail slots are located at the back door or to the right of the front door. Payment stub (see page 2 of bill) must accompany payment. Please include a phone number on your check, if possible.

First installment payments and full payments also can be made at Canandaigua National Bank (18 State Street, Pittsford) through today (Wednesday, February 10) only. Payments can be made online via the Town's website, (which links to the Monroe County website) by today (February 10) using Visa or MasterCard only; please note there is a 2.75% service charge for online payments. [Click here to pay online.](#)

It is also **strongly** advised that you do NOT pay by electronic check, as these payments do not receive a U.S. postmark and may arrive late.

Please also note: If you are paying your tax bill with an online bill pay (electronic banking) system through your bank, please be aware that your bank still generates and mails a paper check to the Town and it may take as long as two weeks or more to reach the Town offices. This type of mail does not receive a USPS postmark. Therefore, the Town can only consider your payment received on the date it is physically received in our office.

COMMUNITY SOLAR VIRTUAL PUBLIC INFO MEETING IS FEBRUARY 22

As a member of Monroe Community Power, the **Town of Pittsford** is increasing its support of locally generated renewable energy, while lowering the electricity costs for Town residents and small



businesses. A letter recently mailed to all households in the Town provided information about our Community Solar program and our upcoming virtual public information meeting to be held February 22 from 6:00 – 7:00pm. See details below.

For each enrollment in our Community Solar program, the program administrator will donate \$50 to a **Town of Pittsford Sustainability Fund**, which will be used for a future project for our community. By signing up to participate in our Community Solar program, Town of Pittsford residents have already helped raise \$13,500 for the fund.

Community Solar gives residents and small businesses an opportunity to get involved in the clean energy movement and benefit from solar energy without installing solar panels. By enrolling in Community Solar, **participants will save up to 10% on their electricity bill**. Please note, those who have their own solar panels already receive solar credits and are not eligible to enroll in the Town's Community Solar program. The Town of Pittsford's Community Solar program is open to all residents (owners and renters) and small business owners within the RG&E utility account area.

Please join Supervisor Bill Smith and the Monroe Community Power team remotely on **Monday, February 22 from 6:00-7:00 PM** at an online **Public Info Session** during which we will discuss the program and answer your questions live. **RSVP** and get the virtual meeting details at www.bit.ly/solar-pittsford-0222.

Learn more about the Pittsford's Community Solar program and enroll here: www.monroecommunitypower.com/enroll.

To ask questions about or get help with enrollment, call the program helpline at **(585) 244-0244**.

EQUITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE OPENINGS - APPLICATION DEADLINE 2/24

Residents interested in nomination to the Town's newly-created Equity Advisory Committee should submit their resume and a cover letter to the Supervisor's office at 11 South Main Street or by email to sreddick@townofpittsford.org. In the cover letter, please describe what expertise in this area you bring or what experience you have had with advising in this area.

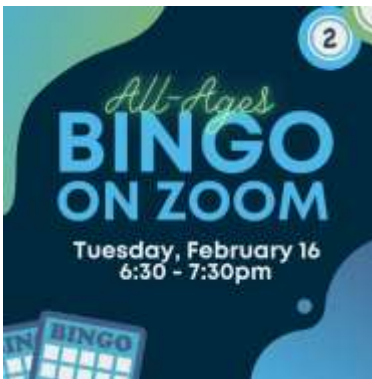
Four positions are open and the Supervisor will nominate candidates for each, for approval by the Town Board. Nominees are sought who demonstrate commitment to:

- diversity that includes everyone, valuing free and open discussion of ideas;
- equity solidly grounded in equality before the law and equal opportunity;
- inclusion in the fullest sense of that term, without excluding anyone;

- respecting the human dignity of each person as an individual, rather than an interchangeable representative of a racial group or other category;
- free speech, fairness, and real intellectual debate and inquiry.

Above all, nominees are sought who are committed to Martin Luther King's concept of people being judged by the content of their character, not the color of their skin – not just as an abstract ideal, but as a day-to-day model informing conduct and policy.

Selected applicants will be interviewed by the Supervisor, who will then make nominations for the four positions to the Town Board. Town Board members will interview the nominees. Resumes and accompanying letters of interest will be accepted through Wednesday, February 24.



**LIBRARY OFFERS ALL-AGES BINGO ON ZOOM
FEBRUARY 16**

Join our Pittsford Community Library staff for a fun night of Bingo via Zoom on Tuesday, February 16. The program will run from 6:30 - 7:30pm and features prizes! Bingo boards can be picked up at the Library during open hours. A Zoom link will be sent to participants the morning of the program, and the email used for registration will be used to contact prize winners. This family-friendly program is suitable for all ages; it is free and open to all, but registration

is required. To register, visit <https://calendar.libraryweb.org/event/7470811>. For complete Library information, including hours of operation, visit www.townofpittsford.org/home-library.

SENIORS - SING VIA ZOOM WITH THE PITTSFORD HIGHLANDS CHORUS!

Seniors, the Pittsford Highlands Chorus meets – and sings! – on Zoom every Monday from 1:30 - 2:30pm. A perfect opportunity for fun and fellowship, the chorus is open to all – no auditioning and no prior experience necessary. It's a great way to celebrate and experience the joy of music! If you're interested in joining, call The Highlands at 586-7600 and leave your name and contact information with the receptionist. Choral director Rhonda Wright will contact you to set you up on Zoom.

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YOUTH CONSERVATION “PROJECT WILD” ON WEDNESDAYS AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

Owl Pellets, Orienteering, and the Outdoors – youth ages 6-8 can get wild at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center every Wednesday evening from February 24 through March 10! “Project Wild” is an interdisciplinary conservation and environmental education program emphasizing wildlife. The program features hands-on activities to develop awareness, knowledge, skills, and responsible behavior related to wildlife and the environment. Our program includes activities from the “Project Wild”



curriculum each week and runs from 6:30 – 7:30pm at the Community Center. [Registration is available online](#) (see the “Adventure and Nature” category) or register in person at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue (find [facility hours here](#)).

CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH WITH LIBRARY’S HOOPLA AND KANOPY ACCESS

Read, watch, and listen to content from Black writers, creators, and artists during Black History Month with collections from Hoopla and Kanopy.

Find books, audiobooks, graphic novels, movies, music, and more with [Hoopla's Black History Month collection](#), and explore dramas, biopics, and documentaries with [Kanopy's Black History Month collection](#).



FEBRUARY IS TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month – a time to raise awareness about dating violence and to help stop abuse before it starts. It’s also an opportunity to remind our teens that they deserve healthy and happy relationships.

- 1 in 3 teens in the US will experience physical, sexual, or emotional abuse from someone they're in a relationship with before they become adults.
- Nearly half (43%) of college women report experiencing violence or abusive dating behaviors.
- To end dating violence, it's important to raise awareness of the issue and to educate about what a healthy relationship is – and what’s not acceptable in a healthy relationship. Everyone deserves a healthy, happy relationship!

Here in Pittsford we are so fortunate to have Pittsford Youth Services providing support, information and services for our teens. Our Town administration is grateful to continue our long partnership with PYS and proud to annually provide funds to

ensure their important work continues. PYS is dedicated to providing youth and their families with confidential, professional and affordable social work services. PYS can be reached at 264-0604 or at www.pittsfordyouthservices.org. All inquiries and services are confidential.

For further information, resources and support regarding Teen Dating Violence Awareness, visit

<https://www.loveisrespect.org/wp-content/uploads/media/sites/3/2021/01/TDVAM-2021-Action-Guide.pdf>. #TDVAM #KnowYourWorth #loveisrespect

CHAMBER TO HOST ONLINE MAYORAL & VILLAGE TRUSTEES FORUM FEBRUARY 25

The Pittsford Chamber of Commerce will host an online Mayoral and Village Trustee Candidates Forum on Thursday, February 25, from 7:00-8:00pm. This Virtual Forum is open to Pittsford residents and Chamber members only. Pre-registration is required and attendees will be qualified based on their residency. This forum is an opportunity to hear the candidates' positions on issues, and for the candidates to answer questions submitted by residents in advance. Click the following [link for more information and to register](#) or visit www.pittsfordchamber.org.

PRESIDENT'S WEEK HALLWAY SALE AT THE LIBRARY RUNS THIS FRIDAY, THROUGH 2/17

Book Selections will feature topics about U.S. presidents and U.S. historical events

The Friends of the Pittsford Library's annual President's Week hallway book sale begins this Friday, February 12 and runs through Wednesday, February 17. Stop by and browse through a variety of books about U.S. presidents and U.S. history. Materials for the Library Friends' weekly themed bookshelf sale will also be available (see information below).

The Pittsford Community Library is located 24 State Street. Please note face coverings and appropriate physical distancing are required in the Library. For current Library hours, visit the Library web page at www.townofpittsford.org/home-library.

REMINDERS

PTSA HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD NOMINATIONS DUE THIS FRIDAY

The deadline for nominations for the Pittsford Central School District PTSA Honorary Life Membership Award is this Friday, February 12. The award is given annually to community members who go above and beyond work or volunteer expectations in service to Pittsford's youth. It is a chance to recognize those who make our community a better place for our children - that special teacher or school counselor, the librarian who created a special program to reach reluctant readers, the coach who encourages more than just a kid's athletic skills. The award honors those who have outstanding personal qualities, thereby serving as a role model for youth, and have shown continued availability and willingness to serve, directly or in an administrative capacity,

the needs of youth over an extended period of time. Nominees do not have to be PTSA members nor Pittsford Central School District employees.

To learn more or to make a nomination, visit the PTSA Honorary Life Membership Award webpage <https://www.pittsfordptsanet/lifemembershipaward>. Preliminary nominations are due by February 12. Award recipients will be honored in a special ceremony on Tuesday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m.

SEASONAL PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT THROUGH APRIL 1, 2021

In order to facilitate snow removal, Town of Pittsford seasonal parking restrictions are currently in effect through April 1, 2021. Parking of any vehicle on public roads - including state highways and on the shoulder of all roads - is prohibited each year from November 15 through April 1 in all areas within the Town and outside of the Village. During this time, please don't park on or along public roads outside of the Village. Please note violators may be ticketed or towed.

When the snow flies, we need roadsides clear of vehicles so our plows can get through. This is especially true in neighborhoods, where the streets are narrower. Vehicles parked along the roadside can hinder plows accessing your neighborhood. Please help us keep our streets safe and accessible!

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/home-channel12 and use the On-Demand links to view previously recorded meetings.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN PITTSFORD

- **"The Day it Rained Hearts" Story Walk**, February 8-13, 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. Physical distancing and face masks required when in contact with others outside of your group.
- **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, 2/13, 9:00 - 10:00am, Fisher Meeting Room (first floor), Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street. Please note participants will be expected to wear a face covering and follow appropriate health and physical distancing guidelines.
- **Red Cross Blood Drive at Pittsford Community Library**, Thursday, 2/25, 1:00 – 6:00pm, 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.

- [Pittsford Chamber of Commerce Mayoral & Village Trustees Forum](#), Thursday, February 25, 7:00 – 8:00pm, open to Pittsford residents and Pittsford Chamber members only; meeting will be held online, click the following [link for more information and to register](#) or visit www.pittsfordchamber.org.

TOWN OF PITTSFORD BOARD MEETINGS

- **Pittsford Community Library Board**, Wednesday, 2/10, 7:00pm, ONLINE ACCESS via Zoom video conferencing; information for accessing and viewing the meeting can be found on page 2 of the meeting agenda; the meeting agenda is posted at least two days prior to the meeting on the Town website here: www.townofpittsford.org/home-minutes
- **Design Review and Historic Preservation Board**, Thursday, 2/11, 6:00pm, ONLINE ACCESS via Zoom video conferencing; information for accessing and viewing the meeting can be found on page 2 of the meeting agenda; the meeting agenda is posted at least two days prior to the meeting on the Town website here: www.townofpittsford.org/home-minutes
- **Zoning Board**, Monday, 2/15, 7:00pm, ONLINE ACCESS via Zoom video conferencing; information for accessing and viewing the meeting can be found on page 2 of the meeting agenda; the meeting agenda is posted at least two days prior to the meeting on the Town website here: www.townofpittsford.org/home-minutes
- **Town Board**, Tuesday, 2/16, 6:00pm, ASL interpretation provided, ONLINE ACCESS via Zoom video conferencing; information for accessing and viewing the meeting can be found on page 2 of the meeting agenda; the meeting agenda is posted at least two days prior to the meeting on the Town website here: www.townofpittsford.org/home-minutes

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- [American Legion Rayson-Miller Post 899 TUESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST MEETINGS CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE](#) due to COVID-19 coronavirus

social distancing requirements. Eligible veterans welcome to join the Post; for [membership information](#) visit the [Rayson-Miller Post website](#)

- [Pittsford Rotary Club](#), **WEEKLY IN-PERSON MEETINGS CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE** due to COVID-19 coronavirus social distancing requirements; check the Pittsford Rotary Facebook page for virtual meeting information.
- [Pittsford Art Group](#) is conducting monthly meetings for members via Zoom and typically displays artwork at the Pittsford Town Hall, Village Hall, The Friendly Home, Star Physical Therapy and the First Presbyterian Church of Pittsford. For further information or to become a member, please visit www.pittsfordartgroup.com or contact PAG president [Margie Mitchell](#)

Town Facility Access

Spiegel Pittsford Community Center - building is open 8:00am - 5:00pm Monday through Friday and open during program hours evenings and weekends. Senior "Grab N Go" meals will continue every Wednesday and Friday; pickup is at the bus loop behind the Community Center. Registration for low-risk activities and virtual programs begins in advance of each session. See Program Info & Registration link at www.townofpittsford.org/home-recreation. Programs will continue to open as we receive further guidance.

Pittsford Community Library - the Library is now open for limited hours and services; enter from the parking lot entrance. The Library also has many online resources, programs and activities for all ages to enjoy. For current Library hours, services, resources, and other updates, visit the Library's update page at www.bit.ly/pclupdates. For virtual children's programming check the Library's Facebook page www.facebook.com/PittsfordLibrary/. The Book Drop return area is open; please only deposit returned books; for information on book sale donations visit www.pittsfordlibraryfriends.com. Regular due dates for all materials have resumed; check your receipt or your Library account for exact due dates. Low contact pickup of Library materials is available for Monroe County Library System cardholders.

Town Hall is open to residents by appointment only; in-person meetings will be limited and allowed only when absolutely necessary. Calls should be made to the department related to the inquiry. Town Hall remains staffed to handle business online and by mail, phone, email and the "drop slot" to the right of the front door and at the back door of Town Hall.

Town Clerk: All services of the Town Clerk are available online, by mail, phone and email. If necessary, an appointment can be arranged. Contact at 248-6210 or ldillon@townofpittsford.org, mail materials to Pittsford Town Clerk's Office, 11 South Main Street, Pittsford NY 14534. Services info at www.townofpittsford.org/home-clerk.

Town Court: Pittsford Town Court sessions are being scheduled on a limited basis. Town Court staff are available via phone and email Monday - Friday from 9:00am -

5:00pm; call (585) 248-6238 or email at pdromgoole@townofpittsford.org. Visitors must follow appropriate health safety and social distancing requirements for Court appearances and Court Office visits.

All Town Playgrounds: residents may use Town playgrounds at their own risk, as it is not possible for the Town to keep equipment appropriately sanitized after every use. Those using Town playgrounds are expected to observe COVID-19 social distancing and hygiene protocols.

All Town Parks: Farm View Park and Hopkins Park are closed as of November 2020 and will remain closed through the spring of 2021. All other Town parks remain open; all courts are open, all athletic fields are open to groups of 25 individuals or less, and all trails and walkways are accessible. Those using Town parks are expected to observe COVID-19 social distancing and hygiene protocols.

Thornell Farm Park: the park is open and per State requirements, all grass and turf sports fields are open to group activities of 25 individuals or less; the tennis courts, trails, walkways and the playground are open to residents. COVID-19 social distancing and hygiene protocols are required.

King's Bend Park Lodges: the lodges are open for reservations; per State and Federal governments all COVID-19 safety guidelines must be followed while at the lodges. Lodge capacities will adhere to New York State COVID-19 guidelines. Please note COVID-19 social distancing and hygiene protocols are required.

The Mile Post School: the building is closed to the public until further notice, as the site is being used as a Public Works crew operation center.

Building Department: As of May 15, 2020 the Governor has begun the phased reopening of New York State. The Town of Pittsford and the surrounding Finger Lakes region have met the criteria set by the Governor to reopen. Construction is included in Phase 1 of the reopening plan. As construction moves forward, all COVID-19 safety guidelines set by the State and Federal governments must be followed while on the job site. To protect the community and limit the spread of COVID-19, the Town of Pittsford has altered accordingly its inspection and permitting procedures. See the Town of Pittsford COVID-19 Building Inspection Procedures for details; additional information can be found here: New York State Construction Guidelines. For more information contact Town of Pittsford Building Inspector Mark Lenzi at mLenzi@townofpittsford.org or call the Town Building Department at 585-248-6265.

Town Public Works - Highway, Sewer and Parks Departments: All operations continue. Crews in these departments are following hygiene and social distancing protocols in light of the COVID-19 threat.

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://www2.monroecounty.gov/health-index.php>.

Additional information about business closure 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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