Fellow Pittsford Residents:

I was concerned to learn that a soccer game with adult players apparently took place the other night at Thornell Farm Park. It’s a disappointment that some people will ignore so blithely the need to keep our distance from one another. Today Governor Cuomo beat me to the punch and banned all non-solitary outside activity, such as soccer, basketball games and other team sports.

**Keeping our distance is critical to saving lives by slowing the spread of the virus and reducing the strain on our health system.** Pittsford has an extensive system of trails and sidewalks for recreation and exercise - ideally suited for the demands of the moment.

The Governor also ordered the closing of all non-essential businesses across the state. **Essential services remain open. These include:**

* grocery stores including all food and beverage stores
* pharmacies
* convenience stores
* farmer's markets
* gas stations
* restaurants/bars (but only for take-out/delivery)
* hardware and building material stores
* trash and recycling collection, processing and disposal
* mail and shipping services
* laundromats/dry cleaning
* building cleaning and maintenance
* child care services
* auto repair
* warehouse/distribution and fulfillment
* funeral homes, crematoriums and cemeteries
* storage for essential businesses
* animal shelters or animal care or management

The Town is fully compliant with the order to have 100% of employees deemed non-essential working from home. For Town staff who now won't be reporting to work as usual, we've taken pains to adopt policies to mitigate the burden on their lives to the extent possible.

Highway, Sewer, Parks and Maintenance Departments continue with their work. We've broken up the crews into small units that are sited separately from each other. These units consist of people who had been working together already. Smaller units mitigate risk of contagion among employees. Until further
notice, road repairs proceed, sidewalk construction continues and leaf and yard debris collection continues. Soon you'll receive the Town's annual mailing showing the pickup schedule for 2020.

We're prepared to handle problems caused by high winds tonight.

The Town Clerk's office is maintaining regular hours. You can pay taxes by mail or by using the drop slot immediately to the right of the front door of Town Hall. You can conduct all other business with the Clerk's office by phone. The number is 248-6210.

We're working with our Senior Center, the Pittsford Food Cupboard, Pittsford Youth Services, The Highlands, Cloverwood and Heather Heights to distribute hand sanitizer obtained from the State and to help in other ways.

If you have a friend or neighbor who's vulnerable in one way or another or who you think might benefit from some help, please call them to see what you can do. What we're hearing at Town Hall about neighbors helping neighbors speaks highly of the kind of town we are.

The advice and direction we've been receiving from Governor Cuomo and County Executive Bello and their staffs have been exemplary. A tremendous help to us all. I thank them both.

You know as well as I do that the situation changes every day, and rapidly. I'll keep you updated.

Wash your hands.

Stay home.

Stay well.

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**Town Facility Closures**

**Spiegel Pittsford Community Center** - building is closed and all programs canceled until further notice.

**Pittsford Community Library** - building is closed and all programs canceled until further notice, online resources available at [www.townofpittsford.org/home-library-resources](http://www.townofpittsford.org/home-library-resources). For virtual children's programming check the Library's Facebook page [www.facebook.com/PittsfordLibrary/](http://www.facebook.com/PittsfordLibrary/). The Book Drop return area is closed. All items checked out after February 3 will now have a due date of May 18 and can be returned then. For other updates visit the Library's Updates page at [https://tinyurl.com/vg242of](https://tinyurl.com/vg242of).

**Town Hall** building is closed to the public until further notice but remains staffed to handle business online and by mail, phone, email and the "drop slot" to the right of the front 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 248-6214 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](http://www.townofpittsford.org/home-clerk).

**King's Bend Park Lodges and the Mile Post School:** are closed to the public until further notice, as these sites are being used as Public Works crew operation centers.
Building Department: exterior building inspection and permits for new construction available by appointment only; call 248-6250. Interior inspections and permits for occupied homes are suspended until further notice.

Town Court: By order of the Chief Administrative Judge of the State of New York, Town Court is closed until further notice.

Monroe County Services at Town facilities: The County has suspended until further notice Mobile DMV service at Pittsford Town Court and Passport Services at Town Hall.

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.

Further information and updates can be found at www.townofpittsford.org/covid-19info.

COVID-19 Coronavirus Information Links

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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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