

# News & Reviews

**March 24, 2021**

**Town of Pittsford - a Clean  
Energy Community**

***See listings below for  
Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings***

## **GIVE ZONING CODE UPDATE COMMENTS AND IDEAS VIA THE ONLINE MAPPING TOOL**

***Mapping Tool commenting period open through April 25***

Our Zoning Code Update is underway. Current pandemic protocols prevent traditional in-person workshops at this time but the Interactive Mapping Tool on our Zoning Code Update website provides a virtual workshop that's open 24 hours a day, seven days a week through April 25.



**To let us know your thoughts** about how and where to implement zoning changes that will best meet the needs defined in our Comprehensive Plan and Active Transportation Plan.

- Visit [www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate](http://www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate)
- Scroll down on the home page or click the "Your Input" tab and click "View the Map."
- Make your comments – and give your input on comments made by others – by dragging and placing a marker icon using our Zoning Code Update Interactive Mapping Tool.
- Once you place a marker icon, a comment box opens for you to add a comment to that location on the map.
- Comment categories include Residential, Commercial & Mixed Use, Canal, and General.
- Comments can also be submitted to [zoningupdate@townofpittsford.org](mailto: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.

### **How to use the Pittsford Zoning Code Update Interactive Mapping Tool:**

#### ***Sidebar Tabs***

Click on the sidebar tabs located to the left to participate in each activity by topic area. As you switch from one sidebar tab to another, the map display and commenting tools will change.

### ***Navigating the Map***

To pan to a different location, click and drag on the map using your computer mouse (or finger for touch screens). To zoom in and out on the map, use the scrolling wheel on your mouse (or two fingers for touch screen), or use the zoom slider on the right side of the map.

### ***Using Markers***

**Comments can be added to the map by clicking and dragging the marker icons located above the map to your desired location on the map.** If using a mobile device, click "Add Comment," choose the marker icon you want to leave, pan and zoom to the correct location, and click "Place Marker Here." Then, fill out the comment box that pops up after the marker is dropped.

**You can also view and interact with existing comments by clicking on the comment markers on the map.**

Please remember, the commenting period via the **interactive map will close on April 25.**

Learn more about the Zoning Code Update, and find links to the Town's Comprehensive Plan, Active Transportation Plan, current Zoning Code, and other informational materials, on the **Zoning Code Update website** at [www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate](http://www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate).

If you missed our first online Zoning Code Update Workshop, you can [view it here](#). This link also can be found on the Zoning Code Update website. Additional public input events – including an opportunity to provide direct feedback on the proposed Zoning Code and Map updates – will be offered later on in the project timeline. Check [www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate](http://www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate) for further updates and information. The contents of the project webpage will be updated as the Zoning Code Update progresses.

We encourage all Town of Pittsford stakeholders (residents, business and property owners, community leaders, and taxpayers) to participate in the update. Substantial input and feedback from a broad range of our community members is essential to ensure the updated Zoning Code reflects the community's development preferences and future vision!



### **SENIORS "WELCOME SPRING" CURBSIDE LUNCH IS APRIL 6, ORDER DEADLINE THIS TUESDAY**

Chef Julie is back with a special "Welcome Spring" Curbside Lunch for our seniors on Tuesday, April 6. This delicious meal features lemon basil orzo and chicken, with cheesy garlic bread, fresh tomato salad and a spring time dessert – all home cooked by our very own Chef Julie! Cost is \$6.00 per meal. **Meals must be reserved in advance; the reservation deadline is this Tuesday, March 30.** Meal pick up is at the bus loop

behind the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center. For more information, and to place your order, call our Senior Programs office at 248-6235. The Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue.

## EARLY SPRING CLEANUP YARD DEBRIS COLLECTION BEGINS THIS MONDAY

**Early Spring Cleanup** begins this Monday, March 29 and continues through May 21. During this time Town crews will collect loose piles of leaves, thatch, brush, branches and yard debris on an ongoing basis (no set schedule). Please note crews will pick up both loose debris (no set schedule) and debris in reusable containers or paper bags (on your weekly pickup day, see below) through May 21.



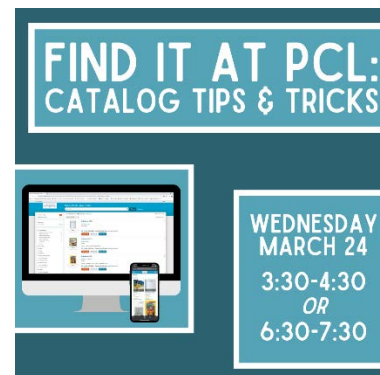
**Regular weekly paper-bagged and containerized yard debris collection** (on weekly pickup day schedule) also begins on March 29 and continues through December 2.

Please **place all yard debris behind the curb or gutter** to avoid impeding traffic flow and blocking drainage pathways in your neighborhood. To enable faster and safer collection, please keep all yard debris away from utility poles, mailboxes, trees and pet waste.

Find complete details about Town yard debris collection services in our annual **Yard Debris Information card**, which was mailed to all homes in mid-March. Or visit our **Yard Debris webpage** at [www.townofpittsford.org/home-yard\\_debris](http://www.townofpittsford.org/home-yard_debris). Here you will find **schedules, guidelines**, and our [online interactive Yard Debris Collection Day Street Map](#), which shows the weekly pickup day for your neighborhood. The Yard Debris page also is listed under the "Services" tab on the Town website. For your safety and theirs, our crews continue to work in consistent small groups, with all crew members following COVID-19 coronavirus health and physical distancing protocols.

## GREAT NEW ONLINE PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY – PLUS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH ART SHOW

The Pittsford Community Library has some great new programs coming up! **Today** (Wednesday, March 24) learn "**Catalog Tips & Tricks**" designed to help make searching the Library's online catalog easier and more productive. The online program is offered at 3:30 – 4:30pm or 6:30 – 7:30pm. A Zoom link will be sent the day of the program. The program is free but registration is required to receive the Zoom link. Visit these links to learn more and register for the [afternoon program](#) or the [evening program](#).

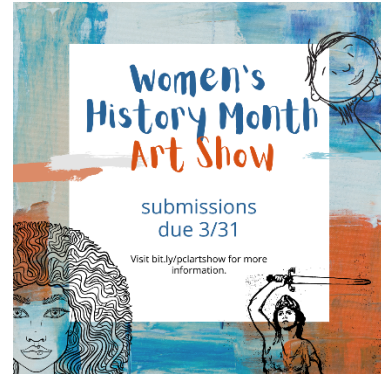


MIDDLE SCHOOL GAME NIGHT  
Wednesday, March 31  
6:30-7:30pm  
Grades 6-8  
Registration required

Teens will enjoy the Library's online **Middle School Game Night** to be held online Wednesday, March 31 from 6:30 – 7:30pm. Join other middle schoolers for online games and the chance to win prizes! A Zoom link will be sent the day of the program. The program is free and open to the public; registration is required to receive the Zoom link. [Register for Middle School Game Night online](#) via the Library online program

calendar or visit <https://www.townofpittsford.org/home-library> and use the Library Program Registration link.

The Library also offers all a creative way to celebrate Women's History Month with a **Women's History Month Art Show featuring artwork submitted by community members**. Share your art inspired by a woman important to you. Art submitted will be displayed, at the Library's discretion, in the main hallway case at the Library throughout the months of March and April. See the guidelines below or visit the Library for more information.



- Art can be created using any medium.
- Art should be no larger than 9x12 inches.
- Include your full name, the title of your work, and your contact information (email address or phone number) when submitting your artwork.
- All ages are welcome to participate.

Turn in your submissions to the second floor reference desk or via email to [ravery@townofpittsford.org](mailto:ravery@townofpittsford.org). **Art must be submitted by March 31.**

The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street. To learn more about upcoming Library programs, visit the [Library's online program calendar](#). For complete Library information, including hours of operation, visit <https://www.townofpittsford.org/home-library>.

### **WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP OFFERED AT KING'S BEND PARK THIS JUNE – REGISTRATION UNDERWAY**

The Pittsford Recreation Department is offering a two-day "Painting Flowers in Watercolor" workshop taught by Pittsford Fine Art gallery member Kathy Armstrong. Basic to intermediate watercolor techniques will be covered and students will have the option to paint their individual painting or follow the demonstration of the instructor. Participants will need to supply their own materials; a full materials list will be sent in advance of the workshop. The program is for ages 18 and up; all levels of experience are welcome. The workshop will be held from 10:00am – 4:00pm at King's Bend Park on Monday and Tuesday, June 7 and 8. King's Bend Park is located at 170 Jefferson Road. For more information and to register, visit our [online registration page](#) or call the Pittsford Recreation Department at 248-6280.



### **PITTSFORD LISTED AS ONE OF 12 BEST PLACES TO RAISE A FAMILY**

Pittsford was recently named by lifestyle company PureWow as one of the 12 best smaller towns in the U.S. in which to raise a family. The listing had high praises for our community:

"There is truly so much to love about this 30K-strong suburb of Rochester, NY, starting with the amazing schools, the high employment rates and affordable housing, the plethora of outdoor parks and one of the most thriving farmers market situations

we've ever seen. Community events during COVID cropped up like crazy, with family drive-in movie nights and food truck Wednesdays, among others. Add to that an overwhelming want to be there from its residents, many of whom grew up in Pittsford and had no intention of leaving when they started their own families."

We're flattered, but not surprised! Our schools, businesses, farms, community organizations, amenities, events, natural beauty – and our residents, and so much more, make Pittsford a uniquely wonderful and welcoming place. Find the full article here: [www.purewow.com/family/best-places-to-move-if-you-have-kids](http://www.purewow.com/family/best-places-to-move-if-you-have-kids).



## **PARKS DEPARTMENT SEASONAL LABORER AND PARKS PATROL POSITION OPENINGS**

The Town of Pittsford's Parks Department has openings for seasonal laborers and parks patrol. Duties for both positions include mowing, trimming, weeding, playing field preparation, trail work, and a variety of other tasks and require work outdoors in all weather conditions.

Additional Parks Patrol duties include responsibilities associated with lodge reservations including check-in and check-out, cleaning, minor repairs, and problem

solving. For complete job descriptions and application information visit the "Employment Opportunities" page link under the "Contact Us" tab on the Town website, or click the links below:

[Seasonal Laborer, Parks Department](#) (40 hours/week, M - F) – **application deadline this Tuesday, March 24.**

[Seasonal Laborer/Parks Patrol](#) (40 hours/wk, see posting for hours) – **application deadline March 31.**

For complete job descriptions and application information for all open positions, visit the Town's job listings web page at [www.townofpittsford.org/home-pittsford-employment-opportunities](http://www.townofpittsford.org/home-pittsford-employment-opportunities).

## **REMINDERS**

### **PERMACULTURE ONLINE PROGRAM OFFERED MARCH 28 BY A FROG HOUSE**

Spring is coming fast! Are you interested in gardening, curious about eco-friendly planting, or are a permaculture enthusiast? A Frog House is offering an online permaculture presentation on Sunday, March 28 from 1:00-3:00pm with Patty Love of Barefoot Ecological Design. Patty will discuss the basics of permaculture design and gardening. Permaculture is derived from the observation of indigenous practices of nature stewardship and is based on the principle of meeting human needs while also enhancing quality of life for insects, animals, fungi and, of course, frogs. Learn to create beautiful, dynamic, regenerative landscapes that produce food for humans and habitats for wildlife in your own yards. A Q&A session immediately follows the presentation. Suggested donation is \$10-25 sliding scale (diversity waivers available). Register at <https://afroghouse.org/events>.

A Frog House on the Erie Canal path in Pittsford educates children and adults about area wetlands and amphibian life through adventure and activities. It is also a center for active protection of regional ponds and wetlands through alliances with leaders and community groups working to prevent thoughtless development.

### **HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION & eRECYCLING IS SATURDAY, MAY 15**

The Town of Pittsford's annual appointment-only Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection event will again be combined with our Electronics Recycling and Document Shredding program and held Saturday, May 15, in collaboration with the Town of Perinton at the Perinton Highway Garage, 100 Cobb's Lane, from 7:45am to 12:00pm. Up to 30 gallons of allowed HHW materials per appointment will be accepted at no charge.

Certified document shredding (residential only) will also be available at no charge. To ensure safety and reduce waiting times, appointments are required for hazardous waste disposal; no appointment is necessary for electronics recycling and/or document shredding. Pittsford and East Rochester residents can make an appointment by calling 248-6250, or by going on-line to <http://www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark>. Appointments must be reserved by Friday, May 14 but please note **appointments may fill up well in advance of the event; early registration is encouraged**. Please note, waste from businesses will not be accepted.

Please note the following fees will be charged (cash only) for recycling televisions and computer monitors with CRT screens: Computer Monitor - \$10.00; CRT Television under 27" - \$20.00; CRT Television over 27" - \$40.00; Oversized (Console, Rear-Projection) CRT Televisions - \$50.00. Fee payments will be accepted in cash only. More information, including the list of hazardous materials and electronics accepted for collection, can be found [HERE](#).

### **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](mailto: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](http://www.townofpittsford.org/home-channel12) and use the On-Demand links to view previously recorded meetings.

### UPCOMING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN PITTSFORD

- [Pittsford Rotary Food Drive](#), Saturday, 4/3, 9:00am - 12noon, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue; soap, shampoo, hygiene products, toothbrushes and toothpaste, and deodorant needed for [St. Joseph's Neighborhood Center](#) (SJNC) and [Dimitri House](#), canned and other packaged goods needed for Pittsford Food Cupboard (see [list of Pittsford Food Cupboard needs here](#)).
- **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, 4/3, 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.
- [Town of Pittsford Zoning Code Update](#) – **comments made by Town of Pittsford stakeholders via interactive online mapping tool accepted through April 25**; access the mapping tool, 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](http://www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate). Comments can also be made to [zoningupdate@townofpittsford.org](mailto: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

- **Design Review and Historic Preservation Board**, Thursday, 3/25, 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](http://www.townofpittsford.org/home-minutes)

### COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

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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](http://www.pittsfordartgroup.com) or contact PAG president [Margie Mitchell](#)

## Town Facility Access

**Spiegel Pittsford Community Center** - building is open 8:00am - 5:00pm Monday-Thursday, 8:00am - 6:00pm Friday, and 9:00am - 5:00pm Saturday. 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](http://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 <https://www.townofpittsford.org/home-library-covid19-info>. For virtual children's programming check the Library's Facebook page [www.facebook.com/PittsfordLibrary/](https://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](http://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](mailto: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).

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://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](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html?deliveryName=USCDC_2067-DM20785).

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