



News & Reviews

April 15, 2020

Town of Pittsford - a Clean Energy Community
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MESSAGE FROM SUPERVISOR SMITH:

Support Pittsford's High School Seniors!

It looks like the virus lockdown could deprive this year's high school seniors of one of life's most memorable rites of passage: their graduation ceremony.

Some of our students have chosen to turn this into an opportunity to help others. I hope you'll consider joining me in supporting this year's high school seniors who live in Pittsford by obtaining this lawn sign and placing it in your yard when we get close to graduation time. They cost \$15 each. Proceeds net of expenses will go to Pittsford Youth Services, Rochester Kids, St. Joseph's Neighborhood Center and the Children's Institute.



This project has been conceived and carried out by students with the advice and support of PTSA parents. I look forward to placing the banner on my lawn come next month.

Orders are due by this Monday, April 20. You can learn more and order here: <https://forms.gle/8i8zaiqe49Z25jck9>

I'm so proud of our students, our teachers and our exemplary school district.

Join me in standing up for Pittsford's schools. When we stand for Pittsford's schools, we stand for Pittsford.

Bill Smith, Town Supervisor

TOWN COURT REMAINS CLOSED, ESSENTIAL MATTERS TO BE HANDLED IN COUNTY COURT

A reminder - by order of the Chief Administrative Judge of the State of New York, Pittsford Town Court is closed until further notice. **Those with pending matters scheduled before Pittsford Town Court will not be penalized for failure to appear or pay fines during this period of time.** Once the Town Court office reopens, Court personnel will contact all individuals with pending business before the court to reschedule appearances and address fine payments. Other essential court matters (new arraignments) will be handled at the Monroe County Courthouse, Hall of Justice, 99 Exchange Blvd #545, Rochester, NY 14614, which is the designated central location for Monroe County. For more information, see <http://ww2.nycourts.gov/courts/7jd/index.shtml> or call (585) 371-3848.

FIREWORKS PROHIBITED - CALL 911 TO REPORT VIOLATIONS

Please note that public and private fireworks events in the Town of Pittsford require a permit issued by the Town. This applies to all fireworks, not just aerial fireworks. The Town has not issued permits for the use of fireworks during the COVID-19 crisis. The Town has not issued any fireworks permit whatsoever since

last year, for an event on New Years' Eve. Any fireworks you may have heard or seen in recent weeks were being used illegally.

The Town will not be issuing fireworks permits until further notice, because of the propensity of fireworks displays to attract crowds, among other reasons. Please call the Monroe County Sheriff's Office at 911 if you hear or see fireworks during the virus lockdown.

BICYCLISTS - REMEMBER TO SHARE THE CANAL PATH SAFELY AND RESPONSIBLY

With so many of us using the canal path these days, it is more important than ever to safely share the space. While the 6-foot social distancing rule is important, so too is basic cycling courtesy. Please keep in mind bicyclists must warn pedestrians, whenever approaching them, by using an audible signal. Use of a bell or a horn is helpful, but "on your left" or "on your right" works just as well. Please also remember cycling is not allowed along the canal path at Schoen Place - bikes must be walked in this area. By respecting each other and taking care, we can all continue to enjoy our beautiful canal path and remain safe and healthy.

TOWN BOARD MEETING APRIL 21 - ONLINE ACCESS

There will be online public access to the Town Board meeting as it takes place next Tuesday, April 21 at 6:00pm; ASL interpretation will be provided. Information on how to access the meeting feed will be published by this Friday, April 17 on the home page of the Town website at www.townofpittsford.org. The meeting agenda will be posted on the Town website Agenda and Minutes page www.townofpittsford.org/home-minutes by this Friday at noon.

LIBRARY SEEKS TEEN VOLUNTEER LIAISON TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Teens - earn volunteer credits, build your resume, and contribute to your community by serving as Teen Liaison to the Pittsford Community Library Board of Trustees. The Teen Liaison position serves to improve communication between the Library and Pittsford Central School District's Mendon and Sutherland high schools. The position serves for one year. Find complete [position and application information here](#).

EARLY SPRING CLEANUP YARD DEBRIS COLLECTION UNDERWAY THROUGH MAY 1

Early spring cleanup is underway and continues through May 1. 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 and/or containerized debris during this time. Regular weekly bagged and containerized yard debris collection (on weekly pickup day schedule) begins on May 4. **For your safety and theirs, our crews have been working in consistent small groups, each working out of a separate location, and all crew members are following COVID-19 coronavirus health and social distancing protocols.** 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](#).

To get the most Town yard debris services, refer our "Services" tab on our website at www.townofpittsford.org. There you will find links to our [online interactive Yard Debris Collection Day Street Map](#), which shows the weekly pickup day for your neighborhood (weekly pickup begins May 4). You'll also find our [Yard Debris webpage](#) with collection guidelines and information.

HISTORIC PITTSFORD JEAN FRANCE SCHOLARSHIP - APPLICATION DEADLINE MAY 1

Historic Pittsford is seeking applicants for its [Jean France Historic Preservation Scholarship](#). The \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a Pittsford resident who is currently enrolled or has been accepted into a college program which may lead to a career in historic preservation, architecture, history, museum studies, landscape architecture, or other related field. An [application form and additional information](#) is available on the Historic Pittsford website www.historicpittsford.com. The application deadline is May 1, 2019.

The scholarship was established in 2016 in honor of Jean France, a founding member of Historic Pittsford. Mrs. France is a highly respected architectural historian, a vastly knowledgeable preservation consultant, and a tireless advocate for preserving the built environment. A former professor at the University

of Rochester, she has championed the importance of architectural preservation as a lecturer, researcher and author.

The Jean France Historic Preservation Scholarship honors Mrs. France's commitment to the growth, development and mission of Historic Pittsford and to the preservation of historic architectural and cultural resources in Pittsford. With this scholarship, Historic Pittsford hopes to advance the careers of students from Pittsford with demonstrated interest in historic preservation, thus perpetuating the work of Jean France and the mission upon which Historic Pittsford was founded.

RED CROSS SEEKS RECOVERED COVID-19 PLASMA DONORS

Fully recovered donors can help current patients who are critically ill

The American Red Cross Convalescent Plasma Program needs donors. The Red Cross is seeking people who are fully recovered from COVID-19 to give plasma to help current patients who are seriously ill or at high risk of serious illness.

You may qualify if you:

- Are at least 17 years old and weigh at least 110 lbs.
- Are in good health and feeling well
- Have a verified prior diagnosis of COVID-19
- Are fully recovered and symptom-free for at least 14 days, as determined by your medical provider

If you meet all the criteria and are willing to help, please fill out the Donor Eligibility Form at: www.RedCrossBlood.org/Plasma4COVID.

LIBRARY FRIENDS SPRING BOOK SALE POSTPONED, NO DATE SET YET

The Friends of Pittsford Library Spring Book Sale originally scheduled for April 24-26 has been postponed due to advised closures and social distancing protocols in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. A new date has not been set as of yet; check the Library Friends website at www.pittsfordlibraryfriends.com/booksales.html for future updates.

REMINDERS

ALL NON-ESSENTIAL CONSTRUCTION TEMPORARILY HALTED BY STATE ORDER

In observance of COVID-19 precautions ordered by New York State, all non-essential construction in Pittsford, other than emergency construction, is temporarily halted. Emergency construction includes a project necessary to protect the health and safety of a building's occupants, or construction needed to continue a project if leaving the project unfinished would be unsafe.

Essential construction may continue and includes roads, bridges, transit facilities, utilities, hospitals or health care facilities, affordable housing and homeless shelters. Every essential and emergency non-essential construction site will observe social distancing procedures, including for purposes of elevator use, meals, entry and exit. Sites that cannot maintain distance and safety best practices must close. The State, in cooperation with local government, will enforce these regulations. Fines of up to \$10,000 per violation will be imposed. Construction work does not include a single worker, who is the sole employee/worker on a job site.

For more information contact Town of Pittsford Building Inspector Mark Lenzi at milenzi@townofpittsford.org or call the Town Building Department @ 585-248-6265.

ASL INTERPRETER AT TOWN BOARD MEETINGS

The Town of Pittsford provides an American Sign Language interpreter at every meeting of the Pittsford Town Board, to interpret for those who need this service.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN PITTSFORD

- [Friends of Pittsford Library Spring Book Sale](#), originally scheduled for April 24 - 26, has been **POSTPONED**; no reschedule date set yet, visit www.pittsfordlibraryfriends.com for updates

TOWN OF PITTSFORD BOARD MEETINGS

- **Zoning Board of Appeals**, Monday, 4/20, - **MEETING CANCELED**
- **Design Review & Historic Preservation Board**, Thursday, 4/23, - **MEETING CANCELED**
- **Planning Board**, Monday, 4/27 - **MEETING CANCELED**

COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

- [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](#) **MEETINGS CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE** due to COVID-19 coronavirus social distancing requirements. For further information, contact PAG president [Margie Mitchell](#)

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. For virtual children's programming check the Library's Facebook page 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>.

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.

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All Town Playgrounds: are closed until further notice as it is not possible to keep equipment appropriately sanitized after every use.

All Town Parks: all athletic fields and courts are closed to all groups of any size; the trails remain accessible.

Thornell Farm Park: all fields and courts are closed; trails and walkways remain accessible.

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: All non-essential construction, other than emergency construction, is temporarily halted. Emergency construction includes a project necessary to protect the health and safety of a building's occupants, or construction needed to continue a project if leaving the project unfinished would be unsafe. Essential construction may continue and includes roads, bridges, transit facilities, utilities and health care facilities. Every essential and emergency non-essential construction site will observe social distancing procedures, including for purposes of elevator use, meals, entry and exit. Sites that cannot maintain distance and safety best practices must close. The State, in cooperation with local government, will enforce these regulations. Fines of up to \$10,000 per violation will be imposed. Construction work does not include a single worker, who is the sole employee/worker on a job site. 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. Per the NYS Department of Motor Vehicles, all driver licenses, learner permits, non-driver identification cards and vehicle registrations scheduled to expire on or after March 1, 2020 are extended until further notice and all temporary registration documents are valid until further notice. This extension does NOT apply to insurance coverage - motor vehicle liability insurance coverage must be maintained at all times during the extension period. The extension does NOT apply to vehicle inspections, which expire on the last day of the month indicated on the inspection sticker.

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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