

News & Reviews

April 21, 2021

Town of Pittsford - a Clean Energy Community

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

ERIE CANAL NATURE PRESERVE OFFICIAL RIBBON CUTTING TOMORROW - ON EARTH DAY
New Town park protects and preserves a unique ecology in the heart of Pittsford.

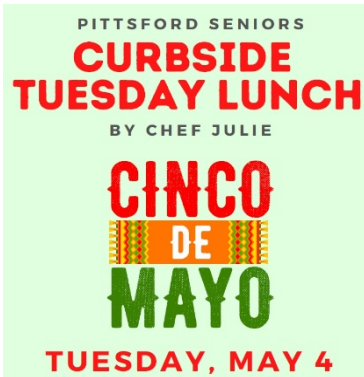
We'll hold our official ribbon-cutting for the Town's new Erie Canal Nature Preserve at noon tomorrow on Earth Day – Thursday, April 22. Come visit our new Nature Preserve and learn about our plans for an onsite Native Plants & Pollinators Garden!



Preserving green space and offering a healthy recreational environment for Pittsford's residents has been a Town priority for years. The Erie Canal Nature Preserve is one of the Town's most ambitious projects in recent memory. It protects and conserves a beautiful area of unspoiled land with a unique ecology.

The Preserve encompasses approximately 30 acres of natural wetlands, woodlands and meadows between the Erie Canal and the Auburn Trail. It includes a thriving and healthy frog breeding habitat with four ponds and adjacent wetlands. The Town made significant, but low-impact, improvements to the area that make the site accessible to the public. The preserve offers a creekside rest area, with overlooks of the Frog Ponds and meadows, and includes an elevated boardwalk trail allowing minimal-impact access to the wetlands. A new trail connects the Canal Path with the Auburn Trail.

The Nature Preserve entrance is along the Erie Canalway (Towpath) Trail – a short walk east from the Monroe Avenue Bridge or west from the North Main Street Bridge. See a [map and information](#) here.



SENIORS "CINCO DE MAYO" CURBSIDE LUNCH IS 5/4, ORDER DEADLINE THIS TUESDAY, 4/27

Chef Julie is back with a special "Cinco de Mayo" (one day early!) Curbside Lunch for our seniors on Tuesday, May 4. This delicious to-go lunch features a tasty (not spicy) taco bake casserole with a side of sour cream, tossed salad with dressing, corn bread and a yummy 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, April 27.** 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.

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

Mapping Tool commenting extended through May 24

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.** To offer additional time for comments from the public, access to the mapping tool has been extended through May 24.

Don't Zone Out!

We need your input for the Town of Pittsford's 2021 Zoning Code Update!



Place your comments on our Interactive Map!

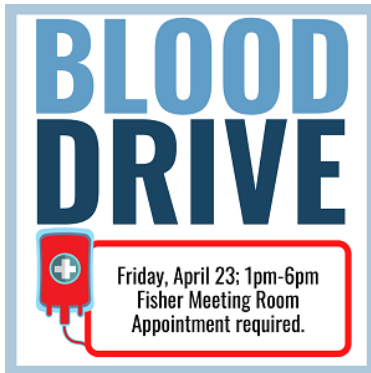
Scan the QR Code or visit the website to access the map.
www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate/mapcomments

For an easy way 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, use the Interactive Mapping Tool. [Find tips for using our Interactive Mapping Tool here.](#)

The Pittsford Zoning Code Update Interactive Mapping Tool, and details about how to use it, can be found at

www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate/mapcomments.

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.



BLOOD DRIVE AT THE LIBRARY THIS FRIDAY

The Town of Pittsford will host a Red Cross blood drive this Friday, April 23 from 1:00 - 6:00pm at the Pittsford Community Library in the Fisher Meeting Room. The Library is located at 24 State Street in the Village of Pittsford.

Donors can schedule an appointment by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or using this [online registration link](#). **Please schedule an appointment prior to your arrival to help ensure we can safely manage the flow of donors.**

The Red Cross will be following all COVID-19 guidelines during the blood drive; additional precautions in place include physical distancing protocols, face coverings, health screenings and enhanced cleaning procedures. Enhanced safety practices include:

- **Pre-Donation Donor Temperature Screening** - all donors must have their temperature taken onsite before entering the blood drive; those with a temperature greater than 99.5°F will be asked to donate at another time and will not enter.
- **Masks** - all donors, staff and volunteers are required to wear masks; those without a mask will be provided with one.
- **Enhanced Disinfecting** - hand sanitizer will be available in multiple areas and donor beds will be sanitized between every donor.
- **All staff will be screened** for temperature and symptoms before working; staff will wear gloves throughout entire blood drive, changing gloves between every donor.

Donors can save time using the RapidPass registration process. Just visit www.redcrossblood.org/RapidPass on the day of your scheduled donation, read the information, answer the questions, then print or email yourself the pass.

Donating blood is a simple thing to do, but it can make a big difference in the lives of others. **Current natural disasters and the complexities of COVID-19 mean your help is needed now more than ever.** The Red Cross has the ability to move blood around the country to wherever, and whenever, it is needed most. **All blood, platelet and plasma donations will be tested for COVID-19 antibodies as well.** The test may indicate if the donor's immune system has produced antibodies to this coronavirus, regardless of whether they developed symptoms.

As we continue to navigate this pandemic, blood donations remain essential to the health of our communities. The Red Cross needs the ongoing support of blood donors and blood drive hosts to ensure blood products are available for patients battling disease and facing the unexpected. If you are eligible and feeling well, please make

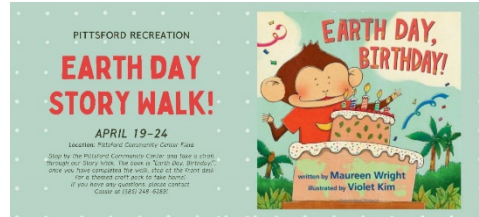
an appointment today to give by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org) or calling 800-RED-CROSS.

“EARTH DAY, BIRTHDAY” STORY WALK UNDERWAY THIS WEEK

Display will be up at Community Center through this Saturday

The time is right for an Earth Day story come to life – and some crafty fun! Stop by the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center through this

Saturday, April 24 and take a stroll through our “**Earth Day, Birthday**” story walk in the **Community Center field**. Follow a story full of Earth Day activities – and some drama! It's April 22, and Lion, Giraffe, Crocodile and other animal friends want to plant trees, recycle bottles and have fun on Earth Day, but Monkey wants to celebrate his birthday instead. Can "the silliest monkey ever seen" share a birthday with Earth Day?



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.



NATIONAL PHARMACEUTICAL TAKE-BACK DAY IS THIS SATURDAY, 4/24

This Saturday, April 24, is National Pharmaceutical Take-Back Day, a day established by the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to prevent drug addiction and overdose deaths.

Community members can safely dispose of all unused or unwanted over-the-counter and prescription drugs from **10:00am - 2:00pm at the Monroe County Sheriff's Office Zone A Substation, 955 Panorama Trail South**. Please wear your mask and dispose of the approved items in the red Medication Disposal bin located inside the Zone A Substation lobby.

Community members who are unable to attend on April 24 can visit the following website for dates and details of other pharmaceutical collections throughout Monroe County: www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark/pharmaceutical.php.

MOTHER'S DAY ACTIVITY BOX – CRAFTY FUN AT HOME FOR KIDS – REGISTRATION DEADLINE MONDAY, 4/26!

Our Recreation team continues offers unique activities for take home and low contact fun – like our **Activity Boxes** based on creative, seasonal themes! Each box has a craft suitable for ages 3-13. Our next activity box theme is "**Mother's Day Celebration!**" The box includes all of the supplies needed to create your Mother's Day flower, a picture frame, and more! To join the fun, be sure to **sign up by this Monday, April 26.** Those registered can pick up their Mother's Day Celebration activity box on May 7 at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center front desk. Each box is filled with all your child needs to create their project; fee is \$10.00. For more information and to register access our [program brochure online](#), or visit our [online Recreation registration page](#). The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue.

Spring Activity Box



REMINDER: ELECTRONICS RECYCLING & PAPER SHREDDING EVENT IN PERINTON MAY 15

Additional Appointments for Hazardous Waste Collection No Longer Available at This Event

The Town of Pittsford's annual [Electronics Recycling, Document Shredding and appointment-only Household Hazardous Waste \(HHW\) collection event](#) held in collaboration with the Town of Perinton is this Saturday, May 15 at the Perinton Highway Garage, 100 Cobb's Lane, from 7:45am to 12:00pm. PLEASE NOTE: **additional appointments for Household Hazardous**

Waste disposal are no longer available for this event.

Electronics recycling and certified document shredding (residential only) will be available at no charge. **An appointment is NOT necessary for electronics recycling and/or document shredding.** Those interested in other Household Hazardous Waste drop off opportunities can visit the Monroe County's ecopark website at www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark for upcoming collection events and to make an appointment.

CURRENT TOWN JOB OPENINGS CAN BE FOUND ON THE TOWN WEBSITE

Parks Seasonal Laborer, Planning Board Secretary, Building Inspector

The Town of Pittsford has [current job openings](#) in the Parks Department and the Public Works Planning Department, among others. Open positions include:

[Parks Department Seasonal Laborer](#) – duties include mowing, trimming, weeding, playing field preparation, trail work, and a variety of other tasks. The position requires work outdoors in all weather conditions. Hours are 7:00am - 3:30pm, Monday - Friday; the employment term is April 12 - October 8.

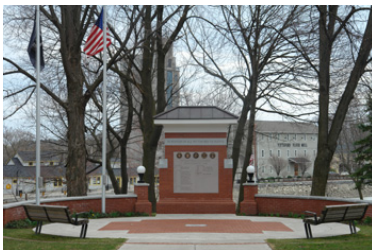
[Planning Board Secretary](#) – a full-time administrative position at Town Hall, responsible for administrative support to the Public Works Department and legal documentation of Planning Board meetings, among other duties. Applications due April 30.

[Building Inspector](#) – a full-time position responsible for the administration and enforcement of NYS codes related to building and property maintenance; the Building Inspector performs plan review, issuance and inspection of commercial and residential projects and serves as the liaison to the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Design Review and Historic Preservation Board.

For complete job descriptions and application information, click the links above or visit the Town's job listings web page at www.townofpittsford.org/home-pittsford-employment-opportunities, where additional job postings are listed as well.

A red graphic with white and yellow text. At the top, it says 'Town of Pittsford' in white. Below that, 'WE ARE HIRING!' is written in large, bold, yellow letters. Underneath, there is a list of job openings: 'Parks Dept Seasonal Laborer', 'Planning Board Secretary', and 'Building Inspector', followed by 'More positions listed online'. At the bottom, it says 'For job descriptions, please visit www.townofpittsford.org/home-pittsford-employment-opportunities'. There are also three small lines of text at the very bottom: 'Deadline April 23 for Seasonal Laborer', 'Deadline April 30 for Planning Board Secretary', and 'Deadline May 10 for Building Inspector'.

REMINDERS



HONOR A PITTSFORD VETERAN - COMMEMORATIVE BRICK ORDERS

If you would like to honor a Pittsford veteran, please consider purchasing a brick at the Pittsford Veterans Monument. The monument, located at 22 North Main Street at the entrance to Carpenter Park at the Port of Pittsford, provides a space for citizens to recognize residents who have defended the cause of freedom

through their American military service. The walkway surrounding the dedication plaque accommodates personalized bricks to pay tribute to family members and friends.

Each brick allows room to include name, rank and details of military service, and may be purchased at a cost of \$50. An 8½” x 11” certificate, suitable for framing, is also

included with the purchase. Information and order forms are available at Town Hall (11 South Main Street) or online; [click HERE for more information and order form](#).

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

- [Earth Day Celebration at the Community Center](#) – plant seeds, enjoy the “Earth Day, Birthday” story walk, and more; free but registration for each participant required to ensure enough supplies, Wednesday, 4/21, 1:00 – 4:00pm, children must be accompanied by an adult, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue. To register, visit our [online registration page](#); contact Cassie Schrom at 248-6289 for more information.
- **"Earth Day, Birthday" Story Walk**, April 19-23, 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; free and open to the public. Physical distancing and face masks required when in contact with others outside of your group.
- **Erie Canal Nature Preserve Ribbon-Cutting**, Thursday, 4/22, 12:00noon; Nature Preserve entrance is along the Erie Canalway (Towpath) Trail - walk east from the Monroe Avenue Bridge or walk west from the North Main Street Bridge.
- [Red Cross Blood Drive at Pittsford Community Library](#), Friday, 4/23, 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 Rotary Food Drive](#), Saturday, 5/1, 9:00am - 12noon, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue; food items such as peanut butter, tuna, canned green beans, etc. needed for [House of Mercy](#), kitchen cleaning supplies, scrub pads, paper towels, and toilet paper needed for [Saints' Place](#); canned and other packaged goods needed for Pittsford Food Cupboard (see [list of Pittsford Food Cupboard needs here](#)).

- [Pittsford Rotary Kids' Trout Fishing Derby](#), Saturday, 5/8, 8:00am - 12noon, Powder Mills Park, registration begins 8:00am at Powderhorn Lodge, tournament runs 9:00-11:00am, followed by Awards Ceremony at 11:15am and Fish Hatchery tour at 11:30am, more info [HERE](#) or [email Kevin O'Grady](#).
- [Household Hazardous Waste/e-Recycling/Document Shredding event](#), Saturday, 5/15, 7:45am-12:00pm, Perinton Highway Garage, 100 Cobb's Lane. Additional appointments for hazardous waste disposal are no longer available, but electronics recycling and/or document shredding still available, no appointment needed; for HHW appointment at another site go online to www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark. More information, including the list of hazardous materials and electronics accepted for collection, can be found [HERE](#).
- [Town of Pittsford Zoning Code Update](#) – **comments made by Town of Pittsford stakeholders via interactive online mapping tool accepted through May 24**; 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. Comments can also be made to 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, 4/22, 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
- **Planning Board**, Monday, 4/26, 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

COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

- [Board of Education](#) Budget Adoption and regular meeting, Monday, 4/19, 7:00pm, Barker Road Middle School Board Room
- [Village Board of Trustees](#) special meeting, Wednesday, 4/21, 4:00pm, virtual meeting through videoconferencing; more information and participation registration details will be listed on the Village website [here](#) as the meeting date approaches

- [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-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. 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.townofpittsford.org/home-library-covid19-info. 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 Assistant Building Inspector Allen Reitz at areitz@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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