



News & Reviews

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Town of Pittsford - a Clean Energy Community

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FREE MASK DISTRIBUTION TODAY FOR PITTSFORD RESIDENTS 10AM - 2PM

The Town will be distributing masks free of charge to all Pittsford residents TODAY (Wednesday, May 13) from 10am to 2pm at Pittsford Mendon High School, 472 Mendon Road.

These are disposable surgical masks that Monroe County has made available to all of the towns. There are enough masks for every resident of Pittsford.

No reservations are necessary; it will be drive-up service following all appropriate COVID-19 protocols.

Many thanks to our collaborative partners County Executive Adam Bello, County Commissioner of Public Health Dr. Michael Mendoza, and Superintendent Mike Pero and the Pittsford Central School District.



MESSAGE FROM SUPERVISOR SMITH - THE CURRENT SITUATION

Mask Distribution

This past Saturday we distributed 34,000 surgical masks to Pittsford residents. Hail, snow, winds and cold didn't hamper our work, or slow it down.

Town Judge Bob Shaddock joined me and members of our Town staff in handing out masks to residents as they drove up. It was a pleasure to see so many of you. My Town Board colleague Stephanie Townsend suggested using the Grinch to publicize the event at different spots around town, then took on the role herself! Thank you Stephanie.

Sincere thanks also to Judge Shaddock and the staff members who joined me in handing out masks yesterday. Thanks as well to Commissioner of Public Works Paul Schenkel for organizing such a smoothly run operation, to School Superintendent Mike Pero and the Pittsford Central School District for letting us use the high school and to the County Sheriff's department for being there to direct traffic. Thanks to

County Executive Adam Bello for making the masks available to the Town. Government works best when we work cooperatively.

Remember that we'll be back at Pittsford Mendon High School to distribute masks again today, Wednesday, May 13, from 10am to 2pm. No reservation necessary; just drive up.

Summer Programs

We continue to plan for our summer programs. We're evaluating strategies on how best to move forward in the safest way, once the State permits us to do so. Programs for children, such as Summer Camp, are a priority. Summer Camp registration is currently open.

For other summer programs, the current plan is to open registration on June 8, but please remember that this could change, as could program details. Please keep in mind, program details may change as we continue to receive guidance from the State and from the County Department of Health.

Small Business Re-opening

For me this is a critical concern and a priority. We are, of course, subject to decisions at the State level on re-opening. In the meantime, the Town Administration is working in consultation with the Pittsford Chamber of Commerce. We just provided 2,000 masks to the Chamber, for use by small businesses in Pittsford in contemplation of re-opening.

Re-opening Town Facilities

Twice a week I participate in a conference call with the other town Supervisors and Village Mayors in Monroe County. Again, government works best when we cooperate and share ideas. Among issues of particular interest right now is reopening Town facilities, such as the Library, the Community Center and Town Hall.

Throughout the current shutdown, Pittsford Town Hall has continued to serve our residents. The Town Clerk's office, the Assessor, the Building Department and the Supervisor's office are active every day performing customary services - if sometimes in an uncustomary way. This past Friday I performed my first socially distanced marriage!

Our operational departments - Highway, Parks, Sewers, Maintenance - have continued in their work throughout the current crisis, working in small, separated groups and using COVID-19 safety precautions. I've asked all department heads for a reopening plan for their operations, taking into account COVID-19 protocols that I expect we'll need to be observing for some time. Be aware that decisions we make and actions we take, whatever else they bring, will not compromise the safety or health or well-being of our Town staff members.

Right now, the earliest practical date we're looking at for re-opening Town Hall is June 8 or thereabout. Much of the decision on opening up Town Hall will turn on the physical logistics of being able to keep people physically separated by 6 feet while there. For a building from 1890 whose main area of operations on the ground floor consists basically of one narrow corridor with offices off either side, this will be a challenge. All I can tell you is that we'll do our best. That, and that pending re-opening, all of the essential Town Hall services continue.

Stay the Course

Even with Saturday's hail storm, consistently pleasant weather is just around the corner. Sunshine and warmth make the temptation to ignore guidelines for distancing and use of masks all the stronger. Please

don't succumb to them. Stay the course. The sooner we get the infection numbers down, the sooner our community reopens.

Wash your hands.

Stay home.

Stay well.

Bill Smith, Town Supervisor

RECREATION DEPARTMENT JOB OPENINGS IN AQUATICS AND SUMMER CAMP PROGRAMS

The Town of Pittsford's Recreation Department is currently seeking applicants for several positions, including [counselors](#), [assistant directors](#) and [site directors](#) for our **Summer Fun day camp program** and summer [lifeguards](#), [aquatics instructor assistants](#) and [water safety instructors](#). There is a current opening for a [maintenance laborer](#) in our **Sewer Department** as well.

For complete job descriptions and application information, click the links or visit the Town's job listings web page at www.townofpittsford.org/home-pittsford-employment-opportunities.

LIBRARY'S VIRTUAL REFERENCE DESK IS READY TO HELP

If you need a book recommendation or have a reference question, the Pittsford Community [Library's Virtual Reference Desk](#) is available for assistance. [Submit your request online](#) via the link and a reference librarian will get back to you via email.

REMINDERS

PITTSFORD'S RABIES FREE CLINIC POSTPONED

The Town of Pittsford's annual Rabies Free Clinic originally scheduled for May 14 has been postponed due to required NY Pause COVID-19 health safety and physical distancing protocols. A rescheduled date has not been set yet. Updated information will be posted in advance on the Town website homepage www.townofpittsford.org and in the Town eNews once the clinic has been rescheduled.

REMEMBRANCE POPPIES TO HONOR THE FALLEN - VIRTUAL POPPY DRIVE

Memorial Day falls this year on May 25; it is a time to remember the servicemen and women who lost their lives during war-time service. This year, as COVID-19 health safety and social distancing protocols prevent a physical sale, the members of Rayson-Miller American Legion Post #899 are conducting a **virtual Remembrance Poppy Drive** via their Facebook page and website. Funds raised from the annual poppy sale go to benefit veterans who are disabled, homeless or in severe financial crisis due to circumstances beyond their control.

Should you wish to make a donation in honor of our military members who made the ultimate sacrifice, you can donate via PayPal (no account needed, credit and debit cards accepted) by using the [Poppy Donate Now button](#) on the www.RaysonMillerPost899 website or the Donate tab on the [Rayson-Miller Post 899 Facebook page](#). Donors will receive a link to a digital "I donated" poppy for online use. If you are able to, please consider supporting this unique way to honor the memory of our fallen armed service members while helping veterans in need.

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

- **Household Hazardous Waste/e-Recycling/Document Shredding event**, originally scheduled for Saturday, 5/9 at the Perinton Highway Garage, has been **POSTPONED UNTIL THE FALL** due to COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic social distancing protocols; the new date has yet to be determined. When more information becomes available it will be posted on the Pittsford Town website and listed in the Pittsford Town eNews.
- **Pittsford Rabies Free Clinic** originally scheduled for 5/14 has been **POSTPONED**; a rescheduled date has not been set yet. Updated information will be posted in advance on the Town website homepage www.townofpittsford.org and in the Town eNews once the clinic has been rescheduled.
- **Pittsford Garden Club Plant Sale** originally scheduled for 5/16 has been **CANCELED** due to COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic health and safety protocols.
- **Paddle and Pour Festival**, Saturday, 5/23, **CANCELED** due to COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic Pause NY health safety social distancing protocols.
- **Memorial Day Parade and Remembrance Ceremony**, Monday, 5/25 - **CANCELED**; out of concern for the health of their members and that of the public, the Pittsford American Legion Rayson-Miller Post 899 has canceled its Memorial Day Ceremony and, upon request from the American Legion, the Memorial Day Parade has been canceled as well. While the decision was necessary in light of COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic health and safety protocols, we understand and share the disappointment this news brings.

TOWN OF PITTSFORD BOARD MEETINGS

- **Pittsford Community Library Board**, Wednesday, 5/13, 7:00pm, ONLINE ACCESS via Zoom video conferencing; Virtual meeting instructions can be found on the Town website's Agendas and Minutes page here: www.townofpittsford.org/home-minutes
- **Design Review and Historic Preservation Board**, Thursday, 5/14, 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 on the Town website here: www.townofpittsford.org/home-minutes - **NOTE REVISED TIME**
- **Parks and Recreation Board**, Thursday, 5/14 - **NO MEETING**

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 June 29 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.

Town Court: By order of the Chief Administrative Judge of the State of New York, 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.

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 m Renzi@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, vehicle registrations and vehicle inspections 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. 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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