

News & Reviews

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Town of Pittsford - a Clean Energy Community

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Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings

UPDATE FROM SUPERVISOR BILL SMITH:

19TH AMENDMENT CENTENNIAL, PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS, AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM, MASK REMINDER

Yesterday we marked the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment's ratification. We're celebrating the **19th Amendment Centennial** and Pittsford's history of supporting the women's suffrage movement with a self-guided walking tour and a tour of the Pittsford Political Equality Club founders' gravesites at Pittsford Cemetery - both underway now through the end of the month - and a socially distanced fireworks display in the Village on August 22. Find complete event details and information about the PPEC founders at www.townofpittsford.org/19thAcentennial.



Our Town Clerk's Office will be allowed to collect **school tax payments** starting September 1. Town of Pittsford residents will receive their 2020-2021 school tax bills in the mail by or after September 1, 2020. If your bill does not arrive by Tuesday, September 8, please call the tax office at 585-248-6215. To best observe health safety practices for both the public and our staff, the Town will accept payments by mail or by our secure drop slot located to the right of the front door of the Pittsford Town Hall. Or, you may want to consider online payment; for this tax season only, **the customary 3% service fee for online payment is waived**. See full details in the article that follows below regarding property tax payments.

After a safe and enjoyable Summer Camp season, our Recreation Department team is finalizing plans for our **After School program**. The staff is working diligently to organize this program with health and safety in mind while keeping the fun and engaging approach for which our programs are well known. Pre-Registration for returning participants has begun. If space is still available after this Friday, August 21, registration for the remaining spots will open at noon on Monday, August 24 for new participants. Find information at www.townofpittsford.org/home-recreation.

As you get out to enjoy the remaining days of summer, please do remember to **keep a mask or face covering with you and use it** if there is a chance you will be within 6 feet of others outside of your family or quarantine group.

Now is the perfect time to take advantage of our **parks and trails**. We maintain nearly 115 acres of active parkland, including Thornell Farm Park, Hopkins Park, Great Embankment Park, and Carpenter Park at the Port of Pittsford. The trails and access ways in the Town of Pittsford total almost 38 miles. They provide hikers interesting destinations, quiet seclusion, and an enjoyable means to get some fresh air and exercise.

See our Trails & Walkways page at www.townofpittsford.org/trailsandwalkways for ten suggested mapped routes for hiking, walking and biking.

Enjoying our natural spaces is one way to ease the strain of coping with the COVID-19 pandemic and its related restrictions. So too are opportunities to safely enjoy activities or a meal out, or purchase needed items. Please consider **patronizing our local businesses** when you can.

The pandemic forced us to cancel our traditional special events but we've come up with some creative alternatives. Our Drive-In Family Movie Nights were a great success. Our **Food Truck Wednesdays** continue through the end of the month on Wednesday nights, 5-8pm, at Thornell Farm Park, 480 Mendon Road.

As ever, I will keep you updated about State COVID-19 directives and changes that affect our community. Please look out for yourselves and each other.

Take care.

Stay well.

Bill Smith, Pittsford Town Supervisor

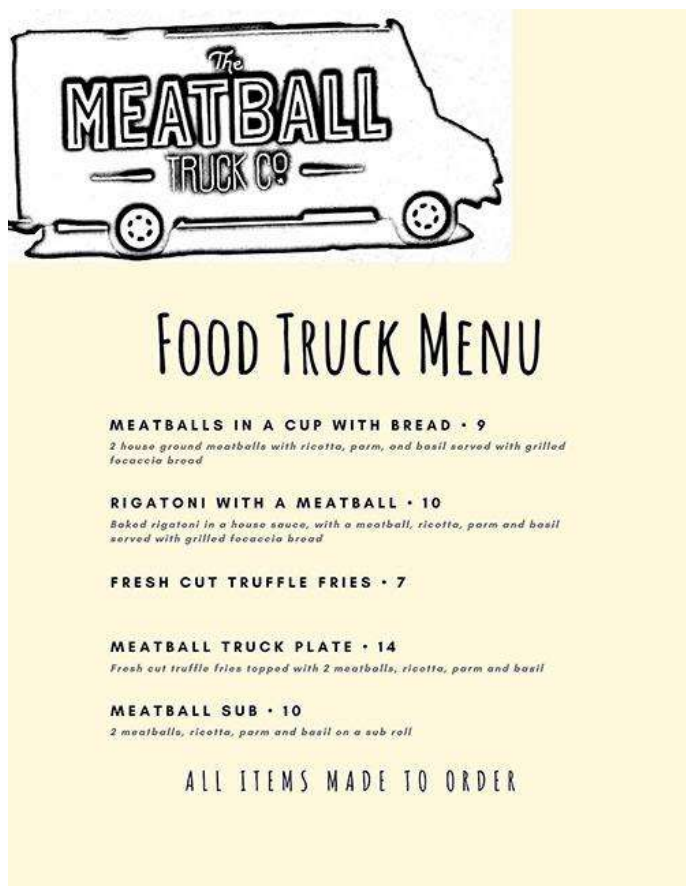
FOOD TRUCK WEDNESDAY TONIGHT - MEATBALL TRUCK CO. & KONA ICE

Tonight (8/19) is Food Truck Wednesday at Thornell Farm Park, featuring two great trucks, [The Meatball Truck Co.](#) and [Kona Ice](#), from 5:00 - 8:00pm (or until menu items are sold out). Stop by to grab dinner and some flavorful shaved ice!

[The Meatball Truck Co.](#) offers handmade meatballs and other items.

[Kona Ice](#) offers premium shaved ice in a variety of flavors.

The Town Recreation Department's **"Food Truck Wednesdays" at Thornell Farm Park continue each Wednesday evening from 5:00 - 8:00pm** (or until menu items are sold out) **through August 26**. Next week is our last week and Bay Vista Taqueria will be joining us, featuring tacos, nacho bowls, fajita bowls and more. Vendors and menus will be listed in advance on the Pittsford Recreation Facebook page and in the Town eNews; the vendor schedule is listed at www.townofpittsford.org/community-events.



Be sure to join us - it's a fun and easy dinner option! Please note all attendees are expected to observe appropriate physical distancing and health safety protocols.

Thornell Farm Park is located at 480 Mendon Road. We hope to see you there!

PURPLE, YELLOW & WHITE MUMS AVAILABLE TO CELEBRATE THE 19TH A CENTENNIAL

In honor of Pittsford's 19th Amendment Centennial celebration this month, Pittsford businesses are invited to decorate storefronts. Powers Farm Market is making available purple, yellow and white mums for \$9.25 per pot. Reserve your pots by Thursday, August 20. Contact Dan or Shawn Skelton at (585) 586-4631 or powersfarmmarket@gmail.com.

PITTSFORD 19TH AMENDMENT CENTENNIAL - SOCIAL DISTANCING FIREWORKS DISPLAY 8/22, WALKING TOURS THROUGH 8/31

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment's ratification, which gave women in America the right to vote. Pittsford is honoring this important milestone and celebrating our history of supporting the women's suffrage movement.

A **social distancing fireworks display** will be held in the Village of Pittsford on Saturday, August 22 at 9:00pm to celebrate the 19th Amendment Centennial in Pittsford. Those wishing to view the fireworks are encouraged to do so from inside of or near their parked cars. The fireworks will be visible throughout the center of the Village. If you are in a public area to view the fireworks please **remain at least 6 feet from others outside of your family or quarantine group and wear a mask or face covering even though you are outdoors**. Masks are needed as others may walk past you; **if you cannot be at least 6 feet from those outside of your group at all times, a mask is necessary**.

Please note gatherings of crowds will not be allowed; gatherings of crowds to view the fireworks display will force their cancellation that night. Please observe these rules for the safety of all and to ensure the fireworks display can take place.

It is up to each of us to make sure we can all stay safe and enjoy the fireworks - please wear your mask and stay six feet from others!

Our **self-guided walking tour** will feature the people and places in Pittsford important to advancing women's voting rights. There will be a **self-guided cemetery tour** of the Pittsford Political Equality Club charter members' gravesites at Pittsford Cemetery as well. Tour information will be uploaded to our [Pittsford 19th Amendment Celebration website](#) later this week; both tours will take place August 18 - 31.

We're also partnering with the Women's Club of Pittsford to host **voter engagement tables** from 9:00am - 1:00pm on August 22 at the Pittsford Village Farmers Market (35 Lincoln Avenue, behind the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center) and on August 29 at the Pittsford Farmers Market at Colony Plaza, 3400 Monroe Avenue.

All activities will follow appropriate COVID-19 health safety and physical distancing guidelines. Event details will be posted on the Town and Village websites and shared on social media as the dates approach. We hope you will join us in the celebration and perhaps learn something new about women's suffrage in Pittsford!

TAX INFORMATION - REMINDER

Town of Pittsford residents will receive their 2020-2021 school tax bills in the mail by or after September 1, 2020. If your bill does not arrive by Tuesday, September 8, please call the tax office at 585-248-6215. Legally we cannot accept payment until September 1. Full payments without interest will be accepted through Thursday, October 1. First installments are due by Tuesday, September 15. Consistent with our practice since the onset of the pandemic, the Town will continue to accept payments by mail, by the secure mail slot located to the right of the front door of the Pittsford Town Hall, 11 South Main Street, and online by a link from the Town's website to the County's online payment portal. Visa and MasterCard will be accepted for online payments, **and for this tax season only**, the customary 3% service fee to use the online payment service is waived. To pay online, click [here](#). You can also pay your tax at the Canandaigua National Bank at 18 State Street.

Payment for First Installments AFTER SEPTEMBER 16 will be accepted only from September 17 - September 21 (because September 20 falls on a Sunday), with 1% interest.

Please Note: **we strongly discourage paying your tax bill via Electronic Checking directly from your bank account.** If you do this, it means that your bank mails us a paper check -- without a postmark. Experience has shown that this can take as long as two weeks to reach our office. Therefore, we cannot consider your payment received until we physically receive the paper check, and you risk having to pay interest on the late payment, which is mandated by the State and that the Town has no authority to waive. **We do not recommend sending payment in this manner.**

PITTSFORD ART WALK IS THIS THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

Here's a great opportunity to enjoy some local art, support local businesses and maybe even win a unique prize! Pittsford Art Walk is this Thursday, August 20, 4 - 8pm and features five local galleries in the Village of Pittsford. Pick up an Art Walk Passport, get a stamp from all five galleries, and you'll be entered into a drawing for one of five prizes. Each gallery has donated one prize and each prize is valued at \$100. Maps and Passports (door prize entry forms) are available at each participating gallery:

- Cad Red Gallery, 34 South Main Street
- Jembetat Gallery, 12 Schoen Place
- Mostly Clay, 7 Schoen Place
- Pittsford Fine Art, 4 North Main Street
- Sylvan Starlight Creations, 50 State Street

While you're enjoying an artful walk in the Village there are plenty of restaurants, pubs and other local businesses to visit as well. For more information about Pittsford Art Walk 2020, contact one of the participating galleries.

FOOD TRUCK & MUSIC FEST, FAMILY HALLOWEEN FEST CANCELED

NYS COVID-19 health safety restrictions regarding special events and large gatherings have forced the cancellation of the Town's annual Food Truck and Music Fest, usually held in early September on Main Street, and the annual Family Halloween Fest, usually held in mid-October at St. John Fisher College.

We share your disappointment and we look forward to the time when Pittsford residents can gather safely and celebrate as a community. In the meantime, we thank you for continuing to observe physical distancing and health safety practices. Your efforts as individuals will help keep everyone safer and will bring us closer to the day when Town events, programs and facilities will return to full access.

REMINDERS

SUBMISSIONS DUE SEPTEMBER 2 FOR COMMUNITY ART EVENT - PAINT PITTSFORD!

Are you feeling creative? Join our community wide participatory art event "Paint Pittsford!" This summer, area artists of all skill and experience levels are invited to paint a scene from anywhere within the Town or Village of Pittsford to enter their work in a show scheduled for the month of September. [Find complete details and an application here](#), or visit www.pittsfordfineart.com and click on "Events" for details and submission guidelines.

CURRENT TOWN JOB OPENING FOR PART-TIME LIBRARY AIDE

The Town of Pittsford has a current job opening for a [part-time Library aide](#). For a complete job description and application information, visit the Town's job listings web page at www.townofpittsford.org/home-pittsford-employment-opportunities

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

- [Food Truck Wednesdays at Thornell Farm Park](#), Wednesday, 8/18, featuring handmade meatballs and other items from [The Meatball Truck Co.](#) and shaved ice from [Kona Ice](#), 5:00 - 8:00pm (or until menu items are sold out), Thornell Farm Park, 480 Mendon Road. A different food truck is featured each week offering items for sale, check Pittsford Recreation Facebook page and Town eNews each week for food truck and menu; vendor schedule at www.townofpittsford.org/community-events. The event continues each Wednesday through August 26; participants are expected to observe appropriate health safety and physical distancing practices. Be sure to join us - it's a fun and easy dinner option! Please note all attendees are expected to observe appropriate physical distancing and health safety protocols - face coverings are required when placing and picking up your order.
- The [Town Summer Concert](#) originally scheduled for 8/21 has been **CANCELED** due to COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic health and safety protocols; the concert series is typically held along the canal in Carpenter Park at the Port of Pittsford. Other concerts for August remain tentatively scheduled. Updates will be posted on the Town events page. www.townofpittsford.org/community-events.
- [Pittsford 19th Amendment Centennial Celebration](#), August 18 - 31; self-guided walking tour featuring people and places important to advancing women's voting rights, self-guided cemetery tour of Pittsford Political Equality Club founding members' gravesites at Pittsford Cemetery, voter engagement tables, socially distanced fireworks in Pittsford Village 8/22, details at www.townofpittsford.org/19thAcentennial
- **Pittsford Art Walk**, Thursday, 8/20, 4:00 - 8:00pm, Pittsford Village, five participating galleries: Cad Red Gallery, 34 South Main Street; Jembetat Gallery, 12 Schoen Place Mostly Clay, 7 Schoen Place; Pittsford Fine Art, 4 North Main Street; Sylvan Starlight Creations, 50 State Street
- [Pittsford Village Farmers Market](#), Saturdays through August 29, 9:00am - 1:00pm, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue; more info at www.pittsfordvillagefarmersmarket.org or contact zerowaste@impactearthinc.org.
- [Pittsford Rotary Charity Golf Scramble Tournament](#), Sunday, 9/13, 12:00pm pick-up lunch and registration, 1:00pm shotgun start with foursome scramble play, 6:00pm dinner and awards, raffle with variety of prizes, all proceeds to benefit local and international humanitarian services sponsored by Pittsford Rotary; Victor Hills Golf Club South Course. Fees are \$100 per golfer with cart. To register and for further information contact Pat Mallery at pjmallery@aol.com; for sponsor opportunities info contact Jack Pickering at jp160@gmail.com.
- **Food Truck and Music Fest**, Saturday, 9/12 - **CANCELED** due to COVID-19 NYS event restrictions and health safety protocols. 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

- **Planning Board**, Monday, 8/24 - **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 open for summer day camp and appointments only on weekdays from 8:00am-4:00pm as of Monday, June 29. Senior "Grab N Go" meals will continue every Wednesday. Registration for low-risk activities and virtual programs is underway. 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. Curbside pickup is available on Saturdays. 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.bit.ly/your-library-at-home. For virtual children's programming check the Library's Facebook page www.facebook.com/PittsfordLibrary/. The Book Drop return area is open; please only deposit returned books, donations are not being accepted at this time. Regular due dates for all materials have resumed; check your receipt or your Library account for exact due dates. Curbside 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 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: As of July, Pittsford Town Court sessions are being scheduled on a limited basis. Those scheduled to report to Court will be notified by mail in advance. 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: all Town parks are 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 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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