

News & Reviews

December 31, 2019

Town of Pittsford - a Clean Energy Community

See listings below for

Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings

HOLIDAY HOURS FOR TOWN FACILITIES

In observance of the **New Year's** holiday **all Town offices**, including Town Hall, the Parks, Sewer, and Highway departments, Town Court, and the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center administrative offices, **will close at 1:00pm on Tuesday, 12/31 and remain closed on Wednesday, 1/1/20.**

The Spiegel Pittsford **Community Center building will close at 5:00pm on Tuesday, 12/31 and remain closed on Wednesday, 1/1/20.**

The Pittsford Community **Library will close at 5:00pm on Tuesday, 12/31 and remain closed on Wednesday, 1/1/20.**

In case of an emergency requiring Town of Pittsford services during holiday closures, please call (585) 248-6212.

Please see the complete daily schedule below:

Tuesday, 12/31

CLOSING AT 1:00pm

All Town offices, including Town Hall, the Parks, Sewer, and Highway departments, Town Court, and the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center administrative offices

CLOSING AT 5:00pm

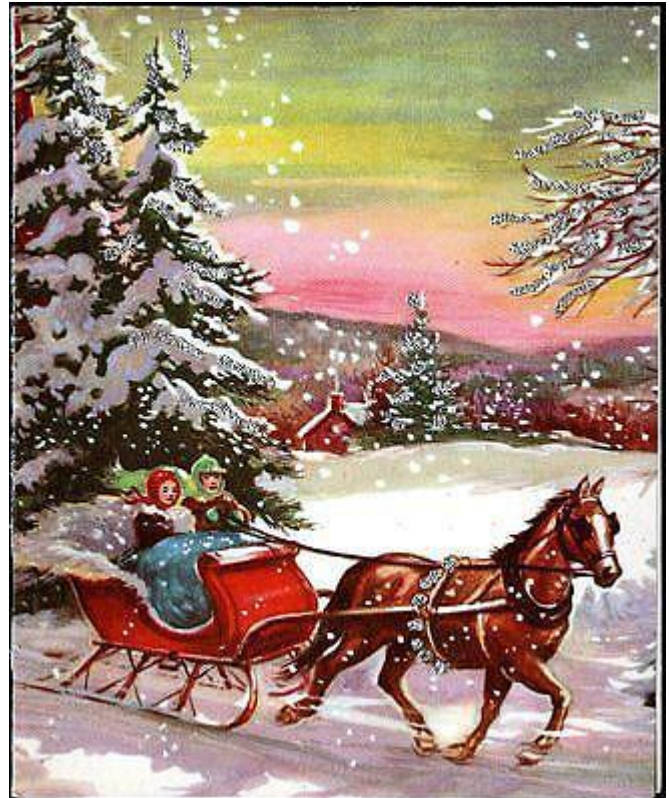
The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center Building
The Pittsford Community Library

Wednesday, January 1, 2020

CLOSED ALL DAY

All Town offices and facilities, including Town Hall, the Parks, Sewer, and Highway departments, Town Court, the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center and Seniors programs, and the Pittsford Community Library

We wish all of our residents a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!



PROPERTY TAX BILLS AND INFORMATION

The 2020 Town and County tax bills will be mailed to residents on December 31. Your property tax information may be obtained through the Monroe County website after December 31 at: <http://www.monroecounty.gov/apps/propertyapp.php>.

We recommend that you consult with your accountant if you are considering prepayment of your 2020 Town and County taxes before the end of this calendar year, to determine if this is a beneficial action for you to take, given the new federal and state tax laws that are in effect. Please notify the Town Tax office (585-248-6215) if you are mailing in a prepayment with a U.S. postmark of December 31, 2019, so that you are properly receipted for this payment.

If you are not in escrow, you should be receiving in the mail this week your 2020 Town and County tax bill. If you do not receive your bill in the mail by January 10, you can do one of the following to obtain a copy of your bill:

- 1) Download and print a copy directly from the Monroe County website at: <http://www.monroecounty.gov/apps/propertyapp.php>
- 2) Call the Town Tax Office at 585-248-6215 and they can email a copy of the bill to you; or
- 3) Email the Town Clerk/Tax Receiver at: ldillon@townofpittsford.org. The interest-free Town and County property tax payment deadline is 2/10/20; first installments are also accepted on or before 2/10. Please be sure to read all the instructions and information written on the back of your bill carefully.

It is also **strongly advised** that you do NOT pay by electronic check, as these payments do not receive a U.S. postmark and may arrive late. Payment stub (see page 2 of bill) must accompany payment. Please include a phone number on your check, if possible.

Please also note: If you are paying your tax bill with an online bill pay (electronic banking) system through your bank, please be aware that your bank still generates and mails a paper check to the Town and it may take as long as two weeks or more to reach the Town offices. This type of mail does not receive a USPS postmark. Therefore, the Town can only consider your payment received on the date it is physically received in our office.

INCLUSIVE BASKETBALL CLINIC AT PITTSFORD COMMUNITY CENTER BEGINS THIS SUNDAY

The Town of Pittsford Recreation Department is partnering with the Autism Council of Rochester to offer an Inclusive Basketball Clinic beginning in January - the first session is this Sunday, January 5. **There is still time to sign up!** The clinic runs for five sessions to be held Sunday mornings from 10:30 - 11:15am at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center. The program is open to all boys and girls ages 11 - 15 and all abilities are welcome.

Sessions will cover basketball fundamentals including dribbling, shooting, passing, teamwork and sportsmanship. Session dates are January 5, 12, 19, 26 and February 2, 2020. For more information and to register, contact the Autism Council at info@theautismcouncil.org. The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue.

DONATE "COATS FOR SENIORS" AT PITTSFORD SENIORS - DEADLINE IS THURSDAY, JAN. 2

Did you receive a new coat for the holidays and now have an extra one to spare? A warm coat is a necessity for our winter weather - can you donate one to someone in need? **Coats are being collected through this Thursday, January 2** at the Pittsford Seniors program office at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center. New and gently worn coats will be distributed to seniors in need across Monroe County through the Monroe County Office for the Aging and Medical Motor Service of Rochester's 16th annual Coats for Seniors coat drive. Seniors interested in receiving a coat can call any participating senior center in Monroe County, or the Monroe County Office for the Aging at 753-6280, to do so. For more information, stop by or call the Pittsford Seniors office at 248-6235. Coats are being collected through January 2, 2019.

The Town of Pittsford's Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. To learn more about all of our wonderful programs for seniors [click here to visit the Seniors page](#) on the Town website or [read our Seniors program info brochure online](#).

NEXT SUPERVISOR SATURDAY WITH BILL SMITH IS JANUARY 11

Town Supervisor Bill Smith will hold his next monthly community open house on Saturday, January 11 from 9:00 - 10:00am at the Pittsford Community Library. Stop by and join the conversation to catch up on current issues, Town projects and other topics you might wish to discuss.

This casual open house, held in the Library's Fisher Meeting Room, enables residents who can't stop by to see the Supervisor during the work week a chance to speak to him directly. Come and discuss what matters most to you! Drop in - no registration required. The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street.

Supervisor Smith keeps an open door policy and also welcomes visits from residents at Town Hall during regular business hours Monday to Friday. As always, he's available by phone at 248-6220 and by email at bsmith@townofpittsford.org.

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING UNDERWAY

You can be green even in the winter - recycle your Christmas tree! Town of Pittsford crews will pick up trees placed curbside as long as all plastic bagging and all decorations are removed. Weather permitting, Christmas trees are picked up each year from the week after Christmas through the end of January. Christmas trees may also be dropped off at the Highway Garage, 60 Golf Avenue, from 7AM until dark, Monday through Saturday. All trees gathered will be chipped and reused as mulch. The mulch will be available free to residents in the spring at the East Street storage site located just before the gate to the Town Parks Department office building (enter at 34 East Street).

WOMEN'S CLUB GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE TODAY - DECEMBER 31

The Women's Club of Pittsford offers endowment grants to charitable organizations and is accepting grant applications through December 31 for 2020 endowment grants. **Grant applications are due today!** Applications must be submitted for a specific project and be made on behalf of a 501c3 charitable organization in Monroe County or in surrounding counties that service Monroe County residents. Since 1984, the Women's Club of Pittsford has contributed over \$350,000 to Greater Rochester Area organizations. More information and the grant application form can be found on their website at www.womensclubofpittsford.org/apply-for-a-grant.html. The deadline for submitting an application is December 31, 2019.

PITTSFORD SENIORS NEW YEAR'S LUNCHEON IS JANUARY 7 - RESERVATIONS DUE BY JAN. 2

Seniors, be sure to make your reservation for our **New Year's luncheon catered by Chen Garden** to be held Tuesday, January 7 at 12noon in the VanHuysen Community Room of the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center. Join us for a delicious lunch and a **program by Beth Brancato entitled "Celebrating the New Year Around the World."** Cost is \$8.00 per person; **advance registration and payment are required by this Thursday, January 2, 2020.** For more information and to make your reservation, stop by the Pittsford Seniors Office in the Community Center or call 248-6235.

Then be sure to save the date - on Tuesday, **January 14** our lunch program will feature a presentation by Jim Carver of **Pittsford Volunteer Ambulance**.

The Town of Pittsford's Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. To learn more about all of our wonderful programs for seniors [click here to visit the Seniors page](#) on the Town website or [read our Seniors program info brochure online](#).

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. LIVING THE DREAM SERIES JANUARY 14 - 18

Pittsford's second annual Martin Luther King, Jr. series is designed to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through several events, including movies, discussions, and storytelling and family activities.

January 14: MOVIE NIGHT & DISCUSSION - 13th (Not Rated)

Documentary film that explores the intersection of race, justice and mass incarceration in the United States.
Location: Pittsford Community Library, Fisher Meeting Room | 6:00pm

January 15: PANEL DISCUSSION - Update on living the dream in Pittsford.

Location: Pittsford Community Library, Fisher Meeting Room | 6:00pm

January 16: MOVIE NIGHT & DISCUSSION - I am Not Your Negro (PG-13)

Documentary film based on James Baldwin's unfinished manuscript about civil rights leaders Medgar Evers, Malcolm X and Martin Luther King, Jr.

Location: Pittsford Community Library, Fisher Meeting Room | 6:00pm

January 17: FAMILY EVENT by Friends of Pittsford Village

Location: First Presbyterian Church of Pittsford Fellowship Hall | 6:30pm

January 18: AFRICAN STORY TELLING EVENT - Almeta Whitis

Enjoy storytelling, songs, movement, and theater games that foster meaningful exchanges between people within a safe and culturally inclusive learning environment.

Location: Kings Bend Park, North Lodge | 2:00pm

These events have been developed thanks to the efforts of a Martin Luther King, Jr. community group.

MANY THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS 2019 EVENT SPONSORS

We had a fantastic events season in 2019 and it wouldn't be possible without the support of our generous sponsors. Our sincere thanks to our Event Season Partners **Pittsford Federal Credit Union, Wegmans** and **Wilmorite** and to our Paddle and Pour Fireworks Co-Sponsor **NYS Assemblywoman Marjorie Byrnes**. Many thanks also to **individual event partners** YMCA of Greater Rochester and Regain Physical Therapy; **event supporter** L.L. Bean Eastview Mall; and **event sponsors** Harris Beach Attorneys at Law, Messner Flooring, Pittsford Federal Credit Union, and Rotolite Elliott Printing & Copy Center. Thanks as well to our **in-kind supporters** Rotary Club of Pittsford, Bristol's Garden Center, Powers Farm Market and Willard Farms.

If you missed any of our events and want to check them out, visit our [Event Photo Gallery](#) on the Town website at www.townofpittsford.org/photo_gallery. And be sure to look for our 2020 Town Events Schedule in the mail this spring!

HEALTHCARE MARKETPLACE INFO SESSIONS AVAILABLE AT THE LIBRARY IN JANUARY; REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Open enrollment for the New York State of Health Marketplace Affordable Care Act insurance exchange runs through January 31, 2020.

For assistance in navigating through the NYS healthcare program choices, a certified application counselor will be available at the Pittsford Community Library for **one-on-one sessions** with individuals **on scheduled Thursdays in January. Advance registration is required**; call the Library Information Desk at 249-5481 to register for your individual one-on-one appointment. Sessions will be available 3:00 - 7:00pm. Additional information will be provided upon registration.

For information about other upcoming Library programs visit the [Library's online program calendar](#) or call 249-5481. The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street.

REMINDERS

FIREWORKS COURTESY NOTIFICATION FOR DECEMBER 31

Public and private fireworks events in the Town of Pittsford require a permit issued by the Town. As a courtesy, notifications for public and private fireworks events held within the Town are posted on the [Town website](#), the [Town Facebook page](#) and in the [Town's eNews](#). Courtesy notifications also can be mailed in advance to those in the immediate area of a permitted fireworks event (public or private) who request them.

To request a mailed Fireworks Notification, please contact Town Fire Marshal and Code Enforcement Officer Kelly Cline at kcline@townofpittsford.org or 248-6250. **To sign up for the Town eNews**, visit www.townofpittsford.org/enews. The eNews, which contains the most updated information about Town meetings, projects, programs, services and events, is sent once weekly or for urgent or emergency Town notifications; **email addresses are never shared for any other purpose**. Please see below current fireworks event permit notifications.

Current Fireworks Event Notification:

December 31, 2019

Private fireworks event at Oak Hill Country Club - approximately 8:15pm

All current Fireworks Event Courtesy Notification listings can be found on the Town website at www.townofpittsford.org/fireworks-notifications.

TOWN LEAF COLLECTION CONTINUES - PLEASE KEEP LEAVES OUT OF ROADWAYS

The recent snowfall means wet and frozen leaves will take a bit more time to gather but Town leaf collection will continue as long as is needed. Our crews will be in your neighborhood to remove leaf piles placed at the edge of roadways - please do not place leaf piles on the shoulder of the road. Use our online [Leaf Collection App](#) to see when leaf crews will be in your area. Find it, and more information, on our Leaf and Yard Debris Collection web page at www.townofpittsford.org/home-leaf_collection.

Please remember: State and Town law both prohibit placing leaves and yard debris in the road and its shoulder. Please be sure to place leaf piles and yard debris (separated from leaves) at the edge of the road but not in it and not on the shoulder of the road. Leaves and debris on the shoulder can blow or be pushed into the road by snow plows and become a hazard for pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers, and can clog storm water drains, causing flooding.

SEASONAL PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT THROUGH APRIL 1, 2020

In order to facilitate snow removal, Town of Pittsford seasonal parking restrictions are in effect from November 15 (this Friday) through April 1, 2020. 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!

EMERGENCY CLOSINGS INFORMATION

In the case of major weather events or other emergencies, information about facility closings and program/event cancellations will be announced on the Town's website www.townofpittsford.org, [Facebook page Town of Pittsford](#), and [Twitter feed @pittsfordtown](#), as well as on local television and radio stations and Pittsford's [Cable TV 12 Channel 1303 government access station](#). TV-12 Channel 1303 announcements can be viewed live any time via the [TV-12 Channel 1303 page on the Town website](#).

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

- **Coats for Seniors Coat Drive** - donate new or gently worn coats to be distributed to seniors citizens in need across Monroe County; drop off at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center Senior Programs office, 35 Lincoln Avenue. For more information about donating and/or receiving a coat, stop by or call the Senior Programs Office at 248-6235; **coats are being collected through January 2, 2019.**
- [United Church of Pittsford Rise & Shine Community Breakfast](#), Saturday, 1/11/20, 8:00-10:00am, United Church of Pittsford, 123 South Main Street at Sunset Boulevard; all are welcome, breakfast is \$5.00 per person and includes pancakes served with maple syrup, whipped cream and blueberry topping, sausage links, scrambled eggs, coffee, tea, and juice; proceeds to benefit Pittsford Youth Services. The breakfast is held the second Saturday of each month from October through June, benefiting a different charity each time. More info 586-6870 or email ucpittsford@gmail.com
- **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, 1/11/20, 9:00 - 10:00am, Fisher Meeting Room (first floor), Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street
- **Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Event - Film and Discussion: 13th** [Not Rated], Tuesday, January 14, 6:00pm, Pittsford Community Library Fisher Meeting Room (first floor), 24 State Street
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- **Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Event - Storytelling with Almeta Whitis**, Saturday, January 18, 2:00pm, Town of Pittsford King's Bend Park, North Lodge, 170 W. Jefferson Road

TOWN OF PITTSFORD BOARD MEETINGS

- **Environmental Board**, Monday, 1/6, 7:00PM, Town Hall - 2nd Floor Conference Room, 11 South Main Street
- **Town Board**, Tuesday, 1/7, 6:00pm, Public Meeting Room, Town Hall (lower level), 11 South Main Street; ASL interpretation provided

COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

- [American Legion Rayson-Miller Post 899](#) Tuesday morning breakfast and socializing, every Tuesday, 8:00-10:00am, Post 899, Pittsford Village Hall lower level, 21 North Main Street; open to all - meet and socialize with veterans; no charge but donations accepted. Eligible veterans welcome to join the Post; for [membership information](#) visit the [Rayson-Miller Post website](#)
- [Pittsford Rotary Club](#), Wednesdays (weekly), 7:00am, Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street
- [Pittsford Art Group](#), first Thursday of the month, September through May (no meetings October and March), 7:00 - 9:00pm, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, room 19 (lower level, elevator

available), 35 Lincoln Avenue; the group strives to be a teaching organization - all are welcome! For meeting details and membership, contact PAG president [Margie Mitchell](#)

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