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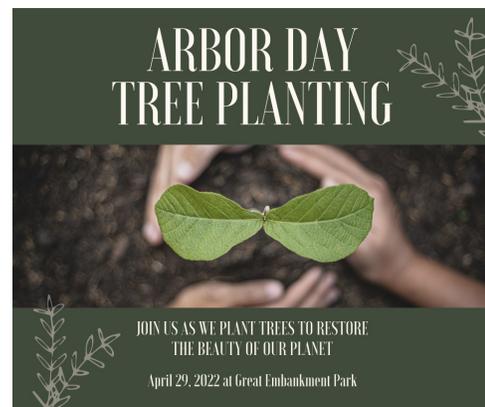
See listings below for

Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings

ARBOR DAY TREE PLANTING CEREMONY THIS FRIDAY

11:00am, Great Embankment Park

Our Arbor Day Celebration at Great Embankment Park this Friday, April 29 will feature a commemorative tree planting and an Arbor Day proclamation. Town Supervisor Bill Smith also will discuss the Town's plans to earn a Climate Smart Community designation and to become a Certified Tree City USA in 2022. Our inaugural planting of a single tree takes place this Friday, but we'll be planting a total of seven trees of three different types in the park this spring, each well suited to this sunny canal side location: Sugar Maple, Oak and Sycamore. These hardy tree species are native to our area and have long life spans – they're expected to add beauty and shade to the park for the next 100 years or more! Great Embankment Park is located at 632 Marsh Road. The event is open to the public - please join us!



SWEETHEART DANCE THIS FRIDAY

The Pittsford Recreation Department's annual Sweetheart Dance is this Friday, April 29 from 6:30 - 9:00pm at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center. There is still time to register!

Children, accompanied by an adult, can dance the night away at this memorable evening full of music, refreshments and fun. A DJ will provide the music and some fun activities. For an additional fee,

a photographer will be available to capture the memory with a keepsake photo. Don't miss out on this special night!

Cost is \$20 per person. To [register online click this link](#), or stop by the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center to register in person. The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue.

BIKE RODEO BIKE SAFETY PROGRAM AT COMMUNITY CENTER THIS SATURDAY

Learn safety tips from Monroe County Sheriff and practice on obstacle course!

Registration is still available for our free Bike Rodeo Bike Safety program to be held at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center this Saturday, April 30. Monroe County Sheriff Officers from Zone A will teach participants a variety of bike safety tips and help them safely practice bike riding skills. You also can bike through a fun obstacle course! Kids ages 5 - 17 are welcome to participate. Spots are available from 10:00 – 11:00am and from 11:00am – 12:00pm. Participants must bring their own bike and helmet. The program is free but registration is required. [Register online here](#) or in person at the Community Center. The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue.



GUIDED HIKE THIS SATURDAY FEATURES IRONDEQUOIT CREEK TRAILS

Pittsford Recreation's next guided trail hike is this Saturday, April 30 – get outdoors and meet other hikers as you explore the Irondequoit Creek Trails. The hike begins at 8:30am. Participants will meet at the trail head and will be provided with a packet of maps and area information. Bring your Wegmans Hit the Trail Passport and get credit for hiking the trail! The program is free but advance registration is required. Register online at www.townofpittsford.org/recreation or in person at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue. Free downloadable/printable maps are also available in advance on the Town website at www.townofpittsford.org/trails_and_walkways.

NORTH MAIN STREET BRIDGE CLOSING JUNE 1 – AUGUST 1

Additional State DOT road repaving work to begin in September.

We've been meeting with the State Department of Transportation in recent months. You'll have seen their crews out patching some of the deep potholes that emerged over the winter on State roads such as Monroe Avenue, State Street, East Avenue, Main Street and Pittsford-Palmyra Road. These repairs are temporary fixes. East Avenue, North and South Main Street, Monroe Avenue and State Street (from the canal bridge east through the Village), and Palmyra Road (east to the Perinton town line) all will be completely repaved by the State beginning in September. This work will be done evenings and overnight.



The State will close the North Main Street Canal Bridge on June 1, to do a complete resurfacing of the bridge deck and sidewalks. The bridge is scheduled to reopen on August 1. Schoen Place will remain open to traffic during that time.

Some initial work related to the repaving projects began this week. It will continue through September. This includes upgrades to sidewalk curb ramps, constructing traffic calming crosswalk bump-outs, tree removal and replacements, utility relocations,

manhole replacements, minor storm sewer work, and traffic signal replacement and upgrades. Most of this work will be limited to closures of the shoulder of the road, so impact on traffic will be kept to a minimum.

[View the NYSDOT project map here](#). Questions or concerns about the project can be directed to Kevin Cannan, Engineer in Charge by email at Kevin.Cannan@dot.ny.gov.



PICKLEBALL COURTS AT THORNELL FARM PARK

Last summer the Town Board invited public advice on potential uses for the \$2.8 million in federal funds we received under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) and had the means of communication in place for Pittsford residents to comment. We reiterated this request for public comment in the months following. We did so again recently, concurrently with our Town Department Heads briefing the Town Board on initiatives postponed due to COVID and other necessary or publicly beneficial projects that qualify for ARPA funding.

Of all public comments received, the overwhelming number asked us to provide regulation courts for the game of pickleball. This made sense in light of the interest in pickleball that residents have expressed to staff in our Recreation Department. A racket/paddle sport combining elements of tennis, badminton and ping-pong, pickleball has been one of the fastest-growing sports in town, as it's been across the country. Supervisor Smith asked our Recreation Department and Public Works Department to think about options for regulation pickleball courts. They were able to identify ways to accomplish the goal at reasonable cost.

At our Town Board meeting on April 5, 2022, Commissioner of Public Works Paul Schenkel presented the options - you can see his presentation at www.townofpittsford.org/files/images/ARPA-funds-presentation-pickleball-2022.pdf. The Town Board approved creating four regulation pickleball courts at Thornell Farm Park. The cost is estimated at \$16,000, and qualifies for ARPA funding. Subject to availability of materials, which has been an issue for municipalities and others recently, we expect to have these new courts open sometime this summer.

The federal government provided ARPA funds to allow municipalities to recoup revenue losses due to the pandemic, to complete deferred projects, programs and maintenance and pursue other projects related to municipal services. Projects with broad public support or the potential for it are of interest to us at Town Hall, so please continue to share your ideas with us. You can send an email with your suggestions to the Supervisor and Town Board members together, at www.townofpittsford.org/electedboard/contact.

DONATE USED BIKES TO THE ROTARY BIKE DROP | SATURDAY 5/7, PITTSFORD MENDON HS

The Rotary Club of Pittsford will hold its 11th annual "Bike Drop" on Saturday, May 7 from 9:00am - 2:00pm at Pittsford Mendon High School (472 Mendon Road, Pittsford). Bicycles or bike parts in any condition will be accepted for donation. The bicycles and bike parts will be collected by Pittsford Rotary and donated to [R Community Bikes, Inc.](#), a Rochester-based charitable organization that repairs and distributes bicycles free of charge to Rochester's needy children and adults. For

11TH PITTSFORD COMMUNITY
BICYCLE DROP
Have an old Bike to Donate?
HELP US REACH
OUR GOAL OF 2638

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Rotary

Pittsford Rotary Club in conjunction with the Town of Pittsford will sponsor a collection of used bicycles on **Saturday, May 7th, 2022 from 9am to 2 pm**. The collection will take place in the parking lot at Pittsford Mendon High School.

those in need, bikes are very frequently the most affordable means of transportation to jobs, schools, churches, rehabilitation and training programs, and meals at local social service agencies.

For May only, the Rotary Food Drive will move to Pittsford Mendon High School and be combined with the Bike Drop. See information below for the May Food Drive.

Take advantage of a great opportunity to spring clean your garage while you help people in need! Pittsford's Rotary Club has collected 2,398 used bikes since 2010 - can you help them ensure this year's drive is a success? For more information go to www.PittsfordRotaryClub.org or call (585) 733-5856.



PITTSFORD ROTARY FOOD DRIVE MOVES TO MENDON HIGH SCHOOL FOR MAY ONLY

Drive to be held May 7 will coincide with Rotary Bike Drop Collection

Food donations will go to Pittsford Food Cupboard and Mothers in Need of Others

Pittsford Robotics Team also be conducting a metal recycling drive on site

The [Rotary Club of Pittsford](http://www.PittsfordRotaryClub.org), in collaboration with the Town of Pittsford, is holding its May 7 drive-through canned and packaged food and donations drive at **Mendon High School (this month only)**, to coincide with the Rotary Bike Drop collection. Food and supplies donated will benefit the [Pittsford Food Cupboard](#) and [Mothers in Need of Others](#) (MINO). The Food Drive will take place from 9:00am – 12:00pm at the Pittsford Mendon High School parking lot (472 Mendon Road). The Bike Drop will take place from 9:00am – 2:00pm; see story above for Bike Drop details.

[Mothers In Need of Others](#) collects and distributes maternity and baby items and cleaning products to meet the urgent needs of families in crisis. Working with social service agencies and church outreach programs, they help serve Rochester area families most in need. They have a **critical need for size 4 - 7 diapers, wipes, personal and feminine hygiene and cleaning products.**

Specific items needed for the May 7 food drive include soap, shampoo, hygiene products, toothbrushes and toothpaste, deodorant, baby formula, diapers and wipes, cleaning supplies and other items needed for [Mothers in Need of Others](#). Pittsford Food Cupboard needs a variety of canned and other packaged goods, including taco shells, collard greens, spinach, beets, olives, lima beans, mushrooms, pizza sauce, salsa, rice sides, spaghetti (long varieties), plain oatmeal, bread crumbs, canned tomatoes (crushed, stewed, pureed or whole), canned meats (Spam, hash, clams, mackerel, herring, oysters, anchovies), cleaning supplies, razors, women's hygiene products, and cat and dog food (dry). See their current [list of Pittsford Food Cupboard needs](#). Reusable grocery bags also are needed. Click the links above for more complete lists of needs.

Rotarians, students from the Pittsford Interact Club and Town staff will be collecting items rain, snow or shine.

The Pittsford Robotics Team will be on site as well conducting a metal recycling drive. Find more information as the date approaches at www.pittsfordrobotics.org.

The Pittsford Food Cupboard and the Mothers In Need of Others are among the many

organizations that benefit from Pittsford Rotary's mission of service to our community and beyond. Please help our Rotarians help those in need if you can!

REMINDERS

TOWN BOARD MEETINGS ARE STREAMING LIVE

Pittsford Town Board meetings are being streamed live; the feed is accessible on any device. Town Board is typically held the first and third Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm at Town Hall. See www.townofpittsford.org/calendar for meeting dates. To view the livestream, click the [Town Board Meeting live streaming link](#) when the meeting begins. This link can also be found on page two of the meeting agenda. The meeting agenda is posted on the Town's [minutes and agendas page](#) at least two days prior to the meeting. Please note: if you try to log in too early (before the meeting feed is live) you will see an error message; refresh your screen just prior to or at 6:00pm when the board meeting starts and you will be able to view the meeting. As always, ASL interpretation is provided for every Town Board meeting.

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/channel12 and use the On-Demand links to view previously recorded meetings.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN PITTSFORD

- [Arbor Day Tree Planting Ceremony](#), Friday, April 29, 11:00am, Great Embankment Park, 632 Marsh Road – tree planting and proclamation, check Town website for details as the date approaches
- [Bike Rodeo Bike Safety program](#), Saturday, April 30, 10:00 – 11:00am and 11:00am – 12:00pm, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue; bike safety tips, obstacle course, bike riding skills, free but registration required – [info and online registration here](#) or in person at Community Center.
- [Household Hazardous Waste/e-Recycling/Document Shredding event](#), Saturday, 5/14, 7:45am-12:00pm, Perinton Highway Garage, 100 Cobb's Lane. Appointment needed for hazardous waste disposal only, no appointment needed for electronics recycling and/or document shredding; for HHW appointment Pittsford residents can call 248-6250, or go online to www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark. More information, including the list of hazardous materials and electronics accepted for collection, can be found [HERE](#).
- [Sweetheart Dance](#) - children ages 5 to 13 can dance the night away, accompanied by an adult as their guest, Friday, 4/29, 6:30-9:00pm, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue; music and activities, advance registration required, \$17 per person, more info and registration online or at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center
- [Pittsford Rotary Bike Drop](#), Saturday, 5/7, 9:00am-2:00pm, Pittsford Mendon High School, 472 Mendon Road, Pittsford; drop off a used bike or bike parts in any condition, to be donated to [R Community Bikes](#) for repair and distribution to those in need for transportation and recreation !!

- [Pittsford Free Drive-Through Rabies Clinic](#), Thursday, 5/12, 4:30-7:30pm, Pittsford Town Highway Garage, 60 Golf Avenue; update your pet's rabies vaccine for free – dogs, cats, and ferrets are welcome, dogs must be on a short leash, cats and ferrets must be in a secure carrier; no appointment needed, call Pittsford Animal Control at 248-6240 with any questions.
- [Pittsford Rotary Kids' Trout Fishing Derby](#), Saturday, 5/14, 8:00am - 12noon, Powder Mills Park, registration online or begins 8:00am in person at Powderhorn Lodge; tournament runs 9:00-11:00am, followed by Awards Ceremony at 11:15am and Fish Hatchery Tours at 11:30am, [more info here](#) or [email Kevin O'Grady](#).
- [Town of Pittsford Zoning Code Update](#) – comments made by Town of Pittsford stakeholders via email and mail being accepted; access 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 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 & Historic Preservation Board**, Thursday, 4/28, 6:00pm, Public Meeting Room, Town Hall (lower level), 11 South Main Street, current CDC guidelines will be followed; the meeting agenda is posted at least two days prior to the meeting on the Town website here: www.townofpittsford.org/minutes
- **Environmental Board**, Monday, 5/2, 7:00pm, Public Meeting Room, Town Hall (lower level), 11 South Main Street, current CDC guidelines will be followed; the meeting agenda is posted at least two days prior to the meeting on the Town website here: www.townofpittsford.org/minutes
- **Town Board**, Tuesday, 5/3, 6:00pm, Public Meeting Room, Town Hall (lower level), 11 South Main Street, ASL interpretation provided, current CDC guidelines will be followed; the meeting agenda is posted at least two days prior to the meeting on the Town website here: www.townofpittsford.org/minutes
- [Zoning Code Update Town Board meeting](#), Wednesday, 4/27 - **CANCELED**; find complete Zoning Code Update information at www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate. Updated meeting listings will be posted at www.townofpittsford.org/calendar

COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

- [Village Board of Trustees](#) meeting, Thursday, 4/28, 6:30pm; more information and participation details will be listed on the Village website [here](#) as the meeting date approaches
- [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; click this link for [membership information](#) or visit the [Rayson-Miller Post website](#)
- [Pittsford Rotary Club](#), Wednesdays (weekly), 7:00am, Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street, masks are required; meetings also can be accessed live via Zoom - check the Pittsford Rotary Facebook page for virtual meeting details
- [Women's Club of Pittsford](#) - charitable organization serving the community through service projects and civic improvement; membership is open to any woman living in Pittsford or the surrounding areas. Meetings held the third Thursday of the month, September through June; due to the COVID-19 pandemic, decisions to hold meetings in person or virtually are made month to

month. Visit the website at <https://www.womensclubofpittsford.org> for more information

- [Pittsford Art Group](#) conducts monthly member meetings (via Zoom and in person) featuring a guest artist; new members are welcome! The PAG also hosts juried and non-juried shows and displays artwork at various locations throughout Pittsford. For further information or to become a member, please visit www.pittsfordartgroup.com and fill out a [Contact Us](#) form.

COVID-19 Access Updates

3/2/22 Update: the Statewide mask mandate for schools expired 3/1, mask use is now optional in Pittsford School District schools; for more information, visit www.pittsfordschools.org/COVID-19INFORMATION. The mandate remains in place for health care facilities, transportation and other related entities.

2/10/22 Update: the Statewide mask mandate has expired for indoor public spaces including grocery stores, shops and offices. The mandate remains for other settings such as health care facilities and schools.

1/31/22 Update: the Governor's mask mandate extended to February 10, 2022.

12/13/21 Update: By order of NYS Governor Kathy Hochul, until January 15, 2022 the Town must require all persons entering Town buildings to be masked, regardless of vaccination status. This applies to all Town indoor facilities, including Town Hall, the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, the Pittsford Community Library, Town Court and the Highway Department, Sewer Department and Parks Department offices.

On June 15, 2021, Governor Cuomo announced that COVID-19 restrictions are lifted immediately as 70 percent of New Yorkers aged 18 or older have received the first dose of their COVID-19 vaccination series. The State's health guidance and New York Forward industry specific guidelines—including social gathering limits, capacity restrictions, social distancing, cleaning and disinfection, health screening, and contact information for tracing—are now optional for retail, food services, offices, gyms and fitness centers, amusement and family entertainment, hair salons, barber shops and personal care services, among other commercial settings.

On August 2, 2021, Monroe County was designated as a County with a “substantial” COVID infection. Consequently, the CDC now recommends that people, regardless of vaccination status, wear a mask indoors. This is a recommendation, not a mandate. The guidelines are unclear at this point, as is the situation. Neither the State, the County or the Town has imposed a mask *requirement* at this stage.

Unvaccinated individuals continue to be responsible for wearing masks, in accordance with federal CDC guidance. Consistent with the State's implementation of the recent CDC guidance, masks are still required for unvaccinated individuals.

For information on the vaccine, on getting the vaccine, regional vaccination data and more visit the [Finger Lakes COVID-19 Vaccine Hub](#).

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-

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://www.monroecounty.gov/health>.

Additional information about COVID-19 testing and health 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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