

News & Reviews

June 15, 2022

Town of Pittsford - a Clean Energy
Community

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

COPPER BEECH TREE SAPLINGS AVAILABLE

Our Copper Beech tree saplings, cloned from the majestic original Copper Beech at our park in the Village, are ready for planting! We have a limited number of saplings available for Pittsford residents – **if you are interested in obtaining one, please see the information below.**

Care & Requirements for Planting a Copper Beech Tree:

- Copper beeches grow fairly quickly, and will eventually grow to be 60-80' high and 40-60' wide, perhaps even larger in some cases.
- Because they get so large, take care to plant them away from houses and other trees. They need plenty of room to grow!
- They prefer full sunlight, but can tolerate part-sunlight. They do not like full shade.
- Plant in well-drained soil. Poorly drained or compacted soil can lead to fungal disease.
- After planting, put a 3" thick ring of mulch around the tree, but be careful to not mulch above the base of the tree (no mulch volcanos).
- Water the soil around the beech tree to a depth of 8-10" once per week if no rainfall occurs, and increase to 2-3 times a week during the summer to prevent the soil from drying out.
- Be careful not to over-water, however. Soggy soil will harm the tree.



If you would like a Copper Beech tree to plant on your property, please email Parks Foreman Jess Neal at jneal@townofpittsford.org using "Copper Beech tree sapling request" in the subject line or call (585) 248-6497. You can learn more about the old Copper Beech tree and its saplings – including a [video of the grafting process](#) – at www.townofpittsford.org/copperbeech.



THIS FRIDAY'S CANALSIDE CONCERT: ROCK & TOP40 HITS WITH JUMBOSHRIMP!

The Town of Pittsford Summer Concert Series continues this Friday, June 17 at 6:30pm with [JUMBOshrimp](#). Join us in Carpenter Park at the Port of

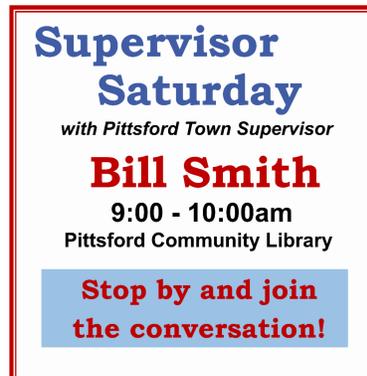
Pittsford for a fun evening of current pop and rock tunes and some favorite classics – from “two guys working hard to be the biggest little band in the world!” A Rochester favorite since 2006, JUMBOshrimp is small and mighty!

Bring your lawn chair or a blanket and enjoy a wonderful concert along the canal. Harladay Hots will be site with hotdogs, burgers and chicken sandwiches available for purchase. Or grab a bite to eat from one of the nearby Village restaurants.

Our Summer Concert Series continues Friday evenings at 6:30pm through August 26 (no concert July 1). We’ve got an outstanding variety of great music this season – from jazz, pop, blues and big band to bossa nova, gospel, Celtic and folk – plus tributes to Billy Joel and the Beatles! It’s the perfect way to start your weekend. Find a complete schedule on our [Summer Concert Series Event page](#) on the Town website.

SUPERVISOR SATURDAY WITH BILL SMITH THIS WEEK – JUNE 18

Town Supervisor Bill Smith will host his community open house meeting this Saturday, June 18 from 9:00 - 10:00am at the Pittsford Community Library. Stop by and join the conversation to catch up on current Town projects and other topics you might wish to discuss, such as the Town’s Zoning Code Update, our latest sustainability efforts, ideas for utilizing ARPA funding, and other issues that affect your neighborhood. If you’ve got questions, ideas or comments for Supervisor Smith, be sure to join him this Saturday!



Supervisor Saturday
with Pittsford Town Supervisor
Bill Smith
9:00 - 10:00am
Pittsford Community Library

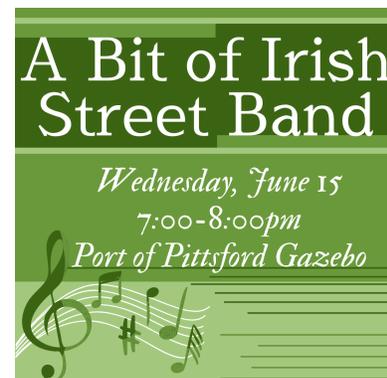
Stop by and join the conversation!

This casual open house will be in the Fisher Meeting Room. Supervisor Saturday 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 by – 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 by appointment. As always, he's available by phone at 248-6220 and by email at bsmith@townofpittsford.org.

A BIT OF IRISH MUSIC AT CARPENTER PARK GAZEBO TONIGHT!

The Pittsford Community Library features **A Bit of Irish Street Band** tonight (Wednesday, June 15) from 7:00 – 8:00pm at the Gazebo in Carpenter Park at the Port of Pittsford. Join us for an evening of traditional foot stomping Irish tunes along with Cajun and other popular non-Irish tunes. This program is free and open to the public – no registration required.



A Bit of Irish Street Band
Wednesday, June 15
7:00-8:00pm
Port of Pittsford Gazebo

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THIS SUNDAY

Our Spiegel Pittsford Community Center’s summer hours begin this Sunday, June 19. The Community Center will be closed on Sundays, and close earlier on weekdays and Saturdays. Please see the schedule below:

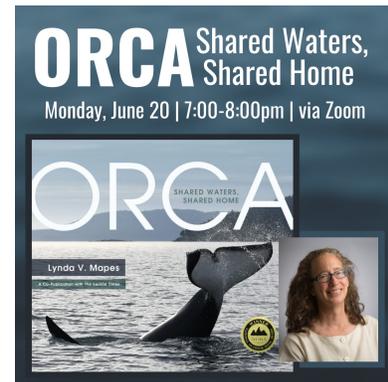
Spiegel Pittsford Community Center Summer hours:

Monday – Thursday	8:00AM - 9:00PM
Friday	8:00AM - 6:00PM
Saturday	9:00AM - 4:00PM
Sunday	Closed

To learn more about our recreation programs, check out our online program listings, view our program brochure, or stop by the Spiegel Community Center at 35 Lincoln Avenue.

LIBRARY ONLINE PROGRAM MONDAY - ORCA: SHARED WATERS, SHARED HOME

The Pittsford Community Library offers an online program with National Outdoor Book Award winner Lynda Maples this Monday, June 20. Maples will discuss her book *Orca: Shared Waters, Shared Home*, exploring the history of the orca and the challenges for survival of the orca pod that frequents Puget Sound. The program will be held from 7:00 - 8:00pm. It is free and open to the public, but registration is required to receive the Zoom link, which will be sent on the day of the program. [Use this link to register online](#) via the Library calendar or find the registration calendar under the Events tab at www.townofpittsford.org/library.



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TOWN OFFICES & COMMUNITY CENTER CLOSED MONDAY FOR JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY

Town offices and the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center will be closed this Monday, June 20 in observance of the State and Federal Juneteenth holiday, which commemorates the end to slavery and celebrates Black and African American freedom and achievements. The Pittsford Community Library will be open regular hours.

Juneteenth commemorates June 19, 1865, when the news of emancipation came to Texas more than two years after President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation went into effect on January 1, 1863. African Americans across the state were made aware of their right to freedom on this day when Major General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston with federal troops to read General Order No. 3 announcing the end of the Civil War and that all those enslaved were now free, as well as to maintain a presence in Texas for the purpose of enforcing emancipation among slave-owners throughout the state.

THIS TUESDAY: R&B WITH SAXOPHONIST JUSTICE

FREEMAN AT THE LIBRARY

Enjoy an evening of rhythm and blues and jazz fusion with saxophonist Justice Freeman and friends this Tuesday, June 21. Held in the Fisher Meeting Room, the performance is 7:00-8:00pm. The program is free and open to the public – no registration required.

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BISTRO ITALIANO

CHEF STACY

TUESDAY, JUNE 28

12:00 NOON



SENIORS BISTRO ITALIANO LUNCH & SUNSHINE CAMP PROGRAM IS 6/28

Reservation deadline is this Tuesday, June 21

Seniors, join us at 12noon in the VanHuysen Community Room at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center on Tuesday, June 28 for a home cooked "Bistro Italiano" lunch by Chef Stacy and a

presentation on the 100th anniversary of the Rochester Rotary Sunshine Camp. Lunch will include stuffed shells, salad, Italian bread and strawberry shortcake for dessert. The cost for lunch is \$6.00 per person; **advance registration and payment is required by Tuesday, June 21**. For more information and to register, stop by the Senior Programs office at the Community Center or call 248-6235.

The Town's Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. To learn more about our programs, activities and services for seniors click the link to visit the [Seniors page on the Town website](#), read our [Seniors program info brochure online](#), or call our Senior Programs Office at 248-6235.

LIBRARY SUMMER HOURS BEGIN 6/25 | OPEN SATURDAYS 10AM-1PM, CLOSED SUNDAYS

Pittsford Community Library's summer hours will begin June 25. From June 25 through September 4 the Library will be open Saturdays from 10:00am - 1:00pm and closed on Sundays. The Library will continue regular weekday hours: Monday – Thursday from 9:00am – 9:00pm and Fridays 9:00am – 6:00pm. Be sure to check out our Summer Reading Challenge and Summer Reading programs for children, tweens and teens - see details below.



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

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

- [Town Summer Concert](#) Series opening night, featuring [JUMBOshrimp](#), Friday, 6/17, 6:30pm, canalside in Carpenter Park at the Port of Pittsford, 22 N. Main Street
- **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, 6/18, 9:00 - 10:00am, Fisher Meeting Room (first floor), Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street.
- [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

- **Town Board**, Tuesday, 6/21, 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

COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

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- [Energy-Efficient Heating and Cooling Information program](#), 7:00pm, Thursday, June 30, Fisher Meeting Room, Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street, registration and information at <http://Bit.ly/heatsmartpittsford>
- [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-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://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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