

News & Reviews

July 23, 2023

Town of Pittsford - a Clean Energy and Climate Smart Community

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

FOOD SCRAPS RECYCLING PROGRAM OPEN TO PITTSFORD HOUSEHOLDS

The Town of Pittsford is partnering with Monroe County to offer a Food Scraps Recycling pilot program to 500 Pittsford households. Recycling food scraps keeps them out of the landfill. This program will turn food scraps into renewable energy!

Participating Pittsford residents will separate and collect their household's food scraps and organic kitchen waste and drop it off at the Town's collection site at the Town Dog Park. The scraps will be picked up as part of the County's pilot program and will be processed in an anaerobic digester – an air-tight chamber that uses bacteria to "digest" (break down) the organic matter, producing natural gas that can be used to generate electricity. The electricity produced will be used by the processor and sold back to the grid.

Pittsford participants will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis – registration will take place via the Town website beginning August 9, 2023 and the program will begin September 18. Participants will be provided with lidded and labeled buckets to contain food waste and will receive educational materials. See more information on our Food Scraps Recycling web page at www.townofpittsford.org/food-scraps-recycling.



ACCEPTABLE

- Meat/Fish/Dairy
- Fruit/Vegetables
- Shells/Bones
- Pasta/Rice
- Eggs/shells/Nutshells
- Bread/Grains
- Leftovers
- Coffee Grounds/Filters - **NO K CUPS**
- Tea Bags
- Soiled Paper Bags
- Kitchen Paper Towels
- Paper Napkins
- Non-coated Paper Plates
- Approved Compostable Containers
- Plants/Flowers
- Jack-O-Lanterns



NOT ACCEPTABLE

- Plastic Bags
- Plastic Film/Wrap
- Plastic-Coated Food Containers (i.e. Milk Cartons, Ice Cream Containers)
- Styrofoam
- Cups (Any Type)
- Glass
- Metal
- Grease/Liquids
- Pet Waste
- Diapers
- K Cups
- Soil/Rocks
- Stumps/Branches
- Lumber/Fencing
- Yard Waste



www.townofpittsford.org/food-scraps-recycling
www.monroecounty.gov/des-environmentalrecycling



Canal Corporation

CANAL TRAIL MAINTENANCE UNDERWAY BY NYS CANAL CORP

The Town was advised last week that the NYS Canal Corporation will be conducting maintenance work along the Erie Canalway Trail between Pittsford and Macedon; it began this past Monday, July 24. The work includes removing low hanging branches

from the overhead tree canopy and removing overgrowth that has increased due to the recent wet weather. We're told it will be routine maintenance that aims to improve accessibility and safety along the trail and is not part of their Earthen Embankment Integrity program. Workers will be in the area operating construction equipment. Some short-term closures (15-30 minutes) of the trail are expected. Trail users should exercise caution near the identified work zones. The work is expected to be completed over the next 4-6 weeks.

FAMILY OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT THIS THURSDAY: THE BAD GUYS

Our next [Family Outdoor Movie Night](#) is this Thursday, July 27 and features *The Bad Guys* [rated PG]. After years of countless heists and being the world's most-wanted villains, a wily wolf and his infamous crew of animal accomplices agree to become model citizens – or at least try to. Will they succeed? Shown on a giant inflatable screen at the Sutherland High School fields, the movie will begin just after sunset. It's free and open to the public. Kona Ice (shaved ice) will be on site with items available for purchase. Please note, pets are not allowed at this location. It's a great time with family and friends – bring your lawn chairs or a blanket and join us!



Then be sure to mark your calendar for our other Family Outdoor Movie Nights. On August 10, join us for *Lightyear* [PG] and on August 24 we'll feature *Clifford the Big Red Dog* [PG]. Pittsford Sutherland High School is located at 55 Sutherland Street.



CANALSIDE CONCERT WITH FRANK TORCHIO AND THE SCARBROUGH ORCHESTRA THIS FRIDAY

Join us this Friday, July 28 for a canalside concert featuring songs of the Sinatra era! [Frank Torchio and the Scarbrough Orchestra](#) reprise songs and performances from the great nightclub acts of the 1950s and 1960s. The concert begins at 6:30pm in Carpenter Park at the Port of Pittsford – be sure to

bring a lawn chair or a blanket. Harladay Hots will be on site with food and drinks 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 25 (no concert June 30). We have an outstanding variety of great music this season – from jazz, Sinatra-era, rag time, blues and big band to acoustic, Americana, bluegrass and folk – plus a tribute to Steely Dan! It's the perfect way to start your weekend. Find our Summer Concert Series schedule at www.townofpittsford.org/summerconcerts. Carpenter Park is located at 22 North Main Street.

GUIDED HIKE THIS SATURDAY, 7/29 FEATURES ISAAC GORDON NATURE PARK

Pittsford Recreation's next guided trail hike is this Saturday, July 29 – get outdoors and meet other hikers as you explore the Isaac Gordon Nature Park Trails! This short hike is a mile long and covers a mix

of flat and natural surface, with some elevation gains. We'll highlight the park's history, the observation deck and the marsh animals you might expect to see.

The hike begins at 8:30am. Participants will be contacted in advance and advised of the meeting place; a trail map and area information will be provided at the outset of the hike. Bring your *Wegmans Hit the Trail Passport* and get credit for hiking the trail! The program is free but advance registration is required to receive the trail head meeting details and other information. 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.



**PITTSFORD RESIDENTS,
SAVE THE DATE!
HOME ENERGY EFFICIENCY
WORKSHOP**

**MONDAY,
JULY 31, 2023
7PM - 8 PM**

LEARN HOW TO:

- Take advantage of state and federal programs to improve your home's energy cost
- Maximize upcoming Inflation Reduction Act incentives for your home
- Reduce costs for residential solar and geothermal

LOCATION:
Pittsford Community Library,
Fisher Meeting Room
24 State St, Pittsford, NY 14534



SPONSORS:



**HEATSMART HOME ENERGY EFFICIENCY WORKSHOP
THIS MONDAY AT THE LIBRARY**

Learn about energy-efficient heating and cooling

Join us at the Pittsford Community Library on this Monday, July 31 at 7:00pm to learn about energy saving programs that your household may be eligible for. An energy advisor will walk through ways to save money on energy upgrades and increase home comfort! This event is free and open to both homeowners and renters. Refreshments will be provided. Register for the event here: <https://heatsmartflx.org/pittsford>.

Participants will learn how to:
Take advantage of state and federal programs to

improve your home's energy cost
Maximize upcoming Inflation Reduction Act incentives for your home
Reduce costs for residential solar and geothermal

The Town is working with HeatSmart Finger Lakes to promote clean heating and cooling options through a [Heat Smart Pittsford](#) community outreach and education campaign that also promotes free energy audits. The campaign is spreading the word about clean heating and cooling technologies to help make Pittsford homes more energy-efficient and less dependent on fossil fuels.

**SENIORS MOVIE MATINEE AUGUST 3: LETTERS
TO JULIET**

Reservations required by Tuesday, August 1

Seniors, join us on Thursday, August 3 for a free morning movie matinee featuring *Letters to Juliet* – a charmingly romantic love story. Enjoy a complimentary selection of coffee, breakfast pastries and popcorn while you watch the film, then stay afterward for a lunch of pizza, salad and dessert if you'd like! The movie begins at 10:30am in the VanHuysen

Community Room at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center. The movie and snacks are free; the cost for the optional lunch is \$6.00 per person. Registration for the movie and for the lunch is required.

The movie follows the story of a young woman named Sophie (Amanda Seyfried) who travels to Verona, Italy, with her busy fiancé. She visits a wall where the heartbroken leave notes to Shakespeare's tragic heroine, Juliet Capulet. Finding one such letter from 1957, she decides to write to its now elderly author, Claire (Vanessa Redgrave). Inspired by Sophie's actions, Claire sets out to find her long-lost lover, accompanied by her disapproving grandson (Christopher Egan) and Sophie. Will love prevail? Join us to find out!



Register by calling the Senior Center at 248-6235; reservations are due by this Tuesday, August 1. The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. To learn more about our programs, activities and services for seniors visit the [Seniors page on the Town website](#), read the [Seniors program info brochure](#) online, or call our Senior Programs Office at 248-6235.



NEXT CONCERT FOR KIDS IS AUGUST 19 WITH MR. LOOPS

Outdoors behind the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center

Our next Concert for Kids is Wednesday, August 2 and features the [Mr. Loops](#)! It's always fun when he joins us – get ready to be silly and have a great time. The Concerts for Kids take place outdoors

behind the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center.

Join us at 6:30pm for this free evening of family entertainment. You'll love the music – and may even want to sing along! We'll also have the **Kona Ice food truck** on site with items available for purchase from 5:00 - 8:00pm. The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. Visit our [Concerts for Kids web page](#) for complete information.

COUNTY CLIMATE ACTION PLAN PUBLIC WORKSHOPS TODAY AT NOON VIA ZOOM AND 6:00PM TONIGHT IN PERSON

Review the County's greenhouse gas emissions plan and offer your comments

There are two opportunities TODAY - July 26 - to directly influence Monroe County's continuing effort to develop a community-wide Climate Action Plan (Phase II). Participate in a **virtual public workshop at noon today** or attend the **in-person public workshop to be held at 6:00pm tonight at the MCC Flynn Campus Center, 1000 E. Henrietta Road.**

MONROE COUNTY
Climate Action Plan

Public Workshop #2
Wednesday, July 26th
12:00 PM & 6:00 PM*

Attend remotely via Zoom at 12PM or in person at 6PM! Visit www.monroecountyclimateaction.com/workshop-registration for information on how to register.

*Both sessions will present similar information, so pick the one that works best for you (or attend both!)

Please join us!
Your voice is important to shaping the Climate Action Plan! (Scan with your camera app)



Join us at 12 PM (online) and/or 6:00 PM (in person) for the opportunity to review the county-wide greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions inventory and plan for action! We will work together to identify GHG reduction goals and start identifying strategies, actions, and priorities to help curb GHG emissions across the county. We can't wait to see you!



www.monroecountyclimateaction.com

Join Monroe County staff experts, Climate Action Plan Advisory Committee members, including past Town Councilman Matthew O'Connor as Co-Chair of the Committee, and

consultant Bergmann Architects, Engineers and Planners to review the County-wide Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions inventory and action plan and provide feedback. Comments will be used to help identify GHG reduction goals and start identifying strategies, actions and priorities to help curb GHG emissions across the Monroe County.

Register to attend the either workshop using this link:

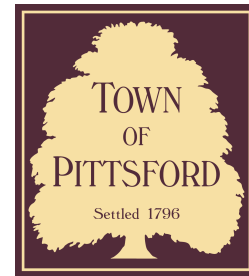
www.monroecountyclimateaction.com/workshop-registration and find more information on the County's Climate Action project website at www.monroecountyclimateaction.com.

Your input will help ensure that Phase II of the County's Climate Action Plan reflects the future vision and climate priorities of our community.

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 Family Outdoor Movie Night](#), featuring *The Bad Guys*, [PG], Thursday, 7/27, movie begins just after sunset, Sutherland High School field, 55 Sutherland Street - please note, no pets allowed at this location; free and open to the public, snacks and beverages will be available on site for purchase until the movie starts
- [Town Canalside Summer Concert](#), featuring songs of the Sinatra era with [Frank Torchio and the Scarbrough Orchestra](#), Friday, 7/28, 6:30pm, canalside in Carpenter Park at the Port of Pittsford, 22 N. Main Street; food vendor will be on site with items for sale
- [Concerts for Kids](#) - energetic children's music with [Mr. Loops](#), Wednesday, 8/2, 6:30pm, outdoors at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue

- [Red Cross Blood Drive at Pittsford Community Library](#), Friday, 8/4, 10:00am – 3:00pm, Pittsford Community Library Fisher Meeting Room, 24 State Street; [schedule an appointment in advance using this online registration link](#) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767); the Red Cross will be following all COVID-19 guidelines during the blood drive, for more information visit www.redcrossblood.org.
- [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, 7/27, 6:00pm, Public Meeting Room, Town Hall (lower level), 11 South Main Street; 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

- [Village Board of Trustees Special Meeting](#), Wednesday, 7/28, 12:00pm, Village Hall, 21 North Main Street, more information and participation details will be listed on the Village website [here](#) as the meeting date approaches
- [Energy-Efficient Home Heating and Cooling Information Workshop](#), Monday, 7/31, 7:00pm, Fisher Meeting Room, Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street; registration and information at <https://heatsmartflx.org/pittsford>
- **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, 8/5, 9:00 - 10:00am, Fisher Meeting Room (first floor), Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street.
- [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; 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, new members always welcome! Meetings are usually held the third Thursday of the month, September through June, at 6:00pm at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue; Visit the website at <https://www.womensclubofpittsford.org> for more information
- [Pittsford Art Group](#) conducts monthly member meetings (in person and online) 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.

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