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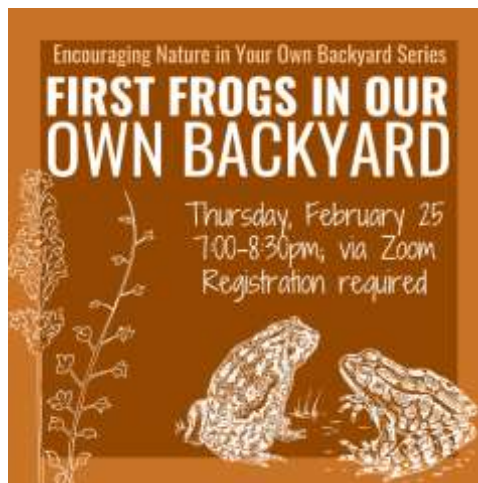
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Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings*

LIBRARY PROGRAM: FIRST FROGS IN OUR OWN BACKYARD – THIS THURSDAY, 2/25

Part of the "Encouraging Nature in Your Own Backyard" series hosted by Penfield Public Library and the Pittsford Community Library

Where frogs can survive, life can survive. Sustainable gardening principles that eliminate all toxins are applicable everywhere. This Thursday, February 25 from 7:00 – 8:30pm the Pittsford Community Library and the Penfield Public Library together host via Zoom "First Frogs in Our Own Backyards."

This online program is presented by Margot Fass, founder of [A Frog House](#) – located right here in Pittsford! Margot will share her story of how she created a natural haven for frogs and other creatures in the Frog House garden. You'll learn tips and tricks to transform your property into a beautiful haven for wildlife and enjoyment using chemical-free, environmentally-friendly methods. The program is free but registration is required to receive the Zoom link for the program. [Register online here](#) or visit www.townofpittsford.org/home-library and use the Library Program Registration link.



The "Encouraging Nature in Your Own Backyard" program series has continued weekly throughout February. A collaborative of the Penfield and Pittsford libraries, it encourages creating an inviting and healthy backyard habitat for people and other creatures.



BLOOD DRIVE AT THE LIBRARY TOMORROW, 2/25 - OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

The Town of Pittsford will host a Red Cross blood drive tomorrow (Thursday, February 25) from 1:00 - 6:00pm at the Pittsford Community Library in the Fisher Meeting Room. The Library is located at 24 State Street in the Village of Pittsford.

Donors can schedule an appointment by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or using this [online registration link](#). **Please schedule an**

appointment prior to your arrival to help ensure we can safely manage the flow of donors.

The Red Cross will be following all COVID-19 guidelines during the blood drive; additional precautions in place include physical distancing protocols, face coverings, health screenings and enhanced cleaning procedures. Enhanced safety practices include:

- **Pre-Donation Donor Temperature Screening** - all donors must have their temperature taken onsite before entering the blood drive; those with a temperature greater than 99.5°F will be asked to donate at another time and will not enter.
- **Masks** - all donors, staff and volunteers are required to wear masks; those without a mask will be provided with one.
- **Enhanced Disinfecting** - hand sanitizer will be available in multiple areas and donor beds will be sanitized between every donor.
- **All staff will be screened for temperature and symptoms** before working; staff will wear gloves throughout entire blood drive, changing gloves between every donor.

Donors can save time using the RapidPass registration process. Just visit www.redcrossblood.org/RapidPass on the day of your scheduled donation, read the information, answer the questions, then print or email yourself the pass.

Donating blood is a simple thing to do, but it can make a big difference in the lives of others. **Current natural disasters and the complexities of COVID-19 mean your help is needed now more than ever.** The Red Cross has the ability to move blood around the country to wherever, and whenever, it is needed most. **All blood, platelet and plasma donations will be tested for COVID-19 antibodies as well.** The test may indicate if the donor's immune system has produced antibodies to this coronavirus, regardless of whether they developed symptoms.

As we continue to navigate this pandemic, blood donations remain essential to the health of our communities. The Red Cross needs the ongoing support of blood donors and blood drive hosts to ensure blood products are available for patients battling disease and facing the unexpected. If you are eligible and feeling well, please make an appointment today to give by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 800-RED-CROSS.

ONLINE BALANCE CLASS FOR SENIORS, 1st THREE MONDAYS EACH MONTH

Seniors – here's one way to stay active until we can welcome you back: our free online Balance class! It's a great way to help improve strength, mobility and balance, which can help you stay active and prevent falls. Class is held on Zoom from 1:15 – 2:00pm on the first three Mondays of each month. **The next class is this Monday, March 1.** Participants must register to receive the Zoom link. To register, and for more information, call our Senior Programs office at (585) 248-6235.

TOWN ZONING CODE UPDATE ONLINE WORKSHOP IS MARCH 13

The Town of Pittsford invites all residents and stakeholders to kick off the Town's Zoning Code Update by participating in an online Community Workshop on **Saturday, March 13 at 10:00am.** The workshop will be held remotely through Zoom, an online meeting format that can be accessed with or without an account. Those who wish to participate can join the Workshop by accessing the Zoom link provided through this webpage: www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate. The project website also offers background information on the Zoning Code Update, the project timeline, and public input tools. The contents of the project webpage will be updated as the Zoning Code Update progresses.

Municipal zoning codes influence the communities they serve in a variety of ways. Primarily, they dictate the types of land uses allowable and in which locations. They also inform the design of buildings and landscapes and outline property maintenance expectations. Municipal zoning codes are shaped over time based on the land use recommendations in local community planning initiatives and feedback from the community. The Town of Pittsford's Zoning Code (Town Code Chapter 185) was adopted in 1992 and amended multiple times thereafter (most recently in June 2020). Over time, shifts in markets and technologies, and continuing planning initiatives, including the Town's recent local plans and studies such as the 2019 Comprehensive Plan and 2020 Joint Town and Village Active Transportation Plan, drive the need to update the Zoning Code.

The Town of Pittsford has hired a team of community planning and zoning professionals led by Barton & Loguidice to lead the Zoning Code Update. Through this update, the Town intends to bring the Zoning Code into alignment with the goals of the 2019 Comprehensive Plan and other recent planning initiatives. This effort is also intended to improve the Zoning Code's clarity and user-friendliness.

The Town of Pittsford's current Zoning Code is available for review through eCode360 at this link: <https://ecode360.com/6435505>

The Town of Pittsford's current Zoning Map is available for review on the Town's website: <http://www.townofpittsford.org/home-zoning-districts>

The Online Community Workshop on March 13, will provide an overview of the proposed Zoning Code update process, an introduction to the basics of zoning, and initial observations of the Town's Code. The Workshop will be recorded and posted online for those who are unable to attend at the scheduled date and time. Additional public input events – including an opportunity to provide direct feedback on the proposed Zoning Code and Map updates – will be offered later on in the project timeline.

All Town of Pittsford stakeholders (i.e. residents, business and property owners, community leaders, and taxpayers) are encouraged to attend the Workshop. Substantial input and feedback from community members is essential to ensure the updated Zoning Code reflects the community's development preferences and future vision.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES – ONLINE

Pittsford continues to honor Black History Month with programs and resources through our Pittsford Community Library. In addition to displays, resources and contemporary Black novelist recommendations, the Library offers online programs and resources that highlight discourse on race and Black lives, including:

Meet Asa Dunbar, African-American Pioneer on Irondequoit Bay

Asa Dunbar was the first African American resident of Rochester, and he made his home near the Irondequoit Bay. Learn about his life and his important role in the community in this [online recorded lecture](#) from Mary Jo Lanphear, the town historian of Brighton. This is a recording of a presentation hosted by the Irondequoit Public Library.



Amistad Research Center

Explore the [Amistad Research Center through Google Arts & Culture](#), which provides digital access to museum exhibits and collections. The [Amistad Research Center archive](#), housed at Tulane University, is committed to collecting, preserving, and providing open access to original materials that reference the social and cultural importance of America's ethnic and racial history, the African Diaspora, and civil rights.

Find several **Black History Month displays** throughout the Library, each featuring different content (popular and new fiction and nonfiction, local history, movies and music, art, and children's materials). A display in the children's area features famous Black figures in American history. And be sure to check the **Library eNewsletter and social media** channels for **resources and events** relevant to Black History Month – throughout the month of February and beyond!

The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street. Visit the Library's web page at www.townofpittsford.org/home-library for current Library hours. Please note face coverings and appropriate physical distancing are required at all times when visiting the Library.



RAINBOW CLASSIC 3-GAME SERIES CONTINUES

WEDNESDAY, 3/3 AT 7:30 PM

Games benefit Golisano Children's Hospital & Honor the Memory of Pittsford Students

The Rainbow Classic is back and continues next Wednesday, March 3 at 7:30pm with the second of three games as the

Mendon and Sutherland Girls Varsity Basketball teams hit the court to support Golisano Children's Hospital. Visit <https://vcloud.blueframetech.com/broadcast/ppv/234578> to donate \$10 and view a livestream of the game.

Game three is Saturday, March 6 at 5:00pm and features the final Boys Varsity Basketball game of the Rainbow Classic at <https://vcloud.blueframetech.com/broadcast/ppv/234579>.

Cheer your teams on, support a great cause and help Golisano Children's Hospital find gold at the end of the Rainbow!

The Rainbow Classic started as an idea of a parent, a student-athlete and a coach in memory of Park Road Elementary School student Katelyn Pasley. It later expanded to include the memory of 2002 Sutherland High School graduate Ryan McCluski. Both were patients at the Golisano Children's Hospital, and the name for the Rainbow Classic was inspired by Katelyn Pasley who drew rainbows while in the hospital. The event now honors the memory of many Pittsford students and has become so popular that it sells out year after year as students, staff and families come together to support the Golisano Children's Hospital and pay tribute to the memory of loved ones. To learn more, please visit the [Rainbow Classic web page](#).

EQUITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE OPENINGS – APPLICATION DEADLINE 3/5

Residents interested in appointment by the Town Board to the Town's newly-created Equity Advisory Committee should submit their resume and a cover letter to the Supervisor's office at 11 South Main Street or by email to sreddick@townofpittsford.org. In the cover letter, please describe what expertise in this area you bring or what experience you have had with advising in this area.

Four positions are open. All applicants will be interviewed by members of the Town Board, who will vote on appointments once interviews are concluded. To ensure full opportunity, for everyone interested, **letters of interest and resumes will be accepted through Friday, March 5.**

PITTSFORD SCHOOLS CELEBRATES NATIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Pittsford Schools joins school districts and education groups across the country for National "Public Schools Week," February 22-26, 2021, a week that celebrates the nation's public schools, students, families, and the many educators, administrators and school professionals who work to help students achieve their greatest potential.

Schools look different this year, but the commitment to students is still the same: to keep students safe, learning, and growing.

Strong public schools build knowledge and skills young people need to succeed in a global, knowledge-based world. America's public schools educate, prepare and provide opportunities for nine out of 10 students in the country, more than 50 million students, regardless of ability, race, wealth, language, religion or country of origin.

Pittsford Central School District thanks its families, staff and community members for their continuous support of our students. And we thank Pittsford Schools for educating and supporting our students!

REMINDERS

CHAMBER MAYORAL & VILLAGE TRUSTEES FORUM TOMORROW, 2/25

The Pittsford Chamber of Commerce will host an online Mayoral and Village Trustee Candidates Forum tomorrow (Thursday, February 25) from 7:00-8:00pm. This Virtual Forum is open to Pittsford Residents and Chamber Members only. Pre-registration is required and attendees will be qualified based on their residency. This forum is an opportunity to hear the candidates' positions on issues, and for the candidates to answer questions submitted by residents in advance. Click the following [link for more information and to register](#) or visit www.pittsfordchamber.org.



STATE STREET BRIDGE IS CLOSED

Bridge expected to remain closed for 6 months

The NYS Department of Transportation has closed the State Street (Route 31) Bridge over the canal in Pittsford Village to conduct needed work on the bridge. Per NYS DOT, the bridge will remain closed for up to six months as the contractor works to rehabilitate the steel floor system, replace the concrete bridge deck, paint the lower section, and improve approaches to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.

During construction, **NYS DOT signed detours will be posted using** I-490, NY-31F (East Ave/Fairport Road), and NY-96 (North Main Street/East Avenue). Recreational boating and the Erie Canal Heritage Trail below the bridge will remain open throughout the project.

The detour will be posted as follows:

- **Eastbound:** Route 31 (Monroe Avenue) to Route 96 (North Main Street/East Avenue) to Route 31F (East Ave/Fairport Road) to 490 East, exit Route 31 (Palmyra Road/State Street).
- **Westbound:** Route 31 (Palmyra Road), enter 490 West, exit Route 31F (Fairport Road/East Ave) to Route 96 (East Ave/Main Street) to Route 31 (Monroe Ave/State Street).
- **Pedestrian detour:** will utilize the Canal Trail adjacent to Schoen Place, between Route 96 (North Main Street) and Route 31 (State Street).

A temporary traffic signal has been installed at the intersection of Schoen Place and Route 96 (North Main Street). **Schoen Place is designed to accommodate local traffic only due restricted weight limit and narrow width; trucks and through traffic should follow the detours posted by NYSDOT.**

Motorists will be kept informed with variable message signs and temporary work zone traffic control signs on site. Real-time traffic and construction updates can also be found by visiting www.511ny.org. **Those with questions or concerns regarding the project should contact** Kevin Cannan, Engineer in Charge, at Kevin.Cannan@dot.ny.gov, or by phone at (585) 364-0729.

Per the DOT, the bridge work is required to avoid frequent closures for temporary repairs, imposing a posted weight restriction, or permanent closure to vehicular traffic.

SEASONAL PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT THROUGH APRIL 1, 2021

In order to facilitate snow removal, Town of Pittsford seasonal parking restrictions are currently in effect through April 1, 2021. 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!

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

UPCOMING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN PITTSFORD

- [Red Cross Blood Drive at Pittsford Community Library](#), Thursday, 2/25, 1:00 – 6:00pm, 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.
- [Pittsford Chamber of Commerce Mayoral & Village Trustees Forum](#), Thursday, February 25, 7:00 – 8:00pm, open to Pittsford residents and Pittsford Chamber members only; meeting will be held online, click the following [link for more information and to register](#) or visit www.pittsfordchamber.org.
- [Pittsford Rotary Food Drive](#), Saturday, 3/6, 9:00am - 12noon, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue; canned and other packaged goods needed for [Ronald McDonald House Charities of Rochester](#) (microwavable cups of soup, granola bars, Ramen noodles, applesauce, tuna, single-serving snacks, and mac & cheese) and Pittsford Food Cupboard

(see [list of Pittsford Food Cupboard needs here](#)); [Pittsford Youth Services](#) staff will be on hand to provide information and sell PYS Duck Drop masks to benefit PYS program.

- [Town of Pittsford Zoning Code Update Workshop](#), Saturday, March 13, 10:00am via Zoom; Town of Pittsford residents, business and property owners, community leaders, and taxpayers are encouraged to participate; access meeting link and additional information at www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate.

TOWN OF PITTSFORD BOARD MEETINGS

- **Design Review and Historic Preservation Board**, Thursday, 2/25, 6:00pm, ONLINE ACCESS via Zoom video conferencing; information for accessing and viewing the meeting can be found on page 2 of the meeting agenda; the meeting agenda is posted at least two days prior to the meeting on the Town website here: www.townofpittsford.org/home-minutes
- **Environmental Board**, Monday, 3/1, 7:00pm, ONLINE ACCESS via Zoom video conferencing; information for accessing and viewing the meeting can be found on page 2 of the meeting agenda; the meeting agenda is posted at least two days prior to the meeting on the Town website here: www.townofpittsford.org/home-minutes
- **Town Board**, Tuesday, 3/2, 6:00pm, ASL interpretation provided, ONLINE ACCESS via Zoom video conferencing; information for accessing and viewing the meeting can be found on page 2 of the meeting agenda; the meeting agenda is posted at least two days prior to the meeting on the Town website here: www.townofpittsford.org/home-minutes

COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

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- [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](#) is conducting monthly meetings for members via Zoom and typically displays artwork at the Pittsford Town Hall, Village Hall, The Friendly Home, Star Physical Therapy and the First Presbyterian Church of Pittsford. For further information or to become a member, please visit www.pittsfordartgroup.com or contact PAG president [Margie Mitchell](#)

Town Facility Access

Spiegel Pittsford Community Center - building is open 8:00am - 5:00pm Monday through Friday and open during program hours evenings and weekends. Senior "Grab N Go" meals will continue every Wednesday and Friday; pickup is at the bus loop behind the Community Center. Registration for low-risk activities and virtual programs begins in advance of each session. 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. 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/pclupdates. 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; for information on book sale donations visit www.pittsfordlibraryfriends.com. Regular due dates for all materials have resumed; check your receipt or your Library account for exact due dates. Low contact 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 and at the back 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 248-6210 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: Pittsford Town Court sessions are being scheduled on a limited basis. 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: Farm View Park and Hopkins Park are closed as of November 2020 and will remain closed through the spring of 2021. All other Town parks remain 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. 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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