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PROTECTING OUR CANAL

A message from Supervisor Bill Smith

When the State came in to cut down all the trees on the Erie Canal, Pittsford brought in Brighton and Perinton to join us taking the Canal Corporation and State Power Authority to court. Pittsford's Town Attorney, Robert Koegel, argued the case for the three towns and we won. As the Canal Corporation and Power Authority now begin the environmental review that our court order compels them to undertake, we're preparing for the next step. Specifically, to bring the State to the table to work out a tree management program acceptable to our residents. Recently, the Town Attorney and I met with Elizabeth Agate and Ginny Maier of Stop the Canal Clear Cut, who have stood by us throughout this fight, to plan our next steps. I'll keep you updated as our efforts unfold.



Elizabeth Agate and Ginny Maier of Stop the Canal Clear Cut meet with Supervisor Smith to discuss next steps for developing a canal tree management proposal.

DID YOU KNOW? . . .

Did you know, as part of its ongoing commitment to environmentally sustainable practices in Pittsford, the Town has reduced its use of non-organic pesticides so much that our use of herbicide on all 21 acres of athletic fields is no more than the amount used by two homes on average lots (1/2 acre) that use a lawn service? To put this in context, there are about 9,500 homes in Pittsford.

How YOU can help:

If you have a lawn service, carefully assess and discuss your needs with your lawn service provider. For example, most lawn service plans treat for grubs in spring and fall. But grubs don't feed in the spring. So spring treatment is unnecessary and wastes your money.

We encourage residents to follow the Town's practice of responsible and limited pesticide use, and only when necessary.

TOWN'S LATEST SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVE: COMMUNITY CENTER COMPOSTING PROGRAM

The Town's latest sustainability initiative is a composting program at the the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center. Through a partnership with Impact Earth, the Town now collects food scraps from its senior lunch programs instead of throwing them away. The scraps are then picked up and composted by Impact Earth, which uses worm composting and other natural methods to turn the material into nutrient rich soil for use in agriculture. Some of the compost will be returned to Pittsford, for use in the Town's Community Garden at Thornell Farm Park.

According to Robert M. Putney, Jr. of Impact Earth, Pittsford is the first town in Monroe County to launch such a composting plan. The program has multiple benefits: it not only allows the Town to reduce waste, it also improves our environment and encourages sustainable practices.

The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center serves lunch four days a week to approximately 30 seniors each day in its VanHuysen Community Room. The Town is currently considering expanding the composting program to encompass other programs at the Community Center and at other Town facilities.

REFUSE DISTRICT INFO ON TOWN WEBSITE

In response to interest expressed by residents, the Town is helping residents who want to create refuse districts for their neighborhoods. Creating a refuse district means potentially lower cost to residents for trash collection and would reduce garbage truck traffic on residential streets to one visit, once a week. Setting up a Refuse District and setting the boundaries of the district are entirely up to the residents of a district. This program is strictly optional. The residents decide the boundaries of the district, then inform the Town of their decision. The Town will guide interested residents through the process. Find complete information about setting up a Refuse District at www.townofpittsford.org/refuse-districts.

SCHOOL-COMMUNITY SAFETY NIGHT IS MARCH 27

The Pittsford Central School District will host a School-Community Safety Night on Wednesday, March 27 from 6:30 - 8:30pm in the Calkins Road Middle School Auditorium. Families and the community are invited to learn about the Pittsford School District's approaches to crisis prevention and preparation. Learn about law enforcement, school, and community partnerships. Hear about the "See Something, Say Something" efforts in place. The evening will also feature a panel discussion and Q&A opportunities. Panel members include Lt. Joshua DeRuyter of the Monroe County Sheriff's Office, Pittsford Schools Superintendent Michael Pero, Town of Pittsford Fire Marshal Kelly Cline, PCSD Director of Operations, Maintenance & Security Jeff Beardsley, and Patricia Vaughan-Brogan, PCSD Director of Student Services. Please call 267-1023 with questions or to request interpreter services. Calkins Road Middle School is located at 1899 Calkins Road.

SENIORS WORD GAMES WITH PRIZES THIS TUESDAY, MARCH 19

Seniors, come out for lunch and fun this Tuesday (March 19) at 12noon in the VanHuysen Community Room at the Spiegel Community Center. We'll have Word Games - with prizes! - and a lunch of featuring a triple-salad plate (chicken salad, egg salad, and tuna macaroni salad), roll and pie for dessert. Cost is \$6.00 per person; **registration and payment is required in advance**. For more information and to make your reservation, stop by the Pittsford Seniors Office in the Community Center or call 248-6235.

The Town of Pittsford's Spiegel 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](#).

INFO MEETING FOR WOMEN'S SOCCER LEAGUE IS FRIDAY, MARCH 22

All teams interested in learning more about participation in the Town of Pittsford's 2019 Pittsford Recreation Women's Adult Soccer League may attend a meeting at 6PM on Friday, March 22 at the Spiegel Community Center. The meeting will cover league details including registration, rosters, rules, scheduling, deadlines, etc. The Adult Women's Soccer League will run from June to August on Monday nights; the cost is \$600 per team. Participants must be age 18 or older. If you plan on attending the meeting or want more information, please contact Kate Disbrow at (585) 248-6281 or kdisbrow@townofpittsford.org.

PITTSFORD SCHOOLS INVITE ALUMNI TO CELEBRATE PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK ON MARCH 25

The Pittsford Central School District invites graduates of Pittsford schools to celebrate Public Schools Week with a special event to be held on Monday, March 25. Classroom visits, high school tours, lunch and more will make this a fun way to remember school days of the past! For more information and to register for this event, please contact Deborah Carpenter at (585) 267-1005 or deborah_carpenter@pittsford.monroe.edu. Registration is required as space is limited.

REMINDERS

CHAMBER STATE OF THE TOWN, VILLAGE & SCHOOL DISTRICT ADDRESS THIS TUESDAY, 3/19

The Pittsford Chamber of Commerce will host a State of the Town, Village and School District address by Town Supervisor Bill Smith, Village Mayor Bob Corby and Pittsford Schools Superintendent Mike Pero this coming Tuesday, March 19 at 7:45AM at Cloverwood Senior Living (One Sinclair Drive in Pittsford). Supervisor Smith, Mayor Corby and Superintendent Pero will inform attendees of progress made in 2018, and provide insight about initiatives for 2019.

Doors open at 7:30am; the event begins with a continental breakfast at 7:45AM followed by presentations beginning promptly at 8:00AM and Q&A at 8:50AM. Cost is free for Chamber members, \$20 for all others, and includes breakfast. Registration is required and space is limited. [Register online here](#). For more information contact Karen McCready at info@pittsfordchamber.org or (585) 310-2004, or visit www.pittsfordchamber.org.

SEASONAL PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT THROUGH APRIL 1, 2019

In order to facilitate snow removal Town of Pittsford seasonal parking restrictions are in effect from November 15 through April 1, 2019. 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. Please note violators may be ticketed or towed. Help us keep our roadways safe - during this time, please don't park on or along public roads outside of the Village.

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

- [Pittsford Chamber of Commerce State of the Town, Village and School District](#), featuring Pittsford Town Supervisor Bill Smith, Pittsford Village Mayor Bob Corby and Pittsford Schools Superintendent Mike Pero, Tuesday, 3/19, 7:30 doors open, 7:45am breakfast, 8:00am presentation, Cloverwood Senior Living, One Sinclair Drive; free to Chamber members, \$20 each for all others, [register online here](#) (advance registration required), more info at www.pittsfordchamber.org or (585) 310-2004.
- [Pittsford School District Public Schools Week Celebration Day](#), Monday, 3/25; various activities including classroom visits, high school tours, lunch and more. Registration required; for information and registration, contact Deborah Carpenter at (585) 267-1005 or deborah_carpenter@pittsford.monroe.edu.

TOWN OF PITTSFORD BOARD MEETINGS

- **Pittsford Community Library Board**, Wednesday, 3/13, 7:00PM, Fletcher Steele Meeting Room, Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street
- **Parks and Recreation Board**, Thursday, 3/14, 6:30PM, Paul M. Pittsford Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue
- **Design Review & Historic Preservation Board**, Thursday, 3/14, 6:45PM, Public Meeting Room, Town Hall (lower level), 11 South Main Street

- **Zoning Board of Appeals**, Monday, 3/18, 7:00PM, Public Meeting Room, Town Hall (lower level), 11 South Main Street
- **Town Board**, Tuesday, 3/19, 6:00PM, Public Meeting Room, Town Hall (lower level), 11 South Main Street; ASL interpretation provided

COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

- [Board of Education Budget Work Session](#) (6:00pm) and meeting (7:00pm), Monday, 3/18, Barker Road Middle School Board Room, 75 Barker Road
- [Pittsford School District School-Community Safety Night](#), Wednesday, 3/27, 6:30-8:30pm, Calkins Road Middle School Auditorium, 1899 Calkins Road. More info at on the [PCSD website](#).
- [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 St.
- [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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