

News & Reviews

August 28, 2019

Town of Pittsford - a Clean Energy Community
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Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings

COMP PLAN PUBLIC HEARING IS THIS TUESDAY

Draft Comprehensive Plan available online, hard copies for viewing at Town Hall & Library

After an extensive and exhaustive process, Pittsford's Comprehensive Plan Update is ready for final review by our residents. The **first of two public hearings is this Tuesday, September 3; the second hearing is September 17.** Both meetings will be held at 6:00pm in the public meeting room at Town Hall, 11 South Main Street, during regularly scheduled Town Board meetings.

The proposed final draft of the Plan is posted online and available for review at www.pittsfordplan.com. The Town set up this website in 2015 to provide residents with continually updated information and to provide a convenient way for residents to share their advice and ideas about the Plan. Hard copies of the draft plan are available for viewing at Town Hall and at the Pittsford Community Library (24 State Street).

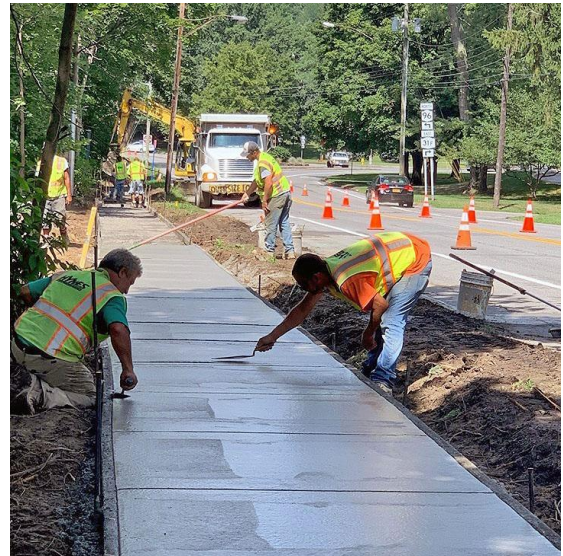
The proposed Comprehensive Plan reflects work over several years by our citizens' Steering Committee and our consultant. It incorporates ideas suggested, reviewed and approved by our residents through the public engagement sessions and otherwise. A general rule of thumb calls for municipalities to revise their comprehensive plan about once every 10 years. Pittsford completed its last update in 2009.

We look forward to hearing your further comments and finalizing this plan of such importance to Pittsford's future.

TOWN FACILITIES & SERVICES CLOSED 9/2 FOR LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

All Town of Pittsford offices, facilities, and services - including Town Hall, the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center at 35 Lincoln Avenue, the Pittsford Community Library, and Town Court - will be closed on Monday, September 2 in observance of the 2019 Labor Day holiday. The Library will also be closed on Saturday and Sunday, August 31 and September 1. Town brush collection will be delayed one day during the week of September 2 due to the holiday closure.

In case of an emergency requiring Town of Pittsford services during the holiday, please call (585) 248-6212. On behalf of Supervisor Smith, the Pittsford Town Board members and all of our staff and volunteer board members, we wish you a happy and safe holiday!



Work on the Town's East Avenue Sidewalk Project continues.

EAST AVE SIDEWALK PROJECT UPDATE

Progress on the Town's East Avenue sidewalk project continues. Concrete has been poured for the section from Kilbourn Road, opposite Alpine Drive, to Ellingwood Drive. Town crews have been working collaboratively with the contractor and are continuing to prepare the stretch from Ellingwood to the Brighton line for concrete. To do so, some trees must come down. Per Town policy, a new tree will be planted for each one removed. New trees will be planted at the site if possible or elsewhere in Town. The replanting policy reflects the Town's long-held commitment to sustainable practices and preserving Pittsford's natural beauty.

TAX INFORMATION | REMINDER

Town of Pittsford residents will receive their 2019-2020 school tax bills in the mail by or after September 1, 2019. If your bill does not arrive by Friday, September 6, please call the tax office at 585-248-6215. Legally, we cannot accept payment until September 1. First installments are due by 9/15. However, since 9/15 is a Sunday, **first installments will be accepted on Monday, 9/16 with a U.S. postmark or in person without penalty.** Payment will be accepted in full through Tuesday, 10/1. The Town Clerk will extend office hours, for full tax payments only, from 8:00am to 6:00pm on Tuesday, 10/1. For residents paying their bills at Town Hall, there will be additional 10 minute parking available in the parking lot behind the building on October 1. Taxes also may be paid at Canandaigua National Bank, 18 State Street, or online via a link from the Town's website to the Monroe County website. Visa and Mastercard will be accepted for online payments; there will be a 3% fee to use this online payment service. To pay online, click [HERE](#).

Payment for First installments AFTER SEPTEMBER 16 will be accepted at Town Hall only from September 17 - September 20, with 1% interest.

Please Note: **We strongly discourage paying your tax bill via Electronic Checking/Online bill pay system.** If paying your bill with an online bill pay system, please be aware that your bank still mails us a paper check without a USPS postmark and it may take as long as two weeks to reach our office. Therefore, we cannot consider your payment received until we physically receive the payment in our office. **We do not recommend sending payment in this manner.**

FIREWORKS COURTESY NOTIFICATION FOR THIS FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

Public and private fireworks events in the Town of Pittsford require a permit issued by the Town. As a courtesy, notifications for public and private fireworks events held within the Town are posted on the [Town website](#), the [Town Facebook page](#) and in the [Town's eNews](#). Courtesy notifications also can be mailed in advance to those in the immediate area of a permitted fireworks event (public or private) who request them.

To request a mailed Fireworks Notification, please contact Town Fire Marshal and Code Enforcement Officer Kelly Cline at kcline@townofpittsford.org or 248-6250. **To sign up for the Town eNews**, visit www.townofpittsford.org/enews. The eNews, which contains the most updated information about Town meetings, projects, programs, services and events, is sent once weekly or for urgent or emergency Town notifications; **email addresses are never shared for any other purpose.** Please see below current fireworks event permit notifications.

Current Fireworks Event Notification:

August 30, 2019

Private fireworks event at Oak Hill Country Club - approximately 9:30pm

All current Fireworks Event Courtesy Notification listings can be found on the Town website at www.townofpittsford.org/fireworks-notifications.

SUPERVISOR SATURDAY WITH BILL SMITH IS SEPTEMBER 7

Town Supervisor Bill Smith will hold his monthly community open house on Saturday, September 7 from 9:00 - 10:00am at the Pittsford Community Library. Stop by and join the conversation to catch up on current issues, Town projects, and other topics you might wish to discuss.

This casual open house, held in the Library's Fisher Meeting Room, 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 in - 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. As always, he's available by phone at 248-6220 and by email at bsmith@townofpittsford.org.

JOIN US FOR A CLEAN ENERGY COMMUNITIES ROUND TABLE ON 9/12

A Clean Energy Communities Roundtable celebrating designated Clean Energy Communities will be held Thursday, September 12 at 3:00pm in room 107 of the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue. The event will include designated Clean Energy Communities from the Genesee-Finger Lakes Region and seeks to foster a culture of community surrounding energy successes. The event is hosted by the Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council, the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) and the Town of Pittsford. Members of the public are welcome. Those planning to attend should RSVP to hferington@qflrpc.org by September 9.

FRIENDS OF PITTSFORD LIBRARY MINI BOOK SALE | FRIDAY THROUGH SUNDAY, SEPT. 13-15

The [Friends of the Pittsford Library](#) will hold a mini book sale featuring unique and unusual books in the Library's Fisher meeting room from **10:00am - 5:00pm on Friday and Saturday, September 13 and 14, and from 12noon-5:00pm on Sunday, September 15**. Shoppers can find treasures from a wide selection of books, including fiction, non-fiction, art, rare collectibles, biography history, science and cooking, plus games, puzzles and more!

Proceeds of all sales fund materials and programs for the Pittsford Community Library - please stop by and join the Friends in supporting our Library! The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street. You can stop by during the Pittsford Food Truck & Music Fest!

PITTSFORD FOOD CUPBOARD REOPENS THIS TUESDAY - TOUR FACILITY AT 9/8 OPEN HOUSE

The Pittsford Food Cupboard will reopen at its new location this Tuesday, September 3 at 9:30am. The Food Cupboard is now located at 3800 Monroe Avenue, Door 26. The hours and the phone number (264-9860) will remain the same. For complete information visit their website at www.pittsfordfoodcupboard.net. Members of the public are invited to stop by for a tour at their Open House on Sunday, September 8 from 1:00 - 3:00pm.

KEEP GROUNDWATER SAFE WHEN DRAINING POOLS, FOUNTAINS & SPAS

Although it is safe to enjoy pools, fountains and spas when their water is treated properly, that same water in our stormwater system can become hazardous for aquatic life and our environment. Chlorine, acid, algaecides and other water treatment chemicals should be handled, stored, used, and disposed of properly. Even the empty containers need proper cleaning (triple rinse after each use) before disposing.

When draining your pool, fountain or spa for the season, please follow these guidelines:

- Test a water sample and wait for chlorine levels to be close to zero
- Do not drain down a driveway or into a storm sewer
- Never drain into a stream, creek, pond or other natural water body
- Drain slowly to the lawn or other landscaped area of your property using a low-volume pump or siphon; draining slowly will allow any trace chemicals to dissipate and will prevent erosion
- Be aware of drainage patterns that may affect neighboring properties, especially steep slopes

- Winterize your pool by waiting for chlorine levels to be close to zero, draining your pool as described above and then adding your winter treatment chemicals. Draining first reduces the amount of chemicals needed and saves money. After draining, mix the chemicals in your pool by using a skimmer pole and brush attachment. If draining after chemicals are added, allow chemicals to mix in the pool for at least a few days before draining the water.

The bottom line: to keep our groundwater safe, all water drained from pools, fountains and spas should infiltrate into the ground rather than enter the storm sewer system. Be aware and follow through, and you can be an H2O Hero too!

To learn more about reducing stormwater pollution, visit the [Town's Stormwater Management webpage](#) or the H2O Hero website www.h2ohero.org.

REMINDERS

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

- [Town of Pittsford Draft Comprehensive Plan Public Hearings](#): public comment on and final review of Draft Plan, Tuesday, 9/3 and Tuesday, 9/17, 6:00pm, during the regularly scheduled Town Board meetings, Pittsford Town Hall, 11 South 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, 9/7, 9:00 - 10:00am, Fisher Meeting Room (first floor), Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street
- [Pittsford Food Cupboard Open House & Facility Tour](#), Sunday, 9/8, 1:00 - 3:00pm, 3800 Monroe Avenue, Door 26
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- [Friends of Pittsford Library Book Sale](#), Friday and Saturday, 9/13 and 9/14, 9:00am - 5:00pm, and Sunday, 9/15, 12:00 - 5:00pm; open to the public, funds raised support programs and materials for our library; Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street
- [Pittsford Food Truck & Music Fest](#), Saturday, 9/14, 12-9pm, South Main Street (Four Corners to Locust Street); more info www.townofpittsford.org/foodtruckmusicfest

TOWN OF PITTSFORD BOARD MEETINGS

- **Environmental Board**, Monday, 9/2 - **NO MEETING** due to Labor Day holiday
- **Town Board**, includes Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing, Tuesday, 9/3, 6:00pm, Public Meeting Room, Town Hall (lower level), 11 South Main Street; ASL interpretation provided
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- [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 Street
- [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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