



# News & Reviews

**November 27, 2019**

***Town of Pittsford - a Clean Energy Community***  
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## **CHAMBER'S CANDLELIGHT NIGHT IS THIS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3**

The Pittsford Chamber of Commerce presents the **48th annual Candlelight Night** this Tuesday, December 3 from 5:00-8:00pm in Pittsford Village.

South Main Street will be closed between the Four Corners (Main and State Streets) and Church Street to accommodate pedestrians, **food trucks** and activities. A **free shuttle** will be available from Pittsford Sutherland High School (55 Sutherland Street) to the Village center. Village businesses will be open for the evening and **live reindeer, horse-drawn wagon rides, tree lightings** at 6:00pm (Main and State Streets) and 7:00pm (Northfield Common), plenty of **Santa sightings** around the Village, **treats with Mrs. Claus at Historic Pittsford's Little House**, the **Grinch**, a **Kid Zone** at Northfield Common and more will make this a special night.

To capture the spirit of the holidays, singing groups will be found throughout the Village, both inside and outdoors. **Food Vendors** will be located on South and North Main Streets, at Victor Furniture in Schoen Place, and at Northfield Common.

Adding to the fun and excitement, the **5th Annual Candlelight Night Pub Crawl** starts at 7:15pm for the 21 and over crowd. Purchase a \$5.00 wristband at the Chamber tent (or the participating venues) which will give you discounts on food or beverage at the participating establishments (more info below). Proceeds from the sale of wristbands will benefit The Pittsford Food Cupboard.

Candlelight Night has been a Pittsford tradition for 48 years! For more information, click the link to see an [event map and activities listings](https://pittsfordchamber.org/about-us/candlelight-night/) or visit the Chamber website for more info at <https://pittsfordchamber.org/about-us/candlelight-night/>.

Be sure to stop by Town Hall for cider and cookies and visit the Library for a fun craft, live music and a book sale - see details below.

**TUESDAY  
DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>  
5:00 - 8:00 PM**

EVENTS THROUGHOUT VILLAGE, SCHOEN PLACE, & NORTHFIELD COMMON

HORSE-DRAWN WAGON RIDES  
SANTA SIGHTINGS  
LIVE REINDEER  
FOOD TRUCKS  
HOLIDAY TREATS & TASTINGS  
MERCHANT DISCOUNTS

LIVE TREE LIGHTINGS  
MAIN/STATE ST.  
6:00 PM  
LABEL 7  
7:00 PM

EAT, DRINK & BE MERRY  
JOIN US FOR OUR  
4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL  
PUB CRAWL @ 7:15 PM

PITTSFORD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
**CANDLELIGHT NIGHT**

## THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY HOURS

Town of Pittsford offices, facilities, and services including **Town Hall, the Parks and Sewer departments, and Town Court will close at 1:00pm today (Wednesday, November 27)** and remain closed Thursday and Friday, November 28-29 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Therefore, the County's **Mobile DMV service will not be at Town Court on Friday**. Regular Town leaf collection services will be provided on Friday, November 29.

The **Spiegel Pittsford Community Center will close at 5:00pm today (Wednesday, November 27)** and **remain closed on Thursday (11/28) and Friday (11/29)**.

The **Pittsford Community Library will close at 5:00pm today (Wednesday, November 27)** and will be closed on Thursday, November 28; it is open regular hours (9:00am - 6:00pm) on Friday, November 29.

In case of an emergency requiring Town of Pittsford services during holiday closure, please call (585) 248-6212.

Please note the **Passport Express service** offered by Monroe County at Pittsford Town Hall **will close at 1:00pm** (instead of 4:00pm) **today (Wednesday, November 27)** in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Regular hours (9:00am - 4:00pm) will resume on Wednesday, December 4.

On behalf of Town Supervisor Bill Smith, our Town Board members and all of our staff members, we wish all our residents a safe and happy Thanksgiving holiday!

## TOWN 2020 BUDGET AND AMENDMENTS PASSED, CUTS TAXES FOR SECOND YEAR IN A ROW

The Supervisors proposed Town Budget for 2020 has been approved by unanimous vote of the Town Board. The 2020 Budget cuts the Town tax rate and reduces the overall Town tax levy for the second consecutive year. Over the two years, the Town tax rate has been cut by over 8% while maintaining and improving Town services. Three amendments proposed to the 2020 Town Budget were also approved. The amendments include:

- an increase in starting salary for non-seasonal part-time employees as proposed by Councilman Kevin Beckford;
- funding to hire an archivist for the Town's historic archives as proposed by Supervisor Smith;
- funding for an event to recognize the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution (Women's Vote Centennial Celebration) as proposed by Councilwoman Stephanie Townsend.

Find all of the 2020 Town Budget documents, including the [Budget Amendments information](#), on the Town Budgets web page at [www.townofpittsford.org/home-budgets](http://www.townofpittsford.org/home-budgets).

## PITTSFORD IN FIRST-EVER COLLABORATION WITH POLLUTION PREVENTION INSTITUTE

For the first time ever, the Pollution Prevention Institute (P2I), housed at the Golisano Institute for Sustainability at the Rochester Institute of Technology, is collaborating with a municipal government - the Town of Pittsford - to perform energy assessments of government facilities. This first-ever partnership is being underwritten entirely by a New York State Department of Environmental Conservation grant.

The Town of Pittsford team met with representatives from P2I last Friday (11/22), launching the three-month assessment with tours of several Town buildings and a review of Town building energy consumption profiles. The Town seeks to identify and implement cost-effective measures that will reduce the municipal carbon footprint and provide energy cost savings to residents.

This important undertaking is truly a collaborative effort - many thanks to the team helping us to further our long-held commitment to a sustainable Pittsford: RIT Project Lead Marty Schooping, Town Public Works

Commissioner Paul Schenkel, Town DPW Executive Assistant Renee McQuillen, Genesee Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council Clean Energy Coordinator Haylee Ferrington, Town Councilman Matt O'Connor, and RIT staff engineers Matt Stevens and Allen Luccitti.

### **WOMEN'S CLUB APPETIZER & DESSERT PARTY AT SENIOR CENTER THIS TUESDAY, 12/3**

Seniors, join us for a wonderful **appetizer and dessert party provided by the Women's Club of Pittsford** at **12noon this Tuesday, December 3** in the VanHuysen Community Room at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center. We'll have delicious food and musical entertainment by one of our favorite musical guests, **singer/pianist Joe Miltsch**. Cost is \$3.00 per person and advance registration and payment is required. For more information and to register, stop by the Senior Programs office at the Community Center or call 248-6235.

Then, be sure to save the date for our **Seniors Holiday Luncheon on Tuesday, December 10** at 12noon. We'll welcome back **harpist and Pittsford resident Patty O'Connor** for a performance of some beautiful harp music - perfect for the holiday season! Lunch will feature apple pork chops with stuffing and gravy, merry berry tossed salad, and chocolate peppermint cake for dessert. Cost is \$6.00 per person; advance registration and payment is required.

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 HERE 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.

### **STOP BY TOWN HALL ON CANDLELIGHT NIGHT FOR COOKIES AND HOT CIDER**

Town Hall will be open during Candlelight Night. Stop by from 5:00 - 8:00pm this Tuesday, December 3 for complimentary cookies and hot cider! Town Hall is located at 11 South Main Street.

### **MAKE A HOLIDAY CRACKER & ENJOY LIVE MUSIC AT THE LIBRARY ON CANDLELIGHT NIGHT**

While you are enjoying Pittsford's Candlelight Night this Tuesday, December 3, stroll in to the Pittsford Community Library to make a traditional holiday treat and to hear some wonderful live holiday music. **From 5:00 - 8:00pm stop in to make a Holiday Cracker** - an old-fashioned English treat with candy and fun surprises inside! We'll have **music by Skylark and LumenEssence from 6:00 - 8:00pm**, a lovely addition to the evening! The treat making and music takes place in the Fisher Meeting Room. All activities are free, open to the public, and suitable for all ages. The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street. For information about other upcoming Library programs, visit the [Library's online program calendar](#) or call 249-5481.

### **HISTORIC PITTSFORD HOLIDAY SALE & VISIT WITH MRS. CLAUS, CANDLELIGHT NIGHT**

Be sure to stop by [Historic Pittsford's Little House](#), 18 Monroe Avenue, on Candlelight Night this Tuesday, December 3 from 5:30 - 8:30pm. The house will be aglow with Christmas lights and smiling faces as they welcome visitors in for **treats, history and a special visit from Mrs. Claus**. There will also be an opportunity for some **Pittsford-themed holiday shopping** - items include books, posters, postcards, note cards, tote bags, Pittsford/Erie Canal sweatshirts and jigsaw puzzles, all featuring Pittsford! Proceeds will support Historic Pittsford's mission to promote the preservation of Pittsford's historic resources and preserve its history through education and advocacy.

### **WOMEN'S CLUB WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA VETERANS REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY IS 12/3**

In honor and remembrance of our veterans, the Women's Club of Pittsford and Rayson-Miller American Legion Post 899 will host Pittsford's 4th annual **Wreaths Across America ceremony** at the Pittsford Veterans Monument in Carpenter Park on **this Tuesday, December 3 at 3:00pm**. The ceremony will include an honor guard and a prayer of remembrance to honor all living and deceased veterans. Guest speakers include Pittsford Village Mayor Bob Corby and Pittsford Town Supervisor Bill Smith.

Two wreaths, donated by Gallea's Tropical Greenhouse, will be laid at the monument and will remain there through January 2, 2020 in recognition of those who have served and continue to serve in the US military to protect our freedoms. The remembrance closes with the playing of Taps. All are invited and encouraged to attend as a way to remember and honor our veterans during this holiday season. The Veterans Monument in Carpenter Park is located at 22 North Main Street in Pittsford Village.

### **HOLIDAY SHOPPING FOR BOOK-LOVERS: CANDLELIGHT NIGHT (AND DAY!) SALE 12/3**

You can pick up some great books, games, music and more at the [Friends of Pittsford Community Library Candlelight Night Book Sale](#) at the Pittsford Community Library **this Tuesday, December 3 from 10:00am - 8:30pm**. You'll find hardcover and paperback books, DVDs, CDs and games at great prices for a variety of age ranges and interests. Stop by and get some holiday shopping done early! Also, there will be a raffle for a large Holiday Gift Basket filled with books and other exciting holiday gifts. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. All proceeds raised from the sale and raffle will support programs and materials for our Library - so be sure to stop by if you can! The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street.

### **CANDLELIGHT CRAWL THIS TUESDAY, 7:15pm | FOLLOW THE ROUTE IN ANY ORDER**

Pittsford's 5th annual Candlelight Crawl will take place in Pittsford Village this Tuesday, December 3. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Pittsford Food Cupboard. Toast the season with a "spirited" stroll through your favorite local pubs, with featured cocktails and hors d'oeuvres! The event begins at 7:15pm; participants can follow the route in any order. Featured establishments include Pittsford favorites **Label 7, Lock 32 Brewing Company, Via Girasole Wine Bar, Thirsty's, The Pittsford Pub and JoJo Wine Bar & Bistro**. These great local establishments will be offering discounted specials for those who purchase a \$5 wristband; all proceeds from wristband sales benefit the Pittsford Food Cupboard. Wristbands can be purchased at the Chamber info tent on South Main Street or at any participating location. It will be the perfect night for shopping, dining, and enjoying holiday treats under the twinkling lights!

### **PYS COLLECTING GIFT DONATIONS FOR PITTSFORD FAMILIES IN NEED THROUGH 12/18**

If you would like to help a family in the Pittsford community that needs a little extra support this holiday season, please consider donating to the Pittsford Youth Services (PYS) 'Giving Tree' at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center and at the Pittsford Community Library. **The deadline for donations is Wednesday, December 18.** Your contribution will benefit families in the Pittsford community who are unable to afford basic items such as food, clothing, toiletries, and gifts for their families. A community service project of the PYS Youth Advisory Board, each tree features ornaments, each with a simple gift request such as gift cards for food, clothing, toys, and other basics to help these families enjoy the holidays. Donations are being accepted now through December 18.

Donors may take an ornament with the listed request and return it, along with the requested donation, to the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center Information Desk (35 Lincoln Avenue) or to the Pittsford Youth Services office at 4 South Main Street, Pittsford. PYS social workers will deliver the donations to the families in time for the Christmas holiday school break. The trees are located on the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center main floor and in the hallway of the Pittsford Community Library (24 State Street). If you can help make the holidays a bit brighter for our neighbors in need please consider participating.

Pittsford Youth Services provides counseling and social work services for our schools and the greater Pittsford community, and has been serving the families of Pittsford since 1969. If you would like more information about PYS programs and services, visit their website: [www.pittsfordyouthservices.org](http://www.pittsfordyouthservices.org) or email [info@pittsfordyouthservices.org](mailto:info@pittsfordyouthservices.org).

### **DONATE "COATS FOR SENIORS" AT SPIEGEL PITTSFORD COMMUNITY CENTER**

The weather is getting colder and a good coat is much needed. The Seniors program at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is participating in the Monroe County Office for the Aging and Medical Motor Service of Rochester's 16th annual Coats for Seniors coat drive. The Pittsford Senior Programs office (located in the Community Center at 35 Lincoln Avenue) is a drop-off location for new and gently worn coats which will be

distributed to seniors in need across Monroe County. Seniors interested in receiving a coat can call any participating senior center in Monroe County, or the Monroe County Office for the Aging at 753-6280, to do so. For more information, stop by or call the Pittsford Senior Programs office at 248-6235. Coats are being collected through January 2, 2020.

The Town's Spiegel Pittsford 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](#).

## REMINDERS

### **PASSPORT EXPRESS SERVICE WILL HAVE SHORTENED HOURS TODAY (11/27)**

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### **SEASONAL PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT THROUGH APRIL 1, 2020**

In order to facilitate snow removal, Town of Pittsford seasonal parking restrictions are in effect from November 15 (this Friday) through April 1, 2020. 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!

### **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](http://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

- [Friends of Pittsford Library Holiday Book Sale](#), Tuesday, 12/3, 10:00am - 8:00pm, open to the public, funds raised support programs and materials for our library; Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street
- [Women's Club of Pittsford Wreaths Across America Veterans Remembrance Ceremony](#), Tuesday, 12/3, 3:00pm, Pittsford Veterans Monument, Carpenter Park, 22 N. Main Street; **details above**
- [Chamber of Commerce Candlelight Night](#), Tuesday, 12/3, 5:00-8:00pm, Village of Pittsford - holiday lights, treats, special sales, Santa and Mrs. Claus sightings, book sale & make a Holiday Cracker treat at the Library, cookies and hot cider at Town Hall, horse-drawn wagon rides, and more; see info above and more info, including a complete event schedule, on the Pittsford Chamber of Commerce website at [www.pittsfordchamber.org/about-us/candlelight-night](http://www.pittsfordchamber.org/about-us/candlelight-night).
- [Historic Pittsford Sale, Treats & Visit with Mrs. Claus, Candlelight Night](#), Tuesday, 12/3, 5:30 - 8:30pm, Historic Pittsford's Little House, 18 Monroe Avenue; treats, visit with Mrs. Claus, and Pittsford-themed gifts for sale to benefit the preservation of Pittsford's historic resources

- **Candlelight Night at Town Hall** - stop by for cookies and hot cider, Tuesday, 12/3, 5:00 - 8:00pm, Pittsford Town Hall, 11 South Main Street
- **Holiday Cracker making & concerts at Pittsford Community Library during Candlelight Night**, Tuesday, December 3, 5:00 - 8:00pm; concerts by Skylark and LumenEssence 6:00 - 8:00pm, Library is located at 24 State Street
- [Candlelight Crawl](#), Tuesday, 12/3, begins 7:15pm, pub crawl for ages 21 and over, visit participating establishments in any order; purchase a \$5.00 wristband at the Chamber tent or at participating venues for discounts on food or beverages at the participating establishments: JoJo Wine Bar & Bistro, Label 7, Lock 32, The Pittsford Pub, Thirsty's, and Via Girasole. Proceeds from the sale of wristbands will benefit the Pittsford Food Cupboard.
- **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, 12/7, 9:00 - 10:00am, Fisher Meeting Room (first floor), Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street
- [New Horizons Holiday Concert](#), Sunday, 12/8 at 2:00pm, University of Rochester Bloch Alumni and Advancement Center, 300 East River Road, Rochester 14627; free admission, family-friendly, handicap accessible, more info at [www.rocnewhorizons.org](http://www.rocnewhorizons.org); more info at [www.rocnewhorizons.org](http://www.rocnewhorizons.org)
- [Pittsford Youth Services Giving Tree](#), through 12/18 at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center (35 Lincoln Avenue) and the Pittsford Community Library (24 State Street); take an ornament with a gift request and return it to the Community Center or the PYS Office at 4 South Main Street with the requested donation. Donations benefit families in the Pittsford community who are unable to afford basic items such as food, clothing and gifts for their families.
- **Coats for Seniors Coat Drive** - donate new or gently worn coats to be distributed to seniors citizens in need across Monroe County; drop off at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center Senior Programs office, 35 Lincoln Avenue. For more information about donating and/or receiving a coat, stop by or call the Senior Programs Office at 248-6235; coats are being collected through January 2, 2019.

#### TOWN OF PITTSFORD BOARD MEETINGS

- **Town Board**, Wednesday, 12/4/19, 6:00pm, Public Meeting Room, Town Hall (lower level), 11 South Main Street; ASL interpretation provided - **NOTE DATE/DAY**

#### COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

- **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, 12/7, 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; 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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