



News & Reviews

March 23, 2022

Town of Pittsford - a Clean Energy Community

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MORNING MOVIE MATINEE FOR SENIORS THURSDAY – QUARTET

Then join us for pizza after!

Seniors, join us in the VanHuysen Community Room at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center tomorrow (Thursday, March 24) for our free Morning Movie Matinee featuring *Quartet*. Then stay afterward for pizza!

The movie begins at 10:00am and features light refreshments, including coffee, breakfast pastries and popcorn. Pizza will be served after the movie.

Maggie Smith Tom Courtenay Billy Connolly Pauline Collins and Michael Gambon
Quartet
Directed By Dustin Hoffman



Quartet is Academy Award-Winner® Dustin Hoffman's directorial debut film. Rumor is that the Beecham home for retired musicians will soon play host to a new resident – a star. The new resident has an uncomfortable history with some of the current residents. Can the passage of time heal old wounds – and in time for the Beecham House Gala concert? Find out! The movie stars Maggie Smith, Tom Courtenay, Billy Connolly and Pauline Collins.

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.



LIBRARY BOOK SALE THIS THURSDAY - SATURDAY

The [Friends of Pittsford Library Spring Book Sale](#) is this Thursday – Saturday (March 24 – 26) in the Pittsford Community Library's Fisher Meeting Room. It will feature an array of books for all ages (including hardcover and paperbacks), plus games, DVDs, and CDs – all at great

prices! Hours are Thursday 4:00 – 8:00pm, Friday 10:00am – 5:00pm, and Saturday 10:00 – 4:00pm Saturday. **The sale is open to all.** Tables will be replenished throughout the sale so everyone has a chance to find some wonderful buys. Credit cards are will be accepted. **Bags will be in short supply so please bring your own .** All proceeds benefit our Pittsford Community Library!

ANNUAL NYS DEC BRUSH BURNING BAN IN EFFECT THROUGH MAY 14

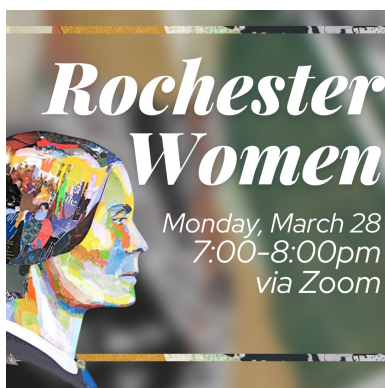
Residential brush burning is prohibited in New York State from March 16 through May 14 each year. Conditions for wildfires are heightened in springtime, which is when most wildfires occur.



Open burning of debris is the single-largest cause of spring wildfires in New York State. When temperatures warm and the past fall's debris and leaves dry out, wildfires can start and spread easily, further fueled by winds and a lack of green vegetation. Please do your part to keep our community and our natural areas safe – do not burn brush or yard debris during this time. A reminder: burning garbage or leaves is prohibited year-round.

Backyard fire pits and campfires less than three feet in height and four feet in length, width, or diameter are allowed. Small cooking fires are allowed. Only charcoal or dry, clean, untreated, or unpainted wood can be burned. Please remember to never leave these fires unattended and extinguish them after use.

For more information about fire safety and prevention, visit the DEC's [FIREWISE New York website](#).



ROCHESTER WOMEN - LIBRARY ONLINE PROGRAM THIS MONDAY

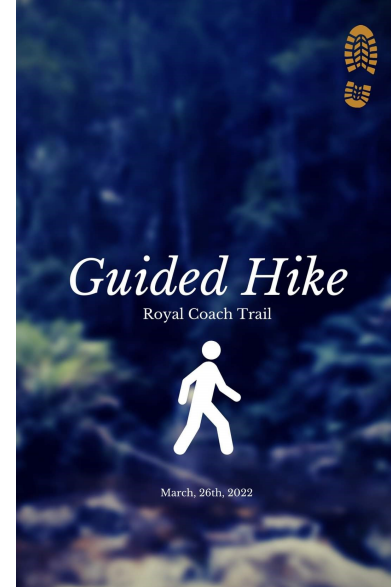
The Rochester area has been home to many women who have unique and captivating stories. You can learn about some of them as the Pittsford Community Library presents "Rochester Women" via Zoom this Monday, March 28 at 7:00pm. Maya Rook of Illusory Time and History Happy Hour explores the stories of fascinating women in Rochester. The presentation uncovers Rochester's incredible history as it relates to women, including the Haudenosaunee clan mothers, Susan B.

Anthony, Matilda Joslyn Gage, the Fox Sisters, and the supernatural stories of the White Lady. The program is free and open to the public, but registration is required to receive the Zoom link, which will be sent the day of the event. [Use this link to register online](#) via the Library calendar or find the registration calendar under the Events tab at www.townofpittsford.org/library.

GUIDED HIKE THIS SATURDAY FEATURES ROYAL COACH TRAIL

Pittsford Recreation's next guided trail hike is this Saturday, March 26 - enjoy the natural open space of Pittsford's Royal Coach trails. The hike begins at 8:30am. Participants will meet at the trail head and will be provided with a packet of maps and area information. Bring your Wegmans Hit the Trail Passport and get credit for hiking the trail! The program is free but advance registration is required. 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.



PROGRAM ON ERIE CANAL NATURE PRESERVE PONDS & WETLANDS

Online & In-Person program at Library on March 31

A Frog House's collaborative project focus this year is on the Erie Canal Nature Preserve ponds and wetlands.

Historic Pittsford and The Pittsford Garden Club are joining A Frog House to host a program on Thursday, March 31 at the Pittsford Community Library that focuses on the ponds and wetlands found in the thirty acre area of green space in the heart of Pittsford that comprises the Town's Erie Canal Nature Preserve and surrounding areas. Former Village Mayor Bob Corby will talk about the area's geology, history and recent preservation efforts. The program will be held in person at the Pittsford Community Library and via Zoom on Thursday, March 31 at 7:00pm. The program is free and open to the public, but registration is requested and is required to receive a Zoom link. [Visit this link for information and to register](#). The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street.

SENIORS LUNCH CLUB 60 NUTRITION PROGRAM AT COMMUNITY CENTER

Offered in-person Monday, Wednesday & Friday; advance reservations required

Monroe County's senior lunch program has returned to an in-person format. The Lunch Club 60 program for seniors is offered Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center in the VanHuysen Community Room. The program, provided by the Monroe County Office of the Aging, includes a delicious and nutritious hot meal for seniors. Lunch is served at noon; suggested contribution is \$3.50. Bus transportation will be provided for seniors living in Pittsford who cannot drive. **We request that reservations be made two weeks in advance.** The Lunch Club 60 program also provides nutrition screenings, assessment, education and counseling to help participants meet their health and nutrition needs.



For more information, and to register, call the Town's Senior Programs Office at 248-6235. 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 the link 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.

LIBRARY TO WAIVE LATE FEES FOR CHILDREN'S AND TEEN MATERIALS AS OF 3/17

The Pittsford Community Library is a strong advocate for literacy and education and is dedicated to ensuring equitable access to materials for children and teens.

Our Library staff team strives to create positive library experiences and believes that access for our youngest patrons encourages a lifelong interest in reading and supporting public libraries.



The Pittsford Community Library Board of Trustees and Town of Pittsford support a two-year pilot project that allows the Library's children's and teen materials to be available for checkout without overdue fines. The pilot was effective starting March 17, 2022. Throughout the pilot, the impact on the Library's revenue, collections, service statistics and patron experiences will be assessed to ensure a sustainable path forward.

Children's and Teen Materials Fee Waiver Details:

- **The fee waiver applies to materials in the children's and teen collections that are owned by the Pittsford Community Library** and returned on or after March 17, 2022; patrons will not be charged overdue fines throughout the pilot project.
- **The checkout process for children's and teen materials will not change.** Items in these collections will still be issued due dates and allowed renewals when available. Patrons will still receive notices for renewal options and overdue items.
- **All items in the Pittsford Library's children's and teen collections will not accrue overdue fines;** these include special collections such as board games and story time kits.
- **All items in the Library's adult and general interest collections, including video games, will continue to accrue overdue fines.** Items from other Monroe County Library System (MCLS) libraries that charge overdue fines on children's, teen, and adult materials will still accrue overdue fines.
- **For children's and teens items that are not returned,** patrons will be charged for replacement and billed.
- **Because hold items are filled by the first available copy from the Monroe County Library System, patrons might receive a hold item from an MCLS library that charges overdue fines.** Currently, the Rochester Public Library and branches, Fairport Public Library, Parma Public Library, and Irondequoit Public Library do not charge overdue fines on children's and teen materials.

For further information, contact the Pittsford Community Library at 248-6275.

REMINDERS



ARPA FUND PROJECTS: *YOUR VOICE MATTERS!*

Identifying projects for municipal improvements that may be eligible for ARPA funding is something for all residents to consider. We want to hear your suggestions for possible uses for the \$2.8 million in federal funds that the Town has received under the American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA"). Meant to mitigate the adverse effects of the COVID-19

pandemic sustained by local government, ARPA funds allow municipalities to recoup revenue losses, to complete deferred projects, programs and maintenance and pursue other projects related to municipal services.

The Town Board has in mind projects that can be fully completed without recourse to other funding. You can share your ideas with us at any Town Board meeting in person. You also can send an email with your suggestions to the Supervisor and Town Board members together – email them at www.townofpittsford.org/electedboard/contact.

ART VENDOR OPENINGS FOR PADDLE AND POUR FESTIVAL

The Town of Pittsford has openings for artists and artisans to participate in this year's Paddle and Pour Art & Music Festival to be held the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend, on May 28, in the Pittsford Community Library parking lot (24 State St). Paddle and Pour is one of our most popular and best-attended events. Thousands of residents and visitors come out to enjoy live music all day, beverages from local breweries and wineries, food from local eateries, family activities, and the opportunity to shop for works from local artists and artisans. The Pittsford Regatta will be taking place that day as well.



Interested artists and artisans should apply by April 1 ; [find our vendor application here](#). All items for sale must be original art (drawing, painting, photography, digital art, sculpture, mixed media, etc.) or handmade artisan items (jewelry, woodworking, ceramics, leatherwork, fiber/textile, metalwork, printmaking, glasswork, soap/body care, etc.). The Art and Artisan Marketplace will be open from 12noon – 9:00pm on the day of the festival. See the application for details or for more information contact Alison at (585) 248-6287 or ABurchett@townofpittsford.org. Find festival details as the date approaches at www.townofpittsford.org/paddleandpour.



PARKS DEPARTMENT SEASONAL LABORER, GARDENER, AND PARKS PATROL POSITION OPENINGS

Application Deadlines March 31

The Town of Pittsford's Parks Department has openings for **seasonal laborers** and **parks patrol**. Duties for these positions include mowing, trimming, weeding, playing field preparation, trail work, and a variety of other tasks and require work outdoors in all weather conditions. Additional Parks Patrol duties include responsibilities associated with lodge reservations including check-in and check-out, cleaning, minor repairs, and problem solving.

A **seasonal gardener** position also is open – this position provides grounds maintenance at the Pittsford Community Library, King's Bend Park, and neighboring parks, including planting, weeding, edging, watering, trimming, mulching and site cleanup.

The **application deadline for all of these positions is March 31, 2022**. For complete job descriptions and application information visit the "Employment Opportunities" page link under the "Contact Us" tab on the Town website, or click the links below:

[Seasonal Laborer, Parks Department](#) (40 hours/week, M - F).

[Seasonal Laborer/Parks Patrol](#) (40 hours/wk, Sun. – Wed., see posting for hours).
[Seasonal Laborer/Parks Patrol](#) (40 hours/wk, Wed. – Sat., see posting for hours).
[Seasonal Laborer – Gardener](#) (40 hours/week, M - F)

For complete job descriptions and application information for all open positions, visit the Town's job listings web page at www.townofpittsford.org/hr-pittsford-employment-opportunities.

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

- [Pittsford Youth Services Comedy Fundraiser](#), Wednesday, 3/23, 7:00pm at Comedy @ the Carlson, 50 Carlson Road in Rochester, features comedians Todd Youngman and Sky Sands, funds raised to benefit the PYS Family Fund; tickets and additional information at www.pittsfordyouthservices.org
- [Friends of Pittsford Library Spring Book Sale](#), Thursday, 3/24 from 4:00 - 8:00pm, Friday, 3/25 from 10:00am – 5:00pm, and Saturday, 3/26 from 10:00am – 4:00pm, Pittsford Community Library, Fisher Meeting Room, 24 State Street; sale is open to all, funds raised to support programs and materials for the Library. Bags will be in short supply – please bring your own.
- [Erie Canal Nature Preserve Ponds & Wetlands program](#), Thursday, 3/31, 7:00pm, via Zoom and in-person at Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street; [visit this link for information and to register](#).
- [Red Cross Blood Drive at Pittsford Community Library](#), Friday, 4/1, 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.
- [Pittsford Rotary Food Drive](#), Saturday, 4/2, 9:00am - 12noon, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue; soap, shampoo, hygiene

products, toothbrushes and toothpaste, and deodorant needed for [St. Joseph's Neighborhood Center](#); dog food, new undergarments and lightweight socks (women's and men's) and other items needed for [Veteran's Outreach Center](#); canned and other packaged goods needed for Pittsford Food Cupboard (see [list of Pittsford Food Cupboard needs](#)).

- [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, 3/24, 6:00pm, Public Meeting Room, Town Hall (lower level), 11 South Main Street, current CDC guidelines will be followed; the meeting agenda is posted at least two days prior to the meeting on the Town website here: www.townofpittsford.org/minutes
- **Planning Board**, Monday 3/28, 6:30pm, Town Hall, Public Meeting Room (lower level), 11 South Main Street, current CDC guidelines will be followed; 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](#) meeting, Thursday, 3/10, 6:30pm; more information and participation details will be listed on the Village website [here](#) as the meeting date approaches
- [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, masks are required; 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. Meetings held the third Thursday of the month, September through June; due to the COVID-19 pandemic, decisions to hold meetings in person or virtually are made month to month. Visit the website at <https://www.womensclubofpittsford.org> for more information
- [Pittsford Art Group](#) conducts monthly member meetings (via Zoom and in person) 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.

COVID-19 Access Updates

3/2/22 Update: the Statewide mask mandate for schools expired 3/1, mask use is now

optional in Pittsford School District schools; for more information, visit www.pittsfordschools.org/COVID-19INFORMATION. The mandate remains in place for health care facilities, transportation and other related entities .

2/10/22 Update: the Statewide mask mandate has expired for indoor public spaces including grocery stores, shops and offices. The mandate remains for other settings such as health care facilities and schools.

1/31/22 Update: the Governor's mask mandate extended to February 10, 2022.

12/13/21 Update: By order of NYS Governor Kathy Hochul, until January 15, 2022 the Town must require all persons entering Town buildings to be masked, regardless of vaccination status. This applies to all Town indoor facilities, including Town Hall, the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, the Pittsford Community Library, Town Court and the Highway Department, Sewer Department and Parks Department offices.

On June 15, 2021, Governor Cuomo announced that COVID-19 restrictions are lifted immediately as 70 percent of New Yorkers aged 18 or older have received the first dose of their COVID-19 vaccination series. The State's health guidance and New York Forward industry specific guidelines—including social gathering limits, capacity restrictions, social distancing, cleaning and disinfection, health screening, and contact information for tracing—are now optional for retail, food services, offices, gyms and fitness centers, amusement and family entertainment, hair salons, barber shops and personal care services, among other commercial settings.

On August 2, 2021, Monroe County was designated as a County with a “substantial” COVID infection. Consequently, the CDC now recommends that people, regardless of vaccination status, wear a mask indoors. This is a recommendation, not a mandate. The guidelines are unclear at this point, as is the situation. Neither the State, the County or the Town has imposed a mask *requirement* at this stage.

Unvaccinated individuals continue to be responsible for wearing masks, in accordance with federal CDC guidance. Consistent with the State's implementation of the recent CDC guidance, masks are still required for unvaccinated individuals.

For information on the vaccine, on getting the vaccine, regional vaccination data and more visit the [Finger Lakes COVID-19 Vaccine Hub](#).

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://www.monroecounty.gov/health>.

Additional information about COVID-19 testing and health 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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