

News & Reviews

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Community

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Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings*

TAKE THE PITTSFORD POLLINATOR PATHWAY CHALLENGE!

Make your yard pollinator-friendly and receive a Pollinator Pathway sign.

We've launched a new program that will beautify your yard while you help our local pollinators – the Pittsford Pollinator Pathway Challenge! In collaboration with Color Pittsford Green, we've gathered habitat tips and a list of trees, shrubs and perennial plants that can help you establish part of a pollinator pathway in your own yard. Pollinator pathways provide corridors of critical healthy habitat and food sources for butterflies, moths, bees and other pollinating insects and wildlife.



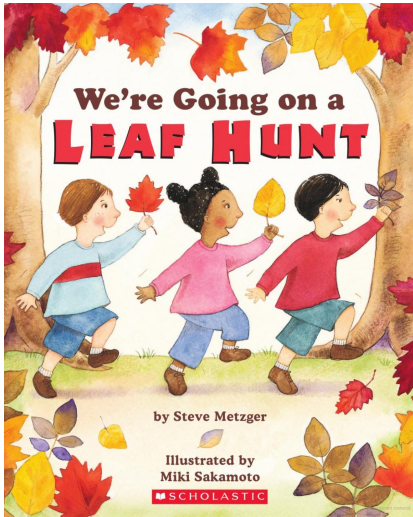
It's easy to participate:

- Find our [tree, shrub and plant list submission form](#) using the link or go to our web page at www.townofpittsford.org/pollinator-pathway
- Tell us which newly planted and existing native plants, shrubs and trees you have from our list (at least 10 total needed)
- Provide water and shelter for pollinators
- Avoid all pesticides use
- Submit your completed form at the **Spiegel Pittsford Community Center** front desk, 35 Lincoln Avenue during facility hours; see [facility hours here](#)
- Pick up your Pittsford Pollinator Pathway sign at the Community Center when you drop off your completed form
- Display your sign in your yard!

Helping pollinators is not only good for our environment – it helps birds too. The native trees and shrubs on our list are hosts for caterpillars, a critical food source for nearly all baby birds. No caterpillars, no baby birds!

We'll be updating habitat tips and garden ideas seasonally in the [Town eNews](#), on our

Facebook page and on our website at www.townofpittsford.org/pollinator-pathway. Be sure to check for updates!



“WE’RE GOING ON A LEAF HUNT” STORY STROLL RUNS THROUGH THIS SUNDAY

Take a Story Stroll now through this Sunday, September 24 at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center field. Walk or find a spot to sit and read a fall-themed children’s book at your leisure. After you’re finished with your story, come to the front desk to receive a themed craft bag!

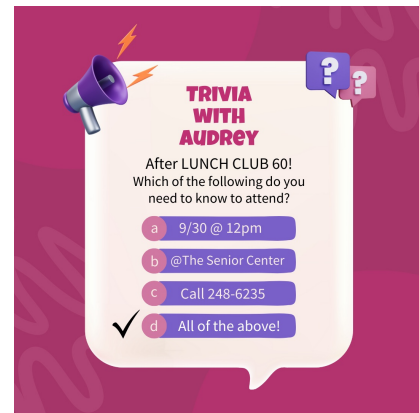
Based on the popular song, this month’s storybook is *We’re going on a Leaf Hunt* by Steve Metzger. Join three friends on a fun leaf finding adventure as they hike over a mountain and through a forest to collect leaves of varied sizes and colors. The easy rhyming text and fun sound effects make this the perfect story

to read while frolicking with your child on a beautiful autumn day!

Craft packs are available at the Community Center front desk from 8:00am – 5:00pm through Saturday and from 12:00 – 5:00pm Sunday. The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue.

LUNCH CLUB 60 SENIORS LUNCH WITH PITTSFORD TRIVIA – RESERVATIONS DUE TODAY

Seniors, how much do you know about Pittsford trivia? Town Historian Audrey Johnson will have some fun – and some challenging! – questions for you at the Wednesday, September 27 Seniors Lunch Club 60 lunch at noon at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center. Join us! **Advance reservation is required by today, Wednesday, September 20.**



Lunch is provided by the Monroe County Office of the Aging and includes chicken salad sandwich with lettuce and tomato on 12-grain bread, carrot-raisin salad, and melon. The suggested donation for lunch is \$3.50. Transportation is provided upon request. To register, and to arrange for transportation if needed, call the Town’s Senior Programs Office today at 248-6235.

The Lunch Club 60 program also provides nutrition screenings, assessment, education and counseling to help participants meet their health and nutrition needs.

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.

SPOTS REMAIN FOR “THE ARTIST IN YOU” BREAK CAMP THIS MONDAY, 9/25

Looking for something fun for your child to do during the school recess? Sign them up for a day full of arts and crafts! Painting and drawing class is included in



our "Artist in You" school break day camp at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center! Held this Monday, September 25 from 8:30am – 5:30pm, this day of creativity is fun for artists, budding artists, and those who'd like to try their hand at art. [Register online here](#), in person at the Community Center, or call Amanda at 585-248-6283 for more information.

The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. For more information about all of our awesome Pittsford Recreation programs, visit the [Recreation Department page](#) on our website or click the link for a [Recreation brochure](#).

SENIORS FALL LUNCH AND MUSIC WITH THE SMUGTOWN STOMPERS – TUESDAY, 9/26

Reservations due this Thursday, 9/21

Seniors, join us at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center this Tuesday, September 26 at noon for a Fall Spectacular lunch and music by the Smugtown Stompers! Lunch features Chef Linda's chicken and biscuits, pear salad, and chocolate éclair cake for dessert!

The lunch and the music will be held in the VanHuysen Community Room. The cost is \$8.00 per person and **advance reservations are due by tomorrow, Thursday, September 21**. For more information and to register, stop by the Senior Programs office at the Community Center or call 248-6235.



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CHAMBER TO HOST STATE OF PITTSFORD ADDRESS SEPTEMBER 28

The Pittsford Chamber of Commerce will host its annual "State of Pittsford" breakfast featuring Town Supervisor Bill Smith, Village Mayor Alyssa Plummer and Pittsford Schools Superintendent Mike Pero on Thursday, September 28 at The Highlands of Pittsford Hahnemann Club (301 Stoutenburgh Lane).

Supervisor Smith, Mayor Plummer and Superintendent Pero will inform attendees of progress made over the past year and provide insight about upcoming initiatives.

Doors open at 7:30am. The event begins with a light continental breakfast at 7:45am followed by presentations starting promptly at 8:00am and Q&A at 8:50am. The event is free to attend, but advance registration is required and space is limited to 50 attendees.

For more information and to register, and to request American Sign Language interpretation if needed during the meeting, email pittsford.chamber.news@gmail.com with your name and number of attendees.

SCHOOL TAXES: DUE IN FULL BY 10/1

School tax on-time full payments are due by Sunday, October 1. Due to October 1 falling on a weekend, all payments received or postmarked Monday, October 2 will be processed as on time.



Payments may be made in person, by mail or by secure drop box available 24/7; drop boxes are located at both the front and back entrances of the Pittsford Town Hall, 11 South Main Street. If you will be sending your payment by mail or drop box, please include your payment coupon and a contact phone number on your check. Failure to do so increases processing time. Payments also can be made at Canandaigua National Bank, 18 State Street, in Pittsford Village or online through Monroe County; there will be a 2.75% fee to use this online payment service. To pay online, click [HERE](#).

Canandaigua National Bank will continue to accept *full payments only* through October 1.

Second and third installment payments cannot be accepted at Town Hall. Second and third installments will only be accepted at the Monroe County Office of the Treasury (39 West Main Street, Monroe County Office Building) and made payable to: Monroe County Treasurer; they are not payable at Town Hall.

Full payments with 2% interest will be accepted from October 3 – October 31 and these payments can be mailed or placed in the secure mail slot at Pittsford Town Hall. If you need assistance in that calculation, please contact the tax office directly by email at townclerk@townofpittsford.org or phone 585-248-6215 for the correct amount due.

Please Note: We strongly discourage paying your tax bill via your banking Electronic Checking/Online bill pay system. If you are 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, your payment is not considered received until we physically receive the payment in our office. We do not recommend sending payment in this manner.

Pittsford Residential Food Scraps Recycling



Scan to register

WE LAUNCHED OUR FOOD SCRAPS RECYCLING PROGRAM – AND THERE'S STILL ROOM FOR YOU TO PARTICIPATE!

The Town launched the Food Scraps pilot program is under way! A partnership with Monroe County, the program turns food scraps into renewable energy. Those who have already registered can pick up their Food Scraps Recycling bucket and lid at Town Hall on the second floor between 8:00am and 4:00pm Monday through Friday.

If you haven't signed up yet, you can do so using our

[online registration](#) form or by scanning the QR code above. A reminder that participants must be registered to receive a bucket. Town Hall is located at 11 South Main Street; parking is available in the lot behind the building or on-street in front of the building.

Collection buckets can be emptied as needed at the Town's Dog Park at 34 East Street. The collection bins are located near the rear of the parking lot. To help track our progress, we're asking participants to scan a QR code when they drop food scraps off, and to fill in drop-off date, time, and amount of scraps.

PLEASE NOTE: ONLY FOOD SCRAPS are to be recycled in the collection bins! Please don't bring plastic, cans and bottles, or other non-food waste materials. [Visit our web page](#) for further information, including a full list of acceptable food waste items that may be recycled.

REMINDERS

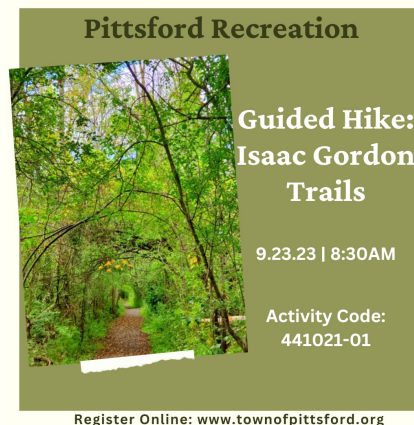


TOWN COURT CLOSED TODAY, 9/20 DUE TO STAFF TRAINING

The Pittsford Town Court offices will be closed today, Wednesday, September 20, for staff training. If you have a court inquiry during this time, please call 585-248-6238 and leave a message, or send an email to vmemmott@townofpittsford.org. Responses to inquiries will be returned when the Court offices reopen on Thursday, September 21.

GUIDED HIKE AT THE ISAAC GORDON NATURE PARK IS THIS SATURDAY, 9/23

Pittsford Recreation's next guided hike is this Saturday, September 23 at the Isaac Gordon Nature Park. The hike follows an easy 1.3-mile loop through Isaac Gordon Nature Park and should take 30-45 minutes. The trail is a mix of flat and natural terrain with some elevation gains. This area is a popular spot for birding, and there is an observation deck looking over a serene pond. We will discuss the park history and learn about the marsh animals.

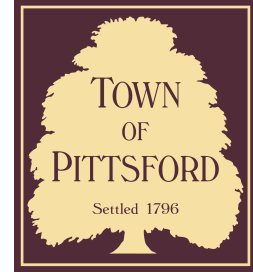


The hike begins at 8:30am. Pittsford Recreation staff will contact participants in advance with meeting place details; a trail map and area information will be provided at the outset of the hike. Bring your *Wegmans Hit the Trail Passport* and get credit for hiking the trail! The program is free but advance registration is required to receive the trail head meeting details and other information. 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. For more information about guided hikes, contact Amanda at 248-6283.

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

- *"We're Going on a Leaf Hunt"* Story Stroll, through Sunday, 9/24, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center field, 35 Lincoln Avenue; stop by the Community Center front desk after completing the walk to pick up a themed craft pack to take home; free and open to the public.
- [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

- **Planning Board**, Monday, 9/25, 6:30pm, Town Hall, Public Meeting Room (lower level), 11 South Main Street; 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

- **Pittsford Chamber State of Pittsford presentation**, featuring updates by Town Supervisor Bill Smith, Village Mayor Alyssa Plummer and School District Superintendent Mike Pero; Tuesday, 10/28, doors open 7:30am, 7:45am light breakfast, 8:00am presentations, 8:50am Q&A, The Highlands of Pittsford Hahnemann Club, 301 Stoutenburgh Lane. Free and open to the public but advance registration required; email pittsford.chamber.news@gmail.com to register and for additional information.

- [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; 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, new members always welcome! Meetings are usually held the second Thursday of the month, September through June, at 6:00pm at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue; Visit the website at <https://www.womensclubofpittsford.org> for more information
- [Pittsford Art Group](#) conducts monthly member meetings (in person and online) 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.

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