

# News & Reviews

## January 3, 2024

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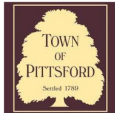
*Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings*

### **SUPERVISOR OPEN HOUSE WITH BILL SMITH THIS SATURDAY, 1/6**

Town Supervisor Bill Smith will host his next community open house meeting this Saturday, January 6 from 9:00 - 10:00am at the Pittsford Community Library. If you have questions, ideas or comments for Supervisor Smith, be sure to stop by and join the conversation!

This casual open house will be held in the Fisher Meeting Room. Supervisor Saturday enables residents who can't stop by to see Supervisor Smith 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 Saturday  
with Bill Smith



9:00 - 10:00am  
Pittsford Community Library

*Come and join the  
conversation!*

Supervisor Smith keeps an open-door policy and welcomes visits from residents at Town Hall during regular business hours Monday to Friday by appointment. As always, he's available by phone at 248-6220 and by email at [bsmith@townofpittsford.org](mailto:bsmith@townofpittsford.org).

Town Board Meeting  
Thursday, 1/4/2024  
Town Hall Meeting Room  
11 South Main Street  
5:45pm



To accommodate the swearing-in of Board members starting new terms, the Town Board meeting will begin at 5:45 rather than 6:00.

### **TOWN BOARD MEETING AT 5:45PM THIS THURSDAY, JANUARY 4**

The first Town Board Meeting of 2024 will take place tomorrow – Thursday, January 4 – in the Public Meeting Room at Town Hall, 11 South Main Street. Please note, the meeting will begin at 5:45pm, fifteen minutes earlier than regularly scheduled, to accommodate the swearing in of all those beginning new terms. The meeting will be livestreamed and recorded; ASL interpretation will be provided.

### **2024 TOWN & COUNTY PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION**

Pittsford Town residents: if your property taxes are **not in escrow**, you should receive in the mail this week your 2024 Town and County property tax bill. If you do not receive your bill in the mail by January 10, you can obtain a copy of your bill by:



1. Downloading and printing a copy directly from the [Monroe County website](#) OR
2. Calling the Town Tax Office at 585-248-6215 or emailing the Town Clerk/Tax Receiver at: [townclerk@townofpittsford.org](mailto:townclerk@townofpittsford.org) and they will email a copy of the bill to you

The interest-free Town and County property tax payment deadline is February 10; first installments are also accepted on or before February 10. Please be sure to read all the instructions and information written on the back of your bill carefully. ***Please include your payment coupon (page 2 of your tax bill) and a contact phone number on your check.*** Failure to do so increases processing time.

#### You can make your payment by:

- **Via mail** to: Renee McQuillen, Reciever, 11 South Main Street, Pittsford NY 14534
- **In person** Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 4:00pm at Pittsford Town Hall, 11 South Main Street, **or through the mail slots** (into locked boxes) available 24/7, located at both the front and back entrances of Town Hall
  - For **cash payments**, we ask that you bring the exact amount and please call ahead for an appointment to ensure we have proper staffing
- **First Installments and full payments can also be made at Canandaigua National Bank**, 18 State Street, in Pittsford Village through February 10, 2024
- **Online** through Monroe County by credit card or check debit. Please note there is a 2.75% fee to pay by credit card and a sliding scale fee to pay by check debit. To pay online, click [HERE](#).

As in the past we **strongly** advise that you do NOT pay your taxes by electronic check, as these payments do not receive a U.S. postmark and may arrive late.

**Please note:** If you choose to pay your tax bill with an online bill pay (electronic banking) system through your bank, please be aware that your bank still generates and mails a paper check to the Town and it may take as long as two weeks or more to reach the Town offices. This type of mail does not receive a USPS postmark. Therefore, the Town can only consider your payment received on the date it is physically received in our office. If the payment is received past the deadline will be considered late and accrue interest penalties.



#### **SENIORS CRAFT CLUB AT COMMUNITY CENTER – NEXT MEETING IS 1/5**

It is a brand-new year of activities and events for seniors through Pittsford Recreation, and one of our returning favorites is Craft Club! Seniors Craft Club is held at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center. Participants craft items to donate to local charities. Craft Club is a fantastic way to get creative, make friends and help others. If you or someone you know loves crafting or would like to learn how to make something new, join our seniors this winter! Craft Club will meet once a month on Fridays from 9:30-

11:30am. Be sure to mark the following dates in your

calendar: **January 5, February 9, and March 15.**

The Town's Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. To learn more about our programs, activities and services for seniors, stop by the Community Center, [click here to visit the Seniors' page](#) on the Town website, [read our Seniors program info brochure online](#), or call the Senior Programs Office at 248-6235.

## **BLOOD DRIVE AT THE LIBRARY THIS FRIDAY, JANUARY 5**

***Make a legendary impact! Those who give on January 5 receive a NEW long-sleeved Red Cross Tee! (Limited quantity.)***

The Town of Pittsford will host a Red Cross blood drive this Friday, January 5, from 10:00am-3:00pm at the Pittsford Community Library in the Fisher Meeting Room. The Library is located at 24 State Street in the Village of Pittsford.



Maximize your blood donation and help more patients! If you are an eligible type O, B, or A donor, consider making a Power Red donation. Red blood cells are the most transfused blood component.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting [www.RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](http://www.RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

Donating blood is a simple thing to do, but it can make an enormous difference in the lives of others. If you are eligible and feeling well, please make an appointment today to give by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) or calling 800-RED-CROSS.



Join Topher Holt on a musical journey through space and time! Our adventures will take us to many strange and curious places, bringing us directly into the path of a total solar eclipse. This interactive experience will have you and your little ones singing and dancing.

## **“SPACE ODYSSEY TO AN ECLIPSE OF TOTALITY” – A MUSICAL JOURNEY THIS SATURDAY**

***For kids of all ages!***

On April 8, Pittsford will be in path of totality of a solar eclipse, and we are already preparing for big event! This Saturday, January 6, musician Topher Holt will take us on an interactive musical journey through space and time – adventuring to strange and curious places and bringing us directly into the path of a total solar eclipse! He'll have you and your little ones singing and dancing with a fun program for kids of all ages. This "Space Odyssey" takes place in the Library's Fisher Meeting Room from 10:30-11:30am. It's free and open to the public, no registration required.

[The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street. To learn more about upcoming Library programs, visit the Library's online program calendar.](#)

For complete Library information, including hours of operation, visit [www.townofpittsford.org/library](http://www.townofpittsford.org/library).

## **PITTSFORD ROTARY FOOD DRIVE THIS**

## **SATURDAY, 9AM – 12PM**

The Rotary Club of Pittsford's first drive-thru food drive of the new year is scheduled for this Saturday, January 6, from 9:00am-noon at the Pittsford Sutherland High School bus loop. In addition to the **Pittsford Food Cupboard**, donations will support Rochester's **St. Joseph's Neighborhood Center** and the Nazareth University Oak Tree Food Pantry. *Gently used recent issues (past 12 months) of magazines will also be collected for distribution to various social agencies in the Rochester area.*



The [Pittsford Food Cupboard](#) plays a crucial role in addressing food insecurity within our community.

Donations help ensure that local families have access to essential food items that will promote well-being and stability. Food pantry items especially needed include spaghetti sauce, beets, mushrooms, coconut milk, spinach, olives, green chiles, taco shells, Spam, sardines, Vienna sausages, beef stew, cleaning supplies, pasta, corn and any type of canned beans.

[St. Joseph's Neighborhood Center](#) seeks to identify and respond to the unique health and social needs of individuals and communities in the greater Rochester region. Donations help support food needs of those the center serves. In addition to food items, the center is also in need of hygiene and cleaning products, such as soap, shampoo, toothbrushes and toothpaste, and deodorant, hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes. New gloves, mittens, hats, socks and scarves are also much needed at this time of year.

[The Oak Tree Pantry](#) serves those with food insecurity in the Nazareth University community. Specific needs for the Oak Tree Food Pantry include items that can be easily prepared by students, including soups, canned meats and vegetables, and sauces. The pantry also needs granola bars, pasta, peanut butter, soap, and other hygiene products.

The Pittsford Rotary Club has scheduled food drives the first Saturday of the month through next spring. Additional information is available at [pittsfordrotaryclub.org](http://pittsfordrotaryclub.org) or contact David Irwin by email ([driwin8@gmail.com](mailto:driwin8@gmail.com)) or phone (585-269-2132). Please help our Rotarians help those in need if you can!



## **CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING UNDERWAY**

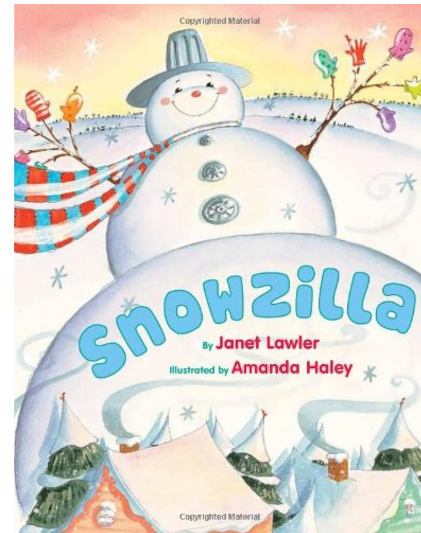
You can be green even in the winter – recycle your Christmas tree! Town of Pittsford crews will pick up trees placed curbside that have all plastic bagging and decorations removed. Weather permitting, the Town will continue picking up Christmas trees through the end of January. You may also drop off your tree at the Highway Garage, 60 Golf Avenue, from 7:00am until dark, Monday through Saturday (call ahead at 248-6270 if you will arrive after 3:30pm weekdays or on a Saturday). All trees gathered will be chipped and

recycled into mulch. The mulch will be available in the spring – free to residents – at the East Street storage site located just before the gate to the Town Parks Department

office building (enter at 34 East Street).

## “SNOWZILLA” STORY STROLL BEGINS MONDAY JANUARY 8 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

Our Story Strolls have moved inside to the second floor of the [Spiegel Pittsford Community Center](#) for the winter! This January, families can take a story stroll through “*Snowzilla*,” by Janet Lawler, from Monday, January 8 through Sunday, January 14 at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center. Cami Lou has a fantastic idea: she and her brother are going to build a huge snowman like no other! They create Snowzilla, who immediately becomes a winter sensation, drawing hundreds of tourists to their small town. Some people think the giant snowman comes with giant problems, and a judge orders that Snowzilla must be removed. Can Cami Lou and her brother save their snowy friend?



Once you have completed your Story Stroll, stop by the Community Center front desk and pick up a **themed craft pack to take home!** Craft packs are available Monday through Saturday from 8:00am – 5:00pm and Sunday from 10:00am-5:00pm.

The Town’s Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. To learn more about our programs, activities and services, [click here to visit the Town](#) of Pittsford’s Recreation page on the Town website, [email the Recreation Department here](#), or call the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center at 585-248-6280.



## HISTORIC PITTSFORD’S LITTLE HOUSE OPEN THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

Good news! Beginning January 6 Historic Pittsford’s Little House museum, located at 18 Monroe Avenue (next to Pittsford Fire Station #1), will be open to the public on the first Saturday of each month from 9:00am-12:00pm. Stop by, enjoy a cup of hot chocolate, browse the resources and check out the exhibits.

The Little House contains Historic Pittsford's office, a resource room for historic research, and local historic exhibits. Board members will staff the Little House during open hours and are eager to meet you and help with your inquiries. Historic Pittsford is pleased to open the Little House to the public once again. Plans to expand the Little House hours are in the works. In the meantime, the Little House also is open by appointment.

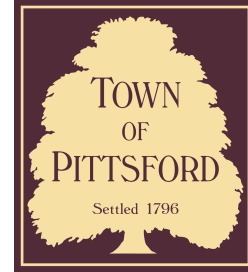
Find out more about the Little House [here](#).

## REMINDERS

### 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.townofpittsford.org/channel12) and use the On-Demand links to view previously recorded meetings.

### **UPCOMING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN PITTSFORD**

- [Red Cross Blood Drive at Pittsford Community Library](#), Friday, 1/5, 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). For more information visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).
- *"Snowzilla" Story Stroll*, 1/8 - 14, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, second floor, 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](http://www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate). Comments can be made to [zoningupdate@townofpittsford.org](mailto: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**

- **Town Board Meeting and Members Swearing-in**, Thursday, 1/4/24, 5:45pm, Public Meeting Room, Town Hall (lower level), 11 South Main Street; ASL interpretation provided; the meeting agenda is posted at least two days prior to the meeting on the Town website here: [www.townofpittsford.org/minutes](http://www.townofpittsford.org/minutes) – **NOTE DAY/DATE AND EARLIER TIME**
- **Planning Board**, Monday, 1/8, 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](http://www.townofpittsford.org/minutes)

## 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, 1/6, 9:00 - 10:00am, Fisher Meeting Room (first floor), Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street
- [Village Board of Trustees](#) meeting, Tuesday, 1/9, 5:30pm; more information and participation details will be listed on the Village website [here](#) as the meeting date approaches
- [Board of Education](#) meeting, Tuesday, 1/9, 7:00pm, Barker Road Middle School McCluski Board Room, 75 Barker Road
- [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](http://www.pittsfordartgroup.com) and fill out a [Contact Us](#) form.

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