

# News & Reviews

January 31, 2024

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*See listings below for*

*Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings*

## **SWEETHEART DANCE IS FEBRUARY 9**

The Pittsford Recreation Department's annual Sweetheart Dance will take place Friday, February 9 from 6:30 – 9:00pm at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center! Children ages 5-13, accompanied by an adult, can dance the night away at this memorable evening full of music, refreshments, and fun. A DJ will provide lively music and fun activities. Don't miss out on this special night! Cost is \$20 per person. Register early as space is limited. Use this link to [register online](#) or stop by the Community Center to register in person. The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue.



## **HISTORIC PITTSFORD PRESENTS A HISTORY OF PITTSFORD FARMS TONIGHT, 1/31**

Historic Pittsford hosts former Village Mayor Bob Corby in a Zoom presentation TONIGHT, Wednesday, January 31 that explores the rich history of Pittsford Farms. Through historical photographs and maps, Bob Corby will guide you through the years of Pittsford Farms, which has played a prominent role in our

community from its establishment in 1814 to the present day.

The farm today is protected by a permanent conservation easement and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The property has a particularly interesting history, including several prominent and colorful owners. Today the farm is operated by members of the Corby and Powers family and it continues to be part of what makes Pittsford unique. The event is free, but advance registration is required to receive the Zoom link. Visit the [Historic Pittsford](#) website for more information and to register.

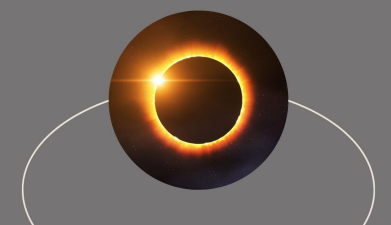
## **"PREPARING FOR TOTALITY" ECLIPSE**

## PROGRAM THIS TUESDAY AT THE LIBRARY

Join us at the Pittsford Community Library this Tuesday, February 6, as Dan Schneiderman, Eclipse Partnership Coordinator at the Rochester Museum & Science Center, discusses the science and history of solar eclipses, the impact the 2024 eclipse will have on our region, and how to prepare for this extraordinary astronomical experience.

## ROC the Eclipse: Preparing for Totality

Tuesday, February 6  
6:30-7:30pm  
Fisher Meeting Room



"Preparing for Totality: The ROC 2024 Total Solar Experience" takes place from 6:30-7:30pm in the Fisher Meeting Room. The program is free and open to the public; registration is not required. Stay tuned for further information regarding upcoming Eclipse 2024 events and programs offered by the Pittsford Community Library and our Pittsford Recreation Department.

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).



## SENIORS MOVIE MATINEE FEBRUARY 8: GROUNDHOG DAY

### Reservations required by Tuesday, February 6

Seniors, join us on Thursday, December 7 for a free morning movie matinee featuring *Groundhog Day* – a classic cold-weather comedy. Enjoy a complimentary selection of coffee, breakfast pastries and popcorn while you watch the film, then stay afterward for a lunch of pizza, salad, and dessert if you'd like!

The movie begins at 10:30am in the VanHuysen Community Room at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center. The movie and snacks are free; the cost for the optional lunch is \$6.00 per person. So that we can

plan accordingly, please register for the movie and for the lunch by February 6.

Groundhog Day is a classic 1993 comedy film starring Bill Murray that revolves around a self-centered weatherman who finds himself trapped in a time loop, reliving the same day (Groundhog Day) repeatedly. As he suffers through the same events over and over again, he learns empathy and kindness through the transformative power of love.

Register for our Senior Movie Matinee by calling the Senior Center at 248-6235; reservations are due by Tuesday, February 6. The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. To learn more about our programs, activities and services for seniors [visit the Seniors page](#) on the Town website, read the Seniors program info brochure online, or call our Senior Programs Office at 248-6235.

## PITTSFORD ROTARY FOOD DRIVE THIS SATURDAY, 9AM – 12PM

The Rotary Club of Pittsford's next drive-thru food drive is this Saturday, February 3, 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. Andrew's Food Cupboard](#) 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 needed this month include Spam, sardines, Vienna sausages, coconut milk, spinach, olives, mushrooms, green chiles, taco seasoning, cleaning supplies, facial tissues, shampoo and conditioner, pasta, corn, and any type of canned beans.

[St. Andrew's Food Cupboard](#) is a local food pantry that has been serving the Rochester community since 1980, providing assistance to over 300 families a month by distributing food and personal items and providing referrals to needed services. A variety of food and personal items are needed, including canned fruits, vegetables, sauces, meats and tuna; bread, soups, pasta, rice, cereal and oatmeal; muffin, cake and brownie mixes; salt and pepper, condiments, flour and sugar; toiletries, including bar soap, laundry soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, body lotion and toilet paper; and baby food and diapers. Click the following link for a complete [list of St. Andrew's Food Cupboard needs](#).

[The Oak Tree Pantry](#) serves those with food insecurity in the Nazareth University community. Specific needs for the Oak Tree Food Pantry include 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!



### **HISTORIC PITTSFORD'S LITTLE HOUSE OPEN THIS SATURDAY, 2/3, 9AM - NOON**

***"First Saturday" at the Little House – open the first Saturday of every month***

Enjoy a "First Saturday" at Historic Pittsford's Little House – the next one is this Saturday, February 3. Have you noticed the charming little building at 18 Monroe Avenue next to Pittsford's Fire Station #1 in the Village? Do you wonder why it's called the Little

House? This is your chance to find out! Stop by between 9:00am-12:00pm and have 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 history exhibits. Board members staff the Little House during open hours and are eager to meet you and assist with your inquiries. If you have an interest in local history or a question about an early Pittsford family or property, they are there to help!

The Historic Pittsford Little House museum is located at 18 Monroe Avenue (next to Pittsford Fire Station #1). It will be open to the public on the first Saturday of each month from 9:00am-12:00pm. Plans to expand the Little House hours are in the works. In the meantime, the Little House is also open by appointment. Find out more about the Little House online at [www.historicpittsford.com/the-little-house](http://www.historicpittsford.com/the-little-house).

## STAY VIGILANT DURING NATIONAL ID THEFT AWARENESS WEEK

January 29 through February 2 is National ID Theft Awareness Week. The IRS tax season officially began January 29, and every year at this time, identity thieves ramp up attempts to steal your personal information and get their hands on your return.

**Tax identity theft** occurs when someone steals your personal information, such as your Social Security number, with the intent to file a fraudulent tax return on your behalf. The goal is often to claim a refund or other tax benefits illegally. Victims of tax identity theft may not be aware they've been targeted until they attempt to file their legitimate tax return. Tax ID theft can lead to financial losses, delays in receiving legitimate refunds, and the need for extensive resolution efforts with tax authorities.



According to [Identitytheft.org](http://Identitytheft.org), there is a new case of identity theft every 22 seconds. **Protect yourself from tax identity theft by safeguarding your personal information.** Keep tax records and your Social Security card in a safe, secure place. Use multi-factor authentication if you use tax preparation software. **Never give out your personal information to someone who contacts you claiming they're from the IRS;** hang up and call the IRS directly.

Report suspicious activity promptly. If you do become a victim of identity theft, Pittsford residents should file a report with the [Monroe County Sheriff's office](#). For information about what further steps to take if you become a victim of identity theft, visit [Identitytheft.gov](http://Identitytheft.gov). Taking a few precautionary measures and staying vigilant will keep you from becoming a victim of tax ID theft.



## BLOOD DRIVE AT THE LIBRARY THIS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Share your heart! Those who give blood in February will be emailed a a \$20.00 Amazon.com gift card from the Red Cross.

The Town of Pittsford will host a Red Cross blood drive this Friday, February 2, 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 <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 to give today by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and entering the keyword "pittsfordlibrary," or by calling 800-RED-CROSS.



### **SENIORS LUNCH AND PROGRAM BY TOWN HISTORIAN VICKI PROFITT TUESDAY, 2/13 Reservations due Thursday, 2/8**

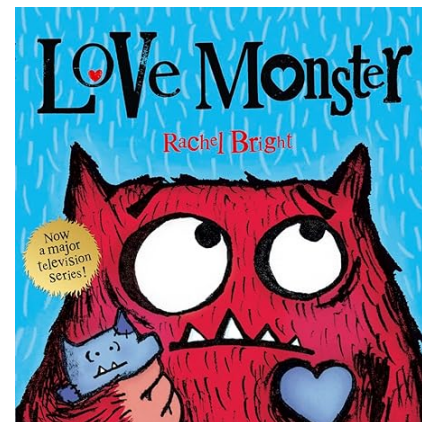
Seniors, join us for a delicious lunch and special program by Town Historian Vicki Profitt on February 13 at 12:00noon. On the menu is a multicolor slaw salad with poppyseed dressing, chicken and sausage gumbo (stew), and a side of white rice. Enjoy orange flavored French beignets with powdered sugar for dessert, which pair perfectly with Café Du Monde's famous Chicory Coffee! Town Historian Vicki Profitt will give a presentation entitled "Pittsford's People & Places."

The lunch and the program will be held in the VanHuysen Community Room; cost is \$8.00 per person. **Advance registration is required by February 8.** For more information and to register, stop by the Senior Programs office at the Community Center or call 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 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.

### **"LOVE MONSTER" STORY STROLL BEGINS THIS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5 AT COMMUNITY CENTER**

Take a stroll along the second floor of the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center between February 5 and February 11 (this Monday – Sunday) and read "Love Monster" by Rachel Bright. "Love Monster" follows the journey of a unique creature who feels different from other monsters. He sets out on a quest to find someone who will appreciate him just as he is. The book's delightful illustrations and positive message make it a charming and relatable read for young audiences.



Once you have completed your Story Stroll, stop by the Community Center front desk and take home a **themed craft pack!** Pick up your craft pack any time 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.



**WINTER BREAK CAMP IS FEBRUARY 19-23, REGISTER TODAY!**

*Fun activities for kids ages 5-13*

There are still a few spots open for our February Break Camp: Snow & Ice to be held at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center! If you're searching for an exciting place for your child to spend their upcoming school break, enroll them soon as space is limited. Our wonderful Recreation team has planned all kinds of winter activities for participants, plus a day of indoor mini golfing, a workout class from 585 Fitness, and a trip to the Library. Participants are grouped by age to enjoy a variety of indoor and outdoor activities designed to keep them active and engaged!

Break Camp: Snow & Ice takes place **Monday, February 19 through Friday, February 23, from 8:30am-5:30pm**. [Register online](#) on the Town of Pittsford website or in person at the Community Center. The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. For more information about Break Camp, contact Amanda at 248-6283.



**TOWN AND COUNTY 2024 PROPERTY TAX – DUE 2/10**

Pittsford Town residents: **The interest-free Town and County property tax deadline is February 10**; first installments also are accepted on or before February 10. If your property taxes are **not in escrow**, you should have received your 2024 Town and County property tax bill in the mail by this time. **If you have**

**not received your bill, 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

When making a payment, 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, Receiver, 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.

## REMINDERS



### **CALKINS ROAD MIDDLE SCHOOL PRESENTS “MIDNIGHT AT MIDDAY: THE MUSICAL TALES OF AN ECLIPSE” THIS THURSDAY - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1-3**

Inspired by the upcoming April 8, 2024 total solar eclipse, this heartfelt script written by Calkins Road teacher John Beel tells the story of several strangers who meet at the moment of totality. It is rich with science and folklore from around the world. The music, by award-winning composer and Pittsford resident Casey Filiaci, features a dozen original songs

that capture the magic and mystery of the eclipse experience and the joy of human connection.

Show times for “Midnight at MIDDAY” are this Thursday, February 1 at 7:00pm, Friday, February 2 at 7:00pm, and Saturday, February 3 at 2:07pm. The musical will be reprised Saturday, April 6 at 7:00pm and Sunday, April 7 at 2:07pm as a featured event of Rochester’s Eclipse Celebration. Tickets cost \$10 and are being sold online at <https://crmsdramaclub.ludus.com> and at the door if seats are still available.

### **SPECIAL OLYMPICS POLAR PLUNGE THIS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4 – SUPPORT THOSE FREEZIN’ FOR A REASON!**

The Rotary-sponsored Interact Clubs of Pittsford Mendon and Pittsford Sutherland High Schools are hosting a team to participate in Special Olympics’ annual Polar Plunge fundraiser at Lake Ontario Beach Park this Sunday, February 4. This marks eleven years of “Freezin’ for a Reason” to help transform the lives of athletes in New York’s Genesee Region. During that time, the clubs have raised more than \$43,000 supporting the good work of Special Olympics.

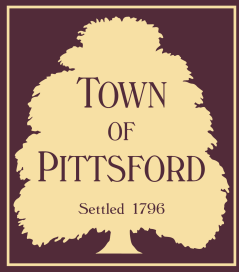


The name of this year's team is “Pittsford Plungers.” **Community members are invited to participate in the festivities as a “plunger,” to volunteer, or to donate.**

Registration/donation information may be found online at [bit.ly/polar-plunge-2024-pittsford-plungers](http://bit.ly/polar-plunge-2024-pittsford-plungers). For further information, contact Pat Mallery at [pjmallery@aol.com](mailto:pjmallery@aol.com). To learn more about Special Olympics NY, visit [www.specialolympics-ny.org](http://www.specialolympics-ny.org).

### **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**

- [Special Olympic Polar Plunge – with Rotary Interact Polar Plungers team](#), Sunday, 2/4, 9:00am, Lake Ontario Beach Park, 180 Beach Avenue, Rochester, NY 14612; join, volunteer or donate, contact [pjmallery@aol.com](mailto:pjmallery@aol.com) for more information
- *"Love Monster" Story Stroll*, 2/5-11, 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.
- [Sweetheart Dance](#) – children ages 5 to 13 can dance the night away, accompanied by an adult, Friday, 2/9, 6:30-9:00pm, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue; music and activities, advance registration required, \$20 per person, [more info and registration online](#) or at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center
- [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**

- **Environmental Board**, Monday, 2/5, 7:00pm, Public Meeting Room, Town Hall (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)



- **Town Board**, Tuesday, 2/6, 6:00pm, 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)

## COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

- [Board of Education](#) Budget Work Session (6:00pm) and meeting (7:00pm), Tuesday, 2/6, Barker Road Middle School McCluski Board Room, 75 Barker Road
- **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, 2/10, 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; 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 [www.womensclubofpittsford.org](http://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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