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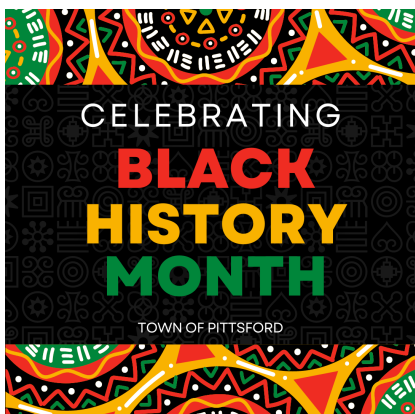
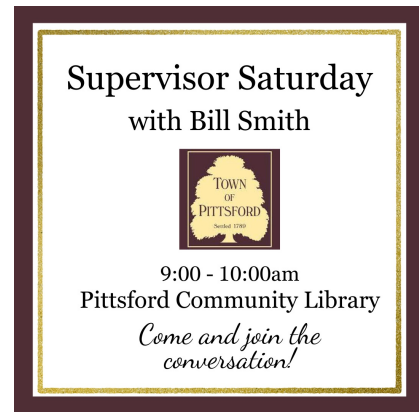
*See listings below for
Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings*

SUPERVISOR OPEN HOUSE WITH BILL SMITH THIS SATURDAY, 2/10

Town Supervisor Bill Smith will host his next community open house meeting this Saturday, February 10, 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 with 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 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.



TOWN PROGRAMS CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH – AT THE LIBRARY IN FEBRUARY

February is Black History Month – a time to honor and celebrate the contributions of Black Americans to our country and culture and to remember and learn from Black history. The Town of Pittsford is presenting a series of informative and inspiring programs at Pittsford Community Library. See our list below or view our printable [Black History Month 2024 programs list](#) and be sure to save the dates! All programs are

free and open to the public. In-person programs will be held in the Library's Fisher Meeting Room. Advance registration is required only for online programs. Please visit www.townofpittsford.org/library to register.

LBJ and the Civil Rights Act of 1964

Monday, February 12, 6:30-7:30

Mark Sample, professor of history at Monroe Community College, tells the story of President Lyndon Johnson and enactment of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Held in the Fisher Meeting Room, no registration required.

Borderland Blacks: Two Cities in the Niagara Region During the Final Decades of Slavery by Dann J. Broyld

Thursday, February 15, 6:30-7:30

Dann j. Broyld's *Borderland Blacks* explores the status and struggles of transient Blacks in the early nineteenth century when Rochester and St. Catharines, Canada West, were the last stops on the Niagara branch of the Underground Railroad. This is an online program; **advance registration is required**. [Register online here](#).

Performance by Black Student Union at Eastman School of Music

Sunday, February 18, 2:00-3:00pm

The Black Student Union of the Eastman School of Music will perform a repertoire of music in celebration of Black History Month. Held in the Fisher Meeting room, no registration required.

You Should Be Grateful: Stories of Race, Identity, and Transracial Adoption by Angela Tucker

Monday, February 19, 7:00-8:00pm.

In *You Should Be Grateful*, Angela Tucker focuses on experiences of adoptees, to share stories of adopted youth that challenge the fairy-tale narrative of adoption and explore effects of racism and class biases as well as family, love and belonging. This is an online program; **advance registration is required**. [Register online here](#).

Our Voices Project: Uplifting Black Voices

Wednesday, February 21, 6:15-7:30pm

Members of Our Voices Project, a Rochester-based production company, will discuss the group's origins, sharing video highlighting Black history and hosting a panel discussion on their latest project, "What Does Being Black in America Mean To You?" Held in the Fisher Meeting Room, no registration required.

Blackstorytelling League

Saturday, February 24, 2:00-3:00pm

Members of the Blackstorytelling League of Rochester will highlight contributions of African Americans and showcase Black history. For elementary school children, but suitable for all ages. Held in the Fisher Meeting room, no registration required.

In This Moment 2: ROC's Black Leaders

Tuesday, February 27, 7:00-8:00pm

Amanda Chestnut, curator of the In This Moment 1 & 2 projects of the Visual Studies Workshop, will discuss a recently published chapbook with its subject, Melanie Funchess, CEO and Principal of Ubuntu Village Works, and contributors Quajay Donnell and Natalia Lauer. This is an online program; **advance registration is required**. [Register online here](#).

Throughout the month and beyond, Pittsford Community Library offers a range of materials and resources for Black History Month. Be sure to stop by! The Library is located at 24 State Street. To learn more about upcoming Library programs, visit the [Library's online program calendar](#).

SWEETHEART DANCE IS THIS FRIDAY, 2/9

The Pittsford Recreation Department's annual Sweetheart Dance will take place this 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. Be sure to join us! Cost is \$20 per person. 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.



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

Pittsford residents: The interest-free Town and County property tax deadline is **February 10**; first installments also are accepted on or before February 10.

Since February 10 is a Saturday this year, payments postmarked by or received on this

Monday, February 12 will be considered on-time.

Residents may make payments in person, by mail or by the mail slots (at the back door or to the right of the front door) at Pittsford Town Hall, 11 South Main Street, [online](#), or at Canandaigua National Bank (18 State Street, Pittsford). We ask that any cash payments be exact change and that you call ahead for an appointment to ensure proper staffing is available.

Please include the following with your tax payment:

1. The payment coupon (this is the second sheet of your bill); please note, the first installment and full payment are the same payment stub.
2. A filled out check with signature.
3. A contact phone number on your check.

If you need a copy of your tax bill, you can obtain it by:

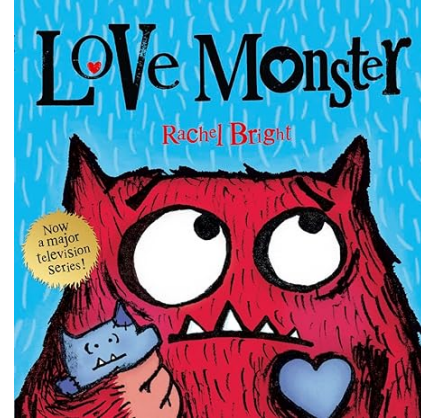
1. Downloading and printing a copy directly from the Monroe County website at www.monroecounty.gov/etc/rp/, OR
2. Emailing the Town Clerk/Tax Receiver at: townclerk@townofpittsford.org or calling the Town Tax Office at 585-248-6215 to have a copy of your tax bill emailed to you.

A reminder: If you are paying 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. We **strongly** advise that you do **NOT** make your payment in this manner.

“LOVE MONSTER” STORY STROLL THROUGH SUNDAY AT COMMUNITY CENTER

Catch the February Story Stroll before it ends! Take a stroll along the second floor of the Spiegel Pittsford

Community Center through this Sunday, February 11 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.



CELEBRATING THE TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE NOW THROUGH APRIL!

Pittsford sits squarely in the path of totality of the solar eclipse that will occur on April 8, 2024. The Town is celebrating with programs and activities highlighting the science

behind the event and the wonder of learning about the natural world. How do we know the eclipse will happen on April 8? How do we know the very minute it starts? Why does it happen? Learn the answers and much more as you join us for the Town's totally fun **Total Eclipse Community Celebration** featuring eclipse-themed offerings from now through April!

Check our [eNews](#), [website](#) and social media pages for information about **eclipse-themed programs, activities, speakers** and more from our **Recreation Department** and **Pittsford Community Library** staff teams. These include:

- Special Spring Break Camp
- Senior lunch program
- Story Stroll
- Eclipse-themed crafts and activities for kids and teens
- Community Art activity
- Trivia Night
- Favorite Space Films Panel Discussion
- A visit with a NASA Solar System Ambassador
- A range of knowledgeable and inspiring speakers
- And more!

It's been almost 100 years since Pittsford was in the path of totality and it won't happen again until 2144! Join us for this once-in-a-lifetime display of Nature in all its majesty.

Find full program information and ongoing updates at www.townofpittsford.org/eclipse-2024.

'A TASTE OF PITTSFORD' RETURNS ON 3/18 – DELICIOUS EVENT FOR A GREAT CAUSE

After a two-year pandemic break, the Pittsford Rotary Club is bringing back its Taste of Pittsford – a highly anticipated local fundraiser that features signature food and beverage tastings from local independent restaurants, wineries, and breweries.

Proceeds will benefit the Rotary Club's charitable programs and scholarships. The event takes place Monday, March 18 from 6:00-8:30pm at Nazareth University's Otto A. Shults Community Center, 4245 East Ave, Rochester, NY 14618. Valet parking will be available.

This is the 18th year of the event; it will include a silent auction featuring a wide variety of items as well.

Tickets for the event are \$50, available in advance only from any Pittsford Rotarian or online at www.PittsfordRotaryClub.org.



SENIORS CRAFT CLUB AT COMMUNITY CENTER THIS FRIDAY, 2/9

Our Pittsford Recreation Department has wonderful programs for seniors – and our seniors do wonderful things for others! The Seniors Craft Club, held at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, makes giveaway items for our Senior lunches and some for donation to local charities. Craft Club is a fun opportunity to get creative, make friends and do something positive for others. Plus, participants enjoy a light breakfast of coffee and tea, juice, coffee cake, and great company!

If you or someone you know enjoys making crafts, or would like to learn how to do so, join our seniors and get crafting! Craft Club meets once a month on

Fridays from 9:30 - 11:30am. **The next meeting is this Friday, February 9.** For more information, stop by the Senior Programs office at the Community Center or call 248-6235. And save the date – the next Craft Club meeting will take place 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, visit our Seniors page at www.townofpittsford.org/seniors, read our [Seniors program info brochure online](#), or call our Senior Programs office at 248-6235.

PYS "THRIVE: FINDING YOUR EMOTIONAL STRENGTH" FREE TEEN WORKSHOP DAY IS MARCH 2

Deadline to register is February 23

Pittsford Youth Services will offer a free, one-day series of peer group workshops for Pittsford Students in grades 9-12 on Saturday, March 2 entitled "*THRIVE: Finding Your Emotional Strength.*" The THRIVE workshops will provide a supportive environment where participants can

discuss mental health and other issues affecting teens. Participants will share experiences and learn to better understand their own, and their peers', feelings and



struggles.

Various therapies and relaxation techniques will be shared, as will information about accessing teen support resources in schools and in the community. The day includes hands-on experience with a **pet therapist**, an **art therapist** and a **music therapist**. A discussion on the importance of self-care and the option to participate in a yoga class will conclude the day's activities.

THRIVE will be held from 9:00am – 5:00pm at Calkins Road Middle School; lunch will be provided. **The event is free but registration is required; the deadline to register is Friday, February 23.** To register or for more information about PYS, visit www.pittsfordyouthservices.org, email PYS at info@pittsfordyouthservices.org or call 264-0604.

REMINDERS

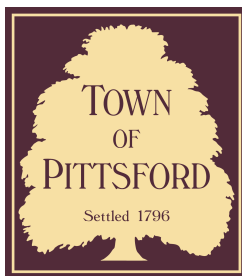


SENIORS LUNCH AND PROGRAM BY TOWN HISTORIAN VICKI PROFITT TUESDAY, 2/13 **Reservations due this Thursday, 2/8**

Seniors, join us for a delicious Mardi Gras themed 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 this Thursday, 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.



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

- **"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
- **Taste of Pittsford**, Monday, 3/18, 6-8:30pm, Nazareth College's Shults Center, 4245 East Avenue; featuring a variety of tastings from area restaurants, caterers, wineries and breweries plus a silent auction featuring a variety of items; proceeds to benefit Rotary's many local charitable efforts. Advance ticket sales only; more information and tickets online at www.pittsfordrotaryclub.org.
- **Pittsford Youth Services "THRIVE: Finding your Emotional Strength" teen workshop**, Saturday, March 2, 9:00am – 12:00pm, Calkins Road Middle School, lunch provided, free but advance registration is required; to register or for more information visit www.pittsfordyouthservices.org, email PYS at info@pittsfordyouthservices.org or call 264-0604
- **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, 2/8, 6:00pm, 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
- **Parks and Recreation Board**, Thursday, 2/8, 6:30pm, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center – Room 206, 35 Lincoln Avenue; the meeting agenda is posted at least 24 hours prior to the meeting on the Town website here: www.townofpittsford.org/minutes
- **Planning Board**, Monday, 2/12, 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:

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, 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 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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