

News & Reviews

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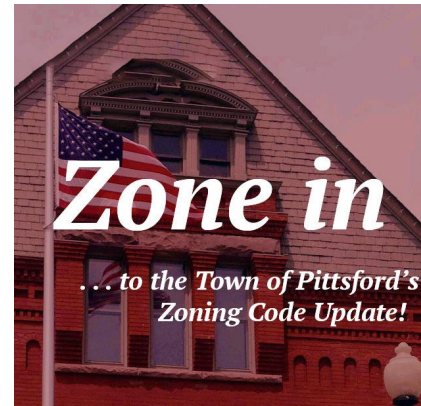
ZONING CODE UPDATE MEETING IS TODAY AT 12:00PM

The Pittsford Town Board continues to conduct meetings to discuss the Town's Zoning Code Update; the next meeting is today, Wednesday, February 28 at 12:00pm in the lower level meeting room at Pittsford Town Hall, 11 South Main Street. The meeting is open to the public. The meeting also will be live streamed.

Comments for the meeting may be submitted in advance via mail or email, and may be submitted during the meeting either in person or via email. The meeting will be recorded and live-streamed via the Town website. Visit our online calendar at www.townofpittsford.org/calendar and click the meeting date listing for information about how to submit comments and how to view Zoning Code Update meetings.

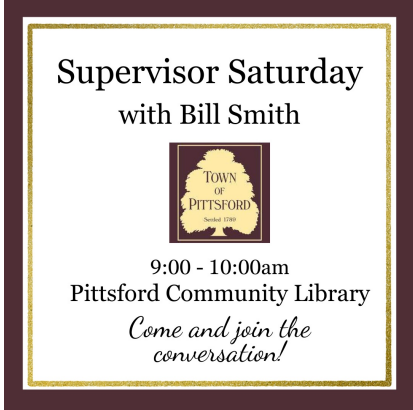
A link to the [Zoning Code Update meeting info and schedule for 2024](#) can be found on the calendar listing as well. Please note dates and times are subject to change; check www.townofpittsford.org/calendar for the most current updates as meeting dates near.

To learn more about the Zoning Code Update, and find links to the Town's Comprehensive Plan, Active Transportation Plan, current Zoning Code, and other informational materials, visit our Zoning Code Update website at www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate.



SUPERVISOR OPEN HOUSE WITH BILL SMITH THIS SATURDAY, 3/2

Town Supervisor Bill Smith will host his next community open house meeting this Saturday, March 2, 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.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT LABORER AND SEASONAL LABORER POSITION OPENINGS *Application Deadline this Friday, 3/1*

The Town of Pittsford's Highway Department has openings for **Laborer** and **Seasonal Laborer (part-time)** positions. Highway Laborers perform a wide range of services for the Highway Department, including road and drainage work, brush clean up, asphalt work, directing traffic, leaf pickup, etc. These positions require the use of hand tools as well as some power tools. Proper use of safety equipment and a valid NYS Driver's license is required.



The positions are 40 hours per week with regular working hours from 6:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

The application deadline for all positions above is this Friday, March 1, 2024. 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:

- [Laborer](#)
- [Seasonal Laborer](#)

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.



BLOOD DRIVE AT THE LIBRARY THIS FRIDAY, 3/1

The Town of Pittsford will host a Red Cross blood drive this Friday, March 1, 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 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 or calling 800-RED-CROSS.

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

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

Have you enjoyed a "First Saturday" at the Historic Pittsford Little House yet? The next one is this Saturday, March 2. Stop in from 9:00am to noon. The Little House is a historic gem in the heart of Pittsford Village. This week children (and adults!) can enjoy a new mini-exhibit featuring photos of Pittsford children from long ago, plus a fun game and quiz. If you have never visited the 200-year old Little House – this is your chance!



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, let them know – they are there to help, and enjoy solving a mystery!

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. The Little House also is open by appointment. Find out more about the Little House online at www.historicpittsford.com/the-little-house.



PITTSFORD ROTARY FOOD DRIVE THIS SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 9AM – 12PM

The Rotary Club of Pittsford's next drive-thru food drive is scheduled for this Saturday, March 2, 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. Rotarians and Interact Club Members will be collecting at the drive, rain, or shine! *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 canned spinach and collard greens, condiments (ketchup, BBQ sauce, salsa), salad dressing, and spaghetti sauce. The Cupboard also requests school supplies (notebooks, folders, paper, markers, pencils, etc.), reusable grocery bags, hand sanitizer, paper towels, feminine hygiene products, plastic wrap, tin foil, laundry soap,

and dish soap.

[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 or contact David Irwin by email (driwin8@gmail.com) or phone (585-269-2132). Please help our Rotarians help those in need if you can!

TAX EXEMPTION FOR SENIORS AND THE DISABLED

Filing deadline this Friday, 3/1

The Town has expanded eligibility for its tax exemptions for seniors and the disabled with limited income. The Town raised the income limit to \$58,400, thereby making seniors and disabled persons with annual income less than \$58,400 eligible for the exemption. This represents the full extent of income eligibility for the exemption permitted by State law. Previously the annual income limit to qualify for the exemption was \$37,400. See the full details about these exemptions at www.townofpittsford.org/news/tax-exemption-expansion-seniors-disabled-feb-2024.

This year's filing deadline for the tax exemption is this Friday, March 1, 2024.

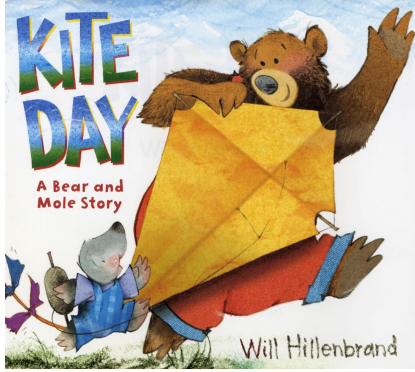
This tax exemption can help our seniors and disabled members of our community to remain in their homes and ease their financial burden. Seniors and persons on Social Security Disability who may think they qualify are encouraged to view the details at the above link and to check the information on our Town Assessor's web page at www.townofpittsford.org/assessor/exemption-information. The application forms, with instructions, can be found there. Those with further questions can contact our Assessor's Office directly at 248-6230.

Pittsford's policy as stated in our Comprehensive Plan is to help seniors, who have contributed to the vitality our community for decades, to remain here in Pittsford during their retirement years. We welcome the opportunity to take this step in support of disabled residents as well. This new expansion of the Town tax exemption supports both.



KITE DAY STORY STROLL BEGINS THIS MONDAY AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

Our Story Strolls have moved inside to the second floor of the [Spiegel Pittsford Community Center](#) for the winter! Next week, families can take a story stroll through *Kite Day* by Hillenbrand, from this Monday,



March 4 through Sunday, March 10 at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center. "Kite Day" is a charming picture book that follows Bear and Mole as they eagerly anticipate Kite Day. Despite facing setbacks and challenges, they work together to make the day memorable and fun. With delightful illustrations and a heartwarming story, "Kite Day" celebrates friendship, teamwork, and the joy of outdoor adventures.

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.

THINK CONSERVATION – AND SPRING! – WITH THE COUNTY'S TREE, SHRUB AND PLANT PRE-ORDER PROGRAM

Order deadline is this Friday, March 1

Winter is still here, but it's not too early to plan for your spring native planting project – and you can help conservation efforts in our area while you do!

The Monroe County Soil and Water (MCSW) Conservation District's annual Conservation Tree, Shrub, and Plant pre-order program is currently

underway and offers a wide variety of evergreens, hardwood trees, shrubs, wildflowers, groundcovers, seed mixes, plant variety conservation packs, and even enhancement items like bluebird nesting boxes and bat roosting boxes! Proceeds from the annual sale will benefit the MCSW Conservation District's education and preservation programs.



The catalog offers great choices for suburban conservationists, including a Wild Berry Multi-Pack – featuring 10 plants, including three elderberry, native raspberry, two shadblow serviceberry and red mulberry – and a Wildlife Pack that includes shrubs and trees that provide ideal food and shelter for wildlife. Packages range in unit size and price, from a bundle of 10 spruces, pines, or fir trees for as low as \$16, to bundles of 100 trees for as low as \$110.

Native species new to the program this year include American Hazelnut, Choke Cherry, Common Serviceberry, Northern Bayberry, Northern Catalpa, Pin Oak, and Streamco Willow – all showy, beautiful trees and shrubs that produce wildlife-attracting fruit and flowers and will provide quite the fall scenery with their stunning foliage.

Planting trees and shrubs is perhaps the most effective way for individuals to help keep our environment clean and green. In addition to providing shade, privacy, wildlife habitat, borders, windbreaks and snow fences, trees provide many environmental benefits not visible to the naked eye. They work as filters to help protect drinking water, clean the air of pollutants, help mitigate stormwater runoff and stabilize soil to

prevent erosion, and reduce noise by acting as sound barriers. Trees can help cool your home in the summer and break cold winds in the winter, helping to reduce energy use. They can even add value to your property.

Orders are due by 4:00pm on March 1 until and will be **ready for pick up on April 18 – 19 until 5:00pm** at Monroe County's ecopark facility (10 Avion Drive, Rochester 14624). To find the 2022 catalog, fillable online and printable order forms, a plant fact sheet and planting tips, visit the Monroe County Soil and Water Conservation District's [Tree and Shrub Program web page](#). Order forms also are available at local Town and Village Clerk's offices.

A Tree & Shrub Overstock Sale will take place on April 20 from 9:00am-11:00am, or until all species are sold out, at Monroe County ecopark (10 Avion Drive); note that not all species may be available at that time. Items are sold on a first-come, first-served basis. For further information, visit the MCSW Conservation District website at www.monroecountyswcd.org, email mcswcd@monroecounty.gov or call the MCSW Conservation District office Monday - Friday, 8:00am-4:00pm, at (585) 753-7380. Improve the environmental health of your property and support local conservation efforts – place your order today!



PITTSFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT CELEBRATES NATIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Pittsford Central School District joins school districts and education groups across the country to celebrate national "Public Schools Week" this week, February 26-March 4. It's a week that highlights the critical role public schools play in our communities and celebrates our public schools and their students, families, education advocates, and the many educators, administrators and school professionals who work to help our students achieve their greatest potential.

This special week recognizes the importance and impact of our nation's public schools. Public schools educate, prepare, and provide opportunities for 82% (64.1 million) of all students in the U.S, regardless of ability, race, religion, wealth, language, country of origin or needs.

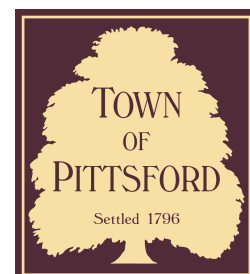
Please join us in celebrating our Pittsford Schools students and families, and the educators, administrators, and school professionals who serve them with care and dedication every day.

Thank you Pittsford Schools for educating and supporting our students!

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 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

- [Total Eclipse 2024 in Pittsford](#) celebration featuring eclipse-themed programs and activities, February – April, 2024; find details on our web page at www.townofpittsford.org/eclipse-2024
- [Red Cross Blood Drive at Pittsford Community Library](#), Friday, 3/1, 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 1800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).
- [Pittsford Rotary Food Drive](#), Saturday, 3/2, 9:00am - 12noon, Pittsford Sutherland High School bus loop, 55 Sutherland Street, collecting canned and packaged food items and personal hygiene items to benefit the [Pittsford Food Cupboard](#), [St. Joseph's Neighborhood Center](#), [Nazareth College Oak Tree Food Pantry](#), (click links for complete lists of needs); gently used recent (past 12 months) magazines are also needed.
- [Kite Day Story Stroll](#), 3/4 - 10, 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.
- [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.
- [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

- **Zoning Code Update Town Board meeting**, Wednesday, 2/28, 12:00pm, Town Hall lower level meeting room, 11 South Main Street. Meeting will be live-

streamed and recorded; comments can be submitted in advance (mail or email) or at the meeting (email or in person). Find [comment/viewing info here](#); find complete Zoning Code Update information at

www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate. Updated meeting listings will be posted at www.townofpittsford.org/calendar.

- **Design Review & Historic Preservation Board**, Thursday, 2/29, 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 – **NOTE DATE CHANGE**

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, 3/2, 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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