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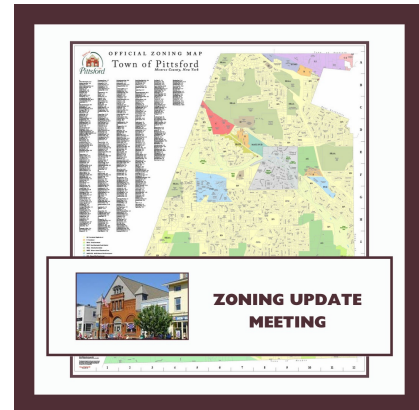
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*See listings below for  
Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings*

## **NEXT ZONING CODE UPDATE MEETING IS 4/18 – NOTE REVISED DATE, TIME, LOCATION**

### ***Attend in person or online***

The Pittsford Town Board continues to conduct meetings to discuss the Town's Zoning Code Update. Meeting dates are listed on the Town website calendar. The next meeting is Thursday, April 18 at 6:00pm and will be held in the Pittsford Community Library's Fisher Meeting Room. Items for discussion include Cluster zoning, zoning by Water Authority Property, consideration of the extension of Rural Residential South Pittsford (RRSP) zoning, and consideration of Hillside zoning. The meeting is open to the public and will be live streamed. Public participation is important! Public comment is welcomed; the public may comment on any aspect of rezoning, including items considered and discussed at previous meetings.



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](http://www.townofpittsford.org/calendar) and click the meeting date listing to find a link to information about [how to submit comments and how to view Zoning Code Update meetings](#).

Please note meeting dates and times are subject to change; check [www.townofpittsford.org/calendar](http://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](http://www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate).

**NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING INCLUDES  
PUBLIC HEARING FOR PITTSFORD OAKS**



## APARTMENT COMPLEX – 4/16

The next Town Board meeting will include a public hearing regarding the Pittsford Oaks Apartment Complex project; the meeting is at 6:00pm on Tuesday, April 16. The proposed project involves construction of a three-story residential complex at 2851 Clover Street, in the location previously occupied by the Barn Bazaar.

The Town Board Meeting and Public Hearing will take place in the lower-level meeting room at Town Hall, 11 South Main Street. The meeting can be attended

online or in person and can be viewed on the [Town Board Live Stream](#). Information for accessing and viewing the meeting can be found on page 2 of the meeting agenda, which will be posted on the [Agendas and Minutes page](#) by the afternoon of Friday, April 12.

## APRIL IS NATIONAL GARDEN MONTH

National Garden Month is an opportune time to celebrate the importance of native plants in gardening and landscaping. Native plants are species that naturally occur and have evolved in a specific region over thousands of years. They play a crucial role in maintaining the health and balance of ecosystems, providing food and habitat for native wildlife, including birds, insects and pollinators. By incorporating native plants into gardens, we can create resilient and sustainable landscapes that require less water, fertilizer and pesticides. Additionally, native plants showcase the beauty and diversity of local flora, contributing to the cultural heritage and identity of a region.

The Cornell Cooperative Extension contains an abundance of information regarding [native plants and gardening](#). They also have a comprehensive [Garden Guidance](#) section on their website that covers garden troubleshooting, food gardening, pollinator protection, composting, and more! This National Garden Month let's recognize the significance of native plants in preserving biodiversity, support ecosystem health and enhancing the beauty of our outdoor space. It's easy to add native plants, shrubs and trees to your landscape – visit our [Pittsford Pollinator Pathway web page](#) for tips and information!



## KEEP POLLINATORS IN MIND DURING EARLY SPRING CLEANUP

The Town's Early Spring Yard Debris Cleanup is under way and will continue through May 10. This is an opportunity to get a head start on picking up branches and sticks that succumbed to windy weather this winter. During this time, Town crews will collect loose piles of leaves, thatch, brush, branches and yard debris on an ongoing basis (no set schedule). Please note crews will pick up both **loose debris** and **debris in reusable containers or paper bags** during this time.

However, as you begin spring cleanup, please consider our pollinator friends! **Did you know that many pollinators hibernate in the same piles of dead leaves and hollow stems we want to clear out?** Pollinators need to continue their long winter's



rest to do their important work this spring and summer!

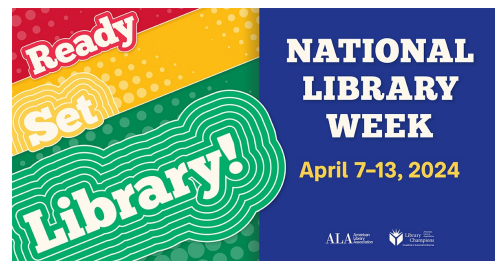
To save our pollinator friends, **delay picking up dead leaves and plants until evening temperatures remain reliably in the 50s or above.** If you must get a jump on tidying your lawn, consider gently moving leaf piles to one corner of the yard or leave some piles that have collected around trees, fences, and your garden until the weather is consistently warmer.

Whenever you do begin your spring cleanup, keep an eye out for nesting bees, chrysalises, and cocoons. If you pick out old stems that have pollinators nesting within, move them to a safe spot in your garden so they can finish hibernating and emerge ready to do their hard work.

Visit our [Yard Debris webpage](#) for complete details about Town yard debris collection services, including **s c h e d u l e s** and **g u i d e l i n e s**. And visit [www.townofpittsford.org/pollinator-pathway](http://www.townofpittsford.org/pollinator-pathway) to learn more about our pollinator pals and how to join the Pittsford Pollinator Pathway challenge!

### **NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK IS APRIL 7-13**

It's National Library Week – the perfect time to recognize and take advantage of all our Pittsford Community Library has to offer! Your library card not only lets you borrow books – it offers free access to a wide range of resources, including digital materials, film, music, Internet



access, educational programs and workshops, meeting spaces and so much more. Libraries foster a sense of belonging and connection within neighborhoods. They serve as hubs for cultural exchange, lifelong learning and social engagement, promoting literacy, critical thinking and empathy. But libraries by themselves are simply buildings filled with materials; it's our librarians and library staff that make libraries sanctuaries for learning and exploration.

Librarians are the unsung heroes of the knowledge world, serving as navigators, educators, and custodians of information. Their role extends far beyond shelving books; they are stewards of literacy and guardians of intellectual freedom who possess expertise in organizing, accessing and interpreting information. They teach technology skills that empower individuals to critically evaluate sources and navigate the complexities of the digital age. They make sure ALL have access to the wealth of information contained within the library.

We're incredibly grateful to our librarians and staff at the Pittsford Community Library for their crucial role within our community. This National Library Week pay a visit to our Library, and let's all say "thank you" to the treasured and invaluable members of our community who work there!

### **SENIORS MOVIE MATINEE APRIL 18: THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA**

***Reservations required by this Tuesday, April 16***

Seniors, join us on Thursday, April 18 for a free morning movie matinee featuring *The Devil Wears Prada* – a comedy-satire film starring Anne Hathaway and the inimitable Meryl Streep! 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 this Tuesday, April 16.**

Step into the cutthroat world of high fashion as Andy, a fresh-faced journalist, navigates the treacherous waters of Runway magazine under the watchful eye of the formidable Miranda Priestly. Will she survive the ultimate fashionista showdown or succumb to the devil in Prada?

Register for our Senior Movie Matinee by calling the Senior Center at 248-6235; reservations are due by this Tuesday, April 16. 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.

### SENIORS "SUNSHINE SOIREE" LUNCHEON AND "CELEBRATING PITTSFORD'S PIONEERING WOMEN" PROGRAM – 4/23

**Reservations are required by Thursday, April 18**

Seniors, enjoy a scrumptious lunch and dessert and stay for an enlightening presentation entitled "Celebrating Pittsford's Pioneering Women" by Town Historian Vicki Masters Proffitt. The Knights of Care-A-Lot, a group of students from Pittsford Sutherland High School, will also be joining us! Lunch will include stuffed shells (with your choice of meat or cheese), garlic bread, green beans and refreshing lemon-infused water. For dessert, enjoy a lemon cupcake with cream cheese frosting.



The lunch and the program will be held in the VanHuysen Community Room at 12:00pm on Tuesday, April 23; cost is \$8.00 per person. **Advance registration is required by Thursday, April 18.** 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 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.

### EARTH DAY CELEBRATION AT THE SPIEGEL PITTSFORD COMMUNITY CENTER ON APRIL 22

Join us on Monday, April 22 for our Earth Day Celebration! Everyone will have an opportunity to enjoy a special Story Stroll, visit vendor booths, make





Earth Day-themed crafts, indulge in Kona Ice, and more! The Earth Day Celebration takes place from 4:00 to 7:00pm at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center. The event is free but advance registration is required, in person or online. To ensure we have enough supplies, please [register each participant](#) attending this event. A responsible adult must accompany children. For more information about our Earth Day Celebration, call Amanda Poulin at 248-6283. 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.

### FREE DRIVE-THROUGH RABIES VACCINE CLINIC MAY 11 AT TOWN HIGHWAY GARAGE

Save the date – our annual Rabies Vaccine Free Drive-thru Clinic will be held on Thursday, May 9 from 4:30 - 7:00pm at the Town Highway Garage, 60 Golf Avenue. Update your pet's rabies vaccine for free – dogs, cats and ferrets are welcome! Although cats do not need to be licensed, NYS law does require they be rabies vaccinated. For safety, all dogs must be on a short leash (even if they're inside a vehicle); cats and ferrets must be in a secure carrier.



Three-year and one-year vaccines are available. A three-year vaccine will be available to those who present a prior rabies certificate; all others may receive a one-year vaccine. Advance registration is not required; please call Animal Control at 248-6240 with any questions. Many thanks to Dr. Christine Garvey from Doorbell Vet, who will be conducting our clinic this year. Our thanks also to the Monroe County Health Department for providing the free vaccines.



### SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH PITTSFORD RECREATION

Have you planned your child's summer camp experience yet? Our Pittsford Recreation Department team has you covered with a variety of full and half-day camp options for kids of all ages. **Summer Fun! Juniors** provides little ones ages 3-5 with an engaging summer camp experience in a smaller group, half-day setting. We offer morning and afternoon sessions along with an optional Lunch Bunch program.

**Summer Fun! Day Camp** offers eight weeks of fun day programming for ages 5-13. Programming includes outdoor playtime, indoor activities, arts & crafts, special events and theme days! We offer field trips too (additional fee and registration required). Registration is open! Visit the [Summer Fun link](#) on the Pittsford Recreation page for more information and to register.

We're also offering a variety of **specialty camps**, including:

## Summer Theatre Camps

- Dance Camp
- Adventure Camp
- Chinese Cultural Art Camp
- Stop-Motion Art Camp
- Creative Art Camp
- College Prep Art Camp
- Youth Beginner Fencing Camp
- Junior Tennis Camp
- Horseback Camp
- Sports Camp for Kids
- Golf Camps
- Summer Running Kickoff Camp
- STEAM Exploration Camp

Visit [www.townofpittsford.org/recreation](http://www.townofpittsford.org/recreation) for more information and to register, but hurry! Slots are already filling up fast!

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## **HISTORIC PITTSFORD STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE MAY 15**

Historic Pittsford is seeking student applicants for its [Jean France Historic Preservation Scholarship](#) - the application deadline is Wednesday, May 15. A \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a student who is enrolled in, applying to, or accepted into a college program that may lead to a career related to historic preservation. **College programs may include but are not limited to architecture, history, museum studies, landscape architecture, environmental studies or another related field.**



The scholarship award is open to a high school senior or college student who is:

- a Pittsford resident (attending any high school or college), OR
- a non-resident attending Pittsford Sutherland High School, Pittsford Mendon High School, or a college or university in Monroe County.

An [application form](#) and additional information is available on the Historic Pittsford website at [www.historicpittsford.com/preservation-awards](http://www.historicpittsford.com/preservation-awards). The application deadline is May 15, 2024.

Historic Pittsford is currently accepting nominations for its annual [Preservation Achievement Award](#) as well; nominations are due May 15.

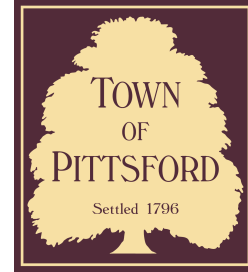
## **REMINDERS**

### **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**

- **Zoning Code Update Town Board meeting**, Thursday, 4/18, 6:00pm, Pittsford Community Library Fisher Meeting Room, 24 State Street – **note revised day, time and location**. 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](http://www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate). Updated meeting listings will be posted at [www.townofpittsford.org/calendar](http://www.townofpittsford.org/calendar).
- **Earth Day Celebration at Spiegel Pittsford Community Center**, Monday, April 22, 4:00 – 7:00pm, 35 Lincoln Avenue; family-friendly activities and crafts, and helpful information to strengthen your green skills and knowledge, free and open to the public, registration required, [register online](#) or at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue
- **Pittsford Free Drive-Through Rabies Vaccine Clinic**, Thursday, 5/9, 4:30-7:30pm, Pittsford Town Highway Garage, 60 Golf Avenue; update your pet's rabies vaccine for free – dogs, cats, and ferrets are welcome, dogs must be on a short leash, cats and ferrets must be in a secure carrier; no appointment needed, see details at link and call Pittsford Animal Control at 248-6240 with any questions.
- **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**

- **Pittsford Community Library Board**, Wednesday, 4/10, 6:00pm, Fletcher Steele Room, Pittsford Community Library, 24 State 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)

- **Design Review & Historic Preservation Board**, Thursday, 4/11, 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](http://www.townofpittsford.org/minutes)
- **Parks and Recreation Board**, Thursday, 4/11, 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](http://www.townofpittsford.org/minutes)
- **Zoning Board of Appeals**, Monday, 4/15, 6:30pm, 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, 4/16, 6:00pm, Public Meeting Room, Town Hall (lower level), 11 South Main Street, agenda to include a **public hearing** regarding proposed Pittsford Oaks Apartment Complex project at 2851 Clover Street, in the location previously occupied by the Barn Bazaar; 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)
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## COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

- [Board of Education Budget Adoption](#) (pending NYS budget) and Regular Meeting, Tuesday, 4/16, 7:00pm, Barker Road Middle School McCluski Board Room, 75 Barker Road
- [Village Board of Trustees](#) meetings are generally the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 5:30pm, Village Hall, 21 North Main Street; more information and participation details will be listed on the Village website [here](#) as the meeting date approaches
- [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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