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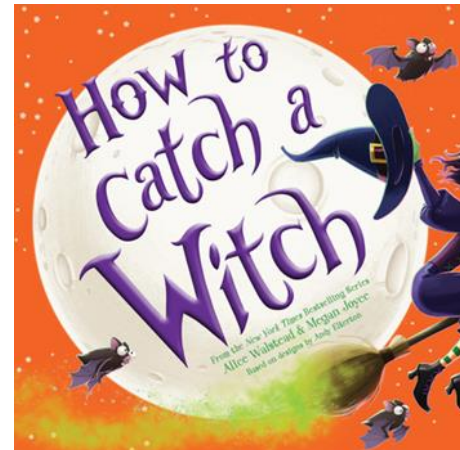
Town of Pittsford - a Clean
Energy and Climate Smart
Community

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

HALLOWEEN STORY STROLL AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER THROUGH SUNDAY

Join us for our last Story Stroll of the year! The *How to Catch a Witch* Story Stroll is under way through this Sunday, October 29 at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center field. Walk and read a Halloween-themed book at your leisure. When you're finished with the story, come to the front desk to receive a fun craft bag.

This month's storybook is *How to Catch a Witch* by Alice Walstead. It's Halloween night and something doesn't seem quite right . . . Join the "How to Catch" kids as they head out to trick treat and end up embarking on a fun-filled adventure! A witch has opened a magical portal, letting spooky creatures run around all over the neighborhood. Can they close the portal in time to save Halloween – and most importantly the candy – before it's too late?



Craft packs are available at the Community Center Desk from 8:00am – 5:00pm through Saturday and from 12:00 – 5:00pm Sunday. The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue.

Be sure to stay tuned for next year's Story Stroll series!

Library Hours

The Pittsford Community
Library will be **CLOSED**
on **Friday, October 27**
for staff training.

Regular hours will resume on
Saturday, October 28.



LIBRARY CLOSED THIS FRIDAY, 10/27 FOR STAFF TRAINING

The Pittsford Community Library will be closed this Friday, October 27, for staff training.

The Library will be open regular hours (10:00am – 5:00pm) on Saturday, October 28. [Visit the Library's online calendar](#) for a full list of events.

Message from Town Supervisor Bill Smith:

TIPS FOR A SAFE AND HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Halloween is almost here. If your family will be out trick-or-treating – or if you will be out on the road – be sure to plan ahead for a fun and safe evening. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration advises that children are nearly **THREE TIMES** as likely to be hit by a car on Halloween than on any other day of the year. It's a sobering fact that requires attention. Don't let Halloween be scary for the wrong reasons; follow these simple yet important guidelines to make sure you, your children and your neighbors stay safe.



1. **Be visible!** Poor visibility is the biggest threat on Halloween night. Trick-or-treat before the sun goes down if you can, especially if you have younger children. Choose light-colored, fire-resistant costumes. Fasten reflective tape to costumes and bags and have everyone hold a glow stick or flashlight.
2. **Have a walking plan.** Trick-or-treat down one side of the street at a time, stay within well-lit areas that have sidewalks and watch out for cars backing in and out of driveways.
3. **Drive below the speed limit.** Little ones dart out of their parent's grasp quickly and unexpectedly; you need extra time to safely respond.
4. **Accompany all children under the age of 12 and** remind kids of all ages to **NEVER** enter a stranger's home or car. Have teenagers adhere to a curfew and check in with them throughout the evening.
5. **Inspect children's treats when they get home.** Throw away any candy with tears, holes, or damaged wrappers.

The best plan is to be aware and take care. Have a fun, safe Halloween!



SENIORS HAUNTED HALLOWEEN LUNCH & PROGRAM BY BETH BRANCATO IS OCTOBER 31 *Reservation deadline is this Thursday, October 26*

Seniors, join us for a home-cooked "Haunted Halloween" luncheon at 12noon in the VanHuysen Community Room at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center on Tuesday, October 31. If you'd like, wear a costume or black and orange to get into the Halloween spirit! After lunch, enjoy a special Halloween program by Beth Brancato. Lunch will include pork chops with stuffing, gravy, butternut squash and dessert. Everyone attending will receive a "spooktacular" gift from the Pittsford Senior's Craft Club! The cost for lunch is \$8.00 per person; **advance registration and**

payment is required by this Thursday, October 26. 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.

**ANNIVERSARY HISTORY PRESENTATION
NEXT WEDNESDAY, 11/1**

In partnership with Historic Pittsford

Join [Historic Pittsford](#) at the Pittsford Volunteer Fire Department Station #1 for a special presentation by [Pittsford Volunteer Fire Department](#) Safety Officer Barry Rickett. Learn all about the Department's 125-year history of service to our community and enjoy a tour of the engines and historic equipment! The program is free and open to the public; no registration is required. The presentation and tour will take place from 7:00 – 8:00pm; Pittsford Fire Station #1 is located at 8 Monroe Avenue in Pittsford Village.



REGISTER ONLINE: WWW.TOWNOFPITTSFORD.ORG
ACTIVITY CODE: 441021-03

**GUIDED HIKE NOVEMBER 4 FEATURES
THORNELL FARM PARK**

Our next guided trail hike takes place on Saturday, November 4 at Thornell Farm Park (480 Mendon Road). Meet at 8:30am for a beautiful, autumnal hike! Along the way, your guide will highlight the outdoor recreational opportunities at the park and discuss the park's history. Participants will be contacted with a meeting place prior to the hike date and receive a packet of maps and area information.

Wear sturdy, waterproof boots and appropriate clothing for the weather. Bring your Wegmans Hit the Trail Passport and get credit for hiking the trail! The program is free but advance registration is required. Register online at www.townofpittsford.org/recreation or in person at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue. Free downloadable/printable maps are also available in advance on the Town website at www.townofpittsford.org/trails_and_walkways.

**ROTARY CLUB'S ELECTION DAY DRIVE-THRU
BBQ SUPPER IS NOVEMBER 7**

On Tuesday, November 7 from 4:00 - 7:00pm [The Rotary Club of Pittsford](#) will continue a Pittsford tradition and host its Drive-Through Election Day Supper. This year they'll be serving chicken BBQ dinners prepared by [Mission BBQ](#). Dinners can be picked up via the drive-thru located at **Thornell Farm Park**, 480 Pittsford-Mendon Road (just south of Mendon High School). Each meal is \$18 and includes a half a chicken, coleslaw, corn bread and a cookie. Tickets are available on The [Rotary Club of Pittsford's website](#) or from any Pittsford Rotarian. A limited number of tickets will also be available at the gate via cash or credit card. Now in its 57th year, this popular annual charity fundraiser will donate a portion funds raised to benefit the Rochester Veterans Outreach Center, Honor Flight and other community organizations.

 **Rotary Club of Pittsford**
Annual Election Day Supper
★ **Drive-thru Only** ★


MISSION BBQ
The American Way.

Is Serving
**Yard Bird
Half Chicken,
Cold Slaw,
Cornbread, Cookie**



All Tickets \$18

Tickets available at
PittsfordRotaryClub.org
or from any Pittsford Rotarian

Proceeds support
Veterans Outreach Center,
Honor Flight and other
Local Charities.

 ELECTION DAY-TUESDAY, NOV. 7
4:00-7:00 PM
THORNELL FARM PARK • PARKING LOT
480 PITTSFORD-MENDON ROAD (RT. 64)

**FRIENDS OF PITTSFORD LIBRARY BOOK SALE
IS THURSDAY – SATURDAY, 11/9 – 11**

The Friends of Pittsford Library Fall Book Sale begins Thursday, November 9 and runs through Saturday,

FRIENDS OF PCL BOOK SALE

Thursday, November 9:
4:00pm-8:00pm
Friday, November 10:
10:00am-5:00pm
Saturday, November 11:
10:00am-4:00pm*
*Bag Sale 4:00-5:00pm

November 11 in the Pittsford Community Library's Fisher Meeting Room, 24 State Street. This special sale will feature fine and rare books! You'll also find an array of gently used books for all ages (including hardcover and paperbacks) plus games, DVDs, and CDs – all at fantastic prices. Hours are Thursday, 11/9 from 4:00 - 8:00pm, Friday, 11/10 from 10:00am – 5:00pm, and Saturday, 11/11 from 10:00am – 4:00pm, plus a \$3 bag-it sale from 4:00pm – 5:00pm.

The sale is open to all. Items will be replenished throughout the sale, so everyone has a chance to find some wonderful buys. **Bags will be in short supply so please bring your own.** Credit cards accepted. All proceeds benefit programs and materials for our Library!

REMINDER – 2024 BUDGET HEARING IS MONDAY, 11/6

The public hearing for Town Supervisor Bill Smith's proposed 2024 Town Budget will be held in the Town Hall meeting room on **Monday, November 6 at 6:00pm** during the Town Board meeting.

The Supervisor's budget holds the Town tax rate flat – with **no increase to the tax rate**. It continues funding for all of the Town's services and events.



The budget documents, including Supervisor Smith's budget presentation, are available to view on the Town website at www.townofpittsford.org/budgets. These also can be found by using the "Budgets & Financials" link under the "Government" tab on the Town website home page. Hard copies are available for viewing at Town Hall.

As always, comments for the Town Board meeting may be submitted in advance (prior to 2:30pm on the day of the meeting) or made during the meeting both in person and by email. Emailed comments may be sent to comments@townofpittsford.org. The meeting will also be live streamed. See the agenda packet at www.townofpittsford.org/minutes for viewing access and comment submission details; the agenda packet will be posted at least two days prior to the meeting. ASL interpretation is provided.



FOR SAFE AND EFFICIENT PICK-UP, PLEASE SEPARATE LEAVES AND YARD DEBRIS

To help our crew members get through each neighborhood faster and more safely as they collect leaves and yard debris, please remember to keep brush, branches and other yard debris separate from leaves and place leaf piles at the road edge, behind the curb. It is important to keep leaves and yard debris separated, as yard debris can damage our leaf vacuum or cause injury to crew staff. To see when leaf crews will be in your neighborhood, use our

online Leaf Collection App - find it here <https://gis.townofpittsford.org/LeafCollection/>.

Please remember leaf collection is on a separate schedule from yard debris collection. Yard debris in reusable bags/containers continues to be collected during the regular weekly schedule; see <https://gis.townofpittsford.org/YardDebris/> for your Yard Debris pickup day information. Loose brush continues to be collected on an ongoing basis (no set schedule).

FALL GARDEN TIPS TO HELP POLLINATORS

Whether you're joining the Town's Pollinator Pathway program or just want to have a beautiful, healthy and low-maintenance garden, native plants are the way to go! You can find garden ideas and seasonal tips on our <https://www.townofpittsford.org/pollinator-pathway> web page.

Below are some gardening tips for the fall that can help you create a welcoming habitat for butterflies, moths, bees and other pollinating insects and wildlife.



Plant in the fall to see spring blooms. The combination of cool fall air and still-warm soil stimulates root growth. Early emerging bees will appreciate the springtime food source!

Use cardboard to keep in moisture and block weeds. Putting down a layer of cardboard when creating a garden retains moisture to keep your soil healthy, keeps any existing weed seeds from sprouting, and will eventually break down as beneficial organic matter for your soil. Remove all labels from the cardboard, lay it flat, saturate it with water, and add a thick layer of compost and/or mulch on top. Then dig down through the cardboard to plant your plants.

Keep pollinators safe through the winter. You can double the value to pollinators of a native tree or shrub by adding native shade plants underneath it or close by. Such shade plants include Woodland Phlox (*Phlox divaricata*), Virginia Anemone (*Anemone virginiana*), and Black Cohosh (*Actaea racemosa*). These plants will provide critical winter shelter and habitat for one or more life cycle stages of moths, butterflies, and beneficial insects such as bumblebees, fireflies, lacewings, and beetles. And wherever possible, leave an area with fallen leaves, sticks, etc. – a little “messy” spot in your garden or yard also is the perfect place for a pollinator to safely spend the winter.

Planning now means better success with your garden – and more beneficial pollinating insects – in the spring!



STONE ROAD IS NOW FULLY OPEN – COUNTY CULVERT PROJECT IS COMPLETE

Phase 2 of the Monroe County Department of Transportation's Stone Road Culvert Replacement construction project (east of Clover Street, between Chelsea Park/Merryhill Lane and Chatham Woods) is now finished. This completes the two-phase County project; Stone Road is fully re-opened in this area.

REMINDERS

DONATE "COATS FOR SENIORS" AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER BY THIS TUESDAY, 10/31

The weather is getting colder and a good coat is much needed. The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is participating in the Monroe County Office for the Aging and Medical Motor Service of Rochester's annual Coats for Seniors coat drive. The Community Center, located at 35 Lincoln Avenue, is a drop-off location for new and gently worn coats which will be distributed to seniors in need across Monroe County. Seniors interested in receiving a coat can call any participating senior center in Monroe County, or the Monroe County Office for the Aging at 753-6280, to do so. For more information, stop by or call the Pittsford Senior Programs office at 248-6235. **Coats are being collected through October 31, 2023.**



If you're holiday shopping and get a great deal on a new coat, please consider donating a gently worn coat you may be replacing. Of course, if you'd like to purchase a new coat to donate that's wonderful too! The Town's Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue.



LEAF COLLECTION IS UNDERWAY

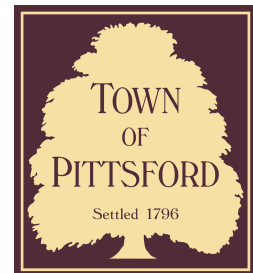
Our crews will be in your neighborhood approximately every three weeks now through December 8 to collect loose leaf piles. After December 8, leaf collection will be ongoing as needed, no set schedule. Consolidating small piles of leaves into larger piles will help expedite leaf pick up. During this time, crews will continue to pick up yard debris every week

if it is placed in a bag/container and separated from your leaf piles. **It is important to keep leaves and yard debris separated, as yard debris can damage our leaf vacuum or cause injury to crew staff.** To see where our leaf collections crews are working, [click HERE to use our real-time Leaf Collection applications](#). It will let you know when crews will be in your neighborhood. For leaf collection tips, please visit our website.

Loose brush will continue to be collected on an ongoing basis (no set schedule) during this time and containerized debris will be collected during the regular weekly schedule; see <https://gis.townofpittsford.org/YardDebris/> for Yard Debris pickup day information. Please note that the Town of Pittsford **prohibits residential burning of brush and leaves.**

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

- *How to Catch a Witch Story Stroll*, through Sunday, 10/29, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center field, 35 Lincoln Avenue; stop by the Community Center front desk after completing the walk to pick up a themed craft to take home, free and open to the public.
- [History of the Pittsford Volunteer Fire Department](#), presented by Historic Pittsford, Wednesday, 11/1, 7:00pm, Pittsford Fire Station #1, 8 Monroe Avenue; free and open to the public, no registration required, includes a tour of the engines and historic equipment
- [Rotary Club of Pittsford Election Day Drive-Thru BBQ Supper](#), Tuesday, 11/7, 4:00 - 7:00pm, Thornell Farm Park, 480 Mendon Road. Tickets are \$18 each, available online or from any Rotarian; proceeds to benefit local charities and service organizations.
- [Friends of Pittsford Library Fall Book Sale](#), featuring fine and rare books, Thursday, 11/9 from 4:00 – 8:00pm, Friday, 11/10 from 10:00am – 5:00pm, and Saturday, 11/11 from 10:00am – 4:00pm; bag-it sale from 4:00pm – 5:00 pm, Pittsford Community Library, Fisher Meeting Room, 24 State Street; sale is open to all, funds raised to support programs and materials for the Library. Items will be replenished throughout the sale; bags will be in short supply – please bring your own.
- [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**, Wednesday, 10/25, 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 DAY AND DATE CHANGE**
- **Town Board - includes public hearing for 2024 Proposed Town Budget**, Monday, 11/6, 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 – **NOTE DATE/DAY**

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, 11/4, 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 <https://www.womensclubofpittsford.org> for more information
- [Pittsford Art Group](#) conducts monthly member meetings (in person and online) featuring a guest artist; new members are welcome! The PAG also hosts juried and non-juried shows and displays artwork at various locations throughout Pittsford. For further information or to become a member, please visit www.pittsfordartgroup.com and fill out a [Contact Us](#) form.

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