

News & Reviews

November 22, 2023

Town of Pittsford - a Clean Energy and Climate Smart Community

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Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings

A message from Town Supervisor Bill Smith:

The Thanksgiving holiday offers a timely reminder to appreciate all the good in our lives - our family, our friends, our joys and successes, obstacles overcome and the strength and resilience we draw on to face challenging times. I'm thankful for all of these things, and especially thankful to live in a community that celebrates and appreciates them as well. My best wishes to each of you for a very happy Thanksgiving!





THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY HOURS

Town of Pittsford offices, facilities, and services including Town Hall, the Parks and Sewer departments, and Town Court will close at 1:00pm on Wednesday, November 22 and remain closed Thursday and Friday, November 23-24 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. The Town Highway Department will be closed on Thursday, November 23; regular Town leaf collection services will be provided on Friday,

November 24.

The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center will close at 5:00pm on Wednesday, November 22 and remain closed on Thursday (11/23) and Friday (11/24).

The Pittsford Community Library will close at 5:00pm on Wednesday, November 22 and will be closed on Thursday, November 23; it is open regular hours (9:00am - 6:00pm) on Friday, November 24.

In case of an emergency requiring Town of Pittsford services during holiday closure, please call (585) 248-6212.

We wish all a happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday!

BUDGET FOR 2024 APPROVED: NO TAX INCREASE, NO CUT TO SERVICES

Town Supervisor Bill Smith's proposed Town budget for 2024 was passed by the Pittsford Town Board. The 2024 Town 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 final 2024 budget documents, and 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.



SENIORS FALL FEST LUNCH & PROGRAM BY DEPUTY TOWN HISTORIAN VICKI PROFITT THIS TUESDAY, REGISTRATION DEADLINE TODAY

Seniors, join us for an **End of Fall Festival** lunch with a special program by Deputy Town Historian Vicki Profitt on Tuesday, November 28 at 12noon! Vicki will give a presentation entitled "Civil War Soldiers of Pittsford." Cost is \$8.00 per person. **Advance registration is required by today, November 22**. 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 <u>click here to visit the Seniors' page</u> on the Town website, <u>read our Seniors program info brochure online</u>, or call the Senior Programs Office at 248-6235.

STOP BY TOWN HALL ON CANDLELIGHT NIGHT FOR COOKIES AND HOT CIDER

Town Hall will be open during Candlelight Night! Stop by from 5:00 - 8:00pm on Tuesday, December 5 for complimentary cookies and hot cider.

Then take a walk through Town Hall and follow the lighted path outside to visit Mrs. Claus at Historic Pittsford's Little House and the Grinch at Messner's. Town Hall is located at 11 South Main Street.





CRAFTS, MUSIC AND BALLET DANCERS AT THE LIBRARY ON CANDLELIGHT NIGHT

There's fun for all ages at the Pittsford Community Library on Candlelight Night! From 5:00 – 7:30pm, kids of all ages are invited to stop in to create a winter craft and enjoy a unique photo opportunity with dancers from the Draper Center and Rochester City Ballet! From 6:30 – 7:30pm, enjoy timeless holiday classics and forgotten gems of the season with the Ann Mitchell Jazz Trio, featuring John Gabriele on keyboard and Sheldon Tripi on bass, The

Friends of the Pittsford Library is holding an all-day book sale that continues through

the evening as well (see details below).

HOLIDAY SHOPPING FOR BOOK-LOVERS: CANDLELIGHT NIGHT (AND DAY!) SALE 12/5

You can pick up some wonderful books, puzzles, music and more at the Friends of Pittsford Community Library Holiday Book Sale at the Pittsford Community Library on Tuesday, December 5 from 10:00am - 8:00pm. You'll find hardcover and paperback books, DVDs, CDs and games at great prices for a variety of age ranges and interests, from kids of all ages to adults. All items are in excellent condition – perfect for gift giving! Stop by during the day or during Candlelight Night and get some holiday shopping done early. All proceeds raised from the book sale will support programs and materials for our Library. The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street.





CANDLELIGHT NIGHT AT THE LITTLE HOUSE – A VISIT FROM MRS. CLAUS!

Spread the word to children of all ages: Mrs. Claus will be at <u>Historic Pittsford's Little House</u> from 6:00 – 7:00pm on Candlelight Night. We have it on good authority that she has a direct line to Santa! Adults are welcome too!

Stop by to say hello to Mrs. Claus and see the recently restored 200-year-old Little House. There will be treats for young and old. We look forward to greeting

you. Candlelight Night is Tuesday, December 5 from 5:00-8:00 PM in the Village of Pittsford. The Little House is located at 18 Monroe Avenue, next to Pittsford Fire Station #1.

KEEP STORM WATER DRAINS CLEAR TO PREVENT FLOODING AND DRIVING HAZARDS

Heavy and sudden rainstorms, like the ones we've experienced recently, can leave behind a large amount of stormwater runoff. To ensure our stormwater management system is working at its best, please help by periodically checking the storm drains in the gutters near your home or business and clearing them of any leaves, grass clippings and other debris. A blocked drain grate prevents stormwater from flowing into the catchbasin below, causing water pooling in roads, walkways



and other areas which can lead to flooding, water damage or hazardous driving conditions.

And remember, stormwater drains lead directly to the nearest stream or waterway – so please ensure there's only rain going down the storm drain! To learn more about reducing stormwater pollution, visit the <u>Town's Stormwater Management webpage</u>. You can also visit the <u>Monroe County Stormwater Coalition website</u>, where you can also learn how to be an H2O Hero!



TOWN'S MAP APPLICATIONS WILL BE DOWN FOR MAINTENANCE THIS MORNING

The Town of Pittsford's interactive online map applications will be unavailable the morning of Wednesday, November 22 due to scheduled IT maintenance. Affected applications include the Leaf Collection app, the Refuse District maps app, and the Trails & Sidewalks map. We anticipate all apps will be available for use by Wednesday afternoon.

REMINDERS

CANDLELIGHT CRAWL IS DECEMBER 5, 5:00PM | FOLLOW THE ROUTE IN ANY ORDER

Pittsford's 8th annual Candlelight Crawl will take place in Pittsford Village on Tuesday, December 5. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Pittsford Food Cupboard. Toast the season with a "spirited" stroll through your favorite local pubs, with featured cocktails and hors d'oeuvres! The event begins at 5:00pm; participants can follow the route in any order. Featured establishments include new and old Pittsford favorites: the Erie Grill, Pittsford Pub, JoJo's, Via Girasole, Lock 32, Label 7, Copper Leaf, Thirsty's and BluHorn Tequilaria. These great local establishments will be offering discounted specials for those who purchase a \$5 wristband; all proceeds from wristband sales benefit the Pittsford Food Cupboard.



Wristbands can be purchased at the Chamber info tent on South Main Street or at any participating location. It will be the perfect night for shopping, dining, and enjoying holiday treats under the twinkling lights! Find details at www.pittsfordchamber.org/events/annual-candlelight-night-celebration.



WE'RE GATHERING RETIREMENT WELL WISHES FOR TOWN HISTORIAN AUDREY JOHNSON

Town and Village Historian Audrey Johnson will be retiring at the end of November. Audrey has served as a dedicated steward of the Town's historical records and has been an invaluable resource for questions related to Pittsford history, ancestry, historic buildings, genealogy and other historical facts. Should you like to show your appreciation for her 44 years of service to our community, we will be gathering cards and emails offering well wishes for Audrey. Cards or letters may be

mailed or dropped off to:

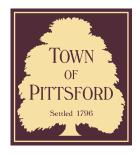
Vicki Masters Profitt, Deputy Town Historian Spiegel Pittsford Community Center 35 Lincoln Avenue, Room 114 Pittsford, New York 14534

Emailed wishes can be sent to vprofitt@townofpittsford.org.

To ensure we can pass them along to Audrey, please to be sure we receive your well wishes by Wednesday, November 29.

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

- <u>Friends of Pittsford Library Holiday Book Sale</u>, Tuesday, 12/5, 10:00am 8:00pm; sale is open to the public, funds raised support programs and materials for our Library; Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street.
- Chamber of Commerce Candlelight Night, Tuesday, 12/5, 5:00-8:00pm, Village of Pittsford holiday lights, treats, special sales, Santa and Mrs. Claus sightings; book sale, children's craft, and jazz trio at the Library; treats at Town Hall, horse-drawn wagon rides, tree lightings, and more; see info above and more info, including a complete event schedule, on the Pittsford Chamber of Commerce website as the date approaches at www.pittsfordchamber.org/events/annual-candlelight-night-celebration
- Candlelight Night at Town Hall stop by Town Hall for complimentary cookies, Tuesday, 12/5, 5:00 8:00pm, Pittsford Town Hall, 11 South Main Street
- Candlelight Night at the Library, Tuesday, 12/5, Pittsford Community Library, 24
 State Street; featuring a children's craft and photo opportunity with Draper
 Center and Rochester City Ballet members (5:00 7:30pm), and a performance
 of holiday classics by the Ann Mitchell Jazz Trio from 6:30 7:30pm
- Visit with Mrs. Claus at Historic Pittsford Little House, Candlelight Night, Tuesday, 12/5, 6:00 – 7:00pm, Historic Pittsford Little House, 18 Monroe Avenue
- Candlelight Night Pub Crawl, Tuesday, 12/5, begins 5:00pm, pub crawl for ages 21 and over, visit participating establishments in any order; purchase a \$5.00 wristband at the Chamber tent or at participating venues for discounts on food or beverages at the participating establishments: BluHorn Tequilaria, Copper

- Leaf Brewing, Erie Grill, JoJo Bistro & Wine Bar, Label 7, Lock 32, Pittsford Pub, Thirsty's, and Via Girasole. Proceeds from the sale of wristbands will benefit the Pittsford Food Cupboard
- 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, 11/23 NO MEETING due to Thanksgiving holiday
- Planning Board, Monday, 11/27 MEETING CANCELED

COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

- <u>Board of Education</u> meeting, Tuesday, 11/28, 7:00pm, 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, 12/9, 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
- <u>Pittsford Rotary Club</u>, 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
- <u>Pittsford Art Group</u> 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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