

News & Reviews

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Town of Pittsford - a Clean Energy and Climate Smart Community

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RETIREMENT WELL WISHES DUE TODAY FOR TOWN HISTORIAN AUDREY JOHNSON

Town and Village Historian Audrey Johnson will be retiring this Thursday (tomorrow!) but there's still time to send her a note of thanks! Today (Wednesday, 11/29) is the deadline to drop off notes or cards or send an email of appreciation - see details below.



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 are gathering cards and emails offering well wishes for Audrey. Cards or letters may be dropped off today 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 today to vprofitt@townofpittsford.org.

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

WOMEN'S CLUB WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA VETERANS REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY THIS TUESDAY, 12/5

In honor and remembrance of our veterans, the Women's Club of Pittsford and Rayson-Miller American Legion Post 899 will host Pittsford's 8th annual Wreaths Across America ceremony at the Pittsford Veterans Monument in Carpenter Park this Tuesday,



December 5 at 3:00pm. The ceremony will include an honor guard and a prayer of remembrance to honor all living and deceased veterans. Guest speakers include Pittsford Village Mayor Alysa Plummer and Pittsford Town Supervisor Bill Smith.

Two wreaths, donated by Gallea's Tropical Greenhouse, will be laid at the monument and will remain there through January 2, 20243 in recognition of those who have served and continue to serve in the

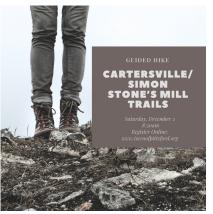
US military to protect our freedoms. The remembrance closes with the playing of Taps. All are invited and encouraged to attend as a way to remember and honor our veterans during this holiday season. The Veterans Monument in Carpenter Park is located at 22 North Main Street in Pittsford Village.

BLOOD DRIVE AT THE LIBRARY THIS FRIDAY

The Town of Pittsford will host a Red Cross blood drive this Friday, December 1, from 10:00am 3:00pm at the Pittsford Community Library (24State Street) in the Fisher Meeting Room. Schedule a time to give blood through this online registration link or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800733-2767).



Donating blood is a simple thing to do, but it can make a significant difference in the lives of others. The Red Cross needs the ongoing support of blood donors to help patients battling disease and facing the unexpected. If you are eligible and feeling well, please consider making an appointment for next Friday's blood drive at Library. Be the lifeline patients need!



GUIDED HIKE THIS SATURDAY, 12/2, THROUGH CARTERSVILLE/ SIMON STONE'S MILL TRAILS

<u>Pittsford Recreation's</u> next guided trail hike is this Saturday, December 2. Get outdoors, meet other hikers, and learn about the Great Embankment and Irondequoit Creek on the <u>Cartersville and Simon Stone's Mill Trails</u>. The hike begins at 8:30am and is approximately 1.5 hours long, covering a mix of flat walking paths and steep hills.

Dress appropriately for the weather! Layer up and wear sturdy boots that you don't mind getting a little muddy. The Recreation Department will contact participants in advance with a meeting place and extra information prior to the hike date. They will also provide a trail map at the beginning of the hike. Bring your Wegmans Hit the Trail Passport and get credit for hiking the trail! The program is free but 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

https://www.townofpittsford.org/trails and walkways.

ROTARY CLUB DRIVE-THRU FOOD DRIVE THIS SATURDAY - MAKE HOLIDAYS BRIGHTER FOR

THOSE IN NEED

The Rotary Club of Pittsford helps make the holidays brighter for families in need through its monthly food collection drives. The Rotary's next Drive-thru Food Drive is this Saturday, December 2 from 9:00am 12:00 noon at the Pittsford Sutherland High School bus loop. In addition to supporting the Pittsford Food Cupboard, donations also will support the Nazareth University Oak Tree Food Pantry and Mothers in Need



of Others (MINO). Rotarians and Interact Club members will be collecting at the drive rain or shine.

<u>The Pittsford Food Cupboard</u> plays a crucial role in addressing food insecurity within our community. Donations help ensure that local families have access to essential food items and will promote well-being and stability.

Food pantry items needed in particular include: corned beef hash; specialty jams; coffee; hot cocoa; pancake mix; syrup; sugar cookie mix; white sugar; brown sugar; chocolate chips; vanilla flavoring; pasta; cereal; oatmeal; hearty soups; beets; coconut milk; spinach; olives; refried beans; ketchup; salsa; taco shells; jelly/jam; spam; sardines; tuna; and any condiments. The PFC is always in need of hygiene items and gently used recent issues (past 12 months) of magazines. Also needed are plastic grocery bags. The food pantry has no more room for canned beans or corn of any kind.

<u>Mothers in Need of Others</u> serves parents and children in the Rochester community. Specific needs are maternity and baby items, personal and feminine hygiene products, and cleaning and paper products.

<u>The Oak Tree Pantry</u> serves those with food insecurity in the Nazareth community. The pantry can use granola bars, pasta, peanut butter, and soap products.



SENIORS MOVIE MATINEE DECEMBER 7: HOME ALONE Reservations required by this Monday, December 4
Seniors, join us on Thursday, December 7 for a free morning movie matinee featuring Home Alone — a hilarious and heartwarming holiday classic! 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. Please note: so we can plan accordingly, please register for the movie and for the lunch by this Monday, December 4.

When the McAllister family jets off to Europe for the holidays, they accidentally leave eight-year-old Kevin behind. Initially elated to be free of his annoying and critical family members, the precocious youngster finds himself guarding his home against two inept but persistent burglars. Can Kevin outwit them in the battle of a lifetime?

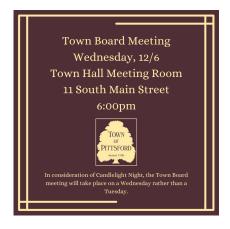
Register for our Senior Movie Matinee by calling the Senior Center at 248-6235;

reservations are due by this Monday, December 4. 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.

NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING IS WEDNESDAY, 12/6

Because Candlelight Night falls on a Tuesday, the next Pittsford Town Board meeting will be Wednesday, 12/6 at 6:00pm. The Town Board Meeting takes place in the Public Meeting Room in the lower level of the Town Hall, 11 South Main Street. The meeting agenda is posted at least two days prior to the meeting on the Town website here:

<u>www.townofpittsford.org/minutes</u>. ASL interpretation is provided.





CANDLELIGHT NIGHT IS THIS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, FROM 5-8 PM

Candlelight Night Pub Crawl begins at 5:00pm

The Pittsford Chamber of Commerce Candlelight Night is this Tuesday, December 5! Join in the fun from 5:00 – 8:00pm throughout the Village of Pittsford. It's a perfect start to the holiday season! There will be horse-drawn carriage rides, visits with Santa and his reindeer, the Grinch, Mrs. Claus and more.

Kid's activities take place at the Kid's Zone in Northfield Common. Merchants welcome you with treats and specials throughout the night. Dine at one of several food trucks or local restaurants. South Main

Street will be closed between the Four Corners (Main and State Streets) and Church Street to accommodate pedestrians and activities. Stop by **Town Hall** for complimentary treats!

Tree lightings will take place at 5:30pm (Main and State Streets), 6:00pm (Schoen Place at Ted Collins Pavilion) and 6:45pm (Northfield Common gazebo, across from Label 7).

And be sure to enjoy the **live music from JUMBO SHRIMP** at Northfield Common from 5:00-8:00pm.

Free shuttle service from Sutherland High School (55 Sutherland Street) and Pittsford Plaza (in front of Century Liquor, 3349 Monroe Avenue) will make your visit to Candlelight Night an easy one!

There will be crafts, music, photo opportunities and a book sale at the Pittsford Community Library and an open house with treats at Town Hall and a Candlelight Night Pub Crawl – see stories below for details.

Mrs. Claus will stop by the Historic Pittsford Little House (18 Monroe Avenue, next to the Pittsford Fire Station) from 6:00 – 7:00pm to greet the kids and share some treats! Visitors can tour the recently restored 200-year-old Little House too.

Visit the Pittsford Chamber of Commerce website at <u>Chamber of Commerce</u> <u>Candlelight Night</u> for more details and look for updates on the Candlelight Night Facebook page at <u>www.facebook.com/PittsfordCandlelightNight/</u>.

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 this 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.



CANDLELIGHT NIGHT AT PCL TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5 Book Sale | 10:00am-8:00pm | Fisher Meeting Room Winter Craft & Photo Opportunity | 5:00-7:30pm Children's Room Ann Mitchell Jazz Trio | 6:30-7:30pm | First Floor Reading Area

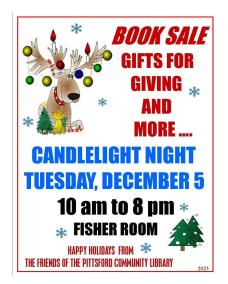
CRAFTS, MUSIC AND BALLET DANCERS AT THE LIBRARY ON CANDLELIGHT NIGHT

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

<u>Friends of the Pittsford Library</u> 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 this 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 OPEN HOUSE 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 during their Open House 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. Historic Pittsford's Candlelight Night Open House is this Tuesday, December 5 from 5:00 - 8:00pm. The Little House is located at 18 Monroe Avenue, next to Pittsford Fire Station #1.

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

Pittsford's 8th annual Candlelight Crawl will take place in Pittsford Village this 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.



REGISTRATION FOR WINTER RECREATION PROGRAMMING OPENS MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

Registration for Pittsford Recreation programs begins this Monday, December 4 at midnight for Pittsford residents and on Monday, December 11 for non-residents. The Winter 2023 Recreation Brochure will arrive in mailboxes this week, but is viewable online now! The brochure includes a Winter 2023 registration form that can be mailed with payment to the Town of Pittsford, 35 Lincoln Ave., Pittsford NY 1453. You can

also <u>register online</u> through our website beginning December 4.

Reservations for rooms at the Community Center and the Pittsford Community Library during the winter months (January 2 - March 23) open on Friday, December 1 at noon.

The Town's Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. To learn more about our programs, activities and services, <u>click here to visit the Town</u> of Pittsford's Recreation page on the Town website, <u>email the Recreation Department here</u>, or call the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center at 585-248-6280.

NEXT SUPERVISOR OPEN HOUSE WITH BILL SMITH IS SATURDAY, 12/9

Town Supervisor Bill Smith will host his next community open house meeting on Saturday, December 9, from 9:00 - 10:00am at the Pittsford Community Library. Stop by and join the conversation to catch up on current Town projects and other topics you might wish to discuss. If you've got questions, ideas or comments for Supervisor Smith, mark your calendar and be sure to join him!



This casual open house will be in the Fisher Meeting Room. Supervisor Saturday enables residents who can't stop by to see the Supervisor during the work week a chance to speak to him directly. Come and discuss what matters most to you! Drop by – 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.



PITTSFORD BALLET PRESENTS EXCERPTS FROM THE NUTCRACKER | DEC. 16

Come experience a holiday classic when The Pittsford Ballet School presents Act 1 and excerpts from Act 2 of the Nutcracker on Saturday, December 16, at the Calkins Road Middle School Auditorium; please note the new location this year. This magical holiday tradition is now in its 27th year!

The cast of The Nutcracker includes K-12 students from across the Pittsford Central School district, as

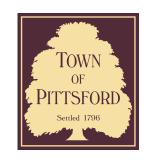
well as alumni, parents, and community members. Roses, snacks, and beverages will be available for purchase at intermission (cash only).

Performances will be at 1:00pm and 7:00pm. Advance tickets are <u>available online</u> <u>here.</u> Tickets will be available at the door the day of the show (cash only), reservations are strongly recommended to secure the best seats. Ticket cost is \$14 for adults and \$12 for senior citizens & children (12 and under). Pittsford Ballet is a program of the <u>Pittsford Recreation Department</u>.

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

- Red Cross Blood Drive at Pittsford Community Library, Friday, 12/1, 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 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767); the Red or more information visit www.redcrossblood.org.
- <u>Pittsford Rotary Food Drive</u>, Saturday, 12/2, 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 <u>Pittsford Food Cupboard</u>, <u>Nazareth College Oak Tree Food Pantry</u>, and <u>Mothers in Need of Others</u> (click links for complete lists of needs); gently used recent (past 12 months) magazines are also needed.
- Women's Club of Pittsford Wreaths Across America Veterans Remembrance Ceremony, Tuesday, 12/5, 3:00pm, Pittsford Veterans Monument, Carpenter Park, 22 N. Main Street; details above
- Friends of Pittsford Library Holiday Book Sale, 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
- Open House and Visit with Mrs. Claus at Historic Pittsford Little House,
 Candlelight Night, Tuesday, 12/5, open house 5:00 8:00pm, visit from Mrs.
 Claus 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

• Environmental Board, Monday, 12/4, 7:00pm, 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

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, 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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