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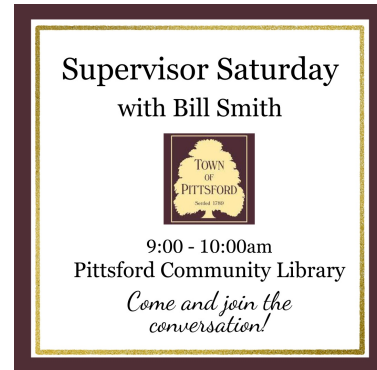
December 6, 2023

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Community

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

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

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



***A Message from Town Supervisor Bill Smith:* MANY THANKS TO TOWN HISTORIAN AUDREY JOHNSON**

We bid a fond farewell to Town and Village Historian Audrey Johnson upon her retirement – celebrating her 44 years of stewardship and service to our community. Audrey has been an exceedingly knowledgeable resource and a dedicated advocate for Pittsford. She's worked diligently and enthusiastically to catalog the history of Pittsford's people and places. To preserve our historical assets. And to educate and inspire others to understand,

value and preserve the many elements that make up our history and contribute to the character of our community. Personally, and on behalf of our community, I thank you

most sincerely Audrey. Your efforts have made a lasting impact on our community and will do so well into the future. My very best wishes to you!

COMMUNITY MENORAH LIGHTING & CHANUKAH CELEBRATION IS THIS SUNDAY, 12/10

The [Chabad of Pittsford annual Outdoor Menorah Lighting and Chanukah Celebration](#) is this Sunday, December 10 – the fourth night of Chanukah. All are welcome to attend!

The celebration begins at 4:30pm in the Pittsford Community Library parking and features the lighting of a large balloon menorah! There will be latkes, donuts, chocolate gelt coins, cocoa, Chanukah music, balloon twisting, and a special bonus prize for families who [RSVP in advance](#) via the Chabad website. The event is free and open to the public.



The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street. For more information, visit the Chabad of Pittsford website at www.JewishPittsford.com.



SENIORS APPETIZER PARTY WITH HARPIST PATTY O'CONNOR THIS TUESDAY, 12/12 *Reservations due by this Thursday, 12/7*

Seniors, join us for our Seniors Appetizer Luncheon on Tuesday, December 12 at 12noon in the VanHuysen Community Room at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center. We will welcome back harpist and Pittsford resident Patty O'Connor for a holiday concert. Lunch will feature a variety of delicious appetizers and dessert prepared by Chef Linda and Jen. Cost is \$15.00 per person; advance registration

and payment is required by this Thursday, December 7. For more information and to register, stop by the Senior Programs office at the Community Center or call 248-6235.

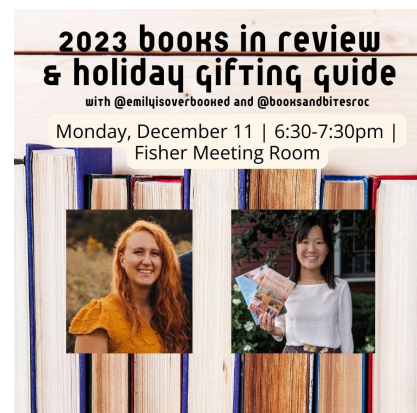
The Town's Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. To learn more about our programs, activities, and services for seniors click the link to visit the [Seniors page on the Town website](#), read our [Seniors program info brochure online](#), or call our Senior Programs Office at 248-6235.

2023 BOOKS IN REVIEW & HOLIDAY GIFTING GUIDE DECEMBER 11 AT THE LIBRARY

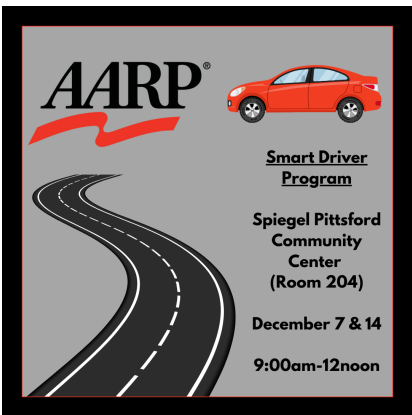
A book is a gift you can open again and again!

Wondering what books to gift your family, friends, yourself and even your office nemesis? Join us at the Pittsford Community Library as we welcome two local Bookstagrammers who are ready to share year-end book recommendations for gifting. They will also have special book giveaways for attendees!

The 2023 Books in Review & Holiday Gifting Guide event takes place this Monday, December 11, from 6:30-7:30pm in the Fisher Meeting Room at the Pittsford Community Library (24 State Street). The program is free and



open to the public; registration is not required.



AARP SMART DRIVER PROGRAM STARTS THIS THURSDAY, 12/7

The AARP Smart Driver Program is for drivers aged 50 and older and consists of two three-hour sessions held on consecutive Thursdays at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center in the Seniors VanHuysen Community Room. Our next AARP Smart Driver Program session will be held this Thursday and next Thursday, December 7 and 14, from 9:00am-12:00pm. Participants will update their driving knowledge and skills. Completion of the six classroom

hours entitles participants to a discount on their auto insurance and a reduction of points on their driving records.

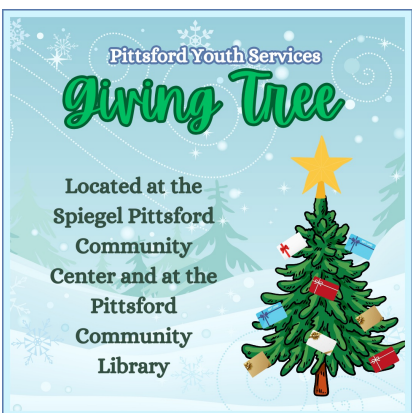
The fee is \$25.00 for AARP members and \$30.00 for non-members; payment is due on the first day of class by check or money order made to AARP. The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. Space is limited for this program; to register, call 585-248-6235. Participants are welcome to bring their own drinks and snacks.

PITTSFORD RECREATION'S DECEMBER FUN CAMP OPEN FOR CHILDREN DURING THE HOLIDAY BREAK DECEMBER 26-29

Looking for something fun and exciting for your child to do over the holiday break? Enroll them in our **December Fun Camp – Spirit Week!** to be held at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center. Camp days will be full of fun activities and games for ages 5 - 13 to enjoy. Arts and crafts, outdoor play, time in our gym, and a field trip to Bill Gray's Ice Complex are just a few of the activities that will take place. Each day there will be a dress up theme! Participants are grouped by age to enjoy a variety of indoor and outdoor activities designed to keep them active and engaged.



December Fun Camp takes place **Tuesday, 12/26 through Friday, 12/29 from 8:30am-5:30pm.** [Register online](#) on the Town of Pittsford website or in person at the Community Center. December Fun Camp takes place at the [Spiegel Pittsford Community Center](#) (35 Lincoln Avenue). **Register early as this program fills quickly!** For more information about Fun Camp, contact Amanda at 248-6283.



PITTSFORD YOUTH SERVICES COLLECTING GIFT CARD DONATIONS FOR PITTSFORD FAMILIES IN NEED THROUGH 12/15

PYS Giving Trees located at Community Center & Library

You can help Pittsford-area families who need a little extra support this holiday season by donating to the Pittsford Youth Services (PYS) "Giving Tree." PYS has set up two trees: one at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center and another at the Pittsford Community Library.

The deadline for donations is Friday, December 15. Your contribution will benefit Pittsford community families who are unable to afford basic items such as food, clothing, toiletries, and gifts for their families. A community service project of the PYS Youth Advisory Board, **participants can take a tag from the tree and return it with a gift card by December 15.** Please return your donations to the Community Center Information Desk (35 Lincoln Avenue) or to the PYS office at 4 South Main Street, Pittsford. If you'd like PYS pick out your gift cards, you can donate online by clicking [here](#).

The gift cards requested feature stores that offer groceries, gifts, or other items families might need for the holidays. PYS social workers will deliver the gift cards to the families the week before the Christmas holiday school break.

Donating a gift card is a wonderful way to experience the joy of giving this holiday season! PYS is accepting donations now through December 15. The trees are located on the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center main floor (35 Lincoln Avenue) and in the hallway of the Pittsford Community Library (24 State Street). If you can help make the holidays a bit brighter for our neighbors in need, please consider participating.

Pittsford Youth Services provides counseling and social work services for our schools and the greater Pittsford community and has been serving the families of Pittsford since 1969. If you would like more information about PYS programs and services, visit their website: <http://www.pittsfordyouthservices.org> or email info@pittsfordyouthservices.org.

REMINDERS



REGISTRATION FOR WINTER RECREATION PROGRAMMING IS UNDER WAY

Registration for Pittsford Recreation programs is under way for Pittsford residents and begins on Monday, December 11 for non-residents. The [Winter 2023 Recreation Brochure](#) has been mailed to all residents and is viewable online now! The brochure includes a Winter 2023 registration form that can be dropped off or mailed with payment to the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Ave., Pittsford NY 1453. You can

also [register online](#) through our website.

Reservations for rooms at the Community Center and the Pittsford Community Library during the winter months (January 2 - March 23) are under way as well.

The Town's Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. To learn more about our programs, activities and services, click the link to visit the [Recreation Department web page](#) or call the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center at 585-248-6280.

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



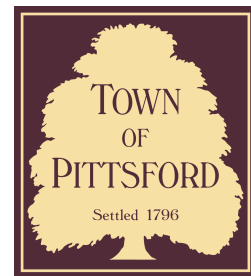
of the Nutcracker on Saturday, December 16, at the Calkins Road Middle School Auditorium; **please note the new location this year.** This magical holiday tradition is now in its 27th year!

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 [available online here](#). 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 [Pittsford Recreation Department](#).

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

- [Chabad of Pittsford Outdoor Menorah Lighting and Chanukah Celebration](#), Sunday 12/10, 4:30pm, Pittsford Community Library parking lot, 24 State Street; free and open to the public, more info at www.JewishPittsford.com
- [Pittsford Youth Services Giving Tree](#), ongoing through Friday, 12/15 at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center (35 Lincoln Avenue) and the Pittsford Community Library hallway (24 State Street); take an ornament with a gift card request and return it with the requested donation by 12/15 to the Community Center or to the PYS Office at 4 South Main Street. Donations benefit families in the Pittsford community who need assistance with securing basic items such as

food, clothing and gifts for their families.

- [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

- **Town Board**, Wednesday, 12/6, 6:00pm, Public Meeting Room, Town Hall (lower level), 11 South Main Street, includes public hearing on whether to allow marijuana dispensaries and consumption lounges. ASL interpretation provided, current CDC guidelines will be followed; the meeting agenda is posted at least two days prior to the meeting on the Town website here: www.townofpittsford.org/minutes - **NOTE REVISED DAY/DATE**
- **Planning Board**, Monday, 12/11, 6:30pm, Town Hall, Public Meeting Room (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
- [Board of Education](#) meeting, Tuesday, 12/12, 4:00pm Executive Session, 5:00pm regular meeting; Barker Road Middle School McCluski Board Room, 75 Barker Road – **NOTE REVISED TIME**
- [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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