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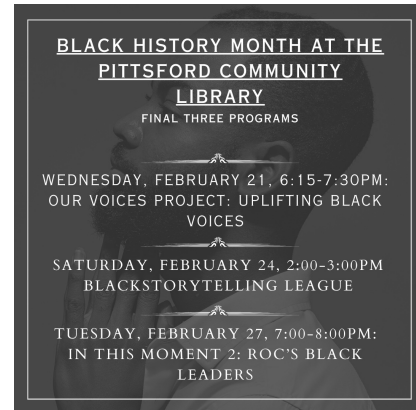
February 21, 2024

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

THREE UPCOMING BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY

The Pittsford Community Library is celebrating the contributions of Black Americans with a series of informative and inspiring programs. The Library presents its final three Black History Month 2024 programs this week and next. All programs are free and open to the public. In-person programs will be held in the Library's Fisher Meeting Room. Advance registration is required only for online programs. Please visit the Library's [online program calendar](#) to register.



Our Voices Project: Uplifting Black Voices Wednesday, February 21, 6:15-7:30pm (Tonight!)

Members of Our Voices Project, a Rochester-based production company, will discuss the group's origins, sharing video highlighting Black history and hosting a panel discussion on their latest project, "What Does Being Black in America Mean To You?" Held in the Fisher Meeting Room; no registration required.

Blackstorytelling League Saturday, February 24, 2:00-3:00pm

Members of the Blackstorytelling League of Rochester will highlight contributions of African Americans and showcase Black history. For elementary school children, but suitable for all ages. Held in the Fisher Meeting room; no registration required.

In This Moment 2: ROC's Black Leaders Tuesday, February 27, 7:00-8:00pm

Amanda Chestnut, curator of the In This Moment 1 & 2 projects of the Visual Studies Workshop, will discuss a recently published chapbook with its subject, Melanie Funchess, CEO and Principal of Ubuntu Village Works, and contributors Quajay Donnell and Natalia Lauer. This is an online program; **advance registration is required**. [Register online here.](#)

Throughout the month and beyond, Pittsford Community Library offers a range of materials and resources for Black History Month. Be sure to stop by! The Library is located at 24 State Street. To learn more about upcoming Library programs, visit the [Library's online program calendar](#).



TOWN BOARD MEETING MOVED TO THURSDAY, 2/22

The next Town Board Meeting is tomorrow, Thursday, February 22 at 6:00pm in the Public Meeting Room on the lower level of Town Hall (11 South Main Street). Please note that this is a revised meeting date scheduled to avoid conflict with the annual Association of Towns meeting. This meeting can also be viewed on the [Town Board Live Stream](#).

Information regarding viewing access and comment submission can be found within the meeting agenda, which is posted on the [Agendas and Minutes page](#). Send emailed comments to: comments@townofpittsford.org. Comments are always welcome during the meeting, as well. The Town provides ASL interpretation.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT SUMMER FUN COUNSELOR, GROUP LEADER, AND JUNIORS COUNSELOR POSITION OPENINGS

Application Deadline March 20

The Town of Pittsford's Recreation Department has openings for **Summer Counselor and Group Leader** positions. Counselors and Group Leaders should be outgoing, personable, creative, and comfortable supervising children. Responding to Town of Pittsford residents for information and concerns is an important aspect of this job. Candidates must have the ability to communicate effectively with the general public and act as a representative for the Town of Pittsford.



- **Summer Fun Counselors** should be comfortable supervising children ages 5-13.
- **Summer Fun Juniors Counselors** should be comfortable supervising children ages 3-5.
- **Group Leaders** must have 1-2 years' experience working in a youth related program, strong organization, planning, and communication skills. Group Leaders need to be outgoing, personable, and creative. They must effectively guide fellow counselors as well as campers ages 5-13. Group Leaders must be able to work together as a team with the Recreation Leader, Site Director, and fellow Group Leaders.

Program hours for all positions are Monday-Friday, 8:15AM-4:00pm with additional hours for program planning and staff orientation. Counselors and Group Leaders must be available to work **June 24- August 16**. Must be 16 or older to apply.

The application deadline for all positions above is **March 20, 2024**. For complete job descriptions and application information visit the ["Employment Opportunities"](#) page link under the "Contact Us" tab on the Town website, or click the links below:

- [Summer Fun Counselor](#)

- [SummerFun Juniors Counselor](#)
- [Group Leader](#)

For complete job descriptions and application information for all open positions, visit the Town's job listings web page at www.townofpittsford.org/hr-pittsford-employment-opportunities.



GUIDED HIKE THIS SATURDAY, 2/24, THROUGH MITCHELL TRAILS

Pittsford Recreation’s next guided trail hike is this Saturday, February 24. Get outdoors, meet other hikers, and enjoy the Mitchell Trails. The hike begins at 8:30am.

Dress appropriately for the weather! Layer up and wear sturdy boots that you don’t mind getting a little muddy. This approximately 3-mile hike takes about one hour. The trail is primarily flat with some slight elevation gains. Your trail guide will discuss types of trees found within Pittsford and will provide a history of the District #9 Schoolhouse.

The Recreation Department will contact participants in advance with a meeting place and any additional information prior to the hike date. Participants will receive 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.

PYS “THRIVE: FINDING YOUR EMOTIONAL STRENGTH” FREE TEEN WORKSHOP DAY IS MARCH 2

Deadline to register is this Friday, 2/23

Pittsford Youth Services will offer a free, one-day series of peer group workshops for Pittsford Students in grades 9-12 on Saturday, March 2 entitled *“THRIVE: Finding Your Emotional Strength.”* The THRIVE workshops will provide a supportive environment where participants can discuss mental health and other issues affecting teens. Participants will share experiences and learn to better understand their own, and their peers’, feelings and struggles.



Various therapies and relaxation techniques will be shared, as will information about accessing teen support resources in schools and in the community. The day includes hands-on experience with a **pet therapist**, an **art therapist** and a **music therapist**. A discussion on the importance of self-care and the option to participate in a yoga class will conclude the day’s activities.

THRIVE will be held from 9:00am – 5:00pm at Calkins Road Middle School; lunch will be provided. **The event is free but registration is required; the deadline to register is this Friday, February 23.** To register or for more information about PYS, visit www.pittsfordyouthservices.org, email PYS at info@pittsfordyouthservices.org or call



SOLAR ECLIPSE TRIVIA NIGHT – THIS MONDAY, 2/26

Compete in teams to be crowned champions of eclipse-related trivia! Solar Eclipse Trivia Night, hosted by adult services librarian Jim., takes place this Monday, February 26, from 6:30-7:30pm.

[Registration required.](#)

Check out our Town of Pittsford [Total Eclipse 2024](#) website for our complete list of Solar Eclipse-related programs and activities underway through

April, 2024. Updates about **eclipse-themed programs, activities, speakers and more** from our **Recreation Department** and **Pittsford Community Library** staff teams will be posted on our social media pages. Be sure to follow the [Pittsford Community Library](#), [Pittsford Recreation](#), and the [Town of Pittsford](#) on Facebook!

SENIORS LUNCH AND PERFORMANCE BY LUMENESSENCE TUESDAY, 2/27

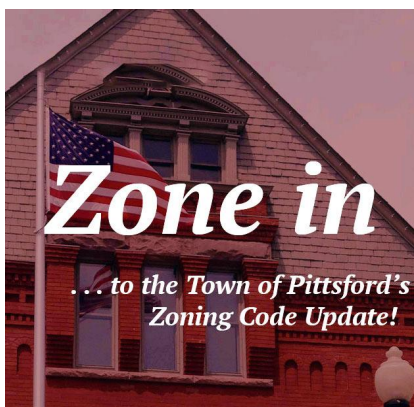
Reservations due this Thursday, 2/22

Seniors, join us for a delicious lunch and special performance by LumenEssence this Tuesday, February 27, at 12:00noon. On the menu is Chef Linda's award-winning White Chicken Chili with Italian bread, tossed salad with Italian dressing, and a delicious slice of cherry cheesecake for dessert! LumenEssence, a women's vocal jazz trio, will perform classics and standards from the golden age of song.

The lunch and performance will be held in the VanHuysen Community Room; cost is \$8.00 per person. **Advance registration is required by this Thursday, February 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 [click here to visit the Seniors' page](#) on the Town website, [read our Seniors program info brochure online](#), or call the Senior Programs Office at 248-6235.



NEXT ZONING CODE UPDATE MEETING IS 2/28 AT 12:00PM

The Pittsford Town Board continues to conduct meetings to discuss the Town's Zoning Code Update; the next meeting is Wednesday, February 28 at 12:00pm in the lower level meeting room at Pittsford Town Hall, 11 South Main Street. The meeting is open to the public. The meeting also will be live streamed.

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 and click the meeting date listing for information about how to submit comments and how to view Zoning Code Update meetings.

A link to the [Zoning Code Update meeting info and schedule for 2024](#) can be found on the calendar listing as well. Please note dates and times are subject to change; check 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.

PITTSFORD EXPANDS TAX EXEMPTION FOR SENIORS AND THE DISABLED

The Town has expanded eligibility for its tax exemptions for seniors and the disabled with limited income. The Town Board's vote last night raised the income limit to \$58,400, thereby making seniors and disabled persons with annual income less than \$58,400 eligible for the exemption.

This represents the full extent of income eligibility for the exemption permitted by State law. Previously the annual income limit to qualify for the exemption was \$37,400. See the full details about these exemptions at

www.townofpittsford.org/news/tax-exemption-expansion-seniors-disabled-feb-2024.

This year's filing deadline for the tax exemption is Friday, March 1, 2024.

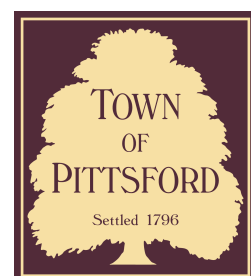
This tax exemption can help our seniors and disabled members of our community to remain in their homes and ease their financial burden. I encourage seniors and persons on Social Security Disability who may think they qualify to view the details at the above link and to check the information on our Town Assessor's web page at www.townofpittsford.org/assessor/exemption-information. The application forms, with instructions, can be found there. Those with further questions can contact our Assessor's Office directly at 248-6230.

Pittsford's policy as stated in our Comprehensive Plan is to help seniors, who have contributed to the vitality our community for decades, to remain here in Pittsford during their retirement years. We welcome the opportunity to take this step in support of disabled residents as well. This new expansion of the Town tax exemption supports both.

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

- [Total Eclipse 2024 in Pittsford](http://www.townofpittsford.org/eclipse-2024) celebration featuring eclipse-themed programs and activities, February – April, 2024; find details on our web page at www.townofpittsford.org/eclipse-2024
- [Red Cross Blood Drive at Pittsford Community Library](#), Friday, 3/1, 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 1800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).
- [Pittsford Youth Services "THRIVE: Finding your Emotional Strength" teen workshop](#), Saturday, 3/2, 9:00am – 12:00pm, Calkins Road Middle School, lunch provided, free but advance registration is required; to register or for more information visit www.pittsfordyouthservices.org, email PYS at info@pittsfordyouthservices.org or call 264-0604
- [Taste of Pittsford](#), Monday, 3/18, 6-8:30pm, Nazareth College's Shults Center, 4245 East Avenue; featuring a variety of tastings from area restaurants, caterers, wineries and breweries plus a silent auction featuring a variety of items; proceeds to benefit Rotary's many local charitable efforts. Advance ticket sales only; more information and tickets online at www.pittsfordrotaryclub.org.
- [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**, Thursday, 2/22, 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 REVISED DAY/DATE**
- **Planning Board**, Monday, 2/26, 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

- **Zoning Code Update Town Board meeting**, Wednesday, 2/28, 12:00pm, Town Hall lower level meeting room, 11 South Main Street. 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. Updated meeting listings will be posted at www.townofpittsford.org/calendar.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

- [Board of Education Budget Work Session](#) (6:00pm) and meeting (7:00pm), Tuesday, 2/27, Barker Road Middle School McCluski Board Room, 75 Barker Road
- [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 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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