



# News & Reviews

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Community

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Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings*

## **ART VENDOR OPENINGS FOR PADDLE AND POUR FESTIVAL**

The Town of Pittsford is now accepting applications for artists and artisans to participate in this year's Paddle and Pour Art & Music Festival to be held the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend, May 25, on North Main Street in the Village of Pittsford. Paddle and Pour is one of our most popular and best-attended events. Thousands of residents and visitors come out to enjoy live music all day, a New York State beer and wine tent, food from local eateries, family activities and the opportunity to shop for works from local artists and artisans. The Pittsford Regatta will be taking place that day as well.



Interested artists and artisans should apply by April 1; [find our vendor application here](#). All items for sale must be original art (drawing, painting, photography, digital art, sculpture, mixed media, etc.) or handmade artisan items (jewelry, woodworking, ceramics, leatherwork, fiber/textile, metalwork, printmaking, glasswork, soap/body care, etc.). The Art and Artisan Marketplace will be open from 12noon – 7:00pm on the day of the festival. See the application for details or for more information contact Alison at (585) 248-6287 or [ABurchett@townofpittsford.org](mailto:ABurchett@townofpittsford.org). Find festival details as the date approaches at [www.townofpittsford.org/paddleandpour](http://www.townofpittsford.org/paddleandpour).

## **ECLIPSE STORY TIME AT THE LIBRARY NEXT WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20**

It's less than a month away until the total solar eclipse! Join us at the Library's Storytale Room for an eclipse-themed story time on Wednesday, March 20, from 10:00-10:30am. This is a fun opportunity for little ones to learn all about the eclipse occurring in April! Best for ages 2-5, but caregivers and siblings are welcome. [Registration](#)



[required.](#)

The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street. To learn more about upcoming Library programs, visit the [Library's online program calendar](#) or call (585) 248-6275. For complete Library information, including hours of operation, visit [www.townofpittsford.org/library](http://www.townofpittsford.org/library).

## SENIORS CRAFT CLUB AT COMMUNITY CENTER – NEXT MEETING THIS FRIDAY, 3/15

Our Pittsford Recreation Department has wonderful programs for seniors - and our seniors do wonderful things for others! The Seniors Craft Club, held at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, makes giveaway items for our Senior lunches to donate to local charities. Craft Club is a fun opportunity to get creative, make friends and do something positive for others.



If you or someone you know enjoys making crafts, or would like to learn how, join our Seniors Craft Club! Craft Club meets once a month on Fridays from 9:30-11:30am. The next meeting is this Friday, March 15. For more information, 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, visit our Seniors page at [www.townofpittsford.org/seniors](http://www.townofpittsford.org/seniors), read our [Seniors program info brochure online](#), or call our Senior Programs office at 248-6235.



## PITTSFORD MENDON HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS SEUSSICAL MARCH 14-16

Pittsford Mendon High School proudly presents *Seussical*, a musical comedy based on the many children's stories of Dr. Seuss! *Seussical* is a fantastical, magical, musical extravaganza in which the Cat in the Hat tells the story of Horton, an

elephant who discovers a speck of dust that contains the Whos, including Jojo, a Who child sent off to military school for thinking too many "thinks."

Horton faces a double challenge: not only must he protect the Whos from a world of naysayers and dangers, but he must guard an abandoned egg left in his care by the irresponsible Mayzie La Bird. Although Horton faces ridicule, danger, kidnapping and a trial, the intrepid Gertrude McFuzz never loses faith in him. Ultimately, the powers of friendship, loyalty, family and community are challenged and emerge triumphant.

### Show Times:

March 14 at 7:00pm  
March 15 at 7:00pm (ASL Interpreted Performance)  
March 16 at 2:00pm and 7:00pm

*Seussical* performances are this Thursday through Saturday, March 14-16 at the

Pittsford Mendon High School Auditorium (472 Mendon Rd). Tickets are \$12 for students and seniors (65+) and \$15 for adults. Tickets are available [online](#) and at the door.

## CREATIVE CRAFT PROGRAMS FOR YOUTHS AND ADULTS THIS SATURDAY

Get creative with crafty programs from our Recreation Department! This Saturday, we have two fun, craft activities:

### Spring Themed Note Cards

*Ages 14+*

Spring is here! Shake off those winter blues and craft some fun cards in spring colors and lovely designer papers and embellishments. As always, your kit

includes most everything cut, scored, and embossed. We do the work, so you have the fun!

Beginners welcome. Please bring your favorite crafting glue and paper snips (small, sharp pointed scissors). Instructor will have limited supply for sale at class. Questions? Feel free to contact the instructor at 585-200-0196 or [pat.miller@frontiernet.net](mailto:pat.miller@frontiernet.net). Class takes place this Saturday, March 16, from 9:30am-12:30pm at the Pittsford Community Center. [Registration required.](#)

### DIY Earrings

*Ages 8-16*

In this class, the student will learn basic earrings assembly techniques. We will make bead earrings and acrylic earrings/keychains. For the acrylic earrings, we will draw on the acrylic first and then assemble them. Material is included. Ear clips and earring hooks are provided.

This class takes place this Saturday, March 16, from 1:00pm-2:00pm at the Pittsford Community Center. Registration required; [register here.](#)

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



### 'A TASTE OF PITTSFORD' IS THIS MONDAY – DELICIOUS EVENT FOR A GREAT CAUSE

After a two-year pandemic break, the Pittsford Rotary Club is bringing back its Taste of Pittsford – a highly anticipated local fundraiser that features signature food and beverage tastings from local independent restaurants, wineries, and breweries. Proceeds will benefit the Rotary Club's charitable programs and scholarships. **The event is takes place this Monday, March 18** from 6:00-8:30pm at Nazareth University's Otto A. Shults Community Center, 4245 East Ave, Rochester, NY 14618. Valet parking will be available. This is the 18th year of the event; it will include a silent auction featuring a wide variety of items as well.

Tickets for the event are \$50, available in advance only from any Pittsford Rotarian or online at [PittsfordRotaryClub.org](http://PittsfordRotaryClub.org).

**FRIENDS OF PITTSFORD LIBRARY SPRING**

## BOOK SALE IS MARCH 21-23

The [Friends of Pittsford Library Spring Book Sale](#)

begins is Thursday, March 21 through Saturday, March 23 in the Pittsford Community Library's Fisher Meeting Room, 24 State Street. Unleash your inner bookworm and stop by the Pittsford Community Library's book sale for a treasure trove of gently used books at incredible prices. Find hidden gems for all ages and interests, from fiction to self-help, and support your local Library at the same time! Hours are Thursday, 3/21 from 4:00 - 8:00pm, Friday, 3/22 from 10:00am – 5:00pm, and Saturday, 3/23 from 10:00am – 4:00pm.



**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!



## MARCH 10-16 IS NATIONAL GROUNDWATER AWARENESS WEEK

This is National Groundwater Awareness Week – an annual event that highlights the responsible development, management, and use of groundwater. Groundwater is the water found below the surface of the earth in the crevices and pores of sand, soil, and rock. It's one of our key water resources!

### The Importance of Groundwater:

- Just 1% of the **earth's total water supply** can be used for human consumption and agricultural production; **30% of that is groundwater.**
- The **average family wastes 180 gallons of water per week**, which contributes to the risk of future water shortages.
- Groundwater eventually seeps into the nearest stream. **Contaminated groundwater pollutes our freshwater rivers, lakes and ponds.**
- **Overuse and depletion, contamination and improper management are the three major threats to groundwater.**
- **Contaminated groundwater** degrades natural habitats, hurts wildlife, damages crops and increases the risk of spreading water-borne diseases and harmful toxins through our drinking water.

To combat groundwater pollution, the Town of Pittsford has developed and maintains a **Stormwater Management Plan** that helps keep stormwater – and groundwater – clean. The plan focuses on public education, public participation, control of illicit discharges, erosion control at construction sites, post-construction stormwater treatment, and pollution prevention at municipal facilities. The Town works with the Monroe County Stormwater Coalition to ensure that Pittsford has the tools needed to keep stormwater and waterbodies clean.

**Preserving the quality of our water is a community effort! Here are ways you can be a H2O hero:**

- **Conserve water:** practice water-saving habits like fixing leaks, using efficient appliances and reducing outdoor water use.
- **Dispose properly:** dispose hazardous materials like motor oil, paint and pharmaceuticals correctly to prevent them from seeping into groundwater.

Dispose of pet waste and kitty litter properly.

- **Maintain septic systems:** improperly maintained septic disposal systems can leak bacterial, viruses and other pollutants into the area's groundwater.
- **Plant native vegetation:** opt for native plants in your landscaping, as they typically require less water and fertilizer, reducing the risk of groundwater pollution.
- **Stay informed and spread awareness:** stay updated on local groundwater issues, regulations, and initiatives by following relevant organizations and government agencies. Spread awareness about the importance of groundwater conservation among friends, family, and colleagues.

For more information on how you can help keep our groundwater safe and clean, visit our **Town Stormwater management web page** at [www.townofpittsford.org/stormwater-management-info-town-of-pittsford](http://www.townofpittsford.org/stormwater-management-info-town-of-pittsford).

## **BRUSH BURNING BAN IN EFFECT THROUGH MAY 14**

New York State's annual Residential Brush Burning Ban begins this Saturday, March 16, and runs through May 14. The ban helps to prevent wildfires

and to protect communities during heightened conditions for wildfires. When temperatures warm and the past fall's debris and leaves dry out, wildfires can start and spread easily, further fueled by winds and a lack of green vegetation. According to the State Department of Environmental Conservation, open burning is the single greatest cause of brushfires in the state. Please help protect our community and our Pittsford Fire Department firefighters who must respond to these fires – do not burn brush or yard debris during this time. A reminder: burning garbage or leaves is prohibited year-round in Pittsford.



Backyard fire pits and campfires less than three feet in height and four feet in length, width, or diameter are allowed. Small cooking fires are allowed. Only charcoal or dry, clean, untreated, or unpainted wood can be burned. Please remember to never leave these fires unattended and extinguish them after use. Be fire wise and help keep everyone safe! For more information, visit <https://on.ny.gov/3PceBro>.



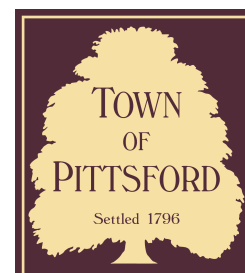
## **TOWN HALL WILL CLOSE AT 3:30PM THIS FRIDAY**

Pittsford Town Hall will close at 3:30pm this Friday, March 15. Town Hall will resume regular hours (8:00am – 4:00pm) on Monday, March 18.

## **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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](#) celebration featuring eclipse-themed programs and activities, February – April, 2024; find details on our web page at [www.townofpittsford.org/eclipse-2024](http://www.townofpittsford.org/eclipse-2024)
- [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](http://www.pittsfordrotaryclub.org).
- [Friends of Pittsford Library Spring Book Sale](#), Thursday, 3/21 from 4:00 - 8:00pm, Friday, 3/22 from 10:00am – 5:00pm, and Saturday, 3/23 from 10:00am – 4:00pm, 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](http://www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate). Comments can be made to [zoningupdate@townofpittsford.org](mailto: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**

- **Pittsford Community Library Board**, Wednesday, 3/13, 6:00pm, Fletcher Steele Room, Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street; the meeting agenda is posted at least two days prior to the meeting on the Town website here: [www.townofpittsford.org/minutes](http://www.townofpittsford.org/minutes)
- **Design Review & Historic Preservation Board**, Thursday, 3/14, 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](http://www.townofpittsford.org/minutes)
- **Parks and Recreation Board**, Thursday, 3/14 – **NO MEETING**
- **Zoning Board of Appeals**, Monday, 3/18, 6:30pm, 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](http://www.townofpittsford.org/minutes)
- **Town Board**, Tuesday, 3/19, 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](http://www.townofpittsford.org/minutes)

## COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

- [Village Board of Trustees](#) meetings are generally the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 5:30pm, Village Hall, 21 North Main Street; more information and participation details will be listed on the Village website [here](#) as the meeting date approaches
- [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](http://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](http://www.pittsfordartgroup.com) and fill out a [Contact Us](#) form.

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