

News & Reviews

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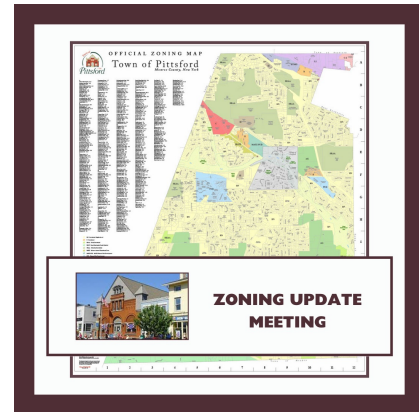
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*See listings below for
Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings*

ZONING CODE UPDATE MEETING IS TODAY AT NOON – ATTEND IN PERSON OR ONLINE

Neighborhood Residential Zoning changes to be discussed; public participation needed

The Pittsford Town Board continues to conduct meetings to discuss the Town's Zoning Code Update. The next meeting is today (Wednesday, March 27) at 12:00pm in the lower-level meeting room at Pittsford Town Hall, 11 South Main Street. The Board will discuss potential residential zoning changes that could affect every neighborhood. Public participation is important! The meeting is open to the public and 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.

TOWN FACILITY HOURS FOR GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER HOLIDAYS

Town of Pittsford government offices, facilities and services – including Town Hall and Town Court – will be closed on Friday, March 29, in observance of the



Good Friday holiday.

The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center will be closed on Friday, March 29. The Community Center will be open on Saturday, March 30 from 8:00am-8:00pm and will be closed on Sunday, March 31 in observance of the Easter holiday.

The Pittsford Community Library will be open regular hours on Friday and Saturday, March 29 and 30, and will be closed on Sunday, March 31 in observance of the Easter holiday. The Library will reopen with regular hours on Monday, April 1.

In case of an emergency requiring Town of Pittsford services during holiday closures, please call (585) 248-6212. Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday!

EARLY SPRING CLEANUP YARD DEBRIS COLLECTION UNDER WAY

Early Spring Yard Debris Cleanup is under way and will continue through May 10. During this time, Town crews will collect loose piles of leaves, thatch, brush, branches and yard debris on an ongoing basis (no set schedule). Please note crews will pick up both loose debris and debris in reusable containers or paper bags during this time. Regular weekly pickup day collection of paper-bagged and containerized yard debris and loose brush and branches will begin on May 13.



Please place all yard debris behind the curb or gutter to avoid impeding traffic flow and to keep from blocking drainage pathways in your neighborhood. To enable faster and safer collection, please keep all yard debris away from utility poles, mailboxes, trees and pet waste.

Visit our [Yard Debris webpage](#) for complete details about Town yard debris collection services, including schedules and guidelines. You can also find the Yard Debris page listed under the "Services" tab on the Town website.



SENIORS MIDNIGHT AT MID-DAY ECLIPSE PARTY IS THIS TUESDAY, APRIL 2

Reservation deadline is tomorrow, March 28

Seniors, join us for a "Midnight-at-Midday" luncheon at 12noon in the VanHuysen Community Room at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center on Tuesday, April 2. Enjoy an out-of-this-world menu, music by Joe Miltsch, and a special favor from the Senior Center Staff! Lunch will include a Celestial Salad, "Moon Potato" pierogies with sausage, onion and peppers, sour cream, applesauce, "Dark Side Eclipse" Rice Krispie treats, and Blue Sky punch! The cost for lunch is \$8.00 per person; advance registration and payment is required by tomorrow, Thursday, March

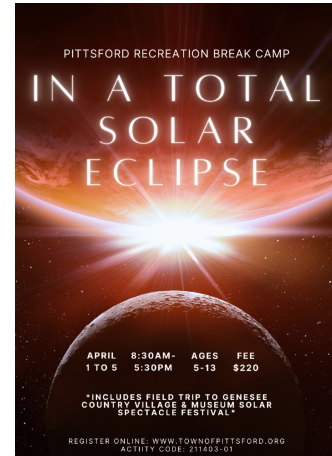
28. For more information and to register, stop by the Senior Programs office at the Community Center or call 248-6235.

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.

KIDS CAN CELEBRATE AND LEARN ALL ABOUT THE ECLIPSE AT SPRING BREAK CAMP – APRIL 1-5

There are still spots open for Pittsford Recreation's Spring Break Camp next week! Join the Town of Pittsford's Recreation team for a week full of fun and all things solar eclipse, including a trip to the Genesee Valley Country Museum for their Solar Spectacle Festival!

Spring Break Camp takes place April 1-5 from 8:30am-5:30pm at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center. Please send your child with a non-perishable lunch and an afternoon snack each day, and dress them for outdoor weather. Register soon as this program tends to fill up!



The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. To register for In a Total Eclipse Spring Break Camp, visit the [Town of Pittsford Recreation Department registration page](#). For questions or for more information regarding Break Camp, please contact Amanda Poulin at 585-6283, or via email at apoulin@townofpittsford.org.



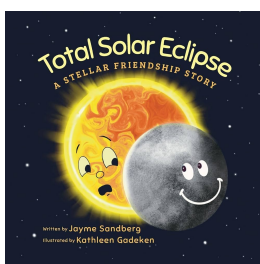
ECLIPSE PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS THIS WEEK AND NEXT

There are less than two weeks until the Total Solar Eclipse on April 8! The excitement is growing and we continue to celebrate with eclipse-themed programs, activities, and an encore performance from students at Calkins Road Middle School. See program info below:



Eclipse Story and Craft: Join our Library staff for an eclipse-themed story time and craft! Learn about the solar eclipse occurring in April and make a fun craft after. There will be stickers, crayon, glue sticks, and paper for your kids to use. The Eclipse Story and Craft takes place **today, Wednesday, March 27**, from 9:30 to 10:30am in the Fisher Meeting Room at the Pittsford Community Library. Best for ages 2-5. Caregivers and siblings welcome! Registration is required.

[Register online here](#) – or register in person for either program at the Pittsford Community Library. The Library is located at 24 State Street.



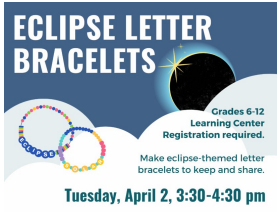
Eclipse Story Stroll: Join us for a special eclipse-themed story in the field located at the Pittsford Community Center. Walk around and read "Total Solar Eclipse: A Stellar Friendship Story" at your leisure! Once you have finished the story, come to the front desk to receive your fun craft bag! The Eclipse Story Stroll takes place from **March 25 to April 9** at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center.

Out-of-this-World Film Panel: Adam Lubitow of the Anomaly Film



Festival and The Little Theater; Ben Scrivens, President of Fright-Rags; and local artist Magnus Champlin join forces for a panel to discuss films set in space! The Out-of-this-World Film Panel is an adult-aged program that takes place this Thursday, March 28, from 6:30-7:30pm in the Fisher Meeting Room at the Pittsford Community Library. Registration required. Register [here](#) or in person at the Pittsford Community Library. The Library is located

at 24 State Street.



Eclipse Letter Bracelets: Drop in to spell out your eclipse excitement with themed letter bracelets to keep or trade! For grades 4 and up. Our Eclipse Letter Bracelets class takes place on Tuesday, April 2, from 3:30-4:30pm in the Learning Center at the Pittsford Community Library. Registration required. Register [here](#) or in person at the Pittsford Community Library.

The Library is located at 24 State Street.



Solar Eclipse Inspired Painting Class: Students will watch a video of the eclipse and discuss. Then, they will look at Mexican artists' work for inspiration of the sun and moon. The teacher will demonstrate basic drawing techniques utilizing the eclipse theme and will demonstrate how to use warm and cool color to create their artwork on a stretched canvas. The class takes place Saturday, April 6 from 2:00-3:00pm. **Registration required.** Register [here](#) or in person at the Spiegel Pittsford Community

Center. The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue.



Midnight at MIDDAY: The Tales of a Musical Eclipse: Calkins Road Middle Schools is reprising its original musical, "Midnight at MIDDAY: The Tales of a Musical Eclipse," on April 6 and 7! Performed by grade 7 and 8 students, showtimes are April 6 at 7:00pm and April 7 at 2:07pm (the precise

time of the total solar eclipse on April 8). Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased online [here](#) or at the door, if seats are still available. Calkins Road Middle Schools is located at 1899 Calkins Road.

Pittsford sits squarely in the path of totality for the April 8 total solar eclipse! THANK YOU to our incredible teams at the Pittsford Community Library and the Pittsford Recreation Department for putting together such a diverse offering of eclipse-related educational programs and activities – and thanks as well to Pittsford Schools and other community organizations celebrating the Total Eclipse in Pittsford. Make sure to bookmark our [Total Eclipse 2024](#) web page, which contains all you need to know about celebrating the eclipse in Pittsford – including our [Pittsford Eclipse Viewing Map!](#)

HISTORIC PITTSFORD STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE MAY 15

Historic Pittsford is seeking student applicants for its [Jean France Historic Preservation Scholarship](#) - the application deadline is Wednesday, May 15. A \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a student who is enrolled in, applying to, or accepted into a college program that may lead to a career related to historic preservation. **College programs may include but are**

not limited to architecture, history, museum studies, landscape architecture, environmental studies or another related field.

The scholarship award is open to a high school senior or college student who is:

- a Pittsford resident (attending any high school or college), OR
- a non-resident attending Pittsford Sutherland High School, Pittsford Mendon High School, or a college or university in Monroe County.

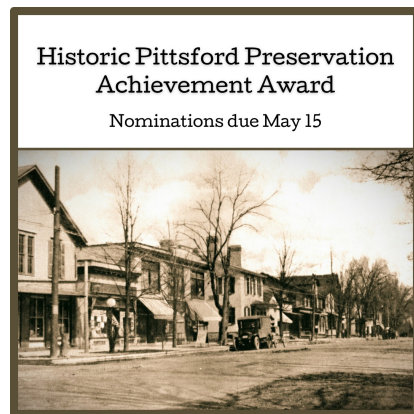


Jean France Historic Preservation Scholarship

Applications due May 15

An [application form](#) and additional information is available on the Historic Pittsford website at www.historicpittsford.com/preservation-awards. The application deadline is May 15, 2024.

Historic Pittsford is currently accepting nominations for its annual [Preservation Achievement Award](#) as well; nominations are due May 15.



HISTORIC PITTSFORD SEEKS PRESERVATION AWARD NOMINATIONS BY MAY 15

Nominations are currently being sought for Historic Pittsford's [Historic Pittsford Preservation Achievement Award](#); the deadline for nominations is May 15, 2024. The award recognizes an individual, group or organization that has made outstanding efforts that support Historic Pittsford's mission and make a significant contribution to historic preservation. Historic Pittsford provides leadership, advocacy and education to preserve Pittsford's diverse historic

resources.

Historic Pittsford encourages and welcomes nominations from and for HP members and non-members alike. Nominees may include individuals, groups, organizations, businesses, students, scouts, governmental bodies, etc., and may be nominated by anyone. The criteria for nomination and selection for each award category are below and may be found on the Historic Pittsford website at www.historicpittsford.com/preservation-achievement-awards.

You may submit nominations for a Preservation Achievement Award in any one of the following categories:

Stewardship Award – for the sensitive preservation, restoration, rehabilitation or long-term maintenance and care of a historically significant property

Advocacy Award – for leadership of public or private efforts in support of historic preservation

Education Award – for the creation and implementation of programs, presentations, materials or educational activities which promote and support historic preservation

Public Policy Award – for the creation and approval of public policy which advances the principles of historic preservation.

A committee of Historic Pittsford will screen and review nominations. The Historic Pittsford Board of Directors will approve final decisions and will present the

Preservation Achievement Awards at Historic Pittsford's Annual Meeting in July. Click here for a nomination form or visit www.historicpittsford.com/preservation-achievement-awards for complete information.

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Historic Pittsford is also accepting applications for the [Jean France Historic Preservation Scholarship](#), also due May 15.

REMINDER: REFUSE DISTRICT ENROLLMENT UNDER WAY THROUGH APRIL 30

The Town in 2019 enabled residents to create refuse districts for their neighborhoods. To date we have 37 neighborhood refuse districts in Pittsford. Creating a refuse district means potentially lower cost to residents for trash collection and reduces garbage truck traffic on residential streets in your neighborhood to one visit, once a week. Setting up a Refuse District and setting the boundaries of the district are entirely up to the residents of a district – it is an optional program. The residents decide the boundaries of the district, then inform the Town of their decision. Our Town staff members guide interested residents through the process. **January 1 - April 30, 2024 is the enrollment period for setting up a refuse district that will begin service in 2025.** Find complete information about setting up a Refuse District at www.townofpittsford.org/refuse-districts.



Town of Pittsford
Refuse District Enrollment
January 1 - April 30, 2024
is the enrollment period for setting up a refuse district that will begin service in 2025.



WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY IS THIS TUESDAY, APRIL 2

World Autism Awareness Day, an internationally recognized day, occurs annually on April 2 and serves as a reminder to all Member States of the United Nations to take measures "to highlight the need to help improve the quality of life of those with autism so they can lead full and meaningful lives as an integral part of society."

Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is a developmental disorder that generally appears within the first three

years of life. Autism has a wide range of symptoms, and therefore the abilities and needs of people with autism vary and can change over time. Each individual with autism has their own unique strengths, symptoms, challenges, perspectives and talents.

In 2019, after partnering with the Autism Council of Rochester, the Town of Pittsford was declared an Autism Friendly Community! The Council provided our Library, Recreation and other staff members with invaluable training to benefit both individuals with autism and their families.

The Autism Friendly® designation is granted to municipalities that are willing to increase awareness and support for children, young adults and families in the community living with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), currently the fastest growing developmental disability in the world. The Autism Friendly® designation goes beyond a symbolic expression of support; it means that the Town of Pittsford affirms its commitment to better serve all community members living with ASD.

NEW YORK STATE'S EXPANDED 'MOVE OVER' LAW TAKES EFFECT TODAY

New York State's expanded 'Move Over Law' is now in effect for all vehicles. Starting today, New York State law requires all drivers to take precautions, including slowing down and moving over, to avoid colliding with any vehicle stopped along any NYS road or highway. New York State first passed the 'Move Over Law' back in 2010 to prevent collisions with emergency vehicles stopped along the road. The state has since expanded several the law several times to also cover hazard vehicles, highway worker vehicles and tow trucks. The law now encompasses *all vehicles*. When approaching a vehicle stopped on either side of the road, drivers should 1) change into a lane not immediately adjacent to the vehicle or 2) slow down to a reasonable speed if unable to safely make a lane change. The Law aims to save further lives by protecting any vehicle stopped on the side of the road. For more information regarding the expanded 'Move Over Law', visit the [New York State website](#).



REMINDERS

CELEBRATE PITTSFORD'S PIONEERING WOMEN – PROGRAM TONIGHT

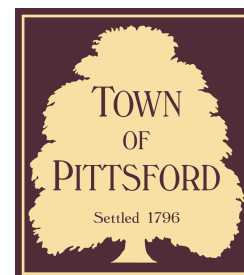
Join Pittsford Town and Village Historian Vicki Masters Profitt tonight (Wednesday, March 27) from 6:30 to 7:30pm as she introduces you to some of Pittsford's pioneering women of the past. Take a step back in time to hear about the perseverance of our female settlers! Discover the ladies who organized the Pittsford Political Equality Club in 1902. Learn about the doctors, pharmacists and businesswomen who called Pittsford home at the turn of the 20th century. This event is co-hosted by [Historic Pittsford](#) and is free and open to the public, no registration required.



[Celebrating Pittsford's Pioneering Women](#) takes place in the Fisher Meeting Room at the Pittsford Community Library, 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.

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](#) celebration featuring eclipse-themed programs and activities, February – April, 2024; find details on our web page at www.townofpittsford.org/eclipse-2024
- **Zoning Code Update Town Board meeting**, Wednesday, 3/27, 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.
- [Red Cross Blood Drive at Pittsford Community Library](#), Friday, 4/5, 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).
- [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

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- **Environmental Board**, Monday, 4/1, 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
- **Town Board**, Tuesday, 4/2, 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:

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 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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