

# News & Reviews

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Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings*

## **TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE IS THIS MONDAY** *Pittsford Eclipse Viewing Information and Solar Eclipse Glasses for Resident Distribution!*

Are you ready for the solar eclipse this Monday? Pittsford sits squarely in the path of totality! If you're planning to view this once-in-a-lifetime event right here in town, check out the [Pittsford Eclipse Viewing Map](#) and our [Viewing Information Sheet](#) to see what parks and locations will be open for solar-eclipse viewing. The Viewing Information Sheet contains site viewing details and other key information regarding April 8.



### *Solar Eclipse Glasses Available Free for Pittsford Residents*

The Town of Pittsford has obtained **1500 eclipse glasses to give** to residents free of charge. Pittsford's eclipse glasses are ISO 12312-2-certified and endorsed as safe for viewing by the American Astronomical Society and NASA.

You can pick up eclipse glasses **while supplies last**:

**On Friday, April 5, from 8:00am-4:00pm** in the Supervisor's office at Town Hall. The Supervisor's office is located on the first floor of Town Hall at 11 South Main Street. **Limit two pairs of eclipse glasses per household**. The Town will post an update [on Facebook](#) if all eclipse glasses are claimed.

**On Saturday, April 6, from 8:00-10:00am** Supervisor Smith will be handing out eclipse glasses on in the Pittsford Community Library's Fisher Meeting Room **during Supervisor Saturday**. More information regarding Supervisor Saturday is below.

If you want to purchase solar eclipse glasses, the Rochester Museum and Science Center has [a list of Rochester-area retailers](#) selling them. Always ask the retailer whether the glasses are ISO 12312-2-certified and who manufactured them to make sure the glasses are safe for viewing the sun.



## EXTENDED SUPERVISOR OPEN HOUSE WITH BILL SMITH THIS SATURDAY, 4/6

Town Supervisor Bill Smith will host his next community open house meeting this Saturday, April 6 from 8:00-10:00am at the Pittsford Community Library. If you have questions, ideas, or comments for Supervisor Smith, be sure to stop by and join the conversation!

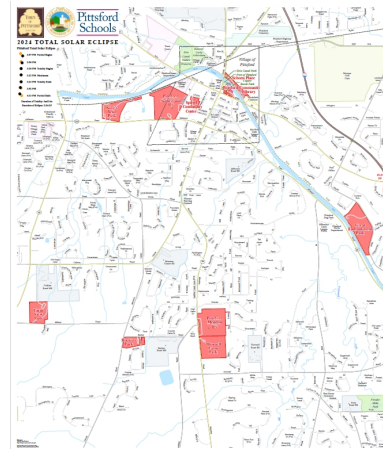
This month's Supervisor Saturday will be extended by an hour to accommodate distribution of solar eclipse glasses to residents. The Supervisor will have **400 customized ISO 12312-2-certified solar eclipse glasses to give to Pittsford residents (limit 2 per household)**. [The Town](#) and [Supervisor Smith](#) will post updates on their respective Facebook pages if all eclipse glasses are claimed.

Supervisor Saturday is a casual open house that enables residents who can't stop by Town Hall during the work week a chance to speak to Supervisor Smith personally. Come and discuss what matters most to you! Drop in – 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 [wsmith@townofpittsford.org](mailto:wsmith@townofpittsford.org).

## TOWN FACILITIES WILL CLOSE AT NOON THIS MONDAY, 4/8

Town of Pittsford government offices, facilities and services – including Town Hall, Town Court, the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, the Pittsford Community Library, and all department offices – will close at noon this Monday, April 8, for the Total Solar Eclipse. We wish for all a fun, inspiring and safe experience during the eclipse. For a map and details about Eclipse 2024 viewing sites in Pittsford and other eclipse information, visit [www.townofpittsford.org/eclipse-2024](http://www.townofpittsford.org/eclipse-2024).



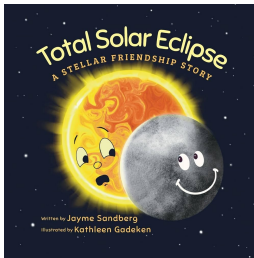
## FINAL WEEK OF ECLIPSE PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

The Total Solar Eclipse will be here this Monday, April 8! There's still time to enjoy the last of our eclipse-themed programs, activities, and an encore performance from students at Calkins Road Middle School. See program info below:



**Eclipse Story Time:** Join our Library staff for an eclipse-themed story time and learn all about the total solar eclipse taking place later in the day! The Eclipse Story Time takes place this **Monday, April 8** from 10:15 to 10:45am 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





**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 is under way **through this Tuesday, April 9** at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center field. The Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue.

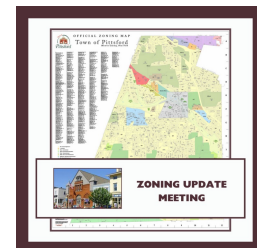


**Midnight at Middy: The Tales of a Musical Eclipse:** Calkins Road Middle Schools is reprising its original musical, "Midnight at Middy: The Tales of a Musical Eclipse," this Saturday and Sunday, April 6 and 7! Performed by grade 7 and 8 students, showtimes are April 6 at 7:00pm and April 7 at 2:07pm (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 this Monday's 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](#) and our [Pittsford Eclipse Viewing Sites Info sheet](#)!

### ZONING CODE UPDATE MEETING VIDEO ONLINE

If you missed the March 27 Town Board Zoning Code Update meeting, you can view it online at this link: [Town Board Zoning Code Update meeting 3/27/2024](#). Complete information about the Town's Zoning Code Update can be found at [www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate](http://www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate).



### GUIDED HIKE THIS SATURDAY, 4/6, THROUGH ROYAL COACH TRAILS

Pittsford Recreation's next guided trail hike is this Saturday, April 6. Outdoor enthusiasts and history lovers welcome! Come, meet other hikers, and learn about the park's development and Pittsford's Greenprint as you hike the Royal Coach Trails. This is an easy, 30-45 minute hike along flat walking paths with some slight elevation gains. Hikers meet at the trail's head at 8:30am.

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](http://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](https://www.townofpittsford.org/trails_and_walkways).

## **THE LITTLE HOUSE OPEN THIS SATURDAY, APRIL 6 – VISIT WITH CALEB HOPKINS’ DESCENDANTS!**

The Little House, Historic Pittsford’s headquarters and museum, will be open for visitors this Saturday, April 6, from 9:00-12:00pm. The Little House is an invaluable resource for local historical research. This month, members of the Hopkins family will be at the Little House to discuss their family history and that of some of Pittsford's early residents, including Col. Caleb Hopkins – who fought in the War of 1812, gave Pittsford its name, and was Pittsford’s first Town Supervisor. If you have an interest in local history, or are curious about an early Pittsford family or property, stop by – the Board members who staff the Little House will be eager to help you with any inquiries. The Little House is also open by appointment. Call (585) 381-2941 or email [HistoricPittsford@gmail.com](mailto:HistoricPittsford@gmail.com) to schedule a time to visit.



Historic Pittsford is a non-profit volunteer organization incorporated in 1965 and chartered under the New York State Department of Education. Historic Pittsford’s Little House is open the first Saturday of each month and by appointment. The Little House is located at 18 Monroe Avenue, right next to Pittsford Fire Station #1. Visit [HistoricPittsford.com](http://HistoricPittsford.com) for more information.



## **CHARLES WALKER’S REQUIEM FOR BROTHER MARTIN REIMAGINED – THURSDAY AT THE UNITED CHURCH OF PITTSFORD**

The United Church of Pittsford, in partnership with the Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School, is hosting a special musical event to honor the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. Come and experience Charles Walker’s Requiem for Brother Martin Reimagined this Thursday, April 4, 7:00pm, at the United Church of Pittsford.

Music was not merely a backdrop but a vital force in the Civil Rights Movement, serving as a beacon of courage and unity. Dr. King's powerful oratory, infused with musicality, continues to resonate today, inspiring us to carry on the fight for justice and equality. This is a unique and moving opportunity to come together in song and remembrance, echoing the spirit of resilience and determination.

The United Church of Pittsford is located at 123 South Main Street. There is ample parking available in the parking lot off Sunset Boulevard. The Church is fully wheelchair accessible. This program is free and open to the public.

## **BLOOD DRIVE AT THE LIBRARY THIS FRIDAY, APRIL 5**

***Red Cross offering a free Godzilla x Kong:  
The New Empire T-shirt to blood donors,***



**while supplies last.**

The Town of Pittsford will host a Red Cross blood drive this Friday, April 5, from 10:00am-3:00pm at the Pittsford Community Library in the Fisher Meeting Room. Make an appointment online [here](#). The Library is located at 24 State Street in the Village of Pittsford.



Maximize your blood donation and help more patients! If you are an eligible type O, B, or A donor, consider making a Power Red donation. Red blood cells are the most transfused blood component.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting [www.redcrossblood.org/donate-blood/manage-my-donations/rapidpass](http://www.redcrossblood.org/donate-blood/manage-my-donations/rapidpass) to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

Donating blood is a simple thing to do, but it can make an enormous difference in the lives of others. If you are eligible and feeling well, please make an appointment today to give by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) or calling 800-RED-CROSS.



**PITTSFORD ROTARY FOOD DRIVE THIS SATURDAY, 9AM – 12PM**

The Rotary Club of Pittsford's next drive-thru food is this Saturday, April 6, from 9:00am-noon at the Pittsford Sutherland High School bus loop. In addition to the Pittsford Food Cupboard, donations will support the Nazareth University Oak Tree Food Pantry. *Gently used recent issues (past 12 months) of magazines will also be collected for distribution to various social*

*agencies in the Rochester area.*

The [Pittsford Food Cupboard](#) plays a crucial role in addressing food insecurity within our community. Donations help ensure that local families have access to essential food items that will promote well-being and stability. Current needs include protein-rich can items such as Spam, corned beef, roast beef, clams, oysters, mackerel, sardines, ravioli, and Beef-A-Roni. Cereal, flavored oatmeal, sweet or salty snacks, ketchup, canned beans and corn, facial tissues, body lotion and shaving supplies are also appreciated. The Cupboard is always in need of reusable grocery bags.

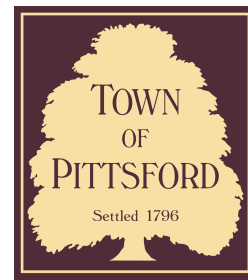
[The Oak Tree Pantry](#) serves those with food insecurity in the Nazareth University community. Ongoing Oak Tree Food Pantry needs include items that can be easily prepared by students, including soups, canned meats and vegetables, and sauces. The pantry also needs granola bars, pasta, peanut butter, soap, and other hygiene products.

The Pittsford Rotary Club has scheduled food drives the first Saturday of the month through next spring. Additional information is available at [pittsfordrotaryclub.org](http://pittsfordrotaryclub.org) or contact David Irwin through email ([driwin8@gmail.com](mailto:driwin8@gmail.com)) or by phone (585-269-2132). If able, please help our Rotarians help those in need!

**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)
- **Total Solar Eclipse: A Stellar Friendship Story Stroll**, through this Tuesday, April 9, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center field, 35 Lincoln Avenue; stop by the Community Center front desk after completing the walk to pick up a themed craft pack to take home, free and open to the public.
- [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](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

- Planning Board, Monday, 4/8 – **NO MEETING**



## 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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