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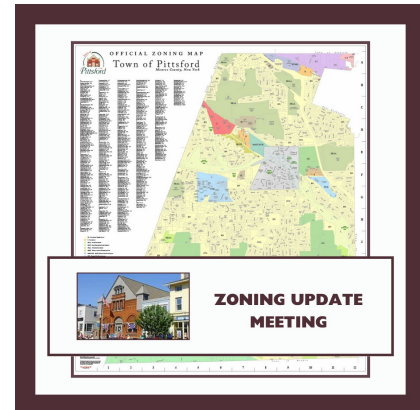
See listings below for

Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings

ZONING CODE UPDATE TOWN BOARD MEETING IS TOMORROW – THURSDAY, 5/30

***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 will take place this **Thursday, May 30 at 6:00 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.



Pittsford residents and business owners may submit comments in advance via mail or email before or 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 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. The calendar listing also includes a link to the [list of Supplemental Regulations](#) to be discussed at the meeting. Time permitting, the Board also will discuss exterior lighting regulations at this meeting. 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.

**MEET THE MACHINES THAT WORK AROUND
TOWN THIS SATURDAY**
Trucks and more galore!



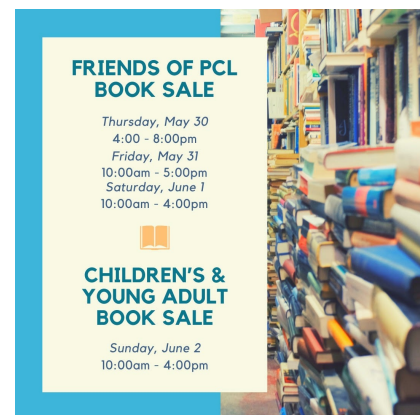
There are many machines – plow trucks, construction machinery, emergency service vehicles and more – that work to keep our town running safely and smoothly. Join us at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center this Saturday, June 1, from 10:00am – 12noon to meet them up close! This is a free family-friendly event open to all; registration is not required. The Pittsford Community Book Bike will be onsite too. Please stop by!

The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. For information about other upcoming Recreation programs, pick up a program brochure at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center

(35 Lincoln Avenue), access our [program brochure online](#), or visit our [online Recreation registration page](#).

FRIENDS OF PITTSFORD LIBRARY BOOK SALE TOMORROW THROUGH SUNDAY

The [Friends of Pittsford Library Spring into Summer Book Sale](#) begins tomorrow (Thursday, May 30) and runs through this Sunday, June 2, in the Pittsford Community Library's Fisher Meeting Room. Unleash your inner bookworm and stop by the sale for a treasure trove of gently used books (including hardcover and paperbacks) plus games, DVDs, and CDs – all 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. Thursday, 5/30 from 4:00 - 8:00pm, Friday, 5/31 from 10:00am – 4:00pm, and Saturday, 6/1 from 10:00am – 4:00pm, and a special **Children's & Young Adult Sale** on Sunday, 6/2 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! The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street.



WE'RE CELEBRATING POLLINATOR WEEK JUNE 17 – 23!

Save the date for our Bird Harbor unveiling and Pollinator Celebration June 22 at Great Embankment Park

We've been working to support native pollinators, and we'll be celebrating our first-ever Pollinator Week June 17 - 23! In 2022 we partnered with community group [Color Pittsford Green](#) (CPG) to create a Bird Harbor – an area of native plantings for food and shelter – at Great Embankment Park. In September of 2023, in

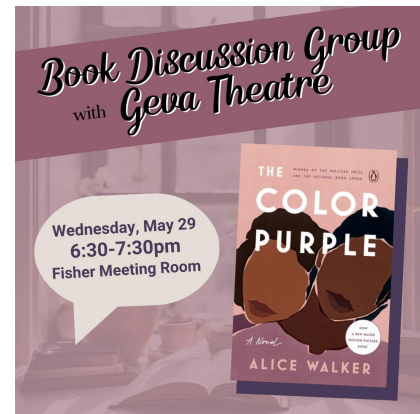
continued collaboration with CPG, we launched [the Pittsford Pollinator Pathway Challenge](#), a community-wide initiative to provide pollinator corridors of critical healthy habitat and food sources for butterflies, moths, bees and other pollinating insects and wildlife. Now, we're joining with Color Pittsford Green again to dedicate an entire week to the celebration of our pollinator pals! From garden tours to pollinator activities, and

a special ribbon cutting ceremony at Bird Harbor, it will be a week to remember!

Pollinator Week will take place from Monday, June 17 through Sunday, June 23. Be sure to mark your calendar for our Pollinator Celebration on Saturday, June 22 at 10:00am at Bird Harbor in Great Embankment Park – we'll unveil some pollinator tips and have some giveaways and kids activities. Stay tuned for a full schedule of the week's events, activities and handy tips to help pollinators thrive!

LIBRARY'S THE COLOR PURPLE BOOK DISCUSSION WITH THE GEVA THEATER IS TONIGHT AT 6:30PM

In conjunction with The Geva Theatre's production of *The Color Purple*, Rachel Y. DeGuzman, Director of Engagement, Community Partnerships & Public Curation at Geva, will facilitate a discussion of the Pulitzer prize-winning novel by Alice Walker, which was adapted for the stage by Pulitzer Prize and Tony award-winner Marsha Norman. Whether you've read the novel already or plan to put it on your summer reading list, you will enjoy this unique discussion, **which takes place tonight, Wednesday May 29, from 6:30 to 7:30** in the Pittsford-Fisher Meeting Room at the Pittsford Community Library. **This event is free and open to the public; no 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](http://www.townofpittsford.org/library) or call (585) 248-6275. For complete Library information, including hours of operation, visit www.townofpittsford.org/library.



THE LITTLE HOUSE OPEN THIS SATURDAY JUNE 1

The Little House, Historic Pittsford's headquarters and museum, will be open for visitors this **Saturday, June 1, from 9:00-12:00pm**. If you have never visited the 200-year old Little House, this is your chance! Located at **18 Monroe Avenue** next to Pittsford's Fire Station, the Little House is a historic gem in the heart of the Village of Pittsford. It serves as Historic Pittsford's office, has a resource room for historic research and exhibits of interest for all ages.

Stop by on June 1 to meet author Jack Butler. He will sign copies of the book he co-authored with Diane Ham – *Mendon Ponds: Fairchild's Dream*. It's a comprehensive account of the unique history, geology, flora and fauna of Monroe County's largest park. Copies of the book will be available for purchase.

If you have an interest in local history, would like to know more about Historic Pittsford and the Little House, or are curious about an early Pittsford family or property, stop in and talk with the historian and Historic Pittsford board members. The Little House is also open by appointment. Call (585) 381-2941 or email HistoricPittsford@gmail.com to schedule a time to visit. Visit www.HistoricPittsford.com for more information.

PITTSFORD ROTARY FOOD DRIVE THIS

SATURDAY, 9AM – 12PM

The Rotary Club of Pittsford's first drive-thru food drive of the new year is scheduled for this Saturday, June 1, from 9:00am-noon at the Pittsford Sutherland High School bus loop. In addition to the **Pittsford Food Cupboard**, donations will support Rochester's **House of Mercy Food Pantry** and 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. Food pantry items especially needed include Wegmans and Target Reusable bags, Spam, corned beef, roast beef, clams, mackerel, oysters, sardines, ravioli, beef-a-roni, ketchup, chicken broth, rice sides, canned tomatoes (all varieties), dish, windex, all-purpose cleaner, toilet paper, body wash, shaving supplies and shampoo. At this time, they have no room for corn, tuna or any type of canned beans.

The [House of Mercy Food Pantry](#) serves those with food insecurity in the city of Rochester. Current needs include baking (pancake batter, cornbread, cake/cookie mixes), canned vegetables (corn, peas, carrots, green beans, etc.) canned fruit (peaches, pears, pineapple, fruit cocktail) soup, condiments (mustard, mayo, ketchup, hot sauce), rice, pasta, hamburger and other Helpers, mac and cheese, stuffing mix, instant potatoes, scallop or au gratin boxes, peanut butter, jelly, beans (canned or dry, red, black, white, split peas, lentils), cereal (hot and cold, boxed, bagged, oatmeal, grits, etc.) and shelf stable prepared meals (SpaghettiOs, ravioli, stew, chili, etc.).

The House of Mercy also accepts socks, winter coats, hats, gloves, boots, toys, personal care items (blankets, towels, sheets, washcloths, razors, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo and conditioner, tampons and sanitary napkins and clothes (socks, men's and women's underwear, bras, sweat pants, comfortable short and long-sleeved t-shirts for men).

[The Oak Tree Pantry](#) serves those with food insecurity in the Nazareth University community. Specific needs for the Oak Tree Food Pantry 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 Food Drive will be on hiatus for the month of July. Please check the Pittsford eNews or the [Pittsford Rotary Website](#) for updates. In the interim, consider donating directly to the pantries above or save your items for the next Rotary Drive! Thank you for helping our Rotarians help those in need! Contact Rotarian David Irwin by email (driwin8@gmail.com) or phone (585-269-2132) with questions.

SAVE THE DATES – FRIDAY NIGHT SUMMER CONCERTS BY THE CANAL BEGIN JUNE 7!

Our Summer Concert Series will kick off Friday, June 7! Join us canalside in Carpenter Park at the Port of Pittsford at 6:30pm on Friday evenings from **June 7 through August**

23 (no concert July 5).

We've got an outstanding variety of great music – from funk, jazz, pop, Americana and classic rock to southern soul, vintage country and Latin jazz – plus a Billy Joel tribute! It's the perfect way to start your weekend. Find a complete schedule on our [Summer Concert Series Event page](#) on the Town website.



**Message from Town Supervisor Bill Smith:
EMT DAN O'CONNELL AND PITTSFORD
VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE STAFF
HONORED WITH PRESTIGIOUS
REGIONAL AWARDS**

Last week, the Monroe-Livingston Regional EMS Council held its annual awards ceremony, which takes place each May during EMS Week – a week where we honor and recognize the contributions of emergency medical professionals who dedicate their lives

to saving others. Two prestigious awards were given to the staff of the [Pittsford Volunteer Ambulance](#) organization.

EMT Dan O'Connell was awarded the Basic Life Support Provider of the Year for his outstanding contributions to the field of Emergency Medical Service as a Pittsford Volunteer Ambulance (PVA) EMT, a Ridge Road firefighter, and a Nurse at the University of Rochester at Strong Memorial Hospital. A seven-year member of the PVA, Dan was nominated by his peers for his dedication, responsibility, advocacy and insight into the EMS environment.

As an organization, the PVA won top honors as the Council's EMS Agency of the year for the second year in a row. The PVA is recognized as a Regional leader in EMS. Their incredibly high standards are revealed through their employee satisfaction, staff retention rates and their promotion of industry reform. These local heroes have set, and are committed to maintaining, the highest of standards for emergency medical services. I am incredibly proud of their efforts and thankful they are here in Pittsford, ready to serve our community with "skilled hands, cool heads and caring hearts." Congratulations Dan O'Connell and the entire PVA staff!

- Bill Smith, Pittsford Town Supervisor

JUNE 1 IS NATIONAL TRAILS DAY

National Trails Day® is an annual event organized by the [American Hiking Society](#) that celebrates and promotes the importance of trails and outdoor recreation. Held on the first Saturday of June, it encourages people to explore, enjoy, and advocate



for the preservation of trails. To celebrate National Trails Day®, the American Hiking Society is encouraging hikers and cyclists to take the [2024 National Trails Day® Pledge](#), which states “in honor of #NationalTrailsDay, I’ll leave the trails and the outdoor community better than I found them.” How do you do that? Bring Ziplock bags for your trash *and* any other trash you come across. Stay on the designated trail and leave only footprints; take only pictures.

Pittsford has over 50 miles of trails and accessways to enjoy. We’ve mapped out 10 suggested routes that utilize several of our trails and sidewalks, found right on our website’s [Pittsford Trails and Walkways page](#). We’ve also provided an [online interactive trails and sidewalks map](#) to help you plan your next hike.

Each month (in all seasons!) our Recreation Department offers [Guided Hikes](#) through various Pittsford trails. These hikes give you an opportunity to meet new people, get some exercise, and explore parts of Pittsford you may have never seen! Your guide will also provide you with historical information and geographical background of the landscape. Our next guided hike is June 15 at Thornell Farm Park Trails.

When you’re out on the trail, be sure to bring your [Wegmans Hit the Trail Passport](#). After you’ve hiked or cycled six of the designated trails, you receive a free Wegmans reusable shopping bag and become eligible to win a \$250 Wegmans gift card! Program information and passports are available at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center at 25 Lincoln Avenue and at the Wegmans Pittsford store at 2195 Monroe Avenue.

Our trails are community assets! Enjoy them and remember to respect your surroundings and the wildlife that inhabits these spaces. Let’s all follow the 2024 National Trails Day Pledge® and leave our trails better than when we found them!

NEXT SUPERVISOR OPEN HOUSE WITH BILL SMITH IS JUNE 8

Town Supervisor Bill Smith will host his next community open house meeting on Saturday, June 8 from 9:00 - 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 casual open house takes place in the Fisher Meeting Room. Supervisor Saturday enables residents who can't stop by to see Supervisor Smith during the work week a chance to speak to him directly. 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 bsmith@townofpittsford.org.

Supervisor Saturday *with Pittsford Town Supervisor*

Bill Smith

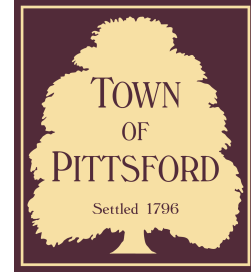
9:00 - 10:00am
Pittsford Community Library

**Stop by and join
the conversation!**

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

- [Friends of Pittsford Library Spring into Summer Book Sale](#), Thursday, 5/30 from 4:00 - 8:00pm, Friday, 5/31 from 10:00am – 4:00pm, and Saturday, 6/1 from 10:00am – 4:00pm, and a Children's & Young Adult Sale on Sunday, 6/2 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.
- **Meet the Machines Family Event**, Saturday, 6/1, 10:00am – 12noon, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center Parking Lot, 35 Lincoln Avenue; meet Town trucks, construction machinery, emergency vehicles and more, family-friendly free event open to all
- [Red Cross Blood Drive at Pittsford Community Library](#), Friday, 6/7, 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).
- [Town Summer Concert](#) Series opening night, featuring the Pittsford Mendon and Sutherland Jazz Ensembles, Friday, 6/7, 6:30pm, canalside in Carpenter Park at the Port of Pittsford, 22 N. Main Street
- [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

- **Zoning Code Update Town Board meeting**, Thursday, 5/30, 6:00pm, Town Hall lower-level meeting room, 11 South Main Street. Meeting will be live streamed and recorded; submit comments in advance (mail or email) or at the meeting (email or in person). Find [comment/viewing information here](#); find complete Zoning Code Update information at www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate. Updated meeting listings will be posted at www.townofpittsford.org/calendar.
- **Environmental Board**, Monday, 6/3, 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, 6/4, 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

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- **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, 6/8, 9:00 - 10:00am, Fisher Meeting Room (first floor), Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street
- **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, 8:00-9:30am (kitchen closes at 9:15am), 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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