



# News & Reviews

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## WE'RE CELEBRATING POLLINATOR WEEK JUNE 17 – 23

### ***Bird Harbor unveiling and Pollinator Celebration June 22 at Great Embankment Park***

Pollinator Week, which takes place June 17 through June 24, is an annual, international event created to raise awareness about the crucial role that pollinators play in our ecosystems and food supplies. We've been working to support native pollinators for many years, and we'll be celebrating our first-ever Pollinator Week! We're joining with Color Pittsford Green to dedicate an entire week to the celebration of our pollinator pals. From garden tours to pollinator activities, to a special ribbon cutting ceremony at Bird Harbor, it will be a week to remember!

**Saturday, June 22: Pollinator Celebration and Bird Harbor Ribbon Cutting at Great Embankment Park, 10:00am.** We'll unveil some pollinator tips and have some fun and educational giveaways, including kids pollinator activity sheets. Color Pittsford Green volunteers will offer face painting and free seedlings!

**Sunday, June 23: Community Center Pollinator Garden Tour, 9:30 – 10:30am.** Get an insider's tour of the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center gardens, a prime stop on the Pittsford Pollinator Pathway! The tour will be led by our Community Center gardener Jane McConnochie and features information about several ecologically important perennials and shrubs. Jane will be glad to answer any questions you have and will share tips to help you meet the [Pittsford Pollinator Pathway Challenge](#) in your garden! Register for the garden tour through the [Town of Pittsford's Recreation page](#).

Here's a pollinator-friendly gardening tip to get you started: you don't need a full sun



**garden to help pollinators!** Many shade loving plants provide food and shelter to these very important insects. If you have an area that doesn't get full sun, consider shade loving natives like ferns, Virginia Bluebells, Jacob's Ladder, Woodland Phlox, Mayapple, Zigzag Golden Rod, White Wood Aster, violets and Green and Gold. These plants vary in bloom time, color and height, ensuring varied beauty for you and food for pollinators – all season long. And don't forget about groundcover plants. Bloodroot, Mayapple, and wild ginger make amazing groundcovers for shady parts of your yard. Keep in mind many native woodland plants hide their delicate but delightful blooms.

To really appreciate their flowers, you have to get an ant's eye view – a perfect excuse to lie down in the shade on a hot day!

Be sure to follow the [Town of Pittsford Facebook page](#) for daily tips on the planting and maintaining of pollinator gardens. And if you haven't taken the Town's [Pollinator Pathway Challenge](#) yet, there's no better time to do so! [Download the form online](#), fill it out, and bring to the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center when completed. You will be given a sturdy, wooden Pittsford Pollinator Pathway sign to display in your yard!



### **CANALSIDE CONCERT THIS FRIDAY WITH PRIME TIME FUNK!**

The Town of Pittsford Summer Concert Series continues this Friday, June 14, as we welcome **Prime Time Funk** to the stage! Seamlessly blending the energetic grooves of funk, the improvisational spirit of jazz and the soulful melodies of R&B, Prime Time Funk has been captivating Rochester audiences for 28 years! Join us canalside in Carpenter Park at the Port of Pittsford at 6:30pm for an unforgettable performance!

Our Summer Concert Series continues Friday evenings at 6:30pm through August 23 (no concert July 5). We've got a variety of great music this season – from funk, jazz, pop, Americana and classic rock to southern soul, vintage country and Latin jazz, plus a Billy Joel tribute! Grab some friends, some lawn chairs, some snacks, and join us on the canal for the perfect start to your summer weekends. Find a complete schedule on our [Summer Concert Series Event page](#) on the Town website.

Many thanks to our Summer Concert Series sponsors: Messner Flooring, the Pittsford Federal Credit Union and McQuaid Jesuit. Thanks also to our event supporters: Harris Beach Attorneys at Law, Regain Physical Therapy and Rotolite-Elliott Printing & Copy Center.

### **TOWN OFFICES & COMMUNITY CENTER CLOSED 6/19 FOR JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY**

Town offices and services and the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center will be closed on Wednesday, June 19 in observance of the Juneteenth holiday, which commemorates the end to slavery and celebrates Black and African American freedom and achievements. The Pittsford Community Library will be open regular hours, 9:00am – 8:00pm.





Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day or Emancipation Day, commemorates June 19, 1865, when the news of emancipation came to Texas more than two years after President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation went into effect on January 1, 1863. Enslaved African Americans across the state were made aware of their right to freedom on this day when Major General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston with Federal troops to read General Order No. 3 announcing the end of the Civil War and to give notice that all those enslaved were free. Granger's troops were to maintain a presence in Texas to enforce emancipation throughout the state. Juneteenth honors the struggles and sacrifices made by African Americans in the fight for freedom and equality, and celebrates their resilience and strength.



### **SENIORS CRAFT CLUB AT COMMUNITY CENTER – NEXT MEETING THIS FRIDAY, 6/14**

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 and to donate to local charities. Craft Club is a wonderful opportunity to get creative, make friends and do something positive for others.

If you or someone you know enjoys crafting (or would like to learn something new!) join our seniors this spring! Craft Club meets once a month on Fridays from 9:30 - 11:30am. **The next meeting is this Friday, June 14.**

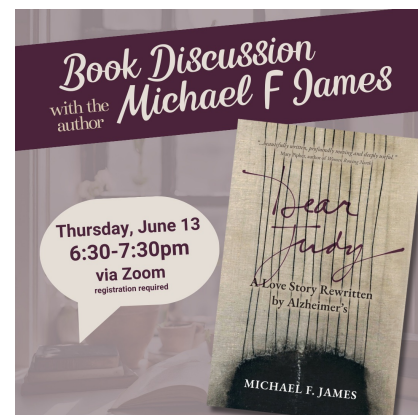
For more information, stop by the Senior Programs office at the Community Center or call 248-6235. The Town's Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. To learn more about our programs, activities and services for seniors, visit our Seniors page at [www.townofpittsford.org/seniors](http://www.townofpittsford.org/seniors), read our [Seniors program info brochure online](#), or call our Senior Programs office at 248-6235.

### **DEAR JUDY ONLINE BOOK DISCUSSION WITH AUTHOR MICHAEL JAMES TOMORROW EVENING**

Tomorrow evening, author Michael James will discuss the story of he and his wife as depicted in his book, *Dear Judy: A Love Story Rewritten by Alzheimer's*.

Judy James was diagnosed with early onset Alzheimer's at just 61 years of age. This heart-rending memoir consists of a series of letters the author composed to his wife, which create a poignant and narrative of the life they've shared. This unique opportunity to talk with the author takes place

**tomorrow, Thursday, June 13, from 6:30 to 7:30 via Zoom . [Registration is required](#);** the first ten registrants will receive a complimentary book!



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 LUNCH AND PROGRAM BY ST. JOHN'S SENIOR LIVING THIS TUESDAY, JUNE**



### **Reservations due this Thursday, 6/13**

Seniors, our Pavilion Series is back! Join us for a delicious, boxed lunch and special program by St. John's Senior Living on Tuesday, June 18, at 12:00noon. On the menu is smoked turkey on rosemary focaccia bread with Swiss cheese, roasted red peppers, romaine, and sundried tomato mayo, plus a watermelon, feta and mint salad, and handmade ranch potato chips!

The lunch and the program will be held in the **Spiegel Pittsford Community Center Pavilion**; cost is \$8.00 per person. **Advance registration is required by tomorrow (Thursday, June 13)**. 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.

### **LOCAL HISTORIC ARCHITECTURE WALKING TOUR WITH BOB CORBY THIS SATURDAY, 6/15** ***Proceeds to benefit Historic Pittsford***

Join Historic Pittsford this Saturday, June 15 for a walking tour through the Village of Pittsford focusing on historic residential architecture! Architect and former Village Mayor Bob Corby will lead the tour and explain the historical events, lifestyle changes, technical advancements and the evolution of architectural styles that shaped the historic village neighborhoods we enjoy today. You will see both grand and modest homes as well as some of the architectural features that are found only in Pittsford. Meet at the Little House, 18 Monroe Avenue, at 10:00am on Saturday, June 15. The tour will run from 10:00am through 12:00pm. Wear comfortable shoes! Visit [Historic Pittsford's website](#) to purchase tickets online; price is \$10.00 per person, proceeds to benefit Historic Pittsford's preservation and education efforts. Call 585-381-2941 or email [historicpittsford@gmail.com](mailto:historicpittsford@gmail.com) for more information.



HISTORIC PITTSFORD  
*Local Architecture Spring Walking Tour*  
with Bob Corby  
SATURDAY, JUNE 15

**Pittsford Crew: Learn to Scull**  
(for students entering grades 6 - 8)

**Pittsford Crew: Learn to Row**  
(for students entering grades 8 - 12)

★★★★★ Registration now underway! ★★★★★

Register online at  
[www.townofpittsford.org](http://www.townofpittsford.org)

### **REGISTRATION CURRENTLY UNDERWAY FOR LEARN TO SCULL AND ROW PROGRAMS**

Registration is currently underway for two brand new classes offered through Pittsford Recreation in partnership with [Pittsford Crew](#), Learn to Scull and Learn to Row!

**Pittsford Crew: Learn to Scull** is open to all students entering grades 6 through 8. This program is the ideal way for younger adolescents to begin rowing. Sculling provides a symmetrical workout as beginning rowers

learn about boat balance, power distribution, and the sense of how to move a boat through the water. The goal at Pittsford Crew is Safety First, followed by fostering a love for rowing. Learn to Scull will allow new rowers to progress comfortable speed.



[Pittsford Crew: Learn to Scull](#) is offering four week-long sessions but register soon! The first session has filled completely! **The second session begins June 24.**

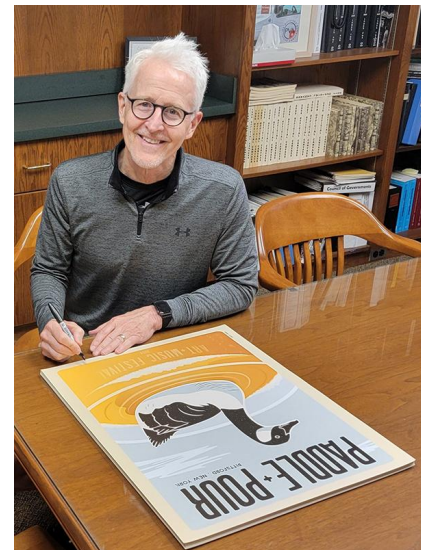
**Pittsford Crew: Learn to Row** is open to all students **entering grades 8 through 12** who want to learn about the sport of rowing. During the two-week session, adolescents who are new to sweep rowing (one oar per rower) first learn safety procedures and rowing techniques in the Pittsford Indoor Rowing Center (PIRC). This unique facility offers a safe environment in which students learn basic techniques so they can quickly progress to rowing on the canal. [Pittsford Crew: Learn to Row](#) is offering four two-week sessions beginning June 25. [Register online at through the Town of Pittsford website.](#)

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.

### **PADDLE AND POUR POSTERS AVAILABLE AT TOWN HALL**

If you didn't get a chance to get a 2024 Paddle and Pour poster at the festival, you're in luck! Paddle and Pour posters are available for purchase at Town Hall. Local award-winning artist and RIT adjunct faculty member Chris Lyons has been creating our Paddle and Pour posters since the festival's first year in 2015. His 2024 design takes a whimsical approach!

Posters are \$10, or \$15 for a poster signed by Chris. A limited number of past years' posters also are available for sale. Visit Kelly Eldred in the Supervisor's Office (first floor, near Main Street entrance) to purchase your poster; contact her at 248-6221 with any questions. Town Hall is located at 11 South Main Street and is open Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 4:00pm.



### **FLAG DAY IS THIS FRIDAY, JUNE 14**

The United States celebrates Flag Day on June 14 each year to commemorate the adoption of the American Flag on June 14, 1777. Here are some fun facts regarding this annual observance:

- The idea for Flag Day originated in 1885 with Wisconsin schoolteacher Bernard J. Cigrand, who wanted to inspire patriotism and respect for the flag among his students.
- The original design of the American flag, with 13 stars in a circle representing the 13 colonies, was created by Betsy Ross.
- The longest-running Flag-Day parade in the United States is right here in our state of New York in the city of Troy! The parade has been running since 1967.
- The Pledge of Allegiance, written by minister and author Francis Bellamy, was

first published in 1892 in a magazine called The Youth's Companion as part of a campaign to promote patriotism and love for the American flag. Bellamy was a Mount Morris native and a graduate of the University of Rochester.

Flag Day is a time for Americans to come together and reflect on the values that the flag represents, including democracy, liberty, equality and justice. Happy Flag Day to all!

## REMINDERS



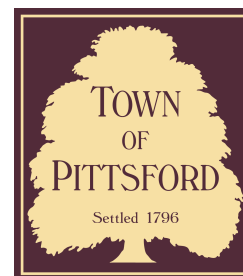
### PITTSFORD COMMUNITY LIBRARY SURVEY SEEKS COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

As a member of the Pittsford community, what you think about our Library matters! Causewave Community Partners is conducting a survey on behalf of the Pittsford Community Library to better understand community perceptions and to help our Library plan for the future. We know your time is

valuable, so we've kept it brief. The survey, available through the link below, should take less than 10 minutes and all responses are anonymous. Follow [this link](#) to complete the survey. We're eager to hear from you!

### 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

- [Town Summer Concert](#) Series, featuring funk, Jazz and R&B with Prime Time Funk, Friday, 6/14, 6:30pm, canalside in Carpenter Park at the Port of Pittsford, 22 N. Main Street



- [Pollinator Celebration and Bird Harbor Ribbon Cutting](#), Saturday, 6/22, 10:00am, Great Embankment Park, 631 Marsh Road, Pittsford; unveiling pollinator tips at Bird Harbor, fun and educational activities and give-aways, including face painting, free seedlings and kids pollinator activity sheets
- [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, 6/12, 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, 6/13 – **NO MEETING**
- **Parks and Recreation Board**, Thursday, 6/13 – **NO MEETING**
- **Zoning Board of Appeals**, Monday, 6/17, 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, 6/18, 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, 8:00-9:30am (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](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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