

News & Reviews

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A Message from Supervisor Bill Smith:

ANNUAL AUDIT REAFFIRMS PITTSFORD'S FISCAL STRENGTH

At its last meeting, the Town Board received the report of our independent auditors, Bonadio & Co., LLP, on its audit of the Town's finances and financial operations for 2024 and the Town's financial position at the end of the year.



I'm pleased to report that the audit found Pittsford Town government to be in a strong financial position. We actually improved our net position year over year as compared to 2023. The auditors noted the Town's strong financial controls, that assure accurate and honest reporting and financial management.

Our financial management of the Town government and our financial and reporting practices are central to day-to-day operations we oversee here at Town Hall. Although its one of the most important duties the Town staff and I undertake, it's probably the aspect of Town operations that by its nature may be the least visible. You can see us picking up leaves and paving streets. You don't see the tremendous amount of work and care every day that has made Pittsford so fiscally strong.

It's why we have a perfect Triple-A credit rating – unique in the country among towns of our size. It's why we have a perfect report card on fiscal stress from the State Comptroller. All a result of the stability we've enjoyed over time in our internal administrative structuring and the personnel we have in place.

Special thanks to Finance Department members Brian Luke and Dina Isgro for their work in keeping Pittsford at the top of our game.

FREE DRIVE-THRU RABIES VACCINE CLINIC

– 5/8

Our annual Rabies Vaccine Free Drive-thru

Clinic is coming up fast! The drive-thru event is **Thursday, May 8, from 4:30 to 7:00pm** at the **Town Highway Garage, 60 Golf Avenue**. Update your pet's rabies vaccine for free – dogs, cats, and ferrets are welcome! Although cats do not need to be licensed, NYS law requires rabies vaccination. For **safety, all dogs must be on a short leash** (even if they're inside a vehicle); **cats and ferrets must be in a secure carrier**.



Three-year and one-year vaccines are available. A three-year vaccine will be available to those who present a prior rabies certificate; all others may receive a one-year vaccine. Advance registration is not required; please call Animal Control at 248-6240 with any questions. Many thanks to Dr. Sam Kalis, DVM, who will conduct our clinic this year, and the Monroe County Health Department for providing the free vaccines.



NEW KEY CARD ACCESS SYSTEM NOW IN EFFECT AT PITTSFORD DOG PARK

In collaboration with Monroe County, the Town of Pittsford installed a new key card access system this past Monday, April 28. **Your key card now provides entry into the Pittsford Dog Park.** If you previously registered for our dog park and cannot find your key card, contact the Monroe County Parks Department at mcparks@monroecounty.gov or 753-7275 (PARK) for a replacement card.

Our Pittsford Dog Park features two off-leash areas, one for large dogs and the other for small dogs. Dogs can enjoy play structures while their owners relax on benches or picnic tables. From spring through fall, the park provides drinking fountains for thirsty pups and a dog washing station to clean off muddy paws. In line with the Town's commitment to walkability and bikeability, the park includes two entrances to the Town's Simon Stone's Mill trail.

As our Dog Park is part of the Monroe County Dog Park system, dogs must be registered with the County to participate. You can find registration information on the County website at www.monroecounty.gov/parks-DogParks.

The Pittsford Town Dog Park is located at 34 East Street and is open year-round from 7:00am until dusk.

PADDLE AND POUR ART & MUSIC FESTIVAL IS SATURDAY, MAY 24

Save the date! The [Paddle and Pour Art and Music Festival](#) is less than a month away! Join us on **Saturday, May 24, from noon to 10:00pm** on **North Main Street** for

a day of music, incredible food, and local art. We'll have **live music all day** – including a headlining performance by **Shine** – along with a craft beer and wine tent featuring local wineries and breweries, plus great food from local eateries.

You can browse (and buy!) the **works of local artists, artisans, and photographers** from 12:00pm to 7:00pm and **enjoy live art demonstrations**. There will be plenty of **family games and activities** (12:00 to 7:00pm). And of course, be sure to catch the exciting competition of the **2025 Pittsford Regatta!**



Stay tuned over the next few weeks as we highlight (in our eNewsletter and social media) the music, artists, food, and activities happening on the big day.

Admission to the festival is free; food and beverages are available for purchase. Complete information about the Paddle and Pour Art and Music Festival – including a schedule of events and details on activities, participating artists, wineries, breweries, and food vendors – can be found at www.paddleandpour.org. We hope to see you there!



MEMORIAL DAY PARADE AND REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY IS MAY 26

Save the date! Our annual [Memorial Day Parade and Remembrance Ceremony](#), which brings the community together in remembrance and appreciation, is on **Monday, May 26**, at **10:00am!** The parade will follow its traditional route, starting at Sutherland High School, continuing down Jefferson Road to Main Street, and culminating at the Pittsford Cemetery for a moving ceremony (procession will enter on Washington Road). Find more information on our [Memorial Day web page](#).

Following the ceremony, the Rayson-Miller American Legion Post 899 will host a reception at the Post headquarters (21 N. Main Street, in the lower level of Village Hall). Don't miss this opportunity to pay your respects and remember the sacrifices of those who gave their lives in wartime service to our country. More details are available on our [Memorial Day web page](#).

SENIORS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

The Town of Pittsford's annual Memorial Day Parade will take place on **Monday, May 26**, and Pittsford seniors are invited to come and represent the Senior Center! Marching is not required – you can either walk with our banner

or ride on the bus! We will provide beverages, snacks, and patriotic accessories. All you need to do is arrive at the Spiegel Community Center by 9:15am (the parade kicks off at 10:00am), stay for the ceremony, and we'll have you back at the Community Center by noon!

To reserve your spot, call the Senior Center at 248-6235. Find further details about the [Memorial Day Parade](#) on the Town's website. (Check back for updates!) We hope to see you there!



Blood Drive
Pittsford Library
Meeting Room
24 State Street
Pittsford, NY 14534
Friday, May 2, 2025
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



URGENT CALL FOR BLOOD DONATIONS: BLOOD DRIVE AT THE LIBRARY THIS FRIDAY, MAY 2

Those who donate between May 1 & 18 will receive a \$20 e gift card and a chance to win a USA trip of choice!

The Town of Pittsford will host a Red Cross blood drive this **Friday, May 2**, from **10:00am-3:00pm** at the Pittsford Community Library in the Fisher Meeting Room. The Library is located at 24 State Street in the Village of Pittsford.

New York State is currently facing a critical blood shortage . The demand for donors is urgent, particularly those with type O-negative and O-positive blood.

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 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 or calling 800-RED-CROSS.

ROTARY BIKE DROP AND FOOD DRIVE THIS SATURDAY, 5/3

**For this month only, the food drive will be held at Mendon High School to*

accommodate the Bike Drop.

The Rotary Club of Pittsford will hold its annual "Bike Drop" on Saturday, May 3, from 9:00am to 2:00pm at Pittsford Mendon High School (472 Mendon Road, Pittsford). Bicycles and bike parts in any condition will be accepted for donation.

The bicycles and bike parts will be collected by Pittsford Rotary and donated to [R Community Bikes, Inc.](#), a Rochester-based charitable organization that repairs and distributes bicycles free of charge to Rochester's underprivileged children and adults.

For those in need, bikes often serve as the most affordable means of transportation to jobs, schools, churches, rehabilitation and training programs, and meals at local social service agencies.



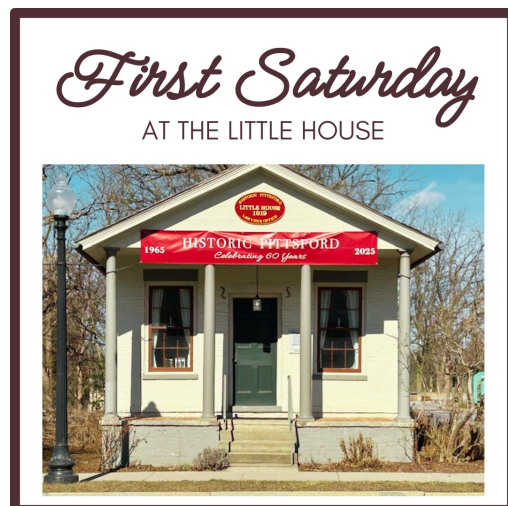
For May only, the Rotary Food Drive will move to **Pittsford Mendon High School** to accommodate the Bike Drop. In addition to supporting the [Pittsford Food Cupboard](#), donations will also support [Carolyn's Cupboard](#) at Abundance Grace Church.

[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 and promote well-being and stability.

The cupboard is especially in need of beef stew, taco shells, spaghetti sauce, canned tomatoes (crushed, whole, or pureed – no diced), cereal, and jelly. They currently do not have room for corn, black beans, white beans, baked beans, or green beans.

[Carolyn's Cupboard](#) is an outreach program of Abundance Grace Church that provides residents of the Charlotte, NY, community with free food.

Take advantage of a great opportunity to spring clean your garage while helping others! For more information, go to www.PittsfordRotaryClub.org or call (585) 733-5856.



THE LITTLE HOUSE IS OPEN THIS SATURDAY, MAY 3

Have you noticed the large red banner across the front of the Little House? Historic Pittsford is celebrating 60 years of preservation activity! Stop by this **Saturday, May 3, from 9:00am to 12:00pm** to learn about Historic Pittsford's efforts over the years to help preserve Pittsford's historic resources and character.

The Little House is a 200-plus-year-old historic building located at 18 Monroe Avenue, next to the Fire Station. It serves as Historic Pittsford's office, features a resource room for historic

research, and hosts exhibits of interest to all ages.

Did you know the Little House wasn't always in its current location? When you visit,

you can enjoy the story and photos of "moving day." Pittsford Board members look forward to seeing you!

The Little House is also open by appointment. Call (585) 381-2941 or email HistoricPittsford@gmail.org to schedule a time to visit. Visit HistoricPittsford.org for more information.

PITTSFORD ROTARY KIDS' TROUT FISHING DERBY – 5/10

The Rotary Club of Pittsford, in conjunction with the Town of Pittsford and the Monroe County Parks Department, will hold its [28th annual Kids' Trout Fishing Derby](#) on **Saturday, May 10, at Powder Mills Park**. The Derby is free and open to all children ages 15 and under.

Registration will take place at the Powder Horn Lodge beginning at 8:00am on that day, or you can [register online in advance](#). The tournament runs from 9:00 am to 11:00am, followed by an awards ceremony at 11:15am. Fish Hatchery tours will commence at 11:30am. Complimentary refreshments will be served.

The Fish Hatchery at Powder Mills Park is stocking fish specifically for this event; donations will be accepted on behalf of the Riedman Foundation. Special thanks to the **Riedman Foundation** for funding and operating the Hatchery and for making the Pittsford Rotary Club Kids' Trout Fishing Derby possible.

Rotarian and fishing enthusiast Harry Womeldorf organized the club's first "Kids Derby" in 1997. Since then, over 3000 children have participated in this Western New York event. The emphasis is on experiencing the adventure and excitement of fishing with family members of all ages.

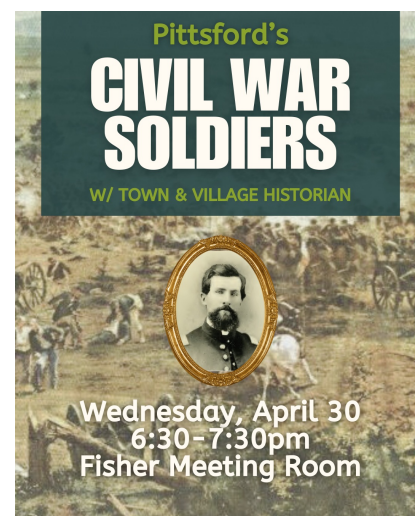
For more information on the fishing derby, visit the [Pittsford Rotary website](#) or contact tournament chairperson Kevin O'Grady via [email](#) or phone at (585) 641-0668. The Pittsford Rotary Club Kids' Trout Fishing Derby is co-sponsored by the Town of Pittsford Recreation Department.



UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS AT THE PITTSFORD COMMUNITY LIBRARY

From a Star-Wars-themed Break-In Room to a Cornell Cooperative class on gardening dahlias, the Library is offering fantastic programs for all ages and interests this week and next! Check out the [Library's online calendar](#) for complete information about upcoming programs for all ages that inspire, inform, and enrich.

Learn about the 85 Civil War soldiers buried in Pittsford, including prisoner of war George Wiltsie, Major Harvey E. Light, and a Confederate soldier. Town & Village Historian Vicki Masters Profitt will



present a talk entitled "Pittsford's Civil War Soldiers," in commemoration of the 160th anniversary of the end of the Civil War. The lecture takes place **tonight, April 30**, from **6:30 to 7:30pm** in the **Fisher Meeting Room**. This event is free and open to the public; no registration is required.

It's final exam season, and the Library is once again offering an **Exam Study Hall** for students seeking a quiet place to prepare. The **Fisher Meeting Room** will be available to students between **May 3 and May 14**. Visit the Library's [online calendar](#) for specific times.

May 4 is an important day for Star Wars fans. Celebrate by signing up for the Library's **May the 4th Star Wars Break-In Room**, which will take place in the **Learning Room** both **May 3 and May 4**! Solve the puzzles, open the locks, and break into the box before time runs out. (*Do or do not. There is no try. May the 4th be with you!*) This break-in room activity is for groups of 2-6, and each group must register for one 15-minute time slot. Best for ages 7 & up, but all are welcome. [Registration required.](#)



Those studying at the Library on May 4 can take a break and visit with some friendly therapy dogs! (Star Wars attire optional for humans and dogs.) The **May the 4th Therapy Dog Visit** is for students preparing for exams, but is open to all. It takes place from **12:30 to 2:00pm** on **Sunday, May 4**.



Join Jerry Bennett, a former employee and current volunteer for the Red Cross, as he draws upon over 50 years of service with the organization to weave together a presentation that connects Clara Barton, Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass, and other historic luminaries. "American Red Cross: Then and Now" will take place on **Tuesday, May 6**, from **12:00 to 1:00pm** in the **Library's Fisher Meeting Room**. This event is free and open to the public; no registration required.

Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) Master Gardener Mary Feasal will educate attendees about various types of dahlias. "All About Dahlias: Cornell Cooperative Series" takes place on **Tuesday, May 6**, from **7:00 to 8:00pm**. This series is provided through a consortium of MCLS libraries. [Registration required.](#)

The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street. To learn more about upcoming Library programs, sign up for the [Library's weekly eNewsletter](#), 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.

SENIORS TRIP TO WARPLANE MUSEUM – 5/22

****Reserve your spot NOW!***

Seniors, we still have room for those who would like



visit **The National Warplane Museum** in Geneseo, NY, on **Thursday, May 22!** We'll depart from the Senior Center at 9:30am. After visiting the museum, we'll have lunch together visit the museum at the **Village Tavern**. The bus will return us to the Senior Center after lunch.

The National Warplane Museum is a warbird and military history museum located on the grounds of the Geneseo Airport. Founded in 1994, the museum restores, flies, and displays vintage military aircraft from the Second World War and Korean War eras.

Reservations for all trips are on a first-come, first-served basis. All tours, admissions, and lunches are

paid for on your own. The bus fee is \$1, and museum admission is \$8.00. Our trips tend to fill up quickly, so reserve your spot as soon as possible! Once all spots are filled, you can be added to a waitlist. We will notify you one week prior to the trip if space becomes available. **For more information and to register, stop by the Senior Programs office at the Community Center or call 248-6235.**

The Town's Spiegel 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.

SEPTA'S SPRING SILENT AUCTION BEGINS TOMORROW

The Pittsford Special Education PTA's (SEPTA) first annual Spring Silent Auction online **begins tomorrow, Thursday, May 1, and runs through Friday, May 9!** With over 100 items and more than 75 packages, the auction has something for everyone, including:

- Fun for the kids and family - museum passes, lessons, summer camps
- Recreation – golf, rock climbing, kayaking
- Local activities – theater tickets, a canal cruise, restaurant gift cards
- Books, toys, sensory items, AND MORE!



Preview the auction and register to bid:
<http://app.givebacks.gives/pittsfordsepta>

Sign up to be emailed when the auction goes live: <https://bit.ly/SEPTASpringAuction25>

All auction proceeds directly **support Pittsford SEPTA's current and future programs** and their mission to provide information, resources, and support to caregivers, families, and school staff of Pittsford students who receive special education services. As a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, their goal is to promote inclusion, advocacy, and collaboration in our schools, community, and beyond! To learn more about SEPTA, visit www.pittsfordsepta.net.

PTSA
**"Meet the Board of Education
Candidates" Night**

 **May 6**

 **7:00 to 9:00pm**

 **Barker Road Middle School McCluski
Room, 75 Barker Road, Pittsford, 13534**



**PTSA "MEET THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
CANDIDATES" NIGHT IS TUESDAY, 5/6**

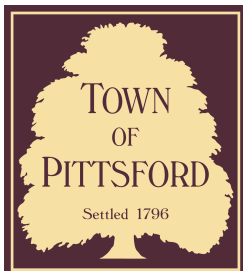
In preparation for the **May 20** budget vote and board election, the PTSA will host a "Meet the Candidates" Night this **Tuesday, May 6, from 7:00 to 9:00pm** in the **Barker Road Middle School McCluski Room**. Barker Middle School is located at 75 Barker Road, Pittsford, NY, 14534.

A Budget Hearing and Regular Board of Education Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 13, from 7:00 to 9:00pm**. The Public Budget Hearing is the formal presentation of

the Board of Education's adopted budget, which residents will later vote on at the annual Budget Vote and Board of Education Election.

The Pittsford Central School District 2025-2026 School Budget Vote and Board Election will take place on **Tuesday, May 20**, at the **Calkins Road Middle School gymnasium**. Due to construction related to the Capital Project at Barker Road Middle School, the vote has been moved to Calkins Road Middle School, located at 1899 Calkins Road.

For more information about the Budget Vote and Board Election, view the [PCSD Budget Information web page here](#).



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

- [Red Cross Blood Drive at Pittsford Community Library](#), Friday, 5/2, 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).
- [Pittsford Rotary Bike Drop](#), Saturday, 5/3, 9:00am-2:00pm, Pittsford Mendon High School, 472 Mendon Road, Pittsford; drop off a used bike or bike parts in any condition, to be donated to [R Community Bikes](#) for repair and distribution to those in need for transportation and recreation.
- [Pittsford Rotary Food Drive](#), Saturday, 5/3, 9:00am – 12:00pm, Pittsford Mendon High School, 472 Mendon Road, Pittsford; collecting canned and packaged food items and personal hygiene items to benefit the [Pittsford Food Cupboard](#), and [Carolyn's Cupboard](#) – (click links for information and lists of needs); gently used recent (past 12 months) magazines and reusable grocery bags are also needed. Food drive will be held at Mendon High School and combined with the Rotary Bike Drop drive for this month only.
- [Pittsford Free Drive-Through Rabies Vaccine Clinic](#), Thursday, 5/8, 4:30-7:30pm, Pittsford Town Highway Garage, 60 Golf Avenue; update your pet's rabies vaccine for free – dogs, cats, and ferrets are welcome, dogs must be on a short leash, cats and ferrets must be in a secure carrier; no appointment needed, see details at link and call Pittsford Animal Control at 248-6240 with any questions.
- **Supervisor Saturday with Bill Smith**, Saturday, 5/10, 9:00-10:00am, Fisher Meeting Room (first floor), Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street - join the conversation with Town Supervisor Bill Smith at this casual open house, topics of discussion based upon attendee interest.
- [Community Recycling Day](#), Saturday, 5/17, 7:45am-12:00pm, Perinton Highway Garage, 100 Cobb's Lane. Appointment needed for hazardous waste disposal only, no appointment needed for electronics recycling and/or document shredding; for HHW appointment Pittsford residents can call 248-6250, or go online to www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark. More information, including the list of hazardous materials and electronics accepted for collection, can be found [HERE](#).
- [Paddle and Pour Art & Music Festival](#), Saturday, May 24, 12noon-10pm at the North Main Street Bridge; taste the best from local and upstate craft breweries and vineyards, variety of food and beverages throughout the day and evening, Children's Activities (12:00-7:00pm), Art and Artisans (12:00-7:00pm), live music all day, including headlining performance by Shine (8:00- 10:00pm); complete schedule and information at www.townofpittsford.org/paddleandpour.
- [Memorial Day Parade and Remembrance Ceremony](#), Monday, May 26; parade steps off from Sutherland High School at 10:00am, marches down Jefferson Road to Main Street and culminates at the Pittsford Cemetery (Washington Road) for a Remembrance Ceremony; reception to follow at Rayson-Miller American Legion Post #899, 21 N. Main Street

TOWN OF PITTSFORD BOARD MEETINGS

- **Environmental Board**, Monday, 5/5, 7:00pm, 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 5/6, 6:00pm, 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

COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

- [Village Board of Trustees](#) meetings are generally the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 5:00pm, 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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