

## News & Reviews

May 7, 2025

Town of Pittsford - a Clean Energy and Climate Smart Community

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## FREE DRIVE-THRU RABIES VACCINE CLINIC IS TOMORROW FROM 4:30 TO 7:00PM

Our annual Rabies Vaccine Free Drive-thru Clinic is TOMORROW! 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 need not 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.



# SUPERVISOR OPEN HOUSE WITH BILL SMITH THIS SATURDAY, 5/10

Town Supervisor Bill Smith will host his next community open house meeting this Saturday, May 10, 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 will be held 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 <a href="mailto:bsmith@townofpittsford.org">bsmith@townofpittsford.org</a>.

### PITTSFORD HISTORIAN OFFICE HOURS IN MAY

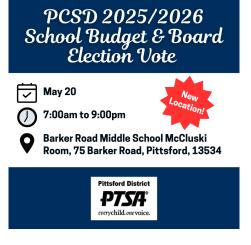
The Historian's Office is open Thursdays from 11:00am to 3:00pm or by appointment but will be closed on May 8 and May 29. Here is the full schedule for May:

• May 8: Closed

May 15: 11:00am - 3:00pmMay 22: 11:00am - 3:00pm

• May 29: Closed

As Town and Village Historian, Vicki Masters Profitt offers information about ancestry, historic buildings, genealogy, and historical facts regarding Pittsford and its past residents. You can reach her at 248-6245 or vprofitt@townofpittsford.org. To learn more about the department's services, visit <a href="https://www.townofpittsford.org/historian">www.townofpittsford.org/historian</a>. The Spiegel Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue.



PITTSFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 2025-2026 SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE AND BOARD ELECTION IS MAY 20 – NOTE NEW LOCATION

Pittsford Historian's Office Hours for

the month of May:

May 1: Closed

**May 8**: Closed **May 15**: 11:00 to 3:00pm

May 22: 11:00 to 3:00pm
May 29: Closed

The Historian's office is located in the Spiegel

Community Center at 35 Lincoln Road

\*The School Budget Vote and Board election will take place at the Calkins Road Middle School gymnasium.

The Pittsford Central School District's 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.

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's May 20, 2025, ballot will feature the **2025-2026** school budget, two propositions for reserve fund withdrawals, and a Board of Education election. The proposed budget is \$168,218,102, representing a 3.97% increase, with a 2.34% tax levy increase, both of which fall within the tax cap. Voters will also decide on withdrawing \$2,419,162 from the Capital Reserve Fund for buses

and up to \$500,000 from the Instructional Technology fund, neither of which will increase taxes. Three candidates, Emily Kay, David Berk, and Laura Schulitz are running for two open Board of Education seats.

Voters must be U.S. citizens, district residents for at least 30 days, at least 18 years old, and have valid proof of residency and identification. A contingent budget with significant reductions will be implemented if the proposed budget fails twice.

For more information about the Budget Vote and Board Election, view the <u>PCSD</u> <u>Budget Information web page here.</u>

# PITTSFORD ROTARY KIDS' TROUT FISHING DERBY THIS SATURDAY - 5/10

The Rotary Club of Pittsford, in conjunction with the Town of Pittsford and the Monroe County Parks Department, will hold its 28<sup>th</sup> annual Kids' Trout Fishing Derby this Saturday, May 10, at Powder Mills Park. The Derby is free and open to all children ages 15 and under.

Register <u>online in advance</u> or at the Powder Horn Lodge beginning at 8:00am the day of the tournament. The tournament will run 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 <u>Pittsford Rotary website</u> or contact tournament chairperson Kevin O'Grady via <u>email</u> or phone at (585) 641-0668. The Pittsford Rotary Club Kids' Trout Fishing Derby is co-sponsored by the Town of Pittsford Recreation Department.

# FIREWORKS COURTESY NOTIFICATION FOR THIS FRIDAY, 5/9

Public and private fireworks events in the Town of Pittsford require a permit issued by the Town. As a courtesy, notifications for public and private fireworks events held within the Town are posted on the <u>Town website</u>, the <u>Town Facebook page</u>, and in the <u>Town's eNews</u>. Courtesy notifications can also be mailed in advance to those in the



immediate area of a permitted fireworks event (public or private) who request them. To request a mailed Fireworks Notification, please email Anna Piazza in the Department of Public Works or call (585) 248-6250. Please see the current fireworks event permit notification below.

Current Fireworks Event Notification:
Friday, May 9 - Private fireworks event at Monroe
Golf Club - approximately 9:45pm
All current Fireworks Event Courtesy Notification

listings are on the Town website at <a href="https://www.townofpittsford.org/fireworks-notifications">www.townofpittsford.org/fireworks-notifications</a>.

## CELEBRATING THE UNSUNG HEROES OF OUR TOWN: HAPPY PROFESSIONAL MUNICIPAL CLERKS WEEK!

May 4 through May 10 is **Professional Municipal Clerks Week**, the perfect time to shine a spotlight on the dedicated professionals who often work behind the scenes, serving as a vital link between residents and their local government: town clerks.

More than just record keepers, town clerks serve as a cornerstone of local



government. They are the guardians of official documents, ensuring transparency and accessibility. From managing records like birth and marriage certificates to overseeing elections and maintaining meeting minutes, their responsibilities are diverse. Often, they are the first point of contact for residents, providing information and guidance with patience and expertise.

This Municipal Clerks Week, let's take a moment to appreciate the hard work, dedication, and invaluable contributions of our town clerks. They are the unsung heroes who keep the wheels of local government turning, ensuring our communities remain informed, organized, and well-served. A simple "thank you" can go a long way in acknowledging their important role.



# PITTSFORD GARDEN CLUB ANNUAL PLANT SALE IS MAY 17

As the days lengthen and the air warms, are you ready to delve back into gardening? The Pittsford Garden Club's Annual Plant Sale will take place on Saturday, May 17, at the Pittsford Library parking lot from 9:00am to noon. Unearth your inner green thumb and seize the opportunity to purchase vibrant annuals, enduring perennials, fragrant herbs, lush houseplants, and stunning hanging baskets, all while supporting the club's mission to beautify

gardening efforts throughout Pittsford.

## LIBRARY PROGRAM ON HOW TO CARE FOR DEMENTIA PATIENTS – 5/8

The Alzheimer's Association will be at the Library on Thursday, May 8, to give a presentation entitled "Empowered Caregiver: Supporting Independence." Learn how to navigate the responsibilities of caring for someone with dementia, including helping them take part in daily activities, providing the right amount of support and balancing safety and independence while managing expectations. The presentation will take place in the Library's Fisher Meeting Room from 1:00 to 2:00pm. This event is free and open to the public; no registration required.





### LIBRARY'S FISHER MEETING ROOM OPEN TO STUDENTS STUDYING FOR EXAMS

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 through May 14. Visit the Library's online calendar for specific times.

## BE A PART OF PITTSFORD'S TOXIC-FREE LAWN CHALLENGE

Ready to ditch the chemicals and cultivate a lawn that's safe for your family, pets, and the planet? Join the growing number of Pittsford residents who participate in our **Toxic-Free Lawn Challenge!** It's a fantastic opportunity to learn practical tips and tricks for nurturing lush, healthy grass without relying on pesticides and fertilizers. Together, we'll explore natural alternatives, share our successes, and transform our yards into vibrant, thriving ecosystems.



Let's grow greener, healthier lawns, one yard at a time – sign up today! Find information at <a href="https://www.townofpittsford.org/toxicfree">www.townofpittsford.org/toxicfree</a>.

If you do decide to go toxic-free, please pick up an "Organic Yard" sign to display on your lawn proudly! They're available on the front steps of **Town Hall at 11 South Main Street** and at the **Pittsford Community Garden at Thornell Farm Park, 480 Mendon Road**.



### LIVE MUSIC ALL DAY AT PADDLE AND POUR FESTIVAL ON SATURDAY, MAY 24

The <u>Paddle and Pour Art and Music</u>
<u>Festival</u> features a full day of music!
Whether your heart sways to the twang of Country, the soulful cry of the Blues, the intricate harmonies of Jazz, or the infectious energy of Pop, there's a band that will cater to your tastes. Join us on <u>Saturday</u>, May 24, from noon to 10:00pm on North Main Street to hear the musical stylings of five incredible local bands.

12:00-1:30pm: Bob and Rick

Music (Country, Americana, Original Music)

2:00-3:30pm: Son Henry (Blues, Country, Americana)

4:00-5:30pm: The Grove Street Band (Rock, R&B, Country)

6:00-7:30pm: The Swooners (Pop, Dance, Funk, Jam, Rock, Motown, Jazz, Disco)

8:00-10:00pm: <u>Shine</u> (party band)

Paddle & Pour will also feature the works of local artists, artisans, and photographers, live art demos, family games and activities, a craft beer and wine tent, and the 2025 Pittsford Regatta!

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 <a href="www.paddleandpour.org">www.paddleandpour.org</a>. Stay tuned over the next few weeks as continue to highlight (in our eNewsletter and social media) the music, artists, food, and activities happening on the big day. We hope to see you there!

## MEMORIAL DAY PARADE AND REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY IS MAY 26

Our annual Memorial Day Parade and Remembrance Ceremony will bring the community together in remembrance and appreciation on Monday, May 26, at 10:00am! The parade will follow its traditional route, starting at Sutherland High School, then marching down Jefferson Road to Main Street and culminating at the Pittsford Cemetery for a moving ceremony (procession will enter on Washington Road).

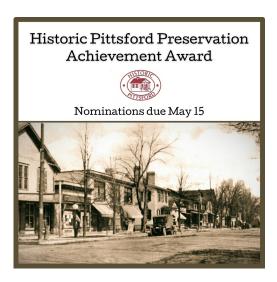


Following the ceremony, the Rayson-Miller

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.

Pittsford seniors are invited to represent the Senior Center in the parade! 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!)



### HISTORIC PITTSFORD SEEKS PRESERVATION AWARD NOMINATIONS BY MAY 15

Nominations for Historic Pittsford's 2025
Preservation Achievement Awards are due in just a little over a week on May 15. Historic
Pittsford encourages both its members and the Pittsford community to nominate those whose efforts made a significant contribution to historic preservation in the town or village. Nominations may be submitted for a Preservation Achievement Award in any of the following categories: Stewardship, Advocacy, Education, and Public Policy.

Last year's recipients included homeowners who completed a sensitive remodeling, an interior design group that restored several properties, and a 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher who incorporated preservation into the curriculum. Eligible candidates include individuals, groups, organizations, businesses, students, scouts, public and government officials, and others.

Category descriptions and a nomination form are available on Historic Pittsford's website at <a href="https://www.historicpittsford.org/preservation-achievement-awards">www.historicpittsford.org/preservation-achievement-awards</a>.

Historic Pittsford is also accepting nominations for its annual <u>Jean France Historic</u> <u>Preservation Scholarship</u>, also due May 15.

### JEAN FRANCE HISTORIC PRESERVATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE MAY 15

Historic Pittsford is seeking student applicants for its Jean France Historic Preservation Scholarship. But act quickly! You have just a little over a week to submit your application for the \$500 2025 award, due May 15. Historic Pittsford offers this award to encourage and support students who demonstrate an interest in a career related to historic preservation. The award is open to eligible high school seniors and college students. Related careers may include history, architecture, museum studies, and other areas.

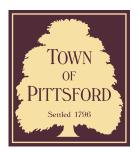


Recent recipients listed on our website include seniors at both Pittsford High Schools and students at Nazareth and SUNY Brockport. Eligibility criteria and an application

form are available on Historic Pittsford's website: <a href="https://www.historicpittsford.org/preservation-awards">https://www.historicpittsford.org/preservation-awards</a>

The scholarship honors Jean France, a founding member of Historic Pittsford, who was an architectural historian, preservation advocate, teacher, mentor, and Pittsford resident who worked tirelessly to preserve historic architectural resources.

Historic Pittsford is also accepting nominations for its annual <u>Preservation Achievement</u> <u>Award</u>, also due May 15.



#### 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 <a href="https://www.townofpittsford.org/calendar">www.townofpittsford.org/calendar</a> for meeting dates. To view the livestream, click the <a href="Town Board Meeting live streaming link">Town Board Meeting live streaming link</a> 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

<u>minutes and agendas page</u> 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 <a href="mailto:comments@townofpittsford.org">comments@townofpittsford.org</a>. 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 <a href="www.townofpittsford.org/channel12">www.townofpittsford.org/channel12</a> and use the On-Demand links to view previously recorded meetings.

#### UPCOMING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN PITTSFORD

- <u>Pittsford Free Drive-Through Rabies Vaccine Clinic</u>, 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.
- <u>Pittsford Rotary Kids' Trout Fishing Derby</u>, Saturday, 5/10, 9:00am 12noon, Powder Mills Park, <u>registration online</u> or registration begins 8:00am in person at Powderhorn Lodge; tournament runs 9:00-11:00am, followed by Awards Ceremony at 11:15am and Fish Hatchery Tours at 11:30am, <u>more info here</u> or email Kevin O'Grady.
- 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 <a href="https://www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark">www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark</a>. 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 <a href="https://www.townofpittsford.org/paddleandpour">www.townofpittsford.org/paddleandpour</a>.
- 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
- Meet the Machines Family Event, Saturday, 5/31, 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

### TOWN OF PITTSFORD BOARD MEETINGS

- Design Review and Historic Preservation Board, Thursday, 5/8, 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: <a href="https://www.townofpittsford.org/minutes"><u>www.townofpittsford.org/minutes</u></a>
- Parks and Recreation Board, Thursday 5/8, 6:30pm, Spiegel Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue, Room 207; the meeting agenda is posted at least two days prior to the meeting on the Town website here: <a href="https://www.townofpittsford.org/minutes"><u>www.townofpittsford.org/minutes</u></a>
- Planning Board, Monday, 5/12, 6:30pm, 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
- Pittsford Community Library Board, Wednesday, 5/14, 6:00pm, Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street, Fletcher Steele Meeting Room; the meeting agenda is posted at least two days prior to the meeting on the Town website here: <a href="www.townofpittsford.org/minutes">www.townofpittsford.org/minutes</a>

#### **COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR**

- <u>Village Board of Trustees</u> 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 <u>here</u> 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
- <u>Pittsford Rotary Club</u>, 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 <a href="https://www.womensclubofpittsford.org">www.womensclubofpittsford.org</a> for more information

<u>Pittsford Art Group</u> 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 <a href="https://www.pittsfordartgroup.com">www.pittsfordartgroup.com</a> and fill out a <a href="https://www.pittsfordartgroup.com">Contact Us</a> form.

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