

News & Reviews

May 14, 2025

Town of Pittsford - a Clean Energy and Climate Smart Community

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Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings

NEXT WEDNESDAY IS BIKE AND ROLL TO SCHOOL DAY - WATCH OUT FOR CYCLISTS, TAKE CARE DRIVING

Next Wednesday, May 21, Jefferson Elementary is organizing a "Bike to School Day" event. Students are encouraged to bike, walk or roll to school. Parents are invited to bike with their children. Organized group rides can be arranged in neighborhoods! Bike racks and friends will greet students at school. We expect many students and educators from Jefferson Elementary and other schools to participate.



A group from Jefferson Road Elementary

School is expected to ride along Jefferson Road from Edgewood Church (between Greylock Ridge and Crestview Drive) to the school.

Bike or Roll to School Day is an annual event that encourages students, parents, and educators to ditch the car and pedal their way to school instead. Why bike or roll? To promote health, community, and safety.

The estimated health benefits of cycling are considerably greater than the risks associated with riding in a bus or car. Through patience and awareness, drivers can minimize risks even further. Today, please allow yourself extra time for your morning and afternoon commute, drive slowly, do not text while driving, and be on the lookout for cyclists.

For the safety of all, please take care and be aware! Learn more at <u>www.walkbiketoschool.org</u>.

DON'T SPEED ON YOUR E-BIKE ALONG THE CANAL



People speeding on e-bikes has become a significant concern for users of our Erie Canal Path. Both conventional cyclists and e-bikers should be careful to go slowly in the presence of pedestrians or other cyclists on the path. The **speed limit on the Erie Canalway Trail is 15 miles per hour.** This applies to all users and is enforced unless otherwise posted. Please be aware of trail etiquette: yield the right of way to pedestrians and equestrians, and pass others safely. Let's work together to keep the Erie Canal Path safe and enjoyable for all by respecting the speed limit and being mindful of fellow users.

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

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

The Pittsford Central School

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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.

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>

MEET THE MACHINES IS SATURDAY, MAY 31

Trucks and more galore! Come meet some amazing machines that you see working around town! Experience what it's like to sit in the driver's seat of a fire truck, peek inside the back of an



ambulance and get up close and personal with the massive size of our Town dump trucks! This family-friendly event takes place **Saturday, May 31,** from **10:00am to 12:00pm** in the **Spiegel Community Center Parking Lot**.

"MEET JUNE" STORY STROLL BEGINS THIS MONDAY AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER Meet June during our next Story Stroll, which begins this Monday, May 19, and runs through Sunday, May 25. Enjoy a leisurely Story Stroll behind the Spiegel Community Center while reading "Meet June!" by April Martin.

"Meet June" is a relatable picture book that follows a young girl named June as she navigates the everyday experiences of childhood. Through simple yet engaging text and vibrant illustrations, the story captures June's curiosity, her interactions with her family



in the field behind the Pittsford Community Center

and friends and the small but significant moments that make up her day.

After completing your Story Stroll, **stop by the Community Center front desk to pick up a themed craft pack to take home**! Craft packs are available for pick up Monday through Saturday from 8:00am to 5:00pm and Sunday from 10:00am to 5:00pm.

The Town's Spiegel Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. To learn more about our programs, activities, and services, <u>click here to visit the Town</u> of Pittsford's Recreation page on the Town website, <u>email the Recreation Department here</u>, or call the Spiegel Community Center at 585-248-6280.



HAZARDOUS WASTE, ELECTRONICS RECYCLING, AND DOCUMENT SHREDDING EVENT: SATURDAY, MAY 17 *Appointments for hazardous waste collection must be reserved by May 16.* The Monroe County Department of Environment Services is holding a Hazardous Waste Collection, Electronics Recycling and Document Shredding drivethrough event this Saturday, May 17, at the Perinton Highway Garage, 100 Cobb's Lane, from 7:45am to 12:00pm.

Join us for:

- Hazardous Waste Collection: Appointment Needed. Check the <u>list of accepted</u> <u>items</u> before you arrive.
- On-site Document Shredding (Up to 5 boxes)

• Electronics Recycling: Check the <u>list of accepted items</u> before you arrive.

Hazardous waste appointment scheduling is underway through May 16. Pittsford and East Rochester residents can make an appointment by calling 248-6250 or going online to <u>www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark</u>. HHW appointments must be reserved by Friday, May 16, but please note that appointments may fill up well in advance of the event, so early registration is encouraged. If appointments are full, please check back as additional appointments may become available. Please note, waste from businesses will not be accepted.

Accepted Household Hazardous Waste items include oil-based and latex paint, wood stain and preservatives, aerosol cans (cleaners, lubricants, paints, etc.), automotive fluids (antifreeze, brake, power steering and transmission fluids), pesticides and fertilizers, flammable products (gasoline, kerosene, thinners, strippers, solvents), household cleaners (liquid soaps and waxes, drain cleaners, etc.), driveway sealer, pool and photo chemicals, rechargeable (Ni-Cad) and button batteries, mercury (thermometers, thermostats), and syringes/sharps (safely packaged).

Please do not bring used motor oil or vehicle batteries (contact service station or retailer), propane tanks (bring to permanent HHW facility only), empty paint cans (if it rattles when shaken, remove lid and place in trash), empty containers (trash or recycle), everyday alkaline batteries (put in trash), glazing/spackle and joint compounds (put in trash).

No appointment is necessary for electronics recycling, which is also free of charge. **Accepted items include** computers and computer equipment, printers, cell phones and mobile devices, televisions, GPS units, video and audio equipment, wiring and cabling, microwaves, and other electronics. *Please do not bring* small appliances (toasters, vacuum cleaners, coffee makers, irons, hair dryers, etc.), items containing freon (air conditioners, humidifiers), carbon monoxide detectors, smoke detectors and large appliances (refrigerators, ovens, etc.).

Certified document shredding (residential only, 4-5 box limit, no need to remove staples/paper clips) will also be available at no charge. No appointment is needed for document shredding.

For those unable to take advantage of the May 17 collection date, Monroe County offers other household hazardous waste, e-recycling and document shredding options throughout the year. For more information or for business waste disposal options, visit www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark.

SENIORS CRAFT CLUB AT COMMUNITY CENTER – NEXT MEETING THIS FRIDAY, 5/16

Pittsford seniors are making a significant impact through our Recreation Department! At the Spiegel Community Center, the Seniors Craft Club creates items for senior lunch giveaways and supports local charities. This club provides a wonderful opportunity for seniors to socialize, express their creativity, and contribute meaningfully to the community.

If you or someone you know enjoys making crafts or would like to learn something new, join our seniors this spring! Craft Club meets once a month on Fridays from 9:30am to 11:30am. The next meeting is this Friday, May 16. We will be potting some plants together outside in the pavilion! Join us! 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.





SENIORS PATRIOTIC PIZZA PARTY WITH "VETERAN STORIES" PROGRAM: TUESDAY, MAY 20

Reservations due Friday, 5/16

Seniors, join us for a "Patriotic Pizza Party" and a special Memorial Day program entitled "Veteran Stories" from Thornell Road Elementary

School 4th graders on Tuesday, May 20, at 12:00 noon. The lunch and the program will be held in the VanHuysen Community Room; the cost is \$8.00 per person. Advance registration is required by May 20. For more information and to register, stop by the Senior Programs office at the Community Center or call 248-6235.

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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.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT IS THIS SATURDAY

Parents, treat yourselves to a night out while your kids have a blast at our Parents Night Out event. Kids will watch "Garfield" on our projector screen while munching on popcorn and sipping a drink. We will also dance to lively music, tackle an obstacle course, play games, and make new friends. (No dance experience required!) Students can bring sleeping bags, pillows, and blankets for the movie. Advance registration is required; follow this link to sign up.



Register online at www.townofpittsford.org or at the Spiege Community Center Front Desk.

Parents Night Out takes place this Saturday, May 17, from 5:30 to 7:30pm at Studio East Dance Company, 370 Macedon Center Road, Unit 3 in Fairport. Children aged three to 12 years are welcome to join us!



MAY IS ASIAN AMERICAN, NATIVE HAWAIIAN, & PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

Asian American, Native Hawaiian, & Pacific Islander Heritage Month (AANHPI) provides a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the diverse histories, traditions, and contributions of Pacific Islander communities in Rochester. Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month has **deep Rochester roots**. In 1978, then-Representative Frank Horton of Rochester, along with fourth-generation Chinese American advocate Jeanie Jew, introduced a resolution to Congress that led to the establishment of Asian Pacific

American Heritage Week in early May. Representative Horton was particularly moved by the stories from Jeanie Jew, who had shared her family's experiences with anti-Asian discrimination and emphasized the importance of Asian Pacific immigrants honoring their heritage.

May was chosen to commemorate the arrival of the first Japanese immigrant to the United States on May 7, 1843. The week-long celebration was later expanded to an entire month in 1990. The name of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month (AAPI) officially changed to Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month (AANHPI) in April 2021.

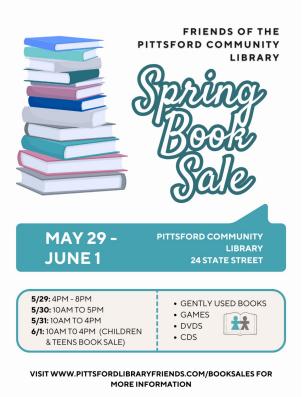
This May, let's embrace the opportunity to honor and uplift the Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities in Rochester and beyond.

FRIENDS OF PITTSFORD LIBRARY SPRING BOOK SALE BEGINS MAY 29 The Friends of Pittsford Library Spring Book Sale begins Thursday, May 29, and runs through Sunday, June 1, in the Pittsford Community Library's Fisher Meeting Room. Unleash your inner bookworm and stop by the Pittsford Community Library's book sale for a treasure trove of gently used books (including hardcovers and paperbacks), plus games, DVDs, and CDs- all at incredible prices! Discover hidden gems for all ages and interests, from fiction to self-help, while supporting your local library at the same time. Hours are

Thursday, 5/29, from 4:00 to 8:00pm; **Friday**, 5/30, from 10:00am to 5:00pm; and **Saturday**, 5/31, from 10:00am to 4:00pm.

There will also be a **Children & Teens Book Sale** on **Sunday, June 1**, from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Whether you're shopping for a budding bookworm or looking to rediscover your favorite childhood classics, our sale has something for everyone. Come, shop, and ignite a love for reading that lasts a lifetime!

The sale is open to all. Items will be restocked throughout the sale, ensuring everyone has a chance to discover some wonderful buys. Bags will be in short supply, so please bring your own. Credit cards accepted. All proceeds will be used to purchase new books,



support educational workshops and enhance the reading resources available to our community. By participating in this event, you will be contributing to the enrichment of our community's educational and cultural fabric.

Learn more by visiting the <u>Friends of the Pittsford Community Library website</u>. The Pittsford Community Library is located at **24 State Street**.



ALL AGES LIBRARY BOOKMARK DESIGN COMPETITION – DEADLINE IS 6/30

Design a bookmark inspired by the summer reading theme "Color Our World™" for a chance to **have your artwork featured on a bookmark**! Winners will receive a \$15 gift card to Michaels and 10 copies of their bookmark. Please find the entry form located under our "Events" tab or <u>HERE</u>.

All ages are encouraged to participate, and one winner will be selected from each of five age groups: PreK-Grade 1, Grades 2-5, Grades 6-8, Grades 9-12, and adults. **Entries are due by June 30 and can be turned in at the second-floor Reference Desk.** Click the following link for <u>official rules and a printable entry form</u>. Get creative, have fun and send in your submission!

The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street. To learn more about upcoming Library programs, sign up for the <u>Library's weekly eNewsletter</u>, visit the <u>Library's online program calendar</u>, or call (585) 248-6275. For complete Library information, including hours of operation, visit <u>www.townofpittsford.org/library</u>.

POPPY DRIVE TO BENEFIT VETERANS The Pittsford Rayson Miller American Legion Post 899 has once again set up tables at businesses around town for their **annual Poppy Drive**, honoring those who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country. **One hundred percent of the proceeds from the sales of poppies**, **flags, and stars go to veteran organizations dedicated to assisting veterans in need**. Past donations

2025 Poppy Drive

Remember our veterans

have purchased items to benefit recreational programs for homeless veterans, helped veterans visit memorials dedicated to their service, and assisted families of veterans in financial need.

The poppy is a symbol of remembrance. After the brutal battles of World War I, the resilient, bright red poppy was among the first plants to bloom in the disturbed soil of the Western Front. Wearing a poppy on National Poppy Day and Memorial Day is a way to pay tribute to the sacrifice and service of our living and fallen veterans.

When you're out and about, please be on the lookout for our friends at the American Legion! If you can't make it to the Poppy Donation Table, consider **making a donation online through** <u>this link</u>. And don't forget to show your appreciation for our fallen by wearing your poppy on National Poppy Day, which is May 23.

Reminders

PITTSFORD GARDEN CLUB ANNUAL PLANT SALE IS THIS SATURDAY, MAY 17 As the days lengthen and the air warms, are you ready to dive back into gardening? The Pittsford Garden Club's Annual Plant Sale will take place this 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 Pittsford! All proceeds will benefit the club's civic efforts throughout Pittsford.



PADDLE AND POUR FESTIVAL TO FEATURE EXTENSIVE ART & ARTISAN MARKETPLACE - 5/24

The <u>Paddle and Pour Art and Music Festival</u> always features an extensive Art and Artisan Marketplace. This year, browse



through an eclectic selection of illustrations, unique handmade jewelry, paintings, and photographs by local artists, jewelers, and photographers, as well as epicurean delights. Here's a list of vendors attending Paddle & Pour:

- Barketeria homemade natural dog treats
- Cosimano & Ferrari Olive Oil Company award winning olive oil, vinegar, and black garlic
- <u>Crafting for my Sanity</u> variety of crocheted items
- Creative Drawing by Carole Agosto- ink drawings
- Fair Lady Press books by local author
- Jockey Street Coffee Roasters bags of coffee, sample packs of coffee, prepared hot and cold coffee
- <u>Mesmer Bees</u> seasonal local honey, honey tasting
- Pamela Moon Jewelry handmade jewelry
- <u>Papillon Marketplace</u> handmade fair-trade jewelry, metal artwork, leather journals,

stuffed animals, ornaments and more

- Pittsford Art Group paintings in all mediums, sculptures, cards & bookmarks
- <u>Pittsford Fine Art</u> work from multiple artists who are members of the co-op gallery
- <u>Spice Project</u> handcrafted spices and snack mixes
- <u>SynGap Productions</u> original hand drawn and digital art
- <u>Tea-LiciousTrendz LLC</u> organic loose leaf teas and no caffeine herbal tisanes, iced tea kits
- The Enchanted Butterfly wind chimes, sun catchers, butterfly art
- The Land of Paradux Rochester inspired artwork both digitally and painted
- <u>TOTL Photography</u> local landscape and wildlife photography available in framed and unframed photos, puzzles, calendars, greeting cards

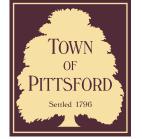
Be sure to check out <u>Pittsford Rec's Facebook page</u>, where they're featuring in depth information on the local artists and artisans who will be at the festival!

Paddle & Pour will also feature live music all day, live art demos, family games and activities, a craft beer and wine tent, and the 2025 Pittsford Regatta!

Admission to the festival is free, and 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 <u>www.paddleandpour.org</u>. Stay tuned over the next few weeks as we 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!

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 <u>www.townofpittsford.org/calendar</u> for meeting dates. To view the livestream, click the <u>Town Board Meeting live streaming link</u> 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 <u>comments@townofpittsford.org</u>. 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 <u>www.townofpittsford.org/channel12</u> and use the On-Demand links to view previously recorded meetings.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN PITTSFORD

- <u>Hazardous Waste and Electronics Recycling</u>, Saturday, 5/17, 7:45am-12:00pm, Perinton Highway Garage, 100 Cobb's Lane. Appointments for hazardous waste collection are no longer being accepted. No appointment needed for electronics recycling and/or document shredding; For more information, including the list of hazardous materials and electronics accepted for collection, can be found <u>HERE</u>.
- 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.
- <u>Memorial Day Parade and Remembrance Ceremony</u>, 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

- **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: <u>www.townofpittsford.org/minutes</u>
- Zoning Board, Monday, 5/19, 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

• Town Board, Tuesday, 5/20, 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

- <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
- <u>American Legion Rayson-Miller Post 899</u> 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 <u>membership information</u> or visit the <u>Rayson-Miller Post website</u>
- <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
- <u>Women's Club of Pittsford</u> 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 <u>www.womensclubofpittsford.org</u> 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 <u>www.pittsfordartgroup.com</u> and fill out a <u>Contact Us</u> form.

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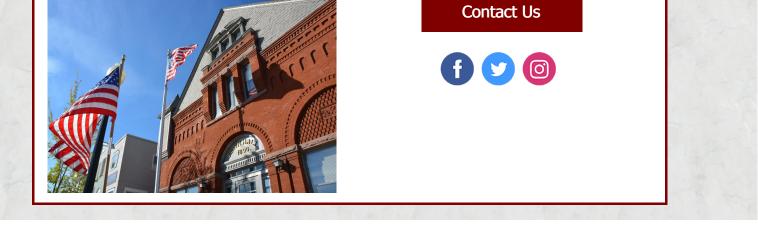
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