



News & Reviews

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IT'S NATIONAL GARDEN MONTH! CELEBRATE BY PLANTING NATIVE

April is National Garden Month, a time to celebrate the joys and benefits of gardening. Beyond the simple pleasure of watching things grow, gardening offers numerous advantages for the environment.

Increasingly, gardeners understand the importance of planting native species.

Native plants provide balance to the ecosystem as they are adapted to local climates and soil conditions, requiring less water and fewer fertilizers. They offer essential habitats and food sources for native pollinators, birds, and other wildlife. Additionally, native plants can help prevent soil erosion, improve water quality, and reduce the need for pesticides.

During National Garden Month, consider incorporating native plants into your garden. By doing so, you'll not only create a beautiful space but also contribute to a healthier and more sustainable environment.

Here are some **local resources** to help you get started with your native planting:

[Audobon New York](#): Read a straightforward article about how to begin planning your native garden.

[Color Pittsford Green](#): View helpful guidelines for "rethinking your yard as a healthy habitat for wildlife." This webpage includes several links to useful resources.

[NYS Department of Environmental Conservation](#): Print out this handy PDF list of flowers native to Western NY that details how to care for each species.

[Pittsford Pollinator Challenge](#): Join Pittsford's Pollinator Pathway Challenge! This program, launched in 2023 in collaboration with Color Pittsford Green, encourages residents of Pittsford to create a pollinator pathway, providing safe and welcoming habitats for butterflies, moths, bees, and other pollinating insects and wildlife right here in Pittsford. Complete and submit the [Pittsford Pollinator Pathway Challenge form](#) to the Spiegel Community Center and receive a Pittsford Pollinator Pathway sign to

display in your yard!

During National Garden Month, consider planting native! By doing so, you'll help support the intricate web of life that sustains our planet.

**TOWN OF PITTSFORD SEEKING
CANDIDATE TO SERVE ON PLANNING
BOARD – RESUMES ACCEPTED THROUGH
THURSDAY, MAY 15**

The Town of Pittsford is seeking applications from residents interested in serving on the Town's Planning Board, which currently has a vacancy. The Planning Board is comprised of seven volunteer members appointed to seven-year terms (no term limit) who meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 6:30pm in the lower level of Town Hall. This legally constituted board is responsible for reviewing and approving or denying development applications in the Town.

Selection Process: Once we review candidates' resumes, we will distribute them equally among the Town Board members, who will then, along with the corresponding board chair, interview interested candidates. Interview questions will be consistent among candidates, and responses will be rated against the same criteria. The highest-rated candidate will be selected; those not selected will be notified.

Any Pittsford resident interested in serving on the Planning Board should send a resume for consideration by **Thursday, May 15**, to the **Supervisor's Office, Town of Pittsford, 11 South Main Street, Pittsford, New York 14534** or keldred@townofpittsford.org

For complete information about the Planning Board's responsibilities, click this link to the [Town citizen volunteer board information](#) or visit the "Volunteer Boards" link under the "Government" tab on the Town website at www.townofpittsford.org.

**TWO AUTHOR EVENTS THIS WEEK AT THE
LIBRARY**

It's **National Library Week**, and to help celebrate, the Library is holding TWO separate events as part of its ongoing Author Series! Both events are free and open to the public. Join us!

Tonight, author Jennifer Sanfilippo will discuss her book, *Our Last Walk Home*, which is an exploration of cancer treatment in the United States, from diagnosis to death, through the lens of a widow's grief. This very personal, often painful, and surprisingly funny narrative challenges the big

Get Involved!

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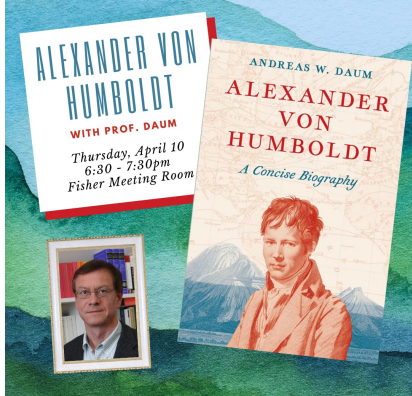


PCL AUTHOR SERIES



questions of mental health care for cancer patients and families, patient centeredness in teaching hospitals, and our nation's cultural refusal to engage in useful dialogue and practices around death and grief. The discussion will take place tonight from 6:00 to 7:00pm in the **Library's Fisher Meeting Room**.

PCL AUTHOR SERIES



Tomorrow night, April 10, join Dr. Andreas Daum, a history professor at SUNY Buffalo, who has written the first concise biography of Alexander von Humboldt, a Prussian nobleman born during the age of European enlightenment. Humboldt was a contemporary of Napoleon, Simón Bolívar, and Charles Darwin. Daum helps us understand him as a seminal historical figure and sheds light on the role of science at the dawn of the global world. Dr. Daum will be in the **Library's Fisher Meeting Room** to discuss Alexander Von Humboldt: A Concise Biography from 6:30 to 7:30pm.

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 CRAFT CLUB AT COMMUNITY CENTER – NEXT MEETING THIS FRIDAY, 4/11

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 Community Center, makes items for our Senior lunch giveaways and for local charities. Craft Club is an excellent opportunity to get creative, make friends, and do something positive for others.

If you or someone you know enjoys crafting or wants to learn something new, join our seniors this spring! Craft Club meets once a month on Fridays from 9:30 to 11:30am. **The next meeting is this Friday, April 11.** To get an idea of how many supplies we need, **reservations for Craft Club are required**; call 248-6235 to reserve your spot!



For more information, 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, visit our Seniors page at www.townofpittsford.org/seniors, read our [Seniors program info brochure online](#), or call our Senior Programs office at 248-6235.



CELEBRATING THE PLANET WE CALL HOME – EARTH DAY EVENTS & PROGRAMS IN THE TOWN OF PITTSFORD

Earth Day is April 22! Here are Earth Day events and programs for all ages in the Town of Pittsford!

Seniors Earth Day Crafting With Panther Pals – 4/11

Seniors are invited to an intergenerational Earth Day event with Pittsford Recreation's own Panther Pals! Come to Room 4 in the Spiegel Community Center on Friday, April 11, from 10:30 to 11:00am!

Decorate and paint pots, and then leave with your very own plant to pot at home! All supplies will be provided, so just come and have fun! So we know how many supplies to provide, please sign up for Earth Day Crafting with Panther Pals by calling 248-6235.

Earth Day Celebration – 4/22

Join the Town of Pittsford's Recreation Department team and celebrate Earth Day with our community on Tuesday, April 22. Visit us at the Spiegel Community Center between 5:00 and 7:00pm for a family-friendly Earth Day event featuring various activities for all ages! Read a story to receive a complimentary take-home activity, learn about our community's parks and trails, connect with local environmental resources, create nature-themed crafts, and embrace the spring weather with Kona Ice! The event is free and open to the public; no registration is required!

Please note that an adult must accompany children. The Spiegel Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. For more information about our Earth Day Celebration, contact Meghan at MBrooks@townofpittsford.org or call 248-6288.



Earth Day Exploration Activity Box

Families, our staff at Pittsford Recreation is putting together a special Earth Day Exploration Activity Box, full of themed activities for your child to do at home! The box will include all the supplies your child needs to create crafts, activities, and experiments.

Activity boxes are just \$15.00 and are best suited



for children ages 2-6. You have until **Tuesday, April 14**, to register for the [Earth Day box online here](#) or at the Pittsford Community Center. Pick up your activity box at the Community Center during open hours on or after April 18.

"USING MATCHA IN YOUR DIET" SENIORS TALK – 4/15

Seniors, join the world of Matcha! Matcha tea is now on the menu at most coffee shops, but you can make this delicious and nutritious tea right at home! On **Tuesday, April 14**, Rie Maywar is ready to share an enlightening lecture entitled "**Using Matcha in Your Diet**," where she will share easy ways to incorporate Matcha into your meals. The lecture fee is \$10.00. **Call 248-635 to register by April 10.**

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.



COMMUNITY DAY OF WORK AT DEBLASE GREENSPACE THIS SUNDAY, 4/13

Speaking of Earth Day, **bring your garden gloves and shovels** and join us for a "social" work day on **Sunday, April 13**, from **10:00am to 3:00pm** at DeBlase Greenspace! The DeBlase Greenspace is a unique habitat along the Irondequoit Creek, home to several amphibian species, native wildflowers, birds, trees, and other wildlife. On Sunday, volunteers will be working within the Upland Woodland and Sugarbush meadow areas of the greenspace, and **you are invited to join them!**

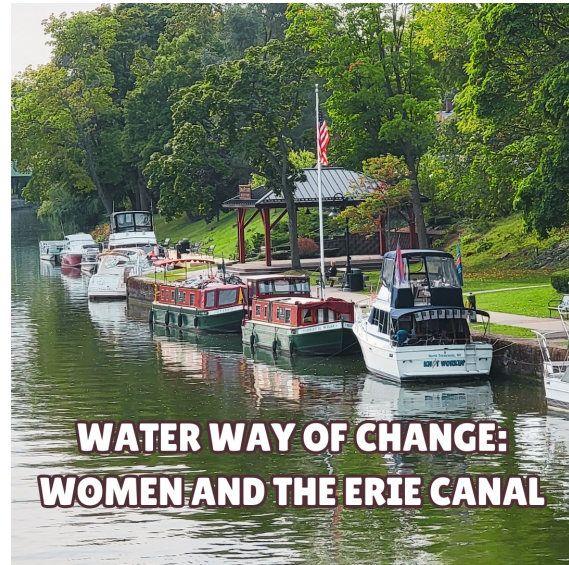
There will be a range of jobs, big and small. From mug wort whacking and clipping to mulching and seeding to shrub planting, there's a job for you! Bring a friend or family member; all ages and abilities are welcome.

To get to the DeBlase Greenspace, **park on Sugarbush Lane** (off Thornell Road) near

the DeBlase Trail Kiosk. Check in at the trailhead to receive your task. This workday is part of an ongoing effort by local volunteers and the Town of Pittsford to restore the DeBlase Greenspace. Come and help us restore this community treasure!

WATER WAY OF CHANGE: WOMEN AND THE ERIE CANAL 4/17

Did you know the Erie Canal helped facilitate women's rights in the United States? Learn how on **Thursday, April 17**, from 2:00 to 3:00pm at a special **Pittsford Community Library** event to hear a presentation entitled "**Water Way of Change: Women and the Erie Canal**," which will explore how the fight for women's rights grew out of the changes brought about by the Erie Canal and the movement's dependence on networks that the Canal facilitates. This takes place in the Library's Fisher Meeting Room and is free and open to the public; no registration is required.



The Erie Canal turns 200 this year! The above program is one of many planned to celebrate the Erie Canal Bicentennial. Although Pittsford was settled in 1792, its population expanded exponentially when the Erie Canal was completed in 1825. The canal directly linked agricultural goods from local farms to markets in New York City and other major cities along the East Coast and the Great Lakes Region. The Erie Canal had a significant economic impact on our region and transformed our area's social, cultural, political, and environmental landscapes.

Learn more about the history of the Erie Canal and the Bicentennial celebration at eriecanalway.org, where you can discover upcoming events to celebrate canal heritage, recreation, arts, music, and the beauty of the Canalway Corridor. Stay tuned as our Town Historian and Library and Recreation Center staff are busy planning celebratory events and programs right here in Pittsford!

**Pittsford Historian's Office Hours
for April & May**

April 10: 12:00 to 3:00pm
April 17: 9:00am to 1:00pm
May 1: Closed
May 8: Closed
May 29: 12:00 to 3:00pm

The Historian's office is located in the Spiegel Community Center at 35 Lincoln Road.

UPDATED HOURS AT THE PITTSFORD HISTORIAN'S OFFICE IN APRIL AND MAY

The Historian's Office has adjusted its hours (regularly Thursdays from 11:00am to 3:00pm) this month and next. The hours for April and May are as follows:

- **April 10:** 12:00-3:00pm
- **April 17:** 9:00am-1:00pm
- **May 1:** Closed
- **May 8:** Closed
- **May 29:** 12:00-3:00pm

As Town and Village Historian, Vicki Masters Profit provides information about ancestry, historic buildings, genealogy, and historical facts about Pittsford and its past residents. Reach her at 248-6245 or vprofit@townofpittsford.org. To learn more

about the department's services, visit www.townofpittsford.org/historian. The Spiegel Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue.

AN INSIDE LOOK AT TOWN OPERATIONS: SEWER EXTENSIONS

A sewer extension refers to the addition or modification of existing sewer infrastructure. The purpose of a sewer extension is to provide wastewater treatment and disposal services to newly developed areas or those that previously relied on septic systems or other less centralized methods. An extension typically involves laying new sewer lines, including main sewers, lateral sewers, or trunk sewers, to connect the new area to the main sewer system.



Extending a sewer line is a complex process. State and local regulations govern all sewer work conducted within the Town of Pittsford. Each service request is site-specific and requires research regarding availability (location and flow of the nearest sewer line), extension, and entrance requirements. Property owners and developers can contact the Sewer Department for further information regarding sewer availability, entrance requirements, permits, inspections, and other sewer-related issues at **(585) 248 - 6490** or [via the Contact form](#) on the Town of Pittsford website. The Sewer Department is located at **3899 Monroe Avenue**.



PITTSFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FACULTY RECITAL IS TOMORROW, 4/10

Pittsford Central School District proudly presents a **Faculty Recital** showcasing the talents of its music teachers. You're invited to join us **tomorrow, Thursday, April 10, at 7:00**. The recital will take place in the **Barker Road Middle School Auditorium** at 75 Barker Road.

This **free** concert promises an evening of inspiring performances celebrating the passion and dedication of our educators through the universal language of music. Bring your friends and family for this unforgettable night of musical artistry.

ELDERBERRY EXPRESS TAKES SENIORS WHERE THEY NEED TO GO

Elderberry Express is a free transportation service for Pittsford residents ages 55 and older. Volunteer drivers transport seniors to and from medical appointments, the pharmacy, bank, hairdresser, grocery store, and of course events at the Senior Center! **Transportation is available Monday – Friday, 9:00am through 3:00pm.** Services must be scheduled at least three

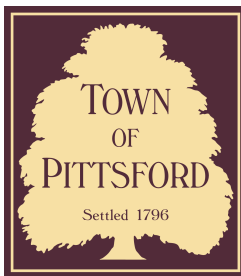
business days in advance by 10:00 am to ensure driver availability. The service is free, though donations are welcome! To schedule a ride, please call Elderberry Express at 248-6237.

Elderberry Express needs volunteer drivers willing to help provide transportation one to a few times per month. Each ride typically lasts two to three hours. By volunteering, you give others the gift of independence. Can you help? Call Elderberry Express at 248-6237.

Seniors, need a ride?
Call the Elderberry Express!
(Free for ages 55 & over!)



Call 248-6237 at least three days in advance.



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

- **Earth Day Celebration** at the Spiegel Community Center, Tuesday, April 22, 5:00 to 7:00pm, 35 Lincoln Ave; family-friendly activities and helpful information to strengthen your green skills and knowledge, free and open to the public

TOWN OF PITTSFORD BOARD MEETINGS

- **Pittsford Community Library Board** , Wednesday, 4/9, 6:00pm, Library Learning Center, 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

- **Design Review & Historic Preservation Board**, Thursday, 4/10, 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
- **Parks and Recreation Board**, Thursday, 4/10, Room 207, Spiegel Community Center, 35 Lincoln Ave; the meeting agenda is posted at least two days prior to the meeting on the Town website here: www.townofpittsford.org/minutes
- **Planning Board** - 4/14 - **NO MEETING**
- **Town Board**, Tuesday, 4/15, 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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