

News & Reviews

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Town of Pittsford - a Clean Energy and Climate Smart Community

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Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings

SPRING CLEANING RECYCLE DROP IS JUNE 7 - FREE FOR PITTSFORD RESIDENTS

Clean out your closets and garage without filling up the landfill! To make it easier to get rid of items you can't put in the trash, the Town has organized a Spring Cleaning Drop on Saturday, June 7, from 9:00am to noon at Pittsford Mendon High School. It's free for Pittsford residents! Town staff will collect electronics, scrap metal, and paint for recycling. We'll provide secure document shredding as well. Women's Club of Pittsford volunteers will collect clothing items and linens.



Electronics Recycling

- Accepted items include: computers and computer accessories (keyboards, mice, etc.), laptops, mobile devices, printers, video, audio and stereo equipment, televisions, wiring, cables and rechargeable batteries
- Not accepted: please do NOT bring small or large appliances; we cannot accept toasters, vacuum cleaners, coffee makers, hair dryers, irons, stoves, refrigerators, air conditioners, washers, dryers, etc., or non-rechargeable batteries

Paint Recycling

- Paints, primers, stains, sealers and clear coatings such as shellac and varnish will be accepted
- Must be in the original container with original label, covered with a secure lid
- Please do NOT bring aerosol coatings/spray paint, solvents and industrial/nonarchitectural use paints

Scrap Metal Recycling

• Accepting various metal items made of steel, stainless steel, iron, cast iron,

copper, brass, or aluminum – including siding and gutters, wires, pipes, electrical components, insulated wires, sheet metal and other items made of metal (no large appliances)

Certified Document Shredding

- Secure shredding, personal/residential documents only
- No need to remove staples or paper clips

Clothing Donations

- Used clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, linens, pillowcases, blankets and curtains will be accepted
- Through their partnership with St. Pauly Textile, the Women's Club of Pittsford will be paid for all clothing items and linens collected; these funds will support a variety of charitable efforts in Pittsford
- St. Pauly Textile ensures usable clothing gets to those who can use it locally, nationally and internationally
- Items that are no longer wearable/usable will be recycled

Get rid of those unneeded items you can't easily dispose of. Keep them of the landfill and put them to good use instead! Stop by the Town's Spring Cleaning Drop on June 7, 2025, from 9:00am to noon. Pittsford Mendon High School is located at 472 Mendon Road.



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

It's back! We celebrate the annual Pittsford
Crew Regatta with our Paddle and Pour Art and
Music Festival this Saturday, May 24, from
noon to 10:00pm on North Main Street! Join us
for a day of lively 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 popular food
from local eateries.

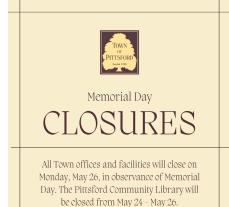
You can browse (and buy!) the works of local artists, artisans, and photographers from 12:00pm to 7:00pm and enjoy live art demonstrations. There will be plenty of family games and activities (12:00 to 7:00pm). And of course, be sure to catch the exciting competition of the 2025 Pittsford Regatta!

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.

MEMORIAL DAY CLOSURES FOR THIS MONDAY All Town of Pittsford offices and facilities, including

the Spiegel Community Center and the Pittsford Community Library, will be closed this Monday, May **26,** in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. The Pittsford Community Library will be closed throughout Memorial Day weekend, May 24, 25, and 26. Regular hours for the Library and all Town facilities will resume on Tuesday, May 27. Town **brush and yard debris collection** will be delayed one day due to the holiday.

In case of an emergency requiring Town of Pittsford services during the holiday closure, please call (585) 248-6212.



We encourage all to remember and honor the men and women who gave their lives in military service to our country.



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

Today is **Bike and Roll to School Day**, so be on the look out for students, parents and educators who are participating! 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.

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 www.walkbiketoschool.org.

POPPY DRIVE TO BENEFIT VETERANS

*Friday, May 23, is National Poppy Day

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. 100% of the proceeds from the sales of poppies, flags and stars go to



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

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 this link. And don't forget to show your appreciation for our fallen by wearing your poppy this Friday, May 23, National Poppy Day.



SENIORS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

The Town of Pittsford's annual Memorial Day Parade will take place this 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 <u>Memorial</u>

<u>Day Parade</u> on the Town's website. (Check back for updates!) We hope to see you there!

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE AND REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY IS MAY 26

Each year, our Memorial Day Parade and Remembrance Ceremony brings the community together in remembrance and appreciation. Join us on Monday, May 26, at 10:00am for the parade, which 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 (the 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. The Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony <u>program agenda is available online</u> for you to view and print before the ceremony. More details are available on our <u>Memorial Day web page</u>.

NARCAN TRAINING & SERVICES INFO AT LIBRARY THIS FRIDAY, 5/23 - LEARN TO SAFELY STOP AN OPIOID OVERDOSE

The Pittsford Community Library will offer free public Narcan training and opioid awareness information this Friday, May 23, from 10:00am - 1:00pm in the Library hallway. Stop by to receive a free Narcan training and a Narcan kit from the Monroe County Health Department. Narcan (Naloxone) is a nasal spray that can be administered immediately to treat an opioid overdose. The opioid crisis



continues at an alarming level. Approximately every other day, someone in Monroe County dies from an opioid overdose. There is no community immune to this crisis – learn how to save a life with Narcan. This drop-in program is free; no registration required.

The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street. To learn more about upcoming Library programs, visit the 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

www.townofpittsford.org/library.

SENIORS TRIP TO WARPLANE MUSEUM IS TOMORROW, 5/22

*Reservations due ASAP

Seniors, we still have room for those who would like to join us TOMORROW when we visit **The National Warplane Museum** in Geneseo, NY, on **Thursday, May 22!** We'll depart together from the Senior Center at 9:30am, visit the museum from 10:15 to 11:30am, and arrive at the **Village Tavern** for lunch at 12:00pm! After lunch, the bus will return to the Senior Center.

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.

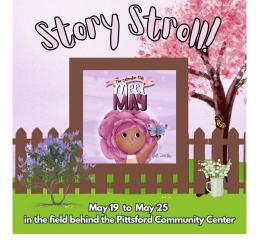


Reservations for all trips are on a first-come, first-served basis. All tours, admissions, and lunches are paid for you on your own. The bus fee is \$1, and museum admission is \$8.00 For more information and to register, stop by the Senior Programs office at the Community Center or call 248-6235.

The Town's Spiegel Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. To learn more about our programs, activities, and services for seniors, <u>click here to visit the Seniors' page</u> on the Town website, <u>read our Seniors program info brochure online</u>, or call the Senior Programs Office at 248-6235.

"MEET MAY" STORY STROLL GOING ON NOW THROUGH SUNDAY AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

Meet May during our next Story Stroll, which began this Monday and runs through **Sunday**, **May 25**. Enjoy a leisurely Story Stroll behind the Spiegel Community Center while reading "Meet



May!" by April Martin. "Meet May" by April Martin is a charming children's book that follows the character May through her favorite month. As part of "The Calendar Kids" series, this story beautifully weaves together themes of family, friendship, and the celebration of May's special holidays. Children will learn about Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month as May makes leis, discover the fun of Cinco de Mayo with homemade salsa, and experience the heartwarming joy of preparing a Mother's Day surprise using flowers from May's garden.

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.

PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS AT THE PITTSFORD COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Seniors, the Library has two upcoming programs just for you!

Senior Leisure Coloring Hour: It's not just for the pre-K set anymore. Coloring is a surprisingly beneficial activity for ALL AGES! It promotes mindfulness and concentration, boosts mood, provides a sense of accomplishment, encourages self-expression and even improves sleep. A warning: crayon color names may have changed since you were young, but "Bluetiful" and "English Vermillion" still create a pretty picture! Join us tomorrow, May 22, for our Senior Leisure Coloring Hour in the Library's Fisher Meeting



Room, from **3:00 to 4:00pm**. We'll provide coloring sheets, supplies and snacks. Come color, socialize and have some fun!

Early Bird Bingo: Bingo is BACK this Friday, May 23, from 3:00 to 4:00pm in the Library's Fisher Meeting Room. Winners will take home prizes. Make sure to drink lots of water so your "BINGO!" voice is loud and clear!

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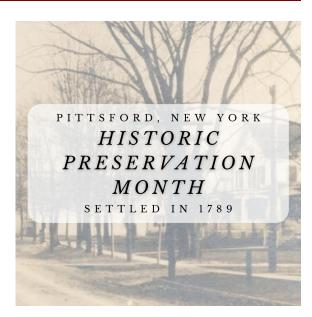
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THE POWER OF PLACE: PRESERVATION MONTH

National Preservation Month, which occurs each May, is a month-long celebration dedicated to recognizing the importance of historic places and promoting their preservation. Its aim is to instill national and community pride, encourage heritage tourism, and highlight the social and economic benefits of preserving historic places.

The people of Pittsford value historic preservation, recognizing its contributions to the Town and Village's unique character, quality of life, and economic



vitality. And Pittsford certainly holds a significant place in the early history of New York State: the Village of Pittsford was the first village established in the State of New York.

The land where the Town of Pittsford now stands initially served as hunting grounds for the Seneca Nation. In 1789, Revolutionary War veterans Simon and Israel Stone established the first permanent settlement in what is now Monroe County. Israel Stone built the first house in Pittsford; today, its location is marked with a historic sign. (You can find it in the Village near the Erie Canal on State Street.) Pittsford holds the distinction of having the first school, library, permanent church, post office, newspaper and the first doctor and lawyer to practice in Monroe County.

In 1991, members of the newly created <u>Pittsford Historic Preservation Commission</u> inventoried, studied, and interviewed property owners. To date, they **have designated a total of 60 landmarks**, including one historic district. You can read more about the historic designation process on the <u>Town's website</u>.

Monroe County has placed several historical markers in Pittsford that highlight the County's past. Included is the <u>Seneca Trail</u>, a main trail of the Seneca Nation. An "On This Spot" historic marker on NYS 64 marks the location where the very first Monroe County schoolhouse, built in 1794, stood.

The <u>National Register of Historic Places</u> has seven Pittsford properties listed, as well as

the entire Village of Pittsford, designated as a Historic District. The Hildreth-Lord-Hawley Farm, the Hopkins Farm, the Adolph Lomb House, the Oak Hill Country Club, the Phoenix Building, the Spring House, and the Thomas Youngs House are included on the registry.

Read more about the history of Pittsford on the <u>Town of Pittsford website</u>, which includes in-depth articles by former Town historian Audrey Johnson and a list of the Town's historic designations and markers.

Here are some additional local history resources, perfect for parents, educators, and history buffs:

Town & Village of Pittsford Historian: Our Town and Village Historian, Vicki Masters Profitt, maintains and preserves the historical records of the Town of Pittsford. She has the crucial job of acting as the keeper, interpreter, and advocate for the unique stories and heritage of our community. The historian holds office hours **each Thursday from 11:00 to 3:00pm** (closed Thursday, May 29), or by appointment. Call 585-248-6245 for more information or to make an appointment.

Historic Pittsford: Historic Pittsford is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, volunteer organization incorporated in 1965 and chartered under the New York State Department of Education. Its mission is to provide leadership, advocacy, and education to preserve Pittsford's diverse historic resources. It serves the community by providing free architectural consultations, historic home plaques, and each year, they award preservation scholarships to students, community organizations, and individuals who contribute to supporting their mission and goals. Check out the links & resources page on their website for Pittsford-related history.

Historic Pittsford currently has two upcoming events scheduled: a Voices of the Past Cemetery Tour at the Pioneer Burying Ground on Sunday, June 1 at 12:30pm, and a History of Preservation in the Village tour on Saturday, June 21, from 10:00am to 12:00pm. Find out more about these events and purchase tickets on Historic Pittsford's website.

The Little House: Historic Pittsford's headquarters is in the heart of the Village at 18 Monroe Avenue and boasts a long, varied history. The Little House, staffed by members of Historic Pittsford, opens for visitors on the first Saturday of each month. It serves as their office as well as a museum.

As National Preservation Month reminds us, Pittsford's deep roots and commitment to its historical treasures enrich the present and ensure a vibrant legacy for future generations.

Reminders

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.

FRIENDS OF PITTSFORD LIBRARY SPRING BOOK SALE BEGINS MAY 29

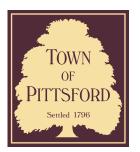
The Friends of Pittsford Library Spring Book Sale begins Thursday, May 29, and runs through Sunday, June 1, in the Pittsford Community Library's Fisher Meeting Room. Hours are Thursday, 5/29, from 4:00 to 8:00pm; Friday, 5/30, from 10:00am to 5:00pm; Saturday, 5/31, from 10:00am to 4:00pm, and from 10:00am to 4:00pm on Sunday, June 1, for a special Children & Teens Book Sale.

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



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

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



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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

- "Meet May" Story Stroll, 5/19 5/25, field at the Spiegel Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue; stop by the Community Center front desk after completing the walk to pick up a themed craft pack to take home; free and open to the public.
- Free public Narcan training learn to safely stop an opioid overdose with Narcan nasal spray and receive a Narcan kit from the Monroe County Health Department, Friday, May 23, 10:00am to 1:00pm, Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street; this drop-in program is free and open to the public, no registration required
- 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
- 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, free family-friendly event open to all
- Spring Cleaning Recycle Drop, Saturday, 6/7, 9:00am-12:00pm, Pittsford
 Mendon High School; free for Pittsford residents; drop off electronics, scrap
 metal, and clothes for recycling; certified document shredding; find complete list
 of accepted items <u>HERE</u>.

TOWN OF PITTSFORD BOARD MEETINGS

- Design Review & Historic Preservation Board, Thursday, 5/22, 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: <u>www.townofpittsford.org/minutes</u>
- Planning Board, Monday, 5/26, 6:30pm CANCELED

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
- 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
- <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 www.pittsfordartgroup.com and fill out a Contact Us form.

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