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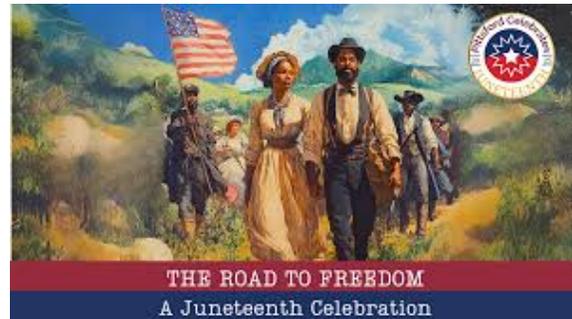
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*See listings below for
Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings*

PITTSFORD JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION - THIS SATURDAY, JUNE 14

Pittsford's Juneteenth observance takes place this Saturday, June 14, beginning at 11:00am at the Pittsford Community Library.



The Underground Railroad Walking Tour departs from the Library's Fisher Meeting Room at 11:15am.

In the Fisher Room from 11:00 on there will be a video presentation, activities for adults and kids, including a "Create your own Juneteenth Flag" table, food and spaces for discourse on the meaning and significance of Juneteenth.

A Juneteenth storyteller will be at Historic Pittsford's Little House, 18 Monroe Avenue, next to the Fire Station, from 11:00am to 12:30pm.

You'll find more information at www.pittsfordjuneteenth.com.



CONCERT SERIES CONTINUES ALONG CANAL THIS FRIDAY WITH BEATLES ROC

The Town of Pittsford's 2025 Summer Concert Series continues this Friday, June 13, when Beatles ROC takes the stage. Join us in Carpenter Park at the Port of Pittsford at 6:30pm for this top-notch Beatles tribute band! No swooning! So far, not one concertgoer has fallen into the canal, and we'd like that stat to hold.

Our Summer Concert Series continues Friday evenings from 6:30pm to 8:00pm through August 22 (no concert on July 4). We have

a variety of great music this season, including folk, rock, pop, the 198th Army Marching Band, a Carlos Santana Tribute, a swing orchestra and a Billy Joel cover band! Grab some friends, some lawn chairs, and dinner at a food truck on location or at one of Pittsford's many local eateries and join us on the canal for the perfect start to your summer weekends. Find a complete schedule for our [Summer Concert Series](#) on the Town's website.

COPPER BEECH PARK DEDICATION IS JUNE 25

Our Copper Beech Park, located at 14 State Street in the heart of the Village, is still the Town's smallest park, but we've made some exciting changes! A beautiful, newly expanded area off North Main Street is connected by a walkway to the original Copper Beech Park on State Street. We'll be celebrating with a **ribbon-cutting ceremony** and a **food and music event** on **Wednesday, June 25, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm.**



The new Copper Beech Park area features a pergola for shade, as well as game tables and café tables. New lampposts complement the Village's traditional streetlamps. The plaza patio is screened with native plantings, and multiple garden areas with native shrubs, grasses, and flowering plants are located throughout the park. The new space carries on the legacy of our original, iconic copper beech tree. A tree cultivated from the original copper beech has been positioned in a place where it will thrive, providing enjoyment, shade and beauty for generations to come.

Join us on June 25 and check our eNews and website for more pop-up events at the park this summer!



COMMUNITY RECYCLING EFFORT DIVERTS OVER 35 TONS FROM LANDFILLS

Our first-ever Spring Cleaning Recycling Drop on June 7 helped divert thousands of items – an estimated total of over 35 tons! – from the landfill. Together, our community recycled:

- **Electronics recycling** – 2.5 tractor trailer loads of computers and accessories, televisions, video and audio equipment, cables, wiring and more, totaling 12.5 tons

- **Scrap Metal recycling** – over 2.3 tons of steel, iron, copper, brass and aluminum items
- **Paint recycling** – three municipal dump trucks full of paint cans, approximately 14 tons
- **Clothing donations** – two medium-sized moving vans full, approximately 2 tons
- **Paper shredding** – secure shredding truck filled to the brim with nearly 4.5 tons of paper

The Spring Cleaning Drop was much more popular than we expected – an estimated 2,000 cars passed through to drop items off. Our team of 20 staff members from the Highway, Sewer and Parks departments and the Public Works office put in a long day and did an outstanding job unloading items for recycling and packing them up for transport.

Our experience this first time out will help us with logistical planning if we offer a similar event in the future. Many thanks to those of you who came out to recycle items and thanks as well for your patience and considerate cooperation while waiting in line. Your efforts disposed of unwanted items responsibly while helping to keep our community cleaner and greener!

ROAD CONSTRUCTION NOTICE: COUNTY ROADWORK SCHEDULED ALONG MARSH ROAD

The Monroe County Department of Transportation has advised us that roadwork (milling and paving) will begin **today, Wednesday, June 11, along Marsh Road** from the Canal bridge in Bushnell's Basin to Palmyra Road. If necessary, adjustments to the driveway will be made as part of this project. During this time, you may experience some minor inconveniences.



During the roadwork, please exercise extra caution while driving and stay alert to the following:

- Dust and loose stone on the road surface.
- Construction equipment working in the area.
- Low shoulders along the road.
- Temporary lane closures during construction.

Thank you for your patience!

**PITTSFORD'S POLLINATOR CHALLENGE:
NURTURING HEALTHY POLLINATOR HABITATS**

June marks **National Pollinator Month**, a time dedicated to raising awareness about the critical role that bees, butterflies, birds, bats, and other creatures play in our ecosystems and food supply. These unsung heroes are responsible for pollinating over 75% of the world's flowering plants and approximately 35% of global food crops, making their health directly linked to our own well-being.



Join the Challenge!

- Plant native.
- Provide food and water for pollinators.
- Avoid pesticides.
- Pick up your Pollinator Pathway sign at the Community Center.
- Display sign in your yard!



How can you help? Consider joining [Pittsford's Pollinator Pathway Challenge](#)! Launched in collaboration with the community group Color Pittsford Green, this initiative encourages residents to create connected corridors of healthy habitat and food sources for pollinators. Joining is easy! Here's how:

- Plant Native (Here's a helpful list of native flowering plants to choose from: [Pittsford Pollinator Pathway Plant List](#))
- Let us know which newly planted and existing native plants you have from our list (at least 10).
- Provide water and shelter for pollinators.

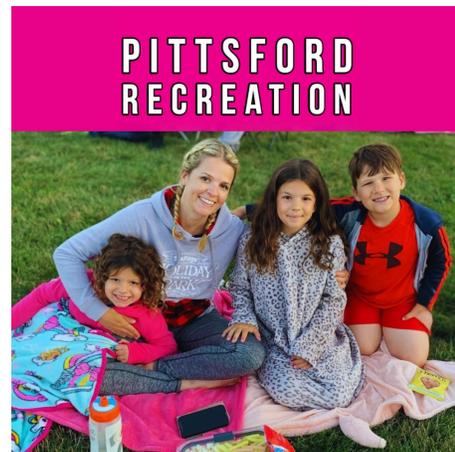
- Avoid using any pesticides.
- Submit your completed [submission form](#) at the Spiegel Community Center front desk, 25 Lincoln Ave.
- Pick up your Pittsford Pollinator Pathway sign at the Community Center when you drop off your form.
- Display your sign in your yard!

National Pollinator Month serves as a reminder of our connection to the natural world. By participating in initiatives like Pittsford's Pollinator Pathway Challenge and adopting pollinator-friendly practices in our backyards, we can collectively contribute to a healthier, more vibrant future for both pollinators and people.

SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM REGISTRATION IS UNDERWAY FOR ALL

Our Pittsford Recreation team is ready to keep you and your family busy and engaged all summer with extensive program offerings this season. Program registration is now open to all! New programs include **Whose Class Is It Anyway?** (an adult comedy class), a **Teen Adventure Club**, **Ballroom Dancing Lessons** for ages 18+, and **Intro to Youth Boxing** for ages 8-13.

For details about our Recreation programming for all ages, see your Spring Recreation Program brochure (mailed to all residents) or view it online at <https://bit.ly/pittsford-rec-brochure>. Register for programs [online](#) or in person at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue. Sign up for a favorite program or try something new!



TOWN TO HONOR BELOVED EMPLOYEE WITH BLOOD DRIVE, 6/23

In memory of **Nedda Howk**, a former Pittsford Recreation employee who dedicated over 40 years to blood banking, the Town is hosting a special blood drive on **Monday, June 23**, from **1:00 to 6:00pm**, at the Spiegel

Donate Blood In Memory of Nedda Howk

Nedda dedicated over 40 years to blood banking, working at Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester General Hospital, and the American Red Cross. She was known for her deep knowledge, commitment to quality, and passion for teaching, which impacted countless medical residents and students. As a national auditor for the Red Cross, she helped improve blood banking systems across the country. Colleagues admired her meticulousness, expertise, kindness, and dedication. Even in retirement, she continued serving the community through her work at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center.



Spiegel Pittsford Community Center Blood Drive

Gymnasium
35 Lincoln Ave
Pittsford, NY 14534



Monday, June 23, 2025
1:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Community Center.

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through her work at the Spiegel Community Center, having twice received the Town's Most Valuable Employee award.

Nedda passed peacefully on Sunday, April 13, 2025. Her colleagues can think of no better way to honor her memory than by organizing a blood drive, offering others the gift of life while commemorating hers.

The Blood Drive will take place in the Community Center's gymnasium. Appointments can be made through the following link: www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=SpiegelCommunityCenterPittsford.

Please consider honoring a beloved Town of Pittsford employee by giving the gift of life-saving blood on June 23.

WILD WINGS OUTING FOR SENIORS: JUNE 26

Reserve your spot ASAP by calling 248-6235!

The next Pittsford Senior outing will take us to **Wild Wings Bird Sanctuary** in Mendon Ponds Park! Wild Wings is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to the care of permanently injured and non-releasable birds of prey (raptors) and other native wildlife. Explore the sanctuary and meet its diverse array of residents, including eagles, hawks, falcons, owls, vultures and more!

The outing takes place on **Thursday, June 26**. Our bus will depart from the Spiegel Community Center at **10:30am**. We arrive at the restaurant for lunch at 12:30pm, after which we will return to the Community Center. There is a bus fee of \$1.00.

Admission to Wild Wings is free; lunches are paid for individually. Reserve your spot today by calling 248-6235. Reservations for all trips are on a first-come, first-served basis. Those added to the waitlist will be notified prior to the trip if space is available.



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.



Summer Reading Program
Coming Soon!

LIBRARY'S SUMMER READING PROGRAMS REGISTRATION BEGINS JUNE 16

Once again, the Pittsford Community Library is celebrating the joy of summer reading with programs, games and challenges for kids, teens and adults!

Children's Summer Reading Game: Visit the Children's Room to register and collect a reading log. Begin tracking your reading as soon as the school year ends. Earn a prize each time you complete a section of the reading log by reading for at least 120 minutes. You can also redeem all prizes at the end of the

summer. The first day to claim a prize is June 30.

Teens' Summer Reading Game: Read more to win more during the Pittsford Community Library's teen summer reading! Earn grand prize raffle tickets and up to two free books by reading. Complete activities to earn an additional prize. Teens can participate online or in person.

Adults' Summer Reading Game: Adults are invited to join our summer reading game! Pick up a challenge sheet from the library or sign up online and start reading, listening, and watching. All participants will receive a free book and be entered into a grand prize drawing at the end of the summer!

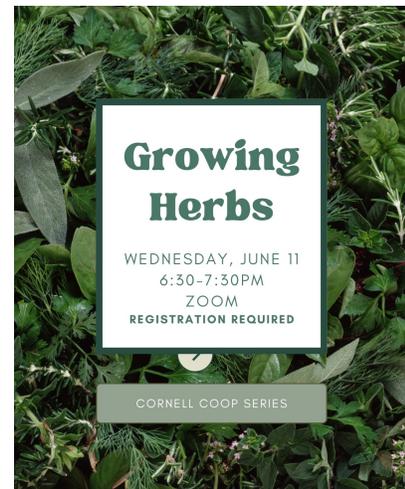
Registration for Children, Teen, and Adult Summer Reading begins **June 16**; the last day to register is **August 2**. The final day to turn in your reading log is **August 29**.

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.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT THE PITTSFORD COMMUNITY LIBRARY

This week, we're highlighting two important programs offered through the Pittsford Community Library: the Cornell Cooperative Series, "Growing Herbs," and the Alzheimer's Association's "Empowered Caregiver: Supporting Independence."

Interested in trying low-stakes gardening? Grow herbs with Cornell Cooperative! This series is offered through a consortium of MCLS libraries. "Growing Herbs" takes place this evening, **Wednesday, June 11**, from **6:30 to 7:30pm via Zoom**. This is an online event, and registration is required. Register through the [Library's online calendar](#).





The Alzheimer's Association presents "Empowered Caregiver: Supporting Independence" on Thursday, June 12, from 11:30am to 12:30pm. This educational series teaches caregivers how to navigate the responsibilities of caring for someone living with dementia. This event is free and open to the public; no registration required.

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SENIORS CRAFT CLUB AT COMMUNITY CENTER – NEXT MEETING THIS FRIDAY, 6/13

Our Pittsford Recreation Department offers wonderful programs for seniors, and our seniors do amazing things for others! The Seniors Craft Club, held at the Spiegel Community Center, creates items for our Senior lunch giveaways and local charities. The Craft Club is a fantastic opportunity to be creative, make friends and contribute positively to the community.

If you or someone you know enjoys crafting or would like to learn something new, join our seniors this June! Craft Club meets once a month on Fridays from 9:30 to 11:30am. **The next meeting is this Friday, June 13.** We require reservations for Craft Club to determine how many supplies we need. 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.

HISTORIC PITTSFORD'S LITTLE HOUSE OPEN JUNE 14 DURING PITTSFORD JUNETEENTH EVENTS

Historic Pittsford's Little House will be open Saturday, June 14, from 11:00am to 1:00pm in conjunction with *Pittsford Celebrates Juneteenth* events. Historic Pittsford is excited to host live storytelling from 11:00am to 12:30pm at the Little House, featuring a member of the Black Storytelling League of

Rochester. Through vivid narratives, the storyteller will provide firsthand accounts of those who risked everything in pursuit of freedom.

The Little House is located at 18 Monroe Avenue next to the Fire Station. Look for the big red banner celebrating Historic Pittsford's 60th year of preservation activity.

For details on all of the Juneteenth events throughout the day, please see the event website at www.PittsfordJuneteenth.com.

The Little House Pittsford, NY



Celebrating 60 Years of historic preservation
at the Little House!

The Little House will also be open **Saturday, June 21**, from **9:00am – noon**. It will serve as the starting point for Historic Pittsford's *History of Preservation in the Village* walking tour. The walking tour is free for Historic Pittsford members and \$10.00 for adult non-members. For details and to register for the tour, click here: www.historicpittsford.org

An invaluable resource for local historic research, the Little House is staffed by Board members eager to help you with any inquiries. The Little House is also open by appointment. Call (585) 381-2941 or email HistoricPittsford@gmail.com to schedule a time to visit.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN PITTSFORD

- [Town Summer Concert Series](#), music from Beatles ROC, Friday, 6/13, 6:30pm, canalside in Carpenter Park at the Port of Pittsford, 22 N. Main Street
- **Copper Beech Dedication Ceremony**, Wednesday, 6/25, 5:00-7:00pm, Copper Beech Park, 14 State Street N. Main Street, ribbon cutting ceremony with food and music

TOWN OF PITTSFORD BOARD MEETINGS

- **Pittsford Community Library Board**, Wednesday, 6/11, 6:00pm, Fletcher Steele Room, 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, 6/12, 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 6/12, 6:30pm, Spiegel Community Center, 35 Lincoln Ave, Room 207; the meeting agenda is posted at least two days prior to the meeting on the Town website here: www.townofpittsford.org/minutes
- **Zoning Board**, Monday, 6/16, 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, 6/17, 6:00pm, Town Hall (lower level), 11 South Main Street; the meeting agenda is posted at least two days prior to the meeting on

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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