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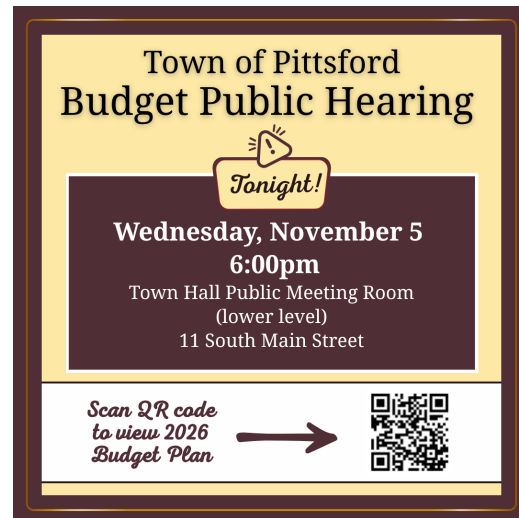
Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings

PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED 2026 TOWN BUDGET IS TONIGHT

The public hearing on the **proposed 2026 Town Budget** is scheduled for **tonight, Wednesday, November 5, at 6:00pm**, in the **Town Hall public meeting room (lower level)**. Printed copies of the proposed Budget are available at Town Hall in the Town Clerk's office, or you can view them online at www.townofpittsford.org/budgets.

Proposed 2026 Budget Highlights:

- Holds tax rate flat, at \$3.13 per thousand dollars
- Increased funding for Residential Road Repaving program
- Funds for Pedestrian Safety improvements and measures to reduce speeding
- Full support for Pittsford Community Library
- Maintains full funding for Community Events and Recreation programs
- Maintains funding for Elderberry Express
- Maintains full funding for Seniors, including Senior lunch programs
- A 2% funding increase for Pittsford Youth Services
- A 2% increase in funding for Pittsford Volunteer Ambulance
- Funds the 13.9% increase in employee medical costs
- Funds the 4% increase in Dental Plan costs
- Continues Environmental initiatives, including funds for tree planting program
- A 2.9% Cost of Living Adjustment for Town staff (no increase for elected officials)

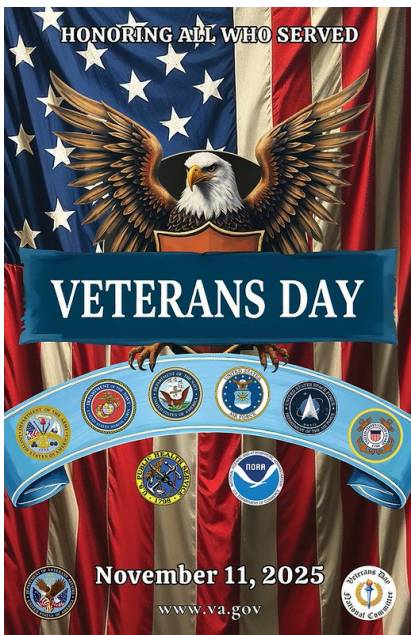


As always, comments for the Town Board meeting may be submitted in advance (prior to 2:30pm on the day of the meeting) or made during the meeting, both in person and by email. Emailed comments may be sent to comments@townofpittsford.org. The meeting will also be live-streamed; see the agenda packet for details on viewing and commenting. The meeting agenda is posted at least 2 days prior to the meeting on the Town website: www.townofpittsford.org/minutes. ASL interpretation is provided.



PITTSFORD VETERANS DAY CEREMONY TO HONOR LOCAL HEROES TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11
Join the Town of Pittsford and the American Legion Rayson-Miller Post 899 in honoring those who have served or are currently serving in the United States armed forces. The annual [Veterans Day Ceremony](#) will take place **Tuesday, November 11, 2025, from 11:00am to 12:00pm** at the **Veterans Monument in Carpenter Park at the Port of Pittsford, 22 North Main Street.**

The ceremony will include a presentation of colors, placement of wreaths, a rifle salute, and the playing of "Taps." A public reception will follow at the **American Legion Post**, located at **21 North Main Street**. All are welcome to attend this meaningful tribute to our veterans.



Honoring Our Veterans

Every year, Veterans Day is observed on November 11, commemorating the armistice that ended World War I in 1918. Originally called Armistice Day, it was renamed in 1954 to honor all U.S. military veterans. Learn more about the history and significance of the day at [VA.gov](https://www.va.gov), the official website of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. The site provides Veterans and their families with easy access to benefits, services, and resources, along with educational materials about Veterans' contributions and national observances.

Each year, the Veterans Day National Committee selects artwork for its official poster. [The 2025 design, *Unified by Service*](#) (left) by Jeremy D. Carpenter, illustrates the theme "Service to Our Nation" by

uniting all uniformed services under one flag and purpose. The poster will appear in VA facilities, military bases, and municipal buildings nationwide, as well as on the cover of the official Veterans Day program at Arlington National Cemetery.

How to Thank a Veteran

This year's theme reminds us that while Veterans wear many uniforms, they share a common purpose: to serve something greater than themselves. Expressing gratitude can be as simple as starting a conversation, volunteering, or supporting Veterans' organizations. While some appreciate being thanked directly, others value genuine connection and understanding more than words alone.

As we celebrate Veterans Day, let's honor their service not just with ceremonies, but through everyday acts of respect, kindness, and community. Genuine appreciation means listening, learning, and carrying forward the values they fought to protect.

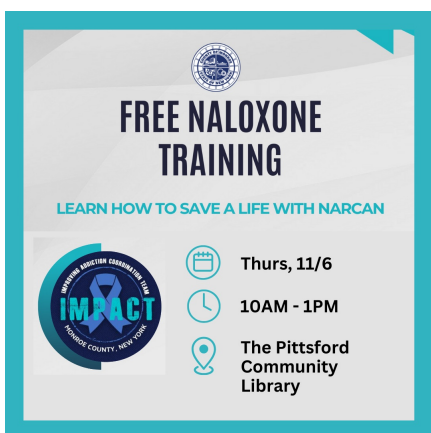
HALLOWEEN FEST COLLECTS 30 BOXES OF FOOD FOR PITTSFORD FOOD CUPBOARD

Thanks to the generous attendees at our

annual Family Halloween Fest, we collected **30 large boxes of food with over 1,000 items, plus \$200 in Venmo donations**, for the Pittsford Food Cupboard! It was a fantastic day for family fun at the Spiegel Community Center.

Attendees enjoyed a variety of terrific costumes, along with plenty of treats, crafts, games, and indoor and outdoor activities. A big thank you to everyone who attended! We also sincerely appreciate the volunteers from Pittsford Rotary, the Rotary Interact Clubs of Mendon and Sutherland High Schools, and other community groups, who helped provide enjoyable activities and special treats for all guests – while dressed in some pretty great costumes!

We are especially thankful for our generous event partners, [Wegmans](#) and [Wilmore](#), event sponsor The Highlands at Pittsford, and event supporters Mathnasium Learning Centers. Thanks as well to the Pittsford Rotary Club and to local Pittsford businesses that provided in-kind donations for the event: Powers Farm Market and Willard Farms. We hope to see you all again next year!



The Pittsford Community Library will offer **free public Narcan training and opioid awareness information tomorrow, November 6, from 10:00am to 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, 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 MOVIE MATINEE NOVEMBER 14 - HUGO

Reservations required by this Monday, November 10

Seniors, join us on **Thursday, November 14**, for a free morning movie matinee featuring **Hugo** – the 2011 animated adventure drama film directed and produced by Martin Scorsese!

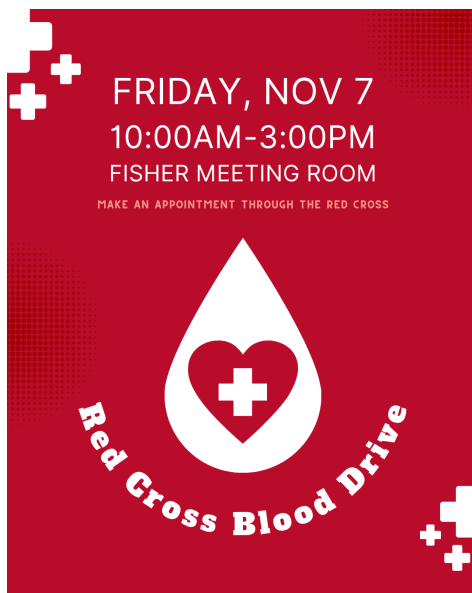
(The film scored a rare 93% on RottenTomatoes.com!) Enjoy a complimentary selection of coffee, breakfast pastries, and popcorn while you watch the movie. Then, if you like, stay afterward for lunch featuring pizza, salad, and dessert.

The movie begins at 10:30am in the VanHuysen Community Room at the Spiegel Community Center. The movie and snacks are free; the optional lunch costs \$6.00 per person. So that we can plan accordingly, please register for the movie and for the optional lunch by Monday, November 10, by calling (585) 248 - 6235.



Step into the magical world of *Hugo*, where a young orphan living in a Paris train station uncovers a mystery that could change his life—and the history of cinema—forever. With ticking clocks, secret keys, and the wonder of invention, *Hugo* is a breathtaking adventure about dreams, discovery, and the power of imagination.

The Spiegel Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. To learn more about our programs, activities, and services for seniors, visit the [Seniors page](#) on the Town website, read the [Seniors program](#) info brochure online, or call our Senior Programs Office at 248-6235.



BLOOD DRIVE AT THE LIBRARY THIS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

The Town of Pittsford will host a Red Cross blood drive this Friday, November 7, from 10:00am-3:00pm at the Pittsford Community Library in the Fisher Meeting Room. The Library is located at 24 State Street in the Village of Pittsford.

In November, **successful donors get free A1C testing**, which is commonly used to screen for prediabetes and diabetes. (One test result per donor in 12 months; no fasting required.)

Maximize your blood donation and help more patients! If you are an eligible type O, B, or A donor, consider making a Power Red donation.

Red blood cells are the most transfused blood component.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting www.redcrossblood.org/donate-blood/manage-my-donations/rapidpass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

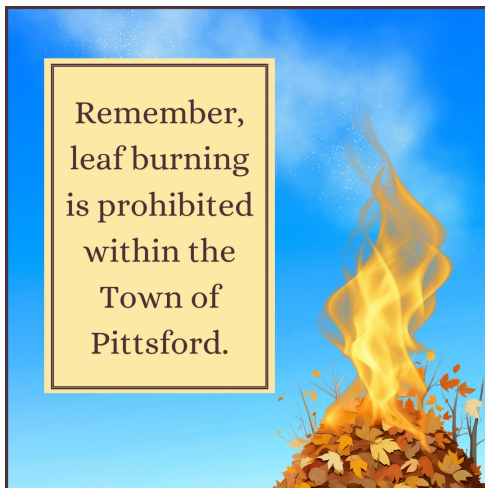
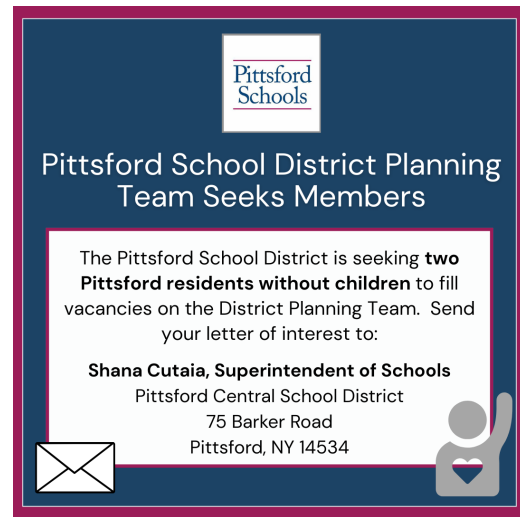
Donating blood is a simple thing to do, but it can make an enormous difference in the lives of others. If you are eligible and feeling well, please make an appointment today to give by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 800-RED-CROSS.

SCHOOL DISTRICT PLANNING TEAM SEEKING TWO RESIDENT MEMBERS WITHOUT CHILDREN ENROLLED IN SCHOOL

Two Pittsford residents **without children enrolled in the school district** are needed to fill vacancies on the **District Planning Team**. The District Planning Team (DPT) is a twenty-member standing committee dedicated to continuous improvement in the quality of education in Pittsford.

DPT members participate in the planning and direction of Pittsford Schools, including advising the superintendent on vision, values, budget and strategic initiatives. The twenty DPT members represent various internal and external stakeholder organizations.

Interested **Pittsford residents without children enrolled in the school district** should send a letter of interest by November 30, 2025, to: **Shana Cutaia, Superintendent of Schools, Pittsford Central School District, 75 Barker Road, Pittsford, NY 14534.**



REMEMBER: RESIDENTIAL BURNING OF BRUSH AND LEAVES IS PROHIBITED IN PITTSFORD

Please note that the Town of Pittsford, in accordance with New York State and Monroe County law, **prohibits the residential burning of brush and leaves.**

Fires spread when the wind carries smoldering, lightweight leaves from fire pits toward nearby structures or wooded areas. Burning leaves also significantly contributes to urban air pollution. The by-products of burning leaves include hydrocarbons, carbon monoxide, and other toxic

or irritating chemicals. Tiny smoke particles emitted can accumulate in the lungs, leading to long-term health problems. Leaf burning not only poses health risks to humans but also creates dangerous conditions for wildlife and plants.

Remember, leaving a thin layer of leaves where they fall provides habitat, insulation, and protection for our insect pollinators! Leaves also serve as natural fertilizer for grass as they break down over the winter months. Even piling leaves over garden beds and around trees and shrubs offers hibernating pollinators protection.

To remove leaves, we recommend regularly mulching them into your lawn as they fall. If leaf coverage becomes too thick for mulching, place leaves in a pile at the end of your front yard (behind the curb or gutter), and our leaf crews will remove them. [Click here](#) to use our real-time Leaf Collection application. [Visit our website](#) for helpful tips on leaf collection.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Help support local veterans by donating to the Veterans Food and Supply Drive on Saturday, November 8, from 9:00am to 3:00pm at the Mendon High School bus loop. The drive will collect food and supplies for the Veterans Outreach Center in Rochester, a nonprofit organization dedicated to assisting veterans in need.

Most Needed Items:

Canned soups (pop-top lid); ready-to-eat meals; canned fruits and vegetables; canned beans; canned meats; protein bars; pasta; rice; peanut butter; new underwear; casual shoes, pants, jeans, shorts; T-shirts; polos; and winter gloves.

Please donate only new or unopened items.

The drive is organized by **Weiyu Chen**, a Life Scout of Tay House Troop 19 and senior at Mendon High School, as part of his **Eagle Scout Project**. This community service effort is supported by **Tay House Troop 19**, the **Rotary Club of Pittsford**, and the **Veterans Outreach Center**. For questions, contact eagleproject4242@gmail.com.

HELP A LOCAL SCOUT VETERANS DAY FOOD/SUPPLY DRIVE

Benefiting the Veterans Outreach Center
9 AM-3 PM - NOVEMBER 8TH 2025

ITEM DROP OFF

MENDON HIGH SCHOOL - BUS LOOP
472 Mendon Road, Pittsford, NY 14534

Most Needed Items:

Canned Soups (pop-top lid), Canned & Non-perishable Ready to Eat meals, Canned Fruits & Vegetables, Canned Beans, Canned Meats, Protein Bars, Pasta (all kinds), Rice, Peanut Butter, Underwear (Brand new only), Casual Shoes, Casual Pants, Jeans, Shorts, T-Shirts, Polos, Winter Gloves

Contact Me for Any Questions

eagleproject4242@gmail.com



Tay House Troop 19
Since 1919



BE AN H₂O HERO: KEEP YOUR STORM DRAIN CLEAR OF LEAVES

Now that autumn leaves have fallen, there's one simple action every Pittsford resident can take to protect our community and local waterways — **find the storm drain nearest your home and keep it clear of leaves and debris.**

When leaves gather on or near storm drains, rainwater cannot flow properly into the drainage system. This causes water to back up along streets and sidewalks, leading to **localized flooding, slippery surfaces, and icy patches** when temperatures drop. Blocked drains not only cause flooding but also harm the environment. When leaves and debris wash into the stormwater system, they decompose and release nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorus, which drain into our local watershed and promote harmful algae growth in nearby waterways.

How You Can Help

- **Locate the storm drain nearest your home or business.** Many are marked with the blue "Drains to Lake" or "H₂O Hero" storm drain markers installed throughout Monroe County. If yours don't have one, you can

order free markers to install in your neighborhood from [the H₂O Hero website](#). These markers are part of the regional [H₂O Hero program](#). This public education initiative reminds us that, unlike the water that goes down our indoor faucets, what goes down our storm drains flows directly into our waterways untreated.

- **Keep that drain clear of leaves, sticks, and trash.** Rake leaves away from the curb and pile them behind the curblane for Town pickup, never in the street.
- **Avoid sweeping or blowing leaves into the roadway** — they can block drains and are unsafe for drivers and bicyclists.
- **Separate yard debris such as sticks and brush from leaf piles** to prevent equipment damage and delays during collection.

Why It Matters

Every storm drain connects to a larger system that leads directly to our creeks, ponds, the Erie Canal, and Lake Ontario, and NOT to a treatment plant. That means any debris, fertilizers, or pollutants that enter the drain travel straight into the waterways where we fish, paddle, and play. **By keeping just one drain clear, you can prevent hundreds of gallons of stormwater runoff from being polluted.**

Join the H₂O Hero Effort

By protecting your neighborhood storm drain, you're helping to safeguard Pittsford's natural resources and doing your part as an H₂O Hero. Encourage your neighbors to join in — take a short walk after raking, find your local drain, and make sure it's free of leaves.

Together, small actions add up to cleaner water, safer streets, and a healthier environment for everyone.

For more information on how to be an H₂O Hero and help keep our waterways clean, visit www.H2OHero.org.



62ND ANNUAL PTSA SUPER SALE NOVEMBER 8-9

Find endless treasures at the Super Sale and help your local school community while you shop!

- **9:00am-8:00pm on Saturday 11/08**
- **9:00am-6:00pm on Sunday 11/09**

Once again, the **PTSA Super Sale** will be held

at the **Golisano Training Center at Nazareth University**. Shop for unique clothing, books, baby items, shoes, accessories, furniture, rugs, games, puzzles, garden supplies, electronics, holiday decorations, housewares, lamps, kitchen items, jewelry, linens, sporting goods, toys...and more! All proceeds support enrichment programs for PCSD students from kindergarten through 12th grade.

More info: www.pittsfordptsa.net/super-sale

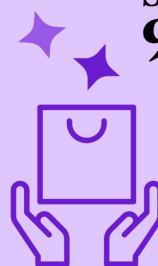
PTSA 62nd ANNUAL SUPER SALE!
Golisano Training Center at Nazareth

SATURDAY,
11/08 9AM-8PM



SUNDAY, 11/09
9AM-6PM

SUNDAY ONLY: \$5 BAG-IT FOR CLOTHES 50% OFF EVERYTHING ELSE!



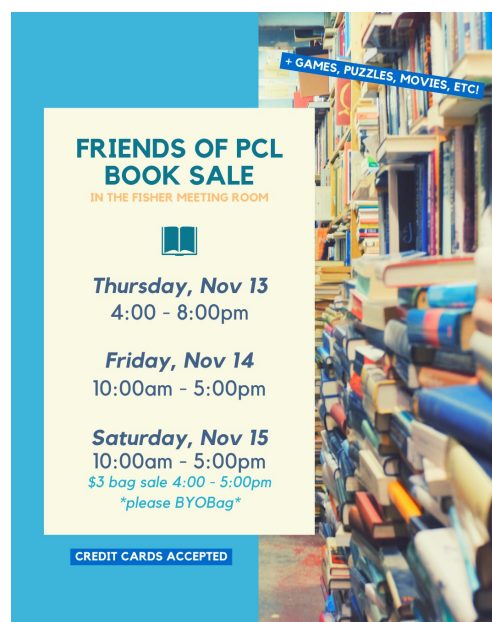
Find one-of-a-kind treasures at this giant, upscale rummage sale: games, toys, clothes, housewares, kitchen, sports, baby, linens, shoes, electronics, books...and much more! All proceeds benefit K-12 student enrichment programs.

FRIENDS OF PITTSFORD LIBRARY FALL BOOK SALE NOVEMBER 13–15

Don't miss the [Friends of the Pittsford Community Library's Fall Book Sale](#)—a beloved community tradition offering a treasure trove of gently used books and media at unbeatable prices!

Sale Schedule:

- **Thursday, November 13:** 4:00–8:00pm
Note: Numbers will be given out from 1:00 to 3:00pm to ease entry to the sale.
- **Friday, November 14:** 10:00am–5:00pm
- **Saturday, November 15:** 10:00am–4:00pm
Bag Sale from 4:00–5:00pm – \$3.00 per bag



Browse an impressive selection of adult and children's books, CDs, DVDs, and even fine and rare books. Fall is the perfect time to stock up on winter reading, puzzles, and project ideas—there's something for everyone!

All proceeds directly benefit the Pittsford Community Library. Credit cards are accepted. **Please bring your own bags!**

UPCOMING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN PITTSFORD

- [Red Cross Blood Drive at Pittsford Community Library](#), Friday, 11/7, 10:00am–3:00pm, Pittsford Community Library Fisher Meeting Room, 24 State Street; [schedule an appointment in advance using this online registration link](#) or call 1800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).
- [PTSA Super Sale](#), 9:00am–7:00pm Saturday and Sunday, 11/8–9, Nazareth University Golisano Training Center, 4245 East Avenue; Sunday features 50% Off Sale 9:00am–2:00pm and "Make a Deal" 2:00–7:00pm. For more info visit pittsfordptsa.net/super-sale.

- [American Legion Veterans Day Ceremony](#), Tuesday, 11/11, 11:00am, Veterans Monument, William A. Carpenter Park at the Port of Pittsford, 22 North Main Street. Ceremony includes presentation of colors, wreath placement, rifle salute and taps; reception, also open to the public, follows at Rayson-Miller American Legion Post 899, 21 North Main Street
- [Friends of Pittsford Library Fall Book Sale](#), Thursday, 11/13 from 4:00–8:00pm, Friday, 11/14 from 10:00am–5:00pm, and Saturday, 11/15 from 10:00am–4:00pm (Bag Sale 4:00–5:00pm, \$3 per bag), Pittsford Community Library, Fisher Meeting Room, 24 State Street; open to all, with proceeds supporting Library programs and materials. Items will be replenished throughout the sale—please bring your own bags.

TOWN OF PITTSFORD BOARD MEETINGS

- [Town Board](#) - includes public hearing for 2026 Proposed Town Budget, Wednesday, 11/5, 6:00pm, Public Meeting Room, Town Hall (lower level), 11 South Main Street, ASL interpretation provided; the meeting agenda is posted at least two days prior to the meeting on the Town website here: www.townofpittsford.org/minutes – **NOTE DATE/DAY**
- **Planning Board**, Monday, 11/10 – **MEETING CANCELED**
- **Pittsford Community Library Board**, Wednesday, 11/12, 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

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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