

News & Reviews

**November 12,
2025**

**Town of Pittsford - a Clean
Energy and Climate Smart
Community**

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SAVE THE DATE: CANDLELIGHT NIGHT IS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2

The Pittsford Chamber of Commerce Candlelight Night is Tuesday, December 2! Join in the fun from 5:00 – 8:00pm throughout the Village of Pittsford. South Main Street will be closed from the Four Corners down to Church Street, transforming the Village into a festive winter wonderland. Visitors can enjoy horse-drawn carriage rides, carolers, Santa, Mrs. Claus, and The Grinch, along with Food Trucks, live reindeer, alpacas, face painting, and a Kids Zone in Northfield Common.

Sponsorships and program book advertising are available for businesses interested in supporting and being featured during this year's event. Please click [on this sponsorship form link](#) for details. Slots are filling up fast!

This magical event is a fantastic way to kick off your holiday season. Find out more here: www.pittsfordchamber.org/events/2025-annual-candlelight-night-celebration.

FRIENDS OF PITTSFORD LIBRARY FALL BOOK SALE BEGINS TOMORROW

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! Do some Christmas shopping and stock up on winter reading!

Sale Schedule:

- Thursday, November 13: 4:00–8:00pm

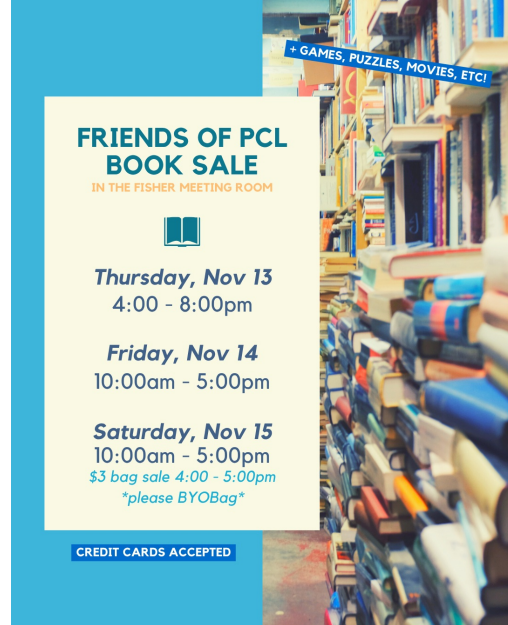
Note: Numbers will be given out from 1:00–3:00pm to ease entry to the sale.

- **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!**



"MEET NOVEMBER" STORY STROLL BEGINS THIS MONDAY AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

Our next Story Stroll takes place this Monday, November 17, through Sunday, November 23. Families can take a leisurely Story Stroll behind the Spiegel Community Center while reading **"Meet November!"** by April Martin.

"Meet November" follows November, our young protagonist, who is trying to figure out exactly when Thanksgiving will happen this year. Along the way, he notices his classmates honoring Veterans Day, learns a bit about America's history,

and has fun making turkey-themed crafts at school. With his tummy starting to grumble at the thought of his aunt's famous pie, November discovers that the holiday date can change each year, and that the true joy comes from the traditions, friends, and gratitude surrounding the feast.

Once you have completed your Story Stroll, stop by the Spiegel Community Center front desk and pick up a **themed craft pack to take home!** Craft packs are available Monday through Saturday from 8:00am – 5:00pm and Sunday from 12:00-5:00pm. Our next Story Stroll will take place from December 15 through December 21.

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

PITTSFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT TOUR – THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Join the Pittsford Senior Center for a special behind-the-scenes tour of the Pittsford Fire Department! Learn about the department's history, see fire and rescue equipment up close, and meet some of the

dedicated firefighters who help keep our community safe.

The bus will depart the Senior Center at **10:45am**. Following the tour, the group will enjoy lunch at **Fruit & Salad Co. at 12:00pm** (lunch cost is not included).

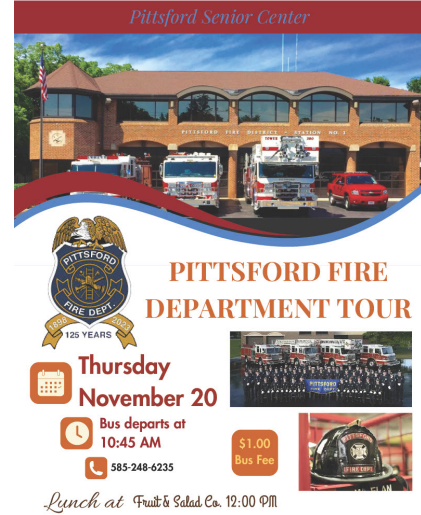
Date: Thursday, November 20

Time: Bus departs at 10:45am

Bus Fee: \$1.00

To Register: Call the Senior Center at **(585) 248-6235**

Space is limited—reserve your spot today!



MAKE YOUR BACKYARD A WINTER HAVEN FOR POLLINATORS

When you tidy up your yard this fall, think about leaving it a little “wild” to help wildlife. Many of our key pollinators—bees, butterflies, moths, beetles, and other helpful insects—spend the cold months hibernating in our backyards. By making a few small changes, you can help these essential species survive winter and flourish in the spring.

Leave the leaves

Instead of raking or bagging every leaf, gather them into garden beds and around trees or shrubs. Leaves serve as a natural blanket, safeguarding overwintering insects and enriching the soil as they break down. If you want a tidier appearance, keep one or two “pollinator corners” where leaves can stay undisturbed.

Keep stems and seedheads.

Hollow stems and dried seedheads provide winter shelter for native bees and other insects, while seeds feed birds during the colder months. Wait until late spring to cut back perennials, or trim only part of each plant to leave some standing habitat.

Leave some bare ground.

Many native bees nest in the soil. Keeping a few sunny, bare patches of soil provides them with a safe place to burrow. Avoid tilling or disturbing these areas until the weather warms up.

Add natural shelter

Brush piles, small logs, and bundles of hollow stems can serve as mini “bug hotels.” Place them in a quiet corner of your yard where they won’t be disturbed.

Do less with more

Holding off on pesticides, heavy mulching, and early cleanup lets these beneficial insects rest undisturbed until spring. When they re-emerge, they’ll pollinate your gardens and help keep Pittsford blooming.

Together, these simple steps turn normal backyards into safe havens for wintering



pollinators and help secure a healthy ecosystem for the season ahead.

For more ways to support local pollinators, visit www.townofpittsford.org/pollinator-pathway, and consider joining Pittsford's Pollinator Pathway Challenge!



KEEP YARD DEBRIS AND LEAVES SEPARATE FOR COLLECTION

Fall leaf collection is well underway, and the Town would like to remind residents to keep **yard debris** —such as sticks, brush, and branches — **separate from loose leaf piles** at the curb. This helps our crews work safely and efficiently, protects equipment, and stops storm drains from clogging.

Loose leaves are collected with specialized vacuum equipment. When sticks, branches, and other debris are mixed in, the material can

damage machinery or pose safety hazards to crews. Yard debris must be **bagged or placed in reusable containers** and kept **separate from leaf piles** for weekly collection during the yard debris season.

We request that residents place all yard debris behind the curb or gutter to prevent drainage blockage or traffic obstruction. Yard debris should be **out by 6:00 AM on your scheduled pickup day** to ensure proper collection. If you live on a private driveway, please bring materials to the nearest public street.

Please note that **we cannot collect** stumps, rocks, stones, metal, lumber, plastics, glass, fencing, sod, or waste material. Yard debris generated by anyone other than the homeowner (including contractors) must be removed from the property as part of their service. Residents may drop off acceptable yard debris at the Town Highway Department, 60 Golf Avenue, **weekdays from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM, March through December**.

There will be **no collection on Thanksgiving Day**. Collection schedules shift by one day after a holiday. Our schedule may change due to weather and volume; we thank you for your patience. In cases of windstorms or snow delays, yard debris and leaf crews will continue pickup beyond posted dates as weather permits.

As a reminder, **residential burning of brush and leaves is prohibited** in the Town of Pittsford.

Thank you for your help in keeping our community safe, clean, and environmentally responsible.

For more information, visit the Town's Leaf Collection page at www.townofpittsford.org/leaf-collection.

Your copy should address 3 key questions: Who am I writing for (audience)? Why should they care (benefit)? What do I want them to do (call-to-action)?

Create a great offer by adding words like "free," "personalized," "complimentary," or "customized." A sense of urgency often helps readers take action, so consider inserting phrases like "for a limited time only" or "only 7 remaining!"

SENIORS CRAFT CLUB AT COMMUNITY CENTER – NEXT MEETING THIS FRIDAY, 11/14

Our Pittsford Recreation Department offers outstanding 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 a wonderful opportunity to get creative, make friends and do something positive for others.



If you or someone you know enjoys crafting or would like to learn something new, join our seniors for the Craft Club. It meets once a month on Fridays from **9:30 - 11:30am**. **The next meeting is this Friday, November 14.** 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 Spiegel 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.

A graphic for the Pre-Licensing Five Hour Course. It features two images: a person driving a car and a person writing on a document. Below the images is the text "PRE-LICENSING FIVE HOUR COURSE" in large, bold, black letters. To the right of the text are four icons with corresponding information: a calendar icon for "NOVEMBER 19, 2025", a clock icon for "3:30 TO 8:30 PM", a globe icon for "ONLINE PROGRAM", and a checkmark icon for "CERTIFICATE ISSUED: MV-278 (REQUIRED FOR DMV ROAD TEST SCHEDULING)". At the bottom, it says "REGISTER ONLINE HERE: WWW.TOWNOFPITTSFORD.ORG/RECREATION".

PRE-LICENSING FIVE-HOUR COURSE OFFERED ONLINE – NOVEMBER 19

The Town of Pittsford Recreation Department is offering the New York State-mandated *Pre-Licensing 5-Hour Course* online next **Wednesday, November 19, 2025**, from **3:30–8:30pm**. This is the required course for individuals preparing to schedule and take their NYS DMV road test.

Participants must have a **valid NYS learner's permit** issued *before* the class date. In addition to the basics needed to pass the road test, this course focuses on developing safe driving habits

and skills that will support a lifetime of confident, responsible driving.

Upon successful completion, students will receive the **MV-278 course certificate**, which is required in order to schedule a NYS road test.

Please note: This is an **online class**.

Eligibility: Ages 16 and older.

Class Details

- **Date:** Wednesday, November 19, 2025
- **Time:** 3:30–8:30pm
- **Format:** Online program
- **Certificate Issued:** MV-278 (required for DMV road test scheduling)

To register, visit the Town's [online recreation portal](#) or contact the Recreation Department at **(585) 248-6285** for assistance. Early registration is recommended, as class size may be limited.

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

SUPPORT THE PITTSFORD FOOD CUPBOARD'S THANKSGIVING DRIVE

As the community prepares for Thanksgiving, the Pittsford Food Cupboard is once again helping local families celebrate with full tables and grateful hearts. Below are the details for this year's Thanksgiving season:

Donations needed

The Pittsford Food Cupboard is gratefully accepting **donations of turkeys and holiday fixings** now through **November 21**. They could also use **any bags you can spare!**



Community support ensures that every neighbor can enjoy a warm Thanksgiving meal. For more information on current needs, please visit the ["Current Needs"](#) tab on the website's menu bar.

Thanksgiving shopping appointments

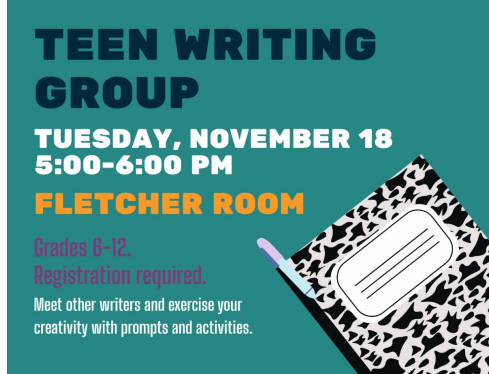
Clients are asked to schedule an appointment for Thanksgiving shopping. Appointments will be available on the following dates: **November 14, 15, 18, 21, and 25**.

To schedule an appointment, please call **(585) 264-9860** or stop by during open hours: **Tuesdays and Fridays, 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM**.

The Pittsford Food Cupboard thanks the Pittsford community for its continued kindness and generous support.

TEEN WRITING GROUP AT THE LIBRARY

Teens in grades 7–12 are invited to join the **Teen Writing Group** at the **Pittsford Community Library** on **Tuesday, November 18**, from **5:00 to 6:00pm**. Meet fellow young writers and spark your creativity through prompts and fun writing activities. Sharing your work is entirely optional,



making this a supportive and low-pressure environment for writers of all experience levels. We will be meeting in the Library's Fletcher Steele Room.

Registration is required. To sign up, visit the [Library's online calendar](#) or contact the Pittsford Community Library at 248-6275.

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.

WOMEN'S CLUB OF PITTSFORD GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE BY DECEMBER 31

The [Women's Club of Pittsford](#) gives grants to non-profit, charitable organizations in Monroe County and surrounding counties that serve Monroe County residents.

Grants must be requested for a **specific project** and **cannot** be used to fund salaries, stipends for volunteers, or general operating expenses.

Organizations interested in applying for a grant should complete the **grant application** and return it to the Women's Club of Pittsford through **December 31**. Applications may be submitted in one of two ways:

By mail:

Endowment Chairman
Women's Club of Pittsford
P.O. Box 208
Pittsford, NY 14534

Or submit [online](#).

All applications must include a **copy of the IRS letter verifying 501(c)(3) status**. The Women's Club of Pittsford is unable to support organizations that do not provide this verification. **Grant recipients will be notified in May.**

The Women's Club of Pittsford is part of the **General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC)**, a local, non-profit, voluntary organization offering opportunities to participate in community service projects, educational programs, fundraising efforts, and social activities.

For questions or additional information, please contact:

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UPCOMING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN PITTSFORD

- **"Meet November Story Stroll,"** 11/17 – 11/23, 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.
- [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.
- [Chamber of Commerce Candlelight Night](#), Tuesday, 12/2, 5:00-8:00pm, Village of Pittsford - holiday lights, treats, special sales, Santa and Mrs. Claus sightings; book sale, children's craft, live carolers; treats at Town Hall, horse-drawn wagon rides, tree lightings, and more; see info above and more info, including a complete event schedule, on the Pittsford Chamber of Commerce website as the date approaches at www.pittsfordchamber.org/events/2025-annual-candlelight-night-celebration.

TOWN OF PITTSFORD BOARD MEETINGS

- **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
- **Design Review & Historic Preservation Board**, Thursday, 11/13, 6:00pm, Public Meeting Room, 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 Advisory Board**, Thursday, 11/13, 6:30pm, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center – Room 207, 35 Lincoln Avenue; the meeting agenda is posted at least 24 hours prior to the meeting on the Town website here: www.townofpittsford.org/minutes
- **Zoning Board of Appeals**, Monday, 11/17, 6:30pm, Public Meeting Room, 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, 12/18, 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

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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