

News & Reviews

April 1, 2026

Town of Pittsford - a
Clean Energy and Climate
Smart Community

See listings below for

Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings

TOWN FACILITY HOURS FOR THIS WEEK

Town of Pittsford offices and facilities will operate on adjusted hours for this week. Please see details below:

Town Facilities, including Town Hall and Town Court

- **Closed** Friday, April 3
- All Town Facilities will **reopen** on Monday, April 6, maintaining their regular hours.

Spiegel Community Center

- **Closed** Friday, April 3
- **Open** Saturday, April 4 from 8:00am–8:00pm
- **Closed** Sunday, April 5 (Easter)

Pittsford Community Library

- **Open** regular hours Friday, April 3, from 9:00am-6:00pm
- **Open** regular hours on Saturday, April 4, from 10:00am-5:00pm
- **Closed** Sunday, April 5 (Easter)
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In case of an emergency requiring Town of Pittsford services during holiday closures, please call (585) 248-6212.

Best wishes for a safe and happy Passover and Easter!

TOWN OF PITTSFORD WINTER PARKING RESTRICTIONS END

This is not an April Fool's joke! Winter parking restrictions, which have been in effect since November 15, end today, April 1, 2026. You may now park in marked or unmarked spaces along the curb on public roads, if the parking is parallel to the road and does not obstruct traffic or break any safety rules. Important safety restrictions still apply, even after the temporary restrictions are lifted. The following list serves as a good reminder for both experienced and new drivers. Share it with your kids!

Parking regulations within the *Village* of Pittsford differ from those in the Town. [Download the Village parking map](#), which provides a quick guide to parking options in the Schoen Place and Main Street area. The map also shows areas where parking is restricted or prohibited.

Even when temporary restrictions are lifted, you must not park in the following places:

- **Within 5 feet** of a private or public driveway.
- **Within 20 feet** of a crosswalk at an intersection.
- **Within 30 feet** of a traffic light, stop sign, or yield sign.
- **On a sidewalk** or between the curb and the sidewalk.
- **On the roadway side** of any vehicle already parked at the curb (double parking).
- **On a bridge**, under a bridge, or in a tunnel.
- **In front of a fire station** driveway or within 75 feet on the opposite side.



Visit the [New York State Local Technical Assistance Program Center](#) to learn more about the regulations/procedures that govern the use and obstruction of public roads.



APRIL IS NATIVE PLANT MONTH: SUPPORT LOCAL HABITATS IN PITTSFORD

April is **Native Plant Month** in New York State! Early spring is the perfect time to enhance your yard while supporting local wildlife. Native plants are adapted to our region, requiring less water and maintenance while providing essential food and habitat for pollinators like bees, butterflies, and birds.

The Town of Pittsford is part of the [Pollinator Pathway movement](#), which establishes connected corridors of native plants to support pollinators. Residents can help grow this network by adding native plantings at home. Remember, even small efforts make a big difference.

Thanks to the [Pittsford Garden Club](#), the [Allyn's Creek Garden Club](#), and the [Rochester Garden Club](#) for supporting Native Plant Month!

Native Plant Ideas for Your Landscape

Perennials and Flowers

- Black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*)
- Purple Coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*)
- Wild Bergamot (*Monarda fistulosa*)
- Butterfly Weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*)

Shrubs

- Red Osier Dogwood (*Cornus sericea*)
- Spicebush (*Lindera benzoin*)

- New Jersey Tea (*Ceanothus americanus*)

Trees

- Eastern Redbud (*Cercis canadensis*)
- Serviceberry (*Amelanchier spp.*)
- Oak (*Quercus spp.*)

Easy Ways to Get Started

- Replace part of your lawn with native plants
- Choose native trees and shrubs for landscaping
- Avoid harmful pesticides
- Leave some natural habitat, like leaf piles in the corners of your yard

A Note on Spring Cleanup

While it might be tempting to start yard cleanup early, many pollinators are still overwintering in leaf litter and plant stems. In Western New York, experts recommend **waiting until daytime temperatures consistently reach 50°F or higher for 7–10 days** before doing major cleanup. This usually happens from late April to mid-May, or roughly when apple and pear trees finish blooming. Major cleanup involves removing leaves, cutting back stems, and turning the soil. **It's fine (and recommended!) to start planting earlier.** Just be careful not to disturb large areas and work gently around existing habitat.

Observe Native Plant Month by joining the [Pittsford Pollinator Pathway Challenge](#) and planting flowers, shrubs, and trees to support our pollinator friends. Together, we can protect biodiversity and create a healthier environment for all.

SENIORS WITH PANTHER PALS CRAFTS – 4/10

Seniors, come enjoy a fun and creative intergenerational morning with our Panther Pals! Panther Pal is our preschool program, full of 2-6-year-olds who meet at the Spiegel Community Center three days a week. Join us on **Friday, April 10**, from **10:30 to 11:00am** in **Room 4** of the **Spiegel Community Center** for a relaxed crafting session celebrating Earth Day by creating seed-bomb pops! All supplies are provided, and no experience is necessary—just come ready to create and connect.

Registration 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](#), read our [Seniors program info brochure online](#) or call our Senior Programs office at 248-6235.

TAKE THE AARP SMART DRIVER COURSE – SAVE ON INSURANCE AND IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS



Seniors! Enhance your driving skills and stay safe on the road with the **AARP Smart Driver Program**. Designed for drivers aged 50 and older, this course is offered in two 3-hour sessions on consecutive Thursdays. Participants will refresh their driving knowledge and skills, and after completing the full six-hour course, they may qualify for an auto insurance discount and a reduction of points on their driving record.

Classes will be held from **9:00am–12:00pm** at the **Spiegel Community Center, Room 204**, on the following dates: **April 9 & 16, May 14 & 21, and June 11 & 18**. Space is limited! Call 248-6235 to make your reservation.

The cost is \$25 for AARP members and \$30 for non-members. Please make checks payable to AARP; payment is due on the first day of class.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT THE PITTSFORD COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The Pittsford Community Library will be closed on April 5.

Spring programming for all interests and ages is in full swing at the Pittsford Community Library!

On April 4, enjoy watching real raptors at the [Braddock Bay Birds](#) program, suitable for all ages. On April 12, learn about making [Food Choices for Our](#)

[Health and Environment](#) from a panel of experts. And save the date for April 18 [FreeShop: Thrifting at The Library](#) (drop off your donations on the first floor before April 18).

For kids, April 2 is the [LEGO Club Party](#). Bring your special build to share, enjoy some light refreshments and watch a LEGO film.



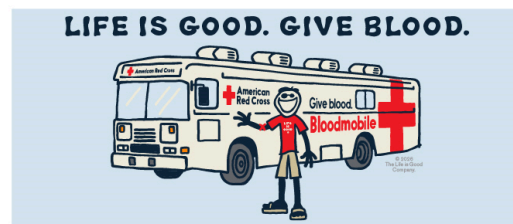
Teens, [join us for Teen Community Service](#) on April 7. Then, [join us for Crochet Club: Mushrooms](#), on April 8. Registration is required for both programs.

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.

BLOOD DRIVE AT THE LIBRARY THIS FRIDAY, APRIL 3

The Town of Pittsford will host a **Red Cross blood drive** this **Friday, April 3**, from **10:00am-3:00pm** in the Pittsford Community Library's Fisher Meeting Room. While Town offices are closed, the Library remains open for this event. The Library is located at 24 State Street in the Village of Pittsford. Those who donate between now and April 12 will receive an exclusive Red Cross x Life is Good t-shirt! (Limited quantity.)



Blood Drive Pittsford Library

Meeting Room
24 State Street
Pittsford, NY 14534

Friday, April 3, 2026
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



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.

[Visit the Red Cross web page](#) to streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by completing your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

Someone in the U.S. needs blood every 2 seconds, totaling roughly 43,000 pints a day. Your one blood donation (one pint) can help save or improve the lives of up to three people. 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](https://www.redcrossblood.org) or calling 800-RED-CROSS.



Pittsford Rotary Food Drive
Saturday, April 4
9:00am - 12:00pm
at the
Pittsford Sutherland High School Bus Loop

PITTSFORD ROTARY FOOD DRIVE THIS SATURDAY, 9AM – 12PM

The Rotary Club of Pittsford's next food drive is scheduled for this Saturday, April 4, from 9:00am-noon at the Pittsford Sutherland High School bus loop. Rotarians and Interact Club members will be collecting donations at the drive. In addition to the **Pittsford Food Cupboard**, donations will support Rochester's **St. Joseph's Neighborhood Center** and the Nazareth University **Oak Tree Food Pantry**. **Gently used recent issues (past 12 months) of magazines will also be collected** for distribution to various

social agencies in the Rochester area.

The [Pittsford Food Cupboard](#) plays a crucial role within our community. Donations help ensure that local families have access to essential food items that will promote well-being and stability. Food pantry items especially needed include pineapple, taco shells, mixed veggies, meals in a can (ravioli, beefaroni), dog food, and cleaning supplies. They currently have no room for kidney beans, black beans, white beans, or green beans.

[The Oak Tree Pantry](#) serves those with food insecurity in the Nazareth University community. Specific needs for the Oak Tree Food Pantry include items that students can easily prepare, such as soups, canned meats and vegetables, and sauces. The

pantry also needs granola bars, pasta, peanut butter, soap, and other hygiene products.

The Pittsford Rotary Club has scheduled food drives on the first Saturday of the month throughout spring. Additional information is available at pittsfordrotaryclub.org or contact David Irwin by email (driwin8@gmail.com) or phone (585-269-2132). Please help our Rotarians help those in need if you can!

PITTSFORD CELEBRATES WORLD AUTISM DAY AS AN AUTISM-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

In recognition of World Autism Day, which takes place tomorrow, April 2, the Town of Pittsford is proud to celebrate its designation as an **Autism-Friendly Community**. We are committed to making sure that residents of all abilities feel welcome, supported, and able to participate fully in community life.



Pittsford earned this designation through a partnership with the Autism Council of Rochester. The Council provided specialized training for Town staff who regularly interact with the public, including employees in Recreation, the Library, and other public-facing departments. This training enhanced staff's understanding of and support for individuals on the autism spectrum and their families.

This work demonstrates a continuous commitment to the “**8 Pillars of Performance**” for Autism-Friendly Communities. These pillars include safety, accessibility, communication, and strong community partnerships, which guide ongoing decisions and improvements to Town services, programs, and public spaces to ensure they are accessible to all residents.

That commitment continues through various Recreation programs that support participation for people of all abilities. These include the **Pittsford Wreckers Special Olympics Training Club**. Activities like basketball and unified yoga offer opportunities for connection, physical activity, and skill-building in a caring, encouraging environment. Pittsford Recreation also provides **Accidental Comedy Social Skills programs**, which use fun, low-pressure improv and theater games to help participants develop communication and social confidence in a supportive setting. These programs are designed to foster social growth naturally while participants are engaged and having fun.

Pittsford continues to invest in accessible spaces. **A new ADA-accessible playground at King's Bend Park is set to open soon**, offering a welcoming place where children of all abilities can play, explore, and interact together.

As we recognize World Autism Day, Pittsford remains ever committed to building a community anchored in understanding, accessibility, and opportunity. Here, every resident belongs.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES IN PITTSFORD

- [Red Cross Blood Drive at Pittsford Community Library](#). Friday, 4/3, 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).

- [Pittsford Rotary Food Drive](#), Saturday, 4/4, 9:00am - 12noon, Pittsford Sutherland High School bus loop, 55 Sutherland Street, collecting canned and packaged food items and personal hygiene items to benefit the [Pittsford Food Cupboard](#), and [Nazareth College Oak Tree Food Pantry](#), (click links for complete lists of needs); gently used recent (past 12 months) magazines are also needed.

TOWN OF PITTSFORD BOARD MEETINGS

- **Environmental Advisory Board**, Monday, 4/6 – **MEETING CANCELED**
- **Town Board**, Tuesday, 4/7, 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
- **Pittsford Community Library Board**, Wednesday, 4/8 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 meeting on the Town website here: www.townofpittsford.org/minutes
- **Design Review & Historic Preservation Board**, Thursday, 4/9 – **NO MEETING**
- **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board**, Thursday, 4/9, 6:30pm, Spiegel 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

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 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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