



# News & Reviews

**January 2, 2019**

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*Town of Pittsford - a Clean Energy Community*

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*Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings*

## **PITTSFORD CELEBRATES MARTIN LUTHER KING'S LEGACY | 1/15 - 1/19**

**January 15:** FILM DISCUSSION SERIES: Fences (PG-13) - A family drama set in Pittsburg starring, produced, and directed by Denzel Washington. With actress Viola Davis. Location: Pittsford Community Library, Fisher Meeting Room | 6:30 - 9PM

**January 16:** PANEL DISCUSSION: Pittsford graduates of color reflect on childhood experiences. Location: Fire Hall Station No. 2: 465 Mendon RD | 7 - 9PM

**January 17:** FILM DISCUSSION SERIES: The Courage to Love (PG-13) - The Courage to Love is inspired by the true pre-Civil War story of Henriette Dalille starring Vanessa Williams. Location: Pittsford Community Library, Fisher Meeting Room | 6:30 - 8PM

**January 19:** STORY TELLING EVENT: Almeta Whitis - Enjoy storytelling, songs, movement, and theatre games, that foster meaningful exchanges between people within a safe and culturally inclusive learning environment. Location: Kings Bend Park, North Lodge | 12-1PM & 2-3PM

Thanks to Pittsford Town Board Member Kevin Beckford and residents Vicki & Abe Bellis-Brouk for organizing these events. For more information, please contact [Pittsfordcelebratesmlk@gmail.com](mailto:Pittsfordcelebratesmlk@gmail.com).



## **SUPERVISOR SATURDAY THIS WEEK WITH BILL SMITH**

The next "Supervisor Saturday" with Pittsford Town Supervisor Bill Smith is this Saturday, January 5 from 9:00 - 10:00am at the Pittsford Community Library. Stop by and join the conversation to catch up on current issues, Town projects, and other topics you might wish to discuss.

This casual open house, held in the Library's Fisher Meeting Room, is a chance to speak to Supervisor Smith directly about what matters most to you. Drop in - no registration required. The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street.

Supervisor Smith keeps an open door policy and also welcomes visits from residents at Town Hall during regular business hours Monday to Friday. As always, he's available by phone at 248-6220 and by email at [bsmith@townofpittsford.org](mailto:bsmith@townofpittsford.org)

**Supervisor  
Saturday**  
*with Pittsford Town Supervisor*  
**Bill Smith**  
9:00 - 10:00am, Fisher Meeting Room  
Pittsford Community Library

**Come in & join  
the conversation!**

## **REC DEPARTMENT GUIDED WINTER HIKES FEATURE TOWN'S TRAILS | 1/26, 2/16 & 3/16**

Explore the Town of Pittsford's inspiring trail system with a Saturday morning guided hike along some of Pittsford's historic pathways. Enjoy an early winter trip by Lock 62 (January 26), part of the **Historic Erie Canal Trails**. View the salmon run along the **Irondequoit Creek Trail** (February 16) or enjoy the pre-spring beauty of the **Isaac Gordon Nature Park** (March 16).

All hikes begin at 8:30am and are suitable for all ages. Please dress for the weather. Participants will meet at the trail head and will be provided with a packet of new maps and area information. Downloadable/printable maps are also available in advance online at [www.townofpittsford.org/trails\\_and\\_walkways](http://www.townofpittsford.org/trails_and_walkways). You may [register online](#) via the preceding link or the link on the Recreation Department page of the Town website, or in person at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue.

## **CONCERT AT THE LIBRARY THIS SUNDAY, 1/6: JAZZ TO POP | BEAT THE SUGAR BLUES 1/9**

Join us at the Pittsford Community Library this **Sunday, January 6** from 2:00 - 3:30pm in the Fisher Meeting Room for a **concert with Skylark**. This a cappella group performs popular music from the 20th century and beyond. From jazz classics to the Beatles, James Taylor and Billy Joel, Skylark combines lyrical melody and vocal percussion to produce a rich blend of modern song. The program is free and open to the public; no registration required.

Then be sure to save the date and join us on **Wednesday, January 9** from 7:00 - 8:30pm in the Fisher Meeting Room for a **workshop on how to Beat the Sugar Blues**. Does eating just a little sugar create the desire for more? This workshop will inspire you to permanently change your relationship with sugar, and turn your life around through the power of healthy eating. You will learn what causes uncontrollable cravings and how to control what you eat and drink. The workshop is presented by nutrition health coach Pam Gardephe. The program is free and open to the public; no registration required.

The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street. For information about other upcoming Library programs, visit the [Library's online program calendar](#) or call 249-5481.

### **PROPERTY TAX BILLS AND INFORMATION**

Pittsford residents: if your property taxes are not in escrow, you should be receiving your 2019 Town and County tax bill in the mail this week. If you do not receive your bill in the mail by January 8, you can do one of the following to obtain a copy of your bill:

- 1) Download and print a copy directly from the Monroe County website at [www.monroecounty.gov/apps/propertyapp.php](http://www.monroecounty.gov/apps/propertyapp.php), OR
- 2) Call the Town Tax Office at 585-248-6215 to have a copy of the bill emailed to you, OR
- 3) Email the Town Clerk/Tax Receiver at: [ldillon@townofpittsford.org](mailto:ldillon@townofpittsford.org) to receive a copy of your bill.

**The interest-free Town and County property tax payment deadline is February 10; first installments are also accepted on or before February 10.** Please be sure to read all the instructions and information written on the back of your bill carefully. It is also *strongly* advised that you do NOT pay by electronic check, as these payments do not receive a U.S. postmark and may arrive late. The payment stub (see page 2 of your tax bill) must accompany your payment.

**Please also note:** If you are paying your tax bill with an online bill pay (electronic banking) system through your bank, please be aware that your bank still generates and mails a paper check to the Town and it may take as long as two weeks or more to reach the Town offices. This type of mail does not receive a USPS postmark. Therefore, the Town can only consider your payment received on the date it is physically received in our office.

### **PITTSFORD PTSA SEEKS HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD NOMINATIONS**

Nominations are now being accepted for the Pittsford Central School District PTSA Honorary Life Membership Award. The award is given annually to community members who go above and beyond work or volunteer expectations in service to Pittsford's youth. It is a chance to recognize those who make our community a better place for our children - that special teacher or school counselor, the librarian who created a special program to reach reluctant readers, the coach who encourages more than just a kid's athletic skills. The award honors those who have outstanding personal qualities, thereby serving as a role model for youth, and have shown continued availability and willingness to serve, directly or in an administrative capacity, the needs of youth over an extended period of time. Nominees do not have to be PTSA members nor Pittsford Central School District employees.

To learn more or to make a nomination, visit the PTSA Honorary Life Membership Award webpage <https://www.pittsfordptsa.net/lifemembershipaward>. Preliminary nominations are due by February 16. Award recipients will be honored in a special ceremony on Tuesday, April 24.

### **PITTSFORD SENIORS NEW YEAR'S LUNCHEON IS JANUARY 8 - MAKE ADVANCE RESERVATION**

Seniors, be sure to make your reservation for our **New Year's luncheon catered by Chen Garden** to be held Tuesday, January 8 at 12noon in the VanHuysen Community Room of the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center. Join us for a delicious lunch and a wonderful musical performance by Lumen Essence. Cost is \$8.00 per person; **registration and payment is required in advance.** Lunch includes sesame

chicken (not spicy), mixed vegetables, chicken lo mein, white and fried rice, and rainbow sherbet and fortune cookie for dessert. For more information and to make your reservation, stop by the Pittsford Seniors Office in the Community Center or call 248-6235.

And be sure to save the date for a **special lunch program on Tuesday, January 15 at 12noon featuring a talk about the life of the Seneca Nation at the Village of Ganondagan**. Lunch is \$6.00 per person and includes hot turkey sandwich, cheesy potatoes, baked carrots and razzleberry pie for dessert. Call or stop by the Pittsford Seniors Office for more information and to register.

The Town of Pittsford's Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. To learn more about all of our wonderful programs for seniors [click here to visit the Seniors page](#) on the Town website or [read our Seniors program info brochure online](#).

## REMINDERS

### **DONATE "COATS FOR SENIORS" AT PITTSFORD SENIORS - COLLECTION DEADLINE IS JAN. 2**

Did you receive a new coat for the holidays and now have an extra one to spare? A warm coat is a necessity for our winter weather - can you donate one to someone in need? **Coats are being collected through January 2** at the Pittsford Seniors program office at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center. New and gently worn coats will be distributed to seniors in need across Monroe County through the Monroe County Office for the Aging and Medical Motor Service of Rochester's 15th annual Coats for Seniors coat drive. Seniors interested in receiving a coat can call any participating senior center in Monroe County, or the Monroe County Office for the Aging at 753-6280, to do so. For more information, stop by or call the Pittsford Seniors office at 248-6235. Coats are being collected through January 2, 2019.

The Town of Pittsford's Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. To learn more about all of our wonderful programs for seniors [click here to visit the Seniors page](#) on the Town website or [read our Seniors program info brochure online](#).

### **SEASONAL PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT THROUGH APRIL 1, 2019**

In order to facilitate snow removal Town of Pittsford seasonal parking restrictions are in effect from November 15 (this Thursday) through April 1, 2019. Parking of any vehicle on public roads - including state highways and on the shoulder of all roads - is prohibited each year from November 15 through April 1 in all areas within the Town and outside of the Village. Please note violators may be ticketed or towed. Help us keep our roadways safe - during this time, please don't park on or along public roads outside of the Village.

### **EMERGENCY CLOSINGS INFORMATION**

In the case of major weather events or other emergencies, information about facility closings and program/event cancellations will be announced on the Town's website [www.townofpittsford.org](http://www.townofpittsford.org), [Facebook page Town of Pittsford](#), and [Twitter feed @pittsfordtown](#), as well as on local television and radio stations and Pittsford's [Cable Channel 12 government access station](#). Channel 12 announcements can be viewed live any time via the [Channel 12 page on the Town website](#).

### **ASL INTERPRETER AT TOWN BOARD MEETINGS**

The Town of Pittsford provides an American Sign Language interpreter at every meeting of the Pittsford Town Board, to interpret for those who need this service.

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN PITTSFORD

- **Coats for Seniors Coat Drive** - donate new or gently worn coats to be distributed to seniors citizens in need across Monroe County; drop off at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center Senior Programs Office, 35 Lincoln Avenue. For more information about donating and/or receiving a coat,

stop by or call the Senior Programs Office at 248-6235; coats are being collected through January 2, 2019.

- **Supervisor Saturday with Bill Smith** - join the conversation with Town Supervisor Bill Smith at this casual open house, topics of discussion based upon attendee interest; Saturday, January 5, 9:00 - 10:00am, Fisher Meeting Room (first floor), Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street
- [United Church of Pittsford Rise & Shine Community Breakfast](#), Saturday, 1/12/19, 8:00-10:00am, United Church of Pittsford, 123 South Main Street at Sunset Boulevard; all are welcome, breakfast is \$5.00 per person and includes pancakes served with maple syrup, whipped cream and blueberry topping, sausage links, scrambled eggs, coffee, tea, and juice; proceeds to benefit Pittsford Youth Services. The breakfast is held the second Saturday of each month from October through June, benefiting a different charity each time. More info 586-6870 or email [ucpittsford@gmail.com](mailto:ucpittsford@gmail.com)

#### TOWN OF PITTSFORD BOARD MEETINGS

- **Town Board - Working session**, Wednesday, 1/2, 6:00PM, Public Meeting Room, Town Hall (lower level), 11 South Main Street; ASL interpretation provided - **NOTE DAY AND DATE CHANGE**
- **Environmental Board**, Monday, 1/7, 7:00PM, Town Hall - 2nd Floor Conference Room, 11 South Main Street

#### COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

- [Town of Pittsford Comprehensive Plan Community Workshop](#): public comment on Draft Plan, Monday, 1/28, 6:00pm, Pittsford Fire Department Station #2, 465 Mendon Road Pittsford (across from Pittsford Mendon High School)
- [American Legion Rayson-Miller Post 899](#) Tuesday morning breakfast and socializing, every Tuesday, 8:00-10:00AM, 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; for [membership information](#) visit the [Rayson-Miller Post website](#).
- [Pittsford Rotary Club](#), Wednesdays (weekly), 7:00AM, Pittsford Community Library, 24 State St.
- [Pittsford Art Group](#), first Thursday of the month, September through May (no meetings October and March), 7:00 - 9:00pm, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, room 19 (lower level, elevator available), 35 Lincoln Avenue; the group strives to be a teaching organization - all are welcome! For meeting details and membership, contact PAG president [Margie Mitchell](#).

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