



News & Reviews

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Town of Pittsford - a Clean Energy Community

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PITTSFORD YOUTH SERVICES CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Pittsford Youth Services recently officially celebrated a milestone anniversary - 50 years of service to the Pittsford community - with a gathering of friends, family, PYS Board members and staff (past and present), donors and sponsors, and local community leaders. The Town of Pittsford is proud of its long-standing partnership with PYS and thankful for the critical programs and services PYS offers to the families and young people of our community.

Pittsford Youth Services provides confidential, professional and affordable social work and counseling services to the youth and families of Pittsford. PYS social workers can be found in every Pittsford Central School District school, as well as at the St. Louis School, working alongside counselors and teachers and helping to support children at all grade levels. PYS also provides family counseling and a variety of parenting education programs. Find more information about this important and impactful community organization on their website at www.PittsfordYouthServices.org.



Pittsford community leaders joined PYS president Jill Lennox (center) to celebrate Pittsford Youth Services' 50th anniversary.

Above photo (left to right): Deputy Town Supervisor Kate Bohne Munzinger, Town Board members Matt O'Connor and Stephanie Townsend, Pittsford Youth Services Executive Director Jill Lennox, Board of Education President Amy Thomas, School Superintendent Mike Pero and Town Supervisor Bill Smith celebrate PYS at its 50th anniversary gathering.

SPIEGEL PITTSFORD COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

Pittsford was proud to be one of five finalists for the **2019 Reshaping Rochester Robert Macon Urban Innovation and Activism award**. Our nomination for the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center project recognized the Community Center's excellence in design and the facility's enrichment of the public realm. It was truly an honor to be nominated!

Our renovated and restored Community Center previously has received two awards for the project's design and impact. In June we were honored with the **2019 Architectural Design Excellence Award from**

the American Institute of Architects - Rochester Chapter, which celebrates the best in contemporary architecture and highlights the many ways buildings and spaces can improve our lives. In November of last year we received **2018 Exceptional Facility Design Award presented by the Genesee Valley Recreation and Parks Society**.

The awards and nomination are each a valued recognition of the efforts made by our project partners, Community Center Citizen Committee and Town staff and board members as they worked together to implement an innovative approach to updating and expanding the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center. Preserving a historic landmark, keeping our Community Center in the heart of our community, and providing a top-notch, accessible, energy-efficient recreation facility to our residents is something about which we can all be proud!

NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY SERIES AT THE LIBRARY 11/24: LEGENDS OF THE IROQUIOS

Our Native American History series at the Pittsford Community Library concludes this Sunday, November 24 with the third and final presentation in the **"Native American History in Your Backyard" series**. The the final program in the series features **"Legends of the Iroquois."** Learn about the Iroquois through their legends such as the Creation Story, Foundation of the Confederacy and others tales that serve as lessons as well as engaging stories. The program will be held from 2:00 - 3:30pm in the Fisher Meeting Room. Ganondagan volunteer Harvey Limbeck presents this series about the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) history, culture, and living traditions that express universal ideals of peace, cooperation and respect for each other and the natural world. Ganondagan, located in Victor, is the only New York State Historic Site dedicated to Native Americans - specifically, to the Seneca and Haudenosaunee people.

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.

SAVE THE DATE FOR WOMEN'S CLUB APPETIZER & DESSERT PARTY AT SENIOR CENTER, 12/3

Seniors, save the date for a wonderful appetizer and dessert party provided by the Women's Club of Pittsford at 12noon on Tuesday, December 3 in the VanHuysen Community Room at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center. We'll have delicious food and musical entertainment by one of our favorite musical guests, **singer/pianist Joe Miltsch**. Cost is \$3.00 per person and advance registration and payment is required. For more information and to register, stop by the Senior Programs office at the Community Center or call 248-6235.

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 our Senior Programs Office at 248-6235.

DECEMBER BREAK FUN CAMP FOR AGES 5-13! | THURSDAY & FRIDAY, 12/26 & 27

Looking for something fun and exciting for your child to do over the holiday break? The Town of Pittsford's Recreation Department offers Fun Camp days Thursday and Friday, December 26 and 27 for youth ages 5-13. Held from 8:30am - 5:30pm at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, our December Fun Camp days offer games, arts and crafts, gym time, outdoor play and engaging activities for each age group with experienced and caring staff leading the fun! Participants may register for one or both days.

Registration is currently under way. Click the link for [more information and online registration for December Fun Camp](#) or register in person at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue. For more information about all our great Pittsford Recreation programs, visit the [Recreation Department page](#) on our website, click the link to see our [Recreation brochure](#) or pick up a brochure at the Community Center.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING FOR BOOK-LOVERS: CANDLELIGHT NIGHT (AND DAY!) SALE 12/3

You can pick up some great books, games, music and more at the [Friends of Pittsford Community Library](#) Candlelight Night Book Sale at the Pittsford Community Library on Tuesday, December 3 from 10:00am -

8:30pm. You'll find hardcover and paperback books, DVDs, CDs and games at great prices for a variety of age ranges and interests. Stop by and get some holiday shopping done early! Also, there will be a raffle for a large Holiday Gift Basket filled with books and other exciting holiday gifts. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. All proceeds raised from the sale and raffle will support programs and materials for our Library - so be sure to stop by if you can! The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street.

WOMEN'S CLUB WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA VETERANS REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY IS 12/3

In honor and remembrance of our veterans, the Women's Club of Pittsford and Rayson-Miller American Legion Post 899 will host Pittsford's 4th annual **Wreaths Across America ceremony** at the Pittsford Veterans Monument in Carpenter Park on **Tuesday, December 3 at 3:00pm**. The ceremony will include an honor guard and a prayer of remembrance to honor all living and deceased veterans. Guest speakers include Pittsford Village Mayor Bob Corby and Pittsford Town Supervisor Bill Smith.

Two wreaths, donated by Gallea's Tropical Greenhouse, will be laid at the monument and will remain there through January 2, 2020 in recognition of those who have served and continue to serve in the US military to protect our freedoms. The remembrance closes with the playing of Taps. All are invited and encouraged to attend as a way to remember and honor our veterans during this holiday season. The Veterans Monument in Carpenter Park is located at 22 North Main Street in Pittsford Village.

PITTSFORD BALLET PRESENTS EXCERPTS FROM THE NUTCRACKER | SATURDAY, 12/21

Here's an opportunity to see the perfect show for the holiday season! The Pittsford Ballet School will present Act 1 and excerpts from Act 2 of the Nutcracker on Saturday, December 21 at the Calkins Road Middle School Auditorium (1899 Calkins Rd). Performances are at 1:00pm and 7:00pm. Tickets are available at the door the day of the show or in advance (cash only) at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center (35 Lincoln Avenue). Cost is \$12 for adults, and \$10 for children 12 and under and senior citizens (55 and up). Be sure to gather the family to see this popular ballet! For more information call 248-6280. Pittsford Ballet is a program of the Pittsford Recreation Department.

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY HOURS

Town of Pittsford offices, facilities, and services including **Town Hall, the Parks and Sewer departments, and Town Court will close at 1:00pm on Wednesday, November 27 and remain closed Thursday and Friday, November 28-29** in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Therefore, the County's Mobile DMV service will not be at Town Court on Friday. Regular Town leaf collection services will be provided on Friday, November 29.

The **Spiegel Pittsford Community Center will close at 5:00pm on Wednesday, November 27** and remain closed on Thursday (11/28) and Friday (11/29).

The **Pittsford Community Library will close at 5:00pm on Wednesday, November 27** and will be closed on Thursday, November 28; it is open regular hours (9:00am - 6:00pm) on Friday, November 29.

In case of an emergency requiring Town of Pittsford services during holiday closure, please call (585) 248-6212.

Please note the **Passport Express service** offered by Monroe County at Pittsford Town Hall **will close at 1:00pm** (instead of 4:00pm) on Wednesday, November 27 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Regular hours (9:00am - 4:00pm) will resume on Wednesday, December 4.

NEW HORIZONS HOLIDAY CONCERT IS DECEMBER 8

The Eastman-New Horizons combined Concert and Symphonic Band - many members of which are Pittsford residents - will perform its annual [free holiday concert](#) on Sunday, December 8 at 2:00pm at the University of Rochester Bloch Alumni & Advancement Center in Henrietta (300 East River Road, Rochester 14627 - formerly St. Agnes High School). The concert features holiday favorites and music by composer Larry Neeck,

who joins Bruce Burritt as the co-conductor of New Horizons Bands! This family-friendly performance is free, open to the public, and handicap accessible. Donations are welcome and will go to support the New Horizons "Play it Forward" program, a partnership with instrumental music programs in the City of Rochester that enables the band's members to mentor young musicians.

The Eastman-New Horizons Band is a program of the Eastman School of Music. It was founded in 1991 and welcomes adult participants regardless of prior musical experience; members are guided by professional musicians. For more information on the program, visit the website www.esm.rochester.edu/community/newhorizons/.

WOMEN'S CLUB GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE DECEMBER 31

The Women's Club of Pittsford offers endowment grants to charitable organizations and is accepting grant applications through December 31 for 2020 endowment grants. Applications must be submitted for a specific project and be made on behalf of a 501c3 charitable organization in Monroe County or in surrounding counties that service Monroe County residents. Since 1984, the Women's Club of Pittsford has contributed over \$350,000 to Greater Rochester Area organizations. More information and the grant application form can be found on their website at www.womensclubofpittsford.org/apply-for-a-grant.html. The deadline for submitting an application is December 31, 2019.

REMINDERS

DONATIONS NEEDED TO HELP PITTSFORD FOOD CUPBOARD PROVIDE THANKSGIVING MEALS

The Pittsford Food Cupboard needs your help to provide Thanksgiving dinner items to 300 local families in need. **Thanksgiving food distribution is underway - can you help PFC ensure each family in need receives a turkey for their Thanksgiving meal? Items are being accepted up until this Tuesday, November 26.** Some of our major local grocery stores have special pricing for turkey or have coupons - you can search online for the best deals. Financial donations are also welcome.

They especially need turkeys, as well as other Thanksgiving dinner items such as cranberry sauce, canned pumpkin, French fried onions, and chicken broth (primary items needed). Other items needed include turkey gravy (in packets or cans), stuffing mix, mushroom soup, dessert mixes (brownies/cakes) or pies, boxed potatoes, canned applesauce, dinner rolls, and bread mixes such as banana or corn bread.

The Pittsford Food Cupboard is located at 3800 Monroe Avenue (on the right, just after the canal bridge as you're heading out of the Village - their new location) and is open Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:30am to 1:30pm and the first and third Saturday of the month from 9:30am - noon. **Turkeys and other items may be dropped off this Friday, November 22 or next Tuesday, November 26 from 8:30am to 1:30pm.** Use Door 27 to drop off donations. If you have a large donation to drop off, please call if a different drop off time is needed. Call (585) 264-9860 with any questions and to make large drop off arrangements.

The PFC serves Pittsford, East Rochester, Mendon, Honeoye Falls, Brighton and some areas in the City of Rochester. Over the past year they have provided food supplies to over 4,000 households, totaling over 9,400 people. To find out more about who they serve and how you can help, visit www.pittsfordfoodcupboard.net or email pittsfordfoodcupboard@gmail.com.

SEASONAL PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT THROUGH APRIL 1, 2020

In order to facilitate snow removal, Town of Pittsford seasonal parking restrictions are in effect from November 15 (this Friday) through April 1, 2020. 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. During this time, please don't park on or along public roads outside of the Village. Please note violators may be ticketed or towed.

When the snow flies, we need roadsides clear of vehicles so our plows can get through. This is especially true in neighborhoods, where the streets are narrower. Vehicles parked along the roadside can hinder plows accessing your neighborhood. Please help us keep our streets safe and accessible!

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, [Facebook page Town of Pittsford](#), and [Twitter feed @pittsfordtown](#), as well as on local television and radio stations and Pittsford's [Cable TV 12 Channel 1303 government access station](#). TV-12 Channel 1303 announcements can be viewed live any time via the [TV-12 Channel 1303 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

- [Friends of Pittsford Library Holiday Book Sale](#), Tuesday, 12/3, 10:00am - 8:00pm, open to the public, funds raised support programs and materials for our library; Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street
- [Chamber of Commerce Candlelight Night](#), Tuesday, 12/3, 5:00-8:00pm, Village of Pittsford - holiday lights, treats, special sales, Santa and Mrs. Claus sightings, book sale & make a Holiday Cracker treat at the Library, cookies and hot cider at Town Hall, horse-drawn wagon rides, and more; see info on Pittsford Chamber of Commerce website www.pittsfordchamber.org/about-us/candlelight-night.
- [Historic Pittsford Sale, Treats & Visit with Mrs. Claus, Candlelight Night](#), Tuesday, 12/3, 5:30 - 8:30pm, Historic Pittsford's Little House, 18 Monroe Avenue; treats, visit with Mrs. Claus, and Pittsford-themed gifts for sale to benefit the preservation of Pittsford's historic resources
- **Candlelight Night at Town Hall** - stop by for cookies and hot cider, Tuesday, 12/3, 5:00 - 8:00pm, Pittsford Town Hall, 11 South Main Street
- **Holiday Cracker making & concerts at Pittsford Community Library during Candlelight Night**, Tuesday, December 3, 5:00 - 8:00pm; concerts by Skylark and LumenEssence 6:00 - 8:00pm, Library is located at 24 State Street
- [Chamber of Commerce Candlelight Night Pub Crawl](#), Tuesday, 12/3, for ages 21 and over, begins 7:15pm; purchase a wristband for \$5.00 at the Chamber tent or at participating venues for discounts on food or beverage at the participating establishments. Proceeds from the sale of wristbands will benefit The Pittsford Food Cupboard.
- [New Horizons Holiday Concert](#), Sunday, 12/8 at 2:00pm, University of Rochester Bloch Alumni and Advancement Center, 300 East River Road, Rochester 14627; free admission, family-friendly, handicap accessible, more info at www.rocnewhorizons.org; more info at www.rocnewhorizons.org

TOWN OF PITTSFORD BOARD MEETINGS

- **Planning Board**, Monday 11/25, 7:30PM, Public Meeting Room, Town Hall (lower level), 11 South Main Street

COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

- [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 Street
- [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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