



News & Reviews

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NYS DOT MEETING ON PROPOSED RT 31/STATE STREET BRIDGE PROJECT IS THIS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

The NY State Department of Transportation will host a public information meeting this Tuesday, December 17 regarding their proposed Route 31/State Street bridge rehabilitation project.

The NYSDOT project includes work on the State Street bridge, paving work on Main Street and State Street, and significant pedestrian safety improvements. The open-house style meeting will be held from 2:00 - 5:00pm at the Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street. Those interested in attending may arrive at any time during the meeting to review the project details, which will include the scope of work and planned traffic detours during construction. NYSDOT staff will receive public comments and answer individual questions. No formal presentation will be made during the meeting.

For further information, or to request a sign language interpreter or assistive listening system, please contact Katherine Fragale at (585) 371-9245 or Katherine.Fragale@dot.ny.gov.

MONROE COUNTY DOG PARK REGISTRATION EVENT THIS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

Monroe County will hold a County Dog Park registration event this Tuesday, December 17 from 5:00 - 7:00pm at PetSaver Healthy Pet Superstore, 2947 Monroe Avenue. County Staff will be on site to register licensed dogs for access to Monroe County Dog Parks, including Pittsford's Dog Park.

To register your dog:

- Bring a copy of a currently valid license for each dog showing the owner's address and a current rabies vaccination certificate for each dog from a veterinarian or clinic.



Mrs. Claus - a close friend of Pittsford Historian Audrey Johnson - greeted visitors at Historic Pittsford's Little House during Candlelight Night. See our full Candlelight Night photo gallery at www.townofpittsford.org_gallery-cn-2019.

- Registration is \$24 per dog annually. Payment is by check, credit or debit card, money order or with cash. There is a \$1.00 service charge for payment by credit or debit card. All fees collected go to the Dog Park Trust Fund and are devoted solely to dog park maintenance.

Additional registration events are held throughout the year; visit the Monroe County Dog Parks web page at <https://www2.monroecounty.gov/parks-DogParks.php> for dates and locations. You may also register your dog at the Monroe County Parks Department, Monday - Friday (year-round) from 8:30am - 4:30pm, at 171 Reservoir Avenue, Rochester, NY, 14620. There is plenty of free, off-street parking at this location

A dog must be licensed in its home municipality prior to registration with the County; Pittsford residents may obtain a dog license in the Clerk's office at Town Hall, 11 South Main Street. Please note the Pittsford Town Clerk cannot register participants for the Dog Park; park registration is through the County only.

The [Pittsford Town Dog Park](#) is located at 34 East Street and is open year-round from 7:00am until dusk. It features two off-leash areas, one each for large and small dogs. Dogs have access to play structures and owners can relax on benches and use picnic tables under shade trees. The park is located on the Town's trail system.

SENIORS LUNCH AND ERIE CANAL HISTORY PROGRAM THIS TUESDAY, 12/17

Seniors, join us for lunch and a program by East Rochester Historian Jim Burlingame this Tuesday, December 17 at 12noon in the VanHuysen Community Room at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center. Mr. Burlingame will discuss "Monroe County and the Erie Canal." Lunch will feature hot turkey sandwich, cheesy potatoes, glazed carrots, and a holiday dessert. Cost is \$6.00 per person; 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.

PITTSFORD MUSICALS PRESENTS CINDERELLA | THIS WEEKEND, DECEMBER 13, 14 & 15

Pittsford Musicals will present Rodgers & Hammerstein's *Cinderella* (the new Broadway version) at Monroe Community College's Brighton Campus (1000 East Henrietta Road). Performances are this weekend, December 13 at 7:30pm, December 14 at 2:00 and 7:00pm, and December 15 at 1:30pm. ASL interpretation will be provided during the 12/13 performance. Performances will be held in the Robin and Timothy Wentworth Arts Building (Building 4); attendees may park in Lot F. [Tickets may be purchased online](#); for more information visit the [Pittsford Musicals website](#).

DIFFERENT FAITH TRADITIONS DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON: HOW TO INTERACT WITH EMPATHY AND RESPECT - 12/17

The United Church of Pittsford and the Hickey Center for Interfaith Studies & Dialogue at Nazareth College will present a free discussion, open to the public, **this Tuesday, December 17** about different faith

traditions during the holiday season and how to act with empathy and respect toward people of differing faiths. Meet and hear people from Hindu, Bahai, Buddhist, and Sikh faith traditions as they guide attendees in learning more about what "holidays" and "holy days" they celebrate and why. The discussion will be held from 7:00 - 8:30pm at the United Church of Pittsford, 123 South Main Street (parking entrance off Sunset Boulevard). Hot chocolate, coffee, and cookies will be available; there is no fee to attend but donations will be accepted. Call 586-6870 for more information. All are welcome to attend. The discussion is co-sponsored by the United Church of Pittsford and the Hickey Center for Interfaith Studies and Dialogue at Nazareth College.

PYS COLLECTING GIFT DONATIONS FOR PITTSFORD FAMILIES IN NEED THROUGH 12/18

If you would like to help a family in the Pittsford community that needs a little extra support this holiday season, please consider donating to the Pittsford Youth Services (PYS) 'Giving Tree' at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center and at the Pittsford Community Library. **The deadline for donations is Wednesday, December 18.** Your contribution will benefit families in the Pittsford community who are unable to afford basic items such as food, clothing, toiletries, and gifts for their families. A community service project of the PYS Youth Advisory Board, each tree features ornaments, each with a simple gift request such as gift cards for food, clothing, toys, and other basics to help these families enjoy the holidays. Donations are being accepted now through December 18.

Donors may take an ornament with the listed request and return it, along with the requested donation, to the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center Information Desk (35 Lincoln Avenue) or to the Pittsford Youth Services office at 4 South Main Street, Pittsford. PYS social workers will deliver the donations to the families in time for the Christmas holiday school break. The trees are located on the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center main floor and in the hallway of the Pittsford Community Library (24 State Street). If you can help make the holidays a bit brighter for our neighbors in need please consider participating.

Pittsford Youth Services provides counseling and social work services for our schools and the greater Pittsford community, and has been serving the families of Pittsford since 1969. If you would like more information about PYS programs and services, visit their website: www.pittsfordyouthservices.org or email info@pittsfordyouthservices.org.

CHABAD OF PITTSFORD COMMUNITY MENORAH LIGHTING & CHANUKAH CELEBRATION 12/23

Save the date - the Chabad of Pittsford annual Giant Outdoor Menorah Lighting and Chanukah Celebration is Monday, December 23 - the second night of Chanukah! Free and open to the community, the celebration begins at 6:00pm with the outdoor menorah lighting at the Four Corners of Pittsford (Main and State Streets) in front of the Phoenix Building.

After the lighting, all are invited to walk over to the Pittsford Community Library for a Chanukah celebration featuring fresh jelly donuts, hot latkes, Chanukah music, goodie gelt bags for the kids, hot chocolate, and a Chanukah raffle. The event is free and open to the public - all are welcome!

The Chanukah Celebration will be held in the Library's Fisher Meeting Room. The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street. For more information visit the Chabad of Pittsford website at www.JewishPittsford.com as the date approaches.

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.

PTSA HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD NOMINATIONS DUE FEBRUARY 14

The deadline for nominations for the Pittsford Central School District PTSA Honorary Life Membership Award is February 14. 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.pittsfordptsanet.net/lifemembershipaward>. Preliminary nominations are due by February 15. Award recipients will be honored in a special ceremony on Tuesday, April 28 at 7:00 p.m. at the Mendon High School Auditorium. The ceremony is open to the public.

REMINDERS

CHRISTMAS IN WILLIAMSBURG - HISTORIC PITTSFORD PROGRAM AT THE LIBRARY SUNDAY

Experience the Christmas traditions Historic Williamsburg at the Pittsford Community Library **this Sunday, December 15** from 2:00 - 3:30pm. Hear the Fife and Drum band as they march from the Capitol to the courthouse, see the timeless charm of holiday wreaths - a 300-plus-year tradition! - and learn about the classic holiday events in this historic town. The program will be held in the Fisher Meeting Room.

Sponsored by Historic Pittsford, 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 this and other upcoming Library programs, visit the Library's online program calendar or call 249-5481.

NEXT COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION PUBLIC INFO MEETING IS 12/19 AT LIBRARY

Roctricity, the administrator for Pittsford's Community Choice Aggregation program, will hold its second **Town CCA public information meeting** about Pittsford's CCA program on Thursday, December 19 at 6:00pm in the Fisher Meeting Room of the Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street. Representatives from Roctricity also will discuss additional options for participation in a Community Solar program. The meeting is open to all Pittsford Town and Village residents.

For **more information about the Town and Village public information meetings**, contact Roctricity, Pittsford's CCA administrator, at (585) 244-0244 or info@roctricity.com. For general information about the Town of Pittsford's CCA program, visit www.townofpittsford.org/content/community-choice-aggregation-information.

HEALTHCARE MARKETPLACE INFO SESSIONS AVAILABLE AT THE LIBRARY IN DEC. & JAN; REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Open enrollment for the New York State of Health Marketplace Affordable Care Act insurance exchange runs through January 31, 2020.

For assistance in navigating through the NYS healthcare program choices, a certified application counselor will be available at the Pittsford Community Library for **one-on-one sessions** with individuals **on scheduled Thursdays in December and January. Advance registration is required**; call the Library Information Desk at 249-5481 to register for your individual one-on-one appointment. Sessions will be available 3:00 - 7:00pm. Additional information will be provided upon registration.

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

DONATE "COATS FOR SENIORS" AT SPIEGEL PITTSFORD COMMUNITY CENTER

The weather is getting colder and a good coat is much needed. The Seniors program at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is participating in the Monroe County Office for the Aging and Medical Motor Service of Rochester's 16th annual Coats for Seniors coat drive. The Pittsford Senior Programs office (located in the Community Center at 35 Lincoln Avenue) is a drop-off location for new and gently worn coats which will be distributed to seniors in need across Monroe County. 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 Senior Programs office at 248-6235. **Coats are being collected through January 2, 2020.**

The Town's Spiegel Pittsford 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, 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

- [Pittsford Musicals presents Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella \(new Broadway version\)](#), 12/13 (ASL interpreted) at 7:30pm, 12/14 at 2:00 and 7:00pm, and 12/15 at 1:30pm; Monroe Community College's Brighton Campus, 1000 East Henrietta Road, Robin and Timothy Wentworth Arts Building, parking in lot F. [Tickets may be purchased online](#), for more information visit the [Pittsford Musicals website](#).
- [United Church of Pittsford Rise & Shine Community Breakfast](#), Saturday, 12/14, 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 the Flower City Work Camp. 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

- [Pittsford Youth Services Giving Tree](#), through 12/18 at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center (35 Lincoln Avenue) and the Pittsford Community Library (24 State Street); take an ornament with a gift request and return it to the Community Center or the PYS Office at 4 South Main Street with the requested donation. Donations benefit families in the Pittsford community who are unable to afford basic items such as food, clothing and gifts for their families.
- [Rainbow Classic Mendon vs. Sutherland Basketball Games](#), Friday, 12/20, University of Rochester Palestra; Varsity Girls game at 6:00pm, Varsity Boys game at 8:00pm; tickets are advance-sale only, visit the Pittsford Central School District [Rainbow Classic web page](#) for more information. All proceeds to support Golisano Children's Hospital.
- **Pittsford Ballet Excerpts from the Nutcracker**, a Pittsford Recreation program, Saturday, December 21, performances at 1:00 and 7:00pm, Calkins Road Middle School (1899 Calkins Road); tickets available at the door the day of the show or in advance at Spiegel Pittsford Community Center (cash only), 35 Lincoln Avenue, \$12/adult, \$10 for senior citizens and children age 12 and under
- **Chabad of Pittsford Community Menorah Lighting & Chanukah Celebration**, Monday, 12/23, 6:00pm giant menorah lighting at Four Corners of Pittsford (Main and State Streets), followed by Chanukah celebration and refreshments at Pittsford Community Library, Fisher Meeting Room, 24 State Street; free and open to the community
- **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.

TOWN OF PITTSFORD BOARD MEETINGS

- **Pittsford Community Library Board**, Wednesday, 12/11, 7:00pm, Fletcher Steele Meeting Room, Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street
- **Parks and Recreation Board**, Thursday, 12/12, - **NO MEETING**
- **Design Review & Historic Preservation Board**, Thursday, 12/12, 6:45pm, Public Meeting Room, Town Hall (lower level), 11 South Main Street
- **Zoning Board of Appeals**, Monday, 12/16, 7:00pm, Public Meeting Room, Town Hall (lower level), 11 South Main Street
- **Town Board**, Tuesday, 12/17, 6:00pm, Public Meeting Room, Town Hall (lower level), 11 South Main Street; ASL interpretation provided

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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