

News & Reviews

November 24, 2021

Town of Pittsford - a Clean Energy
Community

See listings below for

Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings

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 24 and remain closed Thursday and Friday, November 25-26 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. The Town Highway Department will be closed on Thursday, November 25; regular Town leaf collection services will be provided on Friday, November 26.



The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center will close at 5:00pm on Wednesday, November 24 and remain closed on Thursday (11/25) and Friday (11/26).

The Pittsford Community Library will close at 5:00pm on Wednesday, November 24 and will be closed on Thursday, November 25; it is open regular hours (9:00am - 6:00pm) on Friday, November 26.

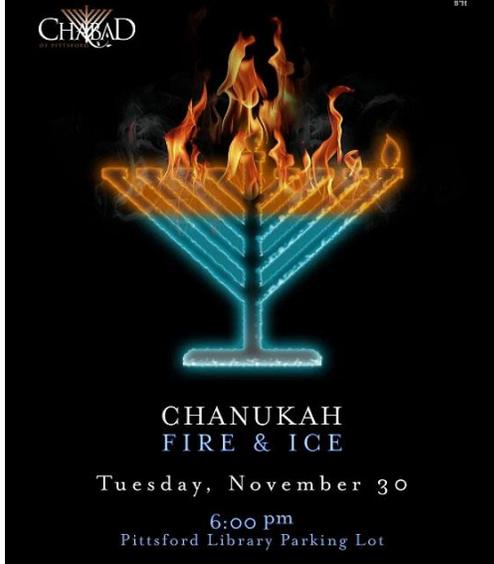
In case of an emergency requiring Town of Pittsford services during the holiday closure, please call (585) 248-6212.

We wish all a happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday!

COMMUNITY MENORAH LIGHTING & CHANUKAH CELEBRATION IS THIS TUESDAY, 11/30

The [Chabad of Pittsford annual Outdoor Menorah Lighting and Chanukah Celebration](#) is this Tuesday, November 30 - the third night of Chanukah.

The celebration begins at 6:00pm in the Pittsford Community Library parking lot and

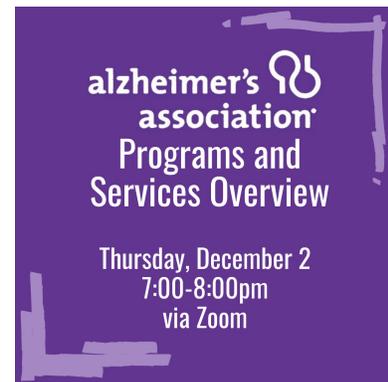


features the lighting of a 6-foot tall ice menorah followed by a spectacular fire juggling show! The evening also features doughnuts and latkes, a Chanukah music video presentation, hot cocoa, gelt, gifts for kids and more. The event is free and open to the public - all are welcome!

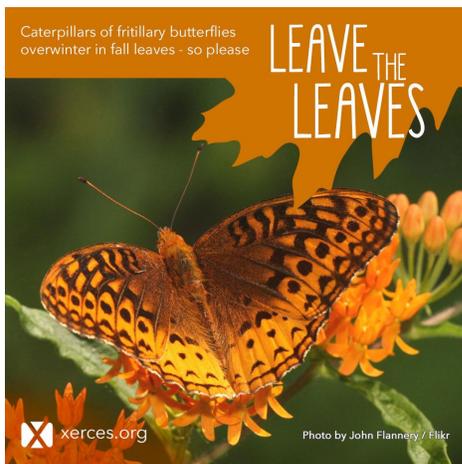
The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street. For more information visit the Chabad of Pittsford website at www.JewishPittsford.com.

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION PROGRAM AT THE LIBRARY DECEMBER 2

The Pittsford Community Library will offer an online overview about Alzheimer's Association programs and services on Thursday, December 2 at 7:00pm. The Alzheimer's Association leads the way to end Alzheimer's and all other dementia by accelerating global research, driving risk reduction and early detection, and maximizing quality care and support. Join the Rochester and Finger Lakes Region chapter to review programs offered to the community. Learn more about services available to families caring for loved ones with any type of dementia. The program is free and open to the public, but registration is required to receive the Zoom link, which will be sent on the day of the program. Use this link to [register online via the Library calendar](#) or find the registration calendar under the Events tab at www.townofpittsford.org/library.



To learn more about upcoming Library programs, visit the [Library's online program calendar](#). For complete Library information, including hours of operation, visit www.townofpittsford.org/library.



PROTECTING POLLINATORS IN WINTER – LEAVE THE LEAVES!

Leaving leaves in your yard means more pollinators next year.

As part of the Town's ongoing commitment to supporting native pollinators in our community and expanding our pollinator corridors, we're glad to share some tips to help keep pollinators safe this winter.

Besides providing the native plants pollinators need and protecting them from pesticides, one of the most valuable things we can do to support

pollinators and other invertebrates is to provide them with the **winter cover** they need in the form of fall leaves and standing dead plant material.

The vast majority of butterflies and moths overwinter in the landscape as an egg, caterpillar, chrysalis, or adult and use fallen leaves and dead plants for winter cover.

Many caterpillars tuck themselves into a pile of leaves for protection from cold weather and predators. Fallen oak leaves become the first food for some caterpillars when they emerge. Bumble bees, now in steep decline, rely on fallen leaves to survive the winter in our area. At the end of the summer, mated queen bumblebees burrow an inch or two into the soil to hibernate for winter and need the leaves for protection from the elements. Fallen leaves provide food and shelter for butterflies, bees, moths, beetles, and more.

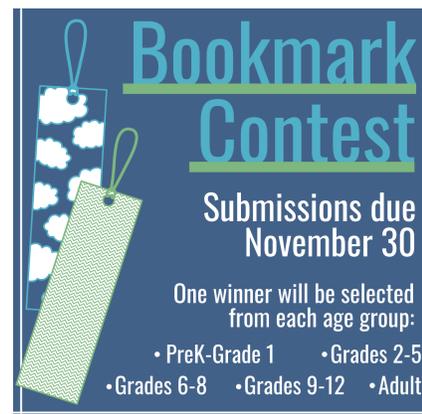
Are there places in your yard where you can leave the leaves this winter? Research has shown that lawns actually benefit from a thin layer of leaves. A thicker (2+ inches) layer for pollinator cover can be piled up around ornamental trees, shrubs and perennials to no ill effect. Leaving leaves in your garden beds protects your dormant plants and provides winter refuges for pollinators. Plus, fallen leaves build up healthy soil and have the same weed suppression and moisture retention properties as shredded wood mulch – and they're free!

If you must keep your lawn clear of leaves, try opting for raking or using a leaf vacuum to capture whole leaves, rather than shredding them with a mower, and make a leaf pile in a corner of your yard. If you do leave your leaves for the winter and decide you need to a cleanup in spring, do it late in the season so as not to destroy all the pollinators you've worked to protect over the winter.

For more information about protecting pollinators and their habitats, visit the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation website at www.xerces.org.

ALL AGES LIBRARY BOOKMARK DESIGN COMPETITION DEADLINE IS THIS TUESDAY, 11/30

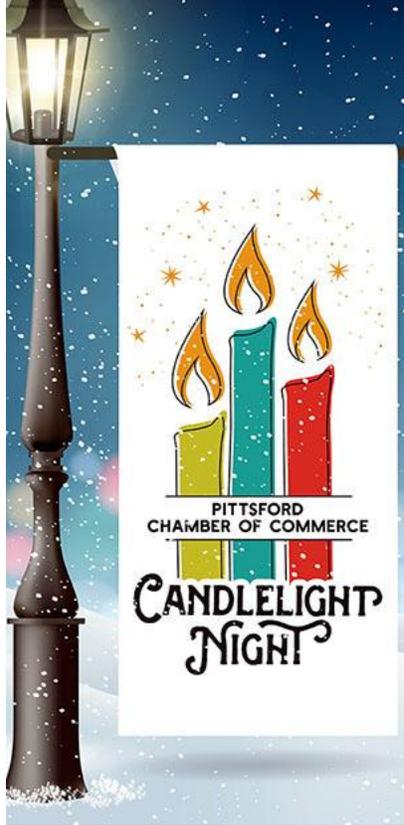
This Tuesday, November 30 is the deadline - design a bookmark for a chance to see your artwork printed and distributed at the Pittsford Community Library! All ages are encouraged to participate - including you, adults! - and one winner will be selected from each of five age groups: PreK-Grade 1, Grades 2-5, Grades 6-8, Grades 9-12, and Adults. [Click here for more information](#), including the official rules and a printable entry form. Get creative and have fun!



SAVE THE DATE: CHAMBER'S CANDLELIGHT NIGHT IS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

The Pittsford Chamber of Commerce presents the 50th anniversary [Candlelight Night](#) Tuesday, December 7 from 5:00-8:00pm in Pittsford Village.

South Main Street will be closed between the Four Corners (Main and State Streets) and Church Street to accommodate pedestrians and activities. A free shuttle will be available from Pittsford Sutherland High School (55 Sutherland Street) to the Village center. Village businesses will be open for the evening and **live reindeer, horse-drawn wagon rides, tree lightings**, plenty of **Santa sightings** around the Village, the **Grinch**, and more will make this a festive evening!



The Pittsford Community Library will offer a children's Take & Make craft from 5:00 – 8:00pm and feature a family-friendly holiday concert by Resonanz from 6:30 – 8:00pm.

The Friends of Pittsford Community Library will be holding a holiday book sale at the Library from 10:00am – 8:00pm; find details at www.pittsfordlibraryfriends.org.

Stop by the tent in front of Town Hall for complimentary cookies!

Visit the Pittsford Chamber of Commerce website at www.pittsfordchamber.org for more details as the date approaches, and look for updates on the Candlelight Night Facebook page at www.facebook.com/PittsfordCandlelightNight/.

SAVE THE DATE: WOMEN'S CLUB WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA VETERANS REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY IS 12/7

In honor and remembrance of our veterans, the Women's Club of Pittsford and Rayson-Miller American Legion Post 899 will host Pittsford's 6th annual Wreaths Across America ceremony at the Pittsford Veterans Monument in Carpenter Park on Tuesday, December 7 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 Alysa Plummer and Pittsford Town Supervisor Bill Smith.



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Two wreaths, donated by Gallea's Tropical Greenhouse, will be laid at the monument and will remain there through January 2, 2022 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.

REMINDERS

TOWN BOARD MEETINGS ARE STREAMING LIVE

Pittsford Town Board meetings are being streamed live; the feed is accessible on any device. Town Board is typically held the first and third Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm at Town Hall. See www.townofpittsford.org/calendar for meeting dates. To view the livestream, click the [Town Board Meeting live streaming link](#) when the meeting begins. This link can also be found on page two of the meeting agenda. The meeting agenda is posted on the Town's [minutes and agendas page](#) at least two days prior to the meeting. Please note: if you try to log in too early (before the meeting feed is live)

you will see an error message; refresh your screen just prior to or at 6:00pm when the board meeting starts and you will be able to view the meeting. As always, ASL interpretation is provided for every Town Board meeting.

ASL INTERPRETER ALWAYS AVAILABLE AT TOWN BOARD MEETINGS

The Town of Pittsford has an American Sign Language interpreter available at every Pittsford Town Board meeting, to interpret for those who need this service. Those who can't attend a Town Board meeting in person but are planning to watch the meeting's live stream can confirm their need for the interpreter by emailing comments@townofpittsford.org. Requests can be made in advance or can be emailed through the first ten minutes of the meeting. An on-demand Town Board meeting video with closed captioning will be available within 48 hours of the meeting; visit www.townofpittsford.org/channel12 and use the On-Demand links to view previously recorded meetings.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN PITTSFORD

- [Chabad of Pittsford Outdoor Menorah Lighting and Chanukah Celebration](#), Tuesday, November 30, 6:00pm, Pittsford Community Library parking lot, 24 State Street; free and open to the public, more info at www.JewishPittsford.com
- [Red Cross Blood Drive at Pittsford Community Library](#), Friday, 12/3, 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 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767); the Red Cross will be following all COVID-19 guidelines during the blood drive, for more information visit www.redcrossblood.org.
- [Friends of Pittsford Library Holiday Book Sale](#), Tuesday, 12/7, 10:00am - 8:00pm, open to the public, funds raised support programs and materials for our library; Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street.
- **Candlelight Night at the Library**, featuring Take & Make craft (5:00 – 8:00pm) and family-friendly holiday concert by Resonanz (6:30 -8:00pm), 24 State Street
- **Candlelight Night at Town Hall** - tent in front of Town Hall with complimentary cookies, 5:00 - 8:00pm
- [Chamber of Commerce Candlelight Night](#), Tuesday, 12/7, 5:00-8:00pm, Village of Pittsford - holiday lights, treats, special sales, Santa and Mrs. Claus sightings, book sale, take & make craft and concert at the Library, cookies in front of 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/.
- [Pittsford Rotary "Cheers!" Online Auction](#), December 10 – 16, featuring a wide variety of award-winning wine, spirits and ciders to raise funds for the numerous community organizations the club supports; auction bidding begins December 10 at 8:00am and ends December 16 at 9:00pm. Find details at www.PittsfordRotaryClub.org.
- [Town of Pittsford Zoning Code Update](#) – **comments made by Town of Pittsford stakeholders via email and mail being accepted**; access the Comprehensive Plan, the Active Transportation Plan, the project timeline, a link to the Town's current Zoning Code, and other informational materials, on the **Zoning Code Update website** at www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate. Comments can be made to zoningupdate@townofpittsford.org or mailed to Doug DeRue, Town of Pittsford, 11 South Main Street, Pittsford, NY 14534; please indicate whether you are a Town or Village resident.

TOWN OF PITTSFORD BOARD MEETINGS

- **Design Review & Historic Preservation Board**, Thursday, 11/25 – **NO MEETING** due to Thanksgiving holiday
- [Town Board Zoning Code Update meetings](#) – the Zoning Update meetings are tentatively scheduled for the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at noon, through the end of 2021. Find updated meeting listings at www.townofpittsford.org/calendar and find complete Zoning Update information at www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

- **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, 12/11, 9:00 - 10:00am, Fisher Meeting Room (first floor), Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street. Current COVID-19 health guidelines will be followed.
- [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; 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
- [Pittsford Art Group](#) conducts monthly member meetings 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.

COVID-19 Closure Updates

On June 15, 2021, Governor Cuomo announced that COVID-19 restrictions are lifted immediately as 70 percent of New Yorkers aged 18 or older have received the first dose of their COVID-19 vaccination series. The State's health guidance and New York Forward industry specific guidelines—including social gathering limits, capacity restrictions, social distancing, cleaning and disinfection, health screening, and contact information for tracing—are now optional for retail, food services, offices, gyms and fitness centers, amusement and family entertainment, hair salons, barber shops and personal care services, among other commercial settings.

On August 2, 2021, Monroe County was designated as a County with a “substantial” COVID infection. Consequently, the CDC now recommends that people, regardless of vaccination status, wear a mask indoors. This is a recommendation, not a mandate. The guidelines are unclear at this point, as is the situation. Neither the State, the County or the Town has imposed a mask *requirement* at this stage.

Unvaccinated individuals continue to be responsible for wearing masks, in accordance with federal CDC guidance. Consistent with the State's implementation of the recent CDC guidance, masks are still required for unvaccinated individuals.

For information on the vaccine, on getting the vaccine, regional vaccination data and more visit the [Finger Lakes COVID-19 Vaccine Hub](#).

Monroe County Services at Town facilities:

The County has suspended until further notice Passport Services at Town Hall and Mobile DMV service at Pittsford Town Court. Find updated information for Monroe County DMV here <https://www2.monroecounty.gov/clerk-COVID-19>.

Further information and updates can be found at www.townofpittsford.org/covid-19info.

COVID-19 Coronavirus Information Links

Further Town of Pittsford COVID-19 coronavirus information and updates can be found at www.townofpittsford.org/covid-19info.

[Pittsford Central School District COVID-19 Coronavirus Updates](#)

You can find information on COVID-19 coronavirus at the County Health Department's website: <https://www2.monroecounty.gov/health-index.php>.

Additional information about business closure requirements throughout Monroe County can be found on the County's Website: www.monroecounty.gov

The CDC also has information on its website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/share-facts-stop-fear.html>.

In addition, the CDC has information relevant to anyone planning to travel outside of the United States: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html?deliveryName=USCDC_2067-DM20785.

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