

News & Reviews

March 1, 2023

Town of Pittsford - a Clean
Energy and Climate Smart
Community

See listings below for

Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings

SUPERVISOR SATURDAY WITH BILL SMITH THIS WEEK – MARCH 4

Town Supervisor Bill Smith will host his community open house meeting this Saturday, March 4 from 9:00 - 10:00am at the Pittsford Community Library. Stop by and join the conversation to catch up on current Town projects and other topics you might wish to discuss, such as local zoning for residential housing, our latest sustainability efforts, and other issues that affect your neighborhood. If you've got questions, ideas or comments for Supervisor Smith, be sure to join him this Saturday!

Supervisor Saturday

with Pittsford Town Supervisor

Bill Smith

9:00 - 10:00am

Pittsford Community Library

**Stop by and join
the conversation!**

This casual open house will be in the Fisher Meeting Room. Supervisor Saturday enables residents who can't stop by to see the Supervisor during the work week a chance to speak to him directly. Come and discuss what matters most to you! Drop by – 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 by appointment. As always, he's available by phone at 248-6220 and by email at bsmith@townofpittsford.org.



SPRING RECREATION PROGRAMS & SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION BEGINS MONDAY

Our Pittsford Recreation team has some great programs planned for this spring! Registration for **spring programs and Summer Camp** begins this Monday, March 6 for residents. Registration for all others begins March 13. View the spring brochure online here <https://bit.ly/pittsford-rec-brochure> for a complete listing of programs for all ages. [Register for programs online](#) or in person at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue.

NEIGHBORHOOD FOREST FREE TREE PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS K – 12

Register by March 9

The Pittsford Community Library is participating in the annual Neighborhood Forest free tree program. Parents can register children in grades K – 12 to receive a free tree seedling to plant at home. Seedlings will be available for pickup at the Pittsford Community Library beginning Friday, April 21 – just in time for Earth Day, which is April 22. Participants will receive planting instructions and species information about their tree. Find more information and [register online here](#) or visit the Library's online program calendar.



American Red Cross
Give blood. Help save lives.

Blood Drive
Pittsford Library
Meeting Room
24 State Street
Pittsford, NY 14534
Friday, March 3, 2023
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

To schedule your life saving appointment please contact 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor keyword: pittsfordlibrary

Maximize your blood donation. 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 commonly transfused blood component.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RediPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

Download the Blood Donor App today. Get your digital donor card, schedule your next appointment, track your lifetime donations, view your blood pressure, and follow your donation on its way to a recipient.

1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | redcrossblood.org | Download the Blood Donor App
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BLOOD DRIVE AT THE LIBRARY THIS FRIDAY, 3/3

The Town of Pittsford will host a Red Cross blood drive this Friday, March 3, from 10:00am – 3:00pm at the Pittsford Community Library in the Fisher Meeting Room. The Library is located at 24 State Street in the Village of Pittsford. Donors can schedule an appointment by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or using this online registration link: <https://rcblood.org/3yp218r>. The Red Cross will be following all current COVID-19 guidelines during the blood drive.

Donating blood is a simple thing to do, but it can make a big difference in the lives of others. The Red Cross needs the ongoing support of blood donors to help patients battling disease and facing the unexpected. If you are eligible and feeling well, please consider making an appointment for this Friday's blood drive at Library. Be the lifeline patients need!

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

The next Pittsford Rotary Drive-Thru Food Drive is tomorrow – Saturday, March 4 – from 9:00am - 12noon, at the Pittsford Sutherland High School bus loop (55 Sutherland Street). The drive is collecting canned and packaged food and personal items to benefit the [Pittsford Food Cupboard](#), [Nazareth College Oak Tree Food Pantry](#) and the [Cameron Community Outreach Center](#).

Rotary Club of Pittsford
MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE
SATURDAY, March 4th
9:00 am -12:00 PM
Pittsford Sutherland High School

THIS FOOD DRIVE SUPPORTS
PITTSFORD FOOD CUPBOARD
NAZARETH COLLEGE
CAMERON MINISTRIES

Coconut Milk, Manwich, Canned Vegetables, Pizza Sauce
Olives, Mushrooms, Jalapenos, Green Chiles, Plain Oatmeal,
Tomato Paste, 100% JUICE, Canned Meat, Dry Potfood,
Hygiene Products, Soups, Easy to Cook
CURRENT MAGAZINES & Wegmans Bags

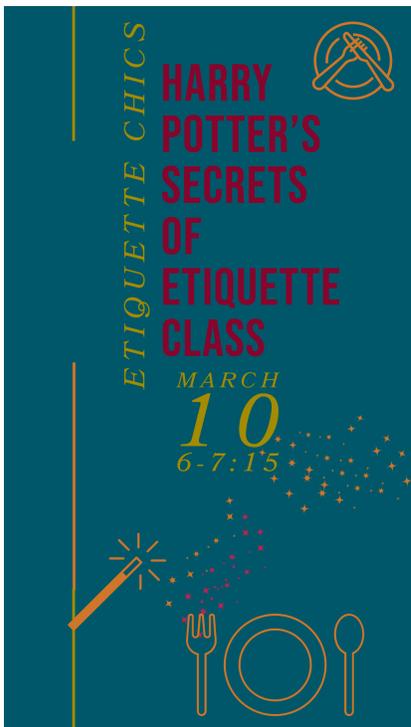
[Cameron Community](#) is an urban outreach community center in the Lyell-Otis Neighborhood. It provides basic food, clothing and youth program needs, as well as emergency services, to help individuals and families achieve self-sufficiency. Programs include free lunches, a Teen Center, after school programs, an emergency food pantry, and the Clothing House, which provides a wide range of children's and adult clothing, shoes, accessories, undergarments, socks, linens and small housewares. Donated food and clothing items are welcome.

The [Nazareth College Oak Tree Food Pantry](#) connects Nazareth's students, staff and faculty to outside resources based on a number of needs including housing, food,

community centers and transportation. Specific needs for the Oak Tree Food Pantry include **items that can be easily prepared by students** including soups, canned meats and vegetables, and sauces.

A variety of canned and other packaged goods and personal items are needed for the [Pittsford Food Cupboard](https://www.pittsfordfoodcupboard.net), including coconut milk, plain oatmeal, Manwich, soups, 100% juice, taco shells, jalapenos, green chiles, tomato paste, olives, mushrooms, pizza sauce, collard greens and spinach. Also needed are body wash, conditioner and body lotion, as well as dry cat food and dry dog food. Find their complete list of needs at <https://www.pittsfordfoodcupboard.net/current-needs.html>.

Please help our Rotarians help those in need if you can!



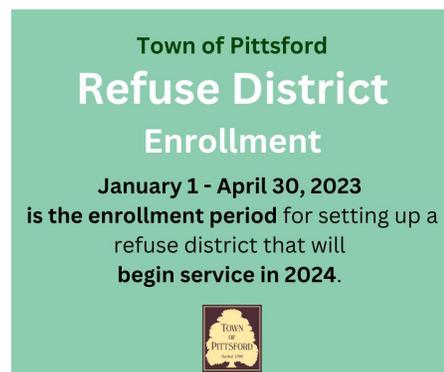
HARRY POTTER AND THE SECRETS OF ETIQUETTE – NEXT LEVEL MANNERS FOR KIDS!

Children ages 6 – 13 can join Harry Potter in discovering the next level of etiquette! The Etiquette Chics will be serving up more magical learning and will dive deeper into the secrets of etiquette as they offer *Harry Potter and the Secrets of Etiquette* at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center on Friday, March 10 from 6:00 – 7:15pm. Using fresh fruits and a Harry Potter themed dessert, the program will cover mealtime manners in depth. Participants will also practice social skills, conversation and decorum, all while enjoying fun, interactive activities and giveaways. Otter's fizzy orange juice will be served at the end of the program and everyone leaves with a favor! For more information and to register online, visit www.bit.ly/Pittsford-Rec-programs. Or register in person at the Community Center. The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln

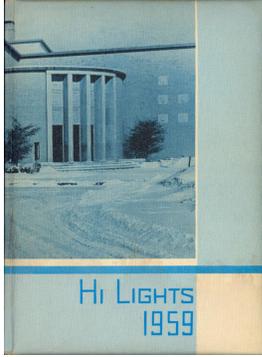
Avenue.

REFUSE DISTRICT ENROLLMENT UNDERWAY THROUGH APRIL 30

The Town in 2019 enabled residents to create refuse districts for their neighborhoods. To date we have 24 neighborhood refuse districts in Pittsford. Creating a refuse district means potentially lower cost to residents for trash collection and reduces garbage truck traffic on residential streets in your neighborhood to one visit, once a week. Setting up a Refuse District and setting the boundaries of the district are entirely up to the residents of a district - it is an optional program. The residents decide the boundaries of the district, then inform the Town of their decision. Our Town staff members guide interested residents through the process. **January 1 - April 30, 2023 is the enrollment period for setting up a refuse district that will begin service in 2024.** Find complete information about setting up a Refuse District at www.townofpittsford.org/refuse-districts.



HISTORIANS' OFFICE SEEKS PITTSFORD HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOKS



The Pittsford Town Historians' Office is searching for history! If you are interested in donating your Pittsford High School, Pittsford Mendon or Pittsford Sutherland yearbook to the Historians' office, please call 585-248-6245 or email Historian Audrey Johnson at ajohnson@townofpittsford.org or Deputy Historian Vicki Masters Profitt at vprofitt@townofpittsford.org. They would love to add your yearbook to our collection!

REMINDERS



GUIDED HIKE THIS SATURDAY, 3/4 FEATURES HISTORIC ERIE CANAL TRAILS

Pittsford Recreation's next guided trail hike is this Saturday, March 4 – get outdoors and meet other hikers as you explore the Historic Erie Canal Trails! The hike begins at 8:30am

and will last 1.5 – 2 hours. It encompasses the Auburn Trail and the Lock 62 Trail. History and points of interest discussed along the hike will include the Odenbach Shipyards, the Auburn Railroad, Lock 62, and the frog ponds of the Town's Erie Canal Nature Preserve. This approximately 4.5 mile hike is on a natural surface, primarily flat trail with some elevation gains

Participants will receive a packet of maps and area information. Bring your *Wegmans Hit the Trail Passport* and get credit for hiking the trail! The program is free but advance registration is required to receive the trail head meeting details. Register online at www.townofpittsford.org/recreation or in person at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue. Free downloadable/printable maps are also available in advance on the Town website at www.townofpittsford.org/trails_and_walkways.

TAX BILL REDUCTION POSSIBLE FOR SENIORS WHO QUALIFY *Application filing deadline is TODAY, March 1*

Those who will be 65 years of age or older by December 31, 2023 and have a 2021 gross income of less than \$58,400 may be eligible for an exemption which could reduce their future tax bills. The filing deadline for this tax exemption is TODAY, March 1, 2023.

Tax bill reduction possible for seniors who qualify

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THE FILING DEADLINE IS MARCH 1, 2023.

Find more information at:
www.townofpittsford.org/assessor/exemption-information#SENIOR
585-248-6230

If you think you may qualify, you can find the Partial Tax Exemption for Seniors form (RP-467) application with instructions on the Assessor's web page of the Town of Pittsford website at www.townofpittsford.org/assessor/exemption-information#SENIOR. If you have further questions, please contact the Town Assessor's at 248-6230 office by March 1, 2023.

Gross income includes your total salary and wages, total social security payments, total pension or retirement payments, interest, dividends, interest from estates or trusts,

disability payments, worker's compensation, earnings on IRAs, alimony, annuity payments representing a return on capital, and unemployment payments.

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

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

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- [Pittsford Rotary Food Drive](#), Saturday, 3/4, 9:00am - 12noon, Pittsford Sutherland High School bus loop, 55 Sutherland Street; canned and packaged food items and non-food items such as cleaning sprays/disinfectant wipes, laundry detergents, paper goods, soaps, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes and toothpaste, needed for Pittsford Food Cupboard and various charities each month on the first Saturday (see current [list of Pittsford Food Cupboard needs here](#)).

[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,

TOWN OF PITTSFORD BOARD MEETINGS

- **Environmental Board**, Monday, 3/6, 7:00pm, Public Meeting Room, Town Hall (lower level), 11 South Main Street, current CDC guidelines will be followed; the meeting agenda is posted at least two days prior to the meeting on the Town website here: www.townofpittsford.org/minutes
- **Town Board**, Tuesday, 3/7, 6:00pm, Public Meeting Room, Town Hall (lower level), 11 South Main Street, ASL interpretation provided, current CDC guidelines will be followed; the meeting agenda is posted at least two days prior to the meeting on the Town website here: www.townofpittsford.org/minutes

COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

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- [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, masks are required; 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. Meetings held the third Thursday of the month, September through June; due to the COVID-19 pandemic, decisions to hold meetings in person or virtually are made month to month. Visit the website at <https://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.

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://www.monroecounty.gov/health>.

Additional information about COVID-19 testing and health 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/index.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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