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HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION & eRECYCLING IS SATURDAY, MAY 11 *Registration for HHW drop off appointment is underway*

The Town of Pittsford's annual appointment-only Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection event will again be combined with our Electronics Recycling and Certified Document Shredding program and held Saturday, May 11, in collaboration with the Town of Perinton at the Perinton Highway Garage, 100 Cobb's Lane, from 7:45am to 12:00pm. Up to 30 gallons of allowed HHW materials per appointment will be accepted at no charge – please see the list of accepted items below.



To ensure safety and reduce waiting times, appointments are required for hazardous waste disposal; an appointment is NOT necessary for electronics recycling and/or document shredding only. **HHW appointment scheduling is underway.** Pittsford and East Rochester residents can make an appointment by calling 248-6250, or by going online to www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark, scrolling to and clicking on "make an appointment" in the HHW section, and clicking on May 11 in the calendar. HHW appointments must be reserved by Friday, May 10 but please note **appointments may fill up well in advance of the event; early registration is encouraged.** If appointments are full, please check back as additional appointments may become available. Please note, waste from businesses will not be accepted.

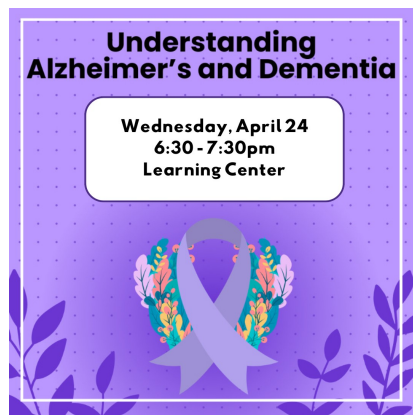
Accepted Household Hazardous Waste items include oil-based and latex paint, wood stain and preservatives, automotive fluids (antifreeze; brake, power steering and transmission fluids), pesticides and fertilizers, flammable products (gasoline, kerosene, thinners, strippers, solvents), household cleaners (liquid soaps & waxes, drain cleaners, etc.), driveway sealer, pool and photo chemicals, rechargeable (Ni-Cad) and button batteries, mercury (thermometers, thermostats), and syringes/sharps (safely packaged). **Please do not bring** used motor oil or vehicle batteries (contact service station or retailer), propane tanks (bring to permanent HHW facility only), cans with

dried paint (if it rattles when shaken, remove lid and place in trash), empty containers (trash or recycle) or glazing/spackle and joint compounds (put in trash).

There is no appointment needed for electronics recycling, which also is free of charge. Accepted items include computers and computer equipment, printers, cell phones and mobile devices, televisions, GPS units, video and audio equipment, wiring and cabling, microwaves, and other electronics. *Please do not bring* small appliances (toasters, vacuum cleaners, coffee makers, irons, hair dryers, etc.), items containing freon (air conditioners, humidifiers), carbon monoxide detectors, smoke detectors and large appliances (refrigerators, ovens, etc.).

Certified document shredding (residential only, 4-5 box limit, no need to remove staples/paper clips) also will be available at no charge. No appointment is needed for document shredding.

For those who are unable to take advantage of the May 11 collection date, Monroe County offers other HHW, e-recycling and document shredding options throughout the year. For more information, or for business waste disposal options, visit www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark.



UNDERSTANDING ALZHEIMER'S AND DEMENTIA PROGRAM TONIGHT

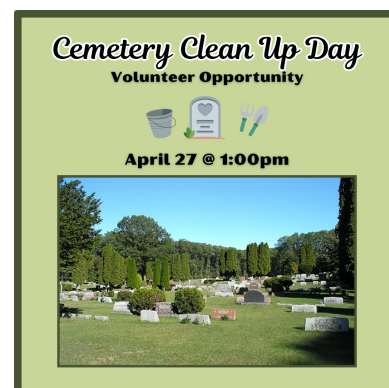
The Library's Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia Program takes place tonight, Wednesday, April 24, from 6:30-7:30pm at the Pittsford Community Library's Learning Center. Learn about the impact of Alzheimer's, the difference between Alzheimer's and dementia, stages and risk factors, current research and treatments, and receive additional Alzheimer's Association resources.

The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street. To learn more about upcoming Library programs, visit the [Library's online program calendar](#) or call (585) 248-6275. For complete Library information, including hours of operation, visit www.townofpittsford.org/library.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CEMETERY CLEAN UP THIS SATURDAY, 4/27

The Pittsford Cemetery Association needs volunteers to help with clean up at the Pittsford Cemetery for its **Caring For Your Cemetery Day** this Saturday, April 27. Volunteers willing to help should meet by the cemetery flagpole at 1:00pm. Bring gloves and a bucket if you can. [The Pittsford Cemetery](#), located at 38 Washington Road, is a nonprofit burial ground funded, maintained and managed by volunteers (it receives no government funding and has no paid staff). Any help is appreciated! **Clean-up day tasks may include:**

- Cleaning up small debris and trash
- Removing downed branches, weeds, and overgrowth
- Removing old seasonal decorations
- Planting flowers
- Scattering grass seed

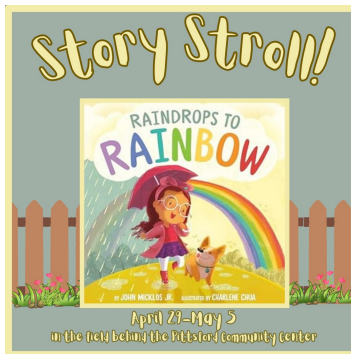


- Other light tasks appropriate for untrained volunteers

[Caring for Your Cemetery Day](#) is a state-wide pilot program founded “to raise awareness of the hard work and dedication that goes into cemeteries’ care, maintenance, and preservation.” Through this program, the State Department and participating cemeteries hope to generate interest in local cemeteries and to recruit future volunteers, officers and trustees/directors, and identify local people with the skills that cemeteries need.

The Pittsford Cemetery is a scenic Pittsford landmark with a rich history. Did you know that there are over 75 Civil war soldiers buried there? Help us preserve the integrity of our cemetery landscape so it remains a tranquil and beautiful place to mourn, reflect and pay respect to those who came before us.

For further information, contact the Pittsford Cemetery office at 385-5900, Monday through Friday from 10:00am to 4:00pm or send an email to pitts.cemetery@gmail.com. More information about the Pittsford Cemetery can be found at www.pittsfordcemetery.org. Please be sure to join the community in the cemetery on Memorial Day to honor the veterans laid to rest there. Or come visit the Pittsford Cemetery any time to enjoy the beauty and peace of its hallowed grounds. The Pittsford Cemetery is located at 38 Washington Road.



“RAINDROPS TO RAINBOW” STORY STROLL BEGINS THIS MONDAY AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

Our Story Strolls are back outside for the spring and summer at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center field! This Monday, April 29 through Sunday, May 5, families can take a Story Stroll through *Raindrops to Rainbow*, by John Micklos Jr.

Raindrops to Rainbow tells the story of a curious raindrop named Droplet who embarks on a whimsical journey through the water cycle. Along the way, Droplet encounters various friends and learns valuable lessons about resilience and transformation, ultimately discovering the beauty of nature. This charming story celebrates the wonders of the natural world and the magic found in every drop of rain!

Once you have completed your Story Stroll, stop by the Community Center front desk and pick up a **themed craft pack to take home!** Craft packs are available Monday through Saturday from 8:00am – 5:00pm and Sunday from 10:00am-5:00pm.

The Town’s Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. To learn more about our programs, activities and services, [click here to visit the Town](#) of Pittsford’s Recreation page on the Town website, [email the Recreation Department here](#), or call the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center at 585-248-6280.

DONATE USED BIKES TO THE ROTARY BIKE DROP SATURDAY 5/4, PITTSFORD MENDON HS

The Rotary Club of Pittsford will hold its 13th

annual "Bike Drop" on Saturday, May 4 from 9:00am - 2:00pm at Pittsford Mendon High School (472 Mendon Road, Pittsford). Bicycles or bike parts in any condition will be accepted for donation. The bicycles and bike parts will be collected by Pittsford Rotary and donated to [R Community Bikes, Inc.](#), a Rochester-based charitable organization that repairs and distributes bicycles free of charge to Rochester's needy children and adults. For those in need, bikes are very frequently the most affordable means of transportation to jobs, schools, churches, rehabilitation and training programs, and meals at local social service agencies.



For May only, the Rotary Food Drive will move to Pittsford Mendon High School and be combined with the Bike Drop. Rotarians and students from the Rotary's Interact Club will be collecting food items for the [Pittsford Food Cupboard](#) and for [The Margaret Home](#) – find their [current needs here](#).

Take advantage of a great opportunity to spring clean your garage while you help people in need! Pittsford's Rotary Club has collected 2,749 used bikes since 2010 – can you help them ensure this year's drive is a success? For more information go to www.PittsfordRotaryClub.org.



SPRING FLAG FOOTBALL PROGRAMS OPEN FOR CHILDREN AGES 5-13

As flag football is becoming increasingly popular around the world, the FJ1 NFL Teen Flag Football League provides the first steps to playing at elite levels, or simply as a recreational sport to enjoy with friends. The FJ1 NFL Flag Football League, geared towards children ages 5-13 of all experience levels, teaches the game of football, specifically focusing on movements, skills, and safety, preparing them for the contact leagues. Each week, participants will receive

in-game experience. Games will be one hour long with two 20-minute halves and a 20-minute practice prior to the start of the game. The season culminates with a championship game. The fee includes NFL jersey and NFL certified flags.

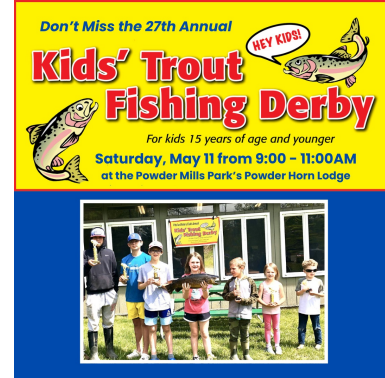
Join us and have loads of fun competing and improving your game of flag football! Players will also be eligible to make the FJ1 NFL regional flag tournament, where the winners will get a chance to play at the NFL Pro Bowl weekend! Register for the spring program online through the [Town of Pittsford's website](#).

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PITTSFORD ROTARY KIDS' TROUT FISHING DERBY IS MAY 11

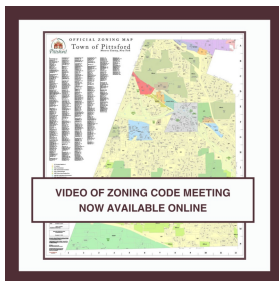
The Rotary Club of Pittsford, in conjunction with the Town of Pittsford and the Monroe County Parks Department, will hold its annual [Kids' Trout Fishing](#)

[Derby](#) on Saturday, May 11 in Powder Mills Park. The Derby is free and open to all children ages 15 and under. Registration will take place at the Powder Horn Lodge beginning at 8:00am on derby day, or you can [register online in advance](#). The tournament runs from 9:00 - 11:00am and is followed by an awards ceremony at 11:15am and Fish Hatchery tours at 11:30am. Complimentary refreshments will be served. The Fish Hatchery at Powder Mills Park is stocking fish specially for this event; donations will be accepted on behalf of the Riedman Foundation. Special thanks to the Riedman Foundation for funding and operating the Hatchery and for making the Pittsford Rotary Club Kids' Trout Fishing Derby possible.



Rotarian and fishing enthusiast Harry Womeldorf organized the club's first "Kids Derby" in 1997. Since then, over 3000 children have taken part in this Western New York event. The emphasis is on experiencing the adventure and excitement of fishing with family members of all ages.

For more information on the fishing derby, visit the [Pittsford Rotary website](#) or contact tournament chairperson Kevin O'Grady via [email](#) or phone at (585) 641-0668. The Pittsford Rotary Club Kids' Trout Fishing Derby is co-sponsored by the Town of Pittsford.

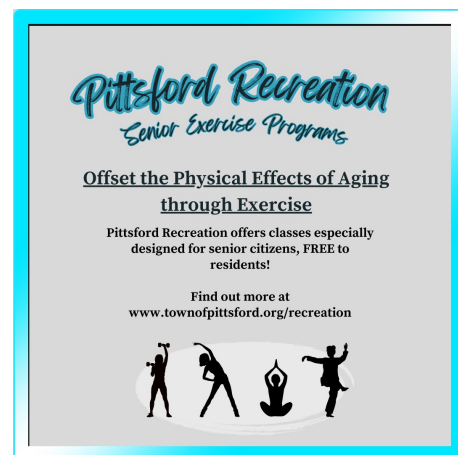


ZONING CODE UPDATE MEETING VIDEO AVAILABLE ONLINE

If you missed the April 18 Town Board Zoning Code Update meeting, you can view it online at this link: [Town Board Zoning Code Update](#). Find complete information about the Town's Zoning Code Update at www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate.

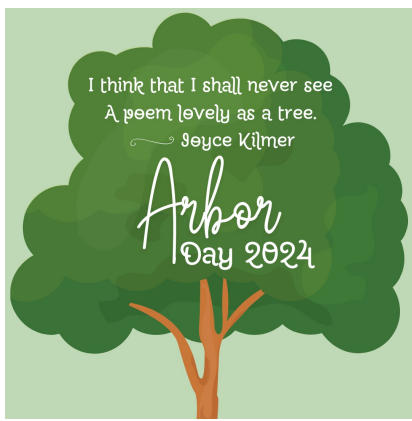
SPRING SENIOR EXERCISE PROGRAMMING

Seniors, join us at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center for some physical fitness! Exercise offsets the physical effects of aging by staving off disease, managing chronic pain, improving cognitive function, lowering the risk of falls and more. Plus, you get to meet new people and have a lot of fun. This spring, the Senior Center at Pittsford Recreation is offering 11 diverse and fun exercise programs specially designed with seniors in mind. All classes are free of charge for Pittsford residents and just \$3.00 for others.



This quarter, choose from classes like Yoga for Seniors, an Online Balance Class, Zumba Gold, Tai Chi for Arthritis & Fall Prevention, Square Dancing and more! See our [online brochure](#) to view our complete list of exercise programs and schedules.

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 the Senior Programs Office at 248-6235.



ARBOR DAY IS APRIL 26 – CONSIDER PLANTING A NATIVE TREE THIS FRIDAY!

In Pittsford, we love our trees! Trees play a vital role in our environment, economy and overall well-being. Trees provide us with clean air, shade and beauty, and they help us mitigate the effects of climate change by absorbing carbon dioxide.

In 2015, the Town began native species tree planting and reforestation in our Town parks. Hundreds of native trees have since been planted! In 2018, before the iconic Copper Beech tree on State Street fell to

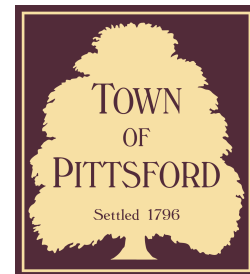
disease, the Town collected healthy cuttings to cultivate in a nursery for future planting. In 2022, approximately 100 Copper Beech saplings were planted throughout Town! In addition to these special efforts, our Parks Department staff always plant at least one new tree for every one that must come down.

This year, we invite you to join us in promoting tree planting and conservation in our community. The proper way to celebrate Arbor Day – this Friday, April 26 – is to plant a tree! Consider planting a native NYS Tree. Dogwoods, North American Oaks, American Red Cedars and American Beech trees are great choices. Check out the [Arbor Day Foundation's Tree Care Tips & Techniques](#) for all you need to know to make sure your new tree thrives where it's planted.

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

- ***Raindrops to Rainbow Story Stroll***, 4/29 – 5/5, field at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue; stop by the Community Center front desk after completing the walk to pick up a themed craft pack to take home; free and open to the public.
- **[Pittsford Rotary Food Drive](#)**, Saturday, 5/4, 9:00am – 12:00pm, Pittsford Mendon High School, 472 Mendon Road, Pittsford; collecting canned and packaged food items and personal hygiene items to benefit the [Pittsford Food Cupboard](#), and the for [The Margaret Home](#) – find their [current needs here](#) (click links for information and lists of needs); gently used recent (past 12 months) magazines and reusable grocery bags are also needed. Food drive will be held at Mendon High School and combined with the Rotary Bike Drop drive for this month only.
- **[Pittsford Rotary Bike Drop](#)**, Saturday, 5/4, 9:00am-2:00pm, Pittsford Mendon High School, 472 Mendon Road, Pittsford; drop off a used bike or bike parts in any condition, to be donated to [R Community Bikes](#) for repair and distribution to those in need for transportation and recreation.
- **[Pittsford Free Drive-Through Rabies Vaccine Clinic](#)**, Thursday, 5/9, 4:30-7:30pm, Pittsford Town Highway Garage, 60 Golf Avenue; update your pet's rabies vaccine for free – dogs, cats, and ferrets are welcome, dogs must be on a short leash, cats and ferrets must be in a secure carrier; no appointment needed, see details at link and call Pittsford Animal Control at 248-6240 with any questions.
- **[Household Hazardous Waste/e-Recycling/Document Shredding event](#)**, Saturday, 5/11, 7:45am-12:00pm, Perinton Highway Garage, 100 Cobb's Lane. Appointment needed for hazardous waste disposal only, no appointment needed for electronics recycling and/or document shredding; for HHW appointment Pittsford residents can call 248-6250, or go online to www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark. More information, including the list of hazardous materials and electronics accepted for collection, can be found [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, 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, 4/25, 6:00pm, Public Meeting Room, Town Hall (lower level), 11 South Main Street; 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

- **[Village Board of Trustees](#)** meetings are generally the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 5:30pm, Village Hall, 21 North Main Street; more information and participation details will be listed on the Village website [here](#) as the meeting date approaches
- **[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; 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, new members always welcome! Meetings are usually held the second Thursday of the month, September through June, at 6:00pm at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue; Visit the website at 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.

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