

News & Reviews

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Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings*

PADDLE AND POUR ART & MUSIC FESTIVAL IS THIS SATURDAY, MAY 25

The 2024 [Paddle and Pour Art and Music Festival](#), is THIS Saturday, May 25, from noon – 10:00pm. The Town of Pittsford's most popular festival features [live music all day](#) – including a headlining performance from [Uptown Groove](#) – and a [New York State beer and wine](#) tent featuring the best in NYS beer and wine. Browse (and buy!) the works of [local artists](#) (12:00 – 7:00pm) and see live art demonstrations. Enjoy [great food](#) from local eateries, [family activities](#) and watch the exciting 2024 [Pittsford Regatta](#) competition!

Admission to the festival is free; food and drink is available for purchase. Complete information about the Paddle and Pour Art and Music Festival – including a [schedule of events](#) and information on activities and participating artists, wineries, breweries and food vendors – can be found at www.townofpittsford.org/paddleandpour. Check back for updates. We hope to see you there!



MEMORIAL DAY PARADE AND REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY IS MONDAY

Our annual [Memorial Day Parade and Remembrance Ceremony](#), which brings the community together in remembrance and appreciation, is THIS Monday, May 27, at 10:00am! The parade will follow its traditional route, starting at Sutherland High School, marching down Jefferson Road to Main Street and culminating at the Pittsford Cemetery for a moving ceremony (procession to enter on Washington Road). Find more information on our [Memorial Day web page](#).

The Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony will honor the fallen and include patriotic musical performances by the Pittsford Fire Department Band. [Click here](#) to view the Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony agenda.

Following the ceremony, the Rayson-Miller American Legion Post 899 will host a reception at Post headquarters (21 N. Main Street, in the lower level of Village Hall). Don't miss this opportunity to show your gratitude for those who gave their lives in wartime service to our country and to thank all our veterans. More details are available on our [Memorial Day web page](#).

MEMORIAL DAY CLOSURES FOR THIS MONDAY

All Town of Pittsford offices and facilities, including the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center and the Pittsford Community Library, will be closed this Monday, May 27 in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, May 28. Town brush and yard debris collection will be delayed one day due to the holiday.



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

We encourage all to remember and honor the men and women who gave their lives in military service to our country.

Though the Library may be closed,
There's no need to stay in bed.
Get up, enjoy activities in Town,
And visit the Book Bike instead!



LIBRARY CLOSED FOR RENOVATIONS THIS THURSDAY EVENING THROUGH MONDAY

We're doing some interior refreshing at the Pittsford Community Library – including some new carpeting and painting! The Library will close at 5:00pm tomorrow, Thursday, May 23 and will remain closed through Monday, May 27. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, May 28. Please note that the Picture Book Room will be closed all day on Thursday, May 23.

Although the Library building will be closed, our dedicated librarians will be out and about providing the community with access to terrific books! The Library's Books by Bike Pop-up will make two appearances this weekend. Look for the Book Bike at our Paddle and Pour Art & Music Festival this Saturday (May 25) and at the Memorial Day Parade on Monday (May 27). Please note our Library Book Bike's appearance is weather dependent as books and rain don't mix!

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

NATIONAL POPPY DAY IS THIS FRIDAY, 5/24 – REMEMBER THE FALLEN

Each year in May, members of Pittsford's Rayson-Miller American Legion Post 899 distribute Remembrance Poppies in exchange for a small donation. We wear these Remembrance Poppies in

honor of the men and women who died in military service to our country. Rayson-Miller Post members are staffing tables at Pittsford Dairy, Powers Farm Market and other locations around Town, where they are selling poppies, stick flags, and stars. Make sure to get your poppy soon so you can wear it on National Poppy Day, which is this Friday, May 24! You can donate online as well – visit www.raysonmillerpost899.org.



Funds raised from the annual poppy sale go directly to benefit veterans, many who are disabled, homeless or in severe financial crisis due to circumstances beyond their control. Donations help veterans via the Canandaigua VA Volunteer Homeless Program, Lap Robes for Veterans, Patriot Guard Riders New York's Help on the Homefront, and Rochester Honor Flight, which ensures all veterans may see our national veterans memorials. All the funds raised – 100% – support these services; the Rayson-Miller Post does not keep or benefit from any of the Poppy Drive donations they receive. Your Poppy Drive donation will help them support our veterans!



FIREWORKS NOTIFICATION FOR THIS SATURDAY (5/25)

Public and private fireworks events in the Town of Pittsford require a permit issued by the Town. As a courtesy, notifications for public and private fireworks events held within the Town are posted on the [Town website](http://www.townofpittsford.org), the [Town Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/townofpittsford) and in the [Town's eNews](http://www.townofpittsford.org/enews). The Town can mail courtesy notifications in advance to those in the immediate area of a permitted fireworks event (public or

private) who request them. To request a mailed Fireworks Notification, please contact Meghan Brooks in the Department of Public Works at mbrooks@townofpittsford.org or 248-6250. Please see below the current fireworks event permit notification.

SATURDAY, May 25, 2024 - Private fireworks event at Oak Hill Country Club - approximately 9:00pm

All current Fireworks Event Courtesy Notification listings can be found on the Town website at www.townofpittsford.org/fireworks-notifications.

A message from Town Supervisor Bill Smith: MANY THANKS TO OUR DPW STAFF DURING PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

National Public Works Week is May 19-25. It highlights the essential role our public works professionals play in the daily lives of our residents. Many of these dedicated staff members are on call 24/7 to deal with whatever comes our way – if there's a sewer backup or a storm comes through leaving roads covered in snow and ice, or if a water main breaks or a tree falls and blocks a roadway, immediate response is required. And our Pittsford crews are there to fix it. On a daily basis they deal with "smaller" challenges as well – those that

aren't a crisis but still need timely and effective resolution. And in many instances, our teams resolve an issue before you may even know anything is amiss.

My deep thanks to our teams from the Highway, Sewer, Parks, Building and Code Enforcement, Planning and Zoning, Geographic Information Services, and Facilities Maintenance departments for their tireless and skilled commitment to ensuring Town facilities and public works services run smoothly and are of the highest quality. You are a key part of what makes Pittsford such a desirable place to live!

Bill Smith, Pittsford Town Supervisor



MEET THE MACHINES THAT WORK AROUND TOWN ON SATURDAY, JUNE 1 Trucks and more galore!

There are many machines – plow trucks, construction machinery, emergency service vehicles and more – that work to keep our town running safely and smoothly. Join us at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center on Saturday, June 1, from 10:00am – 12noon to meet them up close! This is a free family-friendly event open to all; registration is not required. Please stop by!

The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. For information about other upcoming Recreation programs, pick up a program brochure at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center (35 Lincoln Avenue), access our [program brochure online](#), or visit our [online Recreation registration page](#).



ZUMBA CLASS SCHEDULE CHANGE FOR THIS THURSDAY

Senior Zumba participants, take note! Tomorrow only – Thursday, May 23 – our Zumba Gold class will take place from 8:30 – 9:15am instead of at its regularly allotted time (9:00am – 9:45am). The class will resume its regular schedule next week.

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.

ALL AGES LIBRARY BOOKMARK DESIGN COMPETITION – DEADLINE IS 6/29

Design a bookmark for a chance to see your artwork printed and distributed at the Pittsford Community Library! Submit a design based on this year's Summer Reading theme "Adventure Begins at Your Library." Winners will each receive a \$15 gift card to Michaels

crafting store and 10 copies of their bookmark.

All ages are encouraged to participate 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. Entries are due by June 29 and can be turned in to the second floor Reference Desk. Click the following link for [official rules and a printable entry form](#) or pick one up at the Library. Get creative, have fun and send in your submission!



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NATIONAL WATER SAFETY MONTH
Tips to Stay Safe

SUPERVISE CHILDREN CLOSELY
Never assume someone else is watching your child.

DON'T DRINK AND SWIM

USE A LIFE JACKET WHILE BOATING

START SWIM LESSONS AT AN EARLY AGE

LEARN WHAT DROWNING LOOKS LIKE
Signs of trouble: head low in the water, glassy eyes, hair in face, hyperventilating, vertical body position and flailing arms

TAKE A FRIEND
Swim with a friend, never alone.

PLACE BARRIERS AROUND POOLS & HOT TUBS

Learn more at www.nwsm.phta.org and www.redcross.org

MAY IS WATER SAFETY MONTH – TAKE STEPS TO STAY SAFE!

As the weather warms, we prepare for the many joys of summer, and swimming may be the one activity kids look forward to the most. Behind this carefree pastime is a quiet danger. Drowning is the leading cause of death in children between the ages of one and four. And they're not the only ones at risk: individuals who cannot swim, have medical challenges, or who consume alcohol while in or near the water are also at greater risk of drowning.

Vigilance and knowledge are key to preventing drowning at any age. This summer, please keep in mind these important safety tips:

1. Supervise children closely. Whether you're at the beach, pool, or lake, never assume someone else is keeping an eye on your child. A crowded pool can create a false sense of security. Only swim at beaches with a designated lifeguard. If you or someone you know is holding a pool party, consider hiring a local lifeguard to supervise. It could save a life.

2. Start swimming lessons at an early age.

Researchers determined that participation in formal swimming lessons was associated with an 88% reduction in the risk of drowning. Children as young as one can benefit from swimming lessons. Children

who begin swimming lessons early are more likely to master important safety skills. But swimming lessons at ANY age is a good idea.

3. Never swim alone. A friend can alert others if help is needed.

4. Always wear a lifejacket when boating. Even strong swimmers should wear a life jacket while boating. All the swimming lessons in the world won't save you if an accident knocks you unconscious.

5. Do not drink or engage in mind-altering drugs while swimming, boating, or hanging out by the water. Researchers have linked alcohol intoxication to up to 30% of fatal drownings.

6. Learn what drowning looks like. Contrary what we've seen on film or television, drowning is quiet. Often, victims cannot call out for help, splash, or wave. Key signs of

drowning include:

- **Head low in the water** with mouth at water level.
- **Eyes glassy and empty**, unable to focus, or closed.
- **Hair over forehead or eyes** as the person struggles to keep their head above water.
- **Hyperventilating** or gasping for air.
- **Flailing arms** at the sides to press down on the water, rather than waving for help.
- **Vertical body position** with little or no leg movement.

7. Fence pools and spas with strong barriers, including four-sided fencing.

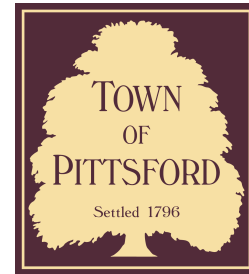
If you notice any of these signs, act immediately by alerting a lifeguard or calling emergency services. Attempt to assist the person only if you can ensure your own safety.

Please, this summer (and always) make water safety a priority. For more information, visit the [National Water Safety Month website](#).

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

- [Paddle and Pour Art & Music Festival](#), Saturday, May 25, 12noon – 10pm at the North Main Street Bridge; taste the best from local and upstate craft breweries and vineyards, variety of food and beverages throughout the day and evening, Children's Activities (12:00-7:00pm), Art and Artisans (12:00-7:00pm), live music all day, including headlining performance by Uptown Groove (8:00-

10:00pm); complete schedule and information at www.townofpittsford.org/paddleandpour.

- [Memorial Day Parade and Remembrance Ceremony](#), Monday, May 27; parade steps off from Sutherland High School at 10:00am, marches down Jefferson Road to Main Street and culminates at the Pittsford Cemetery (Washington Road) for a moving Remembrance Ceremony; reception to follow at Rayson-Miller American Legion Post #899, 21 N. Main Street
- **Meet the Machines Family Event**, Saturday, 6/1, 10:00am – 12noon, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center Parking Lot, 35 Lincoln Avenue; meet Town trucks, construction machinery, emergency vehicles and more, family-friendly free event open to all
- [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, 5/23, 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
- **Planning Board**, Monday, 5/27 – **NO MEETING** due to Memorial Day holiday
- **Zoning Code Update Town Board meeting**, Thursday, 5/30, 6:00pm, Town Hall lower-level meeting room, 11 South Main Street. Meeting will be live streamed and recorded; submit comments in advance (mail or email) or at the meeting (email or in person). Find [comment/viewing information here](#); find complete Zoning Code Update information at www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate. Updated meeting listings will be posted at www.townofpittsford.org/calendar.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

- [Village Board of Trustees](#) meeting, Tuesday, 5/28, 5:30pm; more information and participation details will be listed on the Village website [here](#) as the meeting date approaches
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- [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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