

News & Reviews

September 18, 2024

Town of Pittsford - a Clean Energy and Climate Smart Community

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Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings

Message from Town Supervisor Bill Smith: CELEBRATING NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

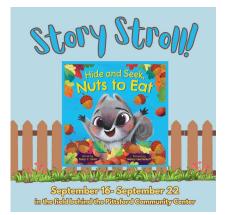
National Hispanic Heritage Month is September 16 through October 15. As we celebrate the Hispanic community, we take time to honor the rich culture, history, and contributions they've given our town and nation.



This month is a reminder of the valuable impact Hispanic Americans have had on our society,

from arts and education to business and public service. Let's come together to learn from and appreciate the cultural heritage that makes the United States such a vibrant in which to live.

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HIDE AND SEEK, NUTS TO EAT STORY STROLL UNDERWAY AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

Last week we announced our first fall-themed Story Stroll, and we have an update – different children's book, same dates and location! The *Hide and Seek, Nuts to Eat* Story Stroll is underway and will continue through this Sunday, September 22. Take a leisurely Story Stroll with your little one in the field behind the Community Center while reading this charming children's book by Tracy C. Gold. *Hide and Seek, Nuts to Eat* is a lively story about the demanding work

squirrels undertake to prepare for the long winter. Through rhyming text and vibrant illustrations, follow one precocious squirrel as she gathers and hides acorns while navigating her natural habitat. The story introduces young readers to animal behaviors, the changing seasons, and the importance of sharing in a fun and educational way.

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. Our next Story Stroll will take place October 21 through October 27.

The Town's Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. To learn more about our programs, activities and services, <u>click here to visit the Town</u> of Pittsford's Recreation page on the Town website, <u>email the Recreation Department here</u>, or call the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center at 585-248-6280.

SENIORS CRAFT CLUB – NEXT MEETING THIS FRIDAY, 9/20

Meetings held at Community Center

Our Pittsford Recreation Department has wonderful programs for seniors – and our seniors do wonderful things for others! The Seniors Craft Club, held at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, makes items for our Senior lunch giveaways and for local charities. Craft Club is a wonderful opportunity to get creative, make friends and do something positive for others. If you or someone you know enjoys crafting, or would



like to learn something new, join our seniors this fall! Craft Club meets once a month on Fridays from 9:30 - 11:30am. The next meeting is this Friday, September 20. To get an idea of how many supplies we need, reservations for Craft Club are required; call 248-6235 to reserve your spot!

For more information, 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, visit our Seniors page at <u>www.townofpittsford.org/seniors</u>, read our <u>Seniors program info</u> <u>brochure online</u>, or call our Senior Programs office at 248-6235.



RECREATION ACTIVITY BOXES OFFER AT-HOME FUN FOR KIDS

Recreation Activity Boxes are back for just in time for fall! Have you tried one yet? Our imaginative Recreation staff conceived these fun, topical and completely original activity boxes especially for your children. Each Activity Box is \$15 and includes all the supplies your child needs to create crafts, activities and experiments. Register and then pick up your box at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center any time after the pickup dates listed below; the registration

deadline for each Activity Box is one week before its pickup date. Friday, September 20, is the last day to register for the Hello Fall Activity Box.

Hello Fall - registration deadline 9/20; pickup date 9/27

Spooky Science! – registration deadline 10/18; pickup date 10/25

Gobble, Gobble Fun! – registration deadline 11/15; pickup date 11/22

Winter is Coming! – registration deadline 12/13; pickup date 12/20

Register <u>online</u> or in person at the Community Center. Questions? Contact Cassie at 248-6288 for more information. The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. Pick up your Activity Box at the front desk.

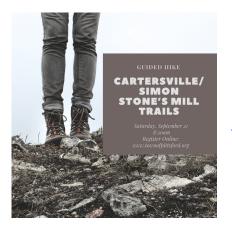
ANNUAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE "STATE OF PITTSFORD" BREAKFAST AND ADDRESS IS SEPTEMBER 26

The Pittsford Chamber of Commerce will host its annual "State of Pittsford" breakfast on Thursday, September 26 at The Highlands of Pittsford Hahnemann Club. Town Supervisor Bill Smith, Village Mayor Alyssa Plummer and Pittsford Schools Superintendent Mike Pero each will provide updates on initiatives and accomplishments of the past year and will discuss plans for the year ahead.



Doors open at 7:30am. The event begins with a light continental breakfast at 7:45am followed by presentations starting promptly at 8:00am and Q&A at 8:50am. The event is free to attend, but registration is required and space is limited.

For more information and to register, please visit the <u>Pittsford Chamber website</u>. The Hahnemann Club is located at 301 Stoutenburgh Lane.



GUIDED HIKE THROUGH CARTERSVILLE/ SIMON STONE'S MILL TRAILS – THIS SATURDAY, 9/21

Pittsford Recreation's next guided trail hike is this Saturday, September 21 at 8:30am. Get outdoors and meet other hikers as you hike along <u>Cartersville/Simon</u> <u>Stone's Mill Trails</u>. This one-mile hike is rated easy-tomoderate in difficulty, should take approximately one hour, and will cover mainly flat, natural surface with some elevation gains along the canal. Sneakers or hiking boots are recommended. The group will walk at a brisk pace while discussing recreation opportunities,

the Great Embankment, Simon Stone's Mill, area ecology, and more! Participants should bring water and dress appropriately for the weather.

The Recreation Department will contact participants in advance with a meeting place and additional information prior to the hike date. They will also provide a trail map at the beginning of the hike. Bring your <u>Wegmans Hit the Trail Passport</u> and get credit for hiking the trail! The program is free but registration is required. <u>Register online</u> <u>here</u> 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 <u>www.townofpittsford.org/trails-and-walkways</u>

SCHOOL TAXES: FULL PAYMENTS DUE BY 10/1 School Tax on-time full payments are due by Tuesday, October 1.

School Tax Collection locations and hours:

- Town of Pittsford, Town Clerk/Tax Receivers Office: 11 South Main St; Monday – Friday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM
- Town of Pittsford Drop Box locations: 11 South Main St; at front and back doors – open 24 hours



Canandaigua National Bank and Trust: 18 State
St; Monday – Friday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM and
Saturdays 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM (September 1 – October 1 only)

Payments may be made in person, by mail or by secure drop box. Please include your payment coupon and a contact phone number on your check. Failure to do so increases processing time. Payments also can be made online through Monroe County; there will be a 2.75% fee to use this online payment service. To pay online, click <u>HERE</u>.

Canandaigua National Bank will continue to accept *full payments only* through October 1.

Second and third installment payments cannot be accepted at Town Hall. Second and third installments should be made payable to: Monroe County Treasurer and may be mailed to PO Box 14420, Rochester NY 14614 or delivered in person to the Monroe County Office of the Treasury (39 West Main Street, Monroe County Office Building Room B-2.)

Full payments with 2% interest will be accepted from October 2 – October 31. If you need assistance with that calculation, please contact the tax office directly by email at townclerk@townofpittsford.org or phone 585-248-6215 for the correct amount due.

Please Note: We strongly discourage paying your tax bill via your banking Electronic Checking/Online bill pay system. If you are paying your bill with an online bill pay system, please be aware that your bank still mails us a paper check without a USPS postmark. Therefore, your payment is not considered received until we physically receive the payment in our office. We do not recommend sending payment in this manner.



SENIORS LUNCH AND MUSIC BY FRED VINE THIS TUESDAY, 9/24

Reservations due tomorrow, Thursday, 9/19 Seniors, join us for a delicious lunch Autumn Luncheon by Brookdale Senior Living this Tuesday, September 24 at 12:00noon. On the menu is Chicken Parmesan, a side salad, and a scrumptious dessert! The luncheon will feature a live musical performance by singer, songwriter, and guitarist Fred Vine.

The lunch and performance will be held in the VanHuysen Community Room; cost is \$8.00 per person. The Senior Center will be collecting items for the Pittsford Food Cupboard, so please bring non-

perishable food items to donate if you can! Advance registration is required by September 19. 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 <u>click here to visit</u> <u>the Seniors' page</u> on the Town website, <u>read our Seniors program info brochure</u> <u>online</u>, or call the Senior Programs Office at 248-6235.

REMINDER: HAND HARVESTING NATIVE WILDFLOWER SEED WORKSHOP THIS SUNDAY

<u>Color Pittsford Green</u> is offering an exciting program for native plant growers this Sunday, September 22. Pittsford resident Sarah Sutton will be leading a hands-on workshop centering on small scale seed harvesting and threshing. Learn about different methods of stratification and direct sowing in the fall to increase habitat and diversity. The workshop will take place at the Great Embankment Park Pavilion, 631 Marsh Road, from 2:00 - 4:00pm on September 22. The workshop is free and open to the public.



Sarah Sutton specializes in plant propagation of native perennials, trees, and shrubs at White Oak Nursery. Last year, Sarah completed the Ontario County Master Gardener Program and started her own NYS-licensed nursery, Spicebush Swallowtail Native Plants in Pittsford, with a focus on using local ecotype resilient seed to grow plants.



CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH – DISPLAY YOUR GOLD RIBBONS

September is Childhood Cancer awareness month, a time when childhood cancer organizations, families, and individuals raise awareness and funds in honor and in memory of those young lives affected by or cut short by cancer. An estimated 15,780 children, from infants to age 19, are diagnosed with cancer each year in the United States. Cancer is the second leading cause of death in children ages one to 14, after accidents.

This month, the C.U.R.E Childhood Cancer Association is encouraging community members to help raise awareness about childhood cancer. Display a gold ribbon or <u>visit their</u>

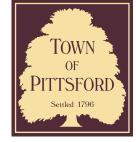
website for other ideas on how you can help.

Since October 1, 2023, 33 children in the Greater Rochester Area have been diagnosed with cancer; seven children have relapsed. There are children and families battling this disease here in Pittsford; they face each day with incredible strength and courage. C.U.R.E and its Parent Advocates offer unconditional support in the form of education, empathy, or simply a warm embrace to show families that they do not walk alone. To learn more about how you can help visit <u>https://www.curekidscancer.com</u>.

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 <u>Town Board Meeting live streaming link</u> 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 <u>minutes and agendas page</u> 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 <u>comments@townofpittsford.org</u>. 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 <u>www.townofpittsford.org/channel12</u> and use the On-Demand links to view previously recorded meetings.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN PITTSFORD

- Hide and Seek, Nuts to Eat Story Stroll, 9/16 9/22, 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.
- <u>Native Wildflower Seed Harvesting workshop</u>, Sunday, 9/22, 2:00 4:00pm, Great Embankment Park Pavilion, 631 Marsh Road; learn harvesting and threshing seeds from native plants and seed sowing techniques, hosted by Color Pittsford Green, free and open to the public
- Pittsford Chamber State of Pittsford presentation, featuring updates by Town Supervisor Bill Smith, Village Mayor Alyssa Plummer and School District Superintendent Mike Pero; Thursday, 9/26, doors open 7:30am, 7:45am light breakfast, 8:00am presentations, 8:50am Q&A, the Highlands of Pittsford Hahnemann Club, 301 Stoutenburgh Lane. Free and open to the public but advance registration is required, register on the Pittsford Chamber website
- <u>Town of Pittsford Zoning Code Update</u> 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

• Planning Board, Monday, 9/23 - CANCELED

COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

- <u>Village Board of Trustees</u> meeting, Tuesday, 9/24, 5:00pm, more information and participation details will be listed on the Village website <u>here</u> as the meeting date approaches
- <u>Pittsford Chamber State of Pittsford presentation</u>, featuring updates by Town Supervisor Bill Smith, Village Mayor Alyssa Plummer and School District Superintendent Mike Pero; Thursday, 9/26, doors open 7:30am, 7:45am light breakfast, 8:00am presentations, 8:50am Q&A, the Highlands of Pittsford Hahnemann Club, 301 Stoutenburgh Lane. Free and open to the public but advance registration is required, register on the Pittsford Chamber website
- <u>Village Board of Trustees</u> meetings are generally the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 5:00pm, Village Hall, 21 North Main Street; more information and participation details will be listed on the Village website <u>here</u> as the meeting date approaches
- <u>American Legion Rayson-Miller Post 899</u> Tuesday morning breakfast and socializing, every Tuesday, 8:00-9:30am (kitchen closes at 9:15am), 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 <u>membership information</u> or visit the <u>Rayson-Miller Post website</u>
- <u>Pittsford Rotary Club</u>, 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
- <u>Women's Club of Pittsford</u> 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 <u>www.womensclubofpittsford.org</u> for more information
- <u>Pittsford Art Group</u> 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 <u>www.pittsfordartgroup.com</u> and fill out a <u>Contact Us</u> form.

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