

## News & Reviews

## October 9, 2024

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# LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

Applications due by October 15, 2024 The Pittsford Community Library Board of Trustees is seeking new members! A volunteer board of the Town of Pittsford, the Library Board of Trustees is comprised of five to eleven community members who share a love of the Library, manage Library funds, and support the Library Director for the benefit of the Library and community. Trustees serve as an important link between the Library and Pittsford residents.



Pittsford residents interested in serving as a Trustee on the Library Board may review the <u>Library Trustee Position Description</u> and then submit a resume and a letter of interest for consideration to the Office of the Supervisor by emailing Kelly Eldred, Assistant to Supervisor Smith, at <u>keldred@townofpittsford.org</u>, or send mail to: Office of the Supervisor, Town of Pittsford, 11 S. Main Street, Pittsford, NY 14534. If you have questions, please contact Kelly Eldred at (585) 248-6221. Applications for a January 1, 2025 appointment will be considered through October 15, 2024.



## COLUMBUS DAY/INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY CLOSURES FOR THIS MONDAY, 10/14

Town of Pittsford offices, facilities, and services including Town Hall, the Highway, Parks and Sewer departments, the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, and the Town Court will be closed this Monday, October 14 in observance of the Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples Day holiday. The Pittsford Community Library will be open

regular hours (9:00am - 8:00pm).

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

## FALL SAFETY REMINDER – DO NOT PUT LEAF PILES IN THE STREET

#### A Message from Supervisor Bill Smith

While leaf piles are fun for kids and pets, they pose serious risks when left in or too near the road. Please remember, **do not place piles of leaves in the street**. Leaf piles in the street cause several problems:

**First,** leaf piles narrow neighborhood roadways, sometimes to the width of a single lane, limiting space for walkers, runners and cyclists go navigate the roadways safely. Tall piles can create blind spots for drivers.



**Second,** leaves become slippery when wet. When left on the road, they create hazardous driving conditions.

**Third,** a child or pet playing in a pile of leaves may not be visible to passing cars. Occasionally, a car driving through a pile of leaves results in injury or even kills a child hiding in the leaves. We can prevent tragedy by keeping leaf piles behind the curb. When raking leaves, please place them behind the gutter, on your lawn. This minimizes inconvenience to you and your neighbors and helps keep our roads safe.



#### EARLY VOTING & ELECTION DAY INFORMATION

**Election day is Tuesday, November 5**. On that day, polling sites will be open from 6:00am until 9:00pm. To check your voter information, register to vote, update your registration or request an absentee ballot, click here:

https://www.monroecounty.gov/etc/voter/

**From Saturday, October 26 to Sunday, November 3,** all eligible voters may vote at any of the early voting locations within the county they reside. The **Pittsford-area early voting location is the Pittsford Town Court,** located at 3750 Monroe Ave Suite 950, Pittsford, NY 14534. For a complete list of early voting locations, please visit the <u>Early Voting in Monroe County</u> page on the Monroe County website.

## Early Voting Hours October 26 - November 3

Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Wednesday & Friday | 9 am - 5 pm Tuesday & Thursday | 12 - 8 pm

## Early Voting Mail in Ballots:

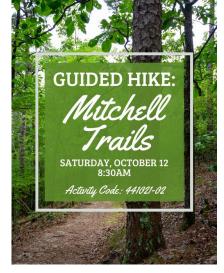
Due to State legislation in 2023, starting this year, 2024, voters will be able to request an Early Mail Ballot. This new option allows any registered voter to request an Early Mail Ballot. This application can be personally delivered to your county board of elections until the day before the election or by mail until 10 days before the election. Early Mail Ballots can be used by anyone that wants to vote by mail.

To request a ballot, please <u>download the New York State Early Mail Ballot application</u> through the Monroe County website.

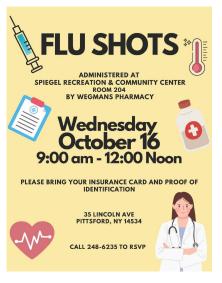
#### GUIDED HIKE THIS SATURDAY, 10/12, THROUGH MITCHELL TRAIL Pittsford Recreation's next guided trail hike is this

Saturday, October 12. Get outdoors, meet other hikers, and Mitchell Trails. This easy hike begins at 8:30am along primarily flat, natural surface with some elevation gains. We suggest wearing comfortable hiking shoes or sneakers. The group will be walking at a brisk pace while discussion recreational opportunities, the District #9 Schoolhouse, the Highlands at Pittsford, the Auburn Trail, and other topics! The hike is approximately 1.75 miles long and should take about 1.5 hours to complete

The Recreation Department will contact participants in advance with a meeting place and extra information prior to the hike date. They will also provide a trail map at the beginning of the hike. Bring your



Wegmans Hit the Trail Passport and get credit for hiking the trail! The program is free but registration is required. <u>Register online through the Pittsford recreation webpage</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>



### FLU SHOTS AVAILABLE AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER ON NEXT WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16 FOR AGES 50+

#### Reservation required to ensure enough doses.

It's flu season! Since seniors are at greater risk for developing serious complications from the flu, they benefit most from an annual flu shot. Next Wednesday, October 16, Wegmans Pharmacy will be administering flu vaccines to those 50 years of age and older at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center. Flu shots will be administered on Tuesday, October 16 from 9:00am - 12noon. Please bring your medical insurance card and proof of identification prior with you. Make a reservation by calling the Pittsford

Seniors at 248-6235. Please note, advance reservation is required to ensure sufficient supply of the vaccine is made available.

The Town's Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. To learn more about all of our for seniors <u>click here to visit the Seniors page</u> on the Town website or <u>read our Seniors program info brochure online</u>.

### SENIORS MOVIE MATINEE OCTOBER 17: MISS POTTER Reservations required by this Monday,

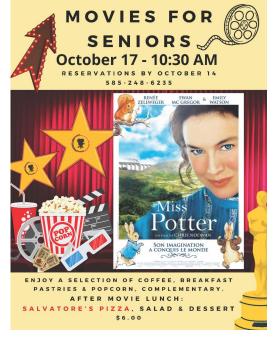
#### October 14.

Seniors, join us on Thursday, October 17 for a free morning movie matinee featuring *Miss Potter* – the acclaimed biographic film about the life of Beatrix Potter! Enjoy a complimentary selection of coffee, breakfast pastries and popcorn while you watch the film, then stay afterward for a lunch of pizza, salad,

#### and dessert if you'd like!

The movie begins at 10:30am in the VanHuysen Community Room at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center. The movie and snacks are free; the cost for the optional lunch is \$6.00 per person. So we can plan accordingly, **please register for the movie and for the lunch by Monday, October 14.** 

Miss Potter (2006) is a biographic drama about the life of Beatrix Potter, the beloved British author and illustrator best known for The Tale of Peter Rabbit. Directed by Chris Noonan and starring Renee Zellweger as Beatrix, the film explores the author's early struggles to get her stories published, her unexpected romance with publisher Norman Warne (Ewan



McGregor), and her growing independence as an artist and conservationist. The movie blends whimsical animation with historical drama, offering a glimpse into the imagination of one of history's most beloved storytellers.

Register for our Senior Movie Matinee; reservations are due by this Monday, October 14. The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. To learn more about our programs, activities and services for seniors, visit the <u>Seniors page</u> on the Town website, read the <u>Seniors program</u> info brochure online, or call our Senior Programs Office at 248-6235.



## SENIORS HALLOWEEN LUNCH AND PROGRAM BY TOWN HISTORIAN VICKI PROFITT TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

#### Reservations due Thursday, 10/17

Seniors, join us for a delicious lunch and special program by Town Historian Vicki Profitt on October 22 at 12:00noon. On the menu is a "Bats and Cobwebs" pasta bake with meat, served with a spooky salad and boney breadsticks! For dessert, enjoy "Cauldron Cakes" – red velvet cupcakes drizzled with raspberry coulis. Town Historian Vicki Profitt will give a presentation entitled **"Death and Despair: Mourning in Pittsford."** 

The lunch and the program will be held in the

VanHuysen Community Room; cost is \$8.00 per person. Advance registration is required by October 17. 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.

## THE WOMEN'S CLUB OF PITTSFORD GARAGE

#### SALE & BAKE IS THIS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

The <u>Women's Club of Pittsford</u> garage and bake sale is this weekend – Friday, October 11 through Saturday, October 12! The sale will be held from 9:00am to 4:00pm each day at King's Bend Park in the North Lodge. This eclectic sale features a variety of items from numerous households, including books, puzzles, antiques, jewelry, pictures, household items, linens, garden supplies, small appliances, furniture, dishes, toys, tools – and delicious baked goods too! Proceeds from the sale will benefit the group's charitable efforts.



The Women's Club of Pittsford supports a variety of community service projects, educational programs, and fund-raising activities to the benefit of those in the Pittsford community and beyond. The Club has received various awards and accolades for its charitable efforts throughout its 40-year history. Stop by their sale – you never know what unexpected treasures you might find, and you'll be supporting a great cause! King's Bend Park is located at 170 West Jefferson Road.



## FLU CLINIC AT THE PITTSFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT THIS FRIDAY, 10/11

Flu Prevention Partners, a division of Wellness Programs with Value (WPV), is offering a community flu clinic at the Pittsford Fire Department Station #1 this Friday, October 11, from 2:00 - 3:30pm. PFD Station #1 is located at 8 Monroe Avenue, Pittsford, NY 14534. The clinic is open to adults aged 18+. WPV accepts most major health insurance plans, including Medicare. Please bring your insurance ID. For uninsured participants, the cost will be \$60 per

Trivalent Dose or \$90 per Senior Dose payable by cash or check at the time of service.

The flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses that infects the nose, throat, and sometimes the lungs. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death. The best way to prevent the flu is by getting a flu vaccine each year.

Flu Prevention Partners is a full-service, onsite flu vaccination provider for organizations of every size throughout NY and neighboring states. <u>Find out more information at https://www.FluPreventionPartners.com</u>.

## PITTSFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE IS THIS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

In commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire (which occurred October 8 - 10 in 1871), this week is nationally designated as Fire Prevention Week. The Pittsford Fire Department will be holding a Community Open House at Fire Station #1 (8 Monroe Avenue, near the Main Street Four Corners) **this Saturday,** October 12, from 9:00am – 11:00am. Take this opportunity to learn about your local volunteer fire



department and the importance of fire safety and fire prevention.

Take a tour of the station, enjoy fun family activities, and get an up-close look at the firetrucks, tools and equipment. And be sure to chat with our volunteer firefighters – they'll be available to provide information, answer questions, and discuss all things related to firefighting! Enjoy donuts and cider too. The event is free and open to the public.

First-responders and representatives from the Monroe County Sheriff's Office, Pittsford Volunteer Ambulance, the Monroe County Office of Traffic Safety, and the

STOP-DWI program will be on site as well providing additional health and safety information.

As the number of calls for service continues to grow, so does the need for volunteers. The Pittsford Volunteer Fire Department is always looking for members of the community interested in joining their ranks. If you would like to find out more about how you can make a vital contribution to our community as a volunteer firefighter, stop by the open house this Saturday.

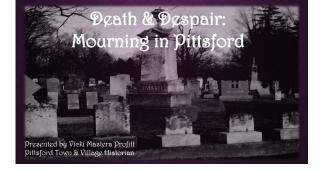
The theme of this year's Fire Prevention Week is **"Smoke alarms: make them work for you!"** Here are some **"Smoke Alarms at Home" safety tips** from the National Fire Protection Association:

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom. They should also be outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. Install alarms in the basement.
- Large homes may need extra smoke alarms.
- It is best to use **interconnected smoke alarms**. When one smoke alarm sounds, they all sound.
- Test all smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.
- Current alarms on the market employ several types of technology including **multi-sensing**, which could include smoke and carbon monoxide combined.
- Today's smoke alarms will be more **technologically advance**d to respond to a multitude of fire conditions yet mitigate false alarms.
- A smoke alarm **should be on the ceiling or high on a wall**. Keep smoke alarms away from the kitchen to reduce false alarms. They should be at least 10 feet (3 meters) from the stove.
- People who are hard-of-hearing or deaf can use **special alarms**. These alarms have strobe lights and bed shakers.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.

You can download the fact sheet with the above tips <u>here</u>. Learn more about National Fire Prevention Week, including codes, standards, and further resources, at the <u>National Fire Protection Association website</u>.

## HISTORIC PITTSFORD PRESENTS "DEATH & DESPAIR: MOURNING IN PITTSFORD" - 10/23 Join Pittsford Town Historian Vicki

Masters Profitt on Wednesday, October 23 for a presentation entitled "Death & Despair: Mourning in Pittsford." Unearth the stories of Pittsford's eternal residents ... A Pittsford Civil War soldier killed at the Battle of Antietam was buried three times, and his final resting place is marked with the wrong date. A 21-



year-old Pittsford man died and so many mourners attended his funeral that they filled two memory books. A Pittsford Village family had 10 children, four of whom died within 10 days of each other of disease. Pittsford Town and Village Historian Vicki Masters Profitt will share these and other stories of bereavement in our community through the years.

"Death & Despair: Mourning in Pittsford" is co-hosted by Historic Pittsford and the Pittsford Community Library. It will take place at the Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street, on October 23 at 6:30pm. This event is free and open to the public; no registration required.

#### REMINDERS



## TOWN HISTORIAN'S OFFICE CLOSED THIS THURSDAY, 10/10

The Town Historian's Office will be **closed this Thursday**, **October 10**.

Regular hours (11:00am - 3:00pm) will resume on Thursday, October 17. Visit the <u>Historian</u> page on the Town website for more information about our Town Historian's services.

## FAMILY HALLOWEEN FEST IS SUNDAY, 10/20 At the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, parking at Sutherland High School

Our <u>Family Halloween Fest</u> is only a little over a week away! This fall-tastic event will take place on Sunday, October 20 from 2:00 - 5:00pm at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue.

Enjoy crafts, games, and refreshments, with indoor



and outdoor activities! It's sure to be an afternoon of great family fun. Admission is free but we request one canned good item per person to benefit the Pittsford Food Cupboard. Park at Pittsford Sutherland High School, 55 Sutherland Street in the Village, and take our free hayride shuttle to the Community Center. Details are being finalized; find updates Family Halloween Fest on our webpage at www.townofpittsford.org/halloweenfest as the date approaches. We hope to see you there!

> PTSA SUPER SALE IS NEXT WEEK, OCTOBER 15 – 20 NEW LOCATION!

## 61ST ANNUAL PITTSFORD PTSA SUPER SALE



## Sale held 10/18 – 20 will benefit students in all 9 Pittsford Schools

This October, volunteer, donate and shop the 61st Annual Pittsford PTSA Super Sale hosted at Nazareth University in the Golisano Training Center. The PTSA Super Sale, held October 18 – 20, is a huge, upscale rummage sale with deals on clothing, shoes, furniture, baby gear, sports equipment, linens, home goods, tools, outdoor items, bikes and more! All funds – 100% – raised at Super Sale go to the Pittsford PTSA to provide programs and events in each of our nine

Pittsford schools – every Pittsford student benefits from Super Sale!

### Save these Super Sale Dates:

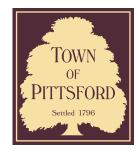
- Volunteer Shifts are available starting at 3:00pm Tuesday, 10/15 through 1:30pm on Monday, 10/21.
- Donation Days: Wednesday, 10/16 and Thursday, 10/17 from 9:00am 12noon and 4:00pm - 7:00pm. (See the "Donate Items" link on their web page for more information.)
- Pre-Sale for Super Sale volunteer workers and PCSD Staff: Friday, 10/18 from 3:00pm 8:00pm
- Super Sale opens to the public: Saturday, October 19 from 9:00am 8:00pm.
- 50% Off Sale: Sunday, 10/20 from 9:00am 2:00pm
- Make-a-Deal Sale: Sunday, 10/20 from 2:00pm 8:00pm

For more information on volunteering and to register for a shift visit: <u>https://www.pittsfordptsa.net/super-sale</u>.

Interested in donating items to the sale? Now is the time to clean out your basements and closets and save your best items to donate to the Super Sale. Gently used furniture, toys, baby items, sports equipment, music instruments, books, games, puzzles, housewares, lamps, electronics, rugs, home décor, linens, holiday decorations, clothing, shoes, jewelry, garden and outdoor items, tools, and more are all appreciated! To donate, please bring your items to the Golisano Training Center at Nazareth University, 4245 East Avenue, on Wednesday, 10/16 from 9:00am –12:00pm or Thursday, 10/17 from 4:00apm– 7:00pm.

## 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 <u>www.townofpittsford.org/calendar</u> 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

- Coats for Seniors Drive at Community Center donate new or gently worn coats and winter accessories, to be distributed to senior citizens in need across Monroe County; drop off at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue. For more information about donating and/or receiving a coat, stop by or call the Senior Programs Office at 248-6235; coats are being collected through October 31, 2023.
- Women's Club of Pittsford Garage Sale and Bake Sale, Friday and Saturday, 10/11 & 12, 9:00am – 4:00pm, King's Bend Park, 170 W. Jefferson Road; a variety of items from many households, plus delicious baked goods, proceeds to benefit charitable efforts including community service and educational programs
- <u>Pittsford Fire Department Open House</u>, Saturday, October 12, 9:00am -11:00pm, Fire Station #1, 8 Monroe Avenue; children's activities, fire trucks and equipment on display, firefighters available to provide safety information and answer questions, free and open to the public, more info <u>www.pittsfordfd.org</u>
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- <u>PTSA Super Sale</u>, 9:00am 7:00pm, Saturday and Sunday, 10/19-20, Nazareth University Golisano Training Center, 4245 East Avenue; Sunday is 50% off sale 9:00am – 2:00pm and "Make a Deal" 2:00 – 7:00pm. For more info see the <u>PTSA Super Sale web page</u>
- <u>Town of Pittsford Family Halloween Fest</u>, Sunday, 10/20, 2:00-5:00pm, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue, indoor and outdoor activities, event parking at Sutherland High School, 55 Sutherland Street; games, crafts, refreshments, requested donation one canned good per person, to benefit Pittsford Food Cupboard.
- <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

- Design Review & Historic Preservation Board , Thursday, 10/10, 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: <a href="http://www.townofpittsford.org/minutes">www.townofpittsford.org/minutes</a>
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Thursday, 10/10, 6:30pm, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center – Room 206, 35 Lincoln Avenue; the meeting agenda is posted at least 24 hours prior to the meeting on the Town website here: www.townofpittsford.org/minutes

- Planning Board, Monday, 10/14 NO MEETING due to holiday
- Town Board, Tuesday, 10/15, 6:00pm, Public Meeting Room, Town Hall (lower level), 11 South Main Street, ASL interpretation provided; the meeting agenda is posted at least two days prior to the meeting on the Town website here: <a href="http://www.townofpittsford.org/minutes">www.townofpittsford.org/minutes</a>

#### **COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR**

- <u>Board of Education</u> meeting, Tuesday, 10/15, 7:00pm, Barker Road Middle School McCluski Board Room, 75 Barker Road
- <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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