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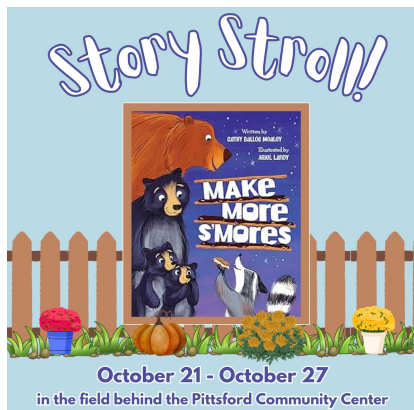
LEAF COLLECTION APP NOW LIVE

The Town of Pittsford's Leaf Collection App is now live. You can use the Town's online leaf-collection app to track the location of our hardworking leaf-collecting crews and learn when they'll next be in your neighborhood. Just visit

<https://gis.townofpittsford.org/LeafCollection>. There, you'll find an interactive, color-coded map that operates in real time, allowing you to see where leaf crews are operating throughout the Town and where they'll be next.



Our Highway Department team updates the leaf application once or twice a day, as leaf crews call in upon completing collection in an area. Upcoming collection days are forecasted based on the weather and the amount of leaves that have fallen – both key factors that affect how quickly leaves can be picked up. Give our leaf app a try – it's a great example of our long-held commitment to making Town services even more helpful and effective for you.



"MAKE MORE S'MORES" STORY STROLL UNDERWAY AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

Our current Story Stroll is under way through this Sunday, October 27. Families can take a leisurely Story Stroll behind the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center while reading "Make More S'mores" by Cathy Ballou Mealey.

"Make More S'mores" is a delightful children's story about friendship, sharing, and the joy of s'mores. Roscoe the raccoon is enjoying a peaceful evening by the campfire, ready to savor his perfectly roasted s'more. When a hungry grizzly bear arrives, Roscoe generously offers to share. As word spreads of Roscoe's kindness, more and more forest friends join the gathering, each eager to taste the delicious treat. Together, they roast marshmallows, assemble s'mores, and learn the

importance of sharing and friendship. With its charming rhymes and vibrant illustrations, this heartwarming tale inspires young readers to be kind and generous.

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 November 18 through 24.

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.

TONIGHT: HISTORIC PITTSFORD PRESENTS "DEATH & DESPAIR: MOURNING IN PITTSFORD" AT THE LIBRARY

Join Pittsford Town Historian Vicki Masters Profitt tonight – Wednesday, October 23 – for the presentation "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, at 6:30pm. This event is free and open to the public; no registration required.



SENIORS "INTERGENERATIONAL CLUB" HALLOWEEN PIZZA PARTY, OCTOBER 31 Reservations due this Monday, 10/28

The "Intergenerational Club" brings older and younger generations together for friendship, food and fun! Seniors, join us on Thursday, October 31 for a Halloween Pizza Party with students from Pittsford Sutherland High School. Festivities, which include crafts and games, begin at 11:00am. Costumes are optional - but you know the high schoolers will be dressed for the occasion! To make sure we have enough pizza for everyone, **please make a reservation by calling 248-6235 no later than October 28.** The Halloween Pizza Party will take place in the

VanHuysen Community Room at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center.

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.

SENIORS LUNCH AND ENTERTAINMENT BY THE MAPLE QUARTET, NOVEMBER 5

Reservations due Thursday, 10/31

Seniors, join us for a European-style lunch and musical program by The Maple Quarter on November 5 at 12:00noon. On the menu is a German Butternut Squash Soup topped with chopped olives, tomatoes, and a drizzle of olive oil. We'll also be serving a French Spinach and Cheese Quiche with a Bistro Salad. For dessert, Italian mini cannoli! The Maple Quarter, comprised of exceptional students from the Eastman School of Music, will provide musical entertainment!



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 31.** For more information and to register, stop by the Senior Programs office at the Community Center or call 248-6235.

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NARCAN TRAINING & SERVICES INFO AT LIBRARY THIS TUESDAY, 10/29 - LEARN TO SAFELY STOP AN OPIOID OVERDOSE

The Pittsford Community Library will offer **free public Narcan training and opioid awareness information this Tuesday, October 29 from 12:00 - 3:00pm** in the Library hallway. Stop by to receive a free Narcan training and a Narcan kit from the Monroe County Health Department. Narcan (Naloxone) is a nasal spray that can be administered immediately to treat an opioid overdose. The opioid crisis continues at an

alarming level. **Approximately every other day, someone in Monroe County dies from an opioid overdose.** There is no community immune to this crisis – learn how to save a life with Narcan. This drop-in program is free; no registration required.

The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street. To learn more about upcoming Library programs, sign up for the [Library's weekly eNewsletter](#), 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.

FREE MEDICARE 101 WORKSHOP AT COMMUNITY CENTER ON FRIDAY, 11/1

Seniors, join us on Friday, November 1 for a free Medicare 101 Workshop at the Pittsford Spiegel Community Center. A certified Lifespan Medicaid Counselor will provide a high-level overview of Medicare information, including, Parts A, B, C, and D Medigap plans and the benefits covered, deductible, premium, co-pay and coinsurance costs, how to pick

the lowest cost prescription plan, the 4 Medicare enrollment period, changing health and drug plans outside of open enrollment, and more. Medicare 101 will take place from 10:30am to 12noon in Room 204 at the Pittsford Spiegel Community Center. Please call 248-6235 to register.

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A graphic for a Medicare 101 workshop. It features a teal background with a white cross icon in a circle at the top left. To the right is a circular inset image showing a doctor's hands holding a patient's hands. Below the icon, the text reads: "Medicare 101", "FREE WORKSHOP", "Friday", "November 1st", "10:30 - Noon", "Room 204", and "Call 248-6235 to register". At the bottom, it says "Provided by Lifespan's Certified Medicare Counselor".



DONATE ITEMS AT THE LIBRARY TO HELP BIRDS OF PREY AT WILD WINGS

There's still time to donate items to help hawks, eagles, owls and other birds of prey cared for by [Wild Wings](#). The Pittsford Community Library is collecting items through October 31 - see the list of needs below. All items should be new and unopened. Wild Wings is a Bird of Prey Facility and Nature Center that cares for permanently injured and non-releasable birds and animals unable to survive on their own in the wild. It's located in Mendon Ponds Park and offers

visits and educational programs to foster awareness, enhance respect, and promote personal responsibility related to the natural world. This donation drive is held in the spirit of the [Great Give Back](#), a NYS Public Libraries community service initiative.

A variety of items are needed, including these most in demand: aspen shavings for bedding, bird seed (sunflower, safflower, thistle), Peanut Pickouts, unsalted, shelled nuts (peanuts, pecans, walnuts, cashews or pistachios), dried mealworms, 55-gallon trash bags, hand sanitizer, latex disposable gloves, litter (Unscented ExquisiCat or Unscented Vibrant Life Natural paper Pellets), paper towels, and Purina One Tender Select Blend Dry Cat Food with Real Chicken. Find the full [list of Wild Wings needs here](#) or see the list at the Library.

Donations can be dropped off at the Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street, throughout the month of October. The Mendon Public Library, located at 22 North Main Street in Honeoye Falls, also is accepting items during this time. Please consider helping out our wild and feathered friends!

UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS AT THE PITTSFORD COMMUNITY LIBRARY

This fall, the Library has a variety of programs and events for all ages. Check out their full schedule by visiting their [online calendar](#). To keep up-to-date on Library news and information, be sure to sign up for their [weekly eNewsletter](#), which arrives in mailboxes each Sunday!

Here are some upcoming programs you'll want to check out!

Haunted: An Afternoon of Spooky Storytelling - Saturday, October 26, 2:00pm

Longtime local comedian/storyteller and longtime radio personality Scott Fybush, along with a cast of local storytellers, will present an afternoon of chilling tales to celebrate the spookiest of seasons! This event is free and open to the public; no registration required.

Rodgers and Hammerstein: A Musical History - Monday, October 28, 6:30pm

Pittsford pianist Bob Hyman will talk about the career of Rodgers and Hammerstein and how they influenced "The Golden Age of Broadway Musicals." He will also treat patrons to a performance of some of their best-loved songs. This event is free and open to the public; no registration required.

Trivia Night - Tuesday October 29, 6:30pm

Compete on your own or with a team to be crowned champion(s) of spooky season trivia! Win or lose, everyone will have fun. Hosted by Adult Services Librarian Jim. [Registration required.](#)

Sound Journey - Wednesday, October 30, 6:30pm

Gongs, singing bowls, and chimes will relax and soothe your entire being! Bring your mat, blankets, and pillows to get comfortable while the celestial sounds of sacred instruments take you on an inner flight of deep relaxation. This event is free and open to the public; no registration required.

Trick-or-Treat Around the Library - Wednesday, October 30, 9:30am

Join us Wednesday, October 30, for Halloween Story Time! Then, stay to decorate treat bags and join a costume parade around the Library that will include trick-or-treating at seven different spots! This event is free and open to the public; no registration required.

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Upcoming Events & Programs at the PITTSFORD COMMUNITY LIBRARY

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- Rodgers & Hammerstein: A Musical History - 10/28
- Trivia Night - 10/29
- Sound Journey - 10/30
- Trick-or-Treat Around the Library - 10/30

For a complete schedule of programs & events at the Pittsford Community Library, please visit their online calendar!



ROTARY CLUB ELECTION NIGHT PASTA SUPPER IS BACK – TUESDAY, 11/5 AT PITTSFORD MENDON HS!

Pittsford Rotary Club is returning to its in-house pasta meal for this year's Election Day Supper on Tuesday, 11/5! Drive-thru and take-out are still options but our Rotarians hope you consider joining your friends and neighbors at the Pittsford Mendon High School Commons to dine in for this traditional community get-together/fundraiser.

The dinner features a generous helping of pasta and sauce, meatballs (including a no-pork option), tossed salad, a breadstick, dessert and beverage. The event runs from 5:00 to 7:00p.m. Tickets are \$15 for age 13+ and \$5 for ages 5-12. Veterans and

children younger than age 5 eat for free. [Tickets can be purchased online here](#), can be purchased in advance from any Pittsford Rotarian, and will be available at the door.

Funds raised will benefit a wide range of local charities and community organizations, including the Pittsford Food Cupboard, Veterans Outreach Center, Pittsford Youth Services, and many more. Pittsford Mendon High School is located at 472 Mendon Road. For more information visit www.PittsfordRotaryClub.org.

LEAF MULCH: NATURE'S NUTRIENT BOOST

Mulching leaves instead of raking them saves time and improves your lawn!

- **Natural fertilizer:** Mulching leaves adds nutrients and organic matter to your lawn. Fall leaves are high in carbon and low in nitrogen, so mowing helps break them down and release nutrients into the soil.
- **Weed control:** Mulching can reduce weeds like crabgrass by preventing weed seeds from germinating.
- **Soil improvement:** Mulching improves the quality of your soil and provides food for beneficial microorganisms.
- **Erosion control:** Mulch acts as a protective barrier, preventing soil erosion from wind and rain, which also preserves nutrient loss.
- **Time saver:** Mulch leaves while mowing your lawn to save time.
- **Habitat for wildlife:** Leaves provide a natural habitat for many animals, including butterflies, salamanders, chipmunks, and earthworms.



To mulch leaves with your lawn mower:

- Set your mower to its highest setting.
- Mow as usual.
- For deep layers of leaves, you may need to mow in a crisscross or 90-degree pattern.
- Some leaves will remain on the lawn, but they will break down over time.

By mulching leaves, you can contribute to a healthier ecosystem, reduce your reliance on synthetic fertilizers and pesticides, and conserve natural resources.



WOMEN'S CLUB OF PITTSFORD GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE BY 12/31

The Women's Club of Pittsford offers endowment grants to charitable organizations and is accepting grant applications through December 31, 2024. Grants must request monetary support for a specific project and cannot help fund salaries, stipends for volunteers, or operating expenses.

Those interested in applying for a grant [can fill out a grant application online](#). Applications must be received

no later than December 31, 2024.

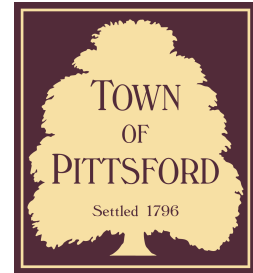
The online application submission must include a copy of the letter from the IRS advising that your organization has 501(c)(3) status. The Women's Club of Pittsford is unable to support organization that do not send verification of 501(c)(3) status. The Women's Club will notify grant recipients in May.

[The Women's Club of Pittsford](#) is a part of the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC). They are a local, non-profit, voluntary organization that offers opportunities to take part in community service projects, educational programs, fundraising efforts, and social activities. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Linda at lmackenzie3045@gmail.com.

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

- **"Make More S'mores!" Story Stroll**, 10/21 – 10/27, 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
- **Free public Narcan training** – learn to safely stop an opioid overdose with Narcan (Naloxone) nasal spray and receive a Narcan kit from the Monroe County Health Department, Tuesday, October 29, 12:00 – 3:00pm, Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street; this drop-in program is free and open to the public, no registration required
- **Wild Wings donation drive at Pittsford Community Library**, drop items off through 10/31 during Library hours, 24 State Street in Pittsford, see list of needed items at the Library or online at [Wild Wings Wish List](#); items also accepted at the Mendon Public Library, 22 North Main Street in Honeoye Falls
- **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.

- [Rotary Club of Pittsford Election Day Pasta Supper](#), Tuesday, 11/5, 5:00 - 7:00pm, dine in, take-out and drive-thru available, Pittsford Mendon High School, 472 Mendon Road. Tickets (\$15/ages 13+, \$5.00/child age 5-12, free for children younger than age 5) available from any Rotarian or at the door, or [purchase tickets online here](#); proceeds to benefit local charities and service organizations, more info at www.pittsfordrotaryclub.org.
- [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, 10/24 – **NO MEETING**
- **Planning Board**, Monday, 10/28, 6:30pm, Town Hall, Public Meeting Room (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

- [Pittsford Village Board of Trustees Workshop meeting: Canal Path On-site](#), Thursday, 10/24, 4:00pm, at Sam Patch tour location and ticket office, 12 Schoen Place; information and participation details be listed on the Village website [here](#)
- [Village Board of Trustees](#) 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 [here](#) as the meeting date approaches
- [American Legion Rayson-Miller Post 899](#) 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 [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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