

News & Reviews

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Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings*

TOWN BOARD MEETING IS TONIGHT

Because Election Day fell on a Tuesday yesterday, the next Pittsford Town Board meeting is tonight – Wednesday, 11/6 – at 6:00pm. The Town Board Meeting takes place in the Public Meeting Room in the lower level of the Town Hall, 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. ASL interpretation is provided.



AMERICAN LEGION VETERANS DAY CEREMONY IS THIS MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

The Town of Pittsford will join with [Rayson-Miller American Legion Post 899 on Veterans Day](#) this Monday, November 11 at 11:00am to honor all those who serve, or have served, in our country's military forces. The Legion's Veterans Day Ceremony will take place at the Veterans Memorial Monument in William A. Carpenter Park at the Port of Pittsford, 22 North Main Street.

The public is welcome and encouraged to attend this moving tribute, which includes a presentation of colors, the placement of wreaths, a rifle salute and the playing of Taps.

A reception, also open to the public, follows at the Rayson Miller American Legion Post in the lower level of Village Hall, 21 North Main Street. The Post is handicap accessible.

COMMEMORATING THE 1794 CANANDAIGUA TREATY AND NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE November is Native American Heritage Month. In addition, on November 11 we recognize the anniversary of the 1794 Treaty of Canandaigua. Ratified by Congress

and by the Haudenosaunee Confederacy. This treaty of peace established a nation-to-nation relationship between the Haudenosaunee and the United States. Today, 230 years later, the treaty remains recognized as a significant example of early American diplomacy and an important reminder of the ways Haudenosaunee values influenced our American government. At our November 6 Town Board meeting, Supervisor Smith will commemorate the Treaty as you can read below.



Message from Town Supervisor Smith:

November is Native American Heritage Month. Pittsford and the entire region around us are located on the ancestral territory of the Onondowaga or “the people of the Great Hill” – more commonly known today as the Senecas, “the keepers of the western door.” Comprising, together with the Mohawk, Cayuga, Onondaga, Oneida, and Tuscarora, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy.

November 11, marks the 230th anniversary of the Treaty of Canandaigua, concluded between the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the young United States in 1794.

It reminds us of the values and culture of the Haudenosaunee that influenced our American government and heritage in ways that matter to this day. It reminds us of the value of peaceable interaction, that it was this treaty that opened up our region peaceably to access to settlers from what had been until recently the English colonies east of the Appalachians. Sadly, it reminds us also of the phenomenon throughout the history of all civilizations and all continents as well as our own, of a people migrating to lands new to them but occupied by others, settling there and assimilating the previous inhabitants or reducing them to a small minority.

More hopefully, it reminds us that American society as it exists today owes its identity and vitality to generations from around the world, and from this immediate region, who contributed their hopes, dreams and resources to making the history that led to this moment. All the more important to recognize this as a living agreement, to live in peace and friendship.

In subsequent years, the federal government tolerated violations of this treaty by the State as to rights guaranteed to the Haudenosaunee for quiet enjoyment of their land. Yet the treaty remains in place and is still actively recognized by the United States and the Six Nations. Like the George Washington Covenant Belt adopted to symbolize the Treaty by representatives of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the United States government in Canandaigua on that day in 1794, the "chain" of our friendship with the Senecas and other peoples of the Haudenosaunee should be polished regularly, to reinforce our bonds of friendship and common humanity.

To learn more about the 1794 Canandaigua Treaty and the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, visit www.onondaganation.org/news/2020/the-1794-canandaigua-treaty. To learn more about the many ways Native Americans have enriched our national life and culture through their knowledge, skills, myriad accomplishments, rich ancestry and traditions, visit www.nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov.

MONROE COUNTY LAUNCHES TRAFFIC SAFETY REPORTING PORTAL

Monroe county has initiated a process whereby



residents of all municipalities in the County can report concerns about traffic safety.

This is being done in conjunction with the County's new traffic safety committee. The committee includes citizens and County government representatives. They will work with government leaders and the public to address traffic safety concerns.

You can notify the committee of a traffic safety problem on the County website: <https://www.monroecounty.gov/ts> or you can leave a message at 585-753-3200. Members of the safety committee will use the information received to evaluate roadways, sidewalks, crosswalks, trails, and other byways shared by pedestrians, cyclists and motorists. Data will be used for public awareness campaigns and also to apply for grants for safety improvements.

The County will refer concerns involving roads in Pittsford to the Town's Highway Department.

It can be tricky to determine who maintains a road or highway. You can often identify who has jurisdiction by looking at the road signs:

- **State Roads:** identified by a white shield with a route number. These are managed by the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT).
- **County Roads:** marked with a blue pentagon shield and a county route number. The county Department of Public Works manage these.
- **Town Roads:** not usually marked with a specific sign. Consider any road not designated as state or county as maintained by the Town.

The State Department of Transportation provides an [Info Access map](#) that can help to identify who has jurisdiction over a road. The map shows state roads in red or thick lines, county roads in blue or green, and local roads in yellow.

Traffic and pedestrian safety represents one of the top concerns of our Town Administration in Pittsford, reflected in the Town's ambitious sidewalk-building program, improvements to crosswalks and intensified efforts to convince the State Department Transportation of the need for specific safety improvements that only it can approve.

SENIORS MOVIE MATINEE NOVEMBER 14: ANNIE *Reservations required by this Monday, 11/11*

Seniors, join us on Thursday, November 14 for a free morning movie matinee featuring *Annie* – the classic 1982 a musical romp about the little red-headed orphan with a big heart! 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. **Please note: so we can plan accordingly, please register for the movie and for the lunch by November 11.**



Annie is a spunky young orphan living in a miserable orphanage run by the tyrannical Miss Hannigan. When a wealthy businessman, Oliver Warbucks, takes Annie in to improve his public image, she experiences a life of luxury and kindness from the staff who work in the Warbucks mansion. Annie's optimism and determination shine through as she searches for her real parents while bringing joy to those around her, including the grumpy Warbucks himself.

Register for our Senior Movie Matinee by calling 248-6235; reservations are due by this Monday, November 11. The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. To learn more about our programs, activities and services for seniors, visit the [Seniors page](#) on the Town website, read the [Seniors program](#) info brochure online, or call our Senior Programs Office at 248-6235.



SENIORS THANKSGIVING FEAST AND MUSIC BY TOM QUIGLEY NOVEMBER 19

Reservations due Thursday, 11/14

Seniors, join us for our annual Thanksgiving Feast on Tuesday, November 19 at 12:00noon! This elaborate holiday event includes special music by Tom Quigley. On the menu is roasted turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, stuffing, squash, jellied cranberry, a dinner roll, and for dessert, pumpkin pie with whipped cream. Musician Tom Quigley will be there to provide 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 November**

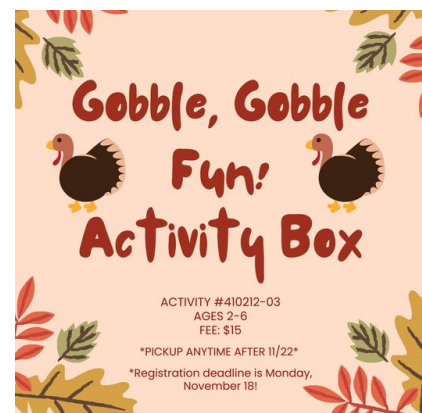
14. For more information and to register, stop by the Senior Programs office at the Community Center or call 248-6235.

The Town's Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. To learn more about our programs, activities and services for seniors [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.

NOVEMBER RECREATION ACTIVITY BOX PROVIDES KIDS WITH AT-HOME FUN

Looking for something new and fun for your child to do this fall? Look no further – try our fun-themed Activity Boxes created by our Recreation Department team! Each Activity Box is \$15 and includes all the supplies your child needs to create crafts, activities and experiments.

November's Activity Box theme is "Gobble, Gobble Fun!" **Register for your box no later than Friday, November 15.** You can pick up your Activity Box on November 22 or after at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center any time during open hours.



[Register online here](#) 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 activity boxes at the front desk.



UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS AT THE PITTSFORD COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Including Preschool Fair on Saturday, Book Buddies on Mondays, Little Mermaid cast visit

This November, the Library has a variety of programs and events for all ages. There's a **hearing aid assessment and educational program** from 1:00 to 2:30pm this Friday, November 8. This Saturday, November 9, the Library is hosting a **preschool fair** from 10:00am - 12:00pm. This Monday, November 11, another **Crafty Book Buddies** reading program takes place from 4:00 - 4:45pm. Also this Monday, from 11:00 – 11:45am join **cast members from Cobblestone Performing Arts** as they read and sing songs from their upcoming show, *The Little Mermaid*. There's an **IRS presentation to help you safeguard against identity thieves** on Tuesday, November 12 from 10:00- 11:00am, and on Wednesday, November 13 at 6:30pm take the opportunity to **join investigative reporter Gary Craig** as he moderates a panel of local journalists.

Check out the Library's 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!

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.

TURKEYS & FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED TO PROVIDE THANKSGIVING MEALS

The Pittsford Food Cupboard needs your help to provide Thanksgiving dinner items to 250 local families in need. **Thanksgiving food distribution begins on Friday, November 15.** The pantry plans to give away a **total of 250 turkeys** with Thanksgiving meal items by November 26. Will you help PFC ensure each family in need receives a turkey for their Thanksgiving meal? Some of our major local grocery stores have special pricing for turkey or have coupons – you can search online for the best deals. If you'd like to drop off a frozen turkey, please do so during **OPEN** hours. If you prefer, consider bringing in a gift card or a monetary donation and the pantry will stock their freezer!



In addition to turkeys, the Food Cupboard especially needs these other Thanksgiving dinner items: **gravy, stuffing mix, French friend onions, and baking items (vanilla, sugar, flour, salt, chocolate chips, etc.)** The pantry currently has no room for corn or any type of canned beans.

Clients will need to make an appointment to shop for the Thanksgiving holiday. To make an appointment, please call the cupboard at (585) 264-9860 or stop in during our open hours of 9:30am - 1:30pm on Tuesdays and Fridays. You can make an appointment on the following dates: Nov. 15, 16, 19, 22, or 26.

The Pittsford Food Cupboard is located at 3800 Monroe Avenue (on the right, just after the canal bridge as you're heading out of the Village). **Drop-off hours** are Monday through Saturday from 9:00am - 5:00pm at door #26. **Open hours** are from 9:30am -

1:30pm on Tuesday and Fridays. The Pittsford Food Pantry will be open shortened hours on November 29, Black Friday, from 9:30 - 11:30pm.

If you have a large donation, please call ahead to make sure a staff member can accommodate you; they may need to schedule a time when a staff member can assist you. Call (585) 264-9860 with any questions and to make large drop off arrangements.

The PFC serves Pittsford, East Rochester, Mendon, Honeoye Falls, Brighton and some areas in the City of Rochester. In service since 1998, the PFC has grown to provide food supplies to over 4,000 households each year, totaling over 6,400 people. To find out more about who they serve and how you can help, visit www.pittsfordfoodcupboard.net or email pittsfordfoodcupboard@gmail.com.



KEEP STORM WATER DRAINS CLEAR OF LEAVES TO PREVENT FLOODING AND DRIVING HAZARDS

The sudden drop of autumn leaves, while beautiful, can block water from draining properly. To ensure our stormwater management system is working at its best, please help by regularly checking the storm drains in the gutters near your home or business and clearing them of any leaves and other debris. A blocked drain grate prevents stormwater from flowing into the catch-basin below, causing water pooling in roads, walkways, and other areas which can lead to flooding, water damage and hazardous driving conditions. Also, as the rain makes its way through piles of leaves, the water absorbs phosphorus, which pollutes our local waterways.

To prevent leaves from clogging stormwater drains and polluting our water, you can:

- **Mulch leaves instead of raking them.** Mulching significantly reduces the amount of phosphorus entering stormwater runoff. Phosphorus from mulched leaves gradually absorbs back into the soil instead of washing away into storm drains.
- **Dispose of leaves properly:** You can bag leaves and branches and put them in a trash bin with a lid.
- **Avoid blowing or raking leaves into storm drains.**
- **Compost yard waste.**
- **Run downspouts** into a yard.

To learn more about reducing stormwater pollution, visit the Town's Stormwater Management webpage at www.townofpittsford.org/stormwater-management-info-town-of-pittsford and learn to be an H2O Hero! There, you'll find links there to the Monroe County Stormwater Coalition website with even further information.

TOWN LEAF COLLECTION IS ONGOING THROUGH DECEMBER 13 - PLEASE SEPARATE LEAVES AND DEBRIS

Our crews will continue to collect loose leaf piles

approximately every three weeks through December 13. After December 13, leaf collection will be ongoing as needed with no set schedule. Check our [Leaf Collection Status Interactive Map](#) to see when they'll be in your neighborhood next! Please remember to keep leaf piles at the edge of the road but not in it, to avoid traffic hazards, drain clogging, and flooding. Crews will be collecting leaves in piles, reusable containers, or paper bags.



Crews will continue to pick up yard debris each week so long as it's placed in a bag or container and separated from your leaf piles. Be sure to separate yard debris from leaves, placing it in reusable containers or paper bags so it doesn't damage our leaf vacuum or cause injury to a crew member. Find out more information about on our [Leaf Collection page](#).

Have pumpkins? You can leave them with the yard debris (please remove candles) and our crews will pick them up. The Town grinds and composts all yard debris, including pumpkins, to make the mulch we offer free to residents!



- TIPS TO KEEP POLLINATORS SAFE THIS WINTER**
- **Create shelters.** In the winter, pollinators will look for places to hibernate. Provide them some wood and debris in undisturbed areas of your yard. Stumps with nooks and crannies, rock piles, brush piles, and hollow stems and reeds make great shelters.
 - **Leave some leaves in your yard.** Avoid removing all the leaves from your yard. Leaves provide insulation and shelter for overwintering insects like bumblebees and butterfly larvae.
 - **Plant winter-blooming flowers.** Winter-blooming flowers like hazel and hellebores provide pollinators with a much-needed food source during the lean winter months.
 - **Minimize ground disturbance.** Avoid tilling or digging in your yard during the winter month to protect underground homes.

Plant early spring blooms: Violets and Golden Alexander provide food for newly emerged bumble bee queens. Learn more about our pollinator friends and join our Pittsford Pollinator Pathway Challenge by visiting: www.townofpittsford.org/pollinator-pathway.

“ISSUES IN AGING” FOCUS GROUP AT LIBRARY THIS SUNDAY, 11/10

Senior members of the community are invited to participate in a focus group aimed at finding ways to make Pittsford more age friendly. As part of their “Issues in Aging” course at Nazareth University, students Elizabeth Deck and Isabelle Gallina students are collaborating with senior residents from St. John Meadows to facilitate the focus group and to put together a subsequent report. This is a great opportunity to talk about your experience living as a senior in Pittsford! Ms. Deck and Ms. Gallina plan to present their findings at a future Town Board Meeting.



The focus group “listening meeting” will take place **this Sunday, November 10, at**

2:00pm in the Fisher Meeting Room at the Pittsford Community Library. The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street in Pittsford. Discussion topics include transportation, housing, accessibility, outdoor spaces, and other issues related to senior citizens who live within the Town of Pittsford. All senior members of the Pittsford community are welcome; no registration required. Email elizdeck@icloud.com or belleg9@icloud.com with questions.

REMINDERS



KING'S BEND PARK 2025 LODGE RESERVATIONS UNDER WAY FOR RESIDENTS

Reservations are now open for Pittsford residents to book our King's Bend Park lodges for use in 2025. Reservations may be made online by [logging into your account](#) at townofpittsford.org, or by dropping off or mailing in a [reservation request form](#) to 35 Lincoln Avenue, Pittsford, NY 14534. Any hard copy requests should indicate a first priority and second priority date and must include payment at time of receipt. There is

no guarantee that forms dropped off or mailed in will receive the requested date(s), as reservation requests require processing time. Please review the [Lodge Rules and Regulations](#) prior to booking to avoid any conflicts during the approval process. For further information, visit our [facilities information](#) webpage or call the Pittsford Community Center at 585-248-6280.

HISTORIC PITTSFORD'S TOUR OF VILLAGE ESTATES IS THIS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

This Saturday, November 9, Historic Pittsford is offering a tour of country estates and village homes that once belonged to some prominent Pittsford residents who played a significant role in the development of the Town. Access to the Lomb House is included in this tour. The tour is free to Historic Pittsford members free, and \$10 per person for all others. Becoming a member is easy – visit the [Historic Pittsford membership page](#) on their website.



The tour will begin at the Lomb House, 42 W. Jefferson Road, Pittsford. Parking is available in the lot off Jefferson Road next to the Lomb House. Comfortable walking shoes are recommended. This tour is not wheelchair accessible. Participants must be able to climb three flights of stairs. Dress for the weather; the tour will run rain or shine. Visit the [Historic Pittsford website](#) for more information and to register for the tour. Historic Pittsford is a volunteer, non-profit organization that has served Pittsford since 1965, providing leadership, advocacy and education to preserve Pittsford's diverse historic resources – including its people, its architecture, and its agricultural heritage.

PRESCHOOL FAIR AT LIBRARY ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

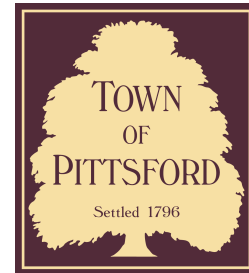
Searching for the right preschool for your child? Meet staff from area preschools, get information, and ask questions. Children welcome – there will be activities! The preschool fair will take place Saturday, November 9 from



10:00am - 12:00pm in the Fisher Meeting Room at the Pittsford Community Library. This event is free and open to the public; no registration required.

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

- [American Legion Veterans Day Ceremony](#), Monday, 11/11, 11:00am, Veterans Monument, William A. Carpenter Park at the Port of Pittsford, 22 North Main Street. Ceremony includes presentation of colors, wreath placement, rifle salute and taps; reception, also open to the public, follows at Rayson-Miller American Legion Post 899, 21 North Main Street
- [Friends of Pittsford Library Fall Book Sale](#) featuring gently used hardcovers, paperbacks, comics, games, DVDs and CDs, Thursday, 11/14 from 4:00 – 8:00pm, Friday, 11/15 from 10:00am – 5:00pm, and Saturday, 11/16 from 10:00am – 4:00pm; bag-it sale from 4:00pm – 5:00 pm, Pittsford Community Library, Fisher Meeting Room, 24 State Street; sale is open to all, funds raised to support programs and materials for the Library. Items will be replenished throughout the sale; bags will be in short supply – please bring your own.
- [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

- **Town Board**, Wednesday, 11/6, 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: www.townofpittsford.org/minutes – **NOTE REVISED DAY/DATE**
- **Planning Board**, Monday, 11/11, 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

- [Village Board of Trustees Meeting](#), Tuesday, 11/12, 5:00pm; more information and participation details will be listed on the Village website [here](#) as the meeting date approaches
- [Board of Education](#) meeting, Tuesday, 11/12, 7:00pm, Barker Road Middle School McCluski Board Room, 75 Barker Road
- [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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