

News & Reviews

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Town of Pittsford - a Clean
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Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings*

BUDGET 2025 HEARING IS NOVEMBER 19

Town Supervisor Bill Smith's proposed budget for 2025 provides once again for no increase in the Town tax rate and maintains all Town services. The public hearing on the budget will be next Tuesday, November 19 at 6:00pm at the Pittsford Town Board meeting. The meeting will be held in the public meeting room (lower level) at Town Hall, 11 South Main Street. Printed copies of the proposed Budget and Supervisor Smith's budget presentation are available at Town Hall in the Town Clerk's office, or view them online at www.townofpittsford.org/budgets.

Town of Pittsford
**Budget 2025
Public Hearing**

Tuesday, November 19
Town Hall Meeting Room
11 South Main Street

2025 Pittsford Town Budget
Presented by Bill Smith, Pittsford Town Supervisor

NO TAX INCREASE

Flat tax rate held at
\$3.13
2022, 2023, 2024
& 2025

▶ All programs and services maintained with room for improvements. ◀

A Message from Supervisor Bill Smith NO TAX INCREASE FOR 2025

Last Wednesday I presented to the Town Board my proposed Town Budget for 2025. My proposed budget keeps the Town tax rate flat, with no increase. Cumulatively since 2018, the budgets I've presented to the Town Board for approval have cut the Town tax rate by more than 9%. Notwithstanding the pinch of inflation, the proposed budget for 2025 avoids a tax increase while maintaining funding for all of the Town's services and events. It provides as well for

some important improvements. The owner of a home of the average value in Pittsford, which is \$302,000, will pay \$946 in town tax in 2025. Still less than a thousand dollars for the year.

Town tax still represents just 8 cents of every dollar you pay in property tax.

The Town recently received its fiscal report cards. The State Comptroller evaluates each Town in the State for fiscal stress, on a scale from 1 to 10. The more stress the higher the number. It's like a golf score: the lower the number the better you've done.

Pittsford's score? – Zero. On a fiscal stress scale of 1 to 10, we're not on the stress scale at all. A perfect score.

Moody's Investors Service recently reaffirmed Pittsford's Triple-A credit rating. Again, a perfect score – the highest rating possible. The only town in upstate New York to have the Triple-A rating. The only town of our size in America to have it. Higher than the credit rating of the State of New York. Higher than the rating for the United States of America.

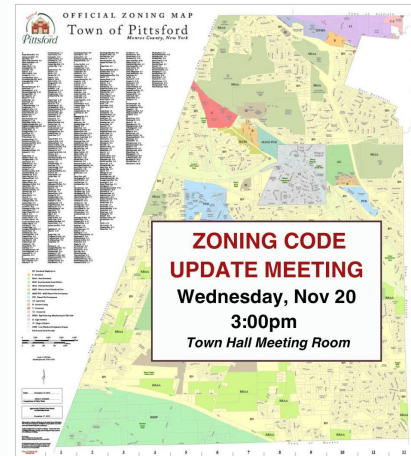
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ZONING CODE REVISION MEETING IS WEDNESDAY, 11/20 at 3:00pm

This will be an extended discussion session, with time scheduled until 9:00pm

The Town Board's next meeting to revise our Zoning Code is **Wednesday, November 20 at 3:00pm with time scheduled until 9:00pm** in Town Hall, 11 South Main Street.

The purpose of the meeting is to complete remaining sections of Zoning Code that the Town Board has not yet reviewed.



Items for consideration will be:

- Parking Regulations
- Nonresidential Districts Regulations
- Sign Regulations
- Residential Design Standards

You will [find the draft Parking Regulations here](#).

You will [find the draft Nonresidential Districts Regulations here](#).

Proposed revisions for Sign Regulations and Residential Design Standards will be posted in the days ahead.

Public participation in these sessions is important! The meetings are open to the public and will be live streamed. Pittsford residents and business owners can **offer comments at the meeting or can submit comments by email to zoningupdate@townofpittsford.org**.

Videos of the Zoning Revision meetings are posted in the days following each meeting. To see them, and to learn more, visit our **Zoning Code Update website** at www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate.

A Message from Town Supervisor Bill Smith
COMMUNITY INPUT REQUESTED REGARDING
ARPA FUNDS

Your Advice Needed!

I'm pleased to report that Monroe County has



allocated to municipalities some of the funds it received pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA"). The purpose is to provide funding for municipal youth or senior programming. To Pittsford the County has allocated just over \$335,000. Thank you, County Executive Bello and our County Legislators!

Our Recreation Department has recommended rebuilding the playground at King's Bend Park to improve it and make it fully accessible. We need to hear other suggestions as well, before making a decision.

I'm asking the Town's Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee for its suggestions about how best to use these funds.

And now I'm asking you for the same thing. What suggestions do you have? Please remember that the funds are limited to youth or senior programming. County representatives have advised that this would include infrastructure such as playgrounds. The Town Board would submit for approval by the County any proposal or proposals to be funded by this grant.

Please send your suggestions to comments@townofpittsford.org.

**PITTSFORD COMMUNITY LIBRARY
STATE/SOUTH STREETS DRIVEWAY ENTRANCE
CLOSED**

The Pittsford Community Library parking lot entrance at the intersection of South Street and State Street (at the signal light just before the State Street Bridge) is currently closed and will remain closed for approximately three weeks. The flat roof at the Library is being replaced with new insulation and a rubber roof membrane. The contractors working on the project will be using the driveway area for equipment access and materials storage. We appreciate your patience during the project!



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; please note correction – cost is \$15.00 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.

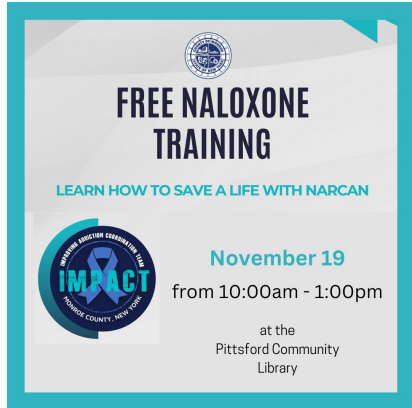
The Town's Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. To learn more about our programs, activities and services for seniors [click here to visit](#)

[the Seniors' page](#) on the Town website, [read our Seniors program info brochure online](#), or call the Senior Programs Office at 248-6235.

TOWN OF PITTSFORD WINTER PARKING RESTRICTIONS BEGIN THIS FRIDAY, 11/15

To facilitate snow removal in the Town of Pittsford, winter parking restrictions are in effect November 15 through April 1 of each year.

Parking of any vehicle on public roads – including state highways – is prohibited during this time in all areas within the Town (outside of the Village). Winter parking restrictions begin this Friday, November 15.



NARCAN TRAINING & SERVICES INFO AT LIBRARY THIS TUESDAY, 11/19 - LEARN TO SAFELY STOP AN OPIOID OVERDOSE

The Pittsford Community Library will offer free public Narcan training and opioid awareness information this Tuesday, November 19 from 10:00am - 1:00pm 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.

"PUMPKIN DAY AT THE ZOO!" STORY STROLL BEGINS THIS MONDAY AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

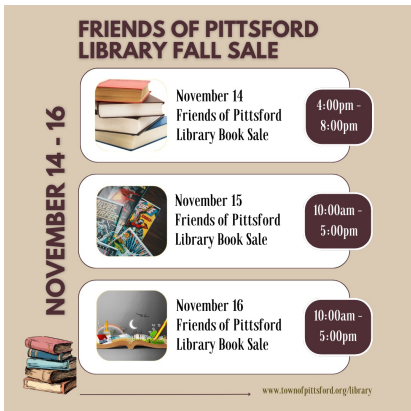
Our next Story Stroll takes place this Monday, November 18 through Sunday, November 24. Families can take a leisurely Story Stroll behind the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center while reading "Pumpkin Day at the Zoo" by Susanne Messner. "Pumpkins Day at the Zoo" is a delightful children's book by Susanne Messner that takes readers on a fun-filled adventure to the zoo on a beautiful fall day. The animals so excited for Pumpkin Day, and one visiting child gets to see them enjoying pumpkin-themed treats and activities. From a lion cub playing with a tiny pumpkin to an elephant painting a masterpiece with its trunk, the book showcases the joy and creativity of the animals as they celebrate this special day.



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

last 2024 Story Stroll will take place December 16 through December 22.

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.



FRIENDS OF PITTSFORD LIBRARY FALL SALE BEGINS TOMORROW

The annual November [Friends of Pittsford Library Fall Book Sale](#) begins tomorrow – Thursday, November 14 – and runs through Saturday, November 16, at the Pittsford Community Library's Fisher Room, 24 State Street. Join us for a treasure trove of gently used treasures at incredible prices! This is a great opportunity to stock up on winter reading, puzzles, and project ideas. Browse through a vast selection of books across various genres, including fiction, non-

fiction, children's books, and more. You'll also find games, DVDs, and CDs – all at fantastic prices! Items will be replenished throughout the sale, so everyone will have a chance to find some wonderful buys.

Due to the overwhelming response of patrons who want to come to the **opening session of the sale on Thursday, November 14, at 4:00pm**, the Friends will be **assigning numbers to shoppers**, a system used before to help eliminate long lines.

Here is how it works:

- To participate, arrive at **1:00 pm on Thursday, November 14**, come to the Library hallway and receive a number for entry into the sale. These will be given out on a first come, first served basis.
- Come back to the sale no earlier than 3:45. Using your number, find your place in line and please be patient as the Friends prepare to open the sale at 4:00pm.
- Shoppers arriving after 3:45 without a number can join the line with the understanding that those with a previously obtained number may take their place ahead of you.
- If the weather is decent, you will be asked to line up outside. Our goal is to minimize the impact on the library patrons.

Sale organizers ask that you do not bring in carts or large bins. Please ask for assistance if you are purchasing large quantities.

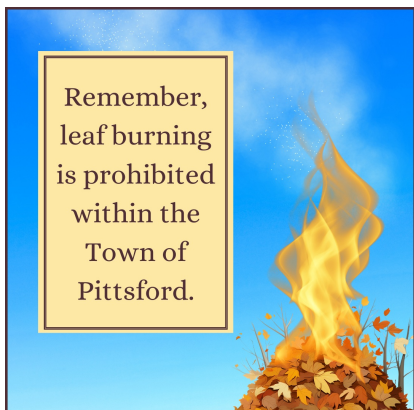
Hours are Thursday, 11/14 from 4:00 - 8:00pm, Friday; 11/15 from 10:00am - 5:00pm; and Saturday, 11/16 from 10:00am - 5:00pm. The sale is open to all. **Bags will be in short supply so please bring your own.** Credit cards will be accepted. **All proceeds benefit programs and materials for our Library.** Come, explore, find your next read, and make a difference in our community! For more information call 585-248-6275 or go to www.pittsfordlibraryfriends.com.

SAVE THE DATE: CANDLELIGHT NIGHT IS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, FROM 5-8 PM

The Pittsford Chamber of Commerce Candlelight Night is Tuesday, December 3! Join in the fun from 5:00 – 8:00pm throughout the Village of Pittsford. There will be horse-drawn carriage rides, two annual tree lightings, a pub crawl, live carolers, visits with Santa and his reindeer, the Grinch, Mrs. Claus and more! This is magical event is a wonderful way to kick off your holiday season. Find out more here:

<https://pittsfordchamber.org/events/2024-annual-candlelight-night-celebration>.



REMEMBER: RESIDENTIAL BURNING OF BRUSH AND LEAVES IS PROHIBITED IN PITTSFORD

Please note that the Town of Pittsford prohibits the residential burning of brush and leaves. Fires spread when the wind carries smoldering, lightweight leaves out of firepits and toward nearby structures or wooded areas. Burning leaves is also a major contributor of urban air pollution. By-products of burning leaves include hydrocarbons, carbon monoxide and other toxic and/or irritating chemicals. The tiny smoke particulates emitted can accumulate in

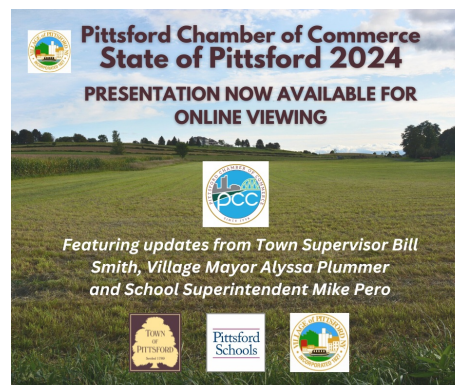
the lungs, causing long-term health complications. Leaf burning is not only a health hazard for humans, but it creates an unsafe environment for wildlife and plants.

Remember, leaving a thin layer of leaves where they fall provides habitat, insulation, and protection for our insect pollinators! Leaves also serve as a natural fertilizer for grass as leaves break down over the winter months. Even choosing to pile leaves over garden beds and around trees and shrubs provides hibernating pollinators with protection.

To remove leaves, we recommend regularly mulching them into your lawn as they fall. If leaf coverage becomes too thick for mulching, place leaves in a pile at the end of your front lawn (behind the curb or gutter), and our leaf crews will remove them. [Click here](#) to use our real-time Leaf Collection application. [Visit our website](#) for handy leaf collection tips.

STATE OF PITTSFORD PRESENTATION VIDEO AVAILABLE ONLINE

The Pittsford Chamber of Commerce 2024 State of Pittsford presentation included updates from the Village, School District and Town. Due to technical difficulties, we were unable to record the entire event. The uploaded video presentation includes speeches by Village Mayor Alyssa Plummer and Town Supervisor Bill Smith and presentation slides from Pittsford Schools Superintendent Mike Pero. Find it here: bit.ly/state-of-pittsford-2024.



REMINDERS

WOMEN'S CLUB OF PITTSFORD GRANT

APPLICATIONS DUE BY DECEMBER 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.



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 this 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.

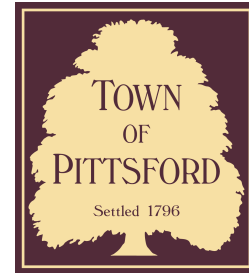
If you have a large donation, please call ahead to make sure a staff member can accommodate you; they may need to schedule a time when a staff member can assist

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.

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

- [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.
- **"Pumpkin Day at the Zoo!" Story Stroll**, 11/18 - 11/24, 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.
- [Chamber of Commerce Candlelight Night](#), Tuesday, 12/3, 5:00-8:00pm, Village of Pittsford - holiday lights, treats, special sales, Santa and Mrs. Claus sightings; book sale, children's craft, live carolers; treats at Town Hall, horse-drawn wagon rides, tree lightings, and more; see info above and more info, including a complete event schedule, on the Pittsford Chamber of Commerce website as the date approaches at www.pittsfordchamber.org/events/annual-candlelight-night-

[celebration](#)

- [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

- **Pittsford Community Library Board**, Wednesday, 11/13, 6:00pm, Fletcher Steele Room, Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street; the meeting agenda is posted at least two days prior to the meeting on the Town website here: www.townofpittsford.org/minutes
- **Design Review & Historic Preservation Board**, Thursday, 11/14, 6:00pm, Public Meeting Room, Town Hall (lower level), 11 South Main Street; the meeting agenda is posted at least two days prior to the meeting on the Town website here: www.townofpittsford.org/minutes
- **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board**, Thursday, 11/14, 6:30pm, Copper Beech Park Extension, near North Main Street Library parking lot entrance; the meeting agenda is posted at least 24 hours prior to the meeting on the Town website here: www.townofpittsford.org/minutes
- **Zoning Board of Appeals**, Monday, 11/18 – **NO MEETING**
- **Town Board - includes public hearing for 2025 Proposed Town Budget**, Tuesday, 11/19, 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**
- **Zoning Code Update Town Board meeting, Wednesday, 11/20**, 3:00pm with time scheduled until 9:00pm, Town Hall lower-level meeting room, 11 South Main Street. Meeting will be live-streamed and recorded; comments can be submitted in advance (mail or email) or at the meeting (email or in person). Find [comment/viewing information here](#); find complete Zoning Code Update information at www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate

COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

- [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](http://www.pittsfordartgroup.com) 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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