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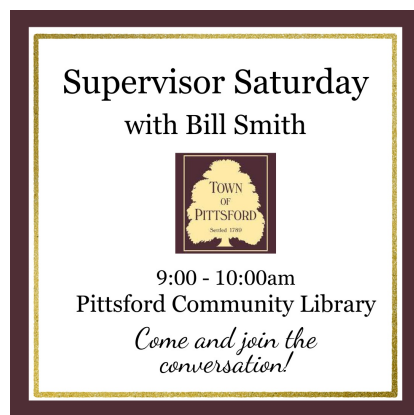
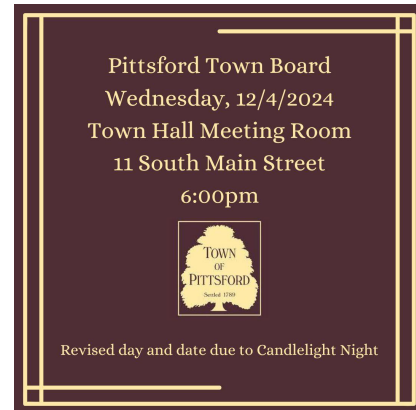
December 4, 2024

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Community

*See listings below for  
Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings*

## **TOWN BOARD MEETING TONIGHT - WEDNESDAY, 12/4**

Because Candlelight Night fell on a Tuesday, the next Pittsford Town Board meeting will be tonight – Wednesday, 12/4 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 on the Town website here: [www.townofpittsford.org/minutes](http://www.townofpittsford.org/minutes). ASL interpretation is provided.



## **SUPERVISOR OPEN HOUSE WITH BILL SMITH THIS SATURDAY, 12/7**

Town Supervisor Bill Smith will host his next community open house meeting this Saturday, December 7 from 9:00 - 10:00am at the Pittsford Community Library. If you have questions, ideas, or comments for Supervisor Smith, be sure to stop by and join the conversation!

This casual open house will be held in the Fisher Meeting Room. Supervisor Saturday enables residents who can't stop by to see Supervisor Smith during the work week a chance to speak to him directly. Come and discuss what matters most to you! Drop in – no registration required. The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street.

Supervisor Smith keeps an open-door policy and welcomes visits from residents at Town Hall during regular business hours Monday to Friday by appointment. As always, he's available by phone at 248-6220 and by email at [https://bsmith@townofpittsford.org](mailto:bsmith@townofpittsford.org).

## **RED CROSS CPR/AED AND FIRST AID OFFERED THROUGH RECREATION DEPT ON 12/7**

The American Red Cross is offering two courses

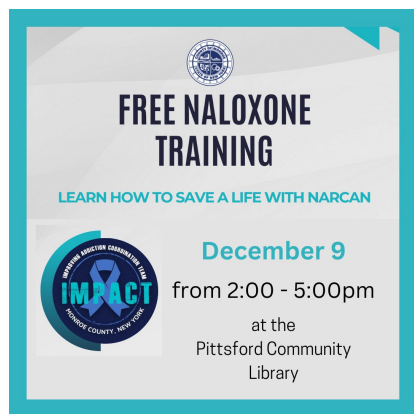
through our Recreation Department this Saturday, December 7. Both classes take place at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center in room 204.

**American Red Cross CPR/AED** is offered from 9:00am to 12:00pm. The class will teach participants how to respond to breathing and cardiac emergencies in adults, children, and infants. The instructor will teach both traditional and breathless CPR and will provide information about disease prevention, scene control, patient assessment, CPR integration, AED application, and protocol adherence. Register for American Red Cross CPR/AED through the [Town of Pittsford website](#).



**American Red Cross First Aid** will take place 12:30 to 2:30pm. The class will teach participants to identify and care for bleeding and sudden illness such as stroke, burns, broken bones, and how to prevent disease transmission. Register for American Red Cross CPR/AED through the [Town of Pittsford website](#).

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.



### **NARCAN TRAINING & SERVICES INFO AT LIBRARY THIS MONDAY, 12/9 - LEARN TO SAFELY STOP AN OPIOID OVERDOSE**

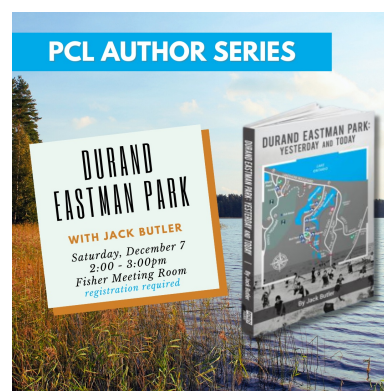
The Pittsford Community Library will offer **free public Narcan training and opioid awareness information this Monday, December 9** from 2:00 - 5:00pm in the Library hallway. Stop by to receive a free Narcan training and a Narcan kit from the Monroe County Health Department. Narcan (Naloxone) is a nasal 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, visit the 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](http://www.townofpittsford.org/library).

### **“DURAND EASTMAN PARK: YESTERDAY AND TODAY” BOOK DISCUSSION WITH AUTHOR JACK BUTLER AT LIBRARY THIS SATURDAY, 12/7**

Jack Butler, co-author of 2023's Mendon Ponds Park: Fairchild's Dream, will be at the Library on Saturday, December 7 to discuss his new book *Durand Eastman Park: Yesterday and Today*. The book explores the life of Dr. Henry Durand, Durand's relationship with George Eastman, and the shocking twist that occurs





once the two donate land to the City of Rochester.

Durand Eastman Park takes on a life of its own in the years that follow: a tree museum, a beach house, a zoo, a golf course, and the "White Lady" ghost all make up the world-class park that Dr. Durand envisioned. The discussion takes place in the Fisher Meeting Room at the Pittsford Community Library. Registration required; register [here](#).

The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street. To learn more about upcoming Library programs, visit the 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](http://www.townofpittsford.org/library).



## **SENIORS MOVIE MATINEE DECEMBER 12: A CHRISTMAS STORY**

### ***Reservations required by this Monday, 12/9***

Seniors, join us on Thursday, December 12 for a free morning movie matinee featuring *A Christmas Story* – the hilarious tale of how one young boy's relentless pursuit of a Red Ryder BB gun leads to holiday misadventures in the 1940s. 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 VanHuisen 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 December 9.

Set in the 1940s, *A Christmas Story* follows young Ralphie Parker's unwavering desire for a Red Ryder BB gun. Despite warnings of shooting his eye out, Ralphie pleads his case to his parents, teachers, and even Santa Claus. Through a series of humorous misadventures, Ralphie navigates schoolyard bullies, a dysfunctional furnace, and the tantalizing allure of the coveted gift. As Christmas Day approaches, Ralphie's hopes and dreams hang in the balance, leading to a heartwarming and unforgettable holiday experience.

Register for our Senior Movie Matinee by calling 248-6235; reservations are due by this Monday, December 9. 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 APPETIZER PARTY WITH MUSIC FROM HARPIST PATTY O'CONNOR TUESDAY, 12/10**

### ***Reservations due Thursday 12/5***

Seniors, join us for our annual holiday Appetizer Party on Tuesday, December 10, at 12:00pm. Prepared by Chef Linda, this appetizer extravaganza features cold plates, hot plates, desserts, and a delicious holiday punch! On the menu is: shrimp cocktail, mini chicken croissant salad sandwich, charcuterie in a cup,

zucchini squares, tomato bisque, party meatballs, artichoke spinach dip on a baguette, pigs in a blanket, and for dessert – Italian cookies and sorbet.

Harpist Patty O'Connor will create an enchanting holiday ambience with music as you dine! Feel free to dress up (or not) in your holiday best. Sequins, glitter, sparkles, bling and all things shiny are encouraged!

The lunch and the program will be held in the VanHuysen Community Room; cost is \$15.00 per person. **Advance registration is required by December 5.** 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.



**Blood Drive**  
**Pittsford Library**  
Meeting Room  
24 State Street  
Pittsford, NY 14534  
Friday, December 6, 2024  
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**BLOOD DRIVE AT THE LIBRARY THIS FRIDAY, Give November 18 now through December 8 and get two pairs of custom FRIENDS & Red Cross socks!**

The Town of Pittsford will host a Red Cross blood drive this Friday, December 6, from 10:00am-3:00pm at the Pittsford Community Library in the Fisher Meeting Room. The Library is located at 24 State Street in the Village of Pittsford.

Maximize your blood donation and help more patients! If you are an eligible type O, B, or A donor, consider making a Power Red donation. Red blood cells are the most transfused blood component.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting [www.redcrossblood.org/donate-blood/manage-my-donations/rapidpass](http://www.redcrossblood.org/donate-blood/manage-my-donations/rapidpass) to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

Donating blood is a simple thing to do, but it can make an enormous difference in the lives of others. If you are eligible and feeling well, please make an appointment today to give by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) or calling 800-RED-CROSS.

**WINTER SAFETY - DON'T CROWD THE PLOW**

Snow is on its way! The Town's snowplows are on standby, ready and waiting to make roads drivable when the white stuff falls. Here are some important tips that will help us all to share the road safely:

- **Stay back:** The most important rule is to stay a safe distance behind the plow, usually around 200 feet or more, depending on conditions.
- **Don't pass:** Never try to pass a snowplow,



especially on the right side. Snowplows often have wing plows that can extend into the adjacent lane.

- **Be patient:** Snowplows move slowly, so be patient and don't tailgate.
- **Watch for sudden stops:** Snowplows may need to stop suddenly, so be prepared to stop as well.
- **Turn on your headlights:** This will help the plow driver see you.
- **Be aware of weather advisories:** If conditions get severe, consider staying off the roads entirely, and always do so if a travel ban or state of emergency is declared.



**Don't Crowd the Plows!**



By following these tips, you can help keep yourself and our crew members safe this winter!



**PITTSFORD ROTARY FOOD DRIVE THIS SATURDAY, 12/7 FROM 9AM – 12PM**  
**Warm hats and gloves also needed for Veterans Outreach Center**

The Rotary Club of Pittsford's has scheduled its next food drive for this Saturday, December 7, from 9:00am-noon at the Pittsford Sutherland High School bus loop. In addition to the **Pittsford Food Cupboard**, donations will support **Mothers in Need of Others**, the **Nazareth University Oak Tree Food Pantry**, and the **Veterans Outreach Center**. *Gently used recent issues*

*(past 12 months) of magazines will also be collected for distribution to various social agencies in the Rochester area.*

"This is our last drive before the holidays and we want to help make the season a little happier for area veterans and their families," said Kelly Cline, President of Pittsford Rotary. "We hope the Pittsford community agrees and helps by adding these donations to their food offerings."

The [Pittsford Food Cupboard](#) plays a crucial role in addressing food insecurity within our community. Donations help ensure that local families have access to essential food items that will promote well-being and stability. Current needs include school supplies (notebooks, folders, paper, markers, pencils, etc.). Hygiene needs include Kleenex, deodorant, and body wash. Food pantry items especially needed include hot cocoa, plain oatmeal, pancake mix, jelly/jam, corned beef hash, spam, hearty soup (6g of protein or more), and baking items such as vanilla, sugar, flour, salt, cookie mix, sprinkles, chocolate chips, etc. They currently have no room for corn, black beans, white beans, or green beans. The Pittsford Food Cupboard has an ongoing [Amazon wish list](#) - all items purchased are sent directly to the PFC!

[Mothers in Need of Others](#) is a short-term emergency assistance program that provides necessities to families in crisis. Their greatest needs are **cleaning supplies**, including all-purpose cleaner (Lysol, Pine Glo, Pine Sol), bleach, cleaning sponges and dishwashing liquid; **personal hygiene items**, including soap, body wash, shampoo/conditioner, lotion and toothpaste; and **baby care items**, including formula and diapers (larger sizes 3-6 and pull-ups especially needed).

[The Oak Tree Pantry](#) serves those with food insecurity in the Nazareth University community. Specific needs for the Oak Tree Food Pantry include **items that can be easily prepared by students**, including soups, canned meats and vegetables, and sauces. The pantry also needs granola bars, pasta, peanut butter, soap, and hygiene products.

The [Veterans Outreach Center](#) provides to veterans employment assistance and job training, health and wellness programs, veteran and family support programs, legal counseling, and a residential program, among other services. **Specific needs** for the Veteran's Outreach Center include **winter hats and gloves, dog and cat food** (dry and wet), **full-sized shampoo and toothpaste**, and **canned fruits, vegetables, soups and beans, rice, pasta and peanut butter**; [find a complete list of needs here](#).

The Pittsford Rotary Club has scheduled food drives the first Saturday of the month through next spring. Additional information is available at [pittsfordrotaryclub.org](http://pittsfordrotaryclub.org), or contact David Irwin by email ([driwin8@gmail.com](mailto:driwin8@gmail.com)) or phone (585-269-2132). Please help our Rotarians help those in need if you can!

### **THE LITTLE HOUSE FIRST SATURDAY POP UP SALE THIS SATURDAY, 12/7**

The Little House, Historic Pittsford's headquarters and museum, **will be open to visitors and feature a Pop-Up Sale this Saturday, December 7, from 9:00-12:00pm**. Stop by to enjoy the new winter exhibit and do some shopping – they've got unique holiday gifts including Pittsford-themed sweatshirts, puzzles, books and barns posters. Funds raised help support Historic Pittsford's mission of leadership, education and advocacy.



The Little House is a 200-year-old historic gem in the heart of the Village of Pittsford. It serves as Historic Pittsford's office, has a resource room for historic research, and includes exhibits of interest to all ages. It's located at 18 Monroe Avenue, right next to the fire station.

The Little House is open the first Saturday of each month and by appointment. Call (585) 381-2941 or email [HistoricPittsford@gmail.com](mailto:HistoricPittsford@gmail.com) to schedule a time to visit. Visit [HistoricPittsford.com](http://HistoricPittsford.com) for more information.

### **REMINDERS**

#### **VOLUNTEER BOARD OPENINGS - RESUMES ACCEPTED THROUGH 12/16**

The Town of Pittsford seeks applications from residents who are interested in serving on our Volunteer Boards. The following Volunteer Boards each have openings:

- Environmental Board
- Parks and Recreation Board
- Zoning Board of Appeals



**Please indicate which Volunteer Board you're interested in.**

Town Volunteer Boards assist with the various functions of Town government and in



many cases make decisions affecting key issues of importance to Pittsford's success as a community.

**Selection Process:** once we receive candidate resumes, we will distribute them equally among Town Board members who will then, along with the corresponding board chair, interview interested candidates. Interview questions will be consistent among candidates and responses rated against the same criteria. The highest-rated candidates will be selected; those not selected will be notified.

Any Pittsford resident with an interest in serving on one of the above volunteer boards should send a resume for consideration by December 16 to:

Supervisor's Office, Town of Pittsford, 11 South Main Street, Pittsford, New York 14534 or [Keldred@townofpittsford.org](mailto:Keldred@townofpittsford.org).

For complete information about each board's responsibilities and board member term lengths, click this link to [Town citizen volunteer board information](#) or visit the "Volunteer Boards" link under the "Government" tab on the Town website at [www.townofpittsford.org](http://www.townofpittsford.org).



### **REGISTRATION FOR WINTER RECREATION PROGRAMMING NOW UNDER WAY**

Registration for Pittsford Recreation programs is currently under way for Pittsford residents and begins Monday, December 9 for all others. The [Winter 2024 Recreation Brochure](#) was mailed to homes last week and is now viewable online. The brochure includes a Winter 2024 registration form that can be mailed with payment to the Town of Pittsford, 35 Lincoln Ave., Pittsford NY 14534. You can also [register online](#) through our website.

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.

### **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 one more week. 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!



### **TOWN OF PITTSFORD WINTER PARKING RULES UNDER WAY**

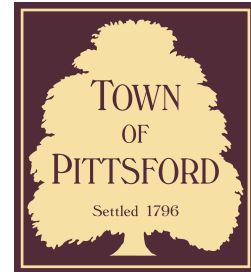
To facilitate snow removal in the Town of Pittsford, winter parking restrictions are in effect November 15 through April 1 of each year.



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 rules are now currently under way.

## 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.townofpittsford.org/channel12) and use the On-Demand links to view previously recorded meetings.

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN PITTSFORD

- [Red Cross Blood Drive at Pittsford Community Library](#), Friday, 12/6, 10:00am-3:00pm, Pittsford Community Library Fisher Meeting Room, 24 State Street; [schedule an appointment in advance using this online registration link](#) or call 1800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).
- [Historic Pittsford Pop-Up Sale at the Little House](#), Saturday, 12/7, 9:00am – 12:00pm, 18 Monroe Avenue; featuring Pittsford-themed gifts, proceeds to benefit historic preservation education and advocacy
- [Pittsford Rotary Food Drive](#), Saturday, 12/7, 9:00am - 12noon, Pittsford Sutherland High School bus loop, 55 Sutherland Street, collecting canned and packaged food items, personal hygiene items, and winter hats and gloves to benefit the [Pittsford Food Cupboard](#), [Nazareth College Oak Tree Food Pantry](#), [Mothers In Need of Others](#) and the [Veterans Outreach Center](#) (click links for complete lists of needs); gently used recent (past 12 months) magazines are also needed.
- [Pittsford Youth Services Giving Tree](#), ongoing through Friday, 12/15 at the



Spiegel Pittsford Community Center (35 Lincoln Avenue) and the Pittsford Community Library hallway (24 State Street); take an ornament with a gift card request and return it with the requested donation by 12/15 to the Community Center or to the PYS Office at 4 South Main Street. Donations benefit families in the Pittsford community who need assistance with securing basic items such as food, clothing and gifts for their families.

- [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](http://www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate). Comments can be made to [zoningupdate@townofpittsford.org](mailto: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, 12/4, 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](http://www.townofpittsford.org/minutes) – **NOTE REVISED DAY/DATE**
- **Design Review & Historic Preservation Board**, Thursday, 12/5, 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](http://www.townofpittsford.org/minutes)
- **Planning Board**, Monday, 12/9, 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](http://www.townofpittsford.org/minutes)

## COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

- **Supervisor Saturday with Bill Smith** – join the conversation with Town Supervisor Bill Smith at this casual open house, topics of discussion based upon attendee interest; Saturday, 12/7, 9:00 - 10:00am, Fisher Meeting Room (first floor), Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street
- [Board of Education](#) meeting, Tuesday, 12/10, 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](http://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](http://www.pittsfordartgroup.com) and fill out a [Contact Us](#) form.

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