



News & Reviews

December 18,
2024

Town of Pittsford - a Clean
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Community

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Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings*

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S HOURS FOR TOWN FACILITIES

In observance of **Christmas Eve**, Town Hall and Town Court will close early 12:00pm on Tuesday, 12/24.

In observance of the **Christmas holiday**, Town offices (including Town Hall, Town Court, and the Parks, Sewer, and Highway departments), will be closed on **Wednesday, 12/25**. Town Hall and Town Court will remain closed the day after Christmas, **Thursday, 12/26**. All offices will reopen on Friday, 12/27.

The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center will be closed on Tuesday, 12/24 and Wednesday, 12/25. The Community Center will resume regular hours, 8:00am-6:00pm, on Friday, 12/26.

The Pittsford Community Library will be closed on Tuesday, 12/24, Wednesday, 12/25, and Thursday, 12/26. The Library will be open regular hours (9:00am-8:00pm) on Friday, 12/27.

In observance of the **New Year's holiday**, Town Hall and Town Court will close at 12:00pm on Tuesday, 12/31 and all Town offices (including Town Hall, Town Court, and the Parks, Sewer, and Highway departments) will be closed on Wednesday, 1/1/25.

The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center will be closed on Tuesday, 12/31 and Wednesday, 1/1/25. Regular hours will resume on Thursday, 1/2/25 (8:00am-9:00pm).

The Pittsford Community Library will close early at 5:00pm on Tuesday, 12/31, will be closed on Wednesday, 1/1/25, and will resume regular hours (9:00am – 8:00pm) on Thursday, 1/2/2025.

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



TOWN COURT CLOSING EARLY TODAY, AT 11:30AM

Pittsford Town Court will be closing early today – Wednesday, December 18 – at 11:30am.



Town Court will resume regular hours (8:30am - 3:30pm) tomorrow, Thursday, December 19.

CHRISTMAS TREE SAFETY TIPS

The tradition of lighting a tree for Christmas dates back centuries! Until the mid-1900s, people illuminated their trees with live candles. Even after the advent of electric Christmas lights, traditionalists persisted on using flaming candles rather than the safer alternative. Accidental Christmas tree fires were a common occurrence. Throughout the 1950s and 60s, the National Fire Protection Association launched a series of safety campaigns discouraging the use of candles on Christmas trees.



Thankfully, people got the hint, and today the risk of structure fires that start with Christmas trees is minimal; however, when tree fires do occur, they grow quickly and can be deadly. **These tips will help keep your Christmas tree – and your home! – safe from accidental fire:**

- Water your tree daily – a dry tree is a fire hazard!
- Keep your tree away from heat sources like fireplaces, radiators and heat vents.
- Use a sturdy stand and secure your tree to prevent tipping.
- Immediately replace damaged or frayed cords and bulbs.
- Never place a lit candle near your tree.
- Unplug the lights on your tree at night or when you're not at home.
- Dispose of your tree shortly after the holidays. Even well-watered trees eventually dry out!

When it's time to say goodbye, place your tree curbside. **As long as any plastic bagging and decorations have been removed, the Town will pick up your tree and recycle it!** We chip all trees and turn them into mulch, which becomes available in the spring free to residents. Find out more information about our [Christmas tree recycling program](#) on the Town website.



'T'WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS" WITH MRS. CLAUS

Your kids may have met her at Candlelight Night – our beloved Mrs. Claus has created some special messages for all. Have you seen them yet? She [presents on video the classic holiday poem "A Visit from St. Nicholas"](#) recorded with a little help from her friends at Historic Pittsford. More commonly known as "Twas the Night Before Christmas," this treasured classic, first published in 1823, is still a lovely way to celebrate the season. You can stream Mrs. Claus's

special presentation through our TV-12 on demand program feed.

Also through TV-12 via the Town website, you'll find Mrs. Claus's reading of ["Red and Lulu"](#) – a wonderful Christmas story by Matt Tavares about two determined little cardinals and the true meaning of the holiday season. It's one of Mrs. Claus's

favorites!

Former Pittsford Town and Village Historian Audrey Johnson is a member of the [Historic Pittsford](#) Board and is a good friend of Mrs. Claus. We know she was a tremendous help with these videos!

UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS AT THE PITTSFORD COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The Pittsford Community Library is closing out the year with some fantastic programs for all ages! Here's what's going on this week:

Parents and caregivers of little ones aged 0-2 - the Library is offering two **Baby Story Times** tomorrow, Thursday, **December 19**, at **9:30am** and **12:00pm**. Story time may feature stories, songs, fingerplays, rhymes, or other activities. Depending on which time you choose, you are invited to either stay after or come before to enjoy **Baby Play Time**, offered from **10:00 - 10:30am**. Your little one will enjoy exploring through a variety of toys and sensory activities! **Baby Story Time** and **Baby Play Time** are free and open to the public; no registration required.

Those who were learning English as a second language will want to come to the Library tomorrow afternoon, Thursday, December 19, from **12:30 - 2:00pm**, for **ESL with Literacy Rochester**. This class is for adults who want to improve their English listening and speaking skills. This event is free and open to the public; no registration required.

On Friday, December 20, the Library is offering three sections of their popular **All-Ages Story Time** – at 9:30am, 10:15am, and 12:00pm. Stories, songs, and fingerplays make up this fun program for children of all ages. This program is free and open to the public; no registration required.

The Library is closed for the holidays on December 24, 25, and 26. But they're back on **December 27** for a **Drop-In Craft** event! Simply **stop in any time** to the Children's Room and create a paper snowflake! Materials and instruction are available while supplies last. All ages are welcome; the craft is best for children ages 3-7.

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.

The graphic features the title "Upcoming Events & Programs at the PITTSFORD COMMUNITY LIBRARY" in green and blue. Below the title is a list of events in a table format:

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| Baby Story Times - 12/19 at 9:30 & 12:00NOON | |
| Baby Play Time - 12/19 from 10:30 - 11:00am | |
| ESL with Literacy Rochester -12/20 from 12:30 - 2:00 | |
| All-Ages Story Time -12/20 at 9:30am, 10:15am, & 12:00pm | |
| December Drop-In Craft - 12/27 during open hours | |

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

COMMUNITY MENORAH LIGHTING & CHANUKAH CELEBRATION IS SUNDAY, 12/29

Save the date – Chabad of Pittsford invites you to a Chanukah Celebration on Sunday, December 29, the fifth night of Chanukah. All are welcome, and this year's theme is all about the Buffalo Bills! A tailgate party to view the second half of the Bills game on a jumbo screen begins at 2:30pm in the Pittsford Community Library parking lot. Children's activities will take place inside the Library's Fisher Meeting

CHABAD OF PITTSFORD AND THE TOWN & VILLAGE OF PITTSFORD
INVITE YOU TO THE 17TH ANNUAL PITTSFORD



CHANUKAH CELEBRATION
BILLS MAFIA

TAILGATE PARTY & MENORAH LIGHTING

**SUNDAY
DECEMBER
29TH, 2024**

AT PITTSFORD LIBRARY
PARKING LOT AND
FISHER MEETING ROOM

Chanukah Doughnuts, Chocolate Gelt,
Hot Chocolate, Hot Latkes and More!
Special Bills Mafia Menorah
Watch Second Half on Jumbo
Screen Menorah
Raffling off Bills Swag and Gear
Chanukah Music

2:30pm Watch Game with Kosher Tailgate Party (Outdoor)
to 4pm and Children's Activities (Inside)

4:15pm Menorah Lighting with the new Bills Mafia Menorah!

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
BONUS: SIGN UP ONLINE TO BE ENTERED INTO RAFFLE FOR BILLS SWAG & GEAR
FOR MORE INFO WWW.JEWISHPITTSFORD.COM/CHANUKAH

Room. There will be sufganiyot (delicious Chanukah donuts), chocolate gelt, hot cocoa, hot latkes, Chanukah music, and a raffle for Bills swag and gear. [Sign up for the raffle in advance online here](#). Then, at 4:15pm, it's time to light the Bills Mafia Menorah! The event is free and open to the public – all are welcome!

The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street. For more information, visit the Chabad of Pittsford website at www.JewishPittsford.com.

ROCHESTER GAS AND ELECTRIC TO CONDUCT DRONE INSPECTION THIS WEEK NEAR KING'S BEND PARK

This week, Avangrid (a parent company to RG&E) will be flying a drone over Station 56 next to King's Bend Park. New York utilities often use drones to inspect power lines and to identify problems that may not be visible from the ground. Weather permitting, the inspection is expected to be completed by this Friday, December 20.



SNEEZY THE SNOWMAN! STORY STROLL UNDER WAY AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

The December Story Stroll is under way through this Sunday, December 22. Families can bundle up and take a leisurely (or brisk!) Story Stroll behind the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center while reading *Sneezy the Snowman* by Maureen Wright. *Sneezy the Snowman* is a colorful picture book about one very cold snowman. Trying to warm up, poor Sneezy drinks cocoa, sits in a hot tub, and stands near a warm fire, but he ends up melting each time! Friends help Sneezy rebuild himself, and

eventually, they find the perfect way to keep him warm. You'll have to read the book to find out how they do it!

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. This is our last Story Stroll of 2024! Our next Story Stroll will take place January 13 - 19 inside the Community Center – we're moving indoors during the wintry weather. Check page five of our [Winter Recreation Brochure](#) for the winter 2025 Story Stroll schedule.

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.

REMINDERS

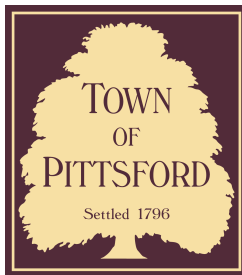
WOMEN'S CLUB OF PITTSFORD GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE BY DECEMBER 31

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.



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

- *Sneezy the Snowman!* Story Stroll, 12/16 – 12/22, 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.
- [Chabad of Pittsford Outdoor Menorah Lighting and Chanukah Celebration](#), Sunday, 12/29, tailgating and children's activities at 2:30 pm, menorah lighting at 4:15pm, Pittsford Community Library parking lot, 24 State Street; free and open to the public, Buffalo Bills theme and prizes, more info at www.JewishPittsford.com
- [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, 12/19, 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 – **NOTE UPDATED DATE**
- **Planning Board**, Monday, 12/23, 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](#) 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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