

# News & Reviews

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

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## *A Message from Supervisor Bill Smith*

### **FIRE AWARENESS & SAFETY PLANNING**

By now most of us are aware of Sunday's tragedy on Callingham Road, where two of our residents perished in a house fire. We can only imagine what their family is going through.

Our Pittsford Volunteer Fire Department arrived immediately to find a very substantial blaze. Though they brought the fire under control quickly, in crises like these mere seconds matter. They make the difference between life and death.

It reminds all of us about fire awareness and about planning for the worst. So let's think about that. We can start outside, with fire hydrants.

- **Know the location of each fire hydrant in your neighborhood.**
- **Make sure each hydrant is visible.** In winter, clear snow from around the hydrant closest to you. That's the one the Fire Department will need if it's *your* house that's burning. If bushes, rocks or trees block access to a hydrant, please contact the Town Fire Marshall immediately. 248-5250.
- Consider organizing a **fire hydrant snow removal plan** with your neighbors. A simple plan can fairly share responsibility for keeping hydrants clear and visible.

Now let's move inside, with a fire safety checklist.

- **Install smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. Check regularly to make sure they're working.** Firefighters recommend testing detectors every three months – even if yours comes with a "ten-year" battery.
- **Create a fire escape plan; go over it with your family.** Make sure everyone knows at least two ways out of each room. The [U.S. Fire Administration](#) offers guidance for a household fire plan.
- **Fill out a [Residential Preplan Form](#)** provided

online by the Pittsford Volunteer Fire Department. This advises firefighters of hidden obstacles, challenges, or unusual hazards they may face in responding to a fire in your home, thereby saving critical time in an emergency.

- **Properly maintain fireplaces and stoves.** Never leave them unattended when in use.
- **Keep flammable materials away from heat sources.** Take a look at your stovetop, fireplace or wood stove. What's nearby that can burn?
- **Keep at least one fire extinguisher at home.** It should be rated 2-A:10-B:C. Keep it in a central location close to the kitchen. Even better is keeping an extinguisher on each floor of the house. Make sure all members of the family know how to use the extinguisher.

Again, if you have specific questions you can contact the Town Fire Marshall at 248-5250 or the Pittsford Volunteer Fire Department at 586-3021.

## Fire Safety CHECKLIST

✓ Equip home with smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Test regularly.



✓ Create and review an escape plan with your family.



✓ Fill out a Residential Preplan Form on the PFD's web page.



✓ Properly maintain fireplaces and stoves.



✓ Keep flammable materials away from heat sources.



✓ Have at least one fire extinguisher within your home.



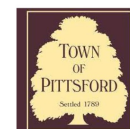
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### SUPERVISOR OPEN HOUSE WITH BILL SMITH THIS SATURDAY, 2/1

Town Supervisor Bill Smith will host his next community open house meeting this Saturday, February 1 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 Saturday with Bill Smith



9:00 - 10:00am  
Pittsford Community Library

*Come and join the  
conversation!*

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).

## PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS DUE BY 2/10

The interest-free Town and County property tax payment deadline is 2/10; first installments or full payments of your Town and County property taxes are due at this time. Payment stub (see page 2 of bill) must accompany payment. Please include a phone number on your check.

How to make your payment:

- **By mail to: Renee McQuillen, Receiver, 11 South Main Street, Pittsford NY 14534**
- **In person, Monday through Friday 8 AM to 4 PM at Pittsford Town Hall, 11 South Main Street, or through the mail slots (into locked boxes) available 24/7, located at both the front and back entrances.**
  - For cash payments, we ask that you bring the exact amount and please call ahead for an appointment to ensure we have proper staffing.
- **First Installments and full payments can also be made at Canandaigua National Bank, 18 State Street, in Pittsford Village through February 10, 2025.**
- **Online through Monroe County by credit card or check debit. Please note there is a 2.75% fee to pay by credit card and a sliding scale fee to pay by check debit. To pay online, click [HERE](#).**
- As in the past we **strongly** advise that you do NOT pay by electronic check, as these payments do not receive a U.S. postmark and may arrive late. If you choose to pay your tax bill with an online bill pay (electronic banking) system through your bank, please be aware that your bank still generates and mails a paper check to the Town, and it may take as long as two weeks or more to reach the Town offices. This type of mail does not receive a USPS postmark. Therefore, the Town can only consider your payment received on the date it is physically received in our office. If the payment is received past the deadline will be considered late and accrue interest penalties.



## SENIOR CENTER INTERGENERATIONAL CLUB PIZZA PARTY TOMORROW, 1/30

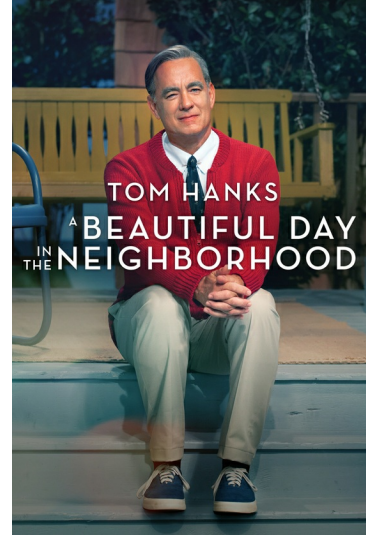
Seniors, it's time for the next meeting of the Intergenerational Club! Join Sutherland High School students for a pizza lunch, activities, games, and crafts tomorrow, **Thursday, January 30 from 11:30am-1:00pm** at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, Room 107. **RSVP today** so we know how much pizza to order! Call (585) 248-6235 to reserve your spot.

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 FEBRUARY MOVIE MATINEE: *A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD* - 1/6

**Reservations required by this Monday, February 3.** Seniors, join us on Thursday, February 6 for a free morning movie matinee featuring *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood* – a film about the beloved children’s television host, Fred Rogers. 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. So we can plan accordingly, please register for the movie and for the lunch no later than February 3 by calling 248-6235.



*A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood* tells the story of Lloyd Vogel, a cynical journalist assigned to do a profile of Fred Rogers (played by Tom Hanks), host of *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*. Initially skeptical, Lloyd gradually finds himself deeply impacted by Fred's kindness, empathy, and unwavering belief in the inherent goodness of people.

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#### SENIORS HAPPY VALENTINE'S LUNCHEON AND MUSIC BY JOHN DADY - 2/4

**Reservations due tomorrow, 1/30**  
Seniors, join us for an enjoyable Happy Valentine's Day luncheon with a menu prepared by Chef Carlos and music from local artist John Dady on Tuesday, February 4 at 12:00noon. On the menu is a beet salad with goat cheese, fennel infused pork roast, mashed potatoes, honey roasted glazed carrots, and a sweet roll, all served with a "Pretty in Pink" Cranberry Spritz. For dessert, enjoy a slice of delectable chocolate raspberry layer cake. The music of local musician John Dady will provide entertainment and a little romantic ambiance.



The lunch and the program will be held in the VanHuysen Community Room; cost is \$8.00 per person. **Advance registration is required by tomorrow, January 30.** 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.

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#### UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS

**AT THE PITTSFORD COMMUNITY LIBRARY**

*The Story of Rochester Tuskegee Airman Leland "Sticky" Pennington, Practice ACT exam, "Shirley Chisholm: Breaking Barriers in Politics," and the next installment of the Pittsford Community Library's Author Series with Camden Burd.*

We're highlighting a selection of programs and events for all ages at the Library this upcoming week! As always, be sure to look at the Library's [online calendar](#) for complete information about upcoming programs that inspire, inform, and enrich.

*Upcoming Events & Programs at the* **PITTSFORD COMMUNITY LIBRARY**

**The Tuskegee Airmen: Keeping an MIA Redtail Pilot's Story Flying** - 2/1 from 2:00 - 3:00pm



**ACT Practice Test** - 2/2 from 12:00 - 4:00pm



**Shirley Chisholm: Breaking Barriers in Politics** - 2/3 from 6:30 - 7:30pm



**PCL Author Series: The Roots of Flower City** - 2/5 from 6:30 - 7:30pm



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

Come hear the story of Rochester Tuskegee Airman Leland "Sticky" Pennington. Airman Pennington took off on a flight in his P-51 Mustang Lucy Gal but went missing in action ... and sadly has never been found. His story will be shared by pilot and flight instructor Austin Hancock, museum specialist for the National Warplane Museum in Geneseo. The Tuskegee Airmen: Keeping an MIA Redtail Pilot's Story Flying will be held in the Library's Fisher Meeting Room this **Saturday, February 1, from 2:00-3:00pm**. This event is free and open to the public; no registration required.

Students, get ready for your upcoming ACT with a practice test! Chariot Learning will administer a **practice ACT test** in the Library's Fisher Meeting Room this **Sunday, February 2, from 12:00-4:00pm**. Please bring a calculator, pencils, and an eraser. For students in grades 9-12. Registration required; register here: [Practice Test: ACT - MCLS Events - Monroe County Library System Home](#)

Join Mark Sample, professor of history at MCC, for a presentation entitled "**Shirley Chisholm: Breaking Barriers in Politics**" this **Monday, February 3, from 6:30-7:30pm** in the Library's Fisher Meeting Room. Shirley Chisholm was the first black woman to be elected to the House of Representatives. Chisholm fought for women's issues, was a founder of the Congressional Black Caucus, and in 1972 ran for the Democratic nomination for president. This event is free and open to the public; no registration required.

The Library's next PCL Author Series is with Camden Burd, author of **The Roots of Flower City**, on **Wednesday, February 5 from 6:30-7:30pm**. The book explores the ecological significance of Rochester plant nurserymen over the course of the nineteenth century. This is an online event and registration is required ; register here: [The Roots of Flower City by Camden Burd - MCLS Events - Monroe County Library System Home](#)

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).

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**PITTSFORD ROTARY FOOD DRIVE THIS SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 9AM – 12PM**

The Rotary Club of Pittsford's next food drive is scheduled for this Saturday, February 1, from 9:00am-noon at the Pittsford Sutherland High School bus loop. In addition to the **Pittsford Food Cupboard**, donations will support Rochester's **Cameron Community Ministries** and the Nazareth University **Oak Tree Food Pantry**. *Gently used recent issues (past 12 months) of magazines will also be collected for distribution to various social agencies in the Rochester area.*

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. Food pantry items especially needed include hand sanitizer, paper towels, feminine hygiene products, saran wrap, tin foil, laundry soap, dish soap, canned spinach, collard greens, condiments (ketchup, BBQ sauce, salsa, salad dressing), and spaghetti sauce.

[Cameron Community Ministries](#) is an urban outreach center located in Rochester dedicated to serving those in need in the community and surrounding areas with food, clothing, and other necessities.

[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 other hygiene products.

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!



## FIRST SATURDAY AT THE LITTLE HOUSE IS FEBRUARY 1

What are you doing Saturday morning? Running errands, going to the library? Why not stop by Historic Pittsford's Little House. Bring the kids to see what a 200-year-old historic building looks like! The Little House will be open **February 1 from 9:00am-12:00pm.**

This year, Historic Pittsford celebrates its 60th year providing programming and advocacy for historic preservation in Pittsford. There are new displays commemorating 60 years of preservation and honoring Black History Month. Chat with some of Historic Pittsford's board members and take home a piece of Pittsford history with a free book from a basket of choices.



The Little House is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, volunteer organization incorporated in 1965 and chartered under the New York State Department of Education. It serves as Historic Pittsford's office, has a resource room for historic research, and exhibits of interest to all ages and is open the first Saturday of each month and by

appointment. The Little House is located at 18 Monroe Avenue, right next to the fire station. Visit [HistoricPittsford.com](http://HistoricPittsford.com) for more information.

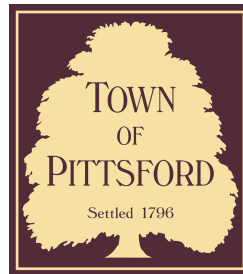
## PITTSFORD RECREATION'S SWEETHEART DANCE IS FEBRUARY 7

The Pittsford Recreation Department's annual Sweetheart Dance will take place **Friday, February 7 from 6:30 – 9:00pm** at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center.

Children ages 5-13, accompanied by an adult, can dance the night away at this memorable evening full of music, refreshments, and fun! A DJ will provide lively music and fun activities. Don't miss this special night! Register early as space is limited through the [Town of Pittsford website](http://Town of Pittsford website), or stop by the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center to register in person.



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.



### 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

- [Pittsford Rotary Food Drive](#), Saturday, 2/1, 9:00am-12noon, Pittsford Sutherland

High School bus loop, 55 Sutherland Street, collecting canned and packaged food items and personal hygiene items to benefit the [Pittsford Food Cupboard](#), [Nazareth College Oak Tree Food Pantry](#), and [Cameron Community Ministries](#) (click links for complete lists of needs); gently used recent (past 12 months) magazines are also needed.

- **Sweetheart Dance** - children ages 5 to 13 can dance the night away, accompanied by an adult, Friday, 2/9, 6:30-9:00pm, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue; music and activities, advance registration required, \$20 per person, [more info and registration online](#) or at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center
- **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

- **Environmental Advisory Board**, Monday, 2/3, 7:00pm, 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: <https://www.townofpittsford.org/minutes>
- **Town Board**, Tuesday, 2/4, 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: <https://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](http://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](http://www.pittsfordartgroup.com) and fill out a [Contact Us](#) form.

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