

## News & Reviews

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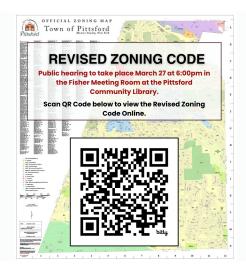
See listings below for

Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings

## PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED REVISED ZONING IS TOMORROW, 3/27

\*The public hearing will be held in the Fisher Meeting Room at the Pittsford Community Library

The Town is in the final phase of adopting a revised Zoning Code. The public hearing on the proposed revised Zoning Code continues at a special meeting of the Town Board tomorrow, at which we anticipate a final vote of the Town Board to adopt a new code. The meeting begins at 6:00pm in the Fisher Room at the Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street. By law, the Zoning Code must be in accordance with the Town's Comprehensive Plan.



The hearing is open to the public and will be live-streamed. You can offer comments during the hearing. Those unable to attend the hearing can submit comments before or during the hearing to <a href="mailto:zoningupdate@townofpittsford.org">zoningupdate@townofpittsford.org</a>.

Review the proposed revised Zoning Code here:

https://bartonloguidice.mysocialpinpoint.com/town-of-pittsford/final-draft-for-public-review or by scanning the QR Code on the attached graphic.

### **TOWN BOARD MEETING 4/1**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Town Board will take place this Tuesday, April 1, at 6:00pm in the lower level of Town Hall. The meeting will also be available for viewing on the Town Board Live Stream. Further information, including how to access and view the meeting, can be found on page two of the meeting agenda, which is posted on the Agendas and Minutes page.



## TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO SIGN UP FOR A REFUSE DISTRICT

Time is running out! If you want to establish a refuse district in your neighborhood, there is only a little over a month left to do so! A refuse district is a designated area where a single refuse collector serves all households in the district. Refuse districts offer many advantages and are gaining popularity in Pittsford! The Town now has 3,323 homes – which is 36% of all the homes within Pittsford – enrolled in refuse districts. Residents of these districts

### REFUSE DISTRICTS ARE CATCHING ON!



Enrollment for service beginning in 2026 ends April 30, 2025

District residents enjoy lower costs, fewer bills, and decreased traffic in their neighborhoods—making them quieter, safer, and better for the environment

enjoy lower costs, fewer bills, and decreased neighborhood traffic, making their environment quieter, safer, and more eco-friendly. Additionally, trash and recycling are only put out on the streets of these neighborhoods one day each week.

Residents have until April 30 to establish a refuse district that will begin service on January 1, 2026. So, for those who love to plan, now's the time to gather petitions. In need of a notary? The Town has several on-site at Town Hall.

It's up to residents to form their districts, which can vary in size. The smallest current district has seven homes, while the largest has 264! Speak with your neighbors to see if they'd like to participate in adopting a refuse district.

To learn more about refuse districts, including how to create one in your neighborhood, visit <a href="https://www.townofpittsford.org/refuse-districts">www.townofpittsford.org/refuse-districts</a>

### PARKS DEPARTMENT JOB OPENINGS \*Application Deadline for positions below is April 30

The Town of Pittsford's Parks Department has openings for Gardeners, Seasonal Laborers, and Parks Patrol. The duties of Parks Department Laborers include mowing, trimming, weeding, preparing playing fields, working on trails, and performing a variety of other tasks. Gardeners maintain the grounds by planting, weeding, edging, watering, trimming, mulching, and cleaning up the site. Parks Patrol employees perform many of the



same duties as Parks Department Laborers and are also responsible for lodge reservations, which include check-in and check-out, cleaning, minor repairs, and problem-solving.

The application deadline for all positions listed above is April 30, 2025. For complete job descriptions and application information, visit the "Employment Opportunities" page on the Town website, or click the links below:

- Gardener
- Gardener (Part Time)

- Parks Patrol
- <u>Seasonal Laborer Parks Department (Part Time)</u>

For complete job descriptions and application information for all open positions, visit the Town's job listings web page at <a href="https://www.townofpittsford.org/hr-pittsford-employment-opportunities">www.townofpittsford.org/hr-pittsford-employment-opportunities</a>.

### BRUSH BURNING BAN IN EFFECT THROUGH MAY 14

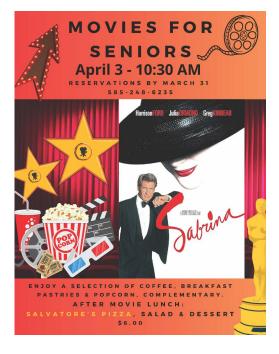
New York State's annual Residential Spring Brush Burning Ban began on March 16. The ban runs through May 14. In 2009, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) put this ban in place to prevent wildfires, especially in rural and suburban areas. More than 40% of wildfires in NYS are caused by debris burning, and spring is peak wildfire season due to dry vegetation, rising temperatures, and windier conditions. The ban has played a critical role in reducing the number of wildfires in NYS and continues to be an essential public safety



measure each year. Please help protect our community and our Pittsford Fire Department firefighters who must respond to these fires – do not burn brush or yard debris during this time.

A reminder: burning garbage or leaves is prohibited year-round in Pittsford. Composting and mulching are environmentally friendly alternatives to burning!

Backyard fire pits and campfires less than three feet in height and four feet in length, width, or diameter are allowed. Small cooking fires are allowed. In either case, you may only burn charcoal or dry, clean, untreated, or unpainted wood. Please remember never to leave these fires unattended and extinguish them after use. Be fire-wise and help keep everyone safe!



SENIORS MOVIE MATINEE APRIL 3: SABRINA Reservations required by this Monday, March 31

Seniors, join us on **Thursday, April 3,** for a free morning movie matinee featuring *Sabrina* – the 1995 romantic comedy-drama starring Harrison Ford with Julia Ormond as the title character! Enjoy a complimentary selection of coffee, breakfast pastries, and popcorn while you watch the film, and then stay afterward for a lunch of pizza, salad, and dessert if you'd like!

The movie begins at 10:30am in the VanHuysen Community Room at the Spiegel Community Center. The movie and snacks are free; the cost for the optional lunch is \$6.00 per person. So that we can plan accordingly, please register for the movie and for the optional lunch by March 31 by calling

(585) 248 - 6235.

Sabrina follows the story of Sabrina Fairchild, the daughter of the Larrabee family's chauffeur. Since childhood, Sabrina has been infatuated with playboy David Larrabee (played by Greg Kinnear), the younger son of the Larrabee family. Unfortunately, he hardly notices her. After a transformative stay in Paris, Sabrina returns as a sophisticated and stunning young woman who finally attracts David's attention. However, David's older brother, Linus (played by Harrison Ford), fears that a romance between David and Sabrina could threaten a vital business merger within the family business. As Linus attempts to create obstacles for the young lovers, the question remains: will Sabrina finally discover her happily ever after? And what if her happily ever after isn't what she anticipated at all?

The Spiegel Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. To learn more about our programs, activities, and services for seniors, visit the <u>Seniors page</u> on the Town website, read the <u>Seniors program</u> info brochure online, or call our Senior Programs Office at 248-6235.

## GUIDED HIKE THIS SUNDAY, 3/30, THROUGH MILE POST TRAILS

Guided hikes are back! <u>Pittsford Recreation's</u> next guided trail hike is this **Sunday, March 30**. Get outdoors, meet other hikers, and discover the Mile Post Trails historical sites. The terrain consists of relatively flat paved walkways with some slight elevation gains.

Dress appropriately for the weather! Right now, the predicted forecast is high 40s and rain. Layer up and wear sturdy boots that you don't mind getting a little muddy. If the hike must be



canceled because of inclement weather, you will be informed no later than 7:15am the day of the hike.

Meet your trail guide at the **Mile Post School** (210 Pittsford Mendon Road) at **8:25am**. Bring your Wegmans Hit the Trail Passport and get credit for hiking the trail! (Your guide will have extra passports on hand if you don't have one yet.)

The program is free, but registration is required. Register online through the Town of Pittsford website or at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue. Free downloadable/printable maps are also available in advance on the Town website at <a href="https://www.townofpittsford.org/trails">www.townofpittsford.org/trails</a> and <a href="https://www.townofpittsford.org/trails">walkways</a>.



# ART VENDOR OPENINGS FOR PADDLE AND POUR FESTIVAL

### \*Apply by April 1

The Town of Pittsford is now accepting applications for artists and artisans to participate in this year's Paddle and Pour Art & Music Festival! The festival will be held on Saturday of Memorial Day, May 24, on North Main Street in the Village of Pittsford. Paddle and Pour is one of our most popular and best-attended events. Thousands of residents and visitors come out to enjoy live music, the beer and wine tent, food from local eateries, family activities, and the

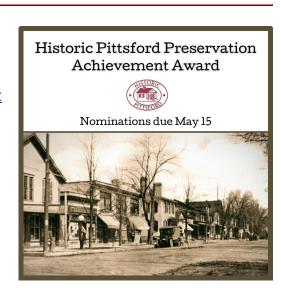
opportunity to shop for works by local artists and artisans. The Pittsford Regatta will take place that day as well!

Interested artists and artisans should apply by April 1; find our <u>vendor application</u> online.

All items for sale must be original art (drawing, painting, photography, digital art, sculpture, mixed media, etc.) or handmade artisan items (jewelry, woodworking, ceramics, leatherwork, fiber/textile, metalwork, printmaking, glasswork, soap/body care, etc.). The Art and Artisan Marketplace will be open from 12 noon – 7:00pm on the day of the festival. See the application for details, or for more information, contact Alison at (585) 248-6287 or ABurchett@townofpittsford.org. Find festival details as the date approaches at <a href="www.townofpittsford.org/paddleandpour.">www.townofpittsford.org/paddleandpour.</a>

## HISTORIC PITTSFORD SEEKS PRESERVATION AWARD NOMINATIONS BY MAY 15

Nominations are currently being sought for the Historic Pittsford Preservation Achievement Award; the deadline for nominations is May 15, 2025. The award recognizes an individual, group or organization that has made outstanding efforts that support Historic Pittsford's mission and make a significant contribution to historic preservation. Historic Pittsford provides leadership, advocacy, and education to preserve Pittsford's diverse historic resources.



Historic Pittsford encourages and welcomes nominations from and for HP members and non-members alike. Nominees may include individuals, groups, organizations, businesses, students, scouts, governmental bodies, etc., and may be nominated by anyone. The criteria for nomination and selection for each award category are below and may be found on the Historic Pittsford website at <a href="https://www.historicpittsford.com/preservation-achievement-awards">www.historicpittsford.com/preservation-achievement-awards</a>.

Nominations may be submitted for a Preservation Achievement Award in any one of the following categories:

**Stewardship Award** – for the sensitive preservation, restoration, rehabilitation, or long-term maintenance and care of a historically significant property

**Advocacy Award** – for leadership of public or private efforts in support of historic preservation

**Education Award** – for the creation and implementation of programs, presentations, materials, or educational activities that promote and support historic preservation

**Public Policy Award** – for the creation and approval of public policy which advances the principles of historic preservation

A committee of Historic Pittsford will screen and review nominations, and the final award decisions will be approved by the Historic Pittsford Board of Directors. The Preservation Achievement Awards will be presented at Historic Pittsford's Annual Meeting in July. Click here for a nomination form or visit <a href="https://www.historicpittsford.com/preservation-achievement-awards">www.historicpittsford.com/preservation-achievement-awards</a> for complete information.

Historic Pittsford is also accepting nominations for its annual <u>Jean France Historic Preservation Scholarship</u>, also due May 15.



## STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE IS 5/15

Historic Pittsford is seeking student applicants for its Jean France Historic Preservation Scholarship. The application deadline is Wednesday, May 15. A \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a student who is enrolled in, applying to, or accepted into a college program that may lead to a career in historic preservation. College programs can include, but are not limited to, architecture, history, museum studies, landscape architecture, environmental studies, or other related fields.

The scholarship is open to high school seniors or college students who are:

- Pittsford residents (attending any high school or college), OR
- Non-residents attending Pittsford Sutherland High School, Pittsford Mendon High School, or any college or university in Monroe County.

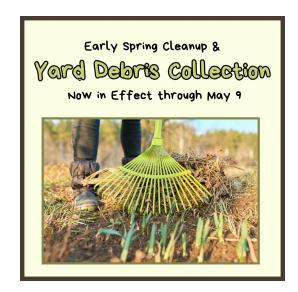
The Historic Pittsford website has an application form and additional information at <a href="https://www.historicpittsford.com/preservation-awards">www.historicpittsford.com/preservation-awards</a>. The application deadline is May 15, 2024.

Historic Pittsford is also accepting nominations for its annual <u>Preservation Achievement</u> <u>Award</u>, also due May 15.

## EARLY SPRING CLEANUP YARD DEBRIS COLLECTION UNDERWAY

Early Spring Cleanup is now in effect and will continue through May 9. During this time, Town crews will collect loose piles of leaves, thatch, brush, branches, and yard debris on an ongoing basis (no set schedule). Crews will be in your neighborhood to pick up loose debris continuously through May 9 (no set schedule).

You can also **put debris in reusable containers or paper bags for pickup** on your regularly scheduled collection day through the beginning of December.



Please place all yard debris behind the curb or gutter to avoid hindering traffic flow and to prevent blocking gutter drains in your neighborhood. To ensure faster and safer collection, please keep all yard debris away from utility poles, mailboxes, trees, and pet waste.

Visit our Yard Debris webpage for complete details about Town yard debris collection services at <a href="www.townofpittsford.org/home-yard debris">www.townofpittsford.org/home-yard debris</a>. You will also find complete details about our Town yard debris collection services in our annual Yard Debris Information card, which will be mailed to homes soon. Find schedules, guidelines, and our <a href="mailto:online">online</a> interactive Yard Debris Collection Day Street Map, which shows the weekly pickup day for your neighborhood. The Yard Debris page also is listed under the "Services" tab on the Town website.



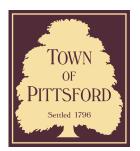
#### FREE MULCH FOR PITTSFORD RESIDENTS

Our yard debris recycling program reduces landfill waste, pollution, and greenhouse gas emissions, protects ecosystems and wildlife, and offers our residents a practical benefit: **free mulch!** 

Our yard debris recycling operation grinds wood and leaf debris into mulch that we distribute free of charge to Town residents. You can pick up mulch at the East Street storage bins (enter at 34 East Street). You'll find the bins just before the gate to the Town Parks Department's offices. If you can haul it home, it's yours! Mulch is great for gardens as it helps with

water retention, suppresses weeds without toxic chemicals, and improves soil

structure, drainage, and nutrient use.



### 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 <a href="https://www.townofpittsford.org/calendar">www.townofpittsford.org/calendar</a> for meeting dates. To view the livestream, click the <a href="Town Board Meeting live streaming link">Town Board Meeting live streaming link</a> 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 <a href="mailto:comments@townofpittsford.org">comments@townofpittsford.org</a>. 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 <a href="www.townofpittsford.org/channel12">www.townofpittsford.org/channel12</a> and use the On-Demand links to view previously recorded meetings.

### UPCOMING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN PITTSFORD

- United Church of Pittsford Community Spring Craft Fair, Saturday, 3/29, from 9:00am to 4:00pm, United Church of Pittsford, 123 South Main Street; admission is free, and all are welcome!
- 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 <a href="www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate">www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate</a>. Comments can be made to <a href="zoningupdate@townofpittsford.org">zoningupdate@townofpittsford.org</a> 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, 3/27 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: <a href="https://www.townofpittsford.org/minutes">www.townofpittsford.org/minutes</a>
- Zoning Code Update Meeting, Thursday 3/27, 6:00pm, Fisher Meeting 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 NOTE LOCATION
- Town Board , Tuesday 4/1, 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: <a href="https://www.townofpittsford.org/minutes">www.townofpittsford.org/minutes</a>

#### **COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR**

- <u>Village Board of Trustees</u> 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 <a href="here">here</a> as the meeting
  date approaches
- <u>American Legion Rayson-Miller Post 899</u> 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 <u>membership information</u> or visit the Rayson-Miller Post website
- <u>Pittsford Rotary Club</u>, 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 <a href="https://www.womensclubofpittsford.org">www.womensclubofpittsford.org</a> for more information
- <u>Pittsford Art Group</u> 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 <a href="https://www.pittsfordartgroup.com">www.pittsfordartgroup.com</a> and fill out a <a href="https://www.pittsfordartgroup.com">Contact Us</a> form.

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