

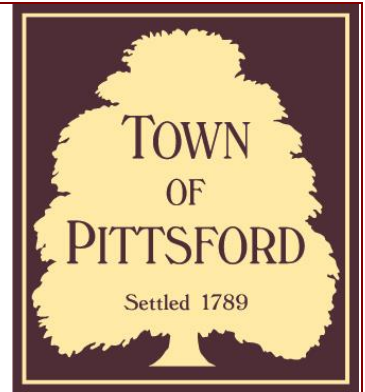
News & Reviews

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A community working together

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PITTSFORD WINS CANAL LAWSUIT

On March 8, Acting State Supreme Court Justice Daniel Barrett ruled in favor of the towns of Pittsford, Perinton and Brighton in the suit they brought against the Power Authority of the State of New York and the New York State Canal Corporation. Pittsford Town Attorney Robert Koegel, Esq. argued the case for the three towns.

The Towns claimed that the Power Authority and Canal Corporation improperly classified their project to clear-cut trees on the Canal, thereby avoiding the full environmental review required by law. The judge agreed.

The decision finds that the project is a Type I project under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), requiring the environmental review mandated by law for such a project.

The injunction against cutting of trees on the Canal in Pittsford, Perinton and Brighton now continues, pending the Power Authority and Canal Corporation complying with SEQRA.

You can read the decision here: www.townofpittsford.org/files/publications/canal-clear-cut-lawsuit-decision-03-08-18.pdf.

PITTSFORD VILLAGE TRUSTEE CANDIDATE FORUM IS THIS FRIDAY, MARCH 16

The Pittsford Village trustee candidate forum is this Friday, March 16 at 7:00pm at the Pittsford Presbyterian Church (21 Church Street). Candidates are incumbent Trustee **David Ferris**, running on the Pittsford Village United and Republican lines, and **Dan Keating**, running on the Democratic line.

The candidates will discuss Village issues and respond to questions from Village residents. The forum is sponsored by the Pittsford Chamber of Commerce and will be moderated by Liz Konar, former Principal of Pittsford Sutherland High School. Doors open at 6:30pm. Village residents will get a card for submitting a question.

The election for Village Trustee takes place next Tuesday, March 20, 2018. For more information, visit the Pittsford Village website at www.villageofpittsford.com.

VILLAGE ELECTION & CHARITABLE GAMES ORDINANCE VOTE IS THIS TUESDAY, MARCH 20

The Village election next Tuesday, March 20, includes a ballot proposal permitting games of chance to be run by charitable organizations within the Village. This was requested by Pittsford Youth Services, following a ruling by the NYS Gaming Commission that Pittsford Youth Services could continue its annual Duck Drop Derby only if the Village approved such a law. If adopted, it would permit similar games of chance by other non-profit organizations. A public vote is required to enact the ordinance.



For more information, visit the Pittsford Village website at www.villageofpittsford.com.

TOWN ASSESSMENT UPDATE NOTIFICATIONS SENT TO THOSE WITH ASSESSMENT CHANGES

The Town of Pittsford's Assessor's Office has completed the 2018 assessment update. **Notices have been sent only to property owners whose assessments have changed.**

The Town's annual property assessment update is part of a regular procedure required to maintain full market value assessments for properties in the Town of Pittsford. Since 1986, all assessments have been reviewed annually to maintain the most equitable assessments possible. **New York State law requires towns to maintain assessments at a uniform percentage of value each year.**

As the real estate market has recovered, the Town had to update assessments appropriately or New York State would have dropped the Town's equalization rate to below 100%. Homes assessed at a rate lower than their full market value make the Town's equalization rate lower. Full assessment value for a property is calculated to be within 5%+/- of comparable property sales prices.

When the Town's equalization rate, as determined by New York State, is below 100%, property owners in the Town of Pittsford will pay a larger share of the School District and County budgets. Therefore, it is necessary to update property assessments to keep rates equitable.

Informal Assessment Review appointments are available through March 29. Please visit the Town's Assessment Update webpage at www.townofpittsford.org/home-assessor/assessment-update for more information or to schedule an appointment, or call the Assessor's office at (585) 248-6232.

THE DISTANCE BETWEEN US BOOK DISCUSSION AT THE LIBRARY THIS MONDAY, MARCH 19

Join us at the Pittsford Community Library this Monday, March 19 at 7:00pm for a book discussion featuring the 2018 "Rochester Reads" selection - *The Distance Between Us*. Karen van Meenen from Writers and Books will lead the discussion about this eye-opening memoir by award-winning author Reyna Grande. The author vividly brings to life her poignant story of the immigrant experience, detailing her life both before and after illegally coming to the United States from Mexico.

The program is free and will be held in the Fisher Meeting Room; **registration is required**. To register, and for information about other great upcoming Library programs, including **Sort, File or Toss?! Ideas for Dealing with Paper Clutter on Tuesday, March 20** at 7:00pm, visit the [Library's online program calendar](#) or call 249-5481. The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street.

LEARN ABOUT CELEBRATIONS IN INDIA, NEPAL & BHUTAN AT THE SENIOR CENTER MARCH 20

Join us for lunch on Tuesday, March 20 at noon at the VanHuysen Senior Center and learn about celebrations in India, Nepal and Bhutan. Beth Brancato will provide this interesting cultural program and we will provide a delicious lunch of tiple salad plate (tuna, egg and chicken salads) with fresh fruit, roll and dessert. Cost is \$6 per person; advance registration and payment is required in advance. To register or for more information, stop by the Senior Center or call 248-6235.

And remember to sign up in advance for our special presentation on **Tuesday, March 27** - we'll have lunch and an **update on the Spiegel Community Center Restoration and Improvement project**. A presentation by Town Deputy Supervisor Kate Bohne Munzinger will take you on a virtual tour of the project's progress to date. Lunch is \$6.00 per person and includes beef stew with roll, salad, and cake for dessert. Registration and payment is due by March 20.

The Town of Pittsford's VanHuysen Senior Center is located at 3750 Monroe Avenue. [To learn more about all of our wonderful programs for seniors visit our Seniors web page](#) or call the Senior Center at 248-6235.

SPRING RECREATION PROGRAM REGISTRATION UNDERWAY

Healthy activities, new experiences, sports for youth and adults, guided hikes, exercise, education, and enrichment programs - get inspired this spring with fun and rewarding programs from the Town of Pittsford's Recreation Department. We've got something for everyone, from preschoolers to senior citizens!

Spring program registration for Town residents is currently underway and begins March 19 for non-residents. For details about all of our Recreation programs, pick up a program brochure at the Spiegel Community Center (35 Lincoln Avenue), access our [program brochure online](#), or visit our [online Recreation registration page](#).

MENDON HS STUDENTS TO PERFORM DIARY OF ANNE FRANK AT GEVA THEATRE THURSDAY

Pittsford Mendon High School's drama department will take the stage at Geva Theatre to perform a special one-night production of "The Diary of Anne Frank" tomorrow (Thursday, March 15) at 7:30pm. The production is a unique collaboration with Geva Theatre through the Stage Door Project program and will take place on the set of Geva's currently-running production of "The Diary of Anne Frank."

The cast and crew of "The Diary of Anne Frank" at Geva have been working with Mendon High School students since January to help prepare them for the performance. Tickets can be purchased at the Geva box office, in person or over the phone, and [online](#). Find more information about the production and the students' experience on the [Pittsford Central School District website](#).

ST. LOUIS ANNUAL GOOD FRIDAY BLOOD DRIVE IS 3/30 | OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

St. Louis Church is hosting its 25th annual Good Friday blood drive on Friday, March 30, from 9AM - 3PM. The church is located at 64 S. Main Street in the Village of Pittsford. Donors can schedule an appointment by calling 1-800-RED CROSS or can go on-line to do so at www.redcrossblood.org. Walk-ins are also welcome! ID is required and donors must be at least 16 years of age to donate and in good health. Sixteen-year-old donors need to provide a signed American Red Cross [parental consent form](#), which can be found [online](#) or will be available at the blood drive.

Donors can save time using the [RapidPass registration process](#). Just visit www.redcrossblood.org/RapidPass the day of your donation, read the information, answer the questions, then print or email yourself the pass.

Donating blood is a simple thing to do, but it can make a big difference in the lives of others. **Less than 38% of the population is eligible to give blood, and less than 10% actually do each year. One pint of blood can save up to three lives - sign up today and give the gift of life!** More [information about blood donation](#) can be found on the Red Cross website.

REMINDERS

SUTHERLAND HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS MARY POPPINS THIS THURS. - SAT. | MARCH 15 - 17

Pittsford Sutherland High School will present the classic Disney musical Mary Poppins this Thursday and Friday, March 15 and 16 at 7:00pm, and at 2:00pm and 7:00pm on Saturday, March 17 in the Sutherland High School auditorium, 55 Sutherland Street, Pittsford. A charming storyline and unforgettable songs makes this family-friendly musical "practically perfect in every way!" Tickets are \$8 for children (ages 10 and under), \$10 for students and senior citizens, and \$12 for adults. Tickets may be purchased online at www.showtix4u.com.

SPECTRUM CHANGES LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACCESS CHANNEL TO 1303

Local programming no longer found on cable channel 12

As of March 6, 2018 Spectrum Cable reassigned Pittsford's local government access channel ERCN TV-12 to channel 1303 and will no longer show local government access programming on cable channel 12.

ERCN TV-12 will continue to broadcast programming for Pittsford, Perinton, Fairport and East Rochester on cable channel 1303. The change is due to Spectrum Cable switching its broadcast to an all-digital format, which requires all customers to use a digital set-top box or digital adapter to view programming.

SEASONAL PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT THROUGH APRIL 1, 2018

In order to facilitate snow removal Town of Pittsford seasonal parking restrictions are in effect through April 1, 2018. Parking of any vehicle on public roads - including state highways and on the shoulder of all roads - is prohibited each year from November 15 through April 1 in all areas within the Town and outside of the Village. Please note violators may be ticketed or towed. Help us keep our roadways safe - during this time, please don't park on or along public roads outside of the Village.

EMERGENCY CLOSINGS INFORMATION

In the case of major weather events or other emergencies, information about facility closings and program/event cancellations will be announced on the Town's website www.townofpittsford.org, [Facebook page Town of Pittsford](#), and [Twitter feed @pittsfordtown](#), as well as on local television and radio stations and Pittsford's [Cable Channel 12 government access station](#). Channel 12 announcements can be viewed live any time via the [Channel 12 page on the Town website](#).

RECREATION PROGRAMS CONTINUE AT INTERIM COMMUNITY CENTER & OTHER LOCATIONS

Program locations include Palmyra Road facility, schools, Library, Senior Center, Town Court

The Spiegel Community Center building has closed for restoration and improvement but our recreation programs continue at the Interim Community Center (5611 Palmyra Road) and other locations, including the Pittsford Community Library (24 State Street), at the Town's Senior Center and Town Court facilities at 3750 Monroe Avenue, and at local elementary schools.

Programming at these alternate locations will continue throughout the construction period, which is expected to last for approximately 12-14 months. Find **updated program information** on the Town's **online Recreation Registration and Information page** <https://webtrac.townofpittsford.org/wbwsc/webtrac.wsc/wbsplash.html>. Information about the Spiegel Community Center project is available on the **Community Center Project Updates web page** www.townofpittsford.org/community-center-project.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN PITTSFORD

- [Mendon High School Students Diary of Anne Frank performance at Geva Theatre](#), Thursday, March 15, 7:30pm, Geva Theatre, 75 Woodbury Blvd., Rochester, NY 14607; tickets and information [online](#).
- [Mary Poppins, Pittsford Sutherland High School musical](#), Thursday - Saturday, 3/15-17, 7:00pm and Saturday, 3/17, 2pm; Pittsford Sutherland High School, 55 Sutherland Street; tickets \$8 for children (ages 10 and under), \$10 for students and senior citizens, \$12 for adults - purchase online at www.showtix4u.com.
- [St. Louis Church Good Friday Blood Drive](#), Friday, 4/14, 1-6pm, 64 S. Main Street, open to the community; schedule appointment online www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS. Walk-ins also welcome. ID required, must be at least age 16; 16 year old donors must have [parental consent form](#). More info at www.redcrossblood.org

TOWN OF PITTSFORD BOARD MEETINGS

- **Pittsford Community Library Board**, Wednesday, 3/14, 7PM, Fletcher Steele Meeting Room, Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street
- **Zoning Board of Appeals**, Monday, 3/19, 7PM, Public Meeting Room, Town Hall (lower level), 11 South Main Street
- **Town Board - Legislative session**, Tuesday, 3/20, 6PM, Public Meeting Room, Town Hall (lower level), 11 South Main Street

COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

- [Pittsford Garden Club](#) plant sale organizing meeting and book review of *Gardening for a Lifetime: How to Garden Wiser as you Grow Older*, Tuesday, 3/20, 11:00am, Pittsford Community Library, Fisher Meeting Room, 24 State Street; bring a lunch and beverage if you'd like, new members are always welcome! Program at 11:00am, brown bag lunch at 12:00pm, meeting at 12:15pm
- [American Legion Rayson-Miller Post 899](#) Tuesday morning breakfast and socializing, every Tuesday, 8-10AM, 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; for [membership information](#) visit the Rayson-Miller Post website.
- [Pittsford Rotary Club](#), Wednesdays (weekly), 7AM, Pittsford Community Library, 24 State St.
- [Pittsford Art Group](#), first Thursday of the month, September through May (no meetings October and March), 7 - 9PM, Town Hall lower level meeting room, 11 South Main Street; the group strives to be a teaching organization - all are welcome! For meeting details and membership, contact PAG president [Margie Mitchell](#).

PITTSFORD CABLE CHANNEL 12 is now on seven days a week. Click [HERE](#) for schedule.

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