

✓ Tax Rate Held Flat
 ✓ Keeps up with rising costs
 ✓ Supports Neighborhoods
 ✓ Maintains Full Services
 ✓ Sustainable

# **2024 Pittsford Town Budget**

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# NO Tax Increase

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Settled 1789

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### Tax Rate Held Flat No Increase

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#### Tax Rate:

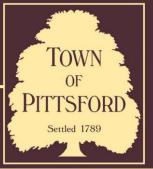
2022 Tax Rate: \$3.13

2023 Tax Rate: \$3.13

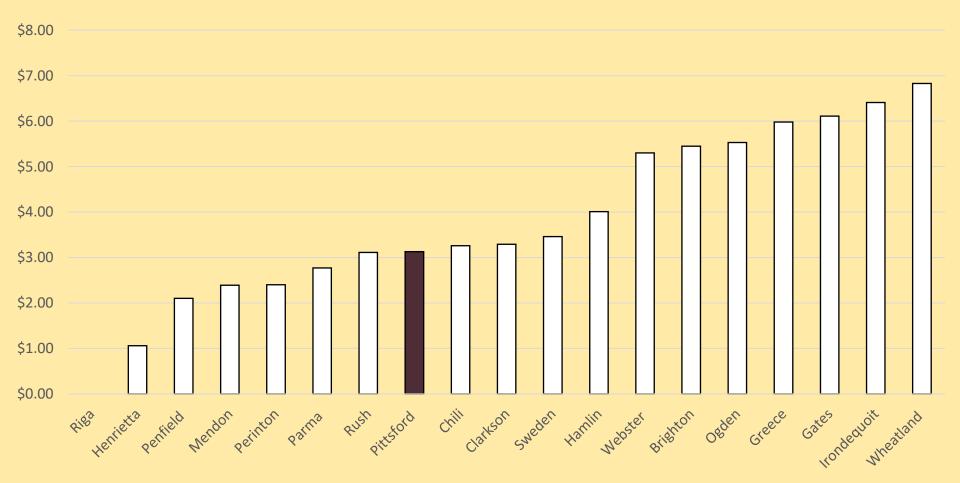
2024 Tax Rate: \$3.13

Flat, 0% Increase

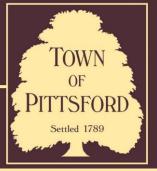
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#### **Town Tax Rate Comparison**



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#### **Tax Rates Lower Than Pittsford** *Pittsford: \$3.13*

#### <u>Parma - \$2.77</u>

- No Leaf pick-up
- Brush pick-up 2x per year

#### Penfield - \$2.10

No leaf pick-upNo brush pick-up

#### <u>Mendon - \$2.39</u>

- No Leaf pick-up
- Brush pick-up 2x per year
- No recreation department

#### <u> Perinton - \$2.40</u>

- \$1.8m revenue from landfill
- School Library District
- Leaf pick-up every 4-6 weeks

#### <u>Henrietta - \$1.06</u>

- Large commercial tax base
- No brush pick-up
- No leaf pick-up

#### <u>Rush - \$3.11</u>

- No home leaf pick-up
- No home brush pick-up

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#### Town Taxes: 8¢ of every \$1 paid in Property Taxes



Other Taxing Jurisdictions 92¢ Town 8¢

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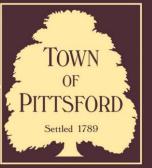
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#### **2024 Budget Highlights :**

- Holds tax rate flat, at \$3.13 per thousand dollars. Cumulatively since 2018, more than a 9% cut in the Tax Rate
- Aggressive Residential Road Repaving Program
- Maintains funding for Pedestrian Safety improvements and measures to reduce speeding
- 3% increase in funding for Pittsford Youth Services. Total increase in funding for PYS since 2017 has been 88%.
- Full support for Pittsford Community Library
- Maintains full funding for Community Events and Recreation Programs
- 6% increase in funding for Elderberry Express
- Maintains full funding for Senior programs including:
  - Lunch Program for Seniors
  - Continuation of Senior pavilion picnic series
- 2% increase in funding for Pittsford Volunteer Ambulance
- Funds the 12% increase in medical costs
- Funds the 3% increase in Dental Plan costs
- Funds Paddle & Pour and the Food Truck & Music Fest
- Increased funding for continuing maintenance of Town Parks and Facilities
- Continues to fund Environmental initiatives
- 4% COLA for Town Staff (No pay increase for Elected Officials)

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### **Employees**

#### 2024 Budget:

- Keeps up with NYS minimum wage increases
- 4% Cost of Living Increase keeps up with inflation
- Keeps up with rising benefit costs
  - Medical Insurance is up 12% (19.5% increase over the past 2 years)
  - 3% increase in dental insurance (5% increase over the past 2 years)
  - 3% increase in retiree health care

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# **Continual Improvement:**

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### Supporting Neighborhoods, Full Town Services, Pittsford Community Library, Youth & Senior Services, Pittsford Recreation, Community Events & More

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### **Department of Public Works**

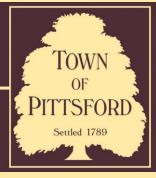
- Additional traffic safety devices
- Pedestrian Safety improvements
- Leaf collection
- Brush collection
- Sidewalk improvements
- Sewer and drainage improvements
- Park and trail maintenance and improvements
- Plant more native plants and pollinator gardens



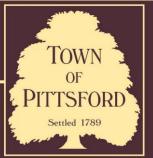








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### **Town Library**

The Library Director and Library Board plan annual goals around key areas highlighted in the library's Long-Range Plan. Those areas include technology, services, collections, and customer service. **Funding will:** 

- Continue to ensure library spaces are accessible, engaging and flexible
- **Expand opportunities for digital** services and resources
- Support continued evaluation of the use, presentation, and accessibility of physical and digital collections
- Increase circulating materials that reflect the diverse interests and needs of the community
- Fully fund staff to develop high-quality, culturally rich programs that reflect community needs and interests
- Fully fund staff to explore more opportunities for community outreach, engagement, and collaboration
- Continue to offer staff opportunities in continuing education and professional development
- Improvements to the building

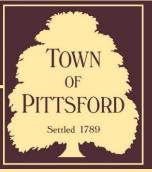
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#### **Funding Senior Services and Programs**

Budget honors Town's commitment to quality of life for seniors. **Funding will support:** 

- Regular fitness programs including Zumba Gold, arthritis Exercise, balance class, yoga for seniors, Get Fit Stress Less and Tai Chi
- **Other senior programs** including line dance, square dance, craft club and Euchre
- Free tax prep services
- Free AARP Defensive Driving course
- Funds to support Elderberry Express senior resident driving service
- Additional Thursday trips using the senior program bus
- Tuesday lunches, picnics, guest speakers, movies and musical entertainment
- Programs utilizing our new pavilion at the community center
- Senior Cooking classes with Cornell Cooperative Extension





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#### **Community Events and Recreation Programs**

The 2024 budget continues funding for the Town events and recreation programs our community has come to expect. **Funding will support:** 

#### **Community Events:**

Friday Night Summer Concert Series
Concerts for Kids
Four Family Outdoor Movie Nights
Pittsford Paddle & Pour, Main Street Food Truck and Music Fest, Memorial Day Parade, Family Halloween Fest.

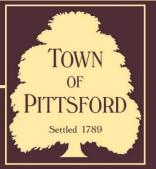
#### **Recreation Programs:**

**Program offerings by expert instructors** – including ballet, martial arts, tennis, kayaking, horseback riding, Irish Dance, babysitter training, aerobics, yoga, basketball and more

**Programs planned and presented by our recreation staff** – Child Watch, afterschool program, Summer Day Camp, preschool open gym, guided hikes, Adventure camp, youth soccer leagues, pickleball, basketball, volleyball and more.

Panther Pals – Children enjoy discovery, play, music, arts, crafts and learning. Weekly themes as well as STEM, geography, letter and number activities allow for children to grow and learn all while having fun.
 Pittsford Wreckers – A community-based Special Olympics Training Club. Participation in both unified and traditional Special Olympics programming have been steadily increasing over the past year.

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# **Next Steps**

- 10/17 Town Board Sets Public Hearing, recommended for 11/6
- 10/18 Budget will be posted on the Town website and hard copies will be made available to the public
- 11/6 Public Hearing on the 2024 Budget and vote to adopt