

News & Reviews

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Town of Pittsford - a Clean
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Community

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Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings*

A Message from Town Supervisor Bill Smith:

THIS SCHOOL YEAR, PUT SAFETY FIRST

School's in session – please put safety first.

Pittsford's school year begins tomorrow, Thursday, September 5. I wish all of our students, teachers and families a smooth start. Tomorrow, nervous five-year-olds will take those first big steps onto the yellow school bus. As they start their educational journey, may they adjust to their new routines, make new friends and learn something new each day. Through it all we hope they'll stay safe.



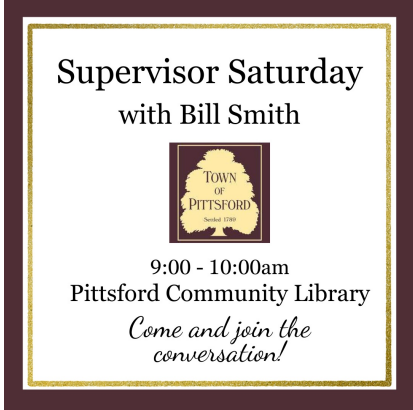
Reckless driving is the #1 concern raised by our residents, speeding in particular. As I mentioned at Town Board recently, I've again asked the State Department of Transportation for various traffic safety improvements that only it can approve. My focus with State DOT is on safety upgrades in critical trouble spots.

All children, kindergarten through 12th grade, deserve to arrive at their destinations free from harm. Your participation is crucial.

Drivers, please obey speed limits, especially in school zones. Watch for children crossing the streets and be extra cautious during bus pick-up and drop-off times. Parents, please remind your children about the importance of road safety and using crosswalks. Make sure young bicyclists wear helmets. Speak with your student drivers about safe driving practices. Remind them it takes mere seconds of distraction to ruin lives.

Within our schools, teachers and staff do their part in keeping kids safe. Together we can make it safe for Pittsford's schoolchildren outside of school. Let's work together to be alert, follow speed limits and safety protocols and show patience on the road.

SUPERVISOR OPEN HOUSE WITH BILL SMITH



THIS SATURDAY, 9/7

Town Supervisor Bill Smith will host his next community open house meeting this Saturday, September 7, 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 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>.

FOOD TRUCK AND MUSIC FEST – GREAT MUSIC ALL DAY & EVENING, FUN FOR EVERYONE! *Saturday, September 14 on Main Street at the Four Corners*

Our Main Street Pittsford Food Truck & Music Fest is just one week from Saturday! Please join us, Saturday, September 14, from 12noon to 9:00pm on South Main Street for great food, family fun, live music all day, and fireworks!

We'll have a variety of great food from mobile cuisine vendors and local eateries, a wine and beer garden, family activities, amusement rides, and children's entertainment – and Village merchants will be open for business too. Enjoy the best in live music all day – **Hey Mabel** kicks off the event at noon with pop and blues rock. At 2:00pm **Begging Angels** brings country, southern rock and classic rock to our stage, and at 5:00pm we've got acoustic Americana, with **BarnSalt**. Then **Atlas** brings the high-energy party music to the stage at 7:00pm. Plus we'll have fireworks over the canal to close out the night!



Food Trucks, Wine & Beer Garden, family activities and music will take place along South Main Street from the Four Corners (Monroe/State streets) to Locust Street. The PYS Duck Drop will take place in Carpenter Park at the Port of Pittsford, 22 North Main Street at 4:00pm – see details below or visit www.pittsfordyouthservices.org.

Find complete information, including bands schedule, food vendors, activities and more, on our [Food Truck & Music Fest event page](#) on the Town website. And check our [Facebook page](#) where we'll be highlighting each band that will be performing!

PYS DUCK DROP IS SEPT. 14 AT FOOD TRUCK & MUSIC FEST – TICKETS AVAILABLE!

[Pittsford Youth Services' Duck Drop Derby](#) tickets are on sale now! The annual rubber duck race on the



canal is Saturday, September 14 at 4:00pm in Carpenter Park at the Port of Pittsford, during the [Town's Main Street Food Truck & Music Fest](#). Funds raised from this event go directly toward providing vital professional, confidential and affordable social work and counseling services to youth and their families in our community. A ticket gets you a duck in the race and helps support an organization that does so much for the families in our community!

The Duck Drop is Pittsford Youth Services' largest fundraiser. Contributions go directly toward services for youth and families in need right here in our community. PYS has been providing affordable, accessible and confidential counseling and support services since 1969 – that's 55 years! It's the perfect opportunity to be part of a fun community tradition while supporting the good work PYS does for our youth.

Admission to the Duck Drop is free and open to the public but if you want a duck to race, you have to buy a ticket! Buy your tickets now and take advantage of the special "family of four" for \$30, or you can buy a "flock" of 8 for \$50. Individual tickets are \$10 each. In addition to prizes for the winning ducks, there will be raffle and silent auction opportunities for some special prizes!

Tickets for the Duck Drop are being sold at various locations around Town, including the Pittsford Dairy, along Schoen Place and at other locations around the Village. You can purchase your tickets online at www.pittsfordyouthservices.org using PayPal or debit/credit card, by calling at 264-0604, or stopping at the PYS office at 4 South Main Street (enter on side of building). Tickets can be purchased by calling the PYS office at 264-0604 or stopping by the office (4 South Main Street). PYS office hours are typically 9:00am-3:00pm, but please call ahead to make sure someone is there to handle ticket sales. To learn about how PYS helps youth and families with counseling, advocacy, educational programs and informational services, visit the [PYS website](#).

SCHOOL TAX 2024-2025 INFORMATION

The 2024-2025 school tax bills have been mailed. If your bill has not arrived by Monday, September 9, you can print a copy from the Monroe County website by clicking [HERE](#). Also, you can contact the tax office by email at townclerk@townofpittsford.org or by calling 585-248-6215.



Important Tax Collection Dates:

- **Sunday, 9/15** – First installments are due by this date.
- **Monday, 9/16** – All payments received in person, by drop box by this date or mailed with a 9/16 postmark, will process as on-time payments.
- **Tuesday, 9/17 to Friday, 9/20** – First installments can be paid with 1% interest added.
- **Tuesday, 10/1** – Full payments are due by this date.

School Tax Collection locations and hours:

- **Town of Pittsford, Town Clerk/Tax Receivers Office:** 11 South Main St; Monday – Friday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM
- **Town of Pittsford Drop Box locations:** 11 South Main St; at front & back doors – open 24 hours

- **Canandaigua National Bank and Trust:** 18 State St; Monday – Friday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Saturdays 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM (September 1 – October 1 only)

On-time first installments may be paid at Canandaigua National Bank, 18 State Street, in Pittsford Village through September 15. Canandaigua National Bank will continue to accept **full payments only** from September 16 through October 1.

All payments must include a phone number and payment coupon (the 2nd page of your bill)

- Full and 1st installment payments: **make payable to RENEE MCQUILLEN, RECEIVER OF TAXES**
- Per NYS Real Property Law, the **US postmark is used to determine the payment date** for tax payments received by mail. Payments postmarked after the due date will be assessed interest.
- **If a due date falls on a weekend or holiday** , payment is accepted without penalty the next business day.
- **Online bank account payment is not recommended** . These payments arrive without a postmark and cannot count as received until arrival in the tax office. This will result in additional interest if not received by the due date.
- You may pay online by credit card at www.monroecounty.gov/etc/rp/. An additional service fee totaling 2.75% of amount to be paid will be added by the credit card processor. Any payment less than \$100 will be charged \$2.75.
- **Electronic check payments** can be made at www.monroecounty.gov/etc/rp/ and are assessed a sliding scale fee based on the payment amount.

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COMMUNITY CENTER REGULAR WEEKEND HOURS WILL RESUME THIS WEEKEND

The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center will return to its regular hours for the school year beginning this Friday, September 7. The Community Center is open Monday - Thursday, 8:00am - 9:00pm, Fridays and Saturdays 8:00am - 8:00pm and Sundays 12:00 - 5:00pm. The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue.

For details about all of our Recreation programs, pick up a program brochure at the Community Center, access our [program brochure online](#), or visit our [online Recreation registration page](#).

LIBRARY REGULAR HOURS ARE UNDERWAY – SATURDAYS 10AM-5PM, SUNDAYS 12-5PM

The Pittsford Community Library has returned to its regular hours for the school year. The Library now is open Saturday 10:00am - 5:00pm and Sunday 12:00 - 5:00pm. The complete Library hours schedule is: Monday - Thursday, 9:00am - 8:00pm; Friday, 9:00am - 6:00pm; Saturday, 10:00am - 5:00pm; and Sunday, 1:00 - 5:00pm. The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street. For

information about upcoming Library programs visit the [Library's online program calendar](#) or call 249-5481.

**Regular
Weekend Hours**
RESUME SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

**Saturday
10am-5pm**

**Sunday
12-5pm**



LUNCH & LEARN
September 10
12:00 Noon



Menu:
Caprese Skewers Recipe (with Balsamic Glaze)
Chicken Salad Recipe with Grapes and Chopped Nuts
Sweet Peach Crisp

Program By:
By Alyssa VanValkenburg RDN
Nutrition Educator
Cornell Cooperative Extension



Reservations
by September 5
248-6235
\$8.00



SENIORS LUNCH AND LEARN IS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Reservations due tomorrow, 9/5

Seniors, join us at our lunch and learn event on September 10 at 12:00noon. On the menu are caprese skewers with a balsamic glaze, chicken salad with grapes and chopped nuts. And enjoy a delicious, sweet peach crisp for dessert! The "learn" portion of the event is brought to you by Alyssa VanValkenburg, Nutrition Educator from the Cornell Cooperative Extension.

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, September 5.** 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.

FRIENDS OF PITTSFORD LIBRARY FALL SALE IS 9/12 – 14

The annual [Friends of Pittsford Library Fall Book Sale](#) is Thursday through Saturday, September 12– 14 at the Pittsford Community Library's Fisher Room, 24 State Street. From classic novels to modern bestsellers, we have something for every reader including a large array of vintage comics. You'll also find games, DVDs, and CDs – all at great prices! Items will be replenished throughout the sale, so everyone has a chance to find some wonderful buys.

Hours are Thursday, 9/12 from 4:00 - 8:00pm, Friday, 9/13 from 10:00am – 5:00pm, and Saturday, 9/14 from 10:00am – 4:00pm. The sale is open to all. **Bags will be in short supply so please bring your own.** Credit cards will be accepted. **All proceeds benefit programs and materials for our Library.** Come, explore, find your next read, and make a difference in our community! For more information call 585-248-6275 or go to www.pittsfordlibraryfriends.com.



Book Sale

Thursday, September 12
4:00-8:00pm

Friday, September 13
10:00am-5:00pm

Saturday, September 14
10:00am-4:00pm





Blood Drive
Pittsford Library
Meeting Room
24 State Street
Pittsford, NY 14534
Friday, September 6, 2024
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



BLOOD DRIVE AT THE LIBRARY THIS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

The Town of Pittsford will host a Red Cross blood drive this Friday, September 6, from 10:00am-3:00pm at the Pittsford Community Library in the Fisher Meeting Room. Those who give blood between September 1 and September 15 will receive an exclusive Red Cross raglan shirt, while supplies last. The Library is located at 24 State Street in the Village of Pittsford.

Maximize your blood donation and help more patients! If you are an eligible type O, B, or A donor, consider making a Power Red donation. Red blood cells are the most transfused blood component.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting www.redcrossblood.org/donate-blood/manage-my-donations/rapidpass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

Donating blood is a simple thing to do, but it can make an enormous difference in the lives of others. If you are eligible and feeling well, please make an appointment today to give by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 800-RED-CROSS.

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

The Rotary Club of Pittsford's next food drive is scheduled for this Saturday, September 7, from 9:00am-noon at the Pittsford Sutherland High School bus loop. In addition to the **Pittsford Food Cupboard**, donations will support **St. Andrew's Food Cupboard** 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. **They are currently accepting school supplies**, including notebooks, folders, paper, markers, pencils, etc. They are also seeking hand sanitizer, paper towels, feminine hygiene products, saran wrap, tin foil, laundry and dish soap. Food pantry items especially needed include canned spinach and collard greens, condiments (ketchup, BBQ sauce, salsa, salad dressing), and spaghetti sauce.

[St. Andrew's Food Cupboard](#) serves 400 households each month. They request healthy food donations, including peanut butter, tuna in water, salmon, chicken, low-sodium canned beans, pasta, whole grain cereal, oatmeal, grits, stuffing, quinoa, barley, rice, 100% juices, canned fruits, vegetables, and soups as well as shelf-stable dairy products and fresh fruits (apples and oranges). They also accept non-food essentials like toilet paper, bar soap, dish soap, dental care products, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, baby food, formula, and diapers.

[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 or contact David Irwin by email (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 SEPTEMBER 7

The Little House, Historic Pittsford's headquarters and museum, **will be open for visitors this Saturday, September 7, from 9:00-12:00pm.** Stop by to meet Historic Pittsford president Peggy Brizee and other board members, and be sure to check out our new historic exhibits and displays for fall! Serving as Historic Pittsford's office, the Little House is a gem in the heart of the Village of Pittsford. The Little House has a resource room for historic research and is also

open by appointment. Call (585) 381-2941 or email HistoricPittsford@gmail.com to schedule a time to visit.

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 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 for more information.

PITTSFORD ART GROUP ACCEPTING NEW MEMBERS

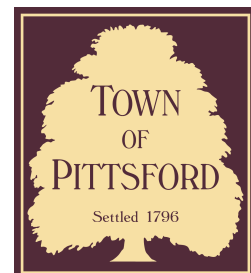
The Pittsford Art Group (PAG) is accepting new members for the 2024/25 season. If you enjoy painting and would like to connect with fellow artists, consider joining the Pittsford Art Group! The PAG is a friendly and enthusiastic group of artists who paint in acrylic, oil, pastel, and watercolor.

The PAG meets at 7:00pm on the first Thursday of the month September through June at the Spiegel Community Center (35 Lincoln Ave). Typically, meetings include an artist demonstration from a locally established artist. Members exhibit annually at the Pittsford Barnes and Noble's community room, and they offer other opportunities to exhibit and sell your work. They welcome all skill levels. Membership is open to anyone in the greater Rochester area. Check them out on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)! For more information regarding membership and to see a schedule of upcoming events, please visit their website at pittsfordartgroup.com.

REMINDERS

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

- [Red Cross Blood Drive at Pittsford Community Library](#), Friday, 9/6, 10:00am-3:00pm, Pittsford Community Library Fisher Meeting Room, 24 State Street; [schedule an appointment in advance using this online registration link](#) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).
- [Pittsford Rotary Food Drive](#), Saturday, 9/7, 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 the [St. Andrew's Food Cupboard](#) (click links for complete lists of needs); gently used recent (past 12 months) magazines are also needed.
- [Friends of Pittsford Library Fall Book Sale](#), Thursday, 9/12 from 4:00 - 8:00pm, Friday, 9/13 from 10:00am – 5:00pm, and Saturday, 9/14 from 10:00am – 4:00pm, Pittsford Community Library, Fisher Meeting Room, 24 State Street; sale is open to all, funds raised to support programs and materials for the Library. Items will be replenished throughout the sale; bags will be in short supply – please bring your own.
- [Pittsford Main Street Food Truck & Music Fest](#), Saturday, 9/14, 12:00-9:00pm, South Main Street (Four Corners to Locust Street) with PYS Duck Drop at 4:00pm in Carpenter Park at the Port of Pittsford, 22 North Main Street; food and drink, family fun, live music all day and fireworks to end the night! Detailed info and updates at www.townofpittsford.org/foodtruckmusicfest
- [Pittsford Youth Services Duck Drop Derby](#), Saturday, 9/14, 4:00pm, Carpenter Park at the Port of Pittsford, 22 North Main Street – annual rubber duck race on the canal to raise funds for PYS youth and family services, part of the Town of Pittsford Food Truck & Music Fest; tickets and volunteer/sponsorship info at www.pittsfordyouthservices.org. Purchase tickets by calling 264-0604 or stopping by the PYS Office at 4 South Main Street, or at various locations around Town.
- [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

- **Planning Board**, Monday, 9/9, 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
- **Environmental Board**, Tuesday, 9/10, 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:
www.townofpittsford.org/minutes – **NOTE REVISED DAY AND DATE**

COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

- [Board of Education](#) meeting, Tuesday, 9/10, 7:00pm, Barker Road Middle School McCluski Board Room, 75 Barker Road
- [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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