

# News & Reviews

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*See listings below for  
Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings*

***A Message from Town Supervisor Bill Smith:  
REMEMBERING 9/11***

In the earlier days of my legal career I worked for eight years in Two World Trade Center. Today we mark the grim anniversary of the terrorist attack that destroyed it and its twin tower, cruelly murdering nearly 3,000 innocent human souls. The evil behind this mass murder plagues humanity yet today, with the same cruel disregard for human life as we saw last October in Israel.

We mourn those lost. We remember the heroism of the first responders, New York City's police, firefighters and emergency medical personnel. At grave personal risk they demonstrated the best of the human spirit and the American ethic in their rescue efforts. Some responders died at the site; others years later from after-effects. The photo above shows NYFD Ladder 118, on the bridge, en route to the site of the disaster. All six of its firefighters made their last run that morning. After helping hundreds escape the doomed Marriott World Trade Center Hotel, they went back to help more. Then the towers collapsed.



The twin towers stood for 30 years as icons of the New York skyline. The courage shown by the men of Ladder 118, by the other first responders and by the people of our country in coming together in defiance of terrorism stand forever as icons of the American ideal. An ideal embraced by all, of every background, every ethnicity, every religion, who believe in democracy and peace.

**FOOD TRUCK AND MUSIC FEST – LIVE MUSIC,  
GREAT FOOD, FAMILY FUN!**

***This Saturday, September 14 on Main Street at the  
Four Corners***

Our Main Street Pittsford Food Truck & Music Fest is this Saturday! Join us at 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 the [Atlas Band](#) brings 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](http://www.pittsfordyouthservices.org).

Find complete event information, including bands schedule, food vendors, activities and more, on our [Food Truck & Music Fest event page](#) on the Town website. Be sure to join us!

### SCHOOL TAXES: FIRST INSTALLMENT DUE BY THIS SUNDAY, 9/15

Please note these dates for on-time first installments and full payments for school taxes:

- **On-time first installment** school tax payments are due **by this Sunday, September 15**. Due to September 15 falling on a weekend, all payments received or postmarked Monday, September 16 will be processed as on time.
- **On-time full payments** are due by **Tuesday, October 1**.



**Payments may be made in person, by mail or by secure drop box** available 24/7; drop boxes are located at both the front and back entrances of the Pittsford Town Hall, 11 South Main Street. If you will be sending your payment by mail or drop box, please include your payment coupon and a contact phone number on your check. Failure to do so increases processing time. Payments also can be made at Canandaigua National Bank, 18 State Street, in Pittsford Village or online through Monroe County; there will be a 2.75% fee to use this online payment service. To pay online, click [HERE](#).

Please Note: **We strongly discourage paying your tax bill via your banking Electronic Checking/Online bill pay system.** If you are paying your bill with an online bill pay system, please be aware that your bank still mails us a paper check without a USPS postmark. Therefore, your payment is not considered received until we physically receive the payment in our office. **We do not recommend sending payment in this manner.**

**PANTHER PALS CHILD WATCH PROGRAM  
OFFERS FUN FOR AGES 2-5!**





Panther Pals is a preschool aged program for ages 2-5. The program is offered Monday-Friday from 9am to 12pm. [Register now](#) for our next session. Hurry – weekly slots fill up fast!

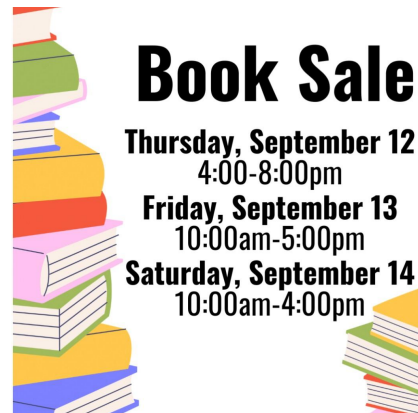
Panther Pals gives little ones an opportunity to make new friends, enjoy arts and crafts, dance, music, and creative play along with STEM, geography, numbers and letters activities. Our daily schedule includes fine and gross motor skills activities, outdoor time, gym time, crafts, and circle and reading time with our

friends from the Pittsford Community Library. We even have monthly special guest visits!

Held at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, Panther Pals is offered Monday - Friday from 9:00am - 12:00pm. Find more details and register [online here](#) (select Preschool - Child Watch). You can also contact Cassie at 585-248-6283 for more information.

### FRIENDS OF PITTSFORD LIBRARY FALL SALE IS TOMORROW THROUGH SATURDAY

The annual [Friends of Pittsford Library Fall Book Sale](#) begins tomorrow – Thursday, September 12 – and runs through Saturday, September 14, at the Pittsford Community Library’s Fisher Room, 24 State Street. Going to the Food Truck and Music Festival this Saturday? Stop by the book sale! From classic novels to modern bestsellers, the sale has something for every reader, including a large array of vintage comics. You’ll also find games, DVDs, and CDs – all at fantastic 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](http://www.pittsfordlibraryfriends.com).



### I SEE FALL STORY STROLL BEGINS THIS MONDAY AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

Our next Story Stroll takes place this Monday, September 16, through Sunday, September 22. Families can take a leisurely Story Stroll behind the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center while reading *I See Fall* by Charles Ghigna. *I See Fall* wonderfully introduces young readers to the delights of Autumn. Through simple rhythmic text, the story highlights the changing colors of the leaves, cool weather, and seasonal activities like picking apples and pumpkins.

The book is a part of the “A Season” series, designed for early readers to engage with nature and learn about the seasons in a fun, accessible way.

Once you have completed your Story Stroll, stop by the Community Center front desk

and pick up a **themed craft pack to take home!** Craft packs are available Monday through Saturday from 8:00am – 5:00pm, and Sunday from 10:00am-5:00pm. Our next Story Stroll will take place October 21 through October 27.

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.

## SENIORS MOVIE MATINEE SEPTEMBER 19: JURASSIC PARK

*Reservations required by this Monday, September 16* Seniors, join us on Thursday, September 19 for a free morning movie matinee featuring *Jurassic Park* – the 1993 film that still dazzles. Enjoy a complimentary selection of coffee, breakfast pastries and popcorn while you watch the film, then stay afterward for an optional lunch of pizza, salad, and dessert!

*Jurassic Park* is the blockbuster film that brought dinosaurs to life! Wealthy industrialist John Hammond has populated an island with cloned dinosaurs from fossilized DNA. His well-meaning intention? To open a safari park where all can marvel at these prehistoric creatures. Before opening to the public, he's invited his two grandchildren and three scientists for trial tour. What could possibly go wrong? Find out (or relive the magic) when you watch *Jurassic Park!* The movie also has a killer soundtrack by John Williams!



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, reservations are due by this Monday, September 16.** Please call the Senior Center at 248-6235 to register for the movie and lunch.

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.



## NARCAN TRAINING & SERVICES INFO AT LIBRARY TOMORROW, 9/12 - LEARN TO SAFELY STOP AN OPIOID OVERDOSE

The Pittsford Community Library will offer **free public Narcan training and opioid awareness information tomorrow – Thursday, September 12 – from 10:00am - 1:00pm** in the Library hallway. Stop by to receive a free Narcan training and a Narcan kit from the Monroe County Health Department. Narcan (Naloxone) is a nasal spray that can be administered immediately to treat an opioid overdose. The opioid

crisis continues at an alarming level. **Approximately every other day, someone in Monroe County dies from an opioid overdose.** There is no community immune to this



crisis – learn how to save a life with Narcan. This drop-in program is free; no registration required.

The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street. For information about other upcoming Library programs, visit the Library's program calendar online or call 249-5481.

## HAND HARVESTING NATIVE WILDFLOWER SEED WORKSHOP – 9/22

[Color Pittsford Green](#) is offering an exciting program for native plant growers on Sunday, September 22. Pittsford resident Sarah Sutton will be leading a hands-on workshop centering on small scale seed harvesting and threshing. Learn about different methods of stratification and direct sowing in the fall to increase habitat and diversity. The workshop will take place at the Great Embankment Park Pavilion, 631 Marsh Road, from 2:00 - 4:00pm on September 22. The workshop is free and open to the public.

Sarah Sutton specializes in plant propagation of native perennials, trees, and shrubs at White Oak Nursery. Last year, Sarah completed the Ontario County Master Gardener Program and started her own NYS-licensed nursery, Spicebush Swallowtail Native Plants in Pittsford, with a focus on using local ecotype resilient seed to grow plants.



## REMINDERS



**PYS DUCK DROP IS THIS SATURDAY AT FOOD TRUCK & MUSIC FEST – TICKETS AVAILABLE!** [Pittsford Youth Services' Duck Drop Derby](#) tickets are still available! The annual rubber duck race on the canal is this 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.

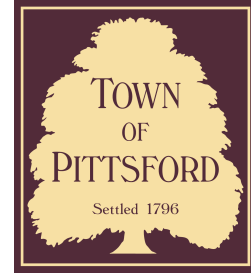
**Admission to the Duck Drop is free and open to the public but if you want a duck to race, you have to buy a ticket!** Buy your tickets now and take advantage of the special "family of four" for \$30, or you can buy a "flock" of 8 for \$50. Individual tickets are \$10 each. In addition to prizes for 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](http://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](#).

### **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**

- [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.
- **Narcan training & services info and free Narcan kit** from Monroe County Health Department, Thursday, 9/12, 12:00 – 3:00pm, Pittsford Community Library main hallway, 24 State Street; free and open to the public
- [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](http://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](http://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.

- *I See Fall Story Stroll*, 9/16 – 9/22, field at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue; stop by the Community Center front desk after completing the walk to pick up a themed craft pack to take home; free and open to the public.
- [Native Wildflower Seed Harvesting workshop](#), Sunday, 9/22, 2:00 - 4:00pm, Great Embankment Park Pavilion, 631 Marsh Road; learn harvesting and threshing seeds from native plants and seed sowing techniques, hosted by Color Pittsford Green, free and open to the public
- [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

- **Pittsford Community Library Board**, Wednesday, 9/11, 6:00pm, Fletcher Steele 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](http://www.townofpittsford.org/minutes)
- **Design Review & Historic Preservation Board**, Thursday, 9/12, 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: [www.townofpittsford.org/minutes](http://www.townofpittsford.org/minutes)
- **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board**, Thursday, 9/12, 6:30pm, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center – Room 206, 35 Lincoln Avenue; the meeting agenda is posted at least 24 hours prior to the meeting on the Town website here: [www.townofpittsford.org/minutes](http://www.townofpittsford.org/minutes)
- **Zoning Board of Appeals**, Monday, 9/16, 6:30pm, 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](http://www.townofpittsford.org/minutes)
- **Town Board**, Tuesday, 9/17, 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: [www.townofpittsford.org/minutes](http://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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