

News & Reviews

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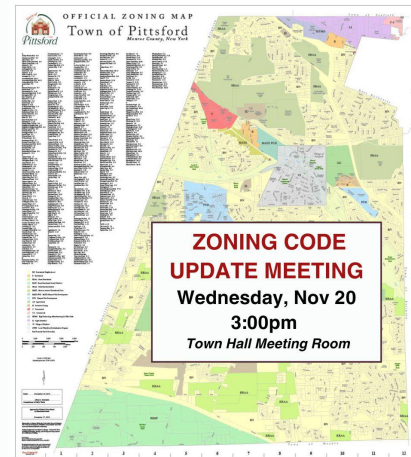
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*See listings below for
Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings*

**ZONING CODE REVISION MEETING IS TODAY
– WEDNESDAY, 11/20 at 3:00pm**
***This will be an extended discussion session,
with time scheduled until 9:00pm***

The Town Board's next meeting to revise our Zoning Code will be an extended discussion session today – Wednesday, November 20 – at 3:00pm with time scheduled until 9:00pm in Town Hall, 11 South Main Street.

The purpose of the meeting is to complete remaining sections of Zoning Code that the Town Board has not yet reviewed.



Items for consideration will be:

- Parking Regulations
- Nonresidential Districts Regulations
- Sign Regulations
- Residential Design Standards
- Consider RRAA amendment to include Duplex, Triplex and Quadraplex Housing in RRAA Districts
- Consider Supplemental Use Regulations amendment to accommodate ground-mounted solar panels
- Consider Incentive Zoning amendment to include more moderately priced Senior housing as an incentive

You will [find the draft Parking Regulations here](#).

You will [find the draft Nonresidential Districts Regulations here](#).

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You will [find the draft RRAA Regulations here](#).

You will [find the draft Supplemental Use Regulations here](#).

You will [find the draft Incentive Zoning Regulations here](#).

Public participation in these sessions is important! The meetings are open to the public and will be live streamed. Pittsford residents and business owners can **offer comments at the meeting or can submit comments by email to zoningupdate@townofpittsford.org**.

Videos of the Zoning Revision meetings are posted in the days following each meeting. To see them, and to learn more, visit our **Zoning Code Update website** at www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate.

2025 Pittsford Town Budget
Presented by Bill Smith, Pittsford Town Supervisor

NO TAX INCREASE
Flat tax rate held at
\$3.13
2022, 2023, 2024
& 2025

All programs and services maintained
with room for improvements.

The graphic features a dark purple header with the town logo, a yellow background for the main text, and a small purple footer with a quote. The text is centered and uses a mix of bold and regular fonts.

Message from Town Supervisor Bill Smith:

BUDGET FOR 2025 PASSED: NO TAX INCREASE, ALL SERVICES MAINTAINED

My proposed Town budget for 2025 holds the Town tax rate flat, with no increase. It maintains funding for all of the Town's services and events. The Town Board approved the 2025 Budget at its meeting last night, Tuesday, November 19.

Cumulatively since 2018, the budgets I've presented to the Town Board for approval have cut the Town tax rate by more than 9%. The owner of a home of the average value in Pittsford, which is \$302,000, will pay \$946 in town tax in 2025. Still less than a thousand dollars for the year.

Town tax still represents just *8 cents of every dollar* you pay in property tax.

The 2025 Budget as approved will be posted to the Town website at www.townofpittsford.org/budgets by noon today – Wednesday, November 20. You'll find my budget presentation there as well. Printed copies will be available for viewing at Town Hall.

TAX EXEMPTION OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEW YORK STATE RESIDENTS

Tax bill reduction possible for those who qualify

The Pittsford Assessor's Office administers partial tax exemptions, allowed under NYS Real Property Tax Law, for those who meet eligibility requirements. Property tax exemption and credit information can be found on the [Assessor's page](#) on the Town website. However, it is imperative that you contact the Pittsford Assessor's Office to make sure you can meet all State requirements to qualify for any exemption. We will be glad to assist you with your questions!

EXEMPTION FORMS DUE
MARCH 1

DO YOU QUALIFY FOR PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS?

Find out more at
www.townofpittsford.org/assessor/exemption-information

The graphic features a white background with a stack of colorful papers on the right side. The text is centered and uses a mix of blue and red colors. The font is bold and sans-serif.

For more information, including a list of the most common types of exemptions for NYS homeowners and links to the corresponding applications, please visit www.townofpittsford.org/assessor/exemption-information#Exemption.

NYS Real Property Tax Law requires that all exemption applications be submitted by March 1 each year. Applications are available on our website and in the Pittsford Assessor's Office (Town Hall, 11 South Main Street. **All exemption applications must be**

filed with your local assessor's office, NOT with NYS Department of Taxation and Finance or with the Office of Real Property Tax Services.

If you have further questions, please contact the Assessor's office at 248-6230 by March 1, 2025.



“PUMPKIN DAY AT THE ZOO!” STORY STROLL BEGINS THIS MONDAY UNDER WAY AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

Our next Story Stroll is under way through this Sunday, November 24. Families can take a leisurely Story Stroll behind the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center while reading “Pumpkin Day at the Zoo” by Susanne Messner. “Pumpkins Day at the Zoo” is a delightful children's book by Susanne Messner that takes readers on a fun-filled adventure to the zoo on a beautiful fall day. The animals so excited for

Pumpkin Day, and one visiting child gets to see them enjoying pumpkin-themed treats and activities. From a lion cub playing with a tiny pumpkin to an elephant painting a masterpiece with its trunk, the book showcases the joy and creativity of the animals as they celebrate this special day.

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 last 2024 Story Stroll will take place December 16 through December 22.

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.

CHAMBER'S CANDLELIGHT NIGHT IS TUESDAY, 12/3 FROM 5-8PM

The Pittsford Chamber of Commerce Candlelight Night is Tuesday, December 3! Join in the fun from 5:00 – 8:00pm throughout the Village of Pittsford. It's the perfect start to the holiday season! There will be **horse-drawn carriage rides**, visits with **Santa** and his reindeer, the Grinch, Mrs. Claus and more.



Kid's activities take place at the **Kid's Zone in Northfield Common**, where there will be an obstacle course, face painting, live reindeer, photos with Santa, live Alpaca, and more!

Merchants will welcome you with **treats and specials throughout the night**. Dine at one of several **food trucks** or **local restaurants** and bring your food to the tent in the parking lot behind Thirsty's on State Street (new location this year!). There will be a heater to keep you warm! South Main Street will be closed between the Four Corners (Main and State Streets) and Church Street to accommodate pedestrians and activities.

Stop by our **Town Hall Holiday Open house** from 5:00 – 8:00pm to warm up and receive complimentary treats! (While supplies last.)

At the **Pittsford Community Library**, kids will also have an opportunity to take a photo with dancers from the Draper Center and the Rochester City Ballet between 5:00 and 7:30pm. The Local Sound Collaborative will perform a kids' concert from 5:00 - 7:30 in the Children's Room and again at 6:30 – 7:30pm on the first floor ([find details at the Library's online calendar](#)). The Library will close at its regular time, 8:00pm.

The **Friends of Pittsford Community Library** will be holding a **holiday book sale** at the Library from 10:00am – 8:00pm; find book sale details at <https://www.pittsfordlibraryfriends.com/booksales/booksales> as the date approaches.

Mrs. Claus will stop by the **Historic Pittsford Little House** (18 Monroe Avenue, next to the Pittsford Fire Station) from 6:00 – 7:00pm to greet the kids and share some treats! Visitors can take the opportunity to tour the recently restored 200-year-old Little House.

Tree lightings will take place at 5:30pm (Main and State Streets), 6:00pm (Schoen Place at Ted Collins Pavilion) and 6:45pm (Northfield Common gazebo, across from Label 7).

The **Candlelight Night Pub Crawl** takes place from 5:00 - 10:00pm. Toast the season with a "spirited" stroll through your favorite local pubs, with exclusive deals on featured cocktails and hors d'oeuvres! Sales from wristbands (available at participating venues and at the Chamber tent) will benefit the Pittsford Food Cupboard.

Parking will be available in parking lot behind the library, at a section of St. Louis Church, lot behind Northfield Common and Schoen Place. Some side streets may have parking. Spaces will be limited with some allocated to handicapped parking.

Free shuttle service from Sutherland High School (55 Sutherland Street) and Pittsford Plaza (in front of Century Liquor, 3349 Monroe Avenue) will make your visit to Candlelight Night an easy one!

As the event date nears, a Candlelight Night 2024 program book with the complete activities schedule, Pub Crawl info, shuttle info and a festival site map will be available online and in Village businesses. Visit the Pittsford Chamber of Commerce website at [Chamber of Commerce Candlelight Night](#) for full event details.



SENIORS CRAFT CLUB AT COMMUNITY CENTER – NEXT MEETING THIS FRIDAY, 11/22

Our Pittsford Recreation Department has wonderful programs for seniors - and our seniors do wonderful things for others! The Seniors Craft Club, held at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, makes items for our Senior lunch giveaways and for local charities. Craft Club is a wonderful opportunity to get creative, make friends and do something positive for others. If you or someone you know enjoys crafting, or would like to learn something new, join our seniors this

winter! Craft Club meets once a month on Fridays from 9:30 - 11:30am. **The next meeting is this Friday, November 22.** To get an idea of how many supplies we need, **reservations for Craft Club are required**; call 248-6235 to reserve your spot!

For more information, 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, visit our Seniors page at www.townofpittsford.org/seniors, read our [Seniors program info brochure online](#), or call our Senior Programs office at 248-6235.

UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS AT THE PITTSFORD COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Including Go Take a Hike presentation tonight, Music Makes this Saturday, a Scavenger Hunt next Saturday, and Crafty Book Buddies this Monday

This November, the Library has a variety of programs and events for all ages. Tonight, from 6:30 - 7:30pm, a member of the Genesee Valley Hiking Club will present "Go Take a Hike," a talk that will help you learn about all the different hikes you could take this upcoming Thanksgiving.

Kids, join Mr. Ray from the Local Sound Collaborative this Saturday, November 23, for our next Music Makers Session! The session takes place in the Fisher Meeting Room from 11:30am - 12:15pm.

Then, on Saturday, November 30, stop into the Children's Room anytime between 10:00am and 4:00pm for a Scavenger Hunt — find the hidden characters and win a prize!

We invite kids and teen volunteers to come together for another session of **Crafty Book Buddies**, where teens help build young readers' skills and provide crafting assistance. This event takes place **this Monday, November 25**, from 4:00 - 4:45pm.

Check out the Library's full schedule by visiting the their [online calendar](#). To keep up-to-date on Library news and information, be sure to sign up for their [weekly eNewsletter](#), which arrives in mailboxes each Sunday!

The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street. To learn more about upcoming Library programs, sign up for the [Library's weekly eNewsletter](#), visit the [Library's online program calendar](#), or call (585) 248-6275. For complete Library information, including hours of operation, visit www.townofpittsford.org/library.

TURKEYS & FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED TO PROVIDE THANKSGIVING MEALS

The Pittsford Food Cupboard has seen an increased need for assistance - can you help them meet their goal of providing Thanksgiving dinner to 250 local families? **Thanksgiving food distribution has begun and as of today they still need 60 frozen turkeys!**

Some of our major local grocery stores have special pricing for turkey or have coupons – you can search online for the best deals. If you'd like to drop off a frozen turkey, please do so during their open hours:

8:30am - 1:30pm on Tuesdays and Fridays. If you prefer, consider bringing in a gift card or a monetary donation – PFC volunteers will go shopping to stock the freezer!

The graphic features the title "Upcoming Events & Programs at the PITTSFORD COMMUNITY LIBRARY" in green and blue. Below the title are four event cards: "Go Take a Hike Presentation - 11/20" with a hiker icon, "Music Makers Session with the Local Sound Collaborative- 11/23" with a musical note icon, "Crafty Book Buddies - 11/24" with a book icon, and "Scavenger Hunt - 11/30" with a magnifying glass icon. At the bottom, it says "For a complete schedule of programs & events at the Pittsford Community Library, please visit their online calendar!"

The graphic has a red background with a turkey wearing a Pilgrim hat. The text reads: "Gobble Gobble! We will need 20 more Turkeys for Friday 11/15, 20 for Sat. 11/16, 45 for Tues 11/19 & 45 for Fri. 11/22. Can you help??"

In addition to turkeys, the Food Cupboard especially needs these other Thanksgiving dinner items: **gravy, stuffing mix, French fried onions, and baking items (vanilla, sugar, flour, salt, chocolate chips, etc.)** The pantry currently has no room for corn or any type of **canned beans**. Find their current list of needs at www.pittsfordfoodcupboard.net/current-food-needs.html.

Clients will need to make an appointment to shop for the Thanksgiving holiday. To make an appointment, please call the cupboard at (585) 264-9860 or stop in during their open hours of 9:30am - 1:30pm on Tuesdays and Fridays. Appointments can be made for the following dates: November 22 or 26.

The Pittsford Food Cupboard is located at 3800 Monroe Avenue (on the right, just after the canal bridge as you're heading out of the Village). **Drop-off hours for non-perishable food items** are Monday through Saturday from 9:00am - 5:00pm at door #26. **Open hours for turkey drop offs** are from 9:30am - 1:30pm on Tuesdays and Fridays. The Pittsford Food Pantry will be open shortened hours on November 29, Black Friday, from 9:30 - 11:30pm.

If you have a large donation, please call ahead to make sure a staff member can accommodate you; they may need to schedule a time when a staff member can assist you. Call (585) 264-9860 with any questions and to make large drop off arrangements.

The PFC serves Pittsford, East Rochester, Mendon, Honeoye Falls, Brighton and some areas in the City of Rochester. In service since 1998, the PFC has grown to provide food supplies to over 4,000 households each year, totaling over 6,400 people. To find out more about who they serve and how you can help, visit www.pittsfordfoodcupboard.net or email pittsfordfoodcupboard@gmail.com.



THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY HOURS

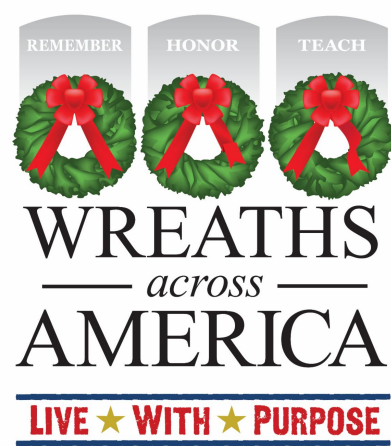
Town of Pittsford offices, facilities, and services including **Town Hall, the Parks and Sewer departments, and Town Court will close at 1:00pm on Wednesday, November 27 and remain closed Thursday (11/28) and Friday (11/29)** in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. The **Town Highway Department** will be closed on Thursday, November 28; regular Town leaf collection services will be provided on Friday, November 29.

The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center will close at 5:00pm on Wednesday, November 27 and remain closed on Thursday (11/28) and Friday (11/29). The Community Center will resume regular hours on Saturday (11/30), from 8:00am - 8:00pm.

The Pittsford Community Library will close at 5:00pm on Wednesday, November 27 and remains closed Thursday (11/28) and Friday (11/29). The Library will resume regular hours (10:00am - 5:00pm) on Saturday, November 30. In case of an emergency requiring Town of Pittsford services during holiday closure, please call (585) 248-6212.

**WOMEN'S CLUB WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA
VETERANS' REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY ON
TUESDAY, 12/3**

In honor and remembrance of our veterans, the Women's Club of Pittsford and Rayson-Miller American Legion Post 899 will host Pittsford's 8th annual **Wreaths Across America** ceremony at the Pittsford Veterans Monument in Carpenter Park on Tuesday, **December 3 at 3:00pm**. The ceremony will include an honor guard and a prayer of remembrance to honor all living and deceased veterans. Guest speakers include Pittsford Village Mayor Alysa Plummer and Pittsford Town Supervisor Bill Smith.



The Women's Club will lay two wreaths, donated by Gallea's Tropical Greenhouse, at the monument where they will remain through January 2, 2025, in recognition of those who have served and continue to serve in the US military to protect our freedoms. The remembrance closes with the playing of Taps. The Women's Club invites all to attend this special ceremony and to remember and honor our veterans this holiday season. The Veterans Monument in Carpenter Park is located at 22 North Main Street in Pittsford Village.



PITTSFORD BALLET PRESENTS THE NUTCRACKER SATURDAY, 12/14

Come experience a holiday classic when The Pittsford Ballet School presents Act 1 and excerpts from Act 2 of the Nutcracker on Saturday, December 14, at the Calkins Road Middle School Auditorium. This magical holiday tradition is now in its 30th year!

The cast of The Nutcracker includes K-12 students from across the Pittsford Central School district, as well as alumni, parents, and community members. Roses, snacks, and beverages will be available for purchase at intermission (cash only).

Performances will be held on Saturday, December 14, at 1:00pm and 7:00pm. [Advance tickets are available online here](https://cur8.com/projects/pittsfordnutcracker). Tickets will be available at the door the day of the show (cash only), reservations are strongly recommended to secure the best seats. Ticket cost is \$16 for adults and \$14 for senior citizens & children (12 and under). Pittsford Ballet is a program of the Pittsford Recreation Department.

REMINDERS

PITTSFORD COMMUNITY LIBRARY STATE/SOUTH STREETS DRIVEWAY ENTRANCE CLOSED

The Pittsford Community Library parking lot entrance at the intersection of South Street and State Street (at the signal light just before the State Street Bridge) is currently closed and will remain closed for approximately two more weeks. The flat roof at the Library is being replaced with new insulation and a rubber roof membrane. The contractors working on the project will be using the driveway area for equipment access and materials storage. We appreciate your patience during the project!





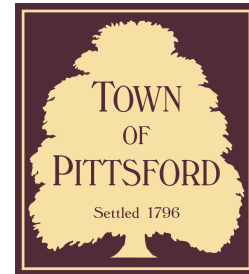
TOWN OF PITTSFORD WINTER PARKING RULES UNDER WAY

To facilitate snow removal in the Town of Pittsford, winter parking restrictions are in effect November 15 through April 1 of each year.

Parking of any vehicle on public roads – including state highways – is prohibited during this time in all areas within the Town (outside of the Village). Winter parking rules are now currently under way.

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

- "Pumpkin Day at the Zoo!" Story Stroll, 11/18 - 11/24, 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.
- [Women's Club of Pittsford](#) Wreaths Across America Veterans Remembrance Ceremony, Tuesday, 12/3, 3:00pm, Pittsford Veterans Monument, Carpenter Park, 22 N. Main Street; **details above**
- [Chamber of Commerce Candlelight Night](#), Tuesday, 12/3, 5:00-8:00pm, Village of Pittsford - holiday lights, treats, special sales, Santa and Mrs. Claus sightings; book sale, children's craft, live carolers; treats at Town Hall, horse-drawn wagon rides, tree lightings, and more; see info above and more info, including a complete event schedule, on the Pittsford Chamber of Commerce website as the date approaches at www.pittsfordchamber.org/events/annual-candlelight-night-celebration

- [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

- [Zoning Code Update Town Board meeting](#), Wednesday, 11/20, 3:00pm with time scheduled until 9:00pm, Town Hall lower-level meeting room, 11 South Main Street. Meeting will be live-streamed and recorded; comments can be submitted in advance (mail or email) or at the meeting (email or in person). Find [comment/viewing information here](#); find complete Zoning Code Update information at www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate
- **Planning Board**, Monday, 11/25, 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

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 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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