

News & Reviews

January 1, 2025

Town of Pittsford - a Clean Energy and Climate Smart Community

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A New Year's Message from Supervisor Bill Smith:

On behalf of all of us at the Town of Pittsford, I extend heartfelt wishes for a prosperous and joyful New Year filled with peace and happiness.



NEW YEAR'S HOURS FOR TOWN FACILITIES

In observance of the **New Year's holiday**, Town Hall will **close at 12:00NOON on Tuesday, 12/31** and all **Town offices** (including Town Hall, Town Court, and the Parks, Sewer, and Highway departments) will be **closed on Wednesday, 1/1/25**.

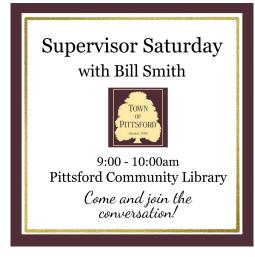
The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center will be closed on Tuesday, 12/31 and



Wednesday, 1/1/25. Regular hours will resume on Thursday, 1/2/25 (8:00am-9:00pm).

The **Pittsford Community Library** will close early **at 5:00pm on Tuesday, 12/31**, will be closed on **Wednesday, 1/1/25**, and will resume regular hours (9:00am – 8:00pm) on **Thursday, 1/2/2025**.

In case of an emergency requiring Town of Pittsford services during holiday closures, please call (585) 248-6212.



SUPERVISOR OPEN HOUSE WITH BILL SMITH THIS SATURDAY, 1/6

Town Supervisor Bill Smith will host his first community open house of the new year this Saturday, January 4 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 <u>bsmith@townofpittsford.org.</u>



FIRST TOWN BOARD MEETING OF THE NEW YEAR IS TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

The first Town Board Meeting of 2025 will take place Tuesday, January 7 at 6:00 in the Town Hall Meeting Room at 11 South Main Street. Pittsford Town Board meetings are streamed live; the feed is accessible on any device. To view the livestream, click the <u>Town Board Meeting live</u> <u>streaming link</u> when the meeting begins. This link can also be found on page two of the meeting agenda. The <u>meeting agenda</u> is posted on the Town's minutes and agendas page at least two

days prior to the meeting.

PROPERTY TAX BILLS AND INFORMATION

If you are not in escrow, you should be receiving in the mail this week your 2025 Town and County tax bill.

If you do not receive your bill in the mail by January 10, you can obtain a copy of your bill by either:

1) Downloading and printing a copy directly from the <u>Monroe County website</u>

2) <u>Calling the Town Tax Office at 585-248-6215; or</u> emailing the Town Clerk/Tax Receiver at: townclerk@townofpittsford.org and they will email a copy of the bill to you.

The interest-free Town and County property tax



payment deadline is 2/10; first installments are also accepted on or before 2/10. Please be sure to read all the instructions and information written on the back of your bill carefully. *Please include your payment coupon (page 2 of your bill) and a contact phone number on your check.* Failure to do so increases processing time.

You can make your payment by:

- By mail to: Renee McQuillen, Reciever, 11 South Main Street, Pittsford NY 14534
- In person, Monday through Friday 8 AM to 4 PM at Pittsford Town Hall, 11 South Main Street, or through the mail slots (into locked boxes) available 24/7, located at both the front and back entrances. (For **cash payments**, we ask that you bring the exact amount and please call ahead for an appointment to ensure we have proper staffing.)
- <u>First Installments and full payments only</u> can also be made at Canandaigua National Bank, 18 State Street, in Pittsford Village through February 10, 2025.
- Online through Monroe County by credit card or check debit. Please note there is a 2.75% fee to pay by credit card and a sliding scale fee to pay by check debit. To pay online, click <u>HERE</u>.

As in the past we **strongly** advise that you do NOT pay by electronic check, as these payments do not receive a U.S. postmark and may arrive late. If you choose to pay your tax bill with an online bill pay (electronic banking) system through your bank, please be aware that your bank still generates and mails a paper check to the Town, and it may take as long as two weeks or more to reach the Town offices. This type of mail does not receive a USPS postmark. Therefore, the Town can only consider your payment received on the date it is physically received in our office. If the payment is received past the deadline it will be considered late and accrue interest penalties.

BLOOD DRIVE AT THE LIBRARY THIS FRIDAY

Those who give from December 16 -January 3 will receive a long sleeved Red Cross T-Shirt. (Limited quantity.) The Town of Pittsford will host a Red Cross blood drive this Friday, January 3, from 10:00am-3:00pm at the Pittsford Community Library in the Fisher Meeting Room. 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/donateblood/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 <u>RedCrossBlood.org</u> or calling 800-RED-CROSS.

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

The Rotary Club of Pittsford's first food drive of the new year is scheduled for this Saturday, January 4, from 9:00am-noon at the Pittsford Sutherland High School bus loop. In addition to the **Pittsford Food Cupboard**, donations will support Rochester's **Matthew's Closet** 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 <u>Pittsford Food Cupboard</u> 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. Current needs include Spam, hearty soups (6 grams of protein or more), Kleenex, deodorant, toothpaste, shaving cream and razors, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, and cleaning supplies. At this time they have no room for corn, black beans, white beans, or green beans,

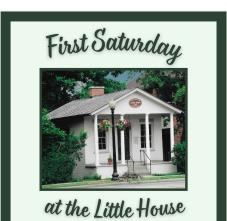
<u>Matthew's Closet</u> has a 30-year history of helping those most in need in our community with clothing and other household items, and the volunteers will be collecting gently used clothing, such as winter coats and blankets, and kitchen utensils such as cutlery, pots and pans, etc.

<u>The Oak Tree Pantry</u> 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 <u>pittsfordrotaryclub.org</u> or contact David Irwin by email (<u>driwin8@gmail.com</u>) or phone (585-269-2132). Please help our Rotarians help those in need if you can!

"FIRST SATURDAY" AT THE LITTLE HOUSE - 1/4 The Little House will be open Saturday, January 4th from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Bring in the New Year with a visit to the Little House for our first First Saturday of 2025! To launch the 60th anniversary of the founding of Historic Pittsford and the 200th year of the Erie Canal, a limited number of our attractive "Pittsford On the Erie Canal" sweatshirts (M, L, and XL) will be for sale!

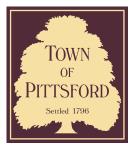


Located at 18 Monroe Avenue next to Pittsford's Fire Station, the Little House is a historic gem in the heart of the Village of Pittsford. It serves as

Historic Pittsford's office, has a resource room for historic research, and exhibits of interest to all ages.

If you have an interest in local history, would like to know more about Historic Pittsford and the Little House, or are curious about an early Pittsford family or property, let us know. We look forward to seeing you January 4th!

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 <u>HistoricPittsford.com</u> for more information.



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 <u>www.townofpittsford.org/calendar</u> for meeting dates. To view the livestream, click the <u>Town Board Meeting live streaming link</u> 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

<u>minutes and agendas page</u> 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 <u>comments@townofpittsford.org</u>. 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 <u>www.townofpittsford.org/channel12</u> and use the On-Demand links to view previously recorded meetings.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN PITTSFORD

- <u>Red Cross Blood Drive at Pittsford Community Library</u>, Friday, 1/3, 10:00am-3:00pm, Pittsford Community Library Fisher Meeting Room, 24 State Street; <u>schedule an appointment in advance using this online registration link</u> or call 1800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).
- <u>Pittsford Rotary Food Drive</u>, Saturday, 1/4, 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 <u>Pittsford Food</u> <u>Cupboard</u>, <u>Nazareth College Oak Tree Food Pantry</u>, and <u>Matthew's Closet</u> (click links for complete lists of needs); gently used recent (past 12 months) magazines are also needed.
- <u>Town of Pittsford Zoning Code Update</u> 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

- Environmental Advisory Board, Monday, 1/6, 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: <u>www.townofpittsford.org/minutes</u>
- **Town Board**, Tuesday, 1/7, 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

COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

- <u>Village Board of Trustees</u> 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 <u>here</u> as the meeting date approaches
- <u>American Legion Rayson-Miller Post 899</u> 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 <u>membership information</u> or visit the <u>Rayson-Miller Post website</u>
- <u>Pittsford Rotary Club</u>, 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
- <u>Women's Club of Pittsford</u> 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 <u>www.womensclubofpittsford.org</u> for more information

 <u>Pittsford Art Group</u> 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 <u>www.pittsfordartgroup.com</u> and fill out a <u>Contact Us</u> form.

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