



News & Reviews

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TOWN FACILITIES & SERVICES CLOSED 9/5 FOR LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

Library closed Saturday - Monday

Pittsford Town Hall will close at 3:00pm on Friday, September 2 and all Town of Pittsford offices, facilities, and services - including Town Hall, the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, the Pittsford Community Library, and Town Court - will be closed on Monday, September 5 in observance of the 2022 Labor Day holiday. The Library also will be closed on

Saturday and Sunday, September 3 and 4. The Community Center is closed Sunday and Monday, September 4 and 5. Town brush collection will be delayed one day during the week of September 5 due to the holiday closure.

In case of an emergency requiring Town of Pittsford services during the holiday, please call (585) 248-6212. On behalf of Supervisor Smith, the Pittsford Town Board members and all of our staff and volunteer board members, we wish you a happy and safe holiday!

BLOOD DRIVE AT THE LIBRARY THIS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

The Town of Pittsford will again host a Red Cross blood drive this Friday, September 2, 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.

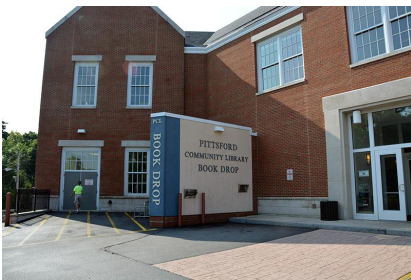


Donors can schedule an appointment by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or using this [online registration link](#). Please schedule an appointment prior to your arrival to help ensure we can safely manage the flow of donors.

The Red Cross will be following all current COVID-19 guidelines during the blood drive. Donors can save time using the RapidPass registration process. Just visit www.redcrossblood.org/RapidPass on the day of your scheduled donation, read the information, answer the questions, then print or email yourself the pass.

Donating blood is a simple thing to do, but it can make a big difference in the lives of others. **The complexities of COVID-19 mean your help is needed now more than ever.** The Red Cross has the ability to move blood around the country to wherever, and whenever, it is needed most. **All blood, platelet and plasma donations will be tested for COVID-19 antibodies as well.** The test may indicate if the donor's immune system has produced antibodies to this coronavirus, regardless of whether they developed symptoms. This also will allow the Red Cross to identify COVID-19 convalescent plasma, which is being used by hospitals to help treat immunocompromised COVID-19 patients.

As we continue to navigate this pandemic, blood donations remain essential to the health of our communities. The Red Cross needs the ongoing support of blood donors and blood drive hosts to ensure blood products are available for patients battling disease and facing the unexpected. 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](https://www.redcrossblood.org) or calling 800-RED-CROSS.



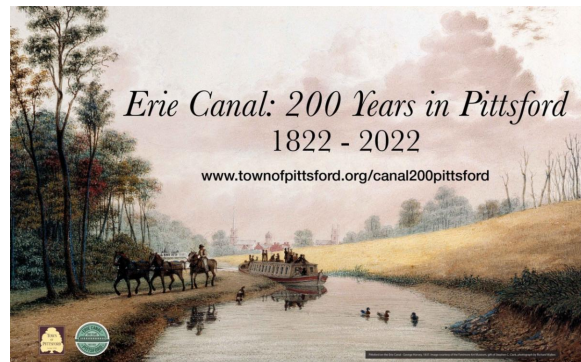
RETURN ITEMS ANY TIME WITH LIBRARY BOOK DROP

The Pittsford Community Library has both a walk-up and a drive-up book drop drawer at the back entrance of the building. So it's easy to return books and other Library materials any time! **Please note the area in front of the drive-up book drop is for dropping off books in the drop drawer only – please don't pull**

into the spot for any other reason. Cars parked or waiting in the area block the book drop drawer. Please be considerate and don't use the spot for parking or dropping off/picking up people.

SCHOEN PLACE SCAVENGER HUNT IS UNDERWAY – ENTRIES DUE 9/8 ***An Erie Canal: 200 Years in Pittsford program***

Explore Schoen Place along the canal and you may win a prize basket from our Town Historians! Pick up a canal-themed scavenger hunt list at the Pittsford Community Library (24 State Street) or at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center (35 Lincoln Avenue) or [download the Schoen Place Scavenger Hunt form here](https://www.townofpittsford.org/canal200pittsford). You can also find one online at www.townofpittsford.org/canal200pittsford. Fill it out and return it to the Spiegel Community Center by September 8, 2022. All correct entries will be entered in the prize drawing.



FOOD TRUCK AND MUSIC FEST – PLUS PYS DUCK DROP – IS SEPTEMBER 10!

Our [Pittsford Food Truck and Music Fest](https://www.townofpittsford.org/food-truck-and-music-fest) is Saturday, September 10 from 12noon to 9:00pm along Main Street in the Village.

In addition to our usual festival activities, it includes the [Pittsford Youth Service Duck Drop](https://www.townofpittsford.org/youth-service-duck-drop) in Carpenter Park at the Port of

Pittsford.

Join us for a wide variety of great **food** from mobile cuisine vendors and local eateries, a **wine and beer garden**, family **activities**, amusement **rides**, **children's entertainment**, the **Willard Farm Stand**, **shopping** at Village merchants, and live music all day – including a **headlining performance by ZBTB – the Zac Brown Tribute Band**. Plus **fireworks** over the canal to close out the night!

The **Debbie Kendrick Project** kicks off the event at noon with inspiring blues, jazz and gospel. At 2:00pm **The Crooked North** brings authentic Americana and bluegrass to our stage, and at 4:30pm we've got some great blues with **Steve Grills**. Then **ZBTB – the Zac Brown Tribute Band** takes the stage at 7:00pm, followed by fireworks at 9:00pm.

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 Derby** will take place at 4:00pm in Carpenter Park at the Port of Pittsford, 22 North Main Street. *Please note boat docking is not allowed on Saturday, 9/10 from noon to 5:00pm in the Duck Drop viewing area of the Canal; see the Festival Parking Map for details.*

Find all of the festival details, including a complete list of food vendors, activities and entertainment schedules, and festival and parking maps, at www.townofpittsford.org/foodtruckmusicfest.

SCHOOL TAX 2022-2023 INFORMATION

Town of Pittsford residents will receive their 2022-2023 school tax bills in the mail by or after September 1, 2022. If your bill does not arrive by Friday, September 9, please contact the tax office by email at townclerk@townofpittsford.org or by calling 585-248-6215.



Important Tax Collection Dates:

- **Thursday, 9/1** – First day of tax collection. Legally, we cannot accept any payments prior.
- **Thursday, 9/15** – First installments are due by this date.
- **Friday, 10/1** – Full payments are due by this date.

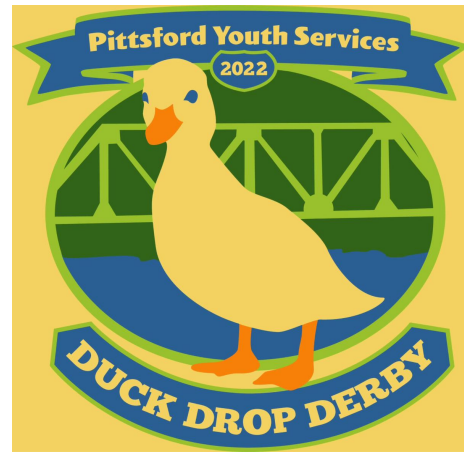
The Town continues to encourage payments by mail or by secure drop box available 24/7; drop boxes are located at both the front and back entrances of the Pittsford Town Hall, 11 South Main Street. If you will be sending your payment by mail or drop box, please include your payment coupon and a contact phone number on your check. Failure to do so increases processing time. Payments can be made online through Monroe County; there will be a 3% 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 and it may take as long as two weeks to reach our office. 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.**

REMINDERS

PYS DUCK DROP TICKETS NOW ON SALE DUCK DROP IS SEPT. 10 AT FOOD TRUCK & MUSIC FEST

[Pittsford Youth Services' Duck Drop Derby](#) tickets are currently on sale! The annual rubber duck race on the canal will be held on Saturday, September 10 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. This year's Master of Ceremonies will be local comedian Todd Youngman.



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 - for over 50 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!

Due to new regulations from the NYS Gaming Commission, Pittsford Youth Services is not able to sell tickets online this year. **Tickets can be purchased by calling the PYS office at 264-0604 or stopping by the office (4 South Main Street).** Their office hours are typically 9:00am-4:00pm but best to call ahead to be sure someone is there to handle the tickets.

Tickets for the Duck Drop also 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). To learn about how PYS helps youth and families with counseling, advocacy, educational programs and informational services, visit the [PYS website](#).



PITTSFORD ROTARY'S CHARITY GOLF SCRAMBLE - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 AT VICTOR HILLS

The Rotary Club of Pittsford's annual "Service Above Self" Charity Golf Scramble Tournament is Sunday, September 11 at Victor Hills Golf Club's South Course.

The tournament is one of the Rotary's major fundraisers – **proceeds from the event will support the broad range of local and international humanitarian services** sponsored by Pittsford Rotary. Cost is \$125 per golfer (includes cart). The event starts at noon with a pick-up lunch, followed by a

1:00pm shotgun start with foursome scramble play. Dinner and awards begin at 6:00pm. The tournament also features a raffle with a variety of prizes, including two tickets to the 2023 PGA Championship next spring. A range of tournament sponsorship opportunities also are available. [Golfers and sponsors may register online at PittsfordRotaryClub.org](#) or to register and for further information contact Pat Mallery at pjmallery@aol.com.

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

- [Schoen Place Scavenger Hunt](#), pick up a canal-themed scavenger hunt list at the Pittsford Community Library (24 State Street) or at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center (35 Lincoln Avenue) or find one online at www.townofpittsford.org/canal200pittsford; all correct entries will be entered in a prize drawing, entries due by September 8. An *Erie Canal: 200 Years in Pittsford* program.
- [Red Cross Blood Drive at Pittsford Community Library](#), Friday, 9/2, 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); the Red Cross will be following all COVID-19 guidelines during the blood drive, for more information visit www.redcrossblood.org.
- **Supervisor Saturday with Bill Smith** - join the conversation with Town Supervisor Bill Smith at this casual open house, topics of discussion based upon attendee interest; Saturday, 9/10, 9:00 - 10:00am, Fisher Meeting Room (first floor), Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street. Current COVID-19 health guidelines will be followed.
- [Pittsford Main Street Food Truck & Music Fest](#), Saturday, 9/10, 12-9pm, 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, 9/10, 4:00pm, Carpenter Park at the Port of Pittsford, 22 North Main Street - annual rubber duck race on the canal to raise funds for 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.
- [Pittsford Rotary Charity Golf Scramble Tournament](#), Sunday, 9/11, 12:00pm pick-up lunch, 1:00pm shotgun start with foursome scramble play, 6:00pm dinner and awards, raffle with variety of prizes including two tickets to the 2023 PGA Championship next spring, all proceeds to benefit local and international humanitarian services sponsored by Pittsford Rotary; Victor Hills Golf Club South Course. Fees are \$125 per golfer with a cart. Sponsorship opportunities available. [Golfers and sponsors may register online at PittsfordRotaryClub.org](#) or to register and for further information, including sponsorship opportunities, contact Pat Mallery at pjmallery@aol.com.
- [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

- **Environmental Board**, Monday, 9/5 – **NO MEETING** due to Labor Day holiday
- **Town Board**, Tuesday, 9/6, 6:00pm, Public Meeting Room, Town Hall (lower level), 11 South Main Street, ASL interpretation provided, current CDC guidelines will be followed; 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

- [American Legion Rayson-Miller Post 899](#) Tuesday morning breakfast and socializing, every Tuesday, 8:00-10:00am, 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, masks are required; 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. Meetings held the third Thursday of the month, September through June; due to the COVID-19 pandemic, decisions to hold meetings in person or virtually are made month to month. Visit the website at <https://www.womensclubofpittsford.org> for more information
- [Pittsford Art Group](#) conducts monthly member meetings (via Zoom and in person) 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.

COVID-19 Access Updates

3/2/22 Update: the Statewide mask mandate for schools expired 3/1, mask use is now optional in Pittsford School District schools; for more information, visit www.pittsfordschools.org/COVID-19INFORMATION. The mandate remains in place for health care facilities, transportation and other related entities.

2/10/22 Update: the Statewide mask mandate has expired for indoor public spaces including grocery stores, shops and offices. The mandate remains for other settings such as health care facilities and schools.

1/31/22 Update: the Governor's mask mandate extended to February 10, 2022.

12/13/21 Update: By order of NYS Governor Kathy Hochul, until January 15, 2022 the Town must require all persons entering Town buildings to be masked, regardless of vaccination status. This applies to all Town indoor facilities, including Town Hall, the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, the Pittsford Community Library, Town Court and the Highway Department, Sewer Department and Parks Department offices.

On June 15, 2021, Governor Cuomo announced that COVID-19 restrictions are lifted immediately as 70 percent of New Yorkers aged 18 or older have received the first dose of their COVID-19 vaccination series. The State's health guidance and New York Forward industry specific guidelines—including social gathering limits, capacity restrictions, social distancing, cleaning and disinfection, health screening, and contact information for tracing—are now optional for retail, food services, offices, gyms and fitness centers, amusement and family entertainment, hair salons, barber shops and personal care services, among other commercial settings.

On August 2, 2021, Monroe County was designated as a County with a “substantial” COVID infection. Consequently, the CDC now recommends that people, regardless of vaccination status, wear a mask indoors. This is a recommendation, not a mandate. The guidelines are unclear at this point, as is the situation. Neither the State, the County or the Town has imposed a mask *requirement* at this stage.

Unvaccinated individuals continue to be responsible for wearing masks, in accordance with federal CDC guidance. Consistent with the State's implementation of the recent CDC guidance, masks are still required for unvaccinated individuals.

For information on the vaccine, on getting the vaccine, regional vaccination data and more visit the [Finger Lakes COVID-19 Vaccine Hub](#).

Monroe County Services at Town facilities:

The County has suspended until further notice Passport Services at Town Hall and Mobile DMV service at Pittsford Town Court. Find updated information for Monroe County DMV here <https://www2.monroecounty.gov/clerk-COVID-19>.

Further information and updates can be found at www.townofpittsford.org/covid-19info.

COVID-19 Coronavirus Information Links

Further Town of Pittsford COVID-19 coronavirus information and updates can be found at www.townofpittsford.org/covid-19info.

[Pittsford Central School District COVID-19 Coronavirus Updates.](#)

You can find information on COVID-19 coronavirus at the County Health Department's website: <https://www.monroecounty.gov/health>.

Additional information about COVID-19 testing and health requirements throughout Monroe County can be found on the County's Website: www.monroecounty.gov

The CDC also has information on its website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/share-facts-stop-fear.html>.

In addition, the CDC has information relevant to anyone planning to travel outside of the United States: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html?deliveryName=USCDC_2067-DM20785.

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