



News & Reviews

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Community

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Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings*

A message from Town Supervisor Bill Smith:

Thanksgiving offers a wonderful opportunity to appreciate the joys in our lives – family, friends, our hopes and dreams, kindnesses both received and shared. It's the perfect time to celebrate the good that has come our way in so many forms. My best wishes to each of you for a very happy Thanksgiving!



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 today (Wednesday, November 23) and remain closed **Thursday and Friday, November 24-25** in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. The **Town Highway Department** will be closed on Thursday, November 24; regular Town leaf collection services will be provided

on Friday, November 25.

The **Spiegel Pittsford Community Center** will close at 5:00pm today (Wednesday, November 23) and remain closed on Thursday (11/24) and Friday (11/25).

The **Pittsford Community Library** will close at 5:00pm today (Wednesday, November 23) and will be closed on Thursday, November 24; it is open regular hours (9:00am - 6:00pm) on Friday, November 25.

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

We wish all a happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday!

**STRING CHICKENS CONCERT AT LIBRARY THIS
TUESDAY, 11/29**

The Pittsford Community Library welcomes String Chickens in concert this Tuesday, November 29 in the Fisher Meeting Room! The concert is from 7:00 – 8:00pm and features a lively evening filled with fiddle, mandolin, guitar, upright bass, and a bit of singing! The String Chickens are sure to lift your spirits with an eclectic, heartfelt mix of old-time, bluegrass, Americana, and Irish music. The program is free and open to the public – no registration required.



The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street. To learn more about upcoming Library programs, visit the [Library's online program calendar](#). For complete Library information, including hours of operation, visit www.townofpittsford.org/library.

STATE OF PITTSFORD PRESENTATION VIDEO AVAILABLE ONLINE

The Pittsford Chamber of Commerce 2022 State of Pittsford presentation included updates from the Village, School District and Town. Our video of all three presentations is now available online. Find it here: <https://bit.ly/2022-state-of-pittsford>.



Pittsford Youth Services will once again be sponsoring a "Holiday Giving Tree" to benefit families in the Pittsford community who need a little extra support around the holidays.

The trees will be located at the Pittsford Community Center and outside the Pittsford Library near Starbucks, between November 18th and December 16th. PYS social workers then organize and deliver the donations to the families in time for the Christmas school break.

Please take a tag from the tree and return it with a gift card by December 16th. Donations can be returned to the Community Center Information Desk, or sent to the PYS office at 4 South Main Street in the envelopes provided.



Some of the most useful gift cards for families in need:

Wegmans • Tops
Walmart • Target
Dick's Sporting Goods
Marshalls • Gas Cards
Pantella's • Dunkin' Donuts
Mall Gift Cards

If you wish to let us pick the gift cards you can either donate online by going to PittsfordYouthServices.org or by mailing a check made out to "PYS" to Pittsford Youth Services, 4 South Main Street, Pittsford, NY 14854.

PITTSFORD YOUTH SERVICES COLLECTING GIFT CARD DONATIONS FOR PITTSFORD FAMILIES IN NEED

PYS Giving Trees located at Community Center & Library

If you would like to help a family in the Pittsford community that needs a little extra support this holiday season, please consider donating to the Pittsford Youth Services (PYS) 'Giving Tree' at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center and at the Pittsford Community Library. The deadline for donations is Friday, December 16. Your contribution will benefit families in the Pittsford community who

need assistance with securing basic items such as food, clothing, toiletries, and gifts for their families. A community service project of the PYS Youth Advisory Board, the trees feature ornaments, each with the name of a store where families can buy groceries, gifts or other items they need for the holidays. Donating a gift card can help these families enjoy the holidays. Donations are being accepted now through December 16.

Donors may take an ornament with the listed request and return it, along with the requested gift card donation, to the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center Information Desk (35 Lincoln Avenue) or to the Pittsford Youth Services office at 4 South Main Street, Pittsford.

PYS social workers will deliver the gift cards to the families the week before the Christmas holiday school break. The trees are located on the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center main floor and in the hallway of the Pittsford Community Library (24 State Street). If you can help make the holidays a bit brighter for our neighbors in need please consider participating.

Pittsford Youth Services provides counseling and social work services for our schools and the greater Pittsford community and has been serving the families of Pittsford since 1969. If you would like more information about PYS programs and services, visit their website: www.pittsfordyouthservices.org or email info@pittsfordyouthservices.org.

CANDLELIGHT NIGHT IS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, FROM 5-8 PM

Candlelight Night Pub Crawl begins at 5:00pm

The Pittsford Chamber of Commerce Candlelight Night will soon be here! This annual family-fun tradition is Tuesday, December 6 from 5:00 – 8:00pm throughout the Village of Pittsford. It's a perfect start to the holiday season! Join us for **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**. Sounds of carolers will fill the streets with the thrill of the season. Merchants welcome you with **treats and specials throughout the night**. Dine at one of several **food trucks** or **local restaurants**.



The **Pittsford Community Library** will offer a **children's craft** from 5:00 – 8:00pm, a **holiday concert** 5:30 – 6:30pm and a **live jazz trio** from 7:00 – 8:00pm ([find details at the Library's online calendar](#)) and 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 www.pittsfordlibraryfriends.org/booksales.

Free shuttle service from Sutherland High School and Pittsford Plaza (in front of Century Liquor) will make your visit to Candlelight Night an easy one! For the over 21 crowd, join the **Candlelight Night Pub Crawl** to toast the season. Purchase a \$5 wristband to partake in the Crawl specials. All proceeds from the wristbands will

benefit The Pittsford Food Cupboard. For more information visit www.PittsfordChamber.org.



HOLIDAY SHOPPING FOR BOOK-LOVERS::

CANDLELIGHT NIGHT (AND DAY)!SALE 12/612/6

You can pick up some wonderful books, puzzles, music and more at the [Friends of Pittsford Community Library Candlelight Night Book Sale](#) at the Pittsford Community Library on Tuesday, December 6 from 10:00am - 7:00pm. You'll find **hardcover and paperback books, DVDs, CDs and games** at great

prices for a variety of age ranges and interests, from kids of all ages to adults. All items are in excellent condition – perfect for gift giving! Stop by and get some holiday shopping done early. This year the Library Friends also are **raffling off an American Girl doll, "Melody"** – she is valued at \$110! Raffle tickets will be sold at the book sale for \$2.00 each or \$5.00 for three tickets. The drawing will be held at 7:00pm; if not present, the winner will be contacted. **All proceeds raised from the book sale and raffle will support programs and materials for our Library.** Please stop by and do some shopping if you can! The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street.

**BLOOD DRIVE AT THE LIBRARY IS 12/2 –
GIVE A SPECIAL GIFT THIS HOLIDAY
SEASON!**

Here's an opportunity to give a special gift to someone in need this holiday season! The Town of Pittsford will host a Red Cross blood drive on Friday, December 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 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 or calling 800-RED-CROSS.

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, 12/2, 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, 12/3, 9:00 - 10:00am, Fisher Meeting Room (first floor), Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street. Current COVID-19 health guidelines will be followed.
- [Pittsford Youth Services Giving Tree](#), now through Friday, 12/16 at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center (35 Lincoln Avenue) and the Pittsford Community Library hallway (24 State Street); take an ornament with a gift card request and return it with the requested donation by 12/16 to the Community Center or to the PYS Office at 4 South Main Street. Donations benefit families in the Pittsford community who need assistance with securing basic items such as food, clothing and gifts for their families.
- [Friends of Pittsford Library Holiday Book Sale](#), Tuesday, 12/6, 10:00am – 7:00pm, including raffle for American Girl doll “Melody” at 7:00pm; sale is open to the public, funds raised support programs and materials for our Library; Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street.
- [Chamber of Commerce Candlelight Night](#), Tuesday, 12/6, 5:00-8:00pm, Village of Pittsford - holiday lights, treats, special sales, Santa and Mrs. Claus sightings; book sale, children’s craft, holiday concert, and jazz trio at the Library; cookies and carolers 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/candlelight-night/.
- **Candlelight Night at the Library**, featuring a children’s craft (5:00 – 8:00pm), a Holiday Concert from 5:30 – 6:30pm with 20th Century Vox!, including a sing-along, and holiday classics with the Ann Mitchell Jazz Trio from 7:00 – 8:00pm.
- **Candlelight Night Pub Crawl**, Tuesday, 12/6, begins 5:00pm, pub crawl for ages 21 and over, visit participating establishments in any order; purchase a \$5.00 wristband at the Chamber tent or at participating venues for discounts on food or beverages at the participating establishments: BluHorn Tequilaria, Copper Leaf Brewing, Erie Grill, JoJo Bistro & Wine Bar, Label 7, Lock 32, Pittsford Pub, Thirsty’s, and Via Girasole. Proceeds from the sale of wristbands will benefit the Pittsford Food Cupboard.
- [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

- **Design Review & Historic Preservation Board**, Thursday, 11/24 – **NO MEETING** due to the Thanksgiving holiday
- **Planning Board**, Monday, 11/28, 6:30pm, Town Hall, Public Meeting Room (lower level), 11 South Main Street, 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

- [Board of Education](#) meeting, Monday, 11/29, 7:00pm, Barker Road Middle School McCluski Board Room, 75 Barker Road
- **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, 12/3, 9:00 - 10:00am, Fisher Meeting Room (first floor), Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street. Current COVID-19 health guidelines will be followed.
- [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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