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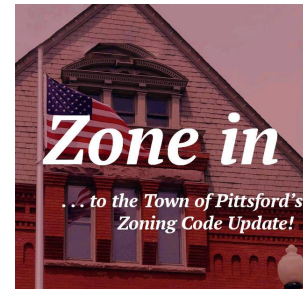
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*See listings below for
Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings*

ZONING CODE UPDATE MEETING TODAY (12/7) AT 4:30PM

Note day and time change

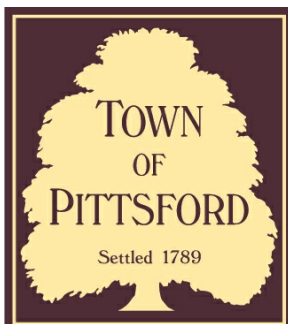
The Pittsford Town Board conducts regular meetings to discuss the Town's Zoning Code Update; the next meeting is Wednesday, December 7 at 4:30pm in the lower level meeting room at Pittsford Town Hall, 11 South Main Street; please note the change in day and time. The meeting is open to the public; current CDC guidelines will be followed. The meeting also will be live streamed.



Comments for each meeting may be submitted in advance via mail or email, and may be submitted during each meeting either in person or via email. All meetings will be recorded and live-streamed via the Town website. Visit our online calendar at www.townofpittsford.org/calendar and click the meeting date listing for information about how to submit comments and how to view the meetings.

A link to the Zoning Code Update draft meeting schedule for 2022 can be found on the calendar listing as well. Please note dates and times are subject to change; check www.townofpittsford.org/calendar for the most current updates as meeting dates near.

To learn more about the Zoning Code Update, and find links to the Town's Comprehensive Plan, Active Transportation Plan, current Zoning Code, and other informational materials, visit our Zoning Code Update website at www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate.



TOWN BOARD MEETING TONIGHT (12/7) AT 6:00PM

A reminder: our next Town Board meeting is tonight (Wednesday, December 7) at 6:00pm in the Public Meeting Room at Town Hall, 11 South Main Street. This revised meeting date was scheduled to avoid conflict with Tuesday's Candlelight Night community celebration. As always, the meeting will be livestreamed and recorded; meeting viewing information can be found on page 2 of the meeting

agenda. View the meeting agenda

here https://www.townofpittsford.org/files/minutes/townboard/agenda_current.pdf.

PITTSFORD ROTARY FOOD DRIVE THIS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

Note updated date

The next [Pittsford Rotary Drive-Thru Food Drive](#) is this Saturday, December 10, 9:00am - 12noon, at the Pittsford Sutherland High School bus loop (55 Sutherland Street) - note the updated date. The drive is collecting canned and packaged food and personal items to benefit the [Pittsford Food Cupboard](#), [Nazareth College Oak Tree Food Pantry](#) and the [Veterans Outreach Center](#). See needs listed below.



The [Veterans Outreach Center](#) provides to veterans employment assistance and job training, health and wellness programs, veteran and family support programs, legal counseling, and a residential program, among other services. **Specific needs** for the Veteran's Outreach Center include **winter hats and gloves, dog and cat food** (dry and wet), **full-sized shampoo and toothpaste**, and **canned fruits, vegetables, soups and beans, rice and pasta**; [find a complete list of needs here](#).

The [Nazareth College Oak Tree Food Pantry](#) connects Nazareth's students, staff and faculty to outside resources based on a number of needs including housing, food, community centers and transportation. **Specific needs** for the Oak Tree Food Pantry include **items that can be easily prepared by students**.

A variety of canned and other packaged goods and personal items are needed for the Pittsford Food Cupboard (see [list of Pittsford Food Cupboard needs](#)) including plain oatmeal, hot cocoa, coffee, canned meats and fish, dry cat and dog food, pizza sauce, and 100% juice, as well as body wash and conditioner; reusable grocery bags also are needed. The Pittsford Food Cupboard also needs baking items for clients for the holidays such as flour, sugar, sprinkles, food coloring, cookie mix, etc. Established in 1998, the PFC serves needs in Pittsford, Mendon, Honeoye Falls, Brighton, East Rochester and some areas in the City of Rochester. It provides food supplies and other essential goods to over 4,000 households, totaling more than 9,400 people.

The Pittsford Food Cupboard, Nazareth College Oak Tree Food Pantry and the Veterans Outreach Center are among the many organizations that benefit from Pittsford Rotary's mission of service to our community and beyond. Please help our Rotarians help those in need if you can!



TODAY IS PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY

Today marks the 81st anniversary of the attacks on Pearl Harbor. We honor and remember the 2,403 service members and civilians who were killed on this day in 1941. The National Pearl Harbor Day theme this year, "Everlasting Legacy," focuses on the

"Greatest Generation" – as those mostly young Americans who died that day, and those who served in uniform during World War II or on the home front war effort, are

collectively known. Their sacrifices indeed reflect an everlasting legacy. One of courage and devotion. And for some, one of ultimate sacrifice made in defense of, and for the love of, our country. The efforts of all undertaken not only to preserve our freedoms but also in the hope of creating a lasting peace. May we all take a moment to remember and honor them, and to hold in our thoughts as well the family members, friends, and other service personnel whose lives were irrevocably changed that day.

SENIORS CRAFT CLUB AT COMMUNITY CENTER – NEXT MEETING IS THIS FRIDAY, 12/9

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 giveaway items for our Senior lunches and some for donation to local charities. Craft Club is a fun opportunity to get creative, make friends and do something positive for others. Plus, participants enjoy a light breakfast of pastries, coffee and tea, and great company!



If you or someone you know enjoys making crafts, or would like to learn how, join our seniors and get crafting! Craft Club meets once a month on Fridays from 9:30 - 11:30am. **The next meeting is this Friday, December 9.** 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.



PITTSFORD BALLET PRESENTS EXCERPTS FROM THE NUTCRACKER | SATURDAY, 12/17

Here's an opportunity to see the perfect show for the holiday season! The Pittsford Ballet School will present Act 1 and excerpts from Act 2 of the Nutcracker on Saturday, December 17 at the Sutherland High School Auditorium (55 Sutherland Street). **Please note this is a new location this year.** Performances are at 1:00pm and 7:00pm. Again this year, reserved seating is available, so you can choose your own seat. Tickets

are available in advance online here <https://www.showtix4u.com/event-details/69610>. Tickets will be available at the door on the day of the show (cash only) but buying in advance online means better seat selection! Please note paper tickets will not be sold at the Community Center. To ensure physical distancing, the online system will automatically block empty space on either side of each group of tickets in a purchase.

Ticket cost is \$14 for adults, and \$12 for children 17 and under and senior citizens (55 and up). The cast includes students from all 9 Pittsford Schools, ranging from K – 12. PCSD alumni, parents and a teacher are in the cast as well! Be sure to gather the family to see this popular ballet. For more information call 248-6280. Pittsford Ballet is a program of the Pittsford Recreation Department. Be sure to take part in this magical holiday tradition, now it its 26th year!

SENIORS APPETIZER LUNCH WITH HARPIST

PATTY O'CONNOR IS TUESDAY, 12/20

Reservations by 12/13

Seniors, join us for our Seniors Appetizer Luncheon on Tuesday, December 20 at 12noon in the VanHuysen Community Room at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center. We'll welcome back harpist and Pittsford resident Patty O'Connor for a performance of some beautiful harp music - perfect for the holiday season! Lunch will feature a variety of delicious appetizers and dessert prepared by Chef Linda. Cost is \$6.00 per person; advance registration and payment is required by Tuesday, December 13. For more information and to register, 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 click the link to visit the [Seniors page on the Town website](#), read our [Seniors program info brochure online](#), or call our Senior Programs Office at 248-6235.



Monroe County Hazard Mitigation Plan
2023 Update

COUNTY SEEKS PUBLIC REVIEW OF HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE

The Monroe County Hazard Mitigation Plan

(HMP) 2023 Update is now ready for final public review. The County is asking all residents of Monroe County to review the final draft of the plan and give feedback. The projects and information included in the HMP will allow communities to become eligible for grant funding opportunities to minimize losses from natural disasters. The public comment period is open until December 23. Take this chance to have your voice be heard! Public support and responses are greatly appreciated. The 2023 Hazardous Mitigation Plan Update is available for viewing and download on the Monroe County HMP plan website at <https://www.monroecountynyhmp.com/draft-plan/>.

All feedback provided will be reviewed by municipal, state, federal, and county entities, and incorporated, where appropriate. Please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MonroeDraftHMP> to comment on the Plan.

REMINDERS

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

PYS Giving Trees located at Spiegel 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.



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
Walmarts • Target
Dick's Sporting Goods
Marshalls • Gas Cards
Pantillo's • Dunkin Donuts
Mail 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 14534.

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.

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

- [Pittsford Rotary Food Drive](#), Saturday, 12/10 - **NOTE REVISED DATE**, 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 [Pittsford Food Cupboard](#), [Nazareth College Oak Tree Food Pantry](#), and the [Veterans Outreach Center](#) (click links for complete lists of needs); gently used recent (past 12 months) magazines are also needed

- [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.
- [Pittsford Ballet Excerpts from the Nutcracker](#), a Pittsford Recreation program, Saturday, 12/17, performances at 1:00 and 7:00pm, Sutherland High School Auditorium (55 Sutherland Street) – **note new location**; [reserved tickets, available online](#), tickets may also be available at the door on the day of the show (cash only), \$14/adult, \$12 for senior citizens and children age 17 and under
- [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, 12/7, 4:30pm, Town Hall lower level meeting room, 11 South Main Street. Meetings 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 info here](#); find complete Zoning Code Update information at www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate. Updated meeting listings will be posted at www.townofpittsford.org/calendar.
- **Town Board**, Wednesday, 12/7, 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 - **NOTE REVISED DAY/DATE**
- **Design Review & Historic Preservation Board**, Thursday, 12/8, 6:00pm, Public Meeting Room, Town Hall (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
- **Parks and Recreation Board**, Thursday, 12/8, 6:30pm, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center – Room 207, 35 Lincoln Avenue, current CDC guidelines will be followed; the meeting agenda is posted at least 24 hours prior to the meeting on the Town website here: www.townofpittsford.org/minutes
- **Planning Board**, Monday, 12/12 – **MEETING CANCELED**

COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

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complete Zoning Code Update information at www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate. Updated meeting listings will be posted at www.townofpittsford.org/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 (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.

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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