



News & Reviews

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Town of Pittsford - a Clean
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Community

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Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings*

COMMUNITY MENORAH LIGHTING & CHANUKAH CELEBRATION IS THIS MONDAY, 12/19

The [Chabad of Pittsford annual Outdoor Menorah Lighting and Chanukah Celebration](#) is this Tuesday, December 19 – the second night of Chanukah. All are welcome to attend!

The celebration begins at 6:00pm in the Pittsford Community Library parking lot and features the lighting of a 6-foot-tall ice menorah followed by a spectacular fire juggling show! The evening also features doughnuts and latkes, a Chanukah music video presentation, hot cocoa, gelt, gifts for kids and more. The event is free and open to the public – all are welcome!



The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street. For more information visit the Chabad of Pittsford website at www.JewishPittsford.com.

PITTSFORD YOUTH SERVICES GIFT CARD DONATIONS FOR PITTSFORD FAMILIES IN NEED DUE THIS FRIDAY, 12/16

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 this Friday, December 16.** Your contribution will benefit families in the Pittsford community who need assistance with securing basic



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 often 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
- 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](https://www.pittsfordyouthservices.org) or by mailing a check made out to "PYS" to Pittsford Youth Services, 4 South Main Street, Pittsford, NY 14524.

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.

PITTSFORD BALLET PRESENTS EXCERPTS

FROM THE NUTCRACKER THIS 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 this 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!

TEENS: HELP YOUR LIBRARY & EARN COMMUNITY SERVICE CREDIT – VIA ZOOM THIS MONDAY



Teens, if you need to earn some community service credit, the Pittsford Community Library is a great place to do so! Students in grades 6-12 can earn one hour of community service credit via Zoom this Monday, December 19, from 3:00 - 4:00pm. Registration is required; a Zoom invitation will be sent the day of the event. [Use this link to register online](#) or use the link in the online Library calendar under the Events tab at

www.townofpittsford.org/library.

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.

NARCAN TRAINING & SERVICES INFO AT LIBRARY THIS TUESDAY, 12/20 - LEARN TO SAFELY STOP AN OPIOID OVERDOSE

The Pittsford Community Library will offer free public Narcan training and opioid awareness information this Tuesday, December 20 from 9:00am - 1:00pm in the Fisher Meeting Room. Stop by to receive a free Narcan training and a Narcan kit from the Monroe County Health Department. Narcan is a nasal spray that can be administered immediately to treat an opioid overdose. The opioid crisis continues at an alarming level. **Approximately every other day, someone in Monroe County dies from an opioid overdose.** There is no community immune to this crisis. This drop-in program is free; no registration required.

**County on the Ground:
Narcan Training**

Tuesday, December 20
9:00am-1:00pm
Fisher Meeting Room

Receive free Narcan training
and hear about other services.

The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street. For information about other upcoming Library programs, visit the [Library's online program calendar](#) or call 249-5481.



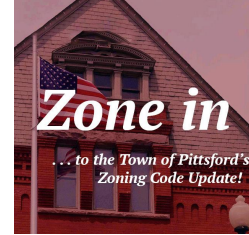
PYS YOUTH SOCIAL SKILLS GROUP PROGRAM FOR 6TH GRADERS BEGINS 1/7/23

Pittsford Youth Services is offering a 6th grade social skills group for six consecutive sessions on Saturday mornings from 10:15-11:15 starting on January 7, 2023 and running through February 11, 2023. The goal of the group is to teach social emotional skills to help children cope with every day triggers and stressors, and to reinforce resilience and positive behavior. The focus will be on self awareness, establishing and maintaining friendships, peer pressure and bullying, emotional regulation and frustration tolerance. The program will include conversations utilizing a variety of activities, in addition to art and music therapy. For more information contact Loraine Young, PYS Clinical Director at 264-0604 or email lyoung@pittsfordyouthservices.org.

ZONING CODE UPDATE MEETING VIDEO AVAILABLE ONLINE

If you missed the December 7 Town Board Zoning Code Update

meeting, you can view it online at this link: [Town Board Zoning Code Update Meeting 12/07/22](#). Complete information about the Town's Zoning Code Update can be found at www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate.



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S HOURS FOR TOWN FACILITIES

In observance of the **Christmas holiday**, all Town offices (including Town Hall and the Parks, Sewer, and Highway departments) will close at 12:00pm on Thursday, 12/22 and will be closed Friday, 12/23 through Monday, 12/26. All offices will reopen on Tuesday, December 27.

The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center will be closed Friday, 12/23 through Monday, 12/26.

The Pittsford Community Library will be closed Saturday and Sunday, 12/24 and 12/25, and will be open regular hours (9:00am – 9:00pm) on Monday, 12/26.

Pittsford Town Court will be closed Friday, 12/23 through Friday, 12/30.

In observance of the **New Year's holiday** all Town offices (including Town Hall and the Parks, Sewer, and Highway departments) will close at 1:00pm on Friday, 12/30.

The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center will be closed all day on Saturday, 12/31 and Sunday, 1/1/23.

The Pittsford Community Library will close at 3:00pm on Saturday, 12/31, will be closed all day on Sunday, 1/1/23, and will be open for regular hours (9:00am – 9:00pm) on Monday, 1/2/23.

Pittsford Town Court will be closed Friday, 12/30/22 and Monday, 1/2/23.

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

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

- [Chabad of Pittsford Outdoor Menorah Lighting and Chanukah Celebration](#), Monday, 12/19, 6:00pm, Pittsford Community Library parking lot, 24 State Street; free and open to the public, more info at www.JewishPittsford.com
- [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

- **Pittsford Community Library Board**, Wednesday, 12/14, 6:00pm, Fisher Meeting Room, Pittsford Community Library, 24 State 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
- **Zoning Board of Appeals**, Monday, 12/19, 7:00pm, 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
- **Town Board**, Tuesday, 12/20, 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

- [Village Board of Trustees](#) meeting, Thursday, 12/15, 6:30pm; 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, 8:00-10:00am, 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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