



News & Reviews

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Town of Pittsford - a Clean
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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 this 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. .

Holiday closures also are listed on the Town website at www.townofpittsford.org/calendar.

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

We wish all a happy and safe holiday season!



WOMEN'S CLUB GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE DECEMBER 31

The Women's Club of Pittsford offers endowment grants to charitable organizations and is **accepting grant applications through December 31, 2022 for 2023 endowment grants**. Applications must be submitted for a specific project and be made on behalf of a 501c3 charitable organization in Monroe County or in surrounding counties that service Monroe County residents. The grant application can be found on the Women's Club website at

<https://www.womensclubofpittsford.org>. The application can be filled out online or printed and returned by mail. Please note all applications must include a copy of the organization's IRS letter indicating 501(c)(3) status.

Since 1984, the Women's Club of Pittsford has contributed over \$370,000 to Greater Rochester Area organizations. More information and the grant application form can be found on their website at <https://www.womensclubofpittsford.org/apply-for-a-grant.html>. The deadline for submitting an application is December 31, 2022.

2023 TOWN & COUNTY PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION

****Reminder for those interested in prepayment: the Tax Office will be closing at 1:00pm on Friday, December 30. Please follow directions outlined below.****



Town of Pittsford property owners whose taxes are not in escrow will receive their 2023 Town and County tax bills in the mail after January 1, 2023. Property tax bills also may be obtained through the Monroe County Real Property Portal on or after December 31, 2022. Click the following link for [step-by-step directions on how to access your tax bill information online](#).

Important Tax Collection Dates:

January 1 – First day of tax collection. Legally, we cannot accept any payments prior.

February 10 – Full payment or first installment is due.

February 28 – Second installment is due.

March 31 – Third installment is due.

April 30 – Fourth installment is due.

If you are considering prepayment of your 2023 Town and County taxes, we recommend consulting with your accountant to determine if prepayment would be beneficial to you under the federal and state tax laws in effect. Please notify the tax office via email at townclerk@townofpittsford.org or by phone at 585-248-6215 if you will be mailing in a prepayment with a U.S. postmark of December 31, 2022; doing so will ensure you are correctly receipted for your payment. Click the following link for details on [how to submit your prepayment](#) and how to access your tax bill online.

"T'WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS" WITH



MRS. CLAUS

Mrs. Claus has created some special messages for all – have you seen them yet? She presents [on video the classic holiday poem "A Visit from St. Nicholas"](#) – recorded with a little help from her friends at Historic Pittsford! More commonly known as **"'Twas the Night Before Christmas,"** this treasured classic was first published in 1823 but it's still a lovely way to celebrate the season. You can find this special presentation on the Historic Pittsford website at <https://www.historicpittsford.com/video> (scroll down to see it). You'll also find on this webpage Mrs. Claus's reading of **"Red and Lulu"** – a wonderful Christmas story by Matt Tavares about two determined little cardinals and the true meaning of the holiday season. It's one of her favorites!

Pittsford Town and Village Historian Audrey Johnson is a member of the Historic Pittsford Board and is a good friend of Mrs. Claus. We know she was a big help with these videos! *Photo credit: Historic Pittsford.*

PYS EFFECTIVE AND POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAM BEGINS 1/7/23

Pittsford Youth Services is offering a free parenting group on Saturday mornings for six consecutive sessions from 9:00 – 10:00am starting on January 7, 2023 and running through February 11, 2023. The group will learn about the *1-2-3 Magic* parenting program from Dr. Thomas Phelan. *1-2-3 Magic* is an effective, positive parenting program that divides parenting responsibilities into three parts: controlling negative behavior, encouraging good behavior and strengthening the child-parent relationship. For more information contact Loraine Young, PYS Clinical Director at 264-0604 or email lyoung@pittsfordyouthservices.org.



A message from Town Supervisor Bill Smith:

KEEPING PACKAGES AND OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES SAFE DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON

The Monroe County Sheriff's Office has some good advice for keeping your packages and our local businesses safe during the holiday season:

To help prevent thieves from stealing holiday packages from your porch:

- **Give Specific Instructions.** Instead of having deliveries left unsecured at your front door, instruct drivers to leave a package at a back door, in a coded lockbox or with neighbors. Another option, is to put deliveries on hold and request a specific delivery time. Require a signature and someone to sign for the package.
- **Install a Security Camera.** Video doorbells or security cameras come in handy, as the mere presence of these cameras or smart doorbells may be enough to ward off potential package thieves. Video surveillance provides evidence for a police report.
- **Sign Up for Tracking Notifications.** Most carriers offer package tracking services

with text or email alerts to let you know when a delivery will be made so you can adjust your schedule accordingly. Sign up for text or email notifications to check your delivery status.

- **Consider Shipping Insurance.** Most postal services, courier companies and shipping companies sell shipping insurance.

Burglary Prevention Tips for Businesses:

- Make sure all outside entrances and inside security doors have proper working locks; if it has a lock use and test it
- Check all doors and windows prior to opening the store to make sure illegal access to the location or an attempted break-in did not occur
- Use a two-person approach to closing the store and verify doors are closed and secured
- Have outside or security doors metal-lined and pin all exposed hinges to prevent removal
- Secure and lock all windows and consider lining them with shatterproof film to prevent unauthorized easy and quick access
- Remove all expensive items from window displays at night and make sure your business has an open line of sight after closing
- Light the inside and outside of your business, especially around doors, windows, skylights, or other entry points. Consider installing covers over exterior lights and power sources to deter tampering.
- Check the parking lot for good lighting and unobstructed views
- Keep cash registers open and empty after closing. Possibly place signs indicating the registers are empty at night
- Be sure the safe is fireproof and securely anchored. Leave it open when it is empty, use it to lock up valuables when you close. Remember to change the combination when an employee who has had access to it leaves your business. Again, two people should verify the safe is locked and secure when closing. Money should never be left out in plain view, and if possible, make a bank drop/deposit before closing.
- Invest in a security system. Motion sensors, as well as door and window sensors should be installed. The system's alarm company should be kept up to date with contact information, and the person responsible for responding to the business if the alarm is activated. Routinely test the alarm system.
- Invest in a surveillance system. Have cameras both inside and outside the business. Make sure they are tested and the times and date are kept current. Have the system accessible by a manager or contact from off sight location. Utilize both overt and covert surveillance cameras concurrently. Additionally, keep on site video storage devices hidden and secured. This prevents intruders from being able to disable the entire system. If possible, go to a cloud-based system.
- Lastly, pay attention to detail. If you see something that does not look right, report it to local law enforcement.

My thanks to Pittsford's Zone A Commander Captain Scott Alberti and the rest of the caring and hard-working team at the Monroe County Sheriff's Office for their efforts to keep Pittsford safe for our residents, business-owners and visitors!

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

- [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, 12/22 – **NO MEETING** due to Christmas holiday
- **Planning Board**, Monday, 12/26 – **NO MEETING** due to Christmas holiday
- **Town Board Year-End Meeting**, Thursday, 12/29, 10:00am, 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 (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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