

# News & Reviews

January 4, 2023

Town of Pittsford - a Clean  
Energy and Climate Smart  
Community

*See listings below for*

*Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings*

## Supervisor Saturday

*with Pittsford Town Supervisor*

**Bill Smith**

9:00 - 10:00am

Pittsford Community Library

**Stop by and join  
the conversation!**

### SUPERVISOR SATURDAY WITH BILL SMITH THIS WEEK – JANUARY 7

Town Supervisor Bill Smith will host his community open house meeting this Saturday, January 7 from 9:00 - 10:00am at the Pittsford Community Library. Stop by and join the conversation to catch up on current Town projects and other topics you might wish to discuss, such as the Town's Zoning Code Update, our latest sustainability efforts, and other issues that affect your neighborhood. If you've got questions, ideas or

comments for Supervisor Smith, be sure to join him this Saturday!

This casual open house will be in the Fisher Meeting Room. Supervisor Saturday enables residents who can't stop by to see the Supervisor during the work week a chance to speak to him directly. Come and discuss what matters most to you! Drop by – no registration required. The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street.

Supervisor Smith keeps an open door policy and also welcomes visits from residents at Town Hall during regular business hours Monday to Friday by appointment. As always, he's available by phone at 248-6220 and by email at [bsmith@townofpittsford.org](mailto:bsmith@townofpittsford.org).

### VOLUNTEER BOARD OPENINGS - RESUMES ACCEPTED THROUGH 1/17

The Town of Pittsford seeks applications from residents who are interested in serving on our Volunteer Boards. The following Volunteer Boards each have openings:

- Design Review and Historic Preservation Board
- Environmental Board
- Parks and Recreation Board
- Planning Board
- Zoning Board of Appeals



Please indicate which Volunteer Board you're interested in.

Town Volunteer Boards assist with the various functions of Town government and in many cases make decisions affecting key issues of importance to Pittsford's success as a community.

Selection Process: once candidate resumes are received, they will be distributed equally among Town Board members, who will then, along with the corresponding board chair, interview interested candidates. Interview questions will be consistent among candidates and responses rated against the same criteria. The highest-rated candidates will be selected; those not selected will be notified.

Any Pittsford resident with an interest in serving on one of the above volunteer boards should send a resume for consideration by January 17 to:

Supervisor's Office, Town of Pittsford, 11 South Main Street, Pittsford, New York 14534 or [sreddick@townofpittsford.org](mailto:sreddick@townofpittsford.org).

For complete information about each board's responsibilities and board member term lengths, click this link to [Town citizen volunteer board information](#) or visit the "Volunteer Boards" link under the "Government" tab on the Town website at [www.townofpittsford.org](http://www.townofpittsford.org).



#### CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING UNDERWAY

You can be green even in the winter - recycle your Christmas tree! Town of Pittsford crews will pick up trees placed curbside as long as all plastic bagging and all decorations are removed. Christmas trees are picked up, weather permitting, through the end of January. Christmas trees also may be dropped off at the Highway Garage, 60 Golf Avenue, from 7:00am until dark, Monday through Saturday (call ahead

at 248-6270 if you'll arrive after 3:30pm weekdays or on a Saturday). All trees gathered will be chipped and reused as mulch. The mulch will be available in the spring free to residents in the spring at the East Street storage site located just before the gate to the Town Parks Department office building (enter at 34 East Street).

#### TOWN AND COUNTY 2023 PROPERTY TAX BILLS MAILED – DUE 2/10

Pittsford residents: if your property taxes are **not in escrow**, you should be receiving your 2023 Town and County tax bill in the mail this week. **If do not receive your tax bill in the mail by January 10, you can obtain a copy of your bill by:**



1. Downloading and printing a copy directly from the Monroe County website at <https://www.monroecounty.gov/apps/propertyapp.php>, OR
2. Emailing the Town Clerk/Tax Receiver at: [townclerk@townofpittsford.org](mailto:townclerk@townofpittsford.org) or calling the Town Tax Office at 585-248-6215 to have a copy of your tax bill emailed to you.

Residents may make payments in person, by mail or by the mail slots (at the back door or to the right of the front door) at Pittsford Town Hall, 11 South Main Street,




[online](#), or at Canandaigua National Bank (18 State Street, Pittsford). We ask that any cash payments be exact change and that you call ahead for an appointment to ensure proper staffing is available.

The interest-free Town and County property tax payment deadline is February 10; first installments are also accepted on or before February 10. The payment stub (see page 2 of your bill) must accompany payment. Please include a phone number on your check. Please be sure to read carefully all of the instructions and information written on the back of your bill. It is also **strongly** advised that you do NOT pay by electronic check, as these payments do not receive a U.S. postmark and may arrive late.

**Please note:** If you are paying your tax bill with an online bill pay (electronic banking) system through your bank, please be aware that your bank still generates and mails a paper check to the Town and it may take as long as two weeks or more to reach the Town offices. This type of mail does not receive a USPS postmark. Therefore, the Town can only consider your payment received on the date it is physically received in our office.

**Town of Pittsford**  
**Refuse District**  
**Enrollment**

**January 1 - April 30, 2023**  
is the **enrollment period** for setting up a  
refuse district that will  
**begin service in 2024.**



### REFUSE DISTRICT ENROLLMENT UNDERWAY THROUGH APRIL 30

In 2019 the Town enabled residents to create refuse districts for their neighborhoods. To date we have 24 neighborhood refuse districts in Pittsford. Creating a refuse district means potentially lower cost to residents for trash collection and reduces garbage truck traffic on residential streets in your neighborhood to one visit, once a week. Setting up a Refuse District and setting the boundaries of the district are

entirely up to the residents of a district - it is an optional program. The residents decide the boundaries of the district, then inform the Town of their decision. Our Town staff members guide interested residents through the process. **January 1 - April 30, 2023 is the enrollment period for setting up a refuse district that will begin service in 2024.** Find complete information about setting up a Refuse District at [www.townofpittsford.org/refuse-districts](http://www.townofpittsford.org/refuse-districts).

### GUIDED HIKE THIS SATURDAY, 1/7 FEATURES CARTERSVILLE/SIMON STONE'S MILL TRAILS

Pittsford Recreation's next guided trail hike is this Saturday, January 7 – enjoy the history and natural beauty of the Erie Canal Great Embankment as you explore the Cartersville/Simon Stone's Mill Trails. The hike begins at 8:30am. Participants will meet at the trail head and will be provided with a packet of maps and area information. Bring your Wegmans Hit the Trail Passport and get credit for hiking the trail! The program is free but advance registration is required. Register online at [www.townofpittsford.org/recreation](http://www.townofpittsford.org/recreation) or in person at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue. Free downloadable/printable maps are also available in advance on the Town website at [www.townofpittsford.org/trails\\_and\\_walkways](http://www.townofpittsford.org/trails_and_walkways).

**GUIDED HIKE**  
Cartersville/Simon Stone's Mill Trail

Date: 1/7/23      Time: 8:30 AM



Questions? Email: [apoulin@townofpittsford.org](mailto:apoulin@townofpittsford.org)      Register Online: [www.townofpittsford.org](http://www.townofpittsford.org)

**PITTSFORD ROTARY FOOD DRIVE THIS SATURDAY,  
JANUARY 7**



The next Pittsford Rotary Drive-Thru Food Drive is this Saturday, January 7, 9:00am - 12noon, at the Pittsford Sutherland High School bus loop (55 Sutherland Street). 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 [Community Resource Collaborative](#) in Rochester.

The [Community Resource Collaborative](#) (CRC) works with people between the ages of 18 and 24 affected by violence, either directly or indirectly, including gun violence, domestic violence and trafficking. Through various collaborations across New York state and nationally, CRC connects young people to the resources needed to help them move through their traumas and obtain stable housing, employment, and mental health and other necessary services. A variety of food and personal hygiene items are needed.

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](#), including plain oatmeal, beef stew, Manwich, 100% juice, taco shells, jalapenos, green chiles, tomato paste, olives, mushrooms and collard greens. Also needed are body wash, conditioner and body lotion, as well as dry cat food and dry dog food. Find their complete list of needs at <https://www.pittsfordfoodcupboard.net/current-needs.html>.

The Rotary also will be collecting recent issues (past 12 months) of gently used magazines - details below.

Please help our Rotarians help those in need if you can!



### GENTLY USED MAGAZINES NEEDED – DROP OFF AT ROTARY FOOD DRIVE THIS SATURDAY

In addition to collecting food and household items, the Pittsford Rotary Club will collect recent issues (past 12 months) of gently used magazines at its monthly food drives. The magazines are delivered to various social agencies in the Rochester area and are very much appreciated by those who receive them. If you have

some gently used magazines, please consider bringing them to the Pittsford Rotary Food Drives. The next Rotary Food Drive is this Saturday, January 7 from 9:00am – noon at the Pittsford Sutherland High School bus loop, 55 Sutherland Street. Food donations are also needed – see details above.

### PYS YOUTH AND PARENTING PROGRAMS BEGIN THIS SATURDAY, 1/7

#### Effective and Positive Parenting Program

Pittsford Youth Services is offering a free parenting group on Saturday mornings for six consecutive sessions from 9:00 – 10:00am beginning this Saturday, January 7 and



running through February 11. 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.



### **Youth Social Skills Group Program for 6th Graders**

The PYS 6th grade social skills group will run for six consecutive sessions on Saturday mornings from 10:15-11:15, starting this Saturday, January 7, 2023 and continuing through February 11. 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.

Both programs begin this Saturday, January 7. To register, and for more information, contact Loraine Young, PYS Clinical Director at 264-0604 or email [lyoung@pittsfordyouthservices.org](mailto:lyoung@pittsfordyouthservices.org).

## **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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate). Comments can be made to [zoningupdate@townofpittsford.org](mailto: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.

- [Pittsford Rotary Food Drive](#), Saturday, 1/7, 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 [Community Resource Collaborative](#) in Rochester (click links for complete lists of needs); gently used recent (past 12 months) magazines are also needed.
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### TOWN OF PITTSFORD BOARD MEETINGS

- **Town Board**, Thursday, 1/5, 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](http://www.townofpittsford.org/minutes) - **NOTE REVISED DAY/DATE**
- **Planning Board**, Monday, 1/9 – **NO MEETING**

### 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](http://www.pittsfordartgroup.com) and fill out a [Contact Us](#) form.

## COVID-19 Coronavirus Information Links

Further Town of Pittsford COVID-19 coronavirus information and updates can be found

at [www.townofpittsford.org/covid-19info](http://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](http://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](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html?deliveryName=USCDC_2067-DM20785).

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