

# News & Reviews

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2023

Town of Pittsford - a Clean  
Energy and Climate Smart  
Community

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

## **FOOD TRUCK AND MUSIC FEST IS THIS SATURDAY On Main Street at the Four Corners**

The Town's annual [Food Truck & Music Fest](#) is this Saturday, September 9 from 12:00-9:00pm on South Main Street! Join us for food and drink, family activities, and live music all day. Highlights include culinary options from mobile cuisine vendors and local eateries, a wine and beer garden, amusement rides, children's entertainment, and shopping at Village boutiques. We'll close the event with a spectacular firework display over the canal! Enjoy music from the Americana band [A Girl Named Genny](#); the classic roots-rock oriented [Mud Creek](#); the Southern soul group, [Miller and the Other Sinners](#); and headlining the event, Rochester's very own [The Skycoasters](#).



The Pittsford Youth Services Duck Drop will take place during the festival at the Port of Pittsford (22 North Main Street) at 4pm. Visit the [Pittsford Youth Services Website](#) to buy tickets.

For complete details about the festival, including live music schedules, food vendors, activities, and more, visit our [Food Truck & Music Fest web page](#) on the Town website.



## **COMMUNITY CENTER REGULAR WEEKEND HOURS WILL RESUME THIS WEEKEND**

The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center will return to its regular hours for the school year beginning this Friday, September 8. The Community Center is open Monday - Thursday, 8:00am - 9:00pm, Fridays and Saturdays 8:00am - 8:00pm and Sundays 12:00 - 5:00pm. The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center

is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue.

For details about all of our Recreation programs, pick up a program brochure at the Community Center, access our [program brochure online](#), or visit our [online Recreation registration page](#).

**PYS DUCK DROP THIS SATURDAY AT FOOD TRUCK & MUSIC FEST, TICKETS ON SALE NOW**

[Pittsford Youth Services' Duck Drop Derby](#) is this Saturday, September 9 and tickets are currently on sale! The annual rubber duck race on the canal will be held at 4:00pm in Carpenter Park at the Port of Pittsford, during the [Town's Main Street Food Truck & Music Fest](#). Funds raised from this event go directly toward providing vital professional, confidential and affordable social work and counseling services to youth and their families in our community. This year's Master of Ceremonies will be local comedian Todd Youngman.



**Admission to the Duck Drop is free and open to the public but if you want a duck to race, you have to buy a ticket!** Buy your tickets now and take advantage of the special "family of four" for \$30, or you can buy a "flock" of 8 for \$50. Individual tickets are \$10 each. In addition to prizes for the winning ducks, there will be raffle and silent auction opportunities for some special prizes!

**Tickets for the Duck Drop are being sold at various locations around Town**, including the Pittsford Dairy, along Schoen Place and at other locations around the Village. You can **purchase your tickets online** at [www.pittsfordyouthservices.org](http://www.pittsfordyouthservices.org) using PayPal or debit/credit card, by calling at 264-0604, or stopping at the PYS office at 4 South Main Street (enter on side of building). To learn about how PYS helps youth and families with counseling, advocacy, educational programs and informational services, visit the [PYS website](#).

The Duck Drop is Pittsford Youth Services' largest fundraiser. Contributions go directly toward services for youth and families in need right here in our community. PYS has been providing affordable, accessible and confidential counseling and support services since 1969 - for over 50 years! It's the perfect opportunity to be part of a fun community tradition while supporting the good work PYS does for our youth.



**SENIORS PAVILION PICNIC IS THIS TUESDAY, 9/12 – RESERVATIONS DUE THURSDAY, 9/7**

Seniors – take advantage of the lingering summer weather and join us for our next Seniors Pavilion Picnic this Tuesday, September 12 at noon in the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center pavilion. The menu features pulled pork sliders with coleslaw, pasta salad, and apple crisp for dessert. The picnic will feature a visit from the Pittsford Community Book

Bike! The cost for lunch is \$8.00 per person and there's still time to get in on the fun! **Reservations required by tomorrow – Wednesday, September 7**. Call 248-6235 to reserve your meal. The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. To learn more about our programs, activities and services for seniors [click here to visit the Seniors page](#) on the Town website, [read our Seniors program info brochure online](#), or call the Senior Programs Office at 248-6235.

## SCHOOL TAX 2023-2024 INFORMATION

The 2023-2024 school tax bills have been mailed. If your bill has not arrived by Monday, September 11, you can print a copy from the Monroe County website by clicking [HERE](#). Also, you can contact the tax office by email at [townclerk@townofpittsford.org](mailto:townclerk@townofpittsford.org) or by calling 585-248-6215.



### Important Tax Collection Dates:

- **Friday, 9/15** – First installments are due by this date
- **Saturday, 9/16 to Wednesday, 9/20** – First installments can be paid with 1% interest added
- **Sunday, 10/1** – Full payments are due by this date
- **Monday, 10/2** – All payments received in person or by drop box by this date or mailed with a 10/2 postmark, will process as on-time payments

Payments may be made in person, by mail or by secure drop box available 24/7 ; drop boxes are located at both the front and back entrances of the Pittsford Town Hall, 11 South Main Street. If you will be sending your payment by mail or drop box, please include your payment coupon and a contact phone number on your check. Failure to do so increases processing time. Payments can be made online through Monroe County; there will be a 2.75% fee to use this online payment service. To pay online, click [HERE](#).

On-time first installments may be paid at Canandaigua National Bank, 18 State Street, in Pittsford Village through September 15. Canandaigua National Bank will continue to accept **full payments only** from September 16 through October 1.

**Payment for First installments AFTER SEPTEMBER 15 will only be accepted from September 16 - September 20, with 1% interest.** The additional 1% must be calculated on the entire amount of the 1st installment, if you need assistance in that calculation, please contact the tax office directly by email at [townclerk@townofpittsford.org](mailto:townclerk@townofpittsford.org) or phone 585-248-6215 for the correct amount due.

Please Note: **We strongly discourage paying your tax bill via your banking Electronic Checking/Online bill pay system.** If you are paying your bill with an online bill pay system, please be aware that your bank still mails us a paper check without a USPS postmark and it may take as long as two weeks to reach our office. Therefore, your payment is not considered received until we physically receive the payment in our office. We do not recommend sending payment in this manner.



### CHILD WATCH PROGRAM, PANTHER PALS, OFFERS FUN FOR AGES 2-5!

Panther Pals is a preschool aged program for ages 2-5. The program is offered Monday-Friday from 9am to 12pm. [Register now](#) for our next session, which begins Monday, September 11. Hurry! Weekly slots fill up fast!

Panther Pals gives little ones an opportunity to make new friends, enjoy arts and crafts, dance, music, and creative play along with STEM, geography, numbers and letters activities. Our daily schedule includes fine and gross motor skills activities,

outdoor time, gym time, crafts, and circle and reading time with our friends from the Library. We even have monthly special guest visits!

Held at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, Panther Pals is offered Monday - Friday from 9:00am - 12:00pm. Find more details and register [online here](#) (select Preschool - Child Watch). You can also contact Amanda at [apoulin@townofpittsford.org](mailto:apoulin@townofpittsford.org) or call the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center at 248-6280 for more information.

### **FIREWORKS COURTESY NOTIFICATION FOR THIS SATURDAY (9/9)**

Public and private fireworks events in the Town of Pittsford require a permit issued by the Town. As a courtesy, notifications for public and private fireworks events held within the Town are posted on the [Town website](#), the [Town Facebook page](#) and in the [Town's eNews](#). Courtesy notifications also can be mailed in advance to those in the immediate area of a permitted fireworks event (public or private) who request them. To request a mailed Fireworks Notification, please contact Meghan Brooks in the Department of Public Works at [mbrooks@townofpittsford.org](mailto:mbrooks@townofpittsford.org) or 248-6250. Please see below the current fireworks event permit notification.

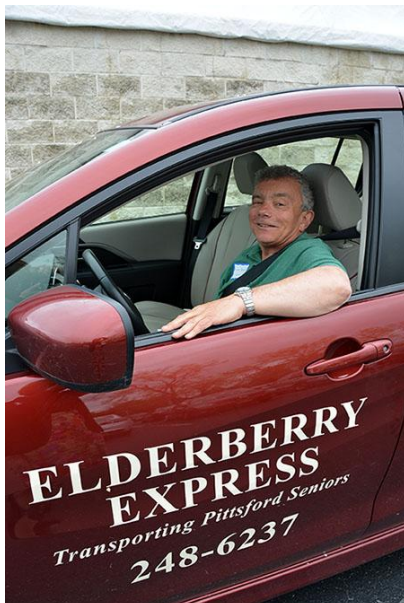


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#### **Current Fireworks Event Notification:**

**Saturday, September 9, 2023** - public fireworks event (after Pittsford Food Truck & Music Fest), over the canal near Carpenter Park - approximately 9:00pm

All current Fireworks Event Courtesy Notification listings can be found on the Town website at [www.townofpittsford.org/fireworks-notifications](http://www.townofpittsford.org/fireworks-notifications).



### **ELDERBERRY EXPRESS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AVAILABLE**

Elderberry Express is a free transportation service for Pittsford residents, age 55 and older. Volunteer drivers can transport seniors to and from medical appointments, as well as the pharmacy, bank, hairdresser, and the grocery store. Transportation is available Monday – Friday, 9:00am – 3:00pm. Services must be scheduled at least three business days in advance by 10:00 am to ensure driver availability. The service is free, although donations are welcome! To schedule a ride, please call Elderberry Express at 248-6237.

Elderberry Express also is in need of volunteer drivers willing to help provide transportation, from one to a few times per month. Each ride typically lasts two to three hours. By volunteering, you give others the gift of independence. Can you help? Call Elderberry Express at 248-6237.

### **CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH - DISPLAY YOUR GOLD RIBBONS**

September is Childhood Cancer awareness month, a time when childhood cancer organizations, families, and individuals raise awareness and funds in honor of and in memory of those young lives affected by or cut short by cancer. An estimated 15,780 children, from infants to age 19, are diagnosed with cancer each year in the United States, and cancer remains the number one cause of death by disease for children in the U.S.



This month the C.U.R.E Childhood Cancer Association is encouraging community members to help raise awareness about childhood cancer. Display a gold ribbon or visit their website for other ideas on how you can help.

In 2022 there were 48 children in the Rochester area diagnosed with cancer, and ten little fighters were lost to cancer last year. There are children and families battling this disease here in Pittsford; they face each day with incredible strength and courage - their fight, their hope, their resilience, is an inspiration to all. To learn more about how you can help visit <https://www.curekidscancer.com>.

## CLOSED FOR TRAINING

*Town Court will be closed from Monday, September 18 to Wednesday, September 20 for staff training.*



## TOWN COURT CLOSED 9/18 – 9/20 DUE TO STAFF TRAINING

The Pittsford Town Court offices will be closed Monday, September 18 through Wednesday, September 20 for staff training. If you have a court inquiry during this time, please call 585-248-6238 and leave a message, or send an email to [vmemmott@townofpittsford.org](mailto:vmemmott@townofpittsford.org). Responses to inquiries will be returned when the Court offices reopen on Thursday, September 21.

## REMINDERS

### FOOD SCRAPS RECYCLING PROGRAM BEGINS 9/18 – SIGN UP TO RECEIVE YOUR BUCKET

The food waste buckets for our Food Scraps Recycling pilot program in partnership with Monroe County have arrived. **Those who have registered can pick up their Food Scraps Recycling bucket and lid at Town Hall between 8:00am and 4:00pm, Monday through Friday.** Town Hall is located at 11 South Main Street; parking is available in the lot behind the building or on-street in front of the building. **If you haven't signed up yet, you can do using our [online registration form](#).** A reminder that participants must be registered to receive a bucket.



Nearly 250 households have signed up so far to participate in the Town of Pittsford Food Scraps Recycling pilot program. We have room for 500 participants - register today to support our sustainability efforts here in Pittsford and help us turn food scraps into renewable energy!

Collection buckets can be emptied at the Town's Dog Park at 34 East Street beginning September 18. The collection bins are located near the rear of the parking lot where

you'll see signs indicating the drop-off point. We're asking participants to scan a QR code when they drop food scraps off, to fill in drop-off date, time, and amount of scraps. This will help us track our progress.

For further details about our Food Scraps Recycling program, including a list of food waste items that may be recycled, visit [www.townofpittsford.org/food-scraps-recycling](http://www.townofpittsford.org/food-scraps-recycling).

## SCHOOL BEGINS THURSDAY – PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY

Pittsford schools will welcome their students back this Thursday, September 7. Please be aware of students walking and bicycling to school. Obey speed limits and take careful notice of school zones, stop signs, and crossing guard instructions. If the red lights on a school bus are flashing, stop and don't proceed unless red lights cease flashing or the bus driver signals that it's okay for vehicles to pass. Always err on the side of caution. Together, we can help ensure students'

travels to and from school are as safe and easy as possible. Best wishes to our teachers, school staff and students for a successful school year!



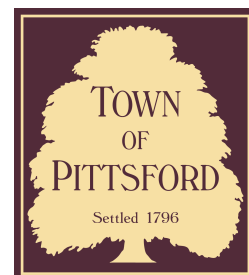
## LIBRARY REGULAR HOURS UNDER WAY | OPEN SATURDAYS 10AM-5PM, SUNDAYS 12-5PM

The Pittsford Community Library has returned to its regular hours for the school year. The Library will be open Saturday 10:00am - 5:00pm and Sunday 12:00 - 5:00pm. Complete library hours are: **Monday - Thursday, 9:00am - 8:00pm; Friday, 9:00am - 6:00pm**

**Saturday 10:00am - 5:00pm and Sunday 12:00 - 5:00pm.** The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street. For information about upcoming Library programs visit the [Library's online program calendar](#) or call 249-5481.

## 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

- [Pittsford Main Street Food Truck & Music Fest](#), Saturday, 9/9, 12-9pm, South Main Street (Four Corners to Locust Street) with PYS Duck Drop at 4:00pm in Carpenter Park at the Port of Pittsford, 22 North Main Street; food and drink, family fun, live music all day and fireworks to end the night! Detailed info and updates at [www.townofpittsford.org/foodtruckmusicfest](http://www.townofpittsford.org/foodtruckmusicfest)
- [Pittsford Youth Services Duck Drop Derby](#), Saturday, 9/9, 4:00pm, Carpenter Park at the Port of Pittsford, 22 North Main Street - annual rubber duck race on the canal to raise funds for youth and family services, part of the Town of Pittsford Food Truck & Music Fest; tickets and volunteer/sponsorship info at [www.pittsfordyouthservices.org](http://www.pittsfordyouthservices.org). Purchase tickets by calling 264-0604 or stopping by the PYS Office at 4 South Main Street, or at various locations around Town.
- [Friends of Pittsford Library Fall Book Sale](#), Thursday, 9/14 from 4:00 - 8:00pm, Friday, 9/15 from 10:00am – 5:00pm, and Saturday, 9/16 from 10:00am – 4:00pm, Pittsford Community Library, Fisher Meeting Room, 24 State Street; sale is open to all, funds raised to support programs and materials for the Library. Items will be replenished throughout the sale; bags will be in short supply – please bring your own.
- [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.

### TOWN OF PITTSFORD BOARD MEETINGS

- **Planning Board**, Monday, 9/11, 6:30pm, Town Hall, Public Meeting Room (lower level), 11 South Main Street; 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)

### COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

- [Board of Education](#) meeting, Tuesday, 9/12, 7:00pm, Barker Road Middle School McCluski Board Room, 75 Barker Road
- [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; 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, new members always welcome! Meetings are usually held the second Thursday of the month, September through June, at 6:00pm at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue; 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.

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