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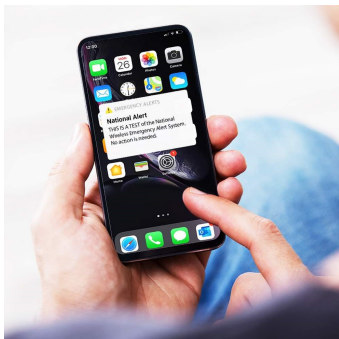
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*See listings below for
Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings*

COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Town of Pittsford offices, facilities, and services including Town Hall, the Highway, Parks and Sewer departments, the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, and Town Court will be closed this Monday, October 9 in observance of the Columbus Day holiday. The Pittsford Community Library will be open regular hours (9:00am – 8:00pm).

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



FEMA TO TEST EMERGENCY ALERT ON ALL CELL PHONES, TVS AND RADIOS TODAY

Today (Wednesday, October 4) at approximately 2:20 p.m. the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will conduct a nationwide wireless emergency alert test on cell phones, wireless devices, radios, and televisions. The test is to ensure these systems are prepared to inform the public in the event of a large-scale emergency. This is a standard test that occurs at least once every three years. No action

is needed from members of the public.

The message that will appear on cellphones, TVs and radios will read something like: "THIS IS A TEST of the National Wireless Emergency Alert System. No action is needed." To help ensure that these alerts are accessible to the entire public, including people with disabilities, the alerts are accompanied by a unique tone and vibration. If the October 4 test is postponed due to widespread severe weather or other significant events, the alternate testing date is October 11.

Find more information at www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/practitioners/integrated-public-alert-warning-system/national-test-2023.

SCHOOL TAX PAYMENTS ACCEPTED 10/3 THROUGH 10/31 WITH 2% INTEREST

The Tax Receiver's Office will be accepting **full payments only**, with 2% interest, from October 3 – October 31, 2023. If you need assistance in that calculation, please contact the tax office at townclerk@townofpittsford.org or 585-248-6215 for the correct amount due. After October 31, payment must be made to the Monroe County Treasurer. Please see the back of your bill for instructions.



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 also 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](#).

Canandaigua National Bank will continue to accept **full payments only** through October 1.



BLOOD DRIVE AT THE LIBRARY THIS FRIDAY, 10/6

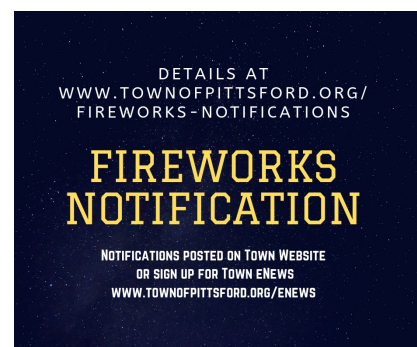
The Town of Pittsford will host a Red Cross blood drive this Friday, October 6, from 10:00am – 3:00pm at the Pittsford Community Library (24 State Street) in the Fisher Meeting Room. Schedule a time to give blood through [this online registration](#) link or call 1-800-RED CROSS

(1-800-733-2767). The Red Cross will be following all current COVID-19 guidelines during the blood drive.

Donating blood is a simple thing to do, but it can make a significant difference in the lives of others. The Red Cross needs the ongoing support of blood donors to help patients battling disease and facing the unexpected. If you are eligible and feeling well, please consider making an appointment for next Friday's blood drive at Library. Be the lifeline patients need!

FIREWORKS COURTESY NOTIFICATION FOR THIS SATURDAY (10/7)

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 or 248-6250. Please see below the current fireworks event permit notification.



Current Fireworks Event Notification:

Saturday, October 7, 2023 - private fireworks event at Monroe Country Club - approximately 9:30pm

All current Fireworks Event Courtesy Notification listings can be found on the Town website at www.townofpittsford.org/fireworks-notifications.



PITTSFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE THIS SATURDAY

Our Pittsford Fire Department members provide an invaluable service to our community. This Saturday, October 7, you'll have an opportunity to meet these dedicated volunteers in person and learn about what it takes to be a firefighter!

Join our Fire Department members for a Community Open House this Saturday from 9:00am – 12:00pm at Fire Station #1, 8 Monroe Avenue (near the Main Street Four Corners). Come learn about your local volunteer fire department and the importance of fire safety. The event is free and open to the public. Take

a tour of the station and get an up-close look at the firetrucks, tools and equipment. Chat with our volunteer firefighters – they'll be available to provide information, answer questions and discuss firefighting activities.

As the number of calls for service continues to grow, so does the need for volunteers. The Pittsford Volunteer Fire Department is always looking for members of the community interested in joining their ranks. If you would like to find out more about how you can make a vital contribution to our community as a volunteer firefighter, stop by the open house this Saturday!

PITTSFORD ROTARY FOOD DRIVE IS THIS SATURDAY, 10/7 FROM 10AM - NOON

The next [Rotary Club of Pittsford](#) drive-thru food drive is this Saturday, September 7, from 10:00am – 12:00pm, at the Pittsford Sutherland High School bus loop, 55 Sutherland Street. ****Please note, due to the Pittsford Schools Homecoming Parade, the food drive will start one hour later, at 10:00am, for this drive only.**



Update from Pittsford Rotary: this month, the Rotary Food Drive will benefit People's Pantry of Rochester; the Veterans Outreach Center will benefit from the next drive.

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 [People's Pantry of Rochester](#). See needs listed below. *Gently used recent issues (past 12 months) of magazines will also be collected* for distribution to various social agencies in the Rochester area.

[The People's Pantry](#), previously called the South Wedge Food Program, provides

groceries to individuals and families to help mitigate the effect of food insecurity with dignity and without bias/discrimination. They are always in need of general food items, including canned fruit and vegetables, canned beans, pasta, rice, as well as diapers, formula, baby food, feminine products, hygiene products, and dog or cat food. Check out their [Amazon List Wish](#) to send items directly.

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**, including soups, canned meats and vegetables, and sauces. To learn more about how you can help, email oaktree@mail.naz.edu.

A variety of canned and other packaged goods and personal items are needed for the [Pittsford Food Cupboard](#), including Beef-A-Roni, ravioli, boxed potatoes, Spam, chili, beef stew, canned Vienna sausage, beets, coconut milk, collard greens, spinach, olives, mushrooms, pizza sauce, and personal items such as kleenex, deodorant, body wash, razors, shampoo and conditioner; reusable grocery bags and paper bags also are needed.

Rotary Club food drives are scheduled for the first Saturday of the month through next spring at Sutherland High School. Additional information is available at pittsfordrotaryclub.org.

Since 1998, [the Pittsford Food Cupboard \(PFC\)](#) has been serving families in need within the greater Pittsford area. Today, the PFC relies on a staff of more than 100 volunteers to provide food to over 4,000 families a year. [Find a current list of PFC needs here.](#)



FLU CLINIC AT THE PITTSFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT THIS MONDAY, 10/9

Flu Prevention Partners, a division of Wellness Programs with Value (WPV), is offering a second community flu clinic at the Pittsford Fire Department Station #1 this Monday, October 9, from 1:00 – 3:00pm. PFD Station #1 is located at 8 Monroe Avenue, Pittsford, NY 14534. The clinic is open to adults aged 18+. WPV accepts most major health insurance plans.

The flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses that infects the nose, throat, and sometimes the lungs. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death. The best way to prevent the flu is by getting a flu vaccine each year.

Flu Prevention Partners is a full-service, onsite flu vaccination provider for organizations of every size throughout NY and neighboring states. Find out more information on the [WPV website](#) or by calling (585) 568-8340.

NEXT SUPERVISOR OPEN HOUSE WITH BILL SMITH IS 10/14

Town Supervisor Bill Smith will host his next community open house meeting on Saturday, October 14 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, including our Food Scraps Recycling partnership with Monroe County. If you've got questions, ideas or comments for Supervisor Smith, mark your calendar and be sure to join him!

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
Saturday**
with Pittsford Town Supervisor
Bill Smith
9:00 - 10:00am
Pittsford Community Library

**Stop by and join
the conversation!**

Supervisor Smith keeps an open door policy and 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.



SENIORS LUNCH & TOWN UPDATE BY DEPUTY SUPERVISOR KATE MUNZINGER IS OCTOBER 17
Reservation deadline is Thursday, October 12

Seniors, join us at 12noon in the VanHuysen Community Room at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center on Tuesday, October 17 for a **home cooked lunch** and a **Town update** by Pittsford Deputy Town Supervisor **Kate Bohne Munzinger**. Lunch will include Kate's award-winning meatloaf. The cost for lunch is \$8.00 per person; **advance registration and payment is required by Thursday, October 12**. 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.

LIBRARY COLLECTING DONATED ITEMS FOR WILD WINGS THIS MONTH

Throughout the month of October, the Pittsford Community Library will be collecting donated items to support Wild Wings, Inc., a local educational nonprofit that cares for permanently injured birds of prey that are unable to survive on their own in the wild. Wild Wings operates a bird of prey facility and the Mendon Ponds Park Nature Center. The donation drive is held in the spirit of the Great Give Back, a NYS Public Libraries community service initiative.



Donations accepted at the Pittsford Community Library and Mendon Public Library from **October 1 to 31**.

Wish List

Items with * are in high demand

- Aspen Shavings for bedding*
- Bird Seed (Sunflower, Safflower, or Thistle)*
- Bluebird Nuggets
- Ecoearth and Forest Floor bedding
- 13-Gallon Trash Bags
- 55-Gallon Trash Bags*
- Hand Sanitizer*
- Hydrogen Peroxide*
- Latex Disposable Gloves*
- LED Bulbs
- Mealworms (dried)*
- Nuts (Unsalted Shelled Peanuts, Pecans, Walnuts, Cashews, or Pistachios)*
- Paper Towels*
- Peanut Pickouts*
- Salt for Walkway
- Stamps
- Suet
- Work Gloves or Garden Gloves
- Ziploc Bags (sandwich, quart, or gallon)



A variety of items are needed, including these most in demand: aspen shavings for bedding, bird seed, peanut pickouts, unsalted, shelled nuts (peanuts, pecans, walnuts, cashews or pistachios),dried mealworms, 55-gallon trash bags, hand sanitizer, latex disposable gloves and paper towels. Find the full [list of Wild Wings needs here](#) or see the list at the Library.

Donations can be dropped off at the Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street in Pittsford, or at the Mendon Public Library, 22 North Main Street in Honeoye Falls.



SAVE THE DATE - FAMILY HALLOWEEN FEST IS SUNDAY, 10/22

At the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, parking at Sutherland High School

Be sure to mark your calendar for the Town of Pittsford's [Family Halloween Fest](#) to be held Sunday, October 22 from 2:00 - 5:00pm at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue.

Enjoy crafts, games, and refreshments, with indoor and outdoor activities! It's sure to be an afternoon of great family fun. **Admission is free but we request one canned good item per person to benefit the Pittsford Food Cupboard.** Park at Pittsford Sutherland High School, 55 Sutherland Street in the Village, and take our free hayride shuttle to the Community Center!

Details are being finalized; find updates on our Family

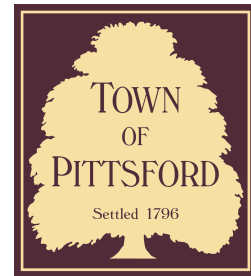
Halloween Fest webpage at www.townofpittsford.org/halloweenfest as the date approaches. We hope to see you there!

REMINDERS

TOWN CLOSURES FOR STAFF MEETING FRIDAY, 10/6

Town Hall will be closing at Noon, Library and Community Center will remain open.

Due to the annual Town of Pittsford staff meeting, Town Hall will close at noon on Friday, October 6; please note this includes the Town Clerk/Tax Office. The Town Highway, Parks, and Sewer departments will also close at noon. The Pittsford Community Library and the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center will be open regular hours on Friday, October 6.



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

- [Red Cross Blood Drive at Pittsford Community Library](#), Friday, 10/6, 10:00am – 3:00pm, Pittsford Community Library Fisher Meeting Room, 24 State Street; [schedule an appointment in advance using this online registration link](#) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767); the Red Cross will be following all COVID-19 guidelines during the blood drive, for more information visit www.redcrossblood.org.
- [Pittsford Rotary Food Drive](#), Saturday, 10/7, 10:00am - 12noon (note later start time for this drive only), 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 [People's Pantry](#) (click links for complete lists of needs); gently used recent (past 12 months) magazines are also needed.
- [Flu Prevention Partners Flu Clinic](#), Monday, 10/9, 1:00 – 3:00pm, Pittsford Fire Department Station #1, 8 Monroe Avenue; the clinic is open to adults aged 18+, WPV accepts most major health insurance plans
- [Women's Club of Pittsford Garage Sale and Bake Sale](#), Friday - Saturday, 10/13 –14, 9:00am – 4:00pm, King's Bend Park North Lodge, 170 West Jefferson Road; offering a variety of household items and baked goods for sale to benefit the group's charitable efforts
- [PTSA Super Sale Donation Drop Off & Volunteering](#), **donation drop off** Saturday, 10/15 (9am – 3pm), and Sunday, 10/16 (9am – 12noon), **Sale** Monday – Thursday, 10/16-19, 3 – 8pm, Pittsford Mendon High School, 472 Mendon Road; volunteers and donations needed, times and additional information [HERE](#)
- [PTSA Super Sale](#), 3:00 - 8:00pm Tuesday through Thursday, 10/17-19, Pittsford Mendon High School, 472 Mendon Road; Thursday is half-price day, Friday features the Bag It Sale. For more info see the PTSA Super Sale web page at www.pittsfordptsa.net/super-sale
- [Town of Pittsford Family Halloween Fest](#), Sunday, 10/22, 2:00-5:00pm, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue, indoor and outdoor activities, event parking at Sutherland High School with hayride shuttle, 55 Sutherland Street; games, crafts, refreshments, requested donation one canned good per person, to benefit Pittsford Food Cupboard
- [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

- Planning Board, Monday, 10/9 – **NO MEETING** due to Columbus Day holiday

COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

- Supervisor Saturday with Bill Smith - join the conversation with Town Supervisor

Bill Smith at this casual open house, topics of discussion based upon attendee interest; Saturday, 10/14, 9:00 - 10:00am, Fisher Meeting Room (first floor), Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street.

- [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 and fill out a [Contact Us](#) form.

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