

✓ Tax Rate Held Flat
 ✓ Keeps up with rising costs
 ✓ Supports Neighborhoods
 ✓ Maintains Full Services
 ✓ Sustainable

# **2023 Pittsford Town Budget**

Bill Smith | Pittsford Town Supervisor

Presented by Bill Smith, Pittsford Town Supervisor

## A 2022 Snapshot:

- •Aggressive Residential Road Repaving Program
- •Secured almost \$800,000 in grant funding
- Pedestrian Safety Improvements
- •Leaf Collection
- •Brush Collection
- •Constructed 2 new sidewalks
- •Major sidewalk Improvements
- •Major trail Construction and Improvements
- Improvements to our Pittsford Community Library
- •Funding for Pittsford Volunteer Ambulance
- Increased funding for Pittsford Youth Services
- •Support for Elderberry Express
- •Paddle and Pour, the Food Truck and Music Fest and the Family Halloween Fest
- •Family Outdoor Movie Nights, Concerts for Kids and more canalside concerts
- •Continuing Senior Lunch Program
- •More Senior Programs offered
- •Environmental initiatives that save taxpayers money while protecting our natural resources



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#### 2023 Budget Highlights:

- Holds tax rate flat, at \$3.13 per thousand dollars. Cumulatively since 2018, more than a 9% cut in the Tax Rate
- Increased funding for Pedestrian Safety improvements and measures to reduce speeding
- Full funding for Pittsford Youth Services per its request. Total increase in funding for PYS since 2017

   83%. In addition to this years ARPA funding for PYS.
- Full support for **Pittsford Community Library**
- Support for Elderberry Express
- Lunch Program for Seniors
- Funding for Grant Writing Services
- Continues to fund the **Zoning Code Update**
- Funding for stormwater drainage project
- **Support** for Pittsford Volunteer Ambulance
- Funds the 7.5% increase in medical costs
- Funds the 2% increase in Dental Plan costs
- **Community Events** and Recreation Programs
- Funds Paddle & Pour and the Food Truck & Music Fest
- More funding for continuing maintenance of Town Parks and Facilities
- Environmental initiatives

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# **Employees**

## 2023 Budget:

- NYS minimum wage increase pushes many into higher wage scale
- Non-Elected employees: higher of new wage scale, merit increase or 4%.
- <u>No</u> pay increase for Elected Officials
- Keeps up with rising benefit costs
  - Medical Insurance is up 7.5%
  - 2% increase in dental insurance (100% Town funded benefit)

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# NO Tax Rate Increase

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**Tax Rate:** 

2022 Tax Rate: \$3.13

2023 Tax Rate: \$3.13

Flat, 0% Increase

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## **Town Tax Rate Comparison**



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# **Tax Rates Lower Than Pittsford** *Pittsford: \$3.13*

#### <u>Parma - \$2.72</u>

- No Leaf pick-up
- Brush pick-up 2x per year

#### Penfield - \$2.78

No leaf pick-upNo brush pick-up

#### <u>Mendon - \$2.39</u>

- No Leaf pick-up
- Brush pick-up 2x per year
- No recreation department

#### <u> Perinton - \$2.34</u>

- \$1.8m revenue from landfill
- School Library District
- Leaf pick-up every 4-6 weeks

#### Henrietta - \$1.18

- Large commercial tax base
- No brush pick-up
- No leaf pick-up

#### <u>Riga - \$0.00</u>

- \$2m revenue from landfill
- No Leaf pick-up
- Brush pick-up 2x per year

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#### Town Taxes: 8¢ of every \$1 paid in Property Taxes



Other Taxing Jurisdictions 92¢ Town 8¢

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# **Continual Improvement:**

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# Supporting Neighborhoods, Full Town Services, Pittsford Community Library, Youth & Senior Services, Pittsford Recreation, Community Events & More

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# **Grant Funding:**

Every dollar in grant funding obtained is one less dollar we spend from taxpayers. In 2022, we have secured almost **\$800,000 in additional grant funding**. Some of the projects funded include:

- Buffer in a Bag
- Arbor Day Event
- Spiegel Community Center Upgrades
- Safe Routes to School Sidewalk Connection from Thornell Road to Mendon Road

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# **Department of Public Works**

- Additional traffic safety devices
- Pedestrian Safety improvements
- Leaf collection
- Brush collection
- Sidewalk improvements
- Sewer and drainage improvements
- Park and trail maintenance and improvements
- Plant more native plants and pollinator gardens









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# **Town Library**

The Library Director and Library Board plan annual goals around key areas highlighted in the library's Long-Range Plan. Those areas include technology, services, collections, and customer service. **Funding will:** 

- Continue to ensure library spaces are accessible, engaging and flexible
- **Expand opportunities for digital** services and resources
- Support continued evaluation of the use, presentation, and accessibility of physical and digital collections
- Increase circulating materials that reflect the diverse interests and needs of the community
- Fully fund staff to develop high-quality, culturally rich programs that reflect community needs and interests
- Fully fund staff to explore more opportunities for community outreach, engagement, and collaboration
- Continue to offer staff opportunities in continuing education and professional development
- Improvements to the building

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#### **Funding Senior Services and Programs**

Budget honors Town's commitment to quality of life for seniors. **Funding will support:** 

- Regular fitness programs including Zumba Gold, arthritis Exercise, balance class, yoga for seniors, Get Fit Stress Less and Tai Chi
- **Other senior programs** including line dance, square dance, craft club and Euchre
- Free tax prep services
- Free AARP Defensive Driving course
- Funds to support Elderberry Express senior resident driving service
- Additional Thursday trips using the senior program bus
- Tuesday lunches, picnics, guest speakers, movies and musical entertainment
- Programs utilizing our new pavilion at the community center







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### **Community Events and Recreation Programs**

The 2023 budget continues funding for the Town events and recreation programs our community has come to expect. **Funding will support:** 

#### **Community Events:**

Friday Night Summer Concert Series
Concerts for Kids
Four Family Outdoor Movie Nights
Pittsford Paddle & Pour, Main Street Food Truck and Music Fest, Memorial Day Parade, Family
Halloween Fest and a PGA event.

#### **Recreation Programs:**

**Program offerings by expert instructors** – including ballet, martial arts, tennis, kayaking, horseback riding, Irish Dance, babysitter training, aerobics, yoga, basketball and more

**Programs planned and presented by our recreation staff** – Child Watch, afterschool program, Summer Day Camp, preschool open gym, guided hikes, Adventure camp, youth soccer leagues, pickleball, basketball, volleyball and more. Presented by Bill Smith, Pittsford Town Supervisor



# **Next Steps**

- 11/1 Town Board Sets Public Hearing, recommended for 11/9
- 11/2 Budget will be posted on the Town website and hard copies will be made available to the public
- 11/9 Public Hearing on the 2023 Budget