

# News & Reviews

November 1, 2023

Town of Pittsford - a Clean  
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*Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings*

## **REMINDER – 2024 BUDGET HEARING IS THIS MONDAY, 11/6**

The public hearing for Town Supervisor Bill Smith's proposed 2024 Town Budget will be held in the Town Hall meeting room this **Monday, November 6 at 6:00pm** during the Town Board meeting. Please note this Town Board meeting was scheduled for Monday to avoid conflict with Election Day.

The Supervisor's budget holds the Town tax rate flat – with **no increase to the tax rate**. It continues funding for all of the Town's services and events.

The budget documents, including Supervisor Smith's budget presentation, are available to view on the Town website at [www.townofpittsford.org/budgets](http://www.townofpittsford.org/budgets). These also can be found by using the "Budgets & Financials" link under the "Government" tab on the Town website home page. Hard copies are available for viewing at Town Hall.

As always, comments for the Town Board meeting may be submitted in advance (prior to 2:30pm on the day of the meeting) or made during the meeting both in person and by email. Emailed comments may be sent to [comments@townofpittsford.org](mailto:comments@townofpittsford.org). The meeting will also be live streamed. See the agenda packet at [www.townofpittsford.org/minutes](http://www.townofpittsford.org/minutes) for viewing access and comment submission details; the agenda packet will be posted at least two days prior to the meeting. ASL interpretation is provided.

Town of Pittsford  
**Budget Public  
Hearing**

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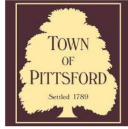
November 6  
at 6:00pm  
Town Hall Public Meeting  
Room  
11 South Main Street

## **NEXT SUPERVISOR OPEN HOUSE WITH BILL SMITH IS THIS SATURDAY, 11/4**

Town Supervisor Bill Smith will host his next community open house meeting this Saturday, November 4, from 9:00 - 10:00am at the

## Supervisor Saturday

with Bill Smith



9:00 - 10:00am

Pittsford Community Library

*Come and join the conversation!*

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 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](mailto:bsmith@townofpittsford.org).

### LEAF COLLECTION APP

You can use the Town's handy online leaf-collection app to track the location of our hardworking leaf-collecting crews and learn when they'll be at your house. Our Leaf App has proven to be a big help to residents in recent years! Just visit <https://gis.townofpittsford.org/LeafCollection/>. There, you'll find an interactive, color-coded map that operates in real time, allowing you to see where leaf crews are operating throughout the Town.



Domestic Violence Center

[WillowCenterNY.org](http://WillowCenterNY.org)

### **Message from Town Supervisor Bill Smith:**

#### **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT SERVICES**

For anyone who is victimized by domestic abuse, the Willow Domestic Violence Center offers help. Its services are free and confidential. Willow maintains a 24-Hour Hotline at (585) 222-SAFE. It maintains a 24-Hour Text Line at (585) 348-SAFE (7233).

Willow also offers emergency shelter and other services. It's Monroe County's only licensed domestic violence shelter, whose compassionate staff help survivors with counseling, medical care, assistance with finding a job or a place to live and more. You can learn more at [www.willowcenterny.org/our-services](http://www.willowcenterny.org/our-services).

You do not have to face domestic violence alone.

### **BLOOD DRIVE AT THE LIBRARY THIS FRIDAY**

The Town of Pittsford will host a Red Cross blood drive this Friday, November 3, 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!



### PITTSFORD ROTARY FOOD DRIVE IS THIS SATURDAY, 11/4 FROM 9AM - NOON

[The next Rotary](#) Club of Pittsford drive-thru food drive is Saturday, November 4, from 9:00am – 12:00pm, 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 [Veterans Outreach Center](#). *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 [Veterans Outreach Center](#) provides to veterans employment assistance and job training, health and wellness programs, veteran and family support programs, legal counseling, and a residential program, among other services. **Specific needs** for the Veteran's Outreach Center include **winter hats and gloves, dog and cat food** (dry and wet), **full-sized shampoo and toothpaste**, and **canned fruits, vegetables, soups and beans, rice, pasta and peanut butter**; [find a complete list of needs here](#).

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](mailto:oaktree@mail.naz.edu).

**A variety of canned and other packaged goods and personal items are needed for the Pittsford Food Cupboard**, including Thanksgiving-related donations such as stuffing, gravy, boxed potatoes, chicken broth, canned pumpkin, evaporated milk, and French-fried onions. Also needed are cereal, oatmeal, pancake mix, taco shells, jelly/jam, Spam, hash, sardines, beets, coconut milk, spinach, olives, refried beans, ketchup, salsa, canned pineapple and any condiments. The Pittsford Food Cupboard always welcomes hygiene-related items as well, 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](http://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.](#)

**PITTSFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT 125th ANNIVERSARY HISTORY PRESENTATION IS TONIGHT, 11/1**

*In partnership with Historic Pittsford*

Join [Historic Pittsford](#) at the Pittsford Volunteer Fire Department Station #1 tonight (Wednesday, 11/1) for a special presentation by [Pittsford Volunteer Fire Department](#) Safety Officer Barry Rickett. Learn all about the Department's 125-year history of service to our community and enjoy a tour of the engines and historic equipment! The program is free and open to the public; no registration is required. The presentation and tour will take place from 7:00 – 8:00pm; Pittsford Fire Station #1 is located at 8 Monroe Avenue in Pittsford Village.



 **Rotary Club of Pittsford**  
**Annual Election Day Supper**  
**Drive-thru Only**



Is Serving  
**Yard Bird  
Half Chicken,  
Cold Slaw,  
Cornbread, Cookie**

All Tickets \$18

Tickets available at:  
[PittsfordRotaryClub.org](#)  
or from any Pittsford Rotarian

Proceeds support  
Veterans Outreach Center,  
Honor Flight and other  
Local Charities.



ELECTION DAY-TUESDAY, NOV. 7  
4:00-7:00 PM  
THORNELL FARM PARK • PARKING LOT  
480 PITTSFORD-MENDON ROAD (RT. 64)

**ROTARY CLUB'S ELECTION DAY DRIVE-THRU BBQ SUPPER IS THIS TUESDAY, 11/7**

This Tuesday, November 7 remember to vote! And then be sure to take part in a Pittsford tradition – enjoy [The Rotary Club of Pittsford](#) Drive-Through Election Day Supper. They'll be serving chicken BBQ dinners prepared by [Mission BBQ](#) from 4:00 - 7:00pm. Dinners can be picked up via the drive-thru located at Thornell Farm Park, 480 Pittsford-Mendon Road (just south of Mendon High School). Each meal is \$18 and includes a half a chicken, coleslaw, corn bread and a cookie. Tickets are available on [The Rotary Club of Pittsford's website](#) or from any Pittsford Rotarian. A limited number of tickets will also be available at the

gate via cash or credit card. Now in its 57th year, this popular annual charity fundraiser will donate a portion funds raised to benefit the Rochester Veterans Outreach Center, Honor Flight and other community organizations.

**"FALL BEHIND" – TURN CLOCKS BACK THIS SUNDAY, 11/5 & CHECK YOUR SMOKE DETECTOR**

Daylight Saving Time ends this Sunday, November 6 at 2:00AM - time to "fall back" and set your clock back one hour, although you may want to do that just before you go to bed on Saturday night! The good news: we get an extra hour of sleep that day. However, the sun will set an hour earlier now, ushering in the early evening darkness of the season.

More good news: the end of Daylight Saving Time can help keep you safe and healthy - it is when fire and safety folks remind us to change the batteries and make sure our smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors are in working order.



**THIS IS MY GRANDMOTHER FILM SCREENING AND Q&A WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8**



Our Voices Project, a Rochester-based production company led by Jackie McGriff and Courtney Shouse, will screen part of their new film [This Is My Grandmother](#) and conduct a Q&A session on Wednesday, November 8. The film chronicles the stories of two Indigenous families: one of the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin and one of the Tuscarora Nation. These stories, told across three generations, cover growing up both on and outside of the reservation; traditions and cultural norms; and the lack of Indigenous history in classrooms. The screening takes

places from 6:00pm to 7:30pm in the Fisher Meeting Room at the Pittsford Community Library (24 State Street).

## SENIORS THANKSGIVING FEAST WITH MUSIC BY MIKE KORNICH 11/14

**Reservation deadline is this Thursday, 11/9**

Seniors, join us for a fabulous Thanksgiving Feast at 12noon in the VanHuysen Community Room at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center on Tuesday, November 14. After lunch, enjoy music by "swingin' jazzy blues" musician, Mike Kornich! The Thanksgiving spread menu includes roasted turkey with gravy, green bean casserole, mashed potatoes, stuffing, squash, jellies cranberry, and a dinner roll. And what would a Thanksgiving meal be without Pumpkin Pie with Whipped Cream for dessert? The cost for lunch is \$8.00 per person; advance registration and payment is required by Thursday, November 9. 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.



## NEW HORIZONS SYMPHONIC BAND FALL CONCERT NOVEMBER 4

[The New Horizons Symphonic Band](#) will hold a concert at the Calkins Road Middle School on Saturday, November 4, at 4:00pm. The concert promises to be a bountiful harvest of music for band marches, classic, pops, and more! New

Horizons is a division of the Eastman Community Music School, and the ensemble is comprised largely of senior citizens. This is a free concert, and everyone is welcome!

## AMERICAN LEGION VETERANS DAY CEREMONY IS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Save the date – the Town of Pittsford will join with [Rayson-Miller American Legion Post 899 on Veterans Day](#) on Friday, November 11 at 11:00am to honor all those who serve, or have

served, in our country's military forces. The ceremony will take place at the Veterans Monument in William A. Carpenter Park at the Port of Pittsford, 22 North Main Street. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend this moving tribute, which includes a presentation of colors, the placement of wreaths, a rifle salute and the playing of Taps.



## REMINDERS



### GUIDED HIKE THIS SATURDAY FEATURES THORNELL FARM PARK

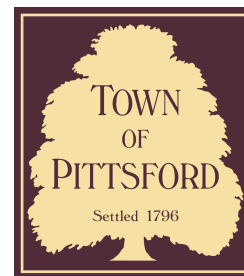
Our next guided trail hike takes place this Saturday, November 4 at Thornell Farm Park (480 Mendon Road). Meet at 8:30am for a beautiful, autumnal hike! Along the way, your guide will highlight the outdoor recreational opportunities at the park and discuss the park's history. Participants will be contacted with a meeting place prior to the hike date and receive a packet of maps and area information.

Wear sturdy, waterproof boots and appropriate

clothing for the weather. 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).

### 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

- [History of the Pittsford Volunteer Fire Department](#), presented by Historic Pittsford, Wednesday, 11/1, 7:00pm, Pittsford Fire Station #1, 8 Monroe Avenue; free and open to the public, no registration required, includes a tour of the engines and historic equipment
- [Red Cross Blood Drive at Pittsford Community Library](#), Friday, 11/3, 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 1800-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](http://www.redcrossblood.org)
- [Pittsford Rotary Food Drive](#), Saturday, 11/1, 9:00am - 12noon, Pittsford Sutherland High School bus loop, 55 Sutherland Street, collecting canned and packaged food items, personal hygiene items, and winter hats and gloves to benefit the [Pittsford Food Cupboard](#), [Nazareth College Oak Tree Food Pantry](#), and the [Veterans Outreach Center](#) (click links for complete lists of needs); gently used recent (past 12 months) magazines are also needed.
- [Rotary Club of Pittsford Election Day Drive-Thru BBQ Supper](#), Tuesday, 11/7, 4:00 - 7:00pm, Thornell Farm Park, 480 Mendon Road. Tickets are \$18 each, available online or from any Rotarian; proceeds to benefit local charities and service organizations.
- [Friends of Pittsford Library Fall Book Sale](#), featuring fine and rare books, Thursday, 11/9 from 4:00 – 8:00pm, Friday, 11/10 from 10:00am – 5:00pm, and Saturday, 11/11 from 10:00am – 4:00pm; bag-it sale from 4:00pm – 5:00 pm, 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.
- [American Legion Veterans Day Ceremony](#), Saturday, 11/11, 11:00am, Veterans Monument, William A. Carpenter Park at the Port of Pittsford, 22 North Main Street. Ceremony includes presentation of colors, wreath placement, rifle salute and taps; reception, also open to the public, follows at Rayson-Miller American Legion Post 899, 21 North Main Street
- [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

- **Town Board - includes public hearing for 2024 Proposed Town Budget**, Monday, 11/6, 6:00pm, Public Meeting Room, Town Hall (lower level), 11 South Main Street, ASL interpretation provided; 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 DATE/DAY**
- **Environmental Board**, Wednesday, 11/8, 7:00pm, Public Meeting Room, Town Hall (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) – **NOTE REVISED DAY AND DATE**

## 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, 11/4, 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](http://www.pittsfordartgroup.com) and fill out a [Contact Us](#) form.

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