

# News & Reviews

September 3,  
2025

Town of Pittsford - a Clean  
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Community

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*Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings*



*A Message from Town Supervisor Bill Smith:*

**THIS SCHOOL YEAR, PUT SAFETY FIRST**  
*School's in session – please put safety first.*

Pittsford's school year begins tomorrow, Thursday, September 4. I wish all of our students, teachers and families a smooth start. Tomorrow, nervous five-year-olds will take those first big steps onto the yellow school bus. As they start their educational journey, may they adjust to their new routines, make new friends and learn something new each day. Through it all, we

hope they'll stay safe.

Reckless driving, speeding in particular, puts schoolchildren at risk. As we continue to make safety improvements on Town roads and with new sidewalks, I will continue to ask the State Department of Transportation for various traffic safety improvements that only it can approve.

Note especially that **passing a stopped school bus with its stop sign deployed is a serious offense. It is uniquely dangerous.** All children, kindergarten through 12th grade, deserve to arrive at their destinations free from harm. Your participation is crucial.

Drivers, please obey speed limits, especially in school zones. Watch for children crossing the streets and be extra cautious during bus pick-up and drop-off times. Parents, please remind your children about the importance of road safety and using crosswalks. Make sure young bicyclists wear helmets. Speak with your student drivers about safe driving practices. Remind them it takes mere seconds of distraction to ruin lives.

Within our schools, teachers and staff do their part in keeping kids safe. Together we can make it safe for Pittsford's schoolchildren outside of school. Let's work together to

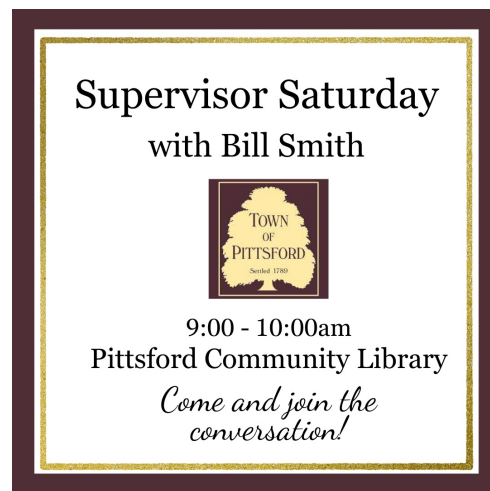
be alert, follow speed limits and safety protocols and show patience on the road.

## SUPERVISOR SATURDAY WITH BILL SMITH AT THE LIBRARY

Town Supervisor Bill Smith will host his next community open house meeting this **Saturday, September 6**, from **9:00 to 10:00am** at the **Pittsford Community Library**. If you have questions, ideas, or comments for Supervisor Smith, please stop by and join the conversation.

This casual open house will take place in the Fisher Meeting Room. Supervisor Saturday provides residents who can't visit Supervisor Smith during the work week an opportunity to speak with him directly. Come and discuss what matters most to you! Drop in – no registration required. The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street.

Supervisor Smith maintains an open-door policy and encourages residents to visit Town Hall by appointment during regular business hours, Monday through Friday. As always, he is available by phone at 248-6220 and by email at [wsmith@townofpittsford.org](mailto:wsmith@townofpittsford.org).



## FOOD TRUCK AND MUSIC FEST – PLUS DUCK DROP – IS SEPT. 13!

Pittsford's favorite end-of-summer festival takes place one week from Saturday! Our Main Street Pittsford Food Truck & Music Fest is **Saturday, September 13**, from **12noon to 9:00pm**. The annual [Pittsford Youth Services Duck Drop](#) in Carpenter Park at the Port of Pittsford will be held at 4:30pm.

Join us for a wide selection of popular food from mobile cuisine vendors and local eateries, a wine and beer garden, family activities, amusement rides, children's entertainment, shopping at Village merchants and live music all day!

Be sure to stay and enjoy our spectacular fireworks display, which begins at 9:00pm! Find complete details about this year's festival,

including our live music schedule, food vendors, activities and more, on our [Food Truck & Music Fest event page](#) on the Town website.

## SCHOOL TAX 2025-2026 INFORMATION

The 2025-2026 school tax bills have been mailed. If your bill has not arrived by Monday, September 9, 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:**

- **Monday, 9/15** – First installments are due by this date.
- **Tuesday, 9/16 to Saturday, 9/20** – First installments can be paid with 1% interest added.
- **Monday, 9/22** - All first installment payments received in person, by drop box by this date or mailed with a 9/20 postmark, will process as on-

time payments.

- **Wednesday, 10/1** – Full payments are due by this date.

**School Tax Collection locations and hours:**

- **Town of Pittsford, Town Clerk/Tax Receivers Office** : 11 South Main St; Monday – Friday 8:00am to 4:00pm
- **Town of Pittsford Drop Box locations**: 11 South Main St; at front & back doors – available 24 hours
- **Canandaigua National Bank and Trust**: 18 State St; Monday – Friday 9:00am to 5:00pm and Saturdays 9:00am to 12:00pm (September 1 – October 1 only)

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.

**All payments must include a phone number and payment coupon (located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> page of your bill)**

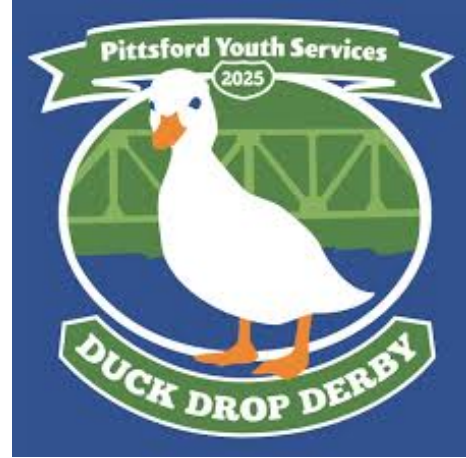
- Full and 1<sup>st</sup> installment payments **make payable** to RENEE MCQUILLEN, RECEIVER OF TAXES
- Per NYS Real Property Law, the **US postmark is used to determine the payment date** for tax payments received by mail. Payments postmarked after the due date will be assessed interest.
- If a **due date falls on a weekend or holiday**, payment is accepted without penalty on the next business day.
- **Online bank account payment is not recommended**. These payments arrive without a postmark and cannot be considered received until they arrive at the tax office. This will result in additional interest if not received by the due date.
- You **may pay online by credit card** at [www.monroecounty.gov/etc/rp/](http://www.monroecounty.gov/etc/rp/). An additional service fee totaling 2.75% of the amount to be paid will be added by the credit card processor. Any payment less than \$100 will be charged \$2.75.
- **Electronic check payments** can be made at [www.monroecounty.gov/etc/rp/](http://www.monroecounty.gov/etc/rp/) and are assessed a sliding scale fee based on the payment amount.

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**DUCK DROP IS SATURDAY, 9/13, AT FOOD TRUCK & MUSIC FEST – TICKETS AVAILABLE!**

Pittsford Youth Services' annual **Duck Drop Derby** on the Erie Canal returns on **Saturday, September 13, 2025, at 4:30pm** in Carpenter Park at the Port

of Pittsford, as part of the Town's Main Street Food Truck & Music Fest. Funds raised support vital professional, confidential, and affordable social work and counseling services for youth and families in our community. Each ticket gets you a duck in the race while helping support an organization that has been serving the community since 1969.



The Duck Drop Derby is PYS' largest fundraiser, and every contribution goes directly toward youth and family services in Pittsford. PYS continues to provide affordable, accessible and confidential counseling, advocacy and educational programs that empower young people and their families to thrive.

Admission to watch the event is free, but a ticket is required to enter a duck in the race. In addition to prizes for the winning ducks, there will be a raffle and silent auction.

#### **Ticket Information:**

- Solo Duck: \$10
- Family of Four: \$30
- Flock of Eight: \$50

Tickets are available at local Pittsford businesses, online at [pittsfordyouthservices.org](https://pittsfordyouthservices.org), by phone at 585-264-0604 or at the PYS office (4 South Main Street, enter on the side). Office hours are generally 9:00am to 3:00pm, but calling ahead is recommended.

Join the fun, support our youth and be part of this beloved community tradition! For more information about PYS programs and services, visit [pittsfordyouthservices.org](https://pittsfordyouthservices.org).



#### **ERIE CANAL BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION IS SEPTEMBER 27 & 28**

The Village of Pittsford will host a community-wide celebration of the 200th anniversary of the Erie Canal on Saturday and Sunday, September 27 & 28, 2025. This special weekend will showcase history, music, food, and fun as Pittsford celebrates its history along the historic waterway.

One of the highlights will be the arrival of a flotilla of canal boats, including the *Sam Patch*, the *Riverie*, the *Colonial Belle*, and the historic replica of the *Seneca Chief*, the vessel that carried Governor DeWitt Clinton when the Canal opened in 1825. Visitors can enjoy live music, a canal history exhibit, guided tours, dance performances, and a festive welcome at Schoen Place. There will also be a dock decorating contest, village-wide sidewalk sale, and plenty of activities for all ages.

The Town of Pittsford is proud to participate as a sponsor of several events, including



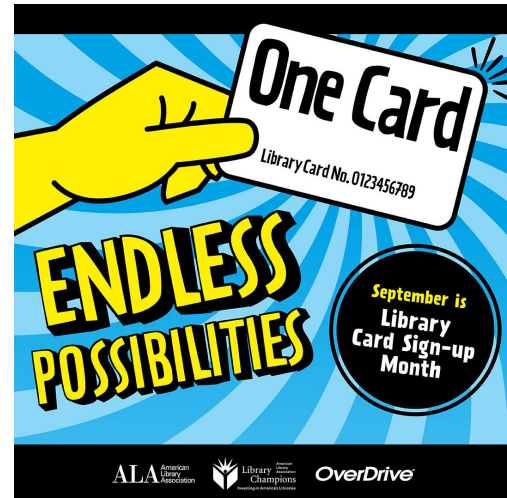
Don Dwyer's "Songs of the Erie Canal" performance and a dance program choreographed by Cecilia Whalen of the Baryshnikov Arts Center. The Town will also host the New York State Museum's traveling exhibit, "Enterprising Waters: New York's Erie Canal," which will be displayed at the Spiegel Community Center (Sept. 14–20) and the Pittsford Community Library (Sept. 21–26) before moving to Schoen Place for the big weekend.

Stay tuned for details as the celebration approaches at [www.townofpittsford.org/eriecanal200](http://www.townofpittsford.org/eriecanal200)

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## SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH: ONE CARD, ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES

September is [National Library Card Sign-Up Month](#), a perfect time to celebrate all that our libraries offer. Here in Pittsford and across Monroe County, a library card opens the door to so much more than books. With a Pittsford Community Library card, you can access e-books, audiobooks, movies, online learning tools, research databases, and even museum passes—all free of charge.



Library cards also connect you to the entire [Monroe County Library System](#), giving Pittsford residents access to resources and collections from every public library in the county. Whether you're a lifelong reader, a student seeking homework help, or someone eager to learn new skills, your library card is one of the most valuable tools in your wallet. If you don't already have a card, visit the Pittsford Community Library this month to sign up. It's quick, simple, and opens the door to a world of opportunities.

Be sure to follow the Pittsford Community Library's [Facebook page](#)! Librarian Joe recently finished an epic quest to check out items from all 31 MCLS Libraries in a single day. This month, he'll document everything he managed to borrow with his library card, along with other fun content to celebrate and promote National Library Card Sign-Up Month.

The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street. To learn more about upcoming Library programs, sign up for the [Library's weekly eNewsletter](#), visit the [Library's online program calendar](#), or call (585) 248-6275. For complete Library information, including hours of operation, visit [www.townofpittsford.org/library](http://www.townofpittsford.org/library).

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## ELDERSOURCE LIFESPAN CARE MANAGEMENT AT THE PITTSFORD SENIOR CENTER


Need help navigating services and support for yourself or a loved one? **Lifespan Care Management** is available at the **Pittsford Senior Center** on the **second Tuesday** of each month from **11:00am to 12:00pm**. Lisa Wholley, a care management specialist, is on

hand to provide guidance, emotional support and connections to community resources tailored to your needs.


Whether you need assistance with transportation, housing, home-delivered meals, pharmacy delivery or in-home supports such as housekeeping, Lisa can help. She can also assist with reviewing paperwork, assessing financial benefits, preventing scams and identity theft and increasing awareness of services and resources.

Call the **Pittsford Senior Center at 585-248-6235** to schedule a Tuesday appointment with Lisa. Appointments outside of the monthly session can be arranged through **NY Connects at 325-2800, Monday through Friday, 8:30am through 4:30pm.**


The Town's Spiegel 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.




**LIFESPAN CARE MANAGEMENT FOR  
PITTSFORD SENIORS**




THE SECOND TUESDAY OF  
EACH MONTH



BY APPOINTMENT:  
CALL 248-6235



THE PITTSFORD SENIOR  
CENTER  
35 LINCOLN AVENUE





**Blood Drive**  
**Pittsford Library**  
Meeting Room  
24 State Street  
Pittsford, NY 14534



**Friday, September 5, 2025**  
**10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: [pittsfordlibrary.org](https://pittsfordlibrary.org) to schedule an appointment.

## **BLOOD DRIVE AT THE LIBRARY THIS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**

The Town of Pittsford will host a **Red Cross blood drive** this **Friday, September 5**, from **10:00am-3:00pm** at the Pittsford Community Library in the Fisher Meeting Room. The Library is located at 24 State Street in the Village of Pittsford. Those who give blood now through September 21 will receive one of four mystery tees with an iconic Red Cross x PEANUTS design! (Limited quantity.)

Maximize your blood donation and help more patients! If you are an eligible type O, B, or A donor, consider making a Power Red donation. Red blood cells are the most transfused blood component. Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting [www.redcrossblood.org/donate-blood/manage-my-donations/rapidpass](https://www.redcrossblood.org/donate-blood/manage-my-donations/rapidpass) to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

Donating blood is a simple thing to do, but it can make an enormous difference in the lives of others. If you are eligible and feeling well, please make an appointment today to give by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) or calling 800-RED-CROSS.

**PITTSFORD ROTARY FOOD DRIVE THIS  
SATURDAY**



**Pittsford Rotary Food Drive**  
***Saturday, September 6***  
**9:00am - 12:00pm**  
**at the**  
**Pittsford Sutherland High School Bus Loop**



The illustration shows a brown cardboard box labeled "Donations" with various food and hygiene items. To the left of the box is a jar of peanut butter and two small jars of jam. To the right are a bottle of dish soap, a box of Q-tips, a tube of toothpaste, and a roll of paper towels. A circular logo with the text "DRIVE THRU" is positioned to the left of the box.

The Pittsford Rotary Club has scheduled food drives the first Saturday of the month through the end of the year. Additional information is available at [pittsfordrotaryclub.org](http://pittsfordrotaryclub.org) or contact David Irwin by email ([driwin8@gmail.com](mailto:driwin8@gmail.com)) or phone (585-269-2132). Please help our Rotarians help those in need if you can!



The 200-year-old building functions as Historic Pittsford's office, mini-museum, and resource center. Exhibits change regularly, so there is always something new to see

and learn about. Before you leave, **pick a free book about Pittsford history** from a basket of options – a small gift from the Little House.

**The Little House will also be open on Saturday, September 27,** when Historic Pittsford joins the Pittsford Community in celebrating the bicentennial of the Erie Canal! Historic Pittsford will also participate in the Community Garage Sale that day, offering a variety of unusual “historic” and “antique” items for sale on the front porch. Mark your calendar and plan to stop by!

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**FRIENDS OF THE PITTSFORD LIBRARY  
FALL BOOK SALE – SEPTEMBER 11-13**

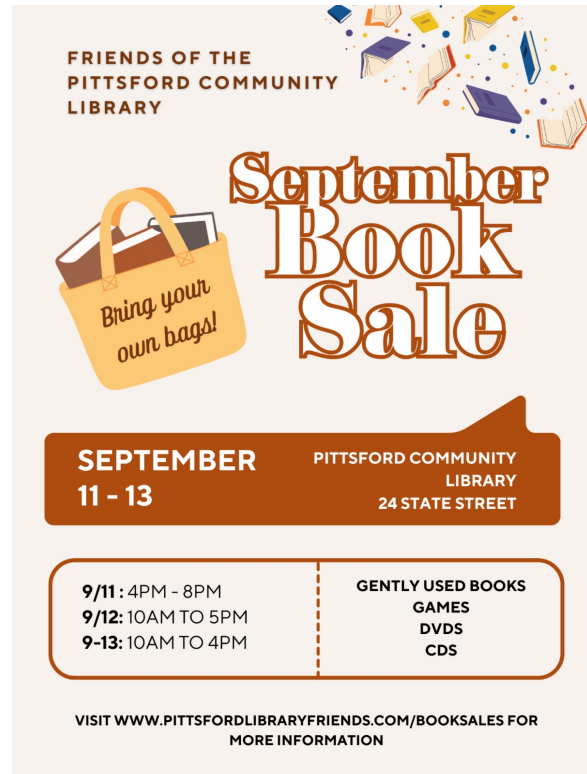
Peruse and purchase **books, puzzles, music and more** at the [Friends of Pittsford Community September Book Sale](#) at the Pittsford Community Library from **Thursday, September 11, through Saturday, September 13.** You'll find **hardcover and paperback books, DVDs, CDs and games** at great prices for a variety of age ranges and interests, from kids of all ages to adults. All items are in excellent condition – perfect for gift-giving or stocking up on winter reading! Please note that the book sale will coincide with the Food Truck and Music Festival, which begins at noon on Saturday, September 13. Credit cards accepted. **Please bring your own bags!** Find the schedule below:

**Thursday, September 11:** 4:00 to 8:00pm  
**Friday, September 12:** 10:00am to 5:00pm  
**Saturday, September 13:** 10:00am to 4:00pm

The Friends of the Pittsford Library are committed to fostering a love of reading while supporting important community projects at the Library. The sale seeks to raise funds for our local library and literacy initiatives. All proceeds from the sale will be used to buy new books, support educational workshops, and improve the reading resources available to our community. By taking part in this event, you will help enrich our community's educational and cultural life.

The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street.

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**ROTARY CLUB OF PITTSFORD CHARITY  
GOLF TOURNAMENT IS SEPTEMBER 14**

The Rotary Club of Pittsford's annual "Service Above Self" Charity Golf Tournament is set for September 14 at the Victor Hills Golf Club's South Course, 1450 Brace Road in Victor.





The event starts at noon with a pick-up lunch, followed by a 1:00pm start with a foursome scramble play. Dinner and awards begin at 6:00pm, with prizes for the team with the lowest score, closest to the rope, closest to the pin, and the putting contest.

"This tournament keeps growing in interest, and we appreciate everyone who supports this annual fundraising event," said Holly Garber, who co-chairs the tournament committee with her husband, Neal. "Even though we have lots of repeat players, we're always looking for more!"

Plenty of raffle prizes will be available at the event, including a fantastic grand prize: **two tickets to the Buffalo Bills' home game** against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers on November 16.

Fees are \$150 per golfer with a cart (\$600 for a foursome with a cart). Registration and sponsorship opportunities are available through the Rotary's website:

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

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN PITTSFORD

- [Red Cross Blood Drive at Pittsford Community Library](#), Friday, 9/5, 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).
- **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, 9/6, 9:00 - 10:00am, Fisher Meeting Room (first floor), Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street Pittsford
- [Rotary Food Drive](#), Saturday, 9/6, 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](#) (click link for complete list of needs) and other local pantries; gently used recent (past 12 months) magazines are also needed
- [Friends of Pittsford Library September Book Sale](#), Thursday, 9/11 from 4:00 - 8:00pm, Friday, 9/12 from 10:00am - 5:00pm, Saturday, 9/11 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.
- [Food Truck and Music Festival](#), Saturday, 9/13, 12:00-9:00pm, South Main Street (Four Corners to Locust Street) with Duck Drop at 4:30pm 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).
- [Rotary Club of Pittsford Charity Golf Tournament](#), Sunday, 9/14, charity golf tournament with prizes, at the Victor Hills Golf Club's South Course, 1450 Brace Road in Victor, registration and sponsorship opportunities found at [www.sites.google.com/view/pittsfordrotaryclub/golf-tournament](http://www.sites.google.com/view/pittsfordrotaryclub/golf-tournament)

## TOWN OF PITTSFORD BOARD MEETINGS

- **Planning Board**, Monday, 9/8, 6:30pm, 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)
- **Pittsford Community Library Board**, Wednesday, 9/10, 6:00pm, Fletcher Meeting Room, Pittsford Community Library, 24 State 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

- [Village Board of Trustees](#) meetings are generally the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 5:00pm, Village Hall, 21 North Main Street; more information and participation details will be listed on the Village website [here](#) as the meeting date approaches
- [American Legion Rayson-Miller Post 899](#) Tuesday morning breakfast and socializing, every Tuesday, 8:00-9:30am (kitchen closes at 9:15am), 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 [www.womensclubofpittsford.org](http://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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