

## News & Reviews

**September 10,  
2025**

**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 – PLUS DUCK DROP – IS THIS SATURDAY!**

Pittsford's favorite end-of-summer festival is almost here! Our Main Street Pittsford Food Truck & Music Fest is this **Saturday, September 13**, from **12 noon to 9:00pm**.

Join us for a wide variety of popular foods from mobile cuisine vendors and local eateries, along with a wine and beer garden, family activities, amusement rides, children's entertainment, shopping at Village merchants and live music all day, including a headlining performance by the [M80's](#)!

The annual [Pittsford Youth Services Duck Drop](#) in Carpenter Park at the Port of Pittsford will be held at 4:30pm. The Duck Drop Derby is **PYS' largest fundraiser**, and every contribution goes directly toward youth and

family services in Pittsford. 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 (located at 4 South Main Street, accessible via the side entrance). Office hours are generally **9:00am to 3:00pm**, but calling ahead is recommended.

**Ticket Information:**

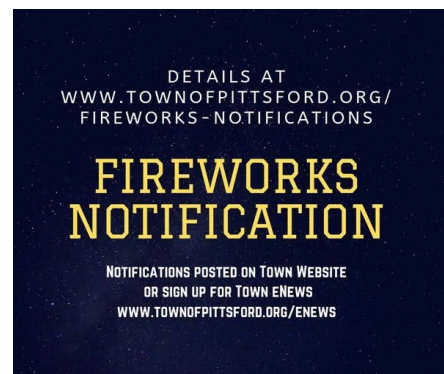
- **Solo Duck:** \$10
- **Family of Four:** \$30
- **Flock of Eight:** \$50

End the night with 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.

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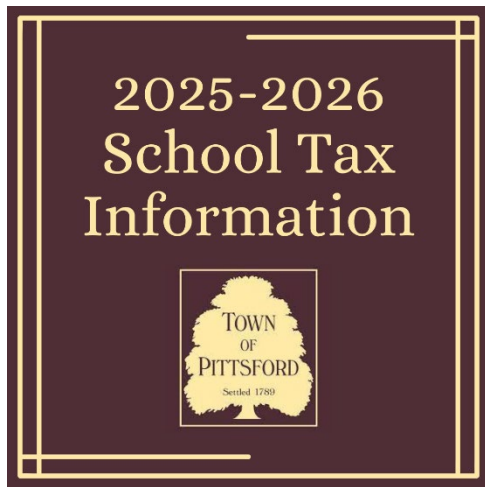
**FIREWORKS COURTESY NOTIFICATION  
FOR THIS SATURDAY (9/13)**

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](#). The Town can mail courtesy notifications 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 email the [Department of Public Works](#) or call them at 585-248-6250. Please see below the current fireworks event permit notification.



**Saturday, September 13, 2025** - public fireworks event (after Pittsford Food Truck & Music Fest), over the canal near Carpenter Park - approximately 9:00pm

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### **SCHOOL TAXES: FIRST INSTALLMENT DUE BY THIS MONDAY, 9/15**

Please note these dates for on-time first installments and full payments for school taxes:

- **On-time first installment** school tax payments are due **by this Monday, September 15.**
- **On-time full payments** are due by **Tuesday, October 1.**

**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 at Canandaigua National Bank, 18 State Street, in Pittsford Village or online through Monroe County; there will be a 2.75% fee to use this online payment service. To pay online, click [HERE](#).

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. 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.**

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## FRIENDS OF THE PITTSFORD LIBRARY FALL BOOK SALE BEGINS TOMORROW

Peruse and purchase **books, puzzles, music and more** at the [Friends of Pittsford Community September Book Sale](#) at the Pittsford Community Library tomorrow, **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:

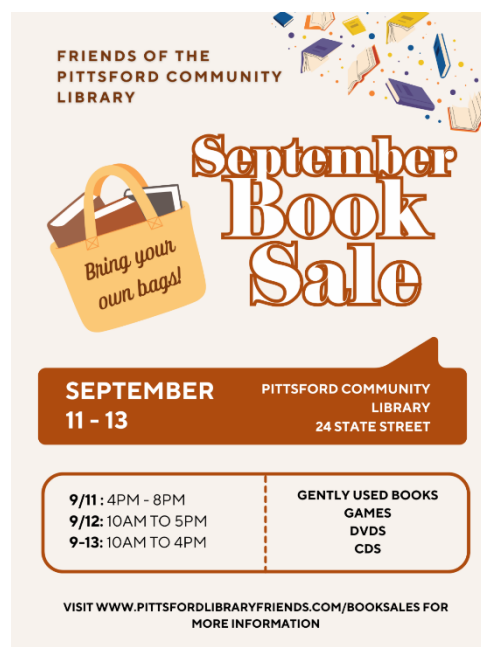
**Thursday, September 11:** 4:00 to 8:00pm

**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.



*Join us for a magical evening  
as we celebrate six decades of  
preserving Pittsford's remarkable history –  
and raise vital support for its future.*



***The Art of Preservation:  
A Barn Gala***  
**Celebrate 60 Years of Historic Pittsford**

**Saturday, September 20, 2025**

**6:00 - 9:30 PM • VIP experience starts at 5 PM**  
The Historic Thornell Barn  
451 Thornell Road, Pittsford, NY 14534

**Tickets available at: [historicpittsford.org](http://historicpittsford.org)**

Enjoy locally inspired fare, live music, dancing and  
a silent auction featuring artwork that  
captures the charm of Pittsford.

As the sun sets, kick up your heels with some  
good old-fashioned barn dancing!

Enhance your evening with a  
VIP group tour of this historic homestead.  
Learn about its rich architectural features and notable  
owners, led by preservationist Robert Corby.



**HISTORIC PITTSFORD GALA: "THE  
ART OF PRESERVATION" ON  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**

Historic Pittsford invites the community  
to enjoy a charming autumn evening at  
**The Art of Preservation: A Barn Gala  
Celebrating 60 Years of Historic  
Pittsford**, taking place **Saturday,  
September 20, 2025**, from **6:00pm  
to 9:30pm** at **The Thornell Barn**,  
located at **451 Thornell Road** in  
Pittsford, NY.

Pair polished but relaxed styles with  
sturdy shoes. Comfortable flats or boots  
are recommended for walking on grass  
and in the barn environment. Think  
Autumn Soiree – Barn Chic!

The event promises a "magical evening  
on the cusp of autumn," featuring locally  
inspired food, live music and a silent

auction showcasing artwork that beautifully captures Pittsford's character, from  
canal views to cobblestone corners. As twilight approaches, guests are  
encouraged to "kick up their heels" with some traditional barn dancing.

**Special VIP Experience**

A VIP Group Tour of the historic Thornell Barn is available from 5:00pm to  
6:00pm. Led by preservationist Robert Corby, this exclusive tour highlights the  
barn's architectural features and storied past, inviting guests to delve deeper into  
its heritage.

**Support for Preservation**

Proceeds from the gala will benefit Historic Pittsford's educational programs, the  
establishment of a dedicated archival space at the Little House and student  
scholarships, continuing its mission of preserving and sharing the region's rich  
history.

**Tickets & Pricing**

- **General Admission: \$100 per person:** includes dinner and one drink;  
additional beverages available at a cash bar.

- **General Admission + VIP Tour:** \$130 per person (includes everything above plus the 5:00pm VIP tour). Tickets for the VIP option are limited and are expected to sell out.

A nominal service fee applies to both ticket types.

### Registration & Donations

**Tickets can be purchased online at [historicpittsford.org](https://historicpittsford.org).** Those unable to attend may also support Historic Pittsford by donating through the same link.

Whether you're a longtime history fan or new to Historic Pittsford, this barn gala provides an opportunity to celebrate six decades of preservation and secure many more years ahead. Reserve your spot now and be part of this memorable evening!

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### "MEET SEPTEMBER" STORY STROLL BEGINS THIS MONDAY AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

Our next Story Stroll will take place from **Monday, September 15, through Sunday, September 21**. Families can take a leisurely Story Stroll behind the Spiegel Community Center while reading **"Meet September!"** by April Martin.

September is eager for the arrival of fall. She loves the cooler weather, cozy sweaters and celebrating Deaf Awareness Month and Hispanic Heritage Month. Her teacher, Ms. Seasons, assigns the class an autumn scavenger hunt to spot the first signs of the season—will September and her friends complete their project in time?



Once you have completed your Story Stroll, stop by the Community Center front desk and pick up a **themed craft pack to take home!** Craft packs are available Monday through Saturday from 8:00am to 5:00pm and Sunday from 10:00am to 5:00pm. Our next Story Stroll will take place from October 20 to October 26.

The Town's Spiegel Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. To learn more about our programs, activities and services, [click here to visit the Town of Pittsford's Recreation page on the Town website](#), [email the Recreation Department here](#), or call the Spiegel Community Center at 585-248-6280.





## **SENIORS CRAFT CLUB AT COMMUNITY CENTER – NEXT MEETING THIS FRIDAY, 9/12**

Our Pittsford Recreation Department has wonderful programs for seniors - and our seniors do wonderful things for others! The Seniors Craft Club, held at the Spiegel Community Center, makes items for our Senior lunch giveaways and for local charities. Craft Club is a wonderful opportunity to get creative, make friends and do something positive for others.

If you or someone you know enjoys crafting or would like to learn something new, join our seniors this fall! Craft Club meets once a month on Fridays from 9:30am to 11:30am. **The next meeting is this Friday, September 12.** To estimate how many supplies we need, **reservations for Craft Club are required.** Call 248-6235 to reserve your spot!

For more information, stop by the Senior Programs office at the Community Center or call 248-6235. The Town's Spiegel Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. To learn more about our programs, activities and services for seniors, visit our Seniors page at [www.townofpittsford.org/seniors](http://www.townofpittsford.org/seniors), read our [Seniors program info brochure online](#), or call our Senior Programs office at 248-6235.

## **LEARN AT-HOME COMPOSTING THROUGH THE LIBRARY'S CORNELL COOPERATIVE SERIES TOMORROW, SEPTEMBER 11**

Composting is an excellent way to reduce your waste while supporting the natural ecosystem around you. Discover how to practice nature's recycling and access educational resources to easily incorporate composting into your home.

**Cornell Cooperative Series: At-Home Composting** will take place tomorrow, Thursday, September 11, from 6:30 to 7:30pm. This is a free, online event, but registration is required. You can register through the [Library's online calendar](#). A Zoom invitation will be sent the day of the event.



This program is offered by a consortium of MCLS libraries that share resources and connect communities.

The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street. To learn more about upcoming Library programs, 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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### **TEEN SUMMER COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES THIS FALL AT THE LIBRARY**

Teens – looking for a way to earn service credits this school year? The Pittsford Community Library has you covered!

**Teen Community Service** is open to all students in grades 6-12. You must register for each date individually, but hurry – sessions are filling up fast! To register, visit the [Pittsford Community Library's online calendar](#) to find the dates

for which you'd like to register.

**Upcoming Teen Community Service Opportunities** (click on links to register):

[Wednesday, September 24, from 5:30pm to 6:30pm](#)

[Tuesday, September 30, from 3:30pm to 4:30pm](#)

[Tuesday, October 14, from 3:30pm to 4:30pm](#)

[Wednesday, October 22, from 5:30pm to 6:30pm](#)

[Tuesday, October 28, from 3:30pm to 4:30pm](#)

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**THE RIGHT SCHOOL AT THE RIGHT PRICE: COLLEGE PLANNING WORKSHOP – 9/18**

**Win College: The Right School at the Right Price** is an exciting new workshop offered this fall! Join us on **Thursday, September 18**, for an educational presentation and learn valuable tips about the college search, scholarships, the financial process, and New York's Free-Tuition Program for public and private schools. Discover what parents can do to help their children minimize overwhelming student loan debt. This workshop will take place at the **Spiegel Community Center, Room 204**, from **6:30 to 7:30pm**.

Parents of high school students in grades 9-12 are invited to attend. Students are welcome, too! Registration is required; register [online HERE](http://www.townofpittsford.org).

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 **THURSDAY, 9/18**

 **6:30-7:30 PM**

 **THE SPIEGEL COMMUNITY  
CENTER  
ROOM 204**



Can't make it this time? We're offering this valuable program again on [Saturday, November 15](#).

The Town's Spiegel Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. To learn more about our programs, activities and services, [click here to visit the Town of Pittsford's Recreation page](#) on the Town website, [email the Recreation Department here](#), or call the Spiegel Community Center at 585-248-6280.



**FREE MULCH FOR PITTSFORD RESIDENTS**

Our yard debris recycling program helps reduce landfill waste, pollution, and greenhouse gas emissions, while also protecting ecosystems and wildlife. It also offers our residents a practical benefit: **free mulch!**

**The recycling operation grinds wood and leaf debris into mulch that we distribute free of charge to Town residents.** You can pick up mulch at the **East Street storage bins** (enter at 34

East Street). You'll find the bins just before the gate to the Town Parks Department's offices. If you can haul it home, it's yours! Mulch is great for gardens as it helps with water retention, suppresses weeds without the use of toxic chemicals, and improves soil structure, drainage, and nutrient uptake.

### **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 and 28**. 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 **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**.

We're proud to contribute to the Village Celebration by hosting two Town performances canalside **in Carpenter Park at the Port of Pittsford** on **Sunday, September 28**. Carpenter Park is located at 22 N. Main Street.

**At 2:00pm**, we'll host the **Cecilia Whalen Dance Company's "The Erie Canal Project,"** an original dance performance inspired by traditional folk music and Canal history. It is choreographed by Cecilia Whalen, Residency Artist with the Baryshnikov Arts Center, and performed by her dance company and Nazareth University Students.

The event will begin with a brief introduction by Miss Whalen, who will discuss the inspiration behind the project and its development. The performance is funded by a grant from Monroe County, with additional funding from the Town of Pittsford. It is sponsored by Nazareth University, the Village of Pittsford and the Town of Pittsford, and is free and open to the public.

"The Erie Canal Project" is performed by Diego Gómez, Priscilla Vasquez, Natasha Schmid, Ghislaine van den Heuvel, Rebecca Pelleri, Kai McCoy and Tara Kuhl.

**At 3:00pm**, musician, singer and songwriter **Don Dwyer** brings the **Songs and Stories of the Erie Canal** to life. Based in the Buffalo, NY area, Don has performed across New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Tennessee, sharing music that captures the history, struggles, and spirit of the 19th century.

For many years, Mr. Dwyer performed with the Irish Volunteers Civil War Band, appearing at events such as the Gettysburg Music Muster, the Windham Civil War Heritage Gathering, the President James Garfield Home Civil War Weekend, and the Mumford Civil War Weekend. He has also performed for historical societies across the region.

Don proudly honors his family's history—his 3x great-grandfather and great-uncles, Irish immigrants who fought in the Civil War—through his performances.

In addition to his Erie Canal and Civil War repertoire, Don has been a part of the Irish music scene for 30 years, performing with Sons of the Gael and St. Brendan's Fancy. Visit his website to learn more: [Don Dwyer Civil War Music](#).

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.

Find complete **Erie Canal Bicentennial Celebration details** on the Pittsford Village website at [bit.ly/canal-bicentennial](http://bit.ly/canal-bicentennial).

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## ROTARY CLUB OF PITTSFORD CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT IS THIS SUNDAY, 9/14

The Rotary Club of Pittsford's annual **"Service Above Self" Charity Golf Tournament** is this Sunday, 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

- [Friends of Pittsford Library September Book Sale](#), Thursday, 9/11 from 4:00 - 8:00pm, Friday, 9/12 from 10:00am – 5:00pm, Saturday, 9/13 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)
- **"Meet September" Story Stroll**, September 15-21, Spiegel Community Center field, 35 Lincoln Avenue; stop by the Community Center front desk after completing the walk to pick up a themed craft pack to take home; free and open to the public.
- **Erie Canal Bicentennial Celebration**, September 27-28, throughout the Village of Pittsford, community-wide celebration will showcase history, music, food and fun as Pittsford celebrates its history along the historic waterway.

## TOWN OF PITTSFORD BOARD MEETINGS

- **Design Review & Historic Preservation Board**, Thursday, 9/11, 6:00pm, 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)
- **Parks and Recreation Board**, Thursday, 9/11, 6:30pm, Spiegel Community Center, 35 Lincoln Ave, Room 207; 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)
- **Zoning Board**, Monday, 9/15, 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)
- **Town Board**, Tuesday, 9/16, 6:00pm, 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)

## 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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