



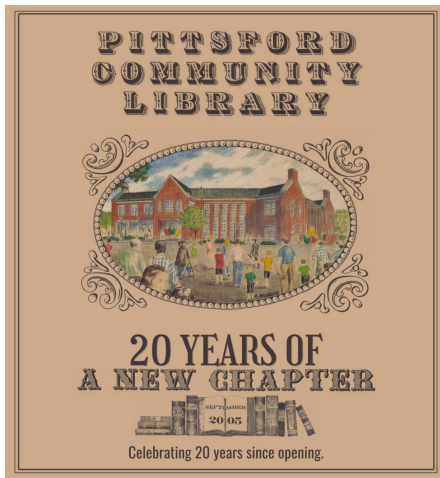
# News & Reviews

September 17,  
2025

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## UPCOMING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS AT THE PITTSFORD COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Today marks 20 years since the Pittsford Community Library's current building opened! The building opened on September 17, 2005, replacing the structure where the Library had been located for nearly 30 years. To celebrate, we are hosting events in September and October, with displays throughout the building to honor our history and how it has connected the community over the past 20 years. Take a look at the scheduled events:

Saturday, September 27, from 2:00 to 3:00pm:

### **Landmarks, Libraries, and a Legacy.**

Join Geoffrey Zeiner of Gonechester.com as he explores the history of the Pittsford Community Library, from its origins to its current location, the people involved, and other intriguing aspects—registration recommended. Register through the [Library's online calendar](#).

### **Thursday, October 2, from 6:30 to 7:30pm: Early History of the Pittsford Community Library**

Pittsford Town and Village Historian Vicki Masters Profitt takes us back to explore the origins of the library in Pittsford. Registration recommended. Register through the [Library's online calendar](#).

### **Monday, October 20 & 21: PCL's History Mystery Break-In Room**

Can you solve the puzzles, open the locks, and escape before time runs out? This break-in room activity is designed for groups of 2-6; each group must register for a single 15-minute time slot. Best for ages 7 & up, but all are welcome. Registration required. Time slots are already filling up, so register soon through the [Library's online calendar](#).

And this Saturday, September 20, the Friends of the



Pittsford Library invite you to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary! The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration will take place from 1:00 to 4:00pm at the Pittsford Community Library. There will be activities for all ages, including storytime, a historical presentation, a pet therapy presentation, gift drawings, a scavenger hunt, a tour of the sorting room, and a picture with the pup! They will also be serving ice cream! Come for the fun, stay for the memories. This event is free and open to the public; no registration required.

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).

## 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 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 in **Carpenter Park at the Port of Pittsford on Sunday, September 28**. Carpenter Park is located at 22 North Main Street.

**At 2:00pm**, we'll host the **Cecilia Whalen Dance Company** performance of "**The Erie Canal Project**," an original dance piece inspired by traditional folk music and Canal history. It is choreographed Cecilia Whalen, Residency Artist with the Baryshnikov Arts Center, and performed by her dance company and the Nazareth University Dance Ensemble. The performance is at the Carpenter Park pavilion. In the event of rain, the event will be held at the Pittsford Community Library in the Fisher Meeting Room.

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. To learn more about her works, visit [Cecilia Whalen's website](#).

**At 3:00pm**, musician, singer and songwriter **Don Dwyer** brings **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 repertoire of the Erie Canal and the Civil War, 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.

We have Town programs information at [www.townofpittsford.org/eriecanal200](http://www.townofpittsford.org/eriecanal200). Find complete **Erie Canal Bicentennial event details** on the Pittsford Village website at [bit.ly/canal-bicentennial](http://bit.ly/canal-bicentennial).

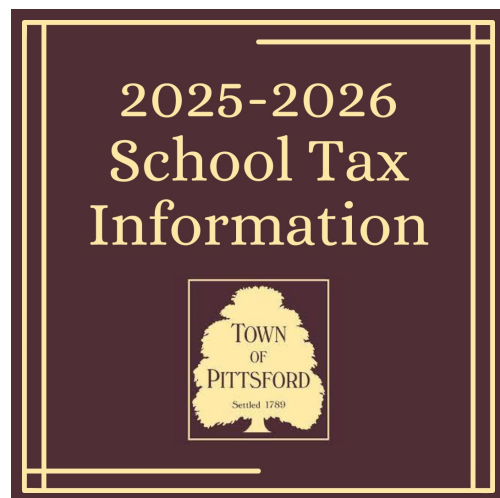
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## SCHOOL TAXES: FULL PAYMENTS DUE BY 10/1

School Tax on-time full payments are due by **Wednesday, October 1**.

### **School Tax Collection locations and hours:**

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



**Payments may be made in person, by mail or by secure drop box.** Please include your payment coupon and a contact phone number on your check. Failure to do so increases processing time. Payments can also be made online through Monroe County;

a 2.75% fee will be applied for using this online payment service. To pay online, click [HERE](#).

**Second and third installment payments cannot be accepted at Town Hall.** They should be made payable to: Monroe County Treasurer and mailed to PO Box 14420, Rochester NY 14614 or delivered in person to the Monroe County Office of the Treasury (39 West Main Street, Monroe County Office Building Room B-2.)

**Full payments with a 2% interest rate will be accepted from October 2 to October 31.** If you need assistance with this calculation, please contact the tax office directly by email at [townclerk@townofpittsford.org](mailto:townclerk@townofpittsford.org) or by phone at 585-248-6215 to determine the correct amount due.

Please Note: **We strongly discourage paying your tax bill via your banking Electronic Checking/Online bill pay system.** If you are paying your bill through an online bill pay system, please be aware that your bank may still mail 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.**



#### **CHAMBER TO HOST STATE OF PITTSFORD ADDRESS SEPTEMBER 28**

The Pittsford Chamber of Commerce will host its annual **"State of Pittsford" breakfast** featuring Town Supervisor Bill Smith, Village Mayor Alyssa Plummer and Pittsford Schools Superintendent Mike Pero on **Thursday, September 25 at The Highlands of Pittsford Hahnemann Club** (301 Stoutenburgh Lane).

Supervisor Smith, Mayor Plummer, and Superintendent Pero will inform attendees of the progress made over the past year and provide insight into upcoming initiatives.

Doors open at 7:30am. The event begins with a light continental breakfast at 7:45am followed by presentations starting promptly at 8:00am and Q&A at 8:50am. The event is free to attend, but advance registration is required due to limited seating.

For more information and to register, please visit the [Pittsford Chamber of Commerce website](#). To request American Sign Language interpretation during the meeting, email [pittsford.chamber.news@gmail.com](mailto:pittsford.chamber.news@gmail.com) with your name and the number of attendees.

#### **SENIORS MOVIE MATINEE SEPTEMBER 25: COCO CHANEL**

***Reservations required by this Monday,  
September 22***

Seniors, join us on **Thursday, September 25** for a free morning movie matinee featuring ***Coco Chanel*** – the 2008 biographical drama starring Shirley MacLaine as the legendary designer! Enjoy a complimentary selection of



coffee, breakfast pastries, and popcorn while watching the film. Then, stay for lunch, featuring pizza, salad, and dessert, if you'd like.

The movie begins at 10:30am in the **VanHuysen Community Room at the Spiegel Community Center**. The movie and snacks are free; the cost for the optional lunch is \$6.00 per person. To plan accordingly, please register for the movie and the optional lunch by March 3 by calling (585) 248-6235.

Step into the dazzling world of high fashion with *Coco Chanel*, a captivating film about the iconic designer who revolutionized women's style. Follow her remarkable journey from humble beginnings to creating a timeless legacy that continues to inspire today—join us for this free matinee screening!

The Spiegel Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. To learn more about our programs, activities, and services for seniors, visit the [Seniors page](#) on the Town website, read the [Seniors program](#) info brochure online, or call our Senior Programs Office at 248-6235.



*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" IS THIS SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

*Tickets available through Thursday, September  
18, at noon.*

Tomorrow is the last day to purchase tickets for  
**The Art of Preservation: A Barn Gala Celebrating  
60 Years of Historic Pittsford!** The Gala is **this  
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 [www.historicpittsford.org](http://www.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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## SAVE THE DATE – PITTSFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE SATURDAY, OCT 4

Our Pittsford Fire Department members provide an invaluable service to our community. You 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** on **Saturday, October 4**, from **9:00am to 11:00am** 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. Take a tour of the station and get an up-close look at the firetrucks, tools and equipment. Learn about fire prevention. And be sure to chat with our volunteer firefighters – they'll be available to provide information, answer questions and discuss firefighting activities. Enjoy donuts and cider too! The event is free and open to the public.

First responders and representatives from Pittsford Volunteer Ambulance, Monroe County Sheriff's Office, the Monroe County Office of Traffic Safety and the STOP-DWI will also be on site, providing additional health and safety information. The Sheriff's Office will be offering SAFE CHILD services, including photo ID cards that contain the child's name, biographical information (date of birth, gender, height, weight, hair color, eye color, etc.), and a fingerprint image of both index fingers for assisting law enforcement in case a child goes missing (this is at no cost to the parents). The Pittsford Community Library Book Bike will also be there!

As the number of calls for service continues to grow, so does the need for volunteers. **The Pittsford Volunteer Fire Department is always seeking community members**



interested in joining its 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!

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### PUR YOUR GARDEN TO BED WITH CORNELL COOPERATIVE – ONLINE EVENT TONIGHT

This seminar covers what to do in the fall—whether you have an annual or perennial garden—to help ensure a successful garden the next year. **Cornell Cooperative Series: Putting Your Garden to Bed** is tonight, Wednesday, September 17, 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.

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### PARENTS' NIGHT OUT THIS SATURDAY

Parents, treat yourselves to a night out while your kids have a blast at our **Parents' Night Out** event. Kids will watch part of a movie on our projector screen while munching on popcorn. We will also dance to lively music, tackle an obstacle course, play games, and make new friends. (No dance experience required!) Students are encouraged to bring sleeping bags, pillows, and blankets for the movie. Advance registration is required. Register through [the Pittsford Recreation web page](#) on the Town of Pittsford website.



**Parents' Night Out** takes place this Saturday, **September 20**, from **5:30 to 7:30pm** at **Studio East Dance Company**, 370 Macedon Center Road, Unit 3 in Fairport. Children aged three to 12 years are welcome to join us! Can't join us this time? No worries! We will hold another Parents' Night Out on Saturday, October 18.

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### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RIVERIE CRUISE SEPTEMBER 28

Come out and network with fellow Chamber of Commerce and Board members on a special cruise celebrating the 200th



anniversary of the Erie Canal aboard the *Riverie*. The cruise will take place on September 28 from 2:00 to 5:00pm.

Tickets are available for \$40, payable by credit card. Register and pay at [www.pittsfordchamber.org](http://www.pittsfordchamber.org). Cash payments will not be accepted at the time of boarding. Each participant will receive one drink ticket from the chamber, and light snacks will also be provided.

Additional drinks can be purchased on board the *Riverie*.

Departure takes place along Schoen Place near the Sam Patch ticket booth, and passengers should arrive at least 30 minutes before the 2:00pm departure time.

The cruise will last about 3 hours, departing from and returning to Schoen Place. Space is limited, so sign up soon! We look forward to seeing you there!

## PIANO CONCERT AND FALL FESTIVAL RETURN TO THE UNITED CHURCH OF PITTSFORD

Pianist John Williams returns to the United Church of Pittsford on Tuesday, September 23, at 7:00pm with a one-hour, narrated program of his favorite American popular tunes! Learn more about John and his life through the music he loves.

"My Favorite Songs" will take place at the United Church of Pittsford, located at 123 Main Street. This event is free and open to the public.

And make sure to save the date for the annual United Church of Pittsford's **Fall Festival** on **September 27** from **9:00am to 4:00pm**. The festival is free and open to the public, featuring local artisans, crafters and a food truck. The address is 123 S. Main Street. For more information, please visit [www.ucpittsford.org](http://www.ucpittsford.org).

 A poster for a piano concert. It features a photo of John Williams. The text reads: "JOHN WILLIAMS Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 pm". Below this, it says: "MY FAVORITE SONGS" - PIANIST JOHN WILLIAMS RETURNS TO UCP ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>, AT 7 PM WITH A ONE-HOUR, NARRATED PROGRAM OF FAVORITE AMERICAN POPULAR TUNES. LEARN MORE ABOUT JOHN AND HIS LIFE THROUGH THE MUSIC HE LOVES. JOIN US! It also mentions: FREE EVENT - FREE PARKING, UNITED CHURCH OF PITTSFORD, REV. JULIUS D JACKSON, JR., PASTOR, 123 S. MAIN ST - PITTSFORD, UCPITTSFORD.ORG. There is a photo of Rev. Julius D. Jackson, Jr. and a graphic of piano keys at the bottom.

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN PITTSFORD

- **"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.
- **Pittsford Chamber State of Pittsford presentation**, featuring updates by Town Supervisor Bill Smith, Village Mayor Alyssa Plummer and School District Superintendent Mike Pero; Tuesday, 10/28, doors open 7:30am, 7:45am light breakfast, 8:00am presentations, 8:50am Q&A, The Highlands of Pittsford Hahnemann Club, 301 Stoutenburgh Lane. Free and open to the public but advance registration required; visit [www.pittsfordchamber.org/events/state-of-](http://www.pittsfordchamber.org/events/state-of-)



[pittsford/](http://pittsford/) to register and for additional information.

- **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.
- **Pittsford Fire Department Open House**, Saturday, October 4, 10:00am - 2:00pm, Fire Station #1, 8 Monroe Avenue; children's activities, fire trucks on display, firefighters available to provide safety information, free and open to the public, more info forthcoming at [www.pittsfordfd.org](http://www.pittsfordfd.org)

## TOWN OF PITTSFORD BOARD MEETINGS

- **Planning Board**, Monday, 9/22, 6:30pm - **NO MEETING**
- **Design Review & Historic Preservation Board**, Thursday, 9/25, 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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