

## News & Reviews

October 8, 2025

Town of Pittsford - a Clean Energy and Climate Smart Community

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# COLUMBUS DAY/INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY CLOSURES FOR THIS MONDAY, 10/13

Town of Pittsford offices, facilities, and services, including Town Hall, the Highway, Parks, and Sewer departments, the Spiegel Community Center, and the Town Court, will be closed this Monday, October 13, in observance of the Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples Day holiday. The Pittsford Community Library will be open regular hours (9:00am – 8:00pm).



In case of an emergency requiring Town of Pittsford services during the holiday closure, please call (585) 248-6212.



## STATE OF PITTSFORD VIDEO NOW ONLINE

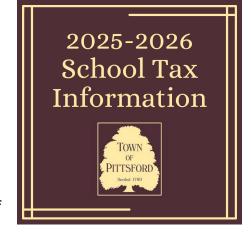
The Pittsford Chamber of Commerce's 2025 State of Pittsford presentation included updates from the Town, Village, and School District. The uploaded video, available to watch on demand via ERCN TV-12, features speeches by Town Supervisor Bill Smith, Village Mayor Alyssa Plummer, and Pittsford Schools Superintendent Mike Pero. Find it here: <a href="mailto:bit.ly/2025-state-of-pittsford">bit.ly/2025-state-of-pittsford</a>.

# STATE MANDATES 2% INTEREST ON ALL SCHOOL TAX PAYMENTS THROUGH 10/31

Because school taxes were due on October 1, all payments made between October 2 and October 31 must include a 2% interest charge. State law mandates the 2% interest charge **The town has no** 

**authority to waive it**. Installment payments are no longer accepted. Only payments in full, with the State-mandated interest, can be made through October 31.

If you need help calculating your total payment, please contact the tax office at townclerk@townofpittsford.org or call 585-248-6215 to determine the correct amount. After October 31, payments should be made to the Monroe County Treasurer. Please check the back of your bill for instructions.



Payments may be made in person, by mail or by a 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. 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; please note that a 2.75% fee applies for using this online payment service. To pay online, click HERE.

## EARLY VOTING IN MONROE COUNTY: OCTOBER 25-NOVEMBER 2

The November 5 General Election is quickly approaching! Here are **important dates for all New York State voters**:

- October 25 Voter registration deadline (must be *received* by the Board of Elections by this date, whether mailed or submitted in person).
- October 25 Last day for the Board of Elections to receive an application for an absentee or early mail ballot by mail or online portal.



- October 25 to November 2 Early voting period for the General Election.
- November 3 Last day to apply in person for an absentee or early mail ballot.
- November 4 Last day to postmark your ballot. It must be received by the Board of Elections no later than November 12.
- November 4 Election Day (polls open 6:00am to 9:00pm).

Early voting for the November 2025 General Election begins Saturday, October 25 and continues through Sunday, November 2.

Pittsford residents can vote early at **Pittsford Town Court**, **Suite 950**, **3750 Monroe Avenue**.

Pittsford residents can also vote at any of the other early voting sites within Monroe County:

### **County Office Building**

39 W. Main Street, Rochester, NY 14614

### Staybridge Suites Rochester University

1000 Genesee Street, Rochester, NY 14611

### **Greece Town Hall**

1 Vince Tofany Boulevard, Rochester, NY 14612

### **Brighton Farmers Market**

1435 Westfall Road, Rochester, NY 14618

#### **David Gantt Recreation Center**

700 North Street, Rochester, NY 14605

### **Edgerton Recreation Center**

41 Backus Street, Rochester, NY 14608

## **Irondequoit Community Center**

450 Skyview Centre Parkway, Suite 200, Rochester, NY 14622

### **Perinton Square Mall**

6720 Pittsford-Palmyra Road, Fairport, NY 14450

#### **Henrietta Public Library**

625 Calkins Road, Rochester, NY 14623

### **Gates Public Library**

902 Elmgrove Road, Rochester, NY 14624

#### **Pittsford Town Court**

3750 Monroe Avenue, Suite 950, Pittsford, NY 14534

### **Webster Justice Court Building**

1002 Ridge Road, Webster, NY 14580

### **Sweden-Clarkson Community Center**

4927 Lake Road South, Brockport, NY 14420

### Early voting hours at all locations are as follows:

- Sat, Oct 25: 9:00am 5:00pm
- Sun, Oct 26: 9:00am 5:00pm
- Mon, Oct 27: 9:00am 5:00pm
- Tue, Oct 28: 12:00am 8:00pm
- Wed, Oct 29: 9:00am 5:00pm
- Thu, Oct 30: 12:00am 8:00pm
- Fri, Oct 31: 9:00am 5:00pm
- Sat, Nov 1: 9:00am 5:00pm
- Sun, Nov 2: 9:00am 5:00pm

Those who prefer to vote from home can request an Early Mail Ballot through the Monroe County Board of Elections. Applications must be postmarked by October 25 or delivered in person by November 3.

For more information, <u>visit monroecounty.gov/elections</u> or call the Monroe County Board of Elections at (585) 753-1550.

# PITTSFORD HOMECOMING GAME AND PARADE – OCTOBER 10 & 11

It's Homecoming weekend for the Pittsford

Panthers! Festivities kick off with the Homecoming Football Game and Hall of Fame Induction on Friday, October 10, at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$5.00 and can be purchased online through this link. Cheer on the Panthers and celebrate this year's Hall of Fame honorees under the Friday night lights.

Then on **Saturday, October 11**, the tradition continues with the **Pittsford Homecoming Parade**, a favorite annual showcase of community spirit!



#### Parade details:

- Arrival: by 8:15am at Sutherland High School (SHS). Organizers will assist with the lineup; all participants should be in place in the bus loop by 8:30am (the parking lot closes to traffic at that time).
- Parade start: 9:00am
- Route: From SHS to Monroe Avenue → right onto Main Street → right onto Lincoln Avenue → returning to SHS.
- Parade end: approximately 9:35am
- Parent pick-up: begins at 9:40am
- Overflow parking: available at the Spiegel Community Center.

Come out and celebrate Pittsford's students, athletes and community spirit throughout Homecoming Weekend!



### NYS BURN BAN IN EFFECT NOW THROUGH OCTOBER 15

Due to continued dry conditions in the state of New York, on October 2, Governor Kathy Hochul announced a statewide burn ban that will remain in effect until October 15. At that time, the ban will be reevaluated.

Currently, New York State faces a high fire danger in the Southern Tier, Lake Ontario Plains, St. Lawrence, Adirondack, High Peaks, and Upper Hudson-Champlain regions due to dry conditions and gusty winds, resulting in a temporary

statewide burn ban until October 15, 2025. All other parts of the state are at a moderate fire danger.

The burn ban prohibits the following:

- Outdoor fires for brush and debris disposal
- Uncontained fires, including campfires
- Open fires used for cooking
- Burning of garbage or leaves (prohibited by NYS all year round)

Backyard fire pits and contained campfires less than three feet in height and four feet in width are allowed, as are small, contained cooking fires. Please remember never to leave these fires unattended and to extinguish them after use. Be fire-wise and help keep everyone safe!

## FIRE PREVENTION WEEK HIGHLIGHTS LITHIUM-ION BATTERY SAFETY

This year's National Fire Prevention Week takes place October 5–11, 2025, with the theme "Charge into Fire Safety™: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home." The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), which has sponsored Fire Prevention Week for more than 100 years, chose this theme to raise awareness about how to safely use, charge, and dispose of the lithium-ion batteries that power many of the devices we rely on every day — from smartphones and laptops to lawn tools, headphones, e-cigarettes, and children's toys.



While lithium-ion batteries are efficient and convenient, they can overheat, catch fire, or even explode if damaged or mishandled. NFPA's campaign highlights three key safety steps: buy only listed products that meet safety standards, charge devices as instructed by the manufacturer using the proper cords and dispose of or recycle used batteries safely.

Fire Prevention Week is the longest-running U.S. public health observance, with local fire departments, schools, and community groups leading programs nationwide each October. This week presents an opportunity to refresh basic fire safety practices that help keep homes and families safe.

You can read the full article and explore safety resources for all ages at <a href="www.fpw.org">www.fpw.org</a>. Additional educational materials are available for children, parents, and teachers at <a href="sparky.org">sparky.org</a> and <a href="sparky.schoolhouse.org">sparky.schoolhouse.org</a>.



## GUIDED HIKE THIS SATURDAY, 10/11, ALONG THE HISTORIC ERIE CANAL AND FROG POND TRAIL

Pittsford Recreation's upcoming guided trail hike is this Saturday, October 11 at 8:30am. Get outside, meet fellow hikers, and discover hidden natural treasures in your community! This weekend, we will explore a segment of the Historic Erie Canal Trails, including the Frog Pond Trail. The hike will cover both natural surface trails and paved paths, with some elevation changes along the way. Sneakers or hiking boots are recommended. We will walk at

a brisk pace while discussing recreational opportunities, local points of interest, area ecology, and much more.

The Recreation Department will contact participants in advance with a meeting place and additional details before the hike date. They will also hand out a trail map at the start of the hike. Bring your Wegmans Hit the Trail Passport to earn credit for hiking the trail! The program is free, but registration is necessary. You can register online through the <u>Pittsford recreation webpage</u> or in person at the Spiegel Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue. Free, downloadable, and printable maps are also available in advance on the Town's website at <u>www.townofpittsford.org/trails\_and\_walkways.</u>

# SENIORS MOVIE MATINEE OCTOBER 16: THE ADDAMS FAMILY

Reservations required by this Monday, October 13

Seniors, join us on Thursday, October 16, for a free morning movie matinee featuring *The Addams Family* (1991), a delightfully macabre comedy that follows the creepy, kooky Addams clan as they face a scheming lawyer and a mysterious man who may—or may not—be long-lost Uncle Fester. 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 October 13 by calling (585) 248-6235.

When a man (Christopher Lloyd) claiming to be Fester, the missing brother of Gomez Addams (Raul Julia), arrives at the Addams' home, the family is thrilled. However, Morticia (Angelica Huston) begins to suspect the man is a fraud because he cannot recall details of Fester's life. With help from lawyer Tully Alford (Dan Hedaya), Fester manages to get the Addams family evicted from their home. Gomez realizes the two men are plotting to swindle the Addams' fortune and that he must confront Fester.

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



# HOW TO CHOOSE A MEDICARE PLAN – FREE WORKSHOP AT THE PITTSFORD SENIOR CENTER, 10/16

Are you or a loved one getting ready to enroll in Medicare or thinking about changing your current plan? Join us for a free informational workshop on **Thursday**, **October 16**, from **10:30am to 12:00pm** in Room 207 at the Spiegel Community Center. Lifespan's Certified Medicare Counselor will help participants understand their options and choose the plan that best meets their health and financial needs.

This session is designed to help you make confident, informed decisions about your coverage before open

enrollment.

To register, call 585-248-6235.

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 <a href="https://www.townofpittsford.org/seniors">www.townofpittsford.org/seniors</a>, read our <a href="mailto:seniors">Seniors</a> program info brochure online, or call our Senior Programs office at 248-6235.

# SENIORS CRAFT CLUB AT COMMUNITY CENTER - NEXT MEETING THIS FRIDAY, 10/10

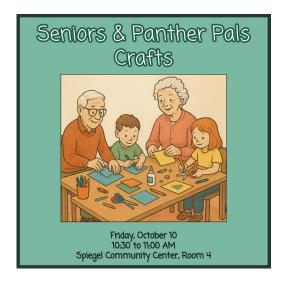
Our Pittsford Recreation Department has wonderful programs for seniors - and our seniors do wonderful things for others! The Seniors Craft Club, held at the Spiegel Community Center, makes items for our Senior lunch giveaways and for local charities. Craft Club is a wonderful opportunity to get creative, 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 9:30 to 11:30am. The next meeting is this Friday, October 10. To get an idea of 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 Spiegel 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 <a href="https://www.townofpittsford.org/seniors">www.townofpittsford.org/seniors</a>, read our <a href="mailto:seniors">Seniors program info brochure online</a>, or call our Senior Programs office at 248-6235.

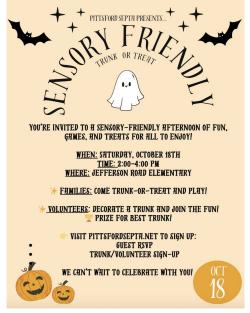


## SENIORS CENTER INTERGENERATIONAL CRAFTING TIME IS THIS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

Seniors, join us for a crafting session with the Panther Pals! This intergenerational crafting time will take place this **Friday**, **October 10**, from **10:30 to 11:00am** in Room 4 at the Spiegel Community Center. Come, spend time with your pre-K pals, and be creative together! All supplies will be provided. **RSVP today** so we know how many supplies to order! Call (585) 248-6235 to reserve your spot.

The Spiegel Community Center is located at 35

Lincoln Avenue. To learn more about our programs, activities, and services for seniors, visit the <u>Seniors page</u> on the Town website, read the Seniors Program Information Brochure online, or call our Senior Programs Office at 248-6235.



#### **ELEMENTARY OCTOBER 18**

The Pittsford Special Education PTA (SEPTA) invites families to a Sensory-Friendly Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 18, from 2:00 to 4:00pm at Jefferson Road Elementary. This special afternoon will feature a welcoming environment with fun games, decorated trunks, and plenty of treats for children of all abilities to enjoy.

Families are encouraged to attend the trunk-ortreat and enjoy the activities. Volunteers can participate by decorating a trunk; prizes will be awarded for the best designs. To RSVP as a guest or to sign up as a volunteer, visit www.pittsfordsepta.net.

Come celebrate Halloween in a fun, safe and inclusive way. See you there!

# NARCAN TRAINING & SERVICES INFO AT LIBRARY WEDNESDAY, 10/15

Learn to stop an opioid overdose safely
The Pittsford Community Library will offer free
public Narcan training and opioid awareness
information next Wednesday, October 15, from
9:00am to 12:00pm in the Library hallway. Stop
by to receive a free Narcan training and a
Narcan kit from the Monroe County Health
Department. Narcan (Naloxone) is a nasal spray
that can be administered immediately to treat an
opioid overdose.

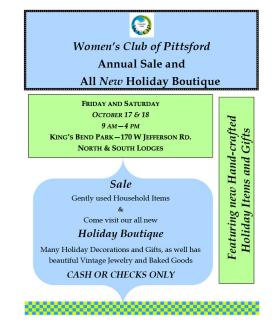


The opioid crisis continues at an alarming level. **Approximately every other day, someone in Monroe County dies from an opioid overdose.** There is no community immune to this crisis – learn how to save a life with Narcan. This drop-in program is free; no registration required.

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

## WOMEN'S CLUB OF PITTSFORD GARAGE SALE RETURNS OCTOBER 17-18

The Women's Club of Pittsford (WCOP) invites you to their much-anticipated Garage Sale Fundraiser on Friday and Saturday, October 17–18, 2025, at Kings Bend Park (170 W. Jefferson Road, Pittsford). The sale will be open from 9:00am to 4:00pm each day.



This year's sale is bigger than ever, with two buildings filled with treasures. The North Lodge will host the traditional Garage Sale, featuring a wide variety of items at great prices. Across the park, the South Lodge will debut something new: a Holiday Boutique featuring handcrafted Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas décor.

In addition, shoppers will find beautiful wood creations, jewelry, handmade cards and more. And don't miss the ever-popular Bake Sale, where you can pick up delicious homemade treats to enjoy while you browse. Shop, connect with neighbors and discover unique finds—all while helping to fund local programs.

The Women's Club of Pittsford hosts this event to support community initiatives, including

Pittsford's Senior Citizens, Pittsford Youth Services, The Pittsford Food Cupboard, the Pittsford Community Library, and Service Scholarships awarded to a senior student from each of Pittsford's high schools.

#### UPCOMING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN PITTSFORD

- Wild Wings Donation Drive at the Pittsford Community Library, drop items off 10/1 – 10/31 during Library hours, 24 State Street; see list of needed items at the Library or online at Wild Wings Wish List.
- Coats for Seniors Drive at Community Center Donate new or gently worn coats and winter accessories to be distributed to senior citizens in need across Monroe County. Drop off at the Spiegel Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue. For more information about donating and/or receiving a coat, please stop by or call the Senior Programs Office at 248-6235. Coats will be collected through October 31, 2025.
- Free public Narcan training learn to safely stop an opioid overdose with Narcan nasal spray and receive a Narcan kit from the Monroe County Health Department, Wednesday, October 15, 9:00am-12:00pm, Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street; this drop-in program is free and open to the public, no registration required
- Town of Pittsford Family Halloween Fest, Sunday, 10/26, 12:00-2:00pm, Spiegel Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue, indoor and outdoor activities, event parking at Sutherland High School with hayride shuttle, 55 Sutherland Street; games, crafts, refreshments, requested donation one canned good per person, to benefit Pittsford Food Cupboard.

#### TOWN OF PITTSFORD BOARD MEETINGS

- Pittsford Community Library Board, Wednesday, 10/8, 6:00pm, Fletcher Steele 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: <a href="www.townofpittsford.org/minutes">www.townofpittsford.org/minutes</a>
- Design Review & Historic Preservation Board, Thursday, 10/9, 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

- Parks and Recreation Board, Thursday, 10/9, 6:30pm, Spiegel Community Center, Room 207, 35 Lincoln Avenue; the meeting agenda is posted at least two days prior to the meeting on the Town website here:
   www.townofpittsford.org/minutes
- Planning Board, Monday, 10/13, 6:00pm NO MEETING

### **COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR**

- <u>Village Board of Trustees</u> 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 <u>here</u> 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
- <u>Pittsford Rotary Club</u>, 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 <a href="https://www.womensclubofpittsford.org">www.womensclubofpittsford.org</a> for more information
- <u>Pittsford Art Group</u> 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 <a href="https://www.pittsfordartgroup.com">www.pittsfordartgroup.com</a> and fill out a <a href="https://www.pittsfordartgroup.com">Contact Us</a> form.

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