

News & Reviews

October 15, 2025

Town of Pittsford - a Clean Energy and Climate Smart Community

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Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings

FAMILY HALLOWEEN FEST IS SUNDAY, 10/26 Our Family Halloween Fest is less than two weeks away! Join us on Sunday, October 26, from 12:00 to 2:00pm at the Spiegel Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue.

Enjoy crafts, games, and refreshments, along with a variety of indoor and outdoor activities! It's sure to be a fun-filled afternoon for the whole family. Admission is free, but we kindly ask that everyone bring one canned food item to help support the Pittsford Food Cupboard.



Park at Pittsford Sutherland High School, 55 Sutherland Street in the Village, and ride our free hayride shuttle to the Community Center! Details are being finalized; check our Family Halloween Fest webpage at www.townofpittsford.org/halloweenfest for updates as the date approaches. We hope to see you there!



LEAF COLLECTION BEGINS OCTOBER 20
Yard debris pickup continues through October 30
Our crews will cycle through the Town
approximately every three weeks to remove piles
of loose leaves placed at the at the edge of the
roadway, behind the curb. Leaf collection begins
on October 20.

Residents can track leaf collection progress in real time by using our online **Leaf Collection App** at **gis.townofpittsford.org/LeafCollection**. The app will be live as of October 20.

Leaf collection reminders:

- Please keep brush, branches and other yard debris separate from leaves sticks, brush and other debris can damage the Town's vacuum equipment.
- To keep roadways safe and storm drains clear, place leaf piles at the road edge, behind the curb.
- To help our pollinators this winter and next spring consider leaving some leaves in garden beds, under bushes and trees, or in a quiet corner of your yard to shelter them.

We will collect leaves in piles throughout the season, until all leaves are collected.

Yard Debris Pickup Continues Through October 30

Town yard debris weekly pickup is ongoing and continues through October 30. This includes both bagged/containerized items and loose brush and branches.

Weekly on your Yard Debris collection day the Town collects:

- Grass and smaller yard debris in paper bags or reusable containers
- Bagged leaves
- Cuttings less than 3 feet in length, if bundled or in a container
- Branch and brush cuttings less than 8 feet in length and less than 8 inches in diameter, placed in loose piles at the road edge, behind the curb

Please do not include sod, stumps, rocks, stones, lumber, metal or other waste material in your yard debris. All yard debris containers (including the debris) should weigh 50 lbs. or less.

Find your yard debris collection day on our interactive online Yard Debris Collection Day map at **gis.townofpittsford.org/YardDebris**.

Regular collection of bagged and containerized material and loose brush and branches ends October 30.

Following the guidelines above helps ensure leaf and yard debris collection are timely and safe for everyone – thank you!

MULCH YOUR LEAVES FOR A TOXIN-FREE YARD

This fall, consider setting aside your rake and letting nature handle the work! Mulching your leaves by mowing them into small pieces returns essential nutrients to the soil and helps your lawn retain moisture during the cooler months. It's a simple, eco-friendly alternative to chemical fertilizers and yard treatments, reducing runoff and preventing harmful toxins from entering local waterways.



A mulched yard not only promotes healthier grass and garden beds but also creates a natural habitat

for beneficial insects and pollinators. This season, keep your yard green and clean by choosing mulch instead of chemicals!



DONATE "COATS FOR SENIORS" THIS OCTOBER AT SPIEGEL COMMUNITY CENTER

The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is once again participating in the Monroe County Office for the Aging and Medical Motor Service of Rochester's annual Coats for Seniors coat drive. Located at 35 Lincoln Avenue, the Community Center serves as a drop-off point for new and gently used coats that will be given to seniors in need across Monroe County. They're also accepting other winter accessories, including hats, scarves, mittens, and gloves.

Seniors who want to request a coat can call any participating senior center in Monroe County or the Monroe County Office for the Aging at 753-6280. For more details, visit or call the Pittsford Senior

Programs office at 248-6235. The Senior Center will be collecting coats and winter accessories through October 31, 2025.

If you're holiday shopping and find a great deal on a new coat, please consider donating the gently worn coat you're replacing. Of course, if you purchase a new coat to donate, that would be greatly appreciated! Drop off coat donations any time during October. The Town's Spiegel Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue.

"MEET OCTOBER" STORY STROLL BEGINS MONDAY AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

Our next Story Stroll takes place this Monday,
October 20, through Sunday, October 26.
Families can take a leisurely Story Stroll behind
the Spiegel Community Center while reading
"Meet October!" by April Martin. "Meet October"
is the spookiest but sweetest month in the
Calendar Kids series! October adores cool fall
days, pumpkin patches, and camping with his
family, along with his trusty pet spider, Boo. But
when Boo goes missing and things get, well,
spooky, October must dig deep to find his



courage. Will he face his fears, find Boo, and discover the magic of October's night creatures?

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 – 5:00pm and Sunday from 10:00am-5:00pm. Our next Story Stroll will take place from November 17 through 23.

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



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21 Reservations due by October 16

Join us at the Pittsford Senior Center for a funfilled Halloween Lunch with Chef Rachael on Tuesday, October 21, at 12:00pm. Enjoy a Halloween-themed menu featuring butternut squash soup, graveyard green salad, spooky sliders, cauldron cookies, and mulled cider witch's brew. Fred Vine will provide musical entertainment, and costumes are optional but encouraged for those who want to join in the fun!

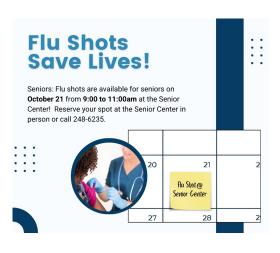
The lunch will be held in the VanHuysen Community Room. The cost is \$8.00 per person. Advance registration is required by Wednesday, October 16. To register or learn more, stop by the Senior Programs Office at the Spiegel

Community Center or 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 <u>click here to visit the Seniors'</u> <u>page</u> on the Town website, <u>read our Seniors program info brochure online</u>, or call the Senior Programs Office at 248-6235.

FLU SHOTS AVAILABLE FOR SENIORS OCTOBER 21 AT THE PITTSFORD SENIOR CENTER

Flu season is here, and it's time to protect yourself! The Pittsford Senior Center will host a Flu Shot Clinic on Tuesday, October 21 from 9:00–11:00am, administered by Wegmans Pittsford Pharmacy. To ensure enough doses are available, please make a reservation in advance by visiting the Senior Programs Office or calling (585) 248-6235. Please bring your insurance card and identification to your appointment.



Most insurance plans, including Medicare Part B, cover flu shots at no cost when provided by participating pharmacies or clinics. Those without insurance may qualify for low or no-cost vaccines through the Monroe County Department of Public Health's Immunization Program, which participates in the New York State Vaccines for Adults Program. To learn more or schedule an appointment with the county, call 585-753-5150 or visit monroecounty.gov/health-nursing-immunization.

Flu shots are also widely available at area pharmacies and clinics across Monroe County. Participating pharmacies, including CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart, offer both the standard flu vaccine and the high-dose formulation recommended for adults aged 65 and older.

Protect yourself and your community this season—get your flu shot early and stay healthy all winter long!



HONORING THE PITTSFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION - SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION WEEK

The Pittsford Central School District celebrates its Board of Education members in honor of School Board Recognition Week (October 13-17), a statewide observance that highlights the dedication of school board members to students and their communities.

The NYS School Boards Association (NYSSBA) sponsors School Board Recognition Week to honor school board members for their dedication

to New York public school children. School Board Recognition Week is an opportunity to raise community awareness and understanding of the crucial role school board members play within a school district.

The Pittsford Central School District recognizes and thanks its Board of Education members: President Jeffrey Casey, Vice President Sarah Pelusio and members Dave Berk, Kim Huels, Emily Kay, René Sanchez-Kazacos, and Robin Scott. Our thanks for their service to the Pittsford community and its students!

JUMP SAFELY: THE DO'S AND DON'TS OF LEAF PILE FUN

Jumping into a pile of leaves is one of children's favorite autumn activities. The satisfying crunch, the vibrant colors, and the joy of leaping into freshly raked piles create lasting memories each year. However, while leaf jumping can be a safe tradition when done carefully, families should be aware of the risks, especially when piles are left near the road.



Why roadside piles are dangerous

Leaf piles at the curb may look inviting, but they

can be extremely unsafe. Drivers may not realize children are hiding in them, creating the risk of an accident if a car pulls in, parks, or passes too closely. Roadside piles can also conceal sharp sticks, rocks, trash, or pests, and damp leaves may harbor mold that causes allergies or breathing issues. For these reasons, children should never play in or around piles left at the curb for collection.

Tips for safe leaf pile fun

The good news is, kids can still enjoy this classic fall activity with a few simple guidelines:

- Stick to yard piles. Keep playtime away from roads and driveways.
- **Jump right after raking.** Fresh piles are cleaner, drier, and less likely to hide hazards.
- Check the pile first. Remove sticks, garden tools, or anything sharp.
- **Keep piles the right size.** Big enough to cushion, but not so high that kids can't see one another.

• Supervise play. An adult nearby ensures children follow safety rules.

By steering clear of roadside piles and setting safe play boundaries, families can keep the season fun while avoiding preventable dangers. With just a little planning, jumping in the leaves can remain a safe fall tradition.



- giant, upscale rummage sale
- held at Nazareth University in the Golisano Training Center 100% of proceeds to PTSA.
- distributed to all nine schools
- volunteer shifts: November 3-10 and support our students





PITTSFORDPTSASUPERSALE@GMAIL.COM

DONATION DAYS November 4-6

PRESALE FOR **VOLUNTEERS & STAFF** November 07

SALE OPEN TO PUBLIC

50% OFF SALE



VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS NEEDED FOR THE PTSA SUPER SALE

Get ready for one of Pittsford's favorite fall traditions — the 62nd Annual PTSA Super Sale, taking place November 3-10, 2025, at its new location: Nazareth University's Golisano **Training Center.** This giant, upscale rummage sale raises funds to support students in all nine Pittsford schools, with 100% of proceeds benefiting the Pittsford PTSA.

Donate

Clean out your closets for a cause! **Donation** drop-off days are November 4 and 5. The PTSA accepts gently used items in good condition, including clothing, household goods, books, toys, and more. After the sale, all remaining items are donated to local charities, so every

contribution supports the community twice over.

Volunteer

The Super Sale's success depends on the efforts of volunteers. Volunteer shifts are available from November 3 to 10, and it's easy to sign up for times that fit your schedule. Volunteers enjoy early shopping privileges at the Pre-Sale on November 7, and students in grades 6–12 can earn community service credit. For more information and to sign up as a volunteer, fill out the Pittsford PTSA Super Sale Volunteers 2025 online form.

Key Dates & Times:

• Location: Nazareth University, Golisano Training Center

Volunteer Shifts: November 3–10

• **Donation Drop-Off Days:** November 4–5 Pre-Sale for Volunteers & Staff: November 7

• Public Sale: November 8 50% Off Sale: November 9 • Event Ends: November 10

All proceeds benefit Pittsford PTSA and support students in all nine schools.

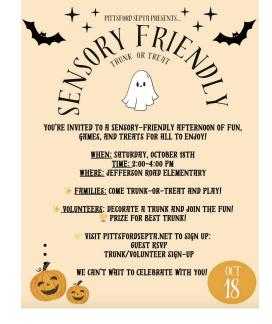
Questions? Email <u>pittsfordptsasupersale@gmail.com</u> or visit www.pittsfordptsa.net/super-sale.

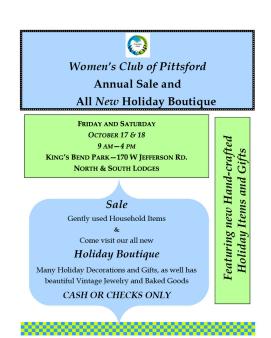
SENSORY FRIENDLY TRUNK-OR-TREAT AT **JEFFERSON ROAD ELEMENTARY OCTOBER 18**

The Pittsford Special Education PTA (SEPTA) invites families to a Sensory-Friendly Trunk or Treat this 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!





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.
- "Meet October!" Story Stroll, 10/20 10/26, field at the Spiegel Community Center, 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.
- 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

- **Zoning Board,** Monday, 10/20, 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
- Town Board, Tuesday, 10/21, 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
- Design Review & Historic Preservation Board, Thursday, 10/23, 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: <u>www.townofpittsford.org/minutes</u>

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 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
- <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 www.womensclubofpittsford.org 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 www.pittsfordartgroup.com and fill out a Contact Us form.

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