

News & Reviews

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Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings

A Message from Supervisor Bill Smith

NO TAX INCREASE FOR 2026

Last night I presented to the Town Board my proposed Town Budget for 2026. My proposed budget keeps the Town tax rate flat, with no increase. Cumulatively since 2018, the budgets I've presented to the Town Board for approval have cut the Town tax rate by more than 9%. Notwithstanding the pinch of inflation, the proposed budget for 2026 avoids a tax increase while maintaining funding for all of the Town's services and events. The owner of a home of the average value in Pittsford, which is \$305,000, will pay \$955 in Town tax in 2026. Still less than a thousand dollars for the year.

Town tax still represents just 8 cents of every dollar you pay in property tax.

The Town recently received its fiscal report cards. The State Comptroller evaluates each Town in the State for fiscal stress, on a scale from 1 to 10. The more stress the higher the number. It's like a golf score: the lower the number the better you've done. Pittsford's score? – Zero. On a fiscal stress scale of 1 to 10, we're not on the stress scale at all. A perfect score.

Moody's Investors Service recently reaffirmed Pittsford's Triple-A credit rating. Again, a perfect score – the highest rating possible. The only town in upstate New York to have the Triple-A rating. The only town of our size in America to have it. Higher than the credit rating of the State of New York. Higher than the rating for the United States of America.

The public hearing on the proposed 2026 Town Budget is set for Wednesday, November 5 at 6:00pm at the Town Hall public meeting room (lower level). Note that this meeting is on a **Wednesday**, not the usual Tuesday, which is Election Day. Printed copies of the proposed Budget and my budget presentation are available at Town Hall

2026 Pittsford Town Budget

Presented by Bill Smith, Pittsford Town Supervisor



NO Tax Increase

Flat tax rate held at

\$3.13

2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

& 2026

► All programs and services maintained
with room for improvements ◀

in the Town Clerk's office, or you can see it online at www.townofpittsford.org/budgets.

FAMILY HALLOWEEN FEST IS THIS SUNDAY

Our [Family Halloween Fest](#) is THIS SUNDAY! Join us this **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! Check our Family Halloween Fest webpage at www.townofpittsford.org/halloweenfest for complete details. We hope to see you there!



LEAF COLLECTION APP NOW LIVE

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 edge of the roadway, behind the curb.

Residents can track leaf collection progress in real time by using our online **Leaf Collection App** at gis.townofpittsford.org/LeafCollection.

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 filled 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, as well as loose brush and branches, ends on October 30.

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

EARLY VOTING IN MONROE COUNTY: OCTOBER 25-NOVEMBER 2

The November General Election is on November 4, 2025! Early voting in New York State runs from October 25 to November 2. Here are important dates for all voters in New York State:

- **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. The ballot must be received by the Board of Elections no later than November 12.
- **November 4** – Election Day (polls open 6:00am to 9:00pm).



For your convenience, we've created a downloadable **two-page 2025 General Election Voting Information PDF** that contains everything you need to know to cast a successful vote in this election, including key dates, early voting locations and times, absentee ballot information, voter information lookup, and details about New York State's new voting machines. Find it here: <https://bit.ly/voting-info-sheet-2025>

For complete information about the 2025 General Election, visit monroecounty.gov/elections or call the Monroe County Board of Elections at (585) 753-1550.

**PITTSFORD COMMUNITY LIBRARY NAMED
"BEST OF ROCHESTER 2025" FINALIST –
VOTE NOW THROUGH NOVEMBER 28**
We're thrilled to share that the Pittsford
Community Library is a finalist in *CITY*



Magazine's Best of Rochester 2025 awards!

After more than 18,000 nominations, the field for all categories has been narrowed, and now it's up to the public to decide who takes home the top honors.

Support the Pittsford Community Library in earning the 'Best of Rochester' title and cast your vote today!

Vote here: [Best of Rochester 2025 Voting Ballot](#)

Voting closes: Friday, November 28, at midnight

Winners will be announced in *CITY Magazine's Best of Rochester 2025* issue this January, followed by a celebration at Anthology on **January 3, 2026**.

Let's show our community pride and celebrate one of Pittsford's most beloved places to learn, connect, and grow—our Pittsford Community Library! Vote today!

HISTORIAN'S OFFICE SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER–NOVEMBER

Please note the following schedule for the Pittsford Town Historian's Office:

- **Thursday, October 23** – CLOSED
- **Thursday, October 30** – Open 11:00am–3:00pm
- **Thursday, November 6** – Open 11:00am–3:00pm
- **Thursday, November 13** – Open 11:00am–3:00pm
- **Thursday, November 20** – Open 11:00am–3:00pm
- **Thursday, November 27** – CLOSED (Thanksgiving Day)



The Historian's Office is located at **35 Lincoln Avenue, Pittsford**, within the Spiegel Community Center. For questions or to schedule an appointment outside of open hours, please contact Town Historian **Vicki Profitt** at vprofitt@townofpittsford.org or call (585) 248-6240.

SENIOR CENTER INTERGENERATIONAL CLUB PIZZA PARTY - 10/30

Seniors, it's time for the next meeting of the Intergenerational Club! Join Sutherland High School students for a pizza lunch, activities, games, and crafts on **Thursday, October 30**, from **11:30am-1:00pm** at the Spiegel Community Center, Room 107. RSVP today so we know how much pizza to order! Call (585) 248-6235 to



reserve your spot.

The Town's 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 our Seniors program info brochure online](#), or call the Senior Programs Office at 248-6235.

"ACCIDENTAL" SOCIAL SKILLS COMEDY IMPROV CLASS

Have fun, make friends, and enhance your social skills—without even trying! Join instructor Carol Roberts, MA, for *"Accidental" Social Skills Comedy Improv*, a relaxed and supportive class that uses easy theatre games like those seen on TV's *Whose Line Is It Anyway?* Participation is encouraged but never required.

This class welcomes young people with High Functioning Autism, ADD/ADHD, Anxiety, Depression, Bipolar Disorder, Tourette's, or any other social communication challenges. Using audience and player suggestions, participants will create scenes that are at best hilarious—and at worst, interesting! No experience is necessary.



The **first class** is a **"try it" class**—no obligation to continue! Registration is required. Register through the [Town of Pittsford's Recreation Page](#) or by calling 248-6280. Please bring a water bottle.

Instructor Carol Roberts, MA, is a comedy improviser and former stand-up comic who has performed with Robin Williams, Paula Poundstone, and Ellen DeGeneres. She also previously served as an Executive Functioning Coach with RIT's Spectrum Program.

"Accidental" Social Skills Comedy Improv takes place from **1:15 to 2:15pm** on **Saturdays** from **October 25 to November 22** at the Spiegel Community Center, Room 113.

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.



ROCHESTER LEGENDS & LORE PRESENTATION AT THE LIBRARY THIS SUNDAY

Discover Rochester's spooky side! Join us at the Pittsford Community Library for a presentation by Rochester Candlelight Ghost Walks that explores the city's unique history, legends and lore. You'll hear captivating tales from early Rochester, including the infamous legend of the Lady in White and other ghostly stories that bring our local history to life.

The *Rochester Legends and Lore* program is **Sunday, October 26, from 2:00 to 3:00pm** in the Library's **Fisher Meeting Room**. The program is free but registration is recommended. Register online through the Library's [online calendar of programs](https://www.townofpittsford.org/library). This engaging presentation is perfect

for adults who enjoy history with a twist. No ghost-hunting experience required—just bring your curiosity and a love of storytelling!

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.

ELDERBERRY EXPRESS TAKES SENIORS WHERE THEY NEED TO GO

Elderberry Express is a **free transportation service for Pittsford residents, ages 55 and older**. Volunteer drivers transport seniors to and from medical appointments, the pharmacy, bank, hairdresser, grocery store, and of course, events at the Senior Center! Transportation is available Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 3:00pm. Services must be scheduled at least three business days in advance by 10:00 am to ensure driver availability. The service is free; however, donations are welcome. To schedule a ride, please call Elderberry Express at 248-6237.



Elderberry Express needs volunteer drivers willing to help provide transportation, from one to a few times per month. Each ride typically lasts two to three hours. By volunteering, you give others the gift of independence. Can you help? Call Elderberry Express at 248-6237.

LIBRARY COLLECTING DONATED ITEMS FOR WILD WINGS THROUGH OCTOBER 31

The Pittsford Community Library is currently accepting donations on behalf of [Wild Wings](#). Wild Wings is a not-for-profit educational



Wild Wings Donation Drive

Donations accepted at the Pittsford Community Library from **October 1 to 31**.

Wish List

Items with * are in high demand

- Aspen Shavings for bedding*
- Bird Seed (Sunflower, Safflower, Thistle)*
- Bluebird Nuggets
- Eceearth and Forest Floor bedding
- 13-Gallon Trash Bags
- 55-Gallon Trash Bags*
- Hand Sanitizer*
- Hydrogen Peroxide*
- Latex Disposable Gloves*
- LED Bulbs
- Litter - ExquisiCat or Vibrant Life Natural Paper Pellets (Unscented)*
- Mealworms (dried)*
- Nuts (Unsalted Shelled Peanuts, Pecans, Walnuts, Cashews, or Pistachios)*
- Paper Towels*
- Peanut Pickouts*
- Purina One Tender Select Blend Dry Cat Food with Real Chicken*
- Salt for Walkway
- Stamps
- Suet
- Work Gloves or Garden Gloves
- Ziploc Bags (sandwich, quart, or gallon)



organization that features a bird of prey facility and the Mendon Ponds Park Nature Center. They care for permanently injured and non-releasable animals that cannot survive in the wild on their own. Donations can be brought to the library through October 31. All items should be new and unopened.

This drive, in the spirit of the Great Give Back, will support Wild Wings' mission to "...care for permanently injured and non-releasable animals which are unable to survive on their own in the wild." Thank you for helping to support this mission!

A variety of items are needed, including the following most in demand : aspen shavings for bedding, bird seed (sunflower, safflower, thistle), peanut pick-outs, unsalted, shelled nuts (peanuts, pecans, walnuts, cashews, or pistachios), dried mealworms, 55-gallon trash bags, hand sanitizer, latex disposable gloves, litter (unscented ExquisiCat or Vibrant Life Natural Paper Pellets), paper towels, and Purina One Tender Select Blend Dry Cat Food with Real Chicken. Find [the full wish list here](#) or see the list at the Library.

Donations can be dropped off at the Pittsford Community Library at 24 State Street in Pittsford.

PITTSFORD RESIDENTS CAN SIGN UP FOR EMERGENCY ALERT NOTIFICATIONS

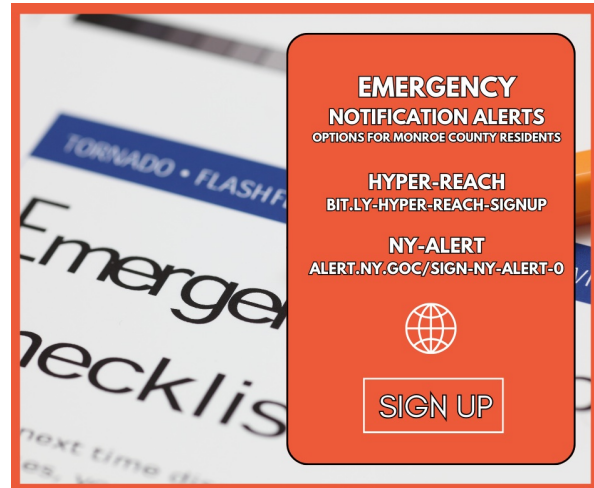
Monroe County offers localized emergency notifications to Pittsford residents through its Hyper-Reach service. New York State also provides a mass notification system to Pittsford residents through its NY-Alert program. See details below about these alert programs and how to sign up for them.

Monroe County Hyper-Reach Emergency Notifications

Pittsford residents can sign up to receive local emergency alerts through Monroe County's Hyper-Reach Emergency Notification service. Signing up allows your cell phone, email and/or TDD to be notified for local emergencies and community alerts as well. The program uses your address to provide alerts targeted to your specific geographic area. Home phone (landline) numbers are automatically registered with Monroe County's 911 Center for emergency alerts; registering for Hyper-Reach allows notifications to be sent to your mobile phone. Sign up is simple and free. Register at bit.ly/hyper-reach-signup.

NY Alert Emergency Notification System

NY-Alert is New York State's Mass Notification System. By signing up for NY-Alert, you can receive alerts, warnings and emergency information via the web, your cell phone, email and other technologies, based on the geographic location you select. Users



create an account and then subscribe to choose the types of alerts they wish to receive.

NY-Alert contains public alerts and critical, emergency-related information, including instructions and recommendations from emergency personnel in real-time. Information may include severe weather warnings, significant highway closures, hazardous material spills and other emergency conditions. Notifications can also include AMBER and missing children alerts, as well as alerts regarding consumer protection, public health, and sex offender relocation. You can receive alerts by phone, text message, email and fax machine, and you may select multiple ways to be notified.

Visit <https://alert.ny.gov/sign>



SAVE-THE-DATE – PITTSFORD ROTARY CLUB'S ANNUAL ELECTION DAY PASTA SUPPER SET FOR NOVEMBER 4

The Pittsford Rotary Club's beloved **Election Day Pasta Supper** returns for its 59th year on **Tuesday, November 4**, continuing a cherished community tradition of good food and giving back. Pittsford Rotarians, assisted by community members and students from the Rotary-sponsored Pittsford High Schools Interact Service Clubs, will serve dinner from **5:00 to 7:00pm** at the **Pittsford Mendon High School Commons, 472 Mendon Road**.

Guests can choose to **dine in, take out, or use the convenient drive-thru service**. The meal includes generous helpings of pasta and sauce, all-beef meatballs, tossed salad, a breadstick,

dessert and beverage. Barilla America is donating the pasta for the event, Guglielmo's Sauce is providing the sauce, Pittsford Farms Dairy is providing ice cream for dessert, and Dunkin' Donuts is donating coffee.

"We take this opportunity to celebrate our freedom to vote by inviting neighbors in our community to gather and enjoy a terrific sit-down meal together at the school or to take home," said Richard Colby, club president. "This long-standing tradition is among our fundraisers that benefit a wide range of local charities and service organizations. We warmly invite voters and their families to join us."

Tickets cost \$15 for adults (age 13+), \$10 for children ages 5–12, and are free for children under 5. The price at the door will be \$20, and veterans eat free.

Tickets are available online at PittsfordRotaryClub.org, from any Pittsford Rotarian, or at the door. Proceeds support numerous local charities and community organizations, including the Pittsford Food Cupboard, Veterans Outreach Center, and Pittsford Youth Services.

FRIENDS OF PITTSFORD LIBRARY FALL BOOK SALE NOVEMBER 13–15

Don't miss the [Friends of the Pittsford](#)

[Community Library's Fall Book Sale](#)—a beloved community tradition offering a treasure trove of gently used books and media at unbeatable prices!

Sale Schedule:

- **Thursday, November 13:** 4:00–8:00pm
Note: Numbers will be given out from 1:00–3:00pm to ease entry to the sale.
- **Friday, November 14:** 10:00am–5:00pm
- **Saturday, November 15:** 10:00am–4:00pm
Bag Sale from 4:00–5:00pm – \$3.00 per bag

Browse an impressive selection of adult and children's books, CDs, DVDs, and even fine and rare books. Fall is the perfect time to stock up on winter reading, puzzles, and project ideas—there's something for everyone!

All proceeds directly benefit the Pittsford Community Library. Credit cards are accepted. **Please bring your own bags!**



FRIENDS OF THE PITTSFORD LIBRARY BOOK SALE

NOVEMBER 2025: Including Fine and Rare Books

Thursday November 13th • 4pm to 8pm

Friday November 14th • 10am to 5pm

Saturday November 15th • 10am to 4pm

Bag Sale 4pm to 5pm \$3.00 a bag

DECEMBER 2025: CANDLELIGHT SALE

Tuesday, December 2nd • 10am to 7pm
GIFTS FOR GIVING AND MORE

Pittsford Community Library: 24 State Street, Pittsford, NY 14534

www.pittsfordfriendslibrary.com

Credit cards accepted

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.
- **[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.
- **[Rotary Club of Pittsford Election Day Pasta Supper](#)**, Tuesday, 11/4, 5:00–7:00pm, Pittsford Mendon High School Commons, 472 Mendon Road. Tickets are available online or from any Rotarian, with proceeds benefiting local charities and service organizations.
- **[PTSA Super Sale](#)**, 9:00am–7:00pm Saturday and Sunday, 11/8–9, Nazareth University Golisano Training Center, 4245 East Avenue; Sunday features 50% Off Sale 9:00am–2:00pm and "Make a Deal" 2:00–7:00pm. For more info visit pittsfordptsa.net/super-sale.
- **[Friends of Pittsford Library Fall Book Sale](#)**, Thursday, 11/13 from 4:00–8:00pm, Friday, 11/14 from 10:00am–5:00pm, and Saturday, 11/15 from 10:00am–4:00pm (Bag Sale 4:00–5:00pm, \$3 per bag), Pittsford Community Library, Fisher Meeting Room, 24 State Street; open to all, with proceeds supporting Library programs and materials. Items will be replenished throughout the sale—

please bring your own bags.

TOWN OF PITTSFORD BOARD MEETINGS

- **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: www.townofpittsford.org/minutes
- **Planning Board**, Monday, 10/27, 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

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 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 and fill out a [Contact Us](#) form.

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