

News & Reviews

October 29, 2025

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PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED 2026 TOWN BUDGET WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

The public hearing on the proposed 2026 Town Budget is scheduled for Wednesday, November 5, at 6:00pm, in the Town Hall public meeting room (lower level). **Please note that this meeting is on a Wednesday, the day after Election Day.** Printed copies of the proposed Budget are available at Town Hall in the Town Clerk's office, or you can view them online at www.townofpittsford.org/budgets.

Town of Pittsford
Budget Public Hearing

Wednesday, November 5
6:00pm
Town Hall Public Meeting Room
(lower level)
11 South Main Street

Note
Revised
Date

Scan QR code
to view 2026
Budget Plan



Proposed 2026 Budget Highlights:

- Holds tax rate flat, at \$3.13 per thousand dollars
- Increased funding for Residential Road Repaving program
- Funds for Pedestrian Safety improvements and measures to reduce speeding
- Full support for Pittsford Community Library
- Maintains full funding for Community Events and Recreation programs
- Maintains funding for Elderberry Express
- Maintains full funding for Seniors, including Senior lunch programs
- A 2% funding increase for Pittsford Youth Services
- A 2% increase in funding for Pittsford Volunteer Ambulance
- Funds the 13.9% increase in employee medical costs
- Funds the 4% increase in Dental Plan costs
- Continues Environmental initiatives, including funds for tree planting program
- A 2.9% Cost of Living Adjustment for Town staff (no increase for elected officials)

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 ◀

As always, comments for the Town Board meeting may be submitted in advance (prior

to 2:30pm on the day of the meeting) or made during the meeting both in person and by email. Emailed comments may be sent to comments@townofpittsford.org. The meeting will also be live-streamed; see the agenda packet for viewing access and comment submission details. The meeting agenda is posted at least two days prior to the meeting on the Town website here: www.townofpittsford.org/minutes. ASL interpretation is provided.



A message from Town Supervisor Bill Smith:
TIPS FOR A SAFE AND HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Halloween is on Friday! If your family will be out trick-or-treating – or if you will be out on the road – be sure to plan ahead for a fun and safe evening. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration advises that children are nearly **THREE TIMES** as likely to be hit by a car on Halloween than on any other day of the year. It's a sobering fact that requires attention. Don't let Halloween be scary for the wrong reasons; follow these simple yet important guidelines to make sure you, your

children and your neighbors stay safe.

- **Be visible!** Poor visibility is the biggest threat on Halloween night. Trick-or-treat before the sun goes down if you can, especially if you have younger children. Choose light-colored, fire-resistant costumes. Fasten reflective tape to costumes and bags and have everyone hold a glow stick or flashlight.
- **Have a walking plan.** Trick-or-treat down one side of the street at a time, stay within well-lit areas that have sidewalks and watch out for cars backing in and out of driveways.
- **Drive below the speed limit.** Little ones dart out of their parents' grasp quickly and unexpectedly; you need extra time to safely respond.
- **Accompany all children under the age of 12 and** remind kids of all ages to **NEVER** enter a stranger's home or car. Have teenagers adhere to a curfew and check in with them throughout the evening.
- **Inspect children's treats when they get home.** Throw away any candy with tears, holes, or damaged wrappers.

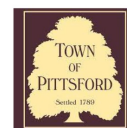
The best plan is to be aware and take care. Have a fun, safe Halloween!

SUPERVISOR SATURDAY WITH BILL SMITH AT THE LIBRARY

Town Supervisor Bill Smith will host his next community open house meeting this **Saturday, November 1**, from **9:00 to 10:00am** at the **Pittsford Community Library**. If you have questions, ideas, or comments for Supervisor Smith, please stop by and join the conversation.

This casual open house will take place in the Fisher Meeting Room. Supervisor Saturday provides residents who can't visit Supervisor

Supervisor Saturday
with Bill Smith



9:00 - 10:00am
Pittsford Community Library

Come and join the conversation!

Smith during the work week an opportunity to speak with him directly. Come and discuss what matters most to you! Drop in – no registration required. The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street.

Supervisor Smith maintains an open-door policy and encourages residents to visit Town Hall by appointment during regular business hours, Monday through Friday. As always, he is available by phone at 248-6220 and by email at wsmith@townofpittsford.org.



TOWN HALL EARLY CLOSURE THIS FRIDAY, 10/31
Town Hall and Town Court will close at **1:00pm** this **Friday, October 31**. All other Town facilities, the Pittsford Community Library, and the Spiegel Community Center, will maintain their regular hours. Town Hall and Town Court will reopen Monday, November 3, at 8:00am.

From all of us at the Town of Pittsford, have a safe and happy Halloween!

ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4
Be sure your voice is heard! **Election Day is Tuesday, November 4**. Polls are open from **6:00am to 9:00pm**.

Registered voters should have received a letter from the Monroe County Board of Elections with details about their polling place, election district, and ballot information.

If you haven't received your letter or want to double-check your information, you can use the [County's secure lookup tool](#) to confirm your registration and polling details:

Through this page, you can find your:

- Voter registration status
- Election Day polling place
- Sample ballot
- Absentee or mail-in ballot status
- Elected officials

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 more voting information, visit the **Monroe County Board of Elections** website at monroecounty.gov/elections.





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 this upcoming Tuesday, November 4, continuing a cherished community tradition of good food and giving back. The charity fundraising event will take place 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 pasta and sauce, all-beef meatballs, tossed salad, a breadstick, dessert, and a beverage. Barilla America is donating the pasta, and Pittsford Farms Dairy will provide ice cream

for dessert.

"This long-standing tradition is among our fundraisers that benefit a wide range of local charities and service organizations," said Rotary Club President Richard Colby. "We warmly invite voters and their families to join us as we celebrate our freedom to vote and enjoy a meal together."

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.

TWO NEW SIDEWALKS OFFER SAFER ACCESS FOR STUDENTS AND RESIDENTS

We've recently completed two sidewalk projects that enhance pedestrian safety and expand our walkable connections in Pittsford. Students and residents will find it easier and more enjoyable to get to their desired destinations and explore new ones in our community.

Barker Road sidewalk

The new sidewalk on the south side of Barker Road connects the Town's Hopkins Park and the Copper Woods neighborhood to the Barker Road Middle School. It was completed earlier this month. Drainage improvements needed for the area were included in with this project as well. See here the full [Barker Road sidewalk map](#).

Mendon and Thornell roads sidewalk

This new sidewalk runs along the east side of Mendon Road, starting at Thornell Farm Park, turning east on Thornell Road along the north side, and ending at Oak Meadow Trail. It filled a gap between existing sidewalks on Mendon and Thornell Roads. Students and other pedestrians now have safer access from adjoining neighborhoods to get to and from Pittsford Mendon High School, Thornell Road Elementary School, and our own Thornell Farm Park, the Town's most active park. The sidewalk is finished and will be ready to walk on by Halloween! See here the full [Mendon-Thornell Roads sidewalk map](#).

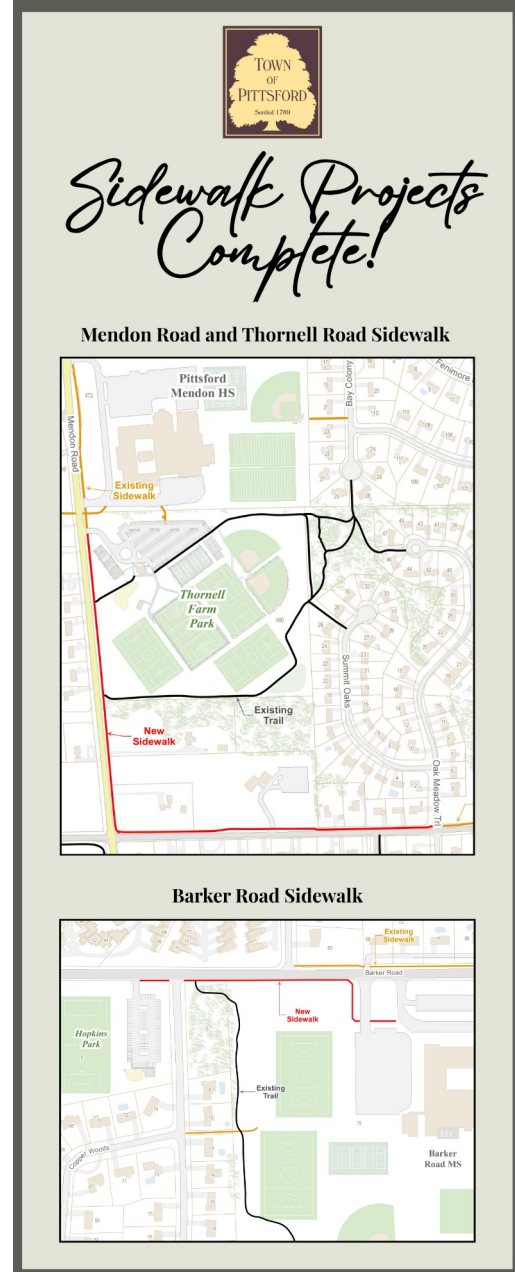
We'll have an official ribbon-cutting in the spring, once the surrounding grass has grown back in.

We have two more sidewalk projects in the works as well.

The **East Street sidewalk** will replace the existing asphalt sidewalk on the east side of East Street from Thornell Road to Carriage Court, and a new sidewalk will be added to the west side of East Street from Brickston Drive to Arbor Creek Road. It will include several mid-block pedestrian crosswalks. Engineering design is complete for the project. Depending on review by the Monroe County Department of Transportation for project permitting, we hope to begin construction this fall, with completion expected in mid-summer 2026.

The new **Tobey Road sidewalk** will start at the intersection of Cricket Hill Drive, Tobey Road and Stone Road and run along the north/east side of Tobey Road to the existing pedestrian crossing at the Clover Street intersection. Project design engineering is nearing completion; public information meetings will be held this fall. Some site work may begin over this winter.

Find progress updates about our pending sidewalk projects in the eNews, on the Town website and in our social media posts.



PROPERTY TAX BREAKS FOR SENIORS, VETERANS, FIREFIGHTERS/AMBULANCE WORKERS, AND PEOPLE WITH A DISABILITY ON A LIMITED INCOME

Tax bill reduction possible for those who qualify

If you're age 65 or older, have a physical disability, or are a veteran, you may be entitled to a partial exemption from property taxes. See



details below, and please note that you must meet all requirements for the exemption you claim.

Exemption for Seniors: If you're 65 or older on December 31, 2026, and your 2024 Adjusted Gross Income is less than \$58,400, you may be eligible for an exemption that could reduce future tax bills.

Disabled with limited income exemption: You will need your award letter from the Social Security Administration. If your 2024 Adjusted

Gross Income is less than \$58,400, you may be eligible for an exemption.

For the senior and disability exemptions, "income" means your adjusted gross income for federal income tax purposes **plus** your total Social Security benefits **and** any tax-exempt interest or dividends received. It does **not** include distributions from individual retirement accounts. For more information, you can contact the Assessor's office.

Please note you may claim either a senior or a disability exemption as described above, not both. Seniors and people with disabilities on limited incomes must apply annually to receive a tax exemption. If you have received a renewal application and have not sent it back yet, please complete it and return it prior to the March 1, 2026, filing deadline.

Veteran's exemption: You will need a copy of your DD214. If you've previously qualified for the veteran's exemption, you don't need to reapply.

Firefighters' and Ambulance Workers' exemption: You will need to fill out an application; find it and further details on the Town Assessor's web page. Widows and widowers of first responders are also eligible.

Filing deadline for all exemptions: March 1, 2026. You must apply by March 1, 2026, to have the exemption applied to your taxes for the following year.

You'll find all applications for exemptions on the Town website at www.townofpittsford.org/assessor/exemption-information. If you have further questions, please contact the Town Assessor's office at 248-6230 by March 1, 2026.

DON'T FORGET TO "FALL BACK" THIS WEEKEND

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00am on Sunday, November 2, so be sure to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday night.

This marks the return to Eastern Standard Time, giving us an extra hour of sleep and slightly lighter mornings as we head into late fall.

As you turn your clocks back, it's also a good time to check a few household safety



items:

- **Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors** and replace batteries if needed.
- **Inspect flashlights and emergency kits** to ensure they're ready for winter weather.
- **Adjust outdoor lighting timers** for shorter daylight hours.

Enjoy the extra hour and use the opportunity to plan for safety as we close out 2025 and head into 2026.

**THE ART OF MUSICAL COMPOSITION:
"MYTHOLOGY INTO MUSIC" & IRONDEQUOIT
COMMUNITY CONCERT – WORLD PREMIERE OF
"CIRCE"**

Join composer **Daniel Pesca** and soprano **Tyler Cassidy-Heacock** for *The Art of Musical Composition: "Mythology into Music"* on **Thursday, November 6**, from 5:30 to 7:30pm in the Fisher Meeting Room at the Pittsford Community Library. The program explores the creative and collaborative process of transforming Hilda Doolittle's poem "Circe" into a new musical work.

Following the presentation, the **Irondequoit Community Orchestra** will perform the **world premiere** of Daniel Pesca's "*Circe*" with soprano Tyler Cassidy-Heacock, under the direction of conductor **Evan Meccarello**. The concert will also feature additional familiar pieces performed by the orchestra. The Irondequoit Community Orchestra received a grant from the **Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Arts & Culture Initiative**, administered by the **Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo** in partnership with the **Rochester Area Community Foundation**, for its program "*Bringing Contemporary American Music to a Community Orchestra.*" This initiative made possible the commissioning of this exciting new composition.



**PITTSFORD ROTARY FOOD DRIVE THIS
SATURDAY, 9AM-12PM**

The Rotary Club of Pittsford's next food drive is scheduled for this Saturday, November 1, from 9:00am to noon at the Pittsford Sutherland High School bus loop. In addition to the **Pittsford Food Cupboard**, donations will support Rochester's **Angels of Mercy** and the Nazareth University **Oak Tree Food Pantry**. *Gently used recent issues (past 12 months) of magazines will also be collected for distribution to various social agencies in the Rochester area.*

The [Pittsford Food Cupboard](#) plays a crucial role within our community. Donations help ensure that local families have access to essential food items that will promote well-being and stability. **They are now collecting for Thanksgiving!** Items especially needed include frozen turkeys, cream of mushroom soup, chicken broth, turkey gravy, cranberry sauce, and canned pumpkin. Additional food pantry items needed include taco shells, breadcrumbs, barley, quinoa, spaghetti sauce, canned tomatoes (crushed,

whole or pureed- no diced), canned corn, pudding and Jello, jelly or jam, rice sides, and protein in a can, including chicken breast, Vienna sausage, corned beef, and sardines. They currently have no room for black beans, white beans, or green beans. They are also requesting personal items, including shampoo, conditioner, bodywash, and toothpaste.

[Angels of Mercy New York](#) is a non-profit organization in Rochester that educates, protects, and empowers women and girls facing domestic violence, human trafficking, and other life-controlling issues.

[The Oak Tree Pantry](#) serves those with food insecurity in the Nazareth University community. Specific needs for the Oak Tree Food Pantry include items that can be easily prepared by students, including soups, canned meats and vegetables, and sauces. The pantry also needs granola bars, pasta, peanut butter, soap, and other hygiene products.

The Pittsford Rotary Club has scheduled food drives on the first Saturday of the month through next spring. Additional information is available at pittsfordrotaryclub.org or contact David Irwin by email (driwin8@gmail.com) or phone (585-269-2132). Please help our Rotarians help those in need if you can!

LITTLE HOUSE OPEN SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1
Historic Pittsford invites you to stop by the **Little House**, located at **18 Monroe Avenue**, next to the Fire Station. The Little House will be **open the first Saturday of each month**, with Historic Pittsford Board members on hand to greet visitors, answer questions, and assist with research inquiries about Pittsford's people and places.

While you're there, **pick a free book from our basket** and enjoy the latest displays—there's **always something new and interesting to see!**



Can't make it on a Saturday? Visits can also be arranged **by appointment**. Leave a message at 381-2941 or email historicpittsford@gmail.com

Come discover a bit of Pittsford's history—they look forward to seeing you!

62ND ANNUAL PITTSFORD PTSA SUPER SALE

November 08 - November 09, 2025

THE SUPER SALE IS A HUGE COMMUNITY EVENT.
BE PART OF THE TRADITION!

DONATE

your gently used items on
November 4th and 5th

VOLUNTEER

for shifts throughout the week
of the sale

SHOP

and support our students on
November 8th and 9th



Learn more at
www.pittsfordptsa.net/super-sale

2025 PITTSFORD PTSA SUPER SALE IS NOVEMBER 8 & 9

For the second year, the Super Sale will take place at **Nazareth University's Golisano Training Center**. Treasures abound at this long-standing community favorite — now in its **62nd year!** Profits go directly to support all nine PCSD schools and make up the bulk of the PTSA budget.

Community donations make this large, high-end rummage sale possible. Be part of the tradition: **donate, volunteer, and shop the Super Sale —**

they can't do it without you!

Where:

Golisano Training Center, Nazareth University
4245 East Avenue, Rochester, NY 14618
Find a [map with directions here](#).

When:

All events take place at the Golisano Training Center.

- **Donation Days:** Tuesday–Wednesday, 11/04–11/05, from 9:00am–12:00pm and 4:00–7:00pm
- **Pre-Sale for Volunteers & PCSD Staff:** Friday, 11/07, from 2:00–4:00pm and 6:00–8:00pm
- **Sale Opens:** Saturday, 11/08, from 9:00am–8:00pm
- **50% Off Sale:** Sunday, 11/09, from 9:00am–4:00pm
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Donate:

We need your gently used items! Donations can be dropped off at the side entrance of the Golisano Training Center on **November 4–5**. Follow the signs to drive through and drop off. A complete list of accepted donation items [is available here](#). All unsold items will be donated to local charitable organizations after the sale — helping reduce waste and benefit the community.

Volunteer:

Organization for the Super Sale takes place **November 3–10**, and volunteers are needed throughout the week. You don't have to be a PCSD parent or student to help — all volunteers are welcome! Students in grades 6–12 can earn community service credit, and all volunteers are invited to shop the **Pre-Sale on November 7**. [Sign up here](#) to choose a time that works for you.

Shop:

Bring your holiday shopping list and find high-end discounted treasures on **November 8–9!** Shop clothing, home goods, sports gear, books, toys, electronics, jewelry, furniture, and more. All proceeds benefit PCSD students (K–12) and local charities. Join the tradition and find your next one-of-a-kind gem!

For more information, visit the [PTSA Super Sale website](#) or email them at pittsfordptsasupersale@gmail.com

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.
- [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 pittsfordptsanet.org/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

- **Environmental Board**, Monday, 11/3, 7:00pm, 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
- **Town Board** - includes public hearing for 2026 Proposed Town Budget, Wednesday, 11/5, 6:00pm, Public Meeting Room, Town Hall (lower level), 11 South Main Street, ASL interpretation provided; the meeting agenda is posted at least two days prior to the meeting on the Town website here: www.townofpittsford.org/minutes – **NOTE DATE/DAY**

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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