

From the Supervisor STATUS REPORT

TOWN OF PITTSFORD WHERE WE STAND TODAY

TAX RATE: \$3.13 – NO INCREASE for 2026

Fifth consecutive year with no increase, following four years of decreases, all per Supervisor’s budgets submitted for Town Board votes.

CREDIT RATING: Triple-A

Highest possible. Only town in upstate to have it; only town of our size in the United States to have it.

FISCAL STRESS: Zero

A perfect score from the State Comptroller’s Office.

**Budget For 2026:
No Tax Increase; All Services Maintained**

On October 21 the Town Board approved my proposed Town budget for 2026, following a Public Hearing. The budget holds the Town tax rate flat with no increase and continues funding all Town services and events.

To offer all of the municipal services that Pittsford provides to you, we’ll be operating on a budget of \$24.3 million in 2026. It’s an exceptionally lean budget. As the municipal officer responsible for proposing a budget every year, over time I’ve paid attention continually to keeping it that way. To find ways to sustain or improve existing services at lower expense. In looking at employee costs, to make a point of ensuring we have staff with the talent and ability we need – but no *more* staff than we need.

To maintain tax stability, over the years our budgets have been planned to make sure we have adequate revenue to cover the cost of providing Town services. We’re conservative in our planning so we don’t find ourselves coming up short. When revenues exceed costs in a given year, that goes into reserves. This practice, encouraged by the State Comptroller, gives us flexibility in emergencies and other situations where an immediate public need requires unanticipated spending. It’s like a family putting aside savings to meet the possibility of the furnace going or replacing the roof.

Since 2018 the budgets I’ve presented to Town Board for approval, all of which the Board has approved without amendment as to tax rate or tax levy, have cut the Town tax rate by more than 9%, taking the rate from \$3.44 per thousand dollars of assessed value to \$3.13.

Town tax remains proportionally low. In 2026, for every dollar each taxpayer pays in property tax, just eight cents (\$0.08) represents Town of Pittsford tax. Therefore, the owner of a home of average value in Pittsford, which is \$305,000, will pay \$955 in Town tax in 2026. Again, less than a thousand dollars for the year. And for a far broader range of services than are provided by any other regional municipality.



Bill Smith
Town Supervisor

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Taxpayers continue to save money because the Town maintains its perfect credit rating. The Town of Pittsford continues to hold the highest credit rating possible – Triple-A. Pittsford has a higher credit rating than New York State and a higher credit rating than the United States government. Our perfect rating protects taxpayers by keeping down the rate of interest we pay on Town bonds, for such projects as our renovated Spiegel Community Center, the Library and our improvements to athletic fields, parks and any future capital projects. Pittsford remains the only town of its size in the United States to hold this perfect credit rating.

Despite maintaining a tax rate significantly lower than neighboring communities, Pittsford will continue to provide its full range of municipal services that other towns do not offer regardless of their tax rate. These include weekly leaf pickup, regular yard debris collection, extensive recreation programming and a Town-financed Library.

This budget supports my Town administration’s commitment to responsiveness to residents. This is due to an administrative organizational structure built on the principle of responsiveness and, though our staffing is lean, it is comprised of senior staff, and supporting staff, who have the ability, talent and deep experience to perform effectively for residents. Our departmental and multi-departmental leaders have proven truly outstanding in this regard.

Being able to meet residents’ expectations in this way is how our Town government builds stronger neighborhoods, accomplishes continual improvement, and provides to youth, to seniors and to all residents the services and support they expect.

My budgets have built on Pittsford’s decades-long legacy of enlightened and responsible budgetary practices that protect taxpayers. These practices and policies have created a fiscal vitality that has resulted, yet again, in the State Comptroller evaluating Pittsford’s fiscal stress as Zero for another consecutive year – a Town government with no fiscal stress whatsoever.

Progress in 2025

In September I addressed the Pittsford Chamber of Commerce’s “State of Pittsford” event, summarizing progress and improvements the Town government has made over the past year. You can watch it at bit.ly/2025-state-of-pittsford (my comments begin at the 37-minute mark), but I’ll share some highlights with you here.

Cost of Living

As someone who remembers all too well the inflationary spiral of the 1970s and its effects, both immediate and long-term, on families and society, our more recent experience in this regard has focused my attention ever more intently on what Town government can do to help mitigate its effects.

One obvious recourse is to maintain Town tax stability, as we’ve done.

Our revised **Zoning Code** includes other techniques. The Board approved the new Code in March of this year, after many months of workshops and public input. Among other provisions, it opens up a broader range of options for housing choices in Pittsford. In particular, it makes more possible construction of additional housing that’s less costly than the traditional detached house.

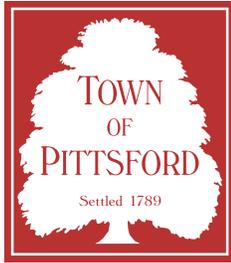
- *More Housing Variety:* The new Code allows for smaller lot sizes. It extends Incentive Zoning opportunities Town-wide, rather than restricted to one area as before. This can allow for greater density and thereby for housing priced more moderately than what has been available traditionally.
- *Monroe Avenue Commercial Corridor:* The new Code offers a comprehensive vision for improving the Monroe Avenue commercial corridor. The goal is to create a mixed-use commercial district with a more village-like feel and of more walkable scale. To do this it provides for storefronts at the street and parking to their rear, with housing above the streetside storefronts. This is similar to what we see today on Main Street in the Village, with a mix of commercial and residential.
- *Staying in Pittsford:* Consistent with the Town’s Comprehensive Plan, the new Code builds in new provisions to encourage more moderately priced market-rate housing for people in or approaching retirement age. Many want to downsize while remaining in Pittsford. In updating our Zoning Code we provided for smaller patio homes, for cluster zoning and for other specifications for future construction in undeveloped places, that can result in housing options that cost less, relative to typical pricing. Single-family *attached* houses are popular among empty-nesters who are downsizing; the new code provides for more of them.

Importantly, these changes respect and protect the status of existing residential neighborhoods in Pittsford, while offering more choices in Town and at different price points. In this way the new Code supplements our approvals of more apartment construction by broadening residential opportunities further still.

As long as Pittsford remains the successful community it is, the cost of housing across the board, from the least expensive to the most, generally will be higher than in most other communities. Pittsford is a place people want to move *to*, not *away from*, thereby increasing demand. Housing therefore commands a higher price – a common characteristic of successful communities everywhere. Within that context, what we’ve done is what our residents support: broaden choices while maintaining the integrity of Pittsford’s distinctive aesthetic.

Public Works

Our Department of Public Works continued throughout the year to deliver essential services residents rely on every day:



- ✓ Tax Rate Held Flat
- ✓ Maintains Full Services
- ✓ Keeps Up with Rising Costs
- ✓ Supports Neighborhoods
- ✓ Sustainable

Budget 2026 Highlights

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

Property Tax Breaks for Seniors, Veterans, Firefighters/Ambulance Workers and Disabled Persons with 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, 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 disabled people with limited income 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.

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

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 **(585) 248-6230** by March 1, 2026.

Thanks and Farewell to School Superintendent Mike Pero

From Supervisor Smith: On behalf of a grateful community, I thank sincerely Pittsford School District Superintendent **Mike Pero**, who retired December 1 after over 30 years of dedicated service to our students and their families, our teachers and our community. Mike's vision, values, judgment and leadership over the 12 years of his tenure as Superintendent have contributed immeasurably to the highly successful collaborative relationship among the School District, the Town and the Village – and thereby to the continuing success of our Town. Not every town has this. In Pittsford, we do. I could not have asked for a better partner in municipal government. I have valued his wise advice, have hoped I've been able to reciprocate with helpful advice of my own from time to time, and above all, am proud to be a member of a community with a school district as fine as Pittsford's. That we have it is thanks to the leadership of Mike Pero. The tone is set from the top. Mike, thank you for setting it so well. We all wish you the best!

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leaf and yard debris collection, plowing, sewer maintenance, mowing, landscaping, and thousands of service calls and responses to requests by residents. The **Sewer Department** continued major upgrades at a central pump station and installed emergency generators at other critical sites.

Highway Department

In addition to repaving, resurfacing, placing new gutters and improving stormwater management and drainage, we've improved yard debris pickup by bringing bagged collection in-house and adding a compactor truck – reducing costs, increasing efficiency, and allowing us to recycle even more material into free mulch for residents.

Sidewalks

This year we completed new sidewalks on Mendon Road, Thornell Road and Barker Road – connecting neighborhoods, parks and creating safe pathways to schools.

Parks

This year we opened our new Copper Beech Park, on North Main Street in the Village. The newest Town park, it includes seating, lighting and accommodates food trucks. We also kicked off a new summer concert series at the park.

Park improvements in 2025 have included reconditioning trails and refreshing the playground surface at King's Bend Park. We've upgraded both of the King's Bend lodges, and resurfaced the parking lot at Hopkins Park.

More boaters can now use the docks at Carpenter Park, and can use them more easily thanks to moving boat docking registration online, as we did this past spring.

Health and Safety

We've continued to offer First Aid and CPR classes, as well as monthly blood drives. We've continued Narcan training with the Monroe County Health Department.

Recreation

Of course in 2025 we've maintained the full calendar of events you've come to expect, including concerts, kids' programs, outdoor movies and our signature festivals like *Paddle and Pour* and the *Food Truck & Music Fest*. Our philosophy is to focus on programs for all ages, including intergenerational activities that bring seniors together with young learners and high school students.

This year our Recreation Department added a new Literacy Enrichment component to our Panther Pals program for young children. In addition, our Pittsford Wreckers Special Olympics program has continued to thrive, especially its growing golf program, that's now our most popular.

Library

This year marked the 20th anniversary of our current Library building. We celebrated it with some significant upgrades: installing new automatic doors at both entrances, new carpeting and furniture. The new doors mean improved

accessibility – no more trying to pull open a door with an armful of books and a Starbucks coffee in the other hand!

Today Pittsford Community Library stands in the top ranks in Monroe County, with:

- Highest door count of any town library
- Third-highest circulation (over 418,000 items)
- Over 1,000 programs offered this year with more than 25,000 attendees

In addition, we're the only local library offering digital access to major national newspapers. I myself didn't realize that until recently. I knew we offered it; I just assumed it was standard. But ours is the only one. Once again, Pittsford leads the way.

On top of it all, 2025 represents the 50th anniversary of the Friends of the Pittsford Library, a group that has done so much and has raised so much money over the years to keep our Library on the cutting edge. My sincere thanks to its dedicated volunteers.

Traffic and Public Safety

In addition to having enacted a law to lower the speed limit in residential neighborhoods to 25, this year we partnered with the Sheriff's Office to continue to address speeding. We now have more deputies assigned to Pittsford, with more on the way in January. The Town has installed new radar signs and has acquired more speed trailers. These help us to target enforcement in problem areas.

Of course, safety on roads encompasses much more than speed limits alone. It includes our aggressive program of building more sidewalks, connecting existing sidewalks and tying them into our trail system to provide more and safer walkways for pedestrians. Literally to keep you off the streets. This policy is central to the Town's Active Transportation Plan.

Beyond that, we all need to accept that a large part of road safety is up to each of us. Please drive carefully. Please observe speed limits, stop signs and stop lights. In particular, please never pass a school bus that's stopped to pick up or drop off schoolchildren. We're an active and mobile community. Human nature makes most of us want the speed limit to be 10 miles an hour in front of our house and 90 miles an hour everywhere else. A prescription for disaster and tragedy.

Yes, we have more Sheriff's deputies on the job in Pittsford than at any time in recent years, with more coming in the new year. Yet no Sheriff's Office and no local police department – even if you were willing to pay the taxes to create one – can be at every intersection 24/7. So it really is up to each of us to drive with our own safety and the safety of others in mind. Road safety is up to every one of us.

Looking Ahead to 2026

You can expect me to continue focusing on high-quality services and fiscal responsibility. These are always our overarching priorities.

Dark Sky Practices Benefit People and Wildlife

In western New York, **light pollution peaks in winter**. Long nights, leafless trees, and snow reflection increase light spill and glare from artificial lighting, brightening the sky. Owls, foxes, deer and migratory birds lose the darkness they rely on to find food and to rest safely. Excess artificial light at night also can affect people. LED light interferes with melatonin production, potentially causing insomnia and other health problems.

The Town of Pittsford's Zoning Code requires **appropriate Dark-Sky-compliant outdoor lighting**, for purposes of sustainability and considerate neighborliness. Dark Sky lighting standards conserve energy, protect wildlife and preserve views of the night sky. Thoughtful lighting prevents glare from spilling into nearby homes, thereby helping everyone enjoy darker, more restful nights.

Appropriate Dark Sky practices can include using **fully shielded light fixtures**, which direct light downward, **limiting brightness** and **choosing warm color bulbs** to reduce glare and skyglow and using **motion sensors or timers** to limit unnecessary lighting.

You can tell if your outdoor lighting is spilling light by checking at night to **see if your lights shine beyond the intended area**, or spill into a neighbor's yard, an adjacent street, or into natural areas you didn't intend to light, or if it lights up the night sky.

If you can easily see the bright bulb or light source from different vantage points, it likely lacks proper shielding.

This winter and in all seasons, consider making simple changes to outdoor lighting that conserve energy and can help restore a darker, more natural night sky. It benefits people and wildlife alike.

Protecting the night sky starts with YOU!

<p>1 Light only what you need</p> 	<p>2 Use energy efficient bulbs and only as bright as you need</p> 	<p>3 Shield lights and direct them down</p> 
<p>4 Only use light when you need it</p> 	<p>5 Choose warm white light bulbs</p> 	<p>6 Join IDA!</p> <p style="font-size: small;">We need your help to continue the fight against light pollution.</p> 

Dog License Renewals Available Online

Pittsford residents can now renew dog licenses online. To renew a license, you may use the link below. You can search by license number, dog's name or owner's name to bring up your records.

You can pay for the renewal online with credit card, debit card or e-check. You can save an electronic copy of your payment receipt. Once you've paid, the system notifies the Town Clerk's office, which then will send your renewed license to you by email within three business days.

This **online option is for renewals only**. For a **new** dog registration you'll need to apply in person at the Town Clerk's office in Town Hall, 11 South Main Street.

Online dog license renewals are processed through the "Quickpay" online payment processing company, which charges a processing fee. For each transaction the fee is \$1.75 for debit/credit cards and \$2.50 for e-checks. The fees go to Quickpay, not to the Town.

To renew your dog license online, go to <https://clerk.nyquickpay.com/tpittsford.php>

Lighting Districts

Residents who wish to have street lighting installed in their neighborhood can apply to create a lighting district. Adding lighting requires substantial support of the neighborhood residents.

There are different types of lighting districts, depending on pole locations and the number of light poles involved. One type of district accommodates light poles at the entrance to the neighborhood or at a crossing. Others provide for installing light poles within the neighborhood. Lighting Districts must meet the requirements of RG&E, comply with Town Code and meet the Town's Dark Sky Compliance requirements.

The cost of a lighting district is borne by the residents of the district through a fee appearing on their Town tax bill.

For further information about the process of creating a lighting district visit our Lighting District web page at www.townofpittsford.org/lightingdistricts or contact the Planning, Zoning and Development Department at (585) 248-6260 or by email to pschenkel@townofpittsford.org.

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In furtherance of those goals, we expect to complete a new sidewalk on Tobey Road, from Cricket Hill to Clover Street. Next up for this project will be public meetings and the start of site work. In addition, 2026 will see completion of our new sidewalk on East Street.

We'll be planning some special events to commemorate America's 250th birthday in July.

What makes Pittsford the community we're proud of is the good sense, good will and the always reasonable judgment

of our residents throughout the Town. You continue to shape improvements in every area of Town life. I'm honored to serve you to keep making them happen.

Please let me hear from you! You can reach me at (585) 248-6220 or by email at bsmith@townofpittsford.org. I maintain an open-door policy at my office, and you can attend my monthly open house at the Library, usually the first Saturday of each month. It's announced on my Bill Smith Pittsford Town Supervisor Facebook page and in the Town eNews.

Erie Canal Bicentennial Celebration

We were pleased to join with the Village in September to celebrate the **Erie Canal's Bicentennial**. The weekend's activities included a flotilla of canal boats led by a newly-constructed replica of the *Seneca Chief*, the boat that led the Canal's dedication in 1825, guided tours, live music and other entertainment.

Town Historian Vicki Masters Profitt created an exhibit on the Canal's history that accompanied the State Museum's traveling exhibit, **"Enterprising Waters: New York's Erie Canal."**

The Town hosted the **Cecilia Whalen Dance Company's "The Erie Canal Project"** performance, sponsored by Nazareth University and featuring Nazareth students performing with the company and choreographer Ms. Whalen. Musician **Don Dwyer** brought **"Songs and Stories of the Erie Canal"** to life as part of the Town's activities.



Food Truck and Music Fest

Since 2014, our annual **Food Truck and Music Fest** has brought the community together to enjoy live music all day, food and drink from mobile cuisine vendors and local establishments, amusement rides, activities for kids and a spectacular fireworks display to cap off the festivities. We're proud to include the **Pittsford Youth Services Duck Drop** at the Fest. Great to see all who came out to enjoy!



VETERANS DAY



Thankful for our veterans on Veterans Day, and every day.

Rayson-Miller American Legion Post 899 held a moving Veterans Day ceremony.

Stay Safe this Winter!

Don't Crowd the Plow

When the snow flies our crews get out on the roads to plow. If you're on the road, please give our plows plenty of room to work. The road behind an active plow truck is safer to drive on, so driving an appropriate amount of space behind a plow may be your best option, especially during heavy snows. If you must pass, please only pass when it is safe to do so. If conditions become severe, consider staying off the roads entirely if you can, and always do so if a travel ban or state of emergency is declared.

A Snow-Free Car Keeps the Roads Safer for All

On a cold morning after a heavy snowfall or as you get ready to head home after a snowy day, it may be tempting to skip cleaning off your vehicle before you get on the road. But doing so can put you and others in harm's way. It could even get you a traffic ticket. Snow blowing from your car can completely block visibility for those behind you on the road. Please brush off taillights and headlights, to avoid accidents that blocked lights can cause. Please remember that frozen rooftop snow can be dangerous to those behind you – and to you as well, if it slides forward and blocks your view. You'll help keep the road safer for yourself and others this winter by clearing the snow from your vehicle before you drive.

Clear Hydrants = Faster Emergency Response

If there's a fire hydrant in front of your property, you can help our firefighters by keeping it clear of snow, with three feet of clearing around it. If firefighters can't find the hydrant in the snow, the consequences are obvious: in an emergency, every second counts, so quick access is vital. Clearing a path from the street to the hydrant helps as well.

Fire and Heating Safety

As temperatures drop, we make more use of our fireplaces, space heaters, wood stoves, radiators and other heating devices. **In winter, most home fires are started by heating equipment.** Following a **few simple rules** can help keep you safe.

- Install and test smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet from any heat source (fireplaces, wood stoves, radiator, space heaters, etc.).
- Plug all heating devices directly into wall outlets – never use a power strip or extension cord. To reduce the risk of overheating, don't plug any other electrical device into the same outlet.
- Store cooled ashes from a fireplace or wood stove in a tightly covered **metal** container. Keep it outside and away from structures. Never store ashes in your house or garage.
- Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney and vents.
- Always use a screen in front of wood burning fireplaces.

Please remember that **coals and ashes from fires can remain hot enough to start a fire for days after the fire appears to be out.** To be safe, treat all ashes and coals as hot when disposing of them.



Update for Local Emergency Notifications – Sign-Up Required



Monroe County has placed its new, enhanced emergency notification system, MonroeAlert, on a new platform. It went live

on November 17, 2025. **MonroeAlert replaces the previous system. Therefore, you must re-register to continue to receive notifications.**

MonroeAlert sends emergency alerts, notifications and updates to your devices directly from Monroe County 9-1-1 and Office of Emergency Management by text

message, phone call or mobile app notification.

MonroeAlerts include law enforcement activities, emergency situations, protective actions (shelter in place, evacuation) and public safety threats. Participants can select the alerts they wish to receive. For more information and to sign up, visit their web page at www.monroecounty.gov/MonroeAlert.

For further information about emergency notification alerts for Pittsford residents, visit our Emergency Alert Notifications web page at www.townofpittsford.org/emergency-notifications-and-alerts.

Seasonal Parking Rules in Effect Through April 1

To permit snow plowing, both the Town and Village restrict on-street parking in winter. The rules apply to all roads, streets and highways within each jurisdiction. Violators in both jurisdictions, Town and Village, can be towed, ticketed or both.

Throughout the Town, outside of the Village, on-street parking on public roads, including State roads, is prohibited from November 15 through April 1.

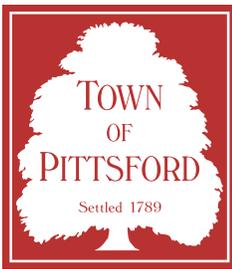
Within the Village, parking on any street, including State roads, is prohibited between 2:00am and 6:00am from November 1 to April 15.

Cars parked on streets impede plowing. When the snow flies, the plows have to make it through. Please help keep our streets safe and accessible this winter!

Emergency Closings

In case of severe weather or other emergencies, you'll find information about Town facility closings and program cancellations on the Town's website at www.townofpittsford.org, on the Town of Pittsford's Facebook page at [pittsfordtown1789](https://www.facebook.com/pittsfordtown1789) and on its X (formerly Twitter) feed [@pittsfordtown](https://twitter.com/pittsfordtown). We also send emergency closure updates to local media – you can check for updates on local television and radio stations as well.





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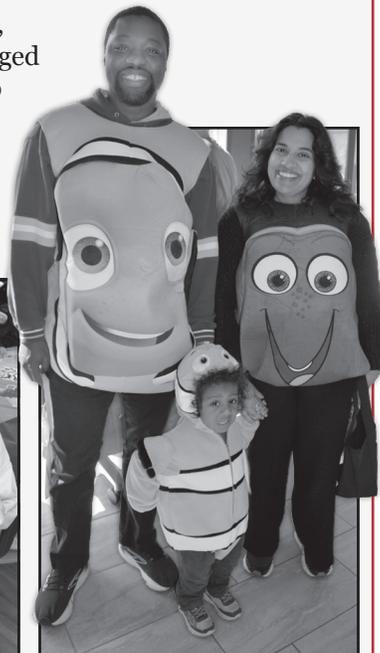
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Halloween Fest: Family Fun and Support for Food Cupboard!

Thanks to you who visited our annual Family Halloween Fest. We collected **30 large boxes of food items**, plus **\$200 in Venmo donations**, for the **Pittsford Food Cupboard**. It was a fantastic day at the Spiegel Community Center, filled with plenty of treats, crafts, games, and indoor and outdoor activities.

Special thanks to Pittsford Rotary, whose dedicated volunteers managed the food collection. Thanks also to the enthusiastic and creative students of the Rotary Interact Clubs at Mendon and Sutherland High Schools, who provided games and activities for all ages.



A Message of Thanks to Town Staff

Over the past year our staff opened the newly expanded Copper Beech Park and initiated a new concert series there. They completed an extensive preventive maintenance and repaving program improving streets in so many neighborhoods. They offered new and expanded programs and services for residents of all ages at our Library and Community Center. They made possible another successful year of concerts, movies and activities, organized our much loved festivals - Paddle and Pour and the Food Truck and Music Fest - and most recently, our Family Halloween Fest. They helped our community celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Erie Canal. All of this, and more, while carrying out the regular Town services on which we rely: caring for our neighborhoods, for our parks and trails. Building new sidewalks. Maintaining roads, sewers and all our public facilities. Picking up leaves, plowing snow. Answering questions, providing services and resources, serving as a caring and friendly point of contact.

At Town Hall, at our Spiegel Community Center, our Pittsford Community Library, our Town Court. In our Highway, Sewer, Parks, Planning, Building, Code Enforcement, Animal Control, and Maintenance departments. In our IT and GIS departments. In the offices of our Town Clerk, Assessor, Legal, HR, Finance, Communication, Administrative, and Historian. In all areas, Pittsford's employees exemplify a willingness to go the extra mile. To keep working until an issue is resolved. To serve our residents with care and goodwill.

I extend to every member of our outstanding Town staff profound thanks for a job very well done.