



News & Reviews

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Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings

NEW YEAR'S HOURS FOR TOWN FACILITIES

In observance of the **New Year's holiday** all Town offices (including Town Hall and the Parks, Sewer, and Highway departments) will close at 1:00pm on Friday, 12/30.

The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center will be closed all day on Saturday, 12/31 and Sunday, 1/1/23.

The Pittsford Community Library will close at 3:00pm on Saturday, 12/31, will be closed all day on Sunday, 1/1/23, and will be open for regular hours (9:00am – 9:00pm) on Monday, 1/2/23.

Pittsford Town Court will be closed Friday, 12/30/22 and Monday, 1/2/23. .

Holiday closures also are listed on the Town website at www.townofpittsford.org/calendar.

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

We wish all a happy and safe New Year!



WOMEN'S CLUB GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE THIS SATURDAY, 12/31

The Women's Club of Pittsford offers endowment grants to charitable organizations and is **accepting grant applications through this Saturday, December 31, 2022 for 2023 endowment grants**. Applications must be submitted for a specific project and be made on behalf of a 501c3 charitable organization in Monroe County or in surrounding counties that service



Monroe County residents. The grant application can be found on the Women's Club website at <https://www.womensclubofpittsford.org>. The application can be filled out online or printed and returned by mail. Please note all applications must include a copy of the organization's IRS letter indicating 501(c)(3) status.

Since 1984, the Women's Club of Pittsford has contributed over \$370,000 to Greater Rochester Area organizations. More information and the grant

application form can be found on their website at

<https://www.womensclubofpittsford.org/apply-for-a-grant.html>. The deadline for submitting an application is December 31, 2022.

2023 TOWN & COUNTY PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION

****Reminder for those interested in prepayment: the Tax Office will be closing at 1:00pm on Friday, December 30. Please follow directions outlined below.****



Town of Pittsford property owners whose taxes are not in escrow will receive their 2023 Town and County tax bills in the mail after January 1, 2023. Property tax bills also may be obtained through the Monroe County Real Property Portal on or after December 31, 2022. Click the following link for [step-by-step directions on how to access your tax bill information online](#).

Important Tax Collection Dates:

January 1 – First day of tax collection. Legally, we cannot accept any payments prior.

February 10 – Full payment or first installment is due.

February 28 – Second installment is due.

March 31 – Third installment is due.

April 30 – Fourth installment is due.

If you are considering prepayment of your 2023 Town and County taxes, we recommend consulting with your accountant to determine if prepayment would be beneficial to you under the federal and state tax laws in effect. Please notify the tax office via email at townclerk@townofpittsford.org or by phone at 585-248-6215 if you will be mailing in a prepayment with a U.S. postmark of December 31, 2022; doing so will ensure you are correctly receipted for your payment. Click the following link for details on [how to submit your prepayment](#) and how to access your tax bill online.



WINTER RECREATION PROGRAM REGISTRATION IS UNDERWAY

Our Recreation Department offers lots of ways to stay active and have fun this winter! Winter program registration is currently underway. [View our Recreation Program brochure online](#) for a

complete listing of programs for all ages! Or pick up a copy at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue. Register for programs online or in person at the Community Center.

PYS EFFECTIVE AND POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAM

Pittsford Youth Services is offering a free parenting group on Saturday mornings for six consecutive sessions from 9:00 – 10:00am starting on January 7, 2023 and running through February 11, 2023. The group will learn about the *1-2-3 Magic* parenting program from Dr. Thomas Phelan. *1-2-3 Magic* is an effective, positive parenting program that divides parenting responsibilities into three parts: controlling negative behavior, encouraging good behavior and strengthening the child-parent relationship.



PYS YOUTH SOCIAL SKILLS GROUP PROGRAM FOR 6th GRADERS

Pittsford Youth Services is offering a 6th grade social skills group for six consecutive sessions on Saturday mornings from 10:15-11:15 starting on January 7, 2023 and running through February 11, 2023. The goal of the group is to teach social emotional skills to help children cope with every day triggers and stressors, and to reinforce resilience and positive behavior. The focus will be on self awareness, establishing and maintaining friendships, peer pressure and bullying, emotional regulation and frustration tolerance. The program will include conversations utilizing a variety of activities, in addition to art and music therapy.

Both programs begin January 7. To register, and for more information, contact Loraine Young, PYS Clinical Director at 264-0604 or email lyoung@pittsfordyouthservices.org.

REMINDERS

TOWN BOARD MEETINGS ARE STREAMING LIVE

Pittsford Town Board meetings are being streamed live; the feed is accessible on any device. Town Board is typically held the first and third Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm at Town Hall. See www.townofpittsford.org/calendar for meeting dates. To view the livestream, click the [Town Board Meeting live streaming link](#) when the meeting begins. This link can also be found on page two of the meeting agenda. The meeting agenda is posted on the Town's [minutes and agendas page](#) at least two days prior to the meeting. Please note: if you try to log in too early (before the meeting feed is live) you will see an error message; refresh your screen just prior to or at 6:00pm when the board meeting starts and you will be able to view the meeting. As always, ASL interpretation is provided for every Town Board meeting.

ASL INTERPRETER ALWAYS AVAILABLE AT TOWN BOARD MEETINGS

The Town of Pittsford has an American Sign Language interpreter available at every Pittsford Town Board meeting, to interpret for those who need this service. Those who can't attend a Town Board meeting in person but are planning to watch the meeting's live stream can confirm their need for the interpreter by emailing comments@townofpittsford.org. Requests can be made in advance or can be emailed through the first ten minutes of the meeting. An on-demand Town Board meeting video with closed captioning will be available within 48 hours of the meeting; visit www.townofpittsford.org/channel12 and use the On-Demand links to view previously recorded meetings.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN PITTSFORD

- [Town of Pittsford Zoning Code Update](#) – comments made by Town of Pittsford

stakeholders via email and mail being accepted; access the Comprehensive Plan, the Active Transportation Plan, the project timeline, a link to the Town's current Zoning Code, and other informational materials, on the **Zoning Code Update website** at www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate. Comments can be made to zoningupdate@townofpittsford.org or mailed to Doug DeRue, Town of Pittsford, 11 South Main Street, Pittsford, NY 14534; please indicate whether you are a Town or Village resident.

TOWN OF PITTSFORD BOARD MEETINGS

- **Town Board Year-End Meeting**, Thursday, 12/29, 10:00am, Public Meeting Room, Town Hall (lower level), 11 South Main Street; ASL interpretation provided, current CDC guidelines will be followed; 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, 1/3/23, 6:00pm, Public Meeting Room, Town Hall (lower level), 11 South Main Street, ASL interpretation provided, current CDC guidelines will be followed; 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

- [American Legion Rayson-Miller Post 899](#) Tuesday morning breakfast and socializing, every Tuesday, 8:00-10:00am, 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, masks are required; 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. Meetings held the third Thursday of the month, September through June; due to the COVID-19 pandemic, decisions to hold meetings in person or virtually are made month to month. Visit the website at <https://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.

COVID-19 Access Updates

3/2/22 Update: the Statewide mask mandate for schools expired 3/1, mask use is now optional in Pittsford School District schools; for more information, visit www.pittsfordschools.org/COVID-19INFORMATION. The mandate remains in place for health care facilities, transportation and other related entities .

2/10/22 Update: the Statewide mask mandate has expired for indoor public spaces including grocery stores, shops and offices. The mandate remains for other settings such as health care facilities and schools.

1/31/22 Update: the Governor's mask mandate extended to February 10, 2022.

12/13/21 Update: By order of NYS Governor Kathy Hochul, until January 15, 2022 the

Town must require all persons entering Town buildings to be masked, regardless of vaccination status. This applies to all Town indoor facilities, including Town Hall, the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, the Pittsford Community Library, Town Court and the Highway Department, Sewer Department and Parks Department offices.

On June 15, 2021, Governor Cuomo announced that COVID-19 restrictions are lifted immediately as 70 percent of New Yorkers aged 18 or older have received the first dose of their COVID-19 vaccination series. The State's health guidance and New York Forward industry specific guidelines—including social gathering limits, capacity restrictions, social distancing, cleaning and disinfection, health screening, and contact information for tracing—are now optional for retail, food services, offices, gyms and fitness centers, amusement and family entertainment, hair salons, barber shops and personal care services, among other commercial settings.

On August 2, 2021, Monroe County was designated as a County with a “substantial” COVID infection. Consequently, the CDC now recommends that people, regardless of vaccination status, wear a mask indoors. This is a recommendation, not a mandate. The guidelines are unclear at this point, as is the situation. Neither the State, the County or the Town has imposed a mask *requirement* at this stage.

Unvaccinated individuals continue to be responsible for wearing masks, in accordance with federal CDC guidance. Consistent with the State's implementation of the recent CDC guidance, masks are still required for unvaccinated individuals.

For information on the vaccine, on getting the vaccine, regional vaccination data and more visit the [Finger Lakes COVID-19 Vaccine Hub](#).

Monroe County Services at Town facilities:

The County has suspended until further notice Passport Services at Town Hall and Mobile DMV service at Pittsford Town Court. Find updated information for Monroe County DMV here <https://www2.monroecounty.gov/clerk-COVID-19>.

Further information and updates can be found at www.townofpittsford.org/covid-19info.

COVID-19 Coronavirus Information Links

Further Town of Pittsford COVID-19 coronavirus information and updates can be found at www.townofpittsford.org/covid-19info.

[Pittsford Central School District COVID-19 Coronavirus Updates](#).

You can find information on COVID-19 coronavirus at the County Health Department's website: <https://www.monroecounty.gov/health>.

Additional information about COVID-19 testing and health requirements throughout Monroe County can be found on the County's Website: www.monroecounty.gov

The CDC also has information on its website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/share-facts-stop-fear.html>.

In addition, the CDC has information relevant to anyone planning to travel outside of the United States: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html?>

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