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SUPERVISOR SATURDAY WITH BILL SMITH THIS WEEK – NOVEMBER 6

Town Supervisor Bill Smith will host his community open house meeting this Saturday, November 6 from 9:00 - 10:00am at the Pittsford Community Library. Stop by and join the conversation to catch up on current Town projects and other topics you might wish to discuss, such as the Town's **Zoning Code Update**, our latest **sustainability efforts**, and other **issues that affect your neighborhood**. If you've got questions, ideas or comments for Supervisor Smith, be sure to join him this Saturday!

Supervisor Saturday

with Pittsford Town Supervisor

Bill Smith

9:00 - 10:00am

Pittsford Community Library

**Stop by and join
the conversation!**

This casual open house will be in the Fisher Meeting Room; participants will be expected to wear a face covering and follow appropriate health and physical distancing guidelines. Supervisor Saturday enables residents who can't stop by to see the Supervisor during the work week a chance to speak to him directly. Come and discuss what matters most to you! Drop by – no registration required. The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street.

Supervisor Smith keeps an open door policy and also welcomes visits from residents at Town Hall during regular business hours Monday to Friday by appointment. As always, he's available by phone at 248-6220 and by email at bsmith@townofpittsford.org.

2022 Town Budget Public Hearing

*An opportunity for Pittsford residents to
advise the Town Board and comment on the
proposed budget*

Thursday, November 4

6:00pm

Town Hall, Lower Level Meeting Room
11 South Main Street

CDC COVID-19 guidelines will be followed.
ASL INTERPRETATION PROVIDED

SUPERVISOR SMITH'S PROPOSED 2022 BUDGET CUTS TOWN TAX RATE

Budget Public Hearing is Thursday, 11/4

Supervisor Smith's proposed budget for 2022 cuts the Town tax rate, reducing it to \$3.13 per thousand dollars of assessed value while maintaining and improving Town services. The budget documents, including [Supervisor Smith's budget presentation](#) and his [budget memo](#) are available to view on the Town website at <https://www.townofpittsford.org/budgets>.

These documents also can be found by using the "Budgets & Financials" link under the "Government" tab on the Town website home page.

Cumulatively since 2018, the supervisor's proposed budgets have cut the Town tax rate by more than 9%. For years Town taxes have been held to 9 cents of every dollar a Pittsford household pays in property tax. With this most recent tax cut, Town taxes now represent *just* 8 cents of every dollar a Pittsford household pays in property tax.

A public hearing on the Proposed 2022 Town Budget will be held in the Town Hall meeting room this Thursday, November 4 at 6:00pm during the Town Board meeting. This is an important opportunity for Pittsford residents to advise the Town Board and to comment on the proposed budget. Residents are encouraged to attend.

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; current CDC guidelines will be followed.

JOB OPENING FOR BUILDING INSPECTOR

Application Deadline this Monday, 11/8

The Town of Pittsford Public Works Department has an opening for a [Building Inspector](#); the application deadline is this Monday, November 8. This is a full-time position responsible for the administration and enforcement of NYS codes related to building and property maintenance. The Building Inspector performs, and/or supervises Assistant Inspectors in performing, the plan review, issuance and inspection of commercial and residential projects and serves as the liaison to the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Design Review and Historic Preservation Board.



For a complete job description, qualifications and application information, use this link to see the [Building Inspector job listing](#) online or visit the Town website at www.townofpittsford.org/hr/pittsford-employment-opportunities.



BLOOD DRIVE AT THE LIBRARY THIS FRIDAY

The Town of Pittsford will host a Red Cross blood drive this Friday, November 5 from 10:00am – 3:00pm at the Pittsford Community Library in the Fisher Meeting Room. The Library is located at 24 State Street in the Village of Pittsford.

Donors can schedule an appointment by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or using this [online registration link](#). Please schedule an appointment prior to

your arrival to help ensure we can safely manage the flow of donors.

The Red Cross will be following all current COVID-19 guidelines during the blood drive. Donors can save time using the RapidPass registration process. Just visit www.redcrossblood.org/RapidPass on the day of your scheduled donation, read the

information, answer the questions, then print or email yourself the pass.

Donating blood is a simple thing to do, but it can make a big difference in the lives of others. **Current natural disasters and the complexities of COVID-19 mean your help is needed now more than ever.** The Red Cross has the ability to move blood around the country to wherever, and whenever, it is needed most.

As we continue to navigate this pandemic, blood donations remain essential to the health of our communities. The Red Cross needs the ongoing support of blood donors and blood drive hosts to ensure blood products are available for patients battling disease and facing the unexpected. If you are eligible and feeling well, please make an appointment today to give by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org) or calling 800-RED-CROSS.



LIFE OF THE SENECA PROGRAM THIS SATURDAY AT THE LIBRARY

The Pittsford Community Library will present a "Life of the Seneca" program this Saturday, November 6 at 2:00pm in the Fisher Meeting Room. Hear about the formation of the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois Confederacy) culture, with a focus on the Senecas at Ganondagan. Learn about the importance of the bark Longhouse and its construction. Presenters will share a variety of artifacts, which may include furs, felt hats, bone tools, cornhusk items, wooden bowls and spoons

with clan symbols, and trade items.

The program is geared toward adults and is free and open to the public. Per the CDC and Monroe County Health Department, masks are strongly recommended and encouraged in the Library, regardless of vaccination status. The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street. To learn more about upcoming Library programs, visit the [Library's online program calendar](#). For complete Library information, including hours of operation, visit <https://www.townofpittsford.org/library>.

PITTSFORD ROTARY FOOD DRIVE IS SATURDAY *Collecting warm gloves, socks and hats for Veterans as well as items for Food Cupboard*

The [Rotary Club of Pittsford](#), in collaboration with the Town of Pittsford, will conduct a drive-through canned and packaged food drive to benefit the [Pittsford Food Cupboard](#) and the [Veterans Outreach Center](#) this Saturday, November 6 from 9:00am – noon at the Pittsford Sutherland High School bus loop, 55 Sutherland Street.



In addition to food items to benefit the Pittsford Food Cupboard, **donors are asked to bring warm gloves, socks and hats for our veterans**, which will be distributed to veterans by the Veterans Outreach Center.

Current needs for the **Pittsford Food Cupboard** especially include canned and boxed Thanksgiving items such as canned pumpkin, cranberry sauce, stuffing, condensed milk, gravy, French fried onions, chicken broth and corn muffin mix. Personal care items and cleaning items are also needed. Click this link for a [list of current Food Cupboard needs](#).

Rotarians, community volunteers and Town staff will be collecting items rain or shine.

All volunteers working will be taking COVID-19 precautionary measures, including wearing face coverings and gloves and maintaining safe distances. The Pittsford Food Cupboard and the Veterans Outreach Center are among the many organizations that benefit from Pittsford Rotary's mission of service to our community and beyond. Please help our Rotarians help those in need if you can.



"FALL BEHIND" - TURN CLOCKS BACK THIS SUNDAY, 11/7 & CHECK YOUR SMOKE DETECTOR

Daylight Saving Time ends this Sunday, November 7 at 2:00AM - time to "fall back" and set your clock back one hour, although you may want to do that just before you go to bed on Saturday night! The good news: we get an extra hour of sleep that day. However, the sun will set an hour earlier now, ushering in the early evening darkness of the season. More good news: the end of

Daylight Saving Time can help keep you safe and healthy - it is when fire and safety folks remind us to **change the batteries and make sure our smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors are in working order.**

HOLD YOUR SPECIAL OCCASION AT KING'S BEND PARK

Resident reservations begin November 8 for 2022 season

Pittsford residents can make reservations for the Town's King's Bend Park lodges for the 2022 season starting this Monday, November 8 at 12:00noon. **Pittsford residents can reserve lodge dates** by visiting the Town website's Recreation Online Reservations web page at <https://webtrac.townofpittsford.org/wbws/wbtrac.wsc/wbsplash.html>.



Online registration simplifies the lodge reservation process. [See our Reservation Instructions form here](#) for registration steps and how to log into your account or to create an account if you've never registered for a Town Recreation program before. Find lodge facilities details on our [Facilities Information web page](#).

Those who are unable to complete a reservation online may drop off or mail in a reservation request form to the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue. Please note payment is due at the time of the request. Any hard copy request (dropped off or mailed in) should indicate a first priority and second priority date. Forms dropped off or mailed in are not guaranteed to receive the requested date(s), as reservation requests require processing time.

In-person reservations will be accepted during regular office hours (Monday - Friday from 8:00am - 5:00pm) at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center. Any requests received outside of office hours will be processed on the next business day.

AMERICAN LEGION VETERANS DAY CEREMONY IS THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11 AT 11:00AM

The Town of Pittsford will join with [Rayson-Miller](#)



[American Legion Post 899 on Veterans Day](#) – on Thursday, November 11 at 11:00am – to honor all those who serve, or have served, in our country's military forces. The ceremony will take place at the Veterans Monument in William A. Carpenter Park at the Port of Pittsford, 22 North Main Street.

The public is welcome and encouraged to attend this moving tribute, which includes a presentation of colors, the placement of wreaths, a rifle salute and the playing of Taps.

HISTORIC PITTSFORD'S GREENPRINT 25 PROGRAM VIDEO AVAILABLE ONLINE

Among the good works by the dedicated folks of [Historic Pittsford](#), the group recently hosted former Town Supervisor Bill Carpenter to discuss the creation of [Pittsford's Greenprint for the Future](#) – a Town initiative



preserving Pittsford's agricultural and green space that's now in its 25th year. If you missed the presentation, you can watch the video via the Historic Pittsford website or here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SltY5IkiMr4&t=692sGreenprint>. The presentation also is available on demand via the Town website – find on-demand viewing information at www.townofpittsford.org/channel12. Many thanks to Historic Pittsford for its long-time efforts to champion and preserve Pittsford's historic places and resources.

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

- [Red Cross Blood Drive at Pittsford Community Library](#), Friday, 11/5, 10:00am – 3:00pm, Pittsford Community Library Fisher Meeting Room, 24 State Street; [schedule an appointment in advance using this online registration link](#) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767); the Red Cross will be following all COVID-19 guidelines during the blood drive, for more information visit www.redcrossblood.org.
- [Pittsford Rotary Food Drive](#), Saturday, 11/6, 9:00am - 12noon, Pittsford Sutherland High School bus loop, 55 Sutherland Street; collecting warm socks, gloves and hats to benefit the Veterans Outreach Center and canned and packaged food items, especially Thanksgiving items, as well as personal care and cleaning items, for Pittsford Food Cupboard (see current [list of Pittsford Food Cupboard needs here](#)).
- **Supervisor Saturday with Bill Smith** - join the conversation with Town Supervisor Bill Smith at this casual open house, topics of discussion based upon attendee interest; Saturday, 11/6, 9:00 - 10:00am, Fisher Meeting Room (first floor), Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street. Current COVID-19 health guidelines will be followed.
- [American Legion Veterans Day Ceremony](#), Thursday, 11/11, 11:00am, Veterans Monument, William A. Carpenter Park at the Port of Pittsford, 22 North Main Street. Ceremony includes presentation of colors, wreath placement, rifle salute and taps; reception, also open to the public, follows at Rayson-Miller American Legion Post 899, 21 North Main Street
- [Friends of Pittsford Library Fall Book Sale](#), Friday and Saturday, 11/12 & 13 from 10:00am – 5:00pm Friday, 10:00 – 4:00pm Saturday and \$3.00 a bag sale Saturday 4:00 – 5:00pm, Fisher Meeting Room, Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street; sale is open to all, variety of books for all ages plus games, DVDs and CDs, credit cards accepted. Masks required, small supply of bags so bring your own is suggested. Proceeds to benefit Library programs and projects.
- [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**, Thursday, 11/4, 6:00pm, Public Meeting Room, Town Hall (lower level), 11 South Main Street, includes 2022 Budget Hearing. 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 - **NOTE REVISED DAY/DATE**
- **Planning Board**, Monday 11/8 6:30pm, Public Meeting Room, Town Hall (lower level), 11 South Main Street, 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 Zoning Code Update meetings](#) – the Zoning Update meetings are tentatively scheduled for the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at noon, through the end of 2021. Find updated meeting listings at www.townofpittsford.org/calendar and find complete Zoning Update information at www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

- **Supervisor Saturday with Bill Smith** - join the conversation with Town Supervisor Bill Smith at this casual open house, topics of discussion based upon attendee interest; Saturday, 11/6, 9:00 - 10:00am, Fisher Meeting Room (first floor), Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street. Current COVID-19 health guidelines will be followed.
- [Village Board of Trustees](#) meeting, Tuesday, 11/9, 6:30pm; 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, 8:00-10:00am, 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
- [Pittsford Art Group](#) conducts monthly member meetings 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 Closure Updates

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. pp

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://www2.monroecounty.gov/health-index.php>.

Additional information about business closure 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?deliveryName=USCDC_2067-DM20785.

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