

News & Reviews

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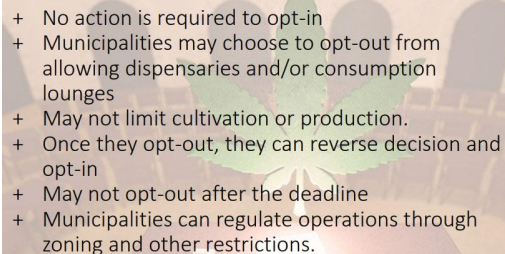
Town of Pittsford - a Clean Energy
Community

See listings below for

Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings

PUBLIC FORUM ON MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES/CONSUMPTION LOUNGES AT 11/16 MEETING

On Tuesday, November 16 at the beginning of the Town Board meeting, a public forum will be held at which Pittsford residents can share their views about **legalization of marijuana retail dispensaries and consumption lounges in the Town of Pittsford**. The meeting begins at 6:00pm and will be held in the lower level meeting room of Town Hall, 11 South Main Street.

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- + No action is required to opt-in
 - + Municipalities may choose to opt-out from allowing dispensaries and/or consumption lounges
 - + May not limit cultivation or production.
 - + Once they opt-out, they can reverse decision and opt-in
 - + May not opt-out after the deadline
 - + Municipalities can regulate operations through zoning and other restrictions.

New York State has set a **deadline of December 31, 2021** for local municipalities to decide whether to opt in or opt out of the New York State Cannabis Law, which legalizes operation of marijuana retail dispensaries and consumption lounges.

Per New York State Law, no action is required by the Town to opt in. The Town can choose to opt out from allowing retail dispensaries and/or consumption lounges. If the Town opts out, it can later – at any time in the future – opt in. However the Town may not opt out after the December 31, 2021 deadline. In other words, **if the Town of Pittsford decides before December 31 to opt out, it can opt in to allow retail dispensaries and/or consumption lounges anytime thereafter. If the Town of Pittsford takes no action or chooses to opt in before December 31, the Town cannot ever opt out in the future.**

Those interested can read the NYS legislation here:
<https://legislation.nysenate.gov/pdf/bills/2021/s854a>.

As always at Town Board meetings, **comments by any Pittsford resident may be made** in person at the meeting, may be emailed during the meeting to comments@townofpittsford.org, or can be submitted in advance at any time before 2:30pm on the day of the meeting (a) by email to comments@townofpittsford.org; (b) by submitting it in writing, through the drop slot to the right of the front door at Town Hall (11 South Main Street); or (c) by U.S. Mail to the Town Clerk, for receipt no later than 2:30pm on the day of the meeting. Please note all comments submitted must

include the name and street address of the commenter. Comments from residents will be read by the Town Clerk at the appropriate point of the meeting.



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

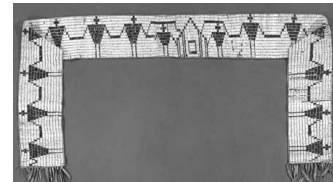
The Town of Pittsford will join with [Rayson-Miller American Legion Post 899 on Veterans Day](#) – tomorrow, Thursday, November 11 at 11:00am – to honor all those who serve, or have served, in our country's military forces.

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.

COMMEMORATING THE 1794 CANANDAIGUA TREATY

November 11 is the anniversary of the 1794 Canandaigua Treaty. Ratified by congress, this treaty of peace established a nation to nation relationship between the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the United States. Today, 227 years later, the treaty remains recognized as a great example of early American diplomacy and an important reminder of the ways Haudenosaunee values influenced our American government. At our November 4 Town Board meeting, Supervisor Smith read a statement on the treaty, which you can read below.



Message from Supervisor Smith:

We note today the commemoration on November 11 of the Treaty of Canandaigua of 1794. It's a reminder that Pittsford and the entire region around us is located on the ancestral territory of the Onondowaga or "the people of the Great Hill." In English, the people known as the Senecas, "the keeper of the western door." Together, with the Mohawk, Cayuga, Onondaga, Oneida, and Tuscarora, the Seneca make up the Haudenosaunee Confederacy. And it was with the Haudenosaunee Confederacy that the young United States in 1794 concluded the Treaty of Canandaigua.

It reminds us of the values and ways of life of the Haudenosaunee that influenced our American government and way of life in ways that matter to this day. It reminds us of the value of peaceable interaction, that it was this treaty that opened up our region peaceably to access to settlers from what had been until recently the English colonies east of the Appalachians. Sadly it reminds us as well of the history and legacy of the forcible settlement of the portion of the continent that became the United States as well.

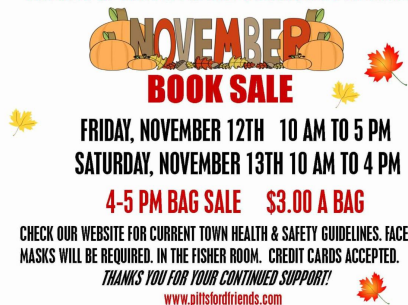
More hopefully, it reminds us that American society as it exists today owes its identity and vitality to generations from around the world who contributed their hopes, dreams and resources to making the history that led to this moment.

All the more important to recognize this as a living agreement, to live in peace and friendship. Like the George Washington Covenant Belt adopted to symbolize the Treaty by representatives of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the United States government in Canandaigua on that day in 1794, the "chain" of our friendship with the Senecas and other peoples of the Haudenosaunee should be polished regularly, to

reinforce our bonds of friendship and common humanity.

To learn more about the 1794 Canandaigua Treaty and the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, visit www.onodaganation.org/news/2020/the-1794-canandaigua-treaty. See also below information about our upcoming Library program "Haudenosaunee Tales."

FRIENDS OF THE PITTSFORD COMMUNITY LIBRARY



NOVEMBER BOOK SALE
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH 10 AM TO 5 PM
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH 10 AM TO 4 PM
4-5 PM BAG SALE \$3.00 A BAG
CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR CURRENT TOWN HEALTH & SAFETY GUIDELINES. FACE MASKS WILL BE REQUIRED. IN THE FISHER ROOM. CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED.
THANKS YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!
www.pittsfordfriends.com

LIBRARY FALL BOOK SALE IS THIS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

The next [Friends of Pittsford Library Fall Book Sale](#) is this Friday and Saturday, November 12 and 13 in the Pittsford Community Library's Fisher Meeting Room. It will feature an array of books for all ages (including hardcover and paperbacks), plus games, DVDs, and CDs – all at great prices! Hours are 10:00am – 5:00pm Friday, 10:00 – 4:00pm Saturday and \$3.00 a bag sale Saturday 4:00 –

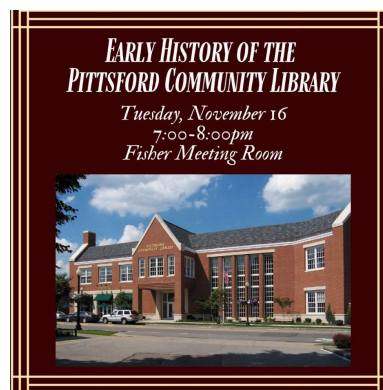
5:00pm. The sale is open to all. Tables will be replenished throughout the sale so everyone has a chance to find some wonderful bookish buys. Credit cards are will be accepted. **Bags will be in short supply so please bring your own** . Masks will be required. All proceeds benefit our Pittsford Community Library!

EARLY HISTORY OF THE PITTSFORD COMMUNITY LIBRARY – PROGRAM THIS TUESDAY, 11/16

A Historic Pittsford program presented by Town and Village Historian Audrey Johnson

This Tuesday, November 16, Historic Pittsford presents "The Early History of the Pittsford Community Library," a program by Pittsford Town and Village Historian Audrey Johnson. This interesting and informative program will be held at 7:00pm in the Library's Fisher Meeting Room. Knowledge is easily attainable today through the touch of the screen, but in this presentation Mrs. Johnson will take us back 150 years to show how community members accessed information by establishing a lending library.

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>.



Join us:
HAUDENOSAUNEE TALES BY STORYTELLER HOWARD EDMOND
Sit back and enjoy the richness of Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) and other Native American tales, told by storyteller Howard Edmond. For all ages.
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20 | 2PM - 2:45PM
Fisher Meeting Room Registration Required

HAUDENOSAUNEE TALES AT THE LIBRARY SATURDAY, 11/20

The Pittsford Community Library continues our celebration of Native American Heritage Month with a delightful all-ages program on Saturday, November 20 – Haudenosaunee Tales by Storyteller Howard Edmond. Enjoy the richness of Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) and other Native American tales, as told by engaging storyteller Howard Edmond. The program is free and open to the public, but registration is required. Use this link

to [register online via the Library calendar](#) or find the registration calendar under the Events tab at <https://www.townofpittsford.org/library>.

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>.

DONATIONS NEEDED TO HELP PITTSFORD FOOD CUPBOARD PROVIDE THANKSGIVING MEALS

The [Pittsford Food Cupboard](#) needs your help to provide Thanksgiving dinner items to **200 local families in need**. **Thanksgiving food distribution begins this Friday, November 12** and they need a total of **200 turkeys**, including at least 30 turkeys by this Friday, as well as other items. Can you help PFC ensure each family in need receives a turkey for their Thanksgiving meal? Items are being accepted up until Saturday, November 20 but **please don't wait if you plan to give**. Thanksgiving items will be distributed to families beginning this Friday. Some of our major local grocery stores have special pricing for turkey or have coupons - you can search online for the best deals. Financial donations are also welcome.



In addition to turkeys, the Food Cupboard especially needs these other Thanksgiving dinner items: **gravy, stuffing, cranberry sauce, corn muffin mix and French fried onions**.

The Pittsford Food Cupboard is located at 3800 Monroe Avenue (on the right, just after the canal bridge as you're heading out of the Village) and is open **Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:30am to 1:30pm** and the first and third **Saturday** of the month from **9:30am – 11:30am**. Turkeys and other items may be dropped off this Friday (11/12), and next week on Tuesday (11/16), Friday (11/19) and Saturday (11/20). Use Door 27 to drop off donations. If you have a large donation to drop off, please call if a different drop off time is needed or for a pickup by a staff member. Call (585) 264-9860 with any questions and to make large drop off arrangements.

The PFC serves Pittsford, East Rochester, Mendon, Honeoye Falls, Brighton and some areas in the City of Rochester. In service since 1998, the PFC has grown to provide food supplies to over 4,000 households each year, totaling over 6,400 people. To find out more about who they serve and how you can help, visit www.pittsfordfoodcupboard.net or email pittsfordfoodcupboard@gmail.com.

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

- [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 Special Meeting** - vote to adopt the 2021 Town Budget, Wednesday, 11/10, 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
- **Pittsford Community Library Board**, Wednesday, 11/10, 6:00pm, Fisher Meeting Room, Pittsford Community Library, 24 State 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
- **Design Review & Historic Preservation Board**, Thursday, 11/11, 6:00pm, 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

- **Parks and Recreation Board**, Thursday, 11/11, 6:30pm, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center – room 206, 35 Lincoln Avenue, current CDC guidelines will be followed; the meeting agenda is posted at least 24 hours prior to the meeting on the Town website here: www.townofpittsford.org/minutes
- **Zoning Board of Appeals**, Monday, 11/15, 7:00pm, 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**, Tuesday, 11/16, 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
- **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

- **Board of Education** meeting, Tuesday, 11/16, 7:00pm, Barker Road Middle School McCluski Board Room, 75 Barker Road
- **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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