



News & Reviews

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SUPERVISOR SATURDAY WITH BILL SMITH THIS WEEK – OCTOBER 15

Town Supervisor Bill Smith will host his community open house meeting this Saturday, October 15 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, ideas for utilizing ARPA funding, 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. 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.



Message from Supervisor Smith:

VALUABLE VOLUNTEER PARTNERSHIPS HELP OUR ENVIRONMENT

This past Friday the dedicated volunteers from Color Pittsford Green came out to Great Embankment Park to help the Town create a "Bird Harbor" by planting a native shrub and perennial garden that will provide food and shelter to migrating birds and to those who

make their home at the park.

On Saturday, another group of committed community volunteers, led by resident

Laurie Konte, gathered at the Deblase Open Space to plant native species in the area that recently was cleared of invasive Autumn Olive bushes.

Both projects are a powerful and wonderful reflection of the valued partnerships the Town shares with community volunteers. For these projects, the Town provided and approved the planting materials, but all of the planning and planting was done by the volunteers. The volunteers researched and suggested plants and shrubs to include, designed the planting layouts, and then recruited additional volunteers to complete all of the plantings at the parks!

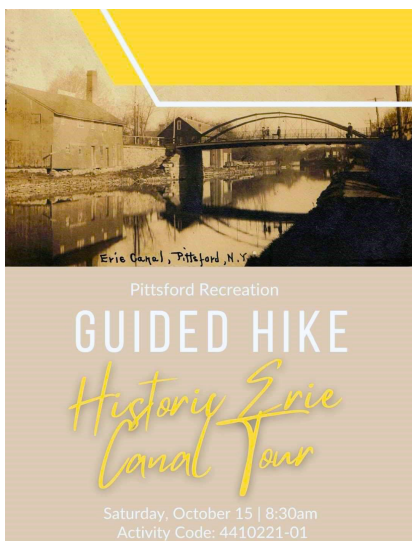
I'm very thankful for the efforts of these caring and engaged community members. They represent the true spirit of civic duty and are a reminder that when we work together our accomplishments can have much greater impact. Many thanks to all involved!

CELEBRATING HISPANIC HERITAGE

Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated each year from September 15 to October 15 – a time to appreciate and recognize the achievements, histories and contributions of Hispanic Americans and Latin Americans and the inspiring and diverse cultures they encompass. Their accomplishments and influence have, for generations, contributed to our nation's successes and enriched its history in myriad ways. During this time of celebration, and always, we value and appreciate those of Hispanic and Latin American heritage – here in our community and throughout the world.



Learn more about Hispanic Heritage Month and upcoming events by visiting the Library of Congress [Hispanic Heritage Month website](#).



GUIDED HIKE THIS SATURDAY FEATURES HISTORIC ERIE CANAL TRAIL

Join Pittsford Recreation's next guided trail hike this Saturday, October 15 – get outdoors and meet other hikers as you explore the **Historic Erie Canal Trail**. The hike begins at 8:30am. Participants will be contacted with a meeting place prior to the hike date and will receive a packet of maps and additional information. Bring your Wegmans Hit the Trail Passport and get credit for hiking the trail! The program is free but advance registration is required. Register online at www.townofpittsford.org/recreation or in person at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue. Free downloadable/printable maps are also available in advance on the Town website at

www.townofpittsford.org/trails_and_walkways.

PITTSFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE & POP-UP FARMERS MARKET THIS SATURDAY

Our Pittsford Fire Department members provide an invaluable service to our community. This Saturday, October 15, you'll have an opportunity to meet these

dedicated volunteers in person and learn about what it takes to be a firefighter! Plus, you can stop by the Willard Farms pop-up farm market!

Join our Fire Department members for a Community Open House this Saturday from 9:00am – 12:00pm at Fire Station #1, 8 Monroe Avenue (near the Main Street Four Corners). The event is free and open to the public. Take a tour of the station and get an up-close look at the firetrucks, tools and equipment. Chat with our volunteer firefighters – they'll be available to provide information, answer questions and demonstrate firefighting activities.



The event also features a pop-up Farmer's Market on site, brought to you by Pittsford's own Willard Farms.

As the number of calls for service continues to grow, so does the need for volunteers. The Pittsford Volunteer Fire Department is always looking for members of the community interested in joining their ranks. If you would like to find out more about how you can make a vital contribution to our community as a volunteer firefighter, stop by the open house this Saturday!



SENIORS HALLOWEEN LUNCH IS OCTOBER 25 *Reservation deadline is this Tuesday, October 18*

Seniors, join us in the VanHuysen Community Room at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center on Tuesday, October 25 at 12noon for a festive Halloween Lunch featuring and a frightfully delicious meal by Chef Julie. If you'd like, wear a costume or black and orange to get into the Halloween spirit!

Enjoy possessed pork chops with startling stuffing and gruesome gravy, captivating carrots, appalling applesauce and a haunted Halloween dessert. Plus, everyone will receive a wonderfully decorated pumpkin to take home! The cost for lunch is \$6.00 per

person; **advance registration and payment is required by this Tuesday, October 18.** For more information and to register, stop by the Senior Programs office at the Community Center or call 248-6235.

The Town's Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. To learn more about our programs, activities and services for seniors click the link to visit the [Seniors page on the Town website](#), read our [Seniors program info brochure online](#), or call our Senior Programs Office at 248-6235.

CHAMBER TO HOST STATE OF PITTSFORD **ADDRESS OCTOBER 25**

The Pittsford Chamber of Commerce will host its annual "State of Pittsford" breakfast featuring Town Supervisor Bill Smith, Village Mayor Alyssa Plummer and Pittsford Schools Superintendent Mike Pero on Tuesday, October 25 at The Highlands of Pittsford Hahnemann Club (301 Stoutenburgh Lane).

Supervisor Smith, Mayor Plummer and Superintendent Pero will inform attendees of progress made over the past year and provide insight about upcoming initiatives.

Doors open at 7:30am. The event begins with a light continental breakfast at 7:45am followed by presentations starting promptly at 8:00am and Q&A at 8:50am. The event is free to attend, but registration is required and space is limited.



For more information and to register, and to request American Sign Language interpretation if needed during the meeting, contact Chamber Treasurer Matthew O'Connor at oconnormatthew1@gmail.com.



YOUR CREATIVITY NEEDED FOR THE 10/28 JACK-O'-LANTERN WALK!

Drop off a carved or painted pumpkin for the walk at the Community Center & take it home after

Our Jack-o'-Lantern Walk is Friday, October 28 at 6:00pm at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center and we need your help to make it a success! Carve or paint your pumpkins and drop them off at the Community Center between Thursday, October 27 and noon on Friday, October 28. Then join us at 6:00pm on Friday to walk the Jack-o'-Lantern Loop featuring all of the decorated pumpkins! We'll also have family friendly activities and complimentary cider and donuts. Take your pumpkin home with you

at the end of the event or leave it and the Recreation staff will compost it. For more information, contact Anthony at 248-6288.

REMINDERS

SENIORS MOVIE MATINEE OCTOBER 20: THE BLIND SIDE

Reservations required by this Thursday, October 13

Seniors, join us on Thursday, October 20 for a free morning movie matinee featuring *The Blind Side*, an uplifting tale based on a true story. Have a light breakfast, then stay afterward for pizza!

The film follows a homeless and traumatized boy who, with the help of his adoptive parents, overcomes adversity and hones his talents to become a top-rated football player sought after by the NFL. Stars Quinton Aaron and Sandra Bullock give outstanding performances.



The movie begins at 10:30am in the VanHuysen Community Room at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center; enjoy coffee, breakfast pastries and popcorn while you watch. Pizza will be served after the movie.

Register by calling the Senior Center at 248-6235; reservations are due by this

Thursday, October 13. The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. To learn more about our programs, activities and services for seniors visit the [Seniors page on the Town website](#), read the [Seniors program info brochure](#) online, or call our Senior Programs Office at 248-6235.



DONATIONS NEEDED FOR PTSA SUPER SALE
Drop off at Pittsford Mendon High School this weekend, Oct. 15 and 16

The 59th Annual Pittsford PTSA Super Sale is fast approaching and they need your gently used items! It's the perfect opportunity to clean out your

basements and closets and save your best items to donate to the Super Sale.

Gently used furniture, toys, baby items, sports equipment, music instruments, books, games, puzzles, housewares, lamps, electronics, rugs, home décor, linens, holiday decorations, clothing, shoes, jewelry, garden and outdoor items, tools, and more are welcome. To donate, please bring your items to Pittsford Mendon High School gym, 472 Mendon Road, Pittsford this Saturday, 10/15 from 9:00am – 5:00pm or this Sunday, 10/16 from 9:00am – 3:00pm. Follow the "student drop off" lane across the front of the building, then turn right into the parking lot and look for Super Sale signs at Door #9. For more information visit: www.pittsfordptsa.net/super-sale.

FAMILY HALLOWEEN FEST IS SUNDAY, 10/23

At the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, parking at Sutherland High School

Be sure to mark your calendar for the Town of Pittsford's [Family Halloween Fest](#) to be held Sunday, October 23 from 2:00 - 5:00pm at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue.

Enjoy crafts, games, and refreshments, with indoor and outdoor activities! It's sure to be an afternoon of great family fun. Admission is free but we request one canned good item per person to benefit the Pittsford Food Cupboard. Park at Pittsford Sutherland High School, 55 Sutherland Street in the Village, and take our free hayride shuttle to the Community Center! Details are being finalized; find updates on our Family Halloween Fest webpage at www.townofpittsford.org/halloweenfest as the date approaches. We hope to see you there!



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

- **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, 10/15, 9:00 - 10:00am, Fisher Meeting Room (first floor), Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street. Current COVID-19 health guidelines will be followed.
- [PTSA Super Sale Donation Drop Off & Volunteering](#), donation drop off Saturday & Sunday, 10/15 & 16 (no Monday drop-off), sale 10/18-21, Pittsford Mendon High School, 472 Mendon Road; volunteers and donations needed, times and additional information [HERE](#).
- [PTSA Super Sale](#), 9:00am - 7:00pm Wednesday through Friday, 10/19-21, Pittsford Mendon High School, 472 Mendon Road; Thursday is half-price day, Friday features the Bag It Sale. For more info see the [Super Sale FAQ page](#).
- [Women's Club of Pittsford Garage Sale and Bake Sale](#), Friday and Saturday, 10/21 & 22, 9:00am - 4:00pm, King's Bend Park, 170 W. Jefferson Road; a variety of items from many households, plus delicious baked goods, proceeds to benefit charitable efforts including community service and educational programs.
- [Town of Pittsford Family Halloween Fest](#), Sunday, 10/23, 2:00-5:00pm, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue, indoor and outdoor activities, event parking at Sutherland High School, 55 Sutherland Street; games, crafts, refreshments, requested donation one canned good per person, to benefit Pittsford Food Cupboard.
- **Community Center Jack-o'-Lantern Walk**, Friday, 10/27, 6:00pm, Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue; drop off painted or carved pumpkins from Thursday, 10/26 to noon on Friday, 10/27 to be displayed, take your pumpkin home at the end of the event, more info 248-628.
- [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

- **Pittsford Community Library Board**, Wednesday, 10/12, 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, 10/13, 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, 10/13, 6:30pm, King's Bend Park – North Lodge, 170 W. Jefferson Road, 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, 10/17, 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, 10/18, 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

- [Village Board of Trustees](#) meeting, Thursday, 10/13, 6:30pm; more information and participation details will be listed on the Village website [here](#) as the meeting date approaches
- **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, 10/15, 9:00 - 10:00am, Fisher Meeting Room (first floor), Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street. Current COVID-19 health guidelines will be followed.
- [Board of Education](#) meeting, Tuesday, 10/18, 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, 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 (via Zoom and in person) 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?deliveryName=USCDC_2067-DM20785.

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