

# News & Reviews

November 2, 2022

Town of Pittsford - a Clean Energy and Climate Smart Community

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## SUPERVISOR SATURDAY WITH BILL SMITH THIS WEEK – NOVEMBER 5

Town Supervisor Bill Smith will host his community open house meeting this Saturday, November 5 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. 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](mailto:bsmith@townofpittsford.org).



- ✓ Tax Rate Held Flat
- ✓ Keeps up with rising costs
- ✓ Supports Neighborhoods
- ✓ Maintains Full Services
- ✓ Sustainable

**2023 Pittsford Town Budget**  
Bill Smith | Pittsford Town Supervisor

## SUPERVISOR’S 2023 BUDGET KEEPS THE TAX RATE FLAT | PUBLIC HEARING IS 11/9

At last night’s Town Board meeting, Town Supervisor Bill Smith presented his 2023 Town budget. The Supervisor’s budget holds the Town tax rate flat – with no increase to the tax rate. It continues funding for all of the Town’s services and events. The **public hearing for the Supervisor’s proposed 2023 Town Budget will be held at the next Town Board meeting, on**

**Wednesday, November 9 at 6:00pm** at the Town Hall public meeting room (lower level). Please note this is a different day from the usual Town Board meeting schedule.

Hard copies of the proposed 2023 Town Budget and of the Supervisor's budget presentation are available at Town Hall in the Town Clerk's office. Digital files will be available online by Thursday, 11/3 at [www.townofpittsford.org/budgets](http://www.townofpittsford.org/budgets).

### **BLOOD DRIVE AT THE LIBRARY THIS FRIDAY**

The Town of Pittsford will host a Red Cross blood drive this Friday, November 4, 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](http://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. **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. **All blood, platelet and plasma donations will be tested for COVID-19 antibodies as well.** The test may indicate if the donor's immune system has produced antibodies to this coronavirus, regardless of whether they developed symptoms. This also will allow the Red Cross to identify COVID-19 convalescent plasma, which is being used by hospitals to help treat immunocompromised COVID-19 patients.

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](http://RedCrossBlood.org) or calling 800-RED-CROSS.

### **PITTSFORD ROTARY FOOD DRIVE THIS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5**

The [Pittsford Rotary Drive-Thru Food Drive](#) is Saturday, November 5, 9:00am - 12noon, at the Pittsford Sutherland High School bus loop (55 Sutherland Street). The drive is collecting canned and packaged food and personal items to benefit the [Pittsford Food Cupboard](#), [Nazareth College Oak Tree Food Pantry](#) and the [People's Pantry](#). For lists of items



Rotary  
Club of Pittsford

## MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE

Saturday, November 5th  
9:00 am -12:00 PM  
Pittsford Sutherland High School



needed for each of these organizations, please [click here](#).

[People's Pantry](#) provides groceries to Rochester individuals and families to help mitigate the effects of food insecurity with dignity and without bias/discrimination. **Specific needs** for The People's Pantry include **canned fruit and vegetables, peanut butter and beans.**

The [Nazareth College Oak Tree Food Pantry](#) connects Nazareth's students,

staff and faculty to outside resources based on a number of needs including housing, food, community centers and transportation. **Specific needs** for the Oak Tree Food Pantry include **items that can be easily prepared by students**

A variety of canned and other packaged goods and personal items are needed for the **Pittsford Food Cupboard** (see [list of Pittsford Food Cupboard needs](#)) including healthy cereals, canned meats and fish, canned greens and vegetables, chicken broth, hearty soups, dry cat and dog food, pizza sauce, boxed or canned potatoes and 100% juice, as well as body wash and conditioner; reusable grocery bags also are needed. Established in 1998, the PFC serves needs in Pittsford, Mendon, Honeoye Falls, Brighton, East Rochester and some areas in the City of Rochester. It provides food supplies and other essential goods to over 4,000 households, totaling more than 9,400 people.

The Pittsford Food Cupboard, Nazareth College Oak Tree Food Pantry and People's Pantry 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!

### LIFE OF THE SENECA PROGRAM THIS SATURDAY AT THE LIBRARY

In celebration of Native American Heritage Month, the Pittsford Community Library will present "Life of the Seneca" this Saturday, November 5, at 2:00pm in the Fisher Meeting Room. The program highlights the history, culture, and living traditions that express universal ideals of peace, cooperation and respect for each other and the natural world. Hear about the formation of the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) Confederacy, with a focus on the Senecas at Ganondagan. Learn about the importance of the bark Longhouse and its construction.



The program is geared toward adults and is free and open to the public but registration is required. [Register online here](#) or find the registration calendar under the Events tab at [www.townofpittsford.org/library](http://www.townofpittsford.org/library). The Pittsford Community Library is

located at 24 State Street.



## "FALL BEHIND" – TURN CLOCKS BACK THIS SUNDAY, 11/6 & CHECK YOUR SMOKE DETECTOR

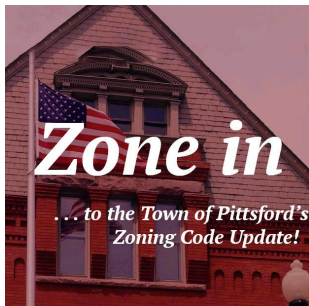
Daylight Saving Time ends this Sunday, November 6 at 2:00AM - time to "fall back" and set your clock back one hour, although you may want to do that just before you go to bed on Saturday night! The good news: we get an extra hour of sleep that day. However, the sun will set an hour earlier now, ushering 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.**

## ROTARY CLUB'S ANNUAL ELECTION NIGHT DRIVE-THRU BBQ SUPPER IS NOVEMBER 8

This Tuesday, November 8 from 4:00 - 7:00pm [The Rotary Club of Pittsford](#) will continue a Pittsford tradition and host its Election Night Supper. This year they'll be serving **chicken BBQ dinners** prepared by [Mission BBQ](#). Dinners can be picked up via the drive-thru located at Thornell

Farm Park, 480 Pittsford-Mendon Road (just south of Mendon High School). Each meal is \$18 and includes a half a chicken, coleslaw, corn bread and a cookie. Tickets are available on The Rotary Club of Pittsford's website [click here](#), or from any Pittsford Rotarian. A limited number of tickets will also be available at the gate via cash or credit card. Now in its 56th year, this popular annual charity fundraiser will donate a portion funds raised to benefit the Rochester Veterans Outreach Center, Honor Flight and other community organizations.



## NEXT ZONING CODE UPDATE MEETING IS 11/9 AT 5:00PM

### *Note day and time change*

The Pittsford Town Board conducts regular meetings to discuss the Town's Zoning Code Update; the next meeting is Wednesday, November 9 at 5:00pm in the lower level meeting room at Pittsford Town Hall, 11 South Main Street; please note the change in day and time. The meeting is open to the public; current CDC guidelines will be followed. The meeting also will be live streamed.

Comments for each meeting may be submitted in advance via mail or email, and may be submitted during each meeting either in person or via email. All meetings will be recorded and live-streamed via the Town website. Visit our online calendar at <https://www.townofpittsford.org/calendar> and click the meeting date listing for information about how to submit comments and how to view the meetings.

A link to the Zoning Code Update draft meeting schedule for 2022 can be found on the calendar listing as well. Please note dates and times are subject to change; check <https://www.townofpittsford.org/calendar> for the most current updates as meeting dates near.



To learn more about the Zoning Code Update, and find links to the Town's Comprehensive Plan, Active Transportation Plan, current Zoning Code, and other informational materials, visit our Zoning Code Update website at [www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate](http://www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate).

### COVID-19 BOOSTER AVAILABLE AT COMMUNITY CENTER

*Reservations are required by November 10*

COVID-19 vaccine boosters are being offered at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center **by appointment only** on Wednesday, November 16 from 9:00am – 12:00 noon. The booster will be administered by Wegmans Pharmacy.

**Advance registration is required** – call 585-248-6235 by Thursday, November 10 to register. Insurance card, vaccine record, and identification will be required. The Spiegel Pittsford Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue.



### COUNTY CLIMATE ACTION PLAN COMMITTEE SEEKS STUDENT ADVISORS

The Monroe County Climate Action Plan Advisory Committee, co-chaired by former Town Councilman Matthew O'Connor, is recruiting student

advisors. Those interested in applying to serve on the committee can go to [www.monroecounty.gov/des-climate-committee](http://www.monroecounty.gov/des-climate-committee) and scroll down to the student member section for eligibility requirements and details.

### SENIORS CRAFT CLUB AT COMMUNITY CENTER – NEXT MEETING IS FRIDAY, 11/11

Our Pittsford Recreation Department has wonderful programs for seniors - and our seniors do wonderful things for others! The Seniors Craft Club, held at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, makes giveaway items for our Senior lunches and some for donation to local charities. Craft Club is a fun opportunity to get creative, make friends and do something positive for others. Plus, participants enjoy a light breakfast of pastries, coffee and tea, and great company!



If you or someone you know enjoys making crafts, or would like to learn how, join our seniors and get crafting! Craft Club meets once a month on Fridays from 9:30 - 11:30am. **The next meeting is this Friday, November 11.** For more information, 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, visit our Seniors page at [www.townofpittsford.org/seniors](http://www.townofpittsford.org/seniors), read our [Seniors program info brochure online](#), or call our Senior Programs office at 248-6235.

### 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 <https://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](mailto: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](http://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, 11/5, 9:00 - 10:00am, Fisher Meeting Room (first floor), Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street. Current COVID-19 health guidelines will be followed.
- [Pittsford Rotary Food Drive](#), Saturday, 11/5, 9:00am - 12noon, Pittsford Sutherland High School bus loop, 55 Sutherland Street, collecting canned and packaged food items to benefit the [Pittsford Food Cupboard](#), and other local charities (click link for complete lists of needs); gently used recent (past 12 months) magazines are also needed.
- [Red Cross Blood Drive at Pittsford Community Library](#), Friday, 11/4, 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](http://www.redcrossblood.org).
- [Friends of Pittsford Library Fall Book Sale](#), Thursday, 11/10 from 4:00 – 8:00pm, Friday, 11/11 from 10:00am – 5:00pm, Saturday, 11/12 from 10:00am – 4:00pm and a Bag Sale from 4:00 – 5:00pm on Saturday; Pittsford Community Library, Fisher Meeting Room, 24 State Street. Featuring an array of gently used books, games, DVDs, and CDs for all ages - all at great prices. Sale is open to all, funds raised to support programs and materials for the Library. Bags will be in short supply – please bring your own.
- [American Legion Veterans Day Ceremony](#), Friday, 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
- [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](http://www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate). Comments can be made to [zoningupdate@townofpittsford.org](mailto: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

- **Environmental Board**, Monday, 11/7, 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](http://www.townofpittsford.org/minutes)
- **Zoning Code Update Town Board meeting**, Wednesday, 11/9, 5:00pm, Town Hall lower level meeting room, 11 South Main Street. Meetings will be live-streamed and recorded; comments can be submitted in advance (mail or email) or at the meeting (email or in person). Find [comment/viewing info here](#); find complete Zoning Code Update information at [www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate](http://www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate). Updated meeting listings will be posted at <https://www.townofpittsford.org/calendar>.
- **Town Board**, Wednesday, 11/9, 6:00pm, Public Meeting Room, Town Hall (lower level), 11 South Main Street, agenda to include a public hearing on the proposed 2023 Town budget; 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](http://www.townofpittsford.org/minutes)

## COMMUNITY MEETINGS CALENDAR

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- [Board of Education](#) meeting, Tuesday, 11/8, 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](http://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](http://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.

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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](http://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](http://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](http://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](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html?deliveryName=USCDC_2067-DM20785).

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